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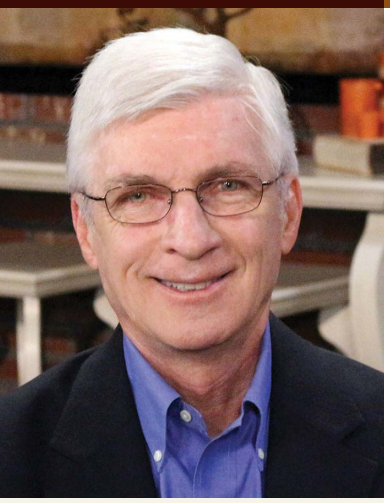

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"If the good God sends us crosses, we resist, we complain, we murmur. We are so averse to whatever contradicts us. It is by the Cross that we go to heaven! Illnesses, temptations, troubles are so many crosses which take us to Heaven. All this will soon be over. Look at the Saints who have arrived before us. The good God does not require of us the martyrdom of the body, only of the heart and the will. Our Lord is the model. Let us take up our cross and follow Him."

// St. John Vianney

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many of you have asked how I am doing after being fired from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. I spoke about this in a recent YouTube video (bit.ly/firedagain) but want to share my response with our newsletter readers as well.

First, I am overwhelmed by the love, support, and prayers I have received. My statement (bit.ly/SHMSstatement) received over four-hundred responses on the day we posted it. Many people said they have benefited from the work we are doing at Renewal Ministries through our writing, speaking, media, mission trips, and all the other ways in which we're trying to strengthen the Church. You can read just some of the messages we received on page three of this newsletter.

However, this isn't the first time that I've been fired. Years ago, I was fired from working in the Cursillo Movement and then from working at Catholic Campus Ministry at Michigan State University. At that time, the issue was the Charismatic Renewal. It was new, and people didn't know what to do with it. The third time I was fired, I was working at St. Mary's Student Chapel in Ann Arbor, and things were going well. Hundreds and hundreds of students were coming to the student center and a lot of people were getting converted, but they began feeling like it was overwhelming the student center and asked us to go someplace else. Out of that came the Word of God Community and the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office, which started here, moved to Belgium, and is now in Rome. Many different things came from that, including Renewal Ministries and Christ the King Catholic Parish in Ann Arbor, where we have had about forty people ordained as priests since the parish's beginning. As this door closes, other doors are going to open.

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People are asking how I feel, and I am feeling a lot of different things. It was a shock; it happened suddenly and without any notice. I remember calling my wife and saying, "I've just been fired, but I feel like the hand of the Lord is with me and with us, and that this is all under his providence. He's got a plan." I felt a certain kind of joy, even elation. Later, when I ran into complications and had to make decisions about how to respond, I felt anger. After twenty-three years at the seminary, it happened like this?

I also felt sadness, because I had just finished teaching my last class for a group of priests in our Sacred Theology Licentiate Program. My students were wonderful priests from around the world, and I love them. It was one of our best classes. I felt the same thing last fall when I did my last class with the transitional deacons, a group of more than twenty men about to be ordained priests. The Lord was doing a lot in the classroom and with these seminarians and priests, and it is sad to think that I won't be able to continue doing that.

But there will continue to be many other opportunities to help strengthen the Church, build up priests and seminarians, and carry out missions around the world, like we've been doing at Renewal Ministries for so many years.

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Ralph Martin and Bishop Scott McCaig met with the papal nuncio to Cameroon, Archbishop Julio Murat, who is Bishop Scott's friend.

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A couple days after this happened, I left for Cameroon and did a retreat with Bishop Scott McCaig, the bishop of Canada's military ordinariate who is on our Canadian Catholic Renewal Ministries Board of Directors. We did a multi-day retreat for two-hundred priests and nuns who were very grateful for the input and encouragement. Bishop Scott and I also each gave seven talks to one-thousand lay leaders who were gathered to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Cameroon. In addition to giving talks, we prayed for many participants and took numerous "selfies" with the wonderful people there. We also met with a number of the Cameroonian bishops and spent a wonderful and informative evening with the papal nuncio to Cameroon, who is Bishop Scott's friend.

Around that time, Renewal Ministries also had two other ongoing major missions. Country Coordinator Tom Edwards was in Tanzania with a large team that included Dr. André Villeneuve, a colleague from the seminary.

And senior Country Coordinators Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw were in Papua New Guinea with Country Coordinator Anthony Feola and his wife, Anna. The Feolas belong to Christ the King Parish in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Amazing and wonderful missions, all.

