



# Spirit Renewal Ministries

*Caring for the world ..... one soul at a time*

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Newsletter

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## Celebrating ten years of ministry

Transforming lives - renewing communities

Ten years ago, a group of people met in Scarborough Ontario to plan the early ministry activities of Spirit Renewal Ministries. The original purpose of the ministry was stated, "Our purpose is to share with all people the Good News of the kingdom of God made known through the life and witness



of Jesus Christ." During the past ten years, we have brought hope and relief to a broken and hurting world. We have been empowered by a caring and loving God to follow Christ's example to enter into the suffering world to minister with people, engaging in Christ's ministry of compassion.

We have served with our local and global ministry partners, both churches and individuals, to bring faith, hope, and new life to thousands of people. We have undertaken eight overseas mission trips; one to India, four to Curaçao, and three to Kenya. The ministry has evolved in ways its founders could never have imagined. Connections and relationships have been established at home and abroad, leading us into many exciting areas of ministry. We have served hundreds of families through funeral / bereavement services and wedding services. In many ways, we have become the "family chaplain" to families without a church home.

Our teaching and preaching ministries continue, with services offered to churches in Canada and the USA, as

well as abroad. We began a prayer and healing service in Scarborough, and the services continue in Kingston.

SRM has been blessed beyond measure with the opportunity to serve church communities, families without a church home, and society's marginalized and forgotten people. Many have read our book on Paul's letter to the church in Rome, *What God has Promised You*, an easy to read meditation and Bible study guide for individuals and groups. Numerous families in East Africa now own their first Bible through our *Bibles for Africa* program. Our mission is simple, "Caring for the world, one soul at a time" (Mark 16:15).

## Spiritual direction

Are you looking for a spiritual director?

Spiritual direction is a time to reflect and meditate on the everyday experiences in your life and on your relationship with others, yourself, God and the world around you. It is also a time to discern God's will for your life. If you wish to participate in a more structured experience of prayer and discernment, consider undertaking the **Spiritual Exercises** of Ignatius of Loyola (*Ignatius, 1491 - 1556, founder of the Jesuit Order*).

No matter what your faith background, religious or spiritual experience, you will benefit from Spiritual Direction. Rev. Stephen McAllister is a member of **Spiritual Directors International**. Trained in Ignatian spirituality, he holds a **Diploma in Ignatian Spirituality**, Regis College, Toronto.

# Pastors Training Conference, Kenya, 2014



## Meditation moment

“It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in doing it. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in giving.”

-- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



"God doesn't call you to be successful, He calls you to be faithful."

- Blessed Mother Teresa

## In Memory of ...

We remember family and friends during times of loss, grief, and bereavement. We give thanks for the words of Jesus who said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

In Memory of Rosa Scipione

Joanne Spencer

In Memory of Catherine Silverstein

Susan McAllister

In Memory of Alvin Rose

Shirley Rose

In Memory of Robert Herrington

Gayle Herrington

In Memory of Gordon McAllister

Patty McAllister

Stephen McAllister

## Ministry news

### A busy upcoming year ...

This will be a busy year for the ministry. We will return to *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church* in College Station, Texas in February to preach and share news about our upcoming mission trip to Kenya. The church has partnered with us in support of our *Bibles for Africa* program.

Rev. Stephen will attend the *Fellowship of Christian Assemblies Annual Convention* in Alberta in May and hold meetings with members who partner with us in our *Bibles for Africa* program.

Our prayer and healing services continue in Kingston. Our newest partner in this ministry is *Nightlight Canada*, a multi-denominational

Christian ministry that operates drop-in centres for those on the margins.



Rev. Dr. Stephen McAllister, Eldoret, Kenya

Two ministers will travel to Kenya in October to facilitate our fourth biannual leadership conference in Eldoret. Pastors and church leaders from Kenya, Uganda, and Burundi will attend.

## A Special Thanks



Thank you to those who have served on the official board, our local and international ministry

partners, as well as churches, groups and individuals who support SRM through prayer and financial donations. The ministry cannot serve without your prayers and support!

## Support

Spirit Renewal Ministries is a registered Canadian charity. We are thankful for your financial support which helps us respond to local and international ministries to which we are called to serve.



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*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us (2 Cor. 9:11).*