

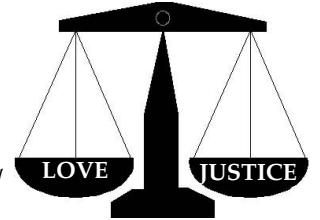
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Yeshua MISHPACHAH

A NEWSLETTER TO THE FAMILY OF JESUS FROM RESTORATION MINISTRIES

The Hebraic family is not simply an individual or private matter. Rather, it is an institution in which the whole community has a stake. Thus, the Hebrew word "mishpachah," meaning family, not only refers to parents and children, but to the whole extended family worldwide in the body of "Yeshua"—our Jesus.

UPHOLDING HUMAN
DIGNITY



Matt. 25:31-46

Restoring Covenant-based Communities

A warning and a call to action!

Dear Friends,

Our last few newsletters have been building on the way of life produced when you embrace the Covenant offered by our heavenly Father (see March/April 2002, *The Gospel of the Covenant is the Gospel of Salvation*). In this newsletter we want to address the type of faith community that is generated by the true Gospel. This is more critical at this time than most imagine. This letter voices both a warning and a call to action! We want to warn you about turning your children over to the Humanism in control of the public education system, and the apostasy that Hellenism has produced in the churches in the US.

What do you know about the daughter of Hellenism, *humanism*? Did you know that humanism is the *religion* of public education? In the lawsuit of Torcaso V. Watkins, 367 US 488 (1961), the US Supreme Court ruled that the "religion of Secular Humanism" should be granted the same First Amendment protection as other religions.

How does this impact your children/grandchildren/friends' children? The majority of public school educators graduate from secular universities steeped in humanism, feminism, and paganism. This indoctrination has become the foundation of their classroom instruction.

HUMANIST MANIFESTO

John Dewey, recognized as the "father of progressive education", was the chief designer of the 1933 Humanist Manifesto. In 1932 he was elected honorary president of the National Education Ass'n. Another honorary president of the NEA and signer of the Manifesto, Charles F. Potter, wrote in his book *Humanism: A New Religion*, "Education is thus a most powerful ally of Humanism, and every American public school is a school of Humanism."

In 1973, the American Humanist Association updated their declaration, producing the Humanist Manifesto II (HM II). As noted in the preface, not much has changed in their intent:

"As in 1933, humanists still believe that traditional theism, especially faith in the prayer-hearing God,

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assumed to live and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers, and to be able to do something about them, is an unproved and outmoded faith. Salvationism, based on mere affirmation, still appears as harmful, diverting people with false hopes of heaven hereafter. Reasonable minds look to other means for survival."

The following will familiarize you with some of the basic tenets of the Humanist Manifest and their updated corollaries (HM II):

- Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created. HM II adds, Rather, science affirms that the human species is an emergence from natural evolutionary forces.

- There is no credible evidence that life survives the death of the body. We continue to exist in our progeny and in the way that our lives have influenced others in our culture. (HM II)

- Humanism asserts that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values.

- We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural; it is either meaningless or irrelevant to the question of survival and fulfillment of the human race. As nontheists, we begin with humans not God, nature not deity.

- Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful. They distract humans from present concerns, from self-actualization, and from rectifying social injustices. As HM II continues, We can discover no divine purpose or providence for the human species. While there is much that we do not know, humans are responsible for what we are or will become. No deity will save us; we must save ourselves.

- We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest. (HM II)

Preparing the Family of Jesus for the Dark Days to Come

• **Religious humanism** maintains that all associations and institutions exist for the fulfillment of human life. The intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of such associations and institutions with a view to the enhancement of human life is the purpose and program of humanism. Certainly, religious...and communal activities must be reconstituted as rapidly as experience allows, in order to function effectively in the modern world. [Note that the *purpose and program* of humanism is to transform and control any expressions of religion other than their own viewpoint. The “reconstitution” they mention translates into removal of anything that would glorify God.]