Upon returning from Cameroon, it was time to get ready for our annual taping of twenty-six new programs for *The Choices We Face*, the longest-running program in Catholic television. We spent most of the month of September filming, and we have one more program to tape this month with a bishop who couldn't make our September recording dates.

And as the summer ended, we had another amazing summer camp for junior high girls, a complement to the camp we had for boys earlier in the summer. The Lord has a lot for us to do, and we're going to continue doing it.

The Lord is in this. As painful as it is, and even though it makes me feel angry sometimes and sad at others, I predominantly feel tremendous encouragement and hope in the Lord. He's got a plan. The first three times I was fired, doors closed, but other doors—wonderful doors—opened. I believe that will be the case this time as well.

This is an invitation from the Lord to come even closer to Him and to be even more united and obedient to Him. It is an invitation to join Mary with her pure heart, who loves Jesus more than anybody ever loved Him, who obeyed the Father more deeply than anybody ever obeyed Him, and who received the Holy Spirit more than anybody ever received Him. Let's ask Mary to help us love the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit even more, as she does.

Interestingly, our team asked me to do a live YouTube video just before this happened, and the topic I chose was trusting God in difficult circumstances. You can see it at bit.ly/RMYTLive. More than one person has told me that this situation will give me a chance to live my own teaching. I love living my own teaching; I believe it! God is with us at every stage of life, and I'm confident that He's going to do with me exactly what He wants. Nothing happens without his permission or purpose, and I'm happy to trust the Lord for what comes. I hope you are too in your own lives.

I know all of you have difficult circumstances. All of you face disappointments. All of you have doors that have closed and other doors perhaps that haven't opened yet—but they will. Be inspired—we are! We're also grateful for your support and prayers, which make all these outreaches possible.

In Christ,

Ralph Martin

Ralph

Country Coordinator Peter Newburn (far right) and members of our team celebrate Mass at a retreat for 200 priests and religious sisters in Cameroon.

'Because of You'

In recent months, Ralph Martin has received an outpouring of support from around the world, including Croatia, Ireland, England, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Canada, Australia, China, and Uganda. Below are just some of their words of thanks and encouragement. We at Renewal Ministries are grateful for all our supporters, who make it possible for us to continue in this work of serving the Lord!

"The Lord has worked miracles in my life through you and your teaching! You are truly an inspiration to me and the whole world, by giving us an example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. . . . Thank you for your witness and thank you for giving everything to Jesus and his Church!"

"I admire you for your courage and love for our Lord. I have relied on your clear explanations for quite a while now."

"I had been a bit estranged from the Church for some time, but now in my seventies, I stumbled upon Renewal Ministries on YouTube and have been drawn back to the faith. Your sweet smile and gentle encouragement have helped me to rekindle the flame of love for Jesus Christ that I have so desperately needed."

"One of my brothers came back to the Church, and your books that I lent him were a big help."

"Everything that I have heard you speak is . . . inspired by the Holy Spirit! . . . I am an evangelist because of you! Please know that your work and service to the Church has directly inspired me, my wife, and hundreds of others that we know to spread the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior!"

. . .

"Our family and friends have come closer to the faith thanks to your ministry."

. . .

"There are very few people I have encountered who have affected my life in the way you have. You have (influenced) all the ministry that I do."

. . .

"I love listening to Renewal Ministries and always get strength to continue in my faith with hope and active charity . . . Renewal Ministries guides so many hearts to truth!"

. . .

"I've always found your teaching to be completely in line with the perennial teaching of the Church. You speak with kindness and charity but never shy away from the truth."

. . .

"For years I have tuned in to your videos on YouTube. I recognize in you a true child of God seeking his heart and sharing what you have found with us fortunate enough to receive."

"Thank you for always standing up for and proclaiming the truth."

"Your honesty and willingness to speak the truth were the strong cords that pulled me (back to) the Catholic Church. . . . He has given you the ability to understand the truth, to pursue it, and then teach and share it with those of us who want to know Christ's direction for our lives."

"Thank you for your witness and your work, scholarly and pastoral. You are important for God's Church."

"Your words and writings over the years, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, provided to me perspectives, revelations, and understandings I did not know or see. I remained with the Catholic faith because of voices like yours, and I am so very grateful."

Men of St. Joseph International held an international conference in Rome. The archbishop of Latvia, the leader of all of Poland and Europe, and the leader for Africa attended.

