



Summer 2010

Newsletter

Spirit Renewal
MINISTRIES

Transforming Lives

Renewing Communities

In This Issue . . .

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. *Spirit Renewal Ministries* began four years ago with a weekly church service in a local school in Toronto. Since then, the ministry has expanded and evolved with its focus on *Soul Care*, serving persons with no church home, as well as supporting ministers and churches as we mutually seek to transform lives and renew Christian communities through faith in God through Jesus Christ. In addition to our Canadian ministry, God has opened doors to international ministries in the Caribbean and India, and we are excited to share this news with you. We include a short meditation on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, as well as exciting news about our book, *What God Has Promised You*. May God bless you!

A Meditation Moment

Paul asks a profound question that goes to the heart of the believer: "How can we who died to sin go on living in it?" (Rom. 6:2). God knows the intent of our hearts by how we live our lives and by what we do with our time. **Is your happiness derived from a God-centred focus in your life?**



Through Jeremiah, God encouraged his people, even though they had strayed and forgotten his love for them. He encouraged them to put their trust in the Lord, promising that "they shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green ..." (Jer. 17:8).

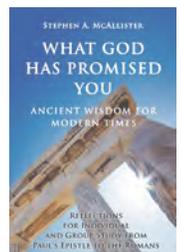
Are you truly happy? Consider how you spend your time and the importance you place on *things* rather than *God*.

National Award

The Word Guild's annual writing awards received 245 entries this year, and finalists included Stephen McAllister's book, *What God Has Promised You*. The gala event to honour the winners was held at the Headquarters of World Vision in Mississauga on June 16, 2010. The Word Guild is a growing national association of more than 350 Canadian Christian writers and editors, and who are committed to encouraging one another and fostering standards of excellence in the art, craft, practice, and ministry of writing.



We hope this award will encourage pastors and lay people to read the book. It is available from *Spirit Renewal Ministries*, online, or at local booksellers. This is a wonderful book for personal use or for your church or study group. We encourage every church to obtain a copy of the book for its library!



Congratulations to all of the couples who have been married in the last few years. We have been privileged to share these sacred times with you.

Ministry Updates

Canada

Our Canadian ministry is expanding as we meet new families through bereavement services, weddings, teaching, and ministries of pastoral care. Rev. Dr. Stephen McAllister responds to many requests to preach and speak,

as well as teaching and mentoring events at local churches and religious organizations. We continue to partner with local churches to provide supply ministry services during the short-term and extended absence of their ministers. The Tuesday night Bible study at the Legion (2 Robinson Avenue) will take a recess for the summer months (Check Web site for details).

India



We were invited to spend time with the *Shishya Society* in Dehradun, India, where we visited a school, orphanages, as well as the Doon Youth Centre, an internationally recognized and broadly supported training and care centre.

The Shishya Society began its first outreach and development project in 1979 under the leadership of Ken and Frieda McRae, a husband-wife team from Canada/USA. They responded to God's call to care for orphan children in India. The motto of the school



"GO TO THOSE WHO NEED YOU MOST."

JOHN WESLEY, 1703 - 1791

is "living in love." Shishya is currently expanding its school to accommodate 1,000 students, and there is an immediate need for two additional busses! Can you help?

It is amazing what God has done through their mustard - seed faith.



We look forward to visiting your church or group to share news of this exciting missionary work!

Visit our web site for regular updates.

Read about our planned teaching mission to Kenya this summer!

Our Purpose

Spirit Renewal Ministries is a non-denominational ministry that serves Christian leaders, ministers, and churches in the areas of renewal and growth. We provide spiritual care, marriage ministry, bereavement and funeral services, as well as worship leadership and teaching ministries. We also serve churches and clergy by providing leadership training and interim ministry services. Contact us to learn how we can serve you! www.spiritrenewalministries.com



Soul Care

COUNSELLING, PREACHING
TRAINING, TEACHING,
EMPOWERING, EQUIPPING

This is a ministry of Soul Care! Through all we do, we care for your soul. Although the main focus of our ministry is in Canada, we partner with selected international ministries where our purposes align to respond to God's call.

Curaçao

In November, 2009, we accompanied ministers and elders from **Zadok**



Ministries International for a ten-day mission trip to the Island nation of Curaçao. Our team shared in worship services, prayer meetings, community events, and interviews on local radio and television stations to restore and empower local ministries and churches.



The Zadok team will return to Curaçao in November to continue this teaching and empowerment ministry.



Spirit Renewal Ministries is a Registered Canadian Charity (BN 85408 6964 RR 0001). We respond as partners in bringing faith, hope, and new life to the world.

We are thankful for your financial support which helps us respond to local and international ministries to which we are called to serve.