• In the area of sexuality, we believe that intolerant attitudes, often cultivated by orthodox religions and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct. The right to birth control, abortion, and divorce should be recognized. [Under the guise of “toleration”, children are taught to disregard the biblical concept of family, and to pursue whatever “seems right in their own eyes.”]

• We have reached a turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community in which all sectors of the human family can participate. Thus we look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon transnational federal government. (HM II) [The *world community* touted here sounds suspiciously like the one-world government/New World Order warned about by John in his Revelation.]

Bible teacher Bill Gothard has listed eight violations of God’s standards that have brought these consequences upon us. To paraphrase his writings,

- We have chosen to outsource our children to schools steeped in the humanistic worldview.
- Husbands have neglected their spiritual responsibilities in their homes and have delegated that leadership to their wives or church leaders.
- Jobs, church responsibilities, and recreational pursuits have superceded our responsibility to our families to train them according to God’s ways. Our children have ceased to be a priority, as evidenced by the time spent away from them.
- Faith communities have failed to encourage parents to train their children in their homes. Single mothers have been pushed out the door to work because they have no faith community to come alongside them and assist them in developing income opportunities in their own homes.
- Fragmented families have resulted in minimal meaningful contact between the generations.
- Desensitization to violence and pornography in the home (TV, music, magazines, Internet) has resulted in rebellion and immorality in our children.

“The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will apostatize from the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons” (1Tim. 4:1).

- Marriage has ceased to be regarded as a lifelong covenant. As Jesus warned, divorce for any and all reasons has violated God’s intent to bring forth godly generations, and has sanctioned self-gratification over righteousness.
- Our children are making grievous choices because they have not been trained to consider the outcome of their decisions. The world’s standards are their measure rather than the truth of God’s Word.

“Both prophet and priest are godless; even in my temple I find their wickedness,” declares the Lord” (Jer. 23:11).

“Her prophets are arrogant; they are treacherous men. Her priests profane the sanctuary and do violence to the law” (Zeph. 3:4).

“The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end?” (Jer. 5:31).

I want to share with you some comments made over 10 years ago by Peter Drucker, America’s guru on management. If you attend a faith community in which whoever “pastors” it does not have a personal relationship with you, what we are addressing is meant for you also. Drucker commends the church for its shrewd marketing strategy:

“[People] were bored with traditional churches and increasingly stayed at home...[Leaders of today’s mega-churches] saw attendees as “potential customers.” They asked what the customers need and want in a church. They focus, as a result, on the individual’s need...And they try to satisfy the desire of the affluent younger people...

“Fifteen years ago there were few such churches around, and most were quite small. Today there are some 20,000 large mega-churches, each with a membership of 2,000 people or more—and some 5,000 of them have congregations in excess of 4,000 or 5,000.”

Drucker’s main point is that these churches, rather than serving God, *serve the people*. They rely on good market analysis and go out and compete for people. With men of entrepreneurial ability at the helm, little “*papacies*” or “*corporate empires*” are being established all over the US. Sadly, when the leadership of the mega-churches are questioned about the biblical basis for their methods, no biblical foundation can be found to support them. Size and popularity —“*nickels and noses*”—mean they are successful.

Although the mega-churches have become the prevailing model of success, there are over 375,000 small faith communities in the US, and half have fewer than 75 people who gather for worship. Smaller faith communities don’t get heard in the market-based church culture of today. But they survive because they are built around *family-style relationships*.

In *Restoring the Early Church*, we cite Carle Zimmerman's book, *Family and Civilization*. He provides unique insight into the disintegration of the modern family and church. The author traces the typical development and eventual disintegration of the family in a variety of cultures. In most great civilizations, including Greece, Rome, and now the United States, the shifts in family relationships and in societal attitudes toward the family follow a similar course. The shift to the atomistic family ultimately destroys the culture.

Zimmerman identifies three types of families, each of which predominates at various times in the life cycle of a civilization: the trustee family, the domestic family, and the atomistic family. The effects of Hellenistic humanism and its tenets have produced an atomistic culture in the US. On the other hand, Covenant-based faith communities are analogous to the trustee family. This is an important consideration in the establishment of these family-style communities that *collectively* carry the burden for training succeeding generations to follow the ways of our Lord. We who follow Jesus must be counter-cultural.

