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Dear Friends,

“Washington Weekend” held in Chelan this October was a stimulant to our faith and focus. We were forcefully faced with the disconnected experience of so many high school students. In one Washington community, two of the last five student body presidents have committed suicide. Yes, the school leaders and achievers also are affected by the lack of relationship and meaning. The principal of the high school where this is taking place estimates over 50% of the students arrive at school alone making no social contact while at school. They return to their homes where their experience is aloneness and no intimate relationships.

God built us for relationship with Himself and others and His primary means of expressing love is family. God’s plan is for a loving father and mother who support and nurture, in fact, they are to represent a Heavenly Father. Wow! Our task is urgent and we are doing the very thing dear to the heart of God Himself. Thanks for joining us. We are so grateful for your involvement as we partner together to make a difference in marriages and families.

Recently, we traveled to another town in Washington. We were invited to share our story and vision with a church. It was so good to hear a grandfather share with the class what a huge difference our ministry has made in the lives of his widowed daughter and her family.

We have also been encouraged by the response to people learning of the family ministry at Bethel Ridge. Financial support gifts, commitments to pray, and people willing to be involved in the various aspects of the tasks ahead have also been offered.

We have had inquires about staff joining us! The administrative assistant position is one of the next most critical needs, personnel wise. We know marketing and resource development is also a critical next step. And we have had an offer to do a video/CD story of Bethel Ridge Family Ministry! Others have taken up an interest in the facilities preparation. Yea!

The enthusiasm of those who have experienced counseling in this beautiful setting is encouraging. One lady was in tears as she shared, “It was more awesome than we ever imagined. You made us feel really special by having everything set up so romantically – the fire lit, candles, mood music, great food ...”. It is so great to encourage the marriages of people in Christian work.

Another lady wrote, “our gift (for scholarship) is also a show of our appreciation for your help ... we never could have afforded counseling so we’re very thankful for the time you spent with us.” “Your counseling showed me what to work on ... I want my relationship mother daughter) to be very different and hopefully the way God meant it to be.”

Pray that this work will be perfectly matched! Staff with clients and clients with facilities so that God can be Glorified. He cares about business plans and economics. We want to show how great He is in all the details of Bethel Ridge ministering to His loved ones.

In His Service,

Gregg and Glenna