



Stories of Renewal

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Life-Changing Ministry

I want to express my thanks for all you have done for me. Just prior to attending MRI I was faced with burnout, both physically and emotionally. My outlook for the future was negative and I felt that there was no hope to regain a normal lifestyle.

At first I was hesitant to attend MRI because I felt embarrassed that I could not solve my own problems. Also, I couldn't understand why God was allowing me to go through so much emotional frustration when I've committed my whole life to ministry as a Christian school principal and pastor's wife.

When I arrived at MRI I felt love and care from the staff from the moment I walked in the door. They have fulfilled their mission of unconditional love and accepted me for who I am. During the last month I've discovered that how I viewed myself was wrong and I'm now learning how to change my thinking. One of the *Continued on back...*

Wonderfully Beneficial

From the very first session the Lord encouraged us that we were in the right place to experience His refreshing and rejuvenation after passing through our recent (and not so recent) life storms. Blocking out this time to focus on our relationship and on our ministry future has proved to be wonderfully beneficial.

The MRI team has been very helpful in each of their group and private consultations and have been true to their promise to connect us with excellent resources to stir our spirits and add the needed refueling to propel us forward with more energy, focus and refreshing. We are devouring several books, articles and DVDs that have helped us greatly in our relationship, communication, and in our ministry outlook.

It has been a very timely and fruitful investment!

Missionaries to Europe

Words are Insufficient

Sometimes words seem so insufficient. I have been left speechless with gratitude. We came to you at a very difficult time in our lives and in spite of our brokenness you were willing to invest in our lives. Perhaps the greatest gift you gave was believing in us and giving us hope. We will not forget you and all you have done for us. Thank you for all the help, love and encouragement. We hope to live our lives in such a way that you will see the fruits of our labor.

Asia Pacific Missionaries

Great Investment

The staff at MRI has been very supportive in every way, and we really feel that coming here is a great investment and that we will leave healthy both physically and otherwise.

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greatest things I've learned is that God loves me for who I am and not based on my accomplishments in life.

After spending a month at MRI I now have a positive outlook for my future through the tools they have given me to cope with depression and approach life how God intended me to. They have given Biblical counseling as well as provided me with resources to be successful.

I'm so grateful to the staff at MRI for their desire to help bring emotional, physical and spiritual healing to those in need. Because of what MRI has done for me I want others to be able to benefit from this life-changing ministry.

Pastor's Wife from Washington

Workshop Blessed & Enriched Us

Lois and I attended the MRI workshop [Life Skills for Transition and Change]. The first day was a presentation on conflict resolution presented by Dr. Bill Graybill and then two days on life skills presented by Dr. Jack Rozell and members of the MRI staff. It was a fantastic experience for both of us. We learned so much that has and will benefit us in our personal life, in our marriage, and in ministry. I highly recommend attending MRI. It will bless and enrich anyone at the personal, relational, and ministry levels!

Alan Warneke, Network Pastor/Superintendent, Montana Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God

Sometimes Fruit Tastes Better Blended

In order for the fruits to be blended it must be dropped into the blender. MRI has been that blender for me!

Now my God, my family and God's people will enjoy the true and full fruits of my labor.

Pastor



Pastors Find Tools and Hope at MRI

Prior to being led by the Lord to Ministry Resources International (MRI), we were at a loss as to what to do about the issues going on in our family. I felt defeated and almost hopeless. I cried out to the Lord, and had heard about MRI from other ministers who had benefited from their wonderful ministry. I gave them a call and told them our situation. This was the beginning of a miraculous answer to a heartfelt prayer.

We met with the counselor, and with her guidance, and with the strength that only the Lord can give, we began to experience tremendous growth. She introduced us to resources, tools and techniques to deal with our particular circumstances. With the Lord's help, we were able to utilize these gifts and experience a functionality as a family we thought was not possible for us. Order began springing up where there was only chaos and confidence where once only defeat was. Her encouragement and the belief that she had in us as parents, ministers and people was life-giving. Today we still face the challenges of our disorders, but by God's grace and the ministry of MRI, we face them with strength, confidence and victory.

Weight Lifted Off My Shoulders

When my wife and I were driving to MRI so many things were going through my mind. I remember the moment when I shared these questions with Pastor Jack and his response was like honey to my broken soul.

Pastor Jack Rozell and your team were so loving, caring and just awesome, they even spoke [our language]. Personally my wife and I would like to thank you for spending a lot of time with us, consulting us and investing wisdom in our lives.

Driving back 15 hours felt like 15 minutes, I felt so much better and is if a ton of weight was lifted off my shoulders.

I believe God used you and others for my long-awaited restoration and healing. Today I feel so much better and I can honestly say "life is more than good". Praise God!!!

US Missionaries to an ethnic fellowship

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