Trustee Family

- Great value is placed on the *resources and truths* that ancestors have passed along from generation to generation.
- The governing authority is normally a patriarchal structure ruled by the oldest males.
- The input of all the relatives is sought when typical problems arise in each family unit.
- Family loyalty is held in such high regard, senior members can function as the recognized disciplinary agents. They can demand obedience in a way that those outside the family or clan might not respond to.
- Divorce is rarely practiced in this type of family structure. Individuals are expected to subordinate their own interests to the greater interest of the family as a whole.
- The solidarity of this family type can be seen throughout the Bible and in the era of the Pilgrims and Puritans of early America.

Domestic Family

- This type occupies a middle ground between individualism on the one hand and absolute authority of the family on the other.
- Divorce is infrequent but does occur occasionally. A husband and a wife are seen as a family unit that assumes major responsibility for raising their children according to the values that they believe are right.
- Parents undergo the pain of childbirth and trials of childrearing because they view their children as an extension of themselves.
- This type of family structure epitomized Greece and Rome at their height of trade and commerce. The subsequent decline of these civilizations occurred when the state took over the responsibilities that up until then had been assumed by the families and religious institutions. Up until the 1950's, this structure characterized the majority of American households.

Atomistic Family

- Ties within the family unit disintegrate, and *obsession with individualism* develops.
- Individual rights are emphasized rather than family responsibilities.
- Unabashed selfishness becomes normative.
- Cultures of this type experiment with childless liaisons and suffer increased divorce rates.
- Religious and moral morés have little effect on protecting the sanctity of the family.
- The individual, having no guiding morals, changes the meaning of *freedom* from opportunity to license.
- Atomistic people resemble a swarm of antagonistic insects engaged in mortal combat.
- Commitments and responsibilities are looked on as infringements on personal freedom, disregarding the needs or suffering of others.
- Marriage loses its sanctity as a stable, committed institution. Adultery is accepted and even promoted in many circles.
- Feminist movements abound as women lose their inclination for childbearing and nurturing. Daycare facilities replace intimate parenting.
- Public disrespect for parents, parenthood, and authority in general rises.
- Sexual perversions of all kinds (homosexuality, rape, incest, pedophilia) move from toleration to proliferation.

“Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly” (James 3:1).

Sue came home the other day distraught after listening to the car radio. THE maker and shaker in the megachurch movement was telling everyone they didn't need to repent for their sins. Their sins were already forgiven, and what they really had were “mistakes.” The speaker espoused the Hellenist dualist concept of life: “Your spirit is righteous even if your actions are wrong.” This one man has more influence on Protestant clergy than any person alive. We find so many other clergy and ministries being influenced away from preaching repentance. They claim that Jesus already forgave your sins, so there is no need to repent. What hurts is that his denomination is probably the furthest from the Gospel of the early church and has a divorce rate 50% higher than those who do not attend church.

“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him

the plagues described in this book”

(Rev. 22:18; see also Deu. 4:2, 12:32).

I wish I could inspire everyone who reads this letter to become People of the Word—people who *know and apply* the Word of God to their lives. The apostasy now rampant in the church has opened the door for the lawless to do whatever they want to His Word. For example: A very popular Bible translation recently appeared enti-

tled "The Message." Many key Christian leaders quote from it, but sadly, it erases Jesus's pattern of dealing with unrepentant sinners. Read Matthew 18:15-20 in another version before you read the following excerpt: *"If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him, work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you will have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer God's forgiving love."* What is your verdict? We burned our copy of The Message.

I believe that so many of these "Christians" who are marketing a false gospel, who have the audacity to alter God's Word, and who have used the best marketing strategies to attract "customers" have achieved their goal. They have defined God in their own image, they have told Him what He should have written, and they are showing Him their better plan for "church growth." Consider the real fruit of their unbiblical approach:

- The #1 evangelism crusade ministry found fewer than 4% of those who have gone forward at their crusades walking with Christ 10 years later.
- One of the most popular campus ministries noted that less than 5% of their active students continue with Jesus after they graduate.
- Youth work in this country is less than 3% effective.
- The divorce rate among Christians in the "Bible Belt" is 50% higher than the national average.
- Clergy are among the top two occupations in the country to lead in divorce.

