



Dear Friends,

July 2013

I hope everything has been going well for you and that you are enjoying your summer. I'm sorry that I haven't sent a newsletter for some time. What would have been my May newsletter would have come right on the heels of my ASC-Romania trip, immediately after which I buried myself in the *Lay Counseling* course to get it finished. Thank you so much for your prayers for the items that I have put in recent newsletters, especially course work and the recent trip. (I have put a trip report on the back of the letter.)

Curriculum Revision Project. The *Lay Counseling* course is essentially finished. I am now looking for a couple people to read the course with fresh eyes to catch anything we might have missed. I wanted to wait until it was actually in the hands of the communications department before I wrote you, but I decided I just had to write you now because it has been so long since I have written.

With *Lay Counseling* essentially finished, I have begun work on *Church Dynamics*. My goal is to complete this work by the end of the year. Such goals are always iffy because I never know what will arise as issues. Already I know that *CD* contains copyright issues and will require me to do some rewriting. The colleague I have been working with on these courses needed to be released from that role to become involved in another Entrust ministry. ***Please pray for wisdom and insight as I work on the course and that I will meet my year-end goal.***

2014 All-Staff Conference (ASC). The new director of the conference, the communications department chair, and I met overseas to look at the four hotels that seemed to be, on paper, the best possibilities for the ASC. After seeing these hotels, one stood out as the best for the ASC. I handled the hotel search while the new director was settling into his new home in Budapest. At the end of the trip he officially took over as director of the conference. I will continue to be available if he has questions or needs help. ***Please pray for the new director and the planning team as they plan the conference.***

Romania Ministry. My time in Romania to preach and lead a two-evening seminar of a group of pastors and lay leaders went very well. We have begun discussing the possibility of my preaching and leading another seminar next spring before the ASC. ***Please pray for this discussion that we might know God's will.***

Home Ministry. Fall Sunday school classes begin on September 8. I haven't decided yet what my topic will be. The men's breakfast continues its study of Acts. ***Please pray for both groups that we may learn well and grow from what we learn.***

I never cease to be awed by the great faithfulness and generosity of you who support my ministry through financial gifts, prayers, and encouragement. For nearly thirty years you have been wonderful partners in this vital ministry of Entrust. Thank you so much.

With great gratitude,
Wendall

Report on the Spring Ministry Trip

Three main goals, hence prayer requests, for the trip were:

1. Safe travel and good connections, as I had several short flights.
2. Meet two colleagues to look at four hotels as we seek to find one hotel for our 2014 All-Staff Conference.
3. Ministry in Romania to preach and lead a two-evening seminar with pastors and lay leaders in the book of Galatians on the topic of freedom in Christ.

Answers:

- 1. Safe travel and good connections, as I had several short flights.**
 - a. I arrived home safely and healthy.
 - b. Everything about the flights was good, except for the first leg and even that worked out well.
 - c. I was scheduled to fly from Denver to Izmir, Turkey, through Toronto. The plane out of Denver developed mechanical problems before it took off. By the time it was ready to take off, I would not have been able to make my connection in Toronto. Thus, none of the related connections. The people at the airport working with Lufthansa and I talking with Expedia created a good alternative flight plan. It cost me a few hundred extra dollars, but I had no choice, and it worked out well. In fact, it turned out to be a better plan than I had arranged.
 - d. I thank the Lord for His sovereignty and grace in working His will through this incident.
- 2. Meet two colleagues to look at four hotels as we seek to find one hotel for our 2014 All-Staff Conference.** I have nothing more to add here from what is in the newsletter.
- 3. Ministry in Romania to preach and lead a two-evening seminar with pastors and lay leaders in the book of Galatians on the topic of freedom in Christ.**
 - a. As always, it was wonderful being with and ministering to the Romanians and being with my Romanian family again.
 - b. Apparently my sermon was well received. I had planned to preach just once, but my Romanian pastor friend asked me to preach the same sermon that night in another