A Different Kind of Retirement

by Heather Schultz, Renewal Ministries Editor

Don Turbitt retired as a Renewal Ministries country coordinator three years ago, after nearly thirty years of service. Shortly before his retirement, Don was making more than eight trips to Europe and traveling just over one-hundred days each year, which was a pace he no longer felt comfortable maintaining. He had preached the Gospel in twenty-six countries, but most of his travel was to Poland, Ukraine, Russia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Belarus, repeatedly for twenty-five to thirty years.

Nevertheless, at age eighty-four, Don continues to travel the world, bringing men closer to Christ through the Men of St. Joseph international (MOSJI). He is trying to shift the focus of his work to the US, primarily in New England, but he recently served with MOSJI in Latvia and England and is helping establish leadership in Africa, particularly Uganda, where MOSJI is experiencing tremendous growth. In fact, one Ugandan parish has eight-hundred MOSJI members and another has 350.

According to Don,

> The men in our African chapters have been getting married in the Church, and they have been treating their wives better. Thirty couples were married in one Church during its first year with Men of Saint Joseph International. It's making a spiritual difference in these people's lives. Uganda has a lot of unemployment and alcoholism. Men are discouraged, but we're starting to make a difference, and we've been invited to several more dioceses and five different countries.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Don's involvement with MOSJI began nearly fifty years ago, when a priest asked him to start a chapter in Rhode Island. Thanks to Don's involvement, MOSJI has been officially recognized by the pope as an international ministry. He explained the importance of men's ministry:

> **If you evangelize a teenager, sixteen percent of the families will follow him to church. If you evangelize a mother, sixty-four percent of the families will follow her to church. If you evangelize a father, ninety-two percent of the families will follow him to church. Evangelize men, and you'll get the whole family.**
>
> **I've talked to bishops all around the world, and they almost never invest in men's ministry. I tell them it's where they will get the biggest profit.**

At one point, Don cried out to the Lord about the difficulty getting men to commit to men's ministry. The Lord answered him in a dream, saying,

> ***"I died and rose in three days—seventy-two hours. If men give me seventy-two hours a year, I'll give them a resurrected life."***

This means attending a two-hour meeting each month and one six-hour conference and weekend retreat annually. Don explained that the Old Testament even says that all the men in in Israel needed to come together three times a year (Ex 34:23)—which equals seventy-two hours.

Don said, "Now, when a man says, 'I don't have time for this,' I say, 'Can you give God two hours a month?"

MOSJI encourages men to read both the Bible and the Catechism. Don wants men to read the whole Bible more than once—and then go deeper. At retreats, MOSJI leaders also pray over participants for the fullness of the Spirit, which Don said brings about real change in men's lives and helps them persevere.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Don was raised Catholic but points to the miraculous healing of his wife, Pat, from Multiple Sclerosis (MS) as a turning point. She was diagnosed in 1970, when the couple had three young children and a new house. According to Don, there was no treatment—only the expectation of imminent disability and death. Don bargained with God: He would go to Mass every day for one year, and the Lord would stop him from being a sinner and heal Pat.

Don managed to attend Mass daily, sometimes at 3 a.m. due to the timing of his shifts as a firefighter. After several months, the couple heard about Marian apparitions in Garabandal, Spain, and Don ordered a book about them. When the book arrived, Pat opened it, and a scapular fell on the floor. She picked it up and put it on—and an electric shock went through her. She felt a need to go to church and pray. She was on fire for prayer and excited about her faith. She started attending daily Mass with Don and their children.

A few weeks later, a group of thirteen doctors examined Pat but couldn't find anything wrong with her. They said she was in remission—and she still is.

"That changes you," exclaimed Don, who has continued to attend daily Mass for fifty-five years. "You can't commit a mortal sin and go to Mass the next day, because you can't go to Communion with a mortal sin on your soul. So, God healed my wife and stopped me from sinning!"

Soon after, Don and Pat began attending weekly prayer meetings. Don said,

I had heard about crazy people who prayed in tongues and waved their hands, but I wasn't going to do that. But after two people approached us in a row, we decided to go—and we were radically changed. A few weeks later, we went through a Life in the Spirit Seminar and were baptized in the Holy Spirit. That's when I knew I had to spend the rest of my life serving the Lord.