"Say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'" (Isa. 49:9a).

"For it is time for Judgment to begin with the family of God" (1 Peter 4:17a).

Our Lord has not been caught by surprise by the apostasy in the midst of much of the church in the US. The Apostle Paul foretold these days when man would have an abhorrence to God's law. Read 2 Thess. 2:1-12 for yourself. Here are excerpts, with emphasis added:

*"Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for [the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ] will not come until the rebellion occurs and **the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.***

*The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of **counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders**, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they **refused to love the truth** and so be saved. For this reason **God sends them a powerful delusion** so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have **not believed the truth** but have delighted in wickedness"* (excerpts: vv. 3,4,9-12).

The spirit of lawlessness has produced indicators you see embraced in churches today: practices not based on the Word of God, counterfeits "signs and wonders" with people traveling all over to see them, and people so deluded and reprobate in their religious practice that condemnation awaits them if they fail to repent.

If you are as grieved by all of this as we are, PRAY! In a short while God will test everything that claims to be His to discern between who has built on the ROCK and who is sinking in sand. Pray for a spirit of repentance on all those living in this Hellenistic delusion!

A Message That Demands a Verdict

"We also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who trust"

(1Thess. 2:13).

As Sue and I share the Hebraic foundations, we encounter many people whose focus on Jesus is so full of determination that what we share only further encourages them. There are others who have been entrenched in Hellenist philosophy and Roman organization for so long that it is difficult to get them to even question the unbiblical precepts upon which their faith practice is based.

I want to share with you the challenge the Holy Spirit gave us to share: *"Either Sue and I are great liars, or our Father has recruited us, as He has many others, to share His restoration of the Hebraic foundations of the early Church. Ask Him for yourself.*

Those who have asked and discovered for themselves that our Father's restoration is true have found themselves led away from the clutches of Hellenism to discover how wonderfully sufficient He really is. We wrote about this determination to press forward in our June/July 1999 newsletter, *"Crossing the Jordan."*

Covenant-based Faith Communities Communally Preparing the Generations to Come to Serve and Bring Glory to Our Father

As I was eating breakfast this morning I studied the back cover of the December 2001 Reader's Digest. It pictured a couple surrounded by 15 children. The caption read, "Possum Trot, Texas. If one unwanted child could find a home, then why not 81...or more? Donna and W.C. Martin challenged their town to open its arms." What a response of love that surpassed mere sympathy! This is what our Lord Jesus needs from all of us, people willing to extend themselves to help others.

A Hebraic faith community is made up of people who are deeply devoted to the Lord, intergenerational if possible, with communal responsibility for raising up the next generation in their midst. The slogan above paraphrases God's purpose in choosing Abraham in Genesis 18:19. He was chosen by God because he would be found faithful to direct his children after him to keep

the way of the Lord by doing what was right and just. Think about it. Does this sound like a goal our Father could bless for each generation? Yes, it is!

To achieve this type of *inter-generational, communal commitment* requires that we who follow Jesus put our love into action. To fulfill our Lord's commands requires a heart of sacrificial love. For the love of God you have to go outside your comfort zone!

“Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother”

(Matt.12:49,50).

The word *family* was filled with such a clear understanding for Jesus' listeners. The prayer taught by Jesus as an acceptable response to God in personal relationship begins with the words *“Our Father.”* The *“our”* connotes communal relationship with others who also come to Him in trust. *“Father”* indicates that those who come to Him through the atonement of Jesus are children — brothers and sisters in a family with responsibilities to one another as demanded by that privilege.

The intensity of responsibility for the generations to train up our children in the way of our Lord is captured in the following passage:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

- *These command that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.*
- *Impress them on your children.*
- *Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up.*
- *Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.*
- *Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates”* (Deu. 6:5-9).

