

Set Free Update

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LOOKING AHEAD

During 2005, thousands of people's lives were changed through the ministry of SFM. As we look back we cannot help but wonder how God is going to work through SFM in 2006 to change lives and accomplish His purposes. There certainly are many opportunities and challenges available for SFM.

What is it that makes SFM so wanted and needed? I believe it is the nouthetic counseling we do. Nouthetic counseling is where the body of Christ (the Church) comes together to fulfill what God instructs us to do (Eph. 3:10). Since there is no specific word translation available for nouthetic, the best explanation I came across is that we 'confront (teach and instruct) people with principles and practices as found in the Scriptures' (II Tim. 3:16) and lovingly guide them into that truth so they can live in freedom of forgiveness and begin to know Jesus Christ on a personal and deeper level through obedience to His ways. ***This is what has been happening here in the USA, in India and Uganda.***

What is in store for SFM? Only God knows the details, but He has given us some ideas as to where He wants us to minister. On February 24 and 25, 2006 we will hold a conference specifically for pastors and church leaders on 'Living Discipleship', so that pastors and church leaders may be made aware of what "freedom ministry" is all about and how they can start a discipling ministry in their own church. You may want to encourage your pastor to attend this conference.

We will continue to train and instruct people in "discipleship" in Uganda, and India and wherever God will lead us. We have inquiries from different parts of the globe.

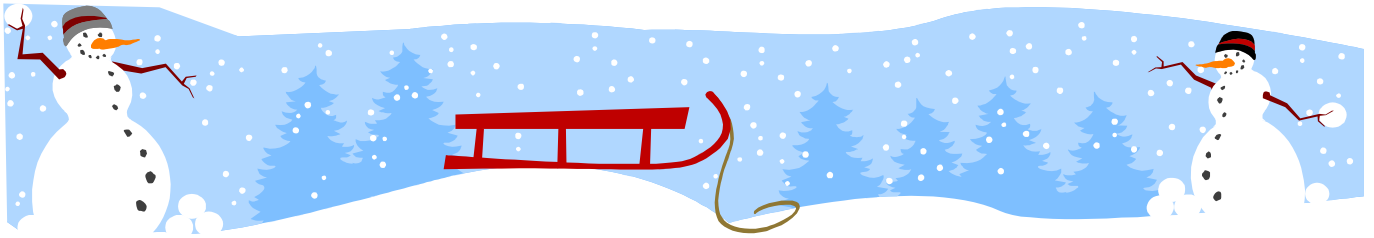
We have available the "Follow Thru" program on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. This is a support group to continue the healing, encouragement and re-affirmation of who we are in Christ. I urge all the encouragers to recommend this to their ministry recipients.

We now have someone available specifically for marriage counseling. This program will be just for people who have marriage difficulties.



In order for SFM to be effective servants in reaching out to the broken, hurting and lost, we desperately need your prayer support. Will you pray for and with us?

In His service
Paul Taming
SFM President



PRESCRIPTION FOR THE FLU

At a recent appointment, I had such a picture in my mind as I was leading a woman through the steps to freedom. I was witnessing the gut-wrenching cries of a person letting go of bitterness and anger--getting the poison out of her life. This is tough stuff. As a mom, I thought immediately of the times when my daughters have had the flu. A poison had come into their system, and through literal vomiting, they needed to get it out. I couldn't do it for them. All I could do was be there helping and encouraging them through it. To me this session had that very look. It is hard. It is tough. I couldn't do it for her. My prayer partner and I were just there to pray, encourage and support her so that she and God could do business. It was a hard thing she was working through. In the end though, oh what a beautiful healing came! This is the awesome privilege of being an encourager: seeing a person come in with a "spiritual flu", helping them through the pain, sorrow and suffering of "vomiting" it up and out, and witnessing the joy, healing and restoration that comes as a result of confession of sin and turning to God in true repentance.

by Peggy Schut

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion (Prov. 28:13, New American

Standard Bible).

*Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never against that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.
by Sabine Baring-Gould*