



Freedom newsletter

focus

January-February 2007

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..."

—Acts 26:18

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Characteristics of Freedom & Healing



Counseling is a part of the discipleship process in a person's spiritual growth. Over the last nine years I have counseled hundreds of hurting people. I took some time recently to reflect on the key characteristics of those who have gone on to find greater freedom and healing through our ministry. Here are some of the characteristics I discovered:

- They surrendered themselves to God with humility and courage (Psalm 139:23-24).
- They understood their position in Christ as a child of the Heavenly Father (Romans 8:16).
- They separated themselves from any influence that would hinder their freedom and healing (I Corinthians 6:18).
- They developed an intimate relationship with God through Bible reading, prayer, meditation, personalization of the scriptures, and jour-

nalizing (Jeremiah 29:13).

- They were willing to hear God speak to them (Hebrews 3:15).
- They looked to God for wisdom and revelation through His Word and Holy Spirit (James 1:5).
- They took responsibility for the works of their flesh and repented of their sin (Psalm 51:4).
- They were willing to open up their past wounds and allow God's healing (Luke 4:18).
- They understood that healing is a process directed by God (Jeremiah 17:14).
- They took responsibility for their own maturity (1 Peter 2:2).
- They applied the Armor of God in their spiritual battle against Satan (Ephesians 6:11-12).
- They were involved in a community of life-giving believers (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- They understood how to live out of their new heart in Christ (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

Please join us in prayer as we look forward to helping more hurting people find freedom and healing in the coming year.

Rev. Jeff Pokone

ICBC Becomes IBCC!

The Board of Directors for ICBC of Indiana have made the decision to change the name of our ministry to **Indiana Biblical Counseling Center (IBCC)**. This name change will help to distinguish us from ICBC International which has recently merged with and come under the leadership of Deeper Walk Ministries. ***Our name change will take place over the next couple months.***

Marriage Oneness Seminar

Date:

March 17-18

Location:

Bethel Baptist Church
Boyne City, MI

Contact:

ICBC of Indiana
@ 317-585-1845

Memorial Gift

We give thanks for a generous financial gift given to the ministry of ICBC of Indiana in loving memory of Mrs. Virginia Magill.

ICBC Fall Praise Banquet

Reflecting on God's goodness over the year 2006, one of the highlights was our Fall Praise Banquet in October. Over seventy people attended this special occasion as we celebrated ten years of ministry. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to introduce the ministry of ICBC of Indiana to many new folks.

The banquet featured an outstanding message by Rev. Keith Magill on the reality and blessings of our spiritual adoption into God's family at salvation. Center Director, Rev. Jeff Pokone, shared a message entitled, *Keys to Freedom*, based on his own experience of over twenty years helping wounded people.

Two individuals who have played a key role in the ministry of ICBC over the past ten years are Rev. Keith Magill (Board Member and Corporate Secretary)

and Harriet Burns (office secretary). We gratefully recognized their years of service at the Banquet, as God has now chosen to move them on into other areas of ministry.

The climax of the evening was hearing the first-hand testimonies of individuals whose lives had been dramatically impacted by the Wonderful Counselor, the Lord Jesus Christ, through the ministry of ICBC of Indiana. We rejoice with them.

This faith-based ministry to local churches is only possible through your prayers and financial support. We thank the Lord for so many at the banquet who chose to be channels of God's love to others through their generous giving to this ministry. May God return his richest blessings to them!

Ministry Changes for ICBC

For the past twenty years, Sioux City, Iowa has been home to the ICBC International Office, founded by Dr. Mark Bubeck. This past fall, ICBC International moved to Indiana. They have now merged with and come under the leadership of Deeper Walk Ministries, founded and directed by Dr. Marcus Warner. Deeper Walk Ministries is specifically dedicated to equipping churches and leaders in discipleship. The training school of ICBC, the Institute for Biblical Counseling, has become the training arm of Deeper Walk Ministries. They will continue to train those with an interest in spiri-

tual warfare counseling.

To avoid confusion over these changes, the Board of Directors of **ICBC of Indiana has decided to change its name to the Indiana Biblical Counseling Center**. For donation purposes, it is important to understand that ICBC of Indiana is a separate 501(c)(3) entity from the ICBC International office.

Over the next couple months, ICBC of Indiana will be taking the necessary steps to change the name of our ministry. Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers.

Upcoming Church-Connect Luncheons

Looking ahead to the new year before us, it is our desire at ICBC of Indiana to connect with pastors and churches in the Indianapolis vicinity. Churches are indeed receiving a barrage of counseling issues that they never expected to have to address, and it is our desire to be a resource for information and Bible-based help.

One means of connecting with pastors and churches is through our Church-Connect Luncheon. These monthly luncheons give us the opportunity to meet new pastors/leaders interested in helping hurting people, and allow us to better understand how we can serve them.

If you are interested in attending any one of our luncheons, we would count it a privilege to have you as our guest. Please notice the scheduled dates for the Church-Connect Luncheons this year. The meal is provided at no charge. Simply RSVP by contacting our office at 317-585-1845! We look forward to meeting you!

Mark your Calendar!

March 22

April 26

May 31

June 28

July 26

August 30

September 27

October 25

November 29