This passage assumes the help of extended family— an assumption that is clear to most cultures around the world but not to the atomistic US.

Remember the Restoration Diagram? In the Hebraic perspective, the home is the basic building block for spiritual development and training. All other relationships support the home for spiritual development. The extended faith-community family is committed to help produce *“godly offspring”*. (Mal. 2:15).



Flee Apostasy! Flee Humanism!

Not to beat around the bush: We are encouraging each of you with children to teach your children the way of the Lord at home. Don't outsource them into

Humanism and expect that you can counter its effects. You will be battling a principality of great magnitude for the soul of your child.

The greatest proportion of people who educate their children at home are going at it alone with little or no support from their faith community. Our experience has been that fewer than half of the 'go it alone' home schooling families hang in there. Some are in home school cooperatives, but the families are in different faith communities.

Faith communities that truly support home schoolers are rare. Home schoolers are among the most determined of all family units to obey God, but are perhaps the least supported from most pulpits. Some of the leaders in the beginning of the home school movement discouraged home schoolers from fellowshiping together because they feared the reprisal of clergy who viewed home schooling as a "parachurch" activity than as a responsibility of their church community. This separation of church body support and home school families still exists in many faith communities.

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it’” (Isa. 30:21).

This verse was given to us prophetically by our spiritual father, Frank Murray, a few weeks after we had arrived back from Israel. Frank was born in Jerusalem in 1908. His parents had gone there to intercede for the Lord to restore the Israelites back to their Land. We believe the fulfillment of this passage for us came during our recent trip to Lubbock, Texas. Below are excerpts from a letter we sent out to close friends shortly after we arrived home:

“This past week for Sue and me has been a whirlwind of trying to understand what our Lord was showing us. Several weeks ago, Tom Woodruff called to ask if we would like to have him edit some digital video that had been shot at our seminar in June, 2000 at the Southwest Indian School in Peoria, AZ. We had met Tom at our workshop in his hometown of Lubbock, Texas in the spring of 1998.

Tom's phone call came moments after our Lord impressed on us that we were to begin to equip people through illustrating our research with stories and parables. The purposes of Restoration Ministries are: 1. Awareness, and 2. Equipping. These past eight years have found us concentrating on awareness—introducing people to what our Father is restoring.

The day Tom called we felt a mighty prompting that our future was going to be significantly changed. We canceled all other scheduled activities for that time frame and focused only on our trip to Lubbock, Texas, to meet with Tom. Before we left on our trip James Skeet called with a prophetic word: *“When you finish your week in Lubbock you'll understand only three-fourths of why God brought you there.”*

It didn't take long after we arrived at Tom's to realize that we were with him for far more than editing video. I

asked Tom during our stay about his spiritual contribution to the Kingdom. He said that he is a resource locator. After spending time with him you come to realize that he is a lot more than that! We began to envision interactive CD's through which we could simulate and illustrate through role play the truths we wanted to convey. The Hebraic method of training relies on "direct experience" in which the mentor/teacher shows the student 'how to'; the student demonstrates the skill, and then goes forth to teach others. If 'direct experience' can't be used, then simulation and illustration are used as alternatives. As we discussed who our primary audience would be, Tom, who had been a home-schooling parent himself, and I both felt that the Lord wanted us to focus on home-schooling families.

While addressing the owner of a retreat facility during a workshop we conducted on our last day, I found myself referring back to the "community building" aspects we had incorporated at the retreat we had administrated in Connecticut for over 10 years. As I shared, a fire, much like that when the Space Shuttle is launched, began to burn inside me. I really wanted to find a training base where Sue and I could both write and train people.

When we first arrived at Tom's, I had felt we had just stepped up on a diving board. As we left to return to Gallup, NM to stay with the Skeets, I felt we had come to the jumping-off end of the board, but we hadn't leaped yet. Throughout our stay we were in phone communication with our close friends, Griff & Reva Griffith, James & Joyce Skeet, Chad & Chris Parlier, and Matt Kowlsen. Our *halakhah* for seeking God's guidance is, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed" (Pro. 15:22).

