

Doug and Erlene Johnson

1 Peter 5:10 "God himself will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

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Erlene & Doug

God's Love Heals

This testimony comes from a missionary that Erlene recently ministered to :

My husband and I retired after thirty-eight years of being missionaries in Africa. Leaving Africa, after being there for half of my life was a traumatic experience. To say I did not adjust well is an understatement.

As the first several days went by, I began to notice something different stepping through the door. Immediately I felt peace, I felt safe, I felt hope. It was as though a soft covering of God's love draped around my shoulders at every entry.

Every staff person we meet with is there because of broken dreams, lost identity or extenuating circumstances they had no control over. As they were and are being healed, they have reached out to us with the power and love of the Lord God of all comfort. Stepping through the door peace falls down around and on me. Daily I am being healed. Praise You Lord!

Care and Concern at MRI

Here is another testimony from a missionary to South America that Erlene recently ministered to:

I really am so thankful for you and the MRI group and everything that I learned while I was with you. Now, I am having the chance to put into practice the things I learned with you!!!! Your care and concern at MRI and God's love are sustaining me while I am on the field.

Financial Needs

Thank you to all who give so regularly and generously to us. We are deeply grateful for our supporters.

However, we are finding that our monthly incoming support is desperately short every month. We need about \$2500 more in monthly support. If you have been considering giving monthly support, please do so now. If you are able to give a special one-time offering, please give through AGWM in Springfield or through MRI in Washington (see left side-bar for details).

Seminars

We continue to offer training seminars at MRI. We have designed a one-day seminar on trauma readiness training and have presented the workshop three times now, with the intent of continuing to offer this workshop for other missionaries and pastors. The seminar is also available for interested churches in various lengths. Email or call if you'd like to attend a seminar or would like to host one at your church.

In March we are also offering Agape Care, Christian counseling training. This is a four-day seminar available for missionaries, pastors, and Christian counselors. We will present the philosophy of Agape Care and life coping skills, such as thought discipline, grace walk, communication skills, dealing with grief, and others. Along with other MRI team members, Erlene will be presenting some of the materials for the seminar. Some previous seminar sessions are available on our web site at www.ministryri.org under the Media tab.

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The ministry & team of MRAP/MRI
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Meridith
Kate & John & Jayelle & Jack
Chris & Rachael & Eli & baby

Personal:

Doug has recently been diagnosed with tuberculosis. This probably results from arthritis medications he is taking that suppress his immune system, making him extremely vulnerable to these sorts of illnesses. The doctor doesn't believe it is currently active, but he will be on antibiotics for 3 months. Please pray for him during this time as he is unable to take his arthritis medications, and this will probably result in very high levels of pain.

Erlene is recovering well from her December restoration surgery. There have been a couple minor issues, but the doctor is pleased with the results and the recovery. She has also recently developed lymphedema in her right arm. This is swelling as a result of removing lymph nodes due to the cancer in 2015.

Erlene continues to pursue her masters degree in pastoral counseling. Each class is eight weeks, and she is taking one class at a time. Now that the cancer treatment is finished, she is taking classes mostly back-to-back.

Erlene recently preached at our church—Redmond Assembly of God. She enjoyed it and was received well. You can listen online at www.redmondag.org#sermons; it was week 3 in the Resolution series. Contact us today to schedule Erlene to speak in your church to share about our ministry at MRI.



MRI's mission is to enhance the life quality, ministry effectiveness and longevity of those in ministry.

We believe God's love heals and that God loves those He sends as much as those to whom He sends them.

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