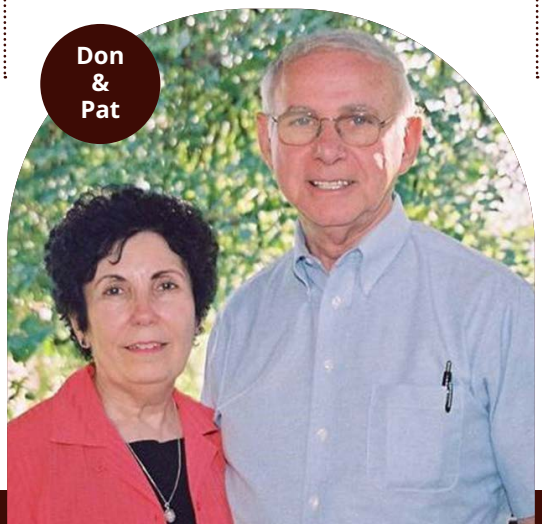
The couple experienced another gift from God when they befriended a priest who had spent seventeen years of silence in a monastery. He was a biblical historian who taught the couple about the Desert Fathers, the saints, and everything he had read about during his years of silence.

"He was a tremendous mentor," said Don, who has been blessed to have many holy mentors in his life. He and Pat began hosting a weekly prayer meeting and Bible study in their home. When the meeting grew to fifty people, they moved to the church—and soon, three-hundred people were regularly attending. Those numbers continued for twenty-five years. Don still hosts the meetings; about thirty-five people still attend regularly.

AN INVITATION AND THE CROSS

In 1994, Don was asked to help run a School for Evangelization in Poland. For the next two years, Don's wife, Pat, served there with him—and then the couple was invited to speak in Slovakia, Ukraine, and other countries.

Eventually, Renewal Ministries offered to help fund Don's travels. When three Ukrainian bishops asked Renewal Ministries to come to their country, Peter Herbeck, who knew Don had worked in Ukraine, asked him to serve as the country coordinator there. Don soon added Poland, Slovenia, Belarus, and Russia to the list of countries he served for Renewal Ministries. For a long time, their ministry in Europe focused on healing from the wounds of Communism and speaking to people about God's love.



Don and Pat traveled and spoke together until ten years ago, when their daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer and Pat was diagnosed with both breast and kidney cancer the next day. Their daughter lived for three years and passed away at age fifty-three. Pat underwent treatment and was healed of both cancers within a year.

"You're never supposed to bury your children, but God has a plan," Don said. "My daughter had experienced a conversion and was working with my wife, teaching and doing retreats and women's days, before her diagnosis."

A DIFFERENT KIND OF RETIREMENT

Don described three keys that have kept his love for the Lord burning strongly: One, being mentored by amazing priests and being in community with good men. Two, seeing many signs, wonders, and miracles that led him to "always want more." And three, finding the work of bringing people into a closer relationship with Jesus "powerful and rewarding."

"As long as I'm capable, I want to serve the Lord," he said. "It's an honor to bring a deeper understanding of God's love to people around the world. People are hungry, but you have to find them. That's what Renewal Ministries has been doing all these years, and I want to do it through men's ministry now. God's not weary, He's not tired, and He's ready for revival."

MOSJI

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Visit www.mosji.org.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN UGANDA

BY LLOYD GREENHAW & JOSEPH AUNO OKIROR

Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw minister in the United States, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, and several other countries in Africa. They conduct missions, conferences, and retreats for adults and youth. They also are involved in prison ministry and work with the homeless. Nancy and Lloyd live in Texas and have two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Joseph Auno Okiror is the co-founder and director of the Emmaus Centre Katikamu in Uganda. He has ministered in Sudan, Zimbabwe, and many other countries. He and his wife, Francesca, have nine children.

Emmaus Center

The Emmaus Center in Katikamu, Uganda, is a rare oasis in a world increasingly covered with darkness. When we arrived, it was a beehive of activity. They were running a retreat for renewal leaders, two formation programs, and private retreats for a priest suffering from substance abuse, a sister wounded by her community who was struggling to forgive, and a priest suffering from mental trauma. They also offered daily Mass, Adoration, and beautiful sessions of praise and worship each evening. It is a little slice of heaven on earth! Renewal Ministries' support for so many years has made a difference far beyond our outreaches.

We taught Unbound (which features the Five Keys of repentance and faith, forgiveness, renunciation, taking authority, and the Father's blessing) to 104 students in the Catholic Charismatic Leaders Formation Program and those from the Emmaus Vocational Institute. The program was intense, but the students enjoyed it thoroughly. Lives were touched by the Lord. They renewed their faith in Jesus, rejected sin, and recommitted themselves to Christ afresh. Others testified to being freed from oppressive spirits and equipped with tools for self-deliverance.

A student in Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw's formation class made this shirt and dress without taking any measurements!

Archdiocese of Tororo

Our seven-hour journey to the Archdiocese of Tororo was a terrifying drive with much traffic. In addition to the many cars on the two-lane highway, there were huge semis, people, and motorcycles. The road is lined with stands selling just about everything and has no forgiving shoulders, middle-turn lanes, or red lights. There are only rumble strips to slow traffic in small towns.