Early Morning at the Skeets

***"Expect great things from God,
attempt great things for God."***

As soon as we finished our workshop in Lubbock I sensed the Lord wanted us to leave immediately and drive six hours to the Skeets—arriving just in time to share a short talk and sleep. Early the next morning I got up before everyone else. My morning reading included "Extreme Devotion" produced by Voice of the Martyrs—stories about modern-day believers who gave their all for Jesus. I began to read the story of William Carey, missionary to India. He fought for years against the practice of burning wives alive with their dead husbands, eventually succeeding in getting the custom banned. The devotional stated, "Carey spent his life as an innovator for Christ, facing hardship to make a difference. And he was known for encouraging others to 'Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.'"

At the end of the devotion for that day was a challenge:

"Most people fall into the following categories when it comes to sharing their faith: go-go, slow-go, and no-go. When Jesus calls people to go into the world, some respond with great fervor. Like William Carey they go and go for the

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gospel. Still others respond, but only half-heartedly, slowing down with age or the busyness of their schedule. Sadly, many believers are no-go Christians. They hear the command but they figure that someone else will do it. Which category best describes your response to Jesus' call to evangelism? Ask God to renew a desire to share your faith with others. If you are expecting great things from his answer, then be prepared to attempt great things in his name."

Sue awoke to find me on my knees repenting of becoming slow-go. The tremendous rejection we have received in the eight years of sharing the Hebraic foundations had slowly been dampening my fervor. That morning I asked God to renew my desire to share. Something happened!!! What I am about to share found Sue and me worshipping God the whole 200 miles from Gallup to Parks.

We went out to breakfast with the Skeet family, and Joyce asked my thoughts on "cottage home-schools." In a cottage home school, several families cooperate together for the education and training of their children. I replied that I was even more thrilled with that concept than the single family home school. We had home schooled our son Mike during the early days when it was more an individual family thing, but support for educating a teenager at home was rare. Home schooling is probably the largest single family commitment for Christians in this country.

In the restaurant with the Skeets I think we jumped off the diving board. Later, Sue commented the last 1/4 of our answer from God has been added. We began to see the beauty of how groups of families taking on God's purposes for their children collectively could be more effective in reaching a culture for Christ. Through home-school based faith communities we can establish the ability for subsequent generations to succeed in passing along the faith to those who follow.

As we talked, James commented that home schooling could aid mission agencies that are trying to help the children in different cultures. Education in homes brings inter-generational faith-based family units together to fulfill the purpose for which God chose Abraham: "For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him" (Genesis 18:19). This method helps to halt the outsourcing of children to Humanistic institutions. Each home school group is a faith community. We even envisioned the potential for home-based industry within the faith community. Not only could skills be taught to the children, but also businesses supporting the whole community could be established.

Back in Parks, Arizona

"[Jesus] said to them, 'Therefore every teacher who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old'" (Matt. 13:52).

James contacted a mission group the Skeets and Sue and I had addressed last year to share what we felt led to do. They have a retreat facility in Flagstaff, AZ. Many

Native people come into Flagstaff from the reservations. James called to tell us that they were willing to consider our use of the facility, Sue and I were ecstatic. We feel the verse above may become reality: *Our retreat center experience and our days of sharing the Hebraic foundations are coming together in conjunction with the skills and experience of others.*

Below is part of our Proposal to the mission.

Needed Resources to Start

1. Location

Enable groups to come together to:

- Collaborate on culturally-relevant curriculum
- Train small faith communities and those who would work trans-culturally to establish Covenant-based faith communities.

The training facilities should be conducive to support the role modeling needed in the relationship-building activities. For instance, there should be a kitchen where the faith community can prepare its own meals. Dining room seating and food service should be family-style. In the Hebraic perspective, the environment in which a truth is learned is the environment in which it will most likely be used.

Home-style accommodations rather than dormitories should be used when available. Between training sessions, family heads and heads of small faith communities should be given opportunity and space for personal interaction with their family or community, respectively. Collective commitment and mutual responsibility are essential for success.

