



# Jericho Ministries

*breaking down the walls*

Basil & Sue Marotta

Dear Friends:

February 2010

***“We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for all of you, We always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”***

***Paraphrasing Phil 1:3-5***

We pray that as the New Year has started you are experiencing God's blessings. 2009 ended on a sad note for our family. Basil's brother-in-law, Richard "Duke" Schneider succumbed to lung cancer and went to be with the Lord on Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. We flew down to be with the family, and I (Basil) had an opportunity to speak about Duke at the memorial service and was led to give a Gospel presentation as there were several folks attending that do not have a relationship with Jesus. We are thankful that Duke suffering was short and that he is now with Jesus where there is no cancer.

Thanks be to God that the first month of 2010 has been very rewarding and productive. We have been planning and asking for direction for the Ministry this year....God is answering... Sue has been led to write and is writing daily. She has also taken on a leadership position with our church's women's prayer group. Basil has been involved with an Men's On Target men's gathering and has been asked to take over the teaching at this Thursday night group. He started on January 21. This now makes four men's groups that Basil is leading or involved with.

Sue and I have been led to do more coaching and counseling of Christian couples who are experiencing serious marital problems. We are seeing the devastation brought on by sin... sexual, anger, verbal abuse, financial .... and an abandonment of the roles that God ordained for husbands and wives from Creation. Our hearts are deeply disturbed. We ask that you join with us in praying for awakening in their hearts and minds to recognize and turn away from their sin, and turn to God for healing and restoring them to healthy, Godly marriages. Pray for us as we minister to these couples. Thanks to God that we are seeing progress in several couples.

Jesus said in Matthew 19:4-6, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." Our desire is for every couple to know this truth.

Randy's counseling ministry is going well. He now has several clients and is fully enjoying this call on his life. He has taken a "tent makers" night job, so that he can meet clients during the day. Pray for he and Laura as they try to balance all of this while they raise financial support.

**It is difficult for us to find the words to express our gratitude to you. Your partnership with us is an encouragement. Your prayers and financial support are a vital. We give thanks to God for you daily. We commit to you that the seed you plant in our ministry is planted in good soil.**

**Blessings to you in 2010,**

**Basil & Sue**