Once in Tororo, we went to the Parish of Butiru, where over 250 participants attended an Unbound session. They were very open, thirsty, hungry, and committed to receiving all the Lord had to offer. The Holy Spirit touched them deeply! Participants repented, renounced, forgave those who hurt them, and received true freedom in Christ. Many people testified to being freed from the oppression of evil spirits. One couple who was not married in the Church began working with the parish priest to organize their wedding.

Later, we were supposed to have one group of thirty-five formation students, but they decided to combine both groups, so we taught over eighty-five students who were primarily in their late twenties and early thirties. We spoke on the call to holiness through personal evangelization, the Five Keys to Freedom, and Catholic apologetics.

Nancy Greenhaw led a Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference in Tororo, Uganda.

It was a delight to share the Gospel with these young people. They were attentive and took many notes.

The young people's formation is thorough, but we were able to challenge them with a radical perspective on what true discipleship is, the imperative of evangelization, and the consequences of sin. These messages really hit home! Many struggled to accept the Church's teachings in the areas of sexuality and forgiveness—so we added some lessons on Theology of the Body to our teachings. The testimonies they later shared confirmed that these lessons were powerfully received.

The participants at Holy Family Parish in Butiru, Uganda, were very receptive to our team's teachings on holiness and evangelization.

Testimonies

From Scholastica, the diocesan director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Tororo: **"The program was so good . . . because of the Five Keys, many attended a second program. Thanks so much! God bless you! There is great change in people's lives, and I am organizing a program for leadership formation next month. Please pray for us."**

"Before this ministry, I was a very fearful person and a liar. I renounced the spirit of fear, and now I'm not a fearful person."

"I have been helped to forgive someone who has been very hard for me to forgive. Nancy (told us that once when) Lloyd would not forgive, God the Father could not bless him. I thought of that and thought that maybe there was some place where I was blocking myself from blessings by not forgiving a person in my life. After going to adoration, I told the Lord that I decided to forgive, because Nancy said that it's a decision, not a feeling. I feel free that I don't have that stuff in my heart."

"We went through the prayer for the Five Keys, and then I forgave people. . . . By the end of the prayer, I felt kindness in my heart. I give the glory to God."

"I now have the opportunity to minister to others. This program has given me more, and I can offer more."

"I'm a religious sister. I'm very sure that God has done a healing in my heart. I have forgiven people, I'm at peace, and I give all the glory to God."

EVENTS

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** Not open to the public.*

Denver, CO
SPES Bishops' Conference*
September 29-October 2
Peter Herbeck

Seattle, WA
Legatus*
October 1
Peter Burak

Casper, WY
Casper Women's Retreat
October 3-4
Rachel Herbeck
Details: wycatholicwomen.com/conference-details

Austin, TX
The Catholic Culture Revival Conference
October 3-5
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: fullnessoftruth.org/conferences

Prince George, BC, Canada
Priests' Convocation*
October 6-8
Dr. Mary Healy

Ann Arbor, MI
Renewal Ministries Country Coordinator Meeting*
October 8-12
Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Pete Burak, and the Renewal Ministries Team

Ann Arbor, MI
Renewal Ministries USA Board of Directors Meeting
October 12
Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Pete Burak, and the Renewal Ministries Team

Ann Arbor, MI
Be Love Revolution Annual Fundraiser
October 24
Debbie Herbeck and the Be Love Revolution Team
Details: beloverevolution.com/fundraiser

Paterson, NJ
SPES Bishops' Conference*
October 28-30
Peter Herbeck

Banneux, Belgium
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Retreat
October 30-November 2
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: charisbelgium.be/en/event/mary-healy-holy-spirit-give-everything

MISSIONS

Slovakia
October 15-22
Tom & Jean Marie Edwards, Peter Herbeck, Pete Burak, & Team

Rwanda
October 15-31
Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw, Rachel Herbeck, Tom Hornacek, & Team

Registration opens OCTOBER 20th!

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PLEASE PRAY

- For the Lord to help us grant forgiveness to anyone we are withholding it from in our lives.
- For the Lord to help us to renounce areas of sin in our lives and live in the freedom of Christ.
- For the prayer intentions of our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.

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Renewal Ministries is a Catholic ministry committed to renewal and evangelization in the Church. It seeks to proclaim Jesus Christ through its TV, radio, and social media outreaches, as well as through books, conferences, retreats, and other international evangelistic events.

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