The facilities should be in close proximity to Native people. This makes it convenient for members of the faith community to routinely utilize the facility to further the purposes of their community, and simplifies visits of the Hebraic facilitators to the community. Relational interconnectedness is vital, paralleling Paul's commitment to the faith communities he established.

Given the mandate in Scripture to extend the Kingdom of God to others, the facilities should also be available to train those who will carry the goals and curriculum to other people groups.

2. Recruit Qualified People

Qualified people are needed who understand:

- The varied facets of Hebraic-based faith communities
- The covenant foundations required for relational load-bearing
- Community-based education for the generations to come.

Besides people related to the education of the children, there would be those who can mentor the children in skills and/or help the community in starting cottage industries so that the community may be self-supporting. This is the crucial pattern of Christian caring in the early church — helping people to maintain dignity through self-support. Justice grounded in love is

summed up in this framework: *“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets”* (Matthew 7:12). The dignity of a human being and a culture is enhanced when they are helped to be self-supporting. Present and future generations need not be imprisoned by reliance on charity. Charity at best solves the immediate need but does little to solve the chronic cross-cultural dependence.

Older retired people could be recruited, preferably from the culture to be reached, or from another culture. For those receiving retirement income, little or no financial support would be needed to use them as resources in this endeavor. Senior citizens help fulfill two roles:

1. Provide the needed eldership in the family-style faith community.
2. Impart practical wisdom and possibly business acumen.

Individuals should be trained as part of the group with whom they will minister, simulating the issues that face the formation of a faith community. Older married couples, then younger married couples are of vital importance to community foundation. Singles, as part of a training community, may accompany the married couples, but never should they be sent out without the married couples. Role modeling of the marriage covenant is a vital building block for passing along strong, Christ-centered family values.

Sue and I feel like newlyweds. We are committed to help establish home schools within Hebraic home fellowships. Too many children of godly parents are ending up confused by the mixed messages they are receiving in the humanistic, Hellenistic school systems. All these years we carried the Hebraic message, all the rejection by the Hellenist system, has been more than worth it. When we home schooled our own son in the 80's, conditions were not conducive. The State of Connecticut was militant against home schooling. We had friends hiding a family from Massachusetts because the father had been jailed for teaching his children at home. Fortunately, the climate has improved in many areas, and many wonderful books and curricula have been produced to help home schooling families.

The two of us, along with our friends the Skeets and Parliers (both home schooling families), have embarked on pulling together the best of home schooling materials that address both Christlike character development and academic training. We are open to input and suggestions. Please contact us by email or phone to discuss this with us. And if you know of any available facilities that would fulfill these needs, please let us know!

Our love,

Mike & Sue

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” (Eph. 3:20).

PRAISE

1. We are so grateful for all the wonderful possibilities our Lord has shown us during these past weeks. It's such a freedom to be available for our Lord to put us anywhere He wants to fulfill His purposes! May we clearly hear His voice as He directs our path.
2. He has been so gracious to bring together at this time so many dear fellow followers of Jesus to help us prepare our proposals, research, and examine materials that will bring strength and encouragement to those who sense our Lord directing them to train their children in their homes.
3. Isn't our Lord so faithful to connect His people all over the world through so many means? We received some encouraging email from a young brother in the Netherlands who had been blessed by our website and wanted to know more. We were able to direct him to a dear couple right in the same town he lived who eagerly received his phone call with an invitation for a future get-together!

PRAYER

1. Please continue to pray for us as we pull this together. Tom Woodruff is coming to Parks in a few weeks to tape us, the Skeets, and Parliers in discussion and simulations. We intend to produce an interactive CD that will have both video streaming and our background research. We hope this will be the beginning of producing an interactive video series that shows real or simulated situations faced by people living for Christ within the Hebraic framework.
2. Please join us in asking our Father for avenues for us to help in the formation of Covenant-based communities throughout this nation and in all cultural/racial groups. May the spiritual forces in the heavenlies that would try to prevent this find Him powerfully intervening!
3. Pray with us as we seek our Lord's provision as new financial demands are placed upon us, particularly in regard to relocation and media costs.

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