Greetings and De Colores!!

Back in February, several members of your DAEC Board attended training hosted by the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis Area Representatives. We got a lot of great information and thoughts not only from the Upper Room but also from the other Emmaus Communities present. Out of those conversations came a decision that I want to share with you regarding the financial resources of the Denton Area Emmaus Community.

Historically, all offerings received by the Community were designated as monies for the Scholarship Fund of the community. As those of you who have worked in church or other non-profit financial systems know, once monies are earmarked for a specific purpose, they become limited for that use. As a result, the monies we had available to cover the costs not only of putting on a weekend, but also the costs of maintaining an Emmaus Community (liability insurance, postage, equipment, trailer licensing, etc.) came only from team and pilgrim registration fees.

As I’ve shared in last month’s newsletter, that accompanied by the rising cost of the weekends themselves has put significant limitations on the funds available to cover Community overhead. We often find ourselves either having to come out of pocket (which many board members have graciously done) or borrow against the Scholarship Fund until registration monies are received.

As a result your Board has decided to change the designation of monies received in offering to the Community as general revenues unless it is specifically designated otherwise either by the individual donor or by announcement prior to receiving. That will allow us to operate in a much cleaner way and still give us the flexibility to designate funding for scholarships as a Board should those funds become depleted. Rest assured there will still be plenty of times that we receive scholarship monies as a community, but this will allow more of us to participate in the maintaining of the Denton Area Emmaus Community and help keep our registration fees as low as possible.

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Janet Ihne

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If you have any suggestions or comments you’d like to share with us regarding this or any other issue, please give me a call or shoot me an email using the links on the Board tab of dentonemmaus.org. As always, thanks for your continued support of the Denton Area Emmaus Community and the lives that are being changed daily as a result.

De Colores,
Dave Farish, Community Lay Director

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LETTER FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

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Welcome to all the Pilgrims who attended Mens Walk #57 in February, 2013 and congratulations to all who participated in the event in any way:

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Have a Fourth Day story to share?

…each of us have gifts that God needs for the Kingdom Come. Some of those gifts you discovered on your Emmaus weekend. How’s that been going? Are you sitting on them or are you sharing them?

Reminder!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DAEC Women’s Walk #58

Location: 670 Copper Canyon Rd, Argyle, TX 76226

Times
Sendoff: Thursday, 4/25/13, 7:00pm
Candlelight: Saturday, 4/27/13, 8:00pm
Closing: Sunday, 4/28/13, 4:30pm

Notes:
Agape and letters can be dropped off at the picnic pavilion on Thursday afternoon, or brought to candlelight on Saturday evening.

Note: parking at Briarwood is very limited. Please consider carpooling
Genni Burns:

I took my walk in October of 2004 at Lake Sharon and sat at the table of Martha. I live in Lewisville with my 3 loving animals. I have a grown son, Bryce who lives in the area. I have worked for 16 years at Nokia in Irving as a Human Resources professional. My church home is Vista Ridge United Methodist Church in Coppell where I am involved in Stephens Ministry and our Senior nursing home ministries.

I have served on several outside teams over the years and served once on an inside team, wow what a job that is! I have been blessed to serve once as an Assistant Table Leader and twice as a Table Leader. Most recently witnessed Gods grace as an Assistant Lay Director in the role of Conference Room ALD in March 2012. Currently, I am on the DAEC Board and hold the position of Secretary.

I consider Emmaus to be one of the most profound experiences of my life. I strive to grow as a disciple of our Savior and by sharing this amazing gift we call Emmaus.

Becky Hughs:

I attended New Mexico Walk #68 in February of 1994 and sat at the table of Ruth. My home church is The Village – Denton Campus. I sit on the DAEC Board and serve as it’s Director of Music. Though I had a wonderful reunion group following my walk, I was never able to become active in the Emmaus community in New Mexico because, as we all know, family comes before Emmaus and my husband was a workaholic. My days were spent supporting him, and our business, and my evenings were spent making certain our two children had quality time with their father. Then, in September 1996, my husband died at the age of 41 and I was left to raise our then 10 and 7 year old children, alone.

As devastating as that may sound, I know it was part of God’s perfect plan for my life. North Central Texas was our home, and I couldn’t wait to get here. I was blessed to serve on the steering committee when Denton Area Emmaus Community was born, have served on many walks in almost every position, currently serve the community on the Board in the Music position, and am committed to serve as Lay Director for DAEC Women’s Walk #60 in October. YIKES!!

If I had two pages of space, I would love to tell you how God has blessed me and my children over the past 16-1/2 years. Instead, I will share with you my life verse and invite you to ask me about my life when we meet. Psalm 28:7 – “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my
Have you been to our website lately? Visit us at Dentonemmaus.org

Denton Area Emmaus Community

T-shirts and Sweatshirts

Have people ask you about the Walk to Emmaus!

T-shirt cost is $15 (4X is $19).
Sweatshirts are $25 (4X is $29)

*Available at all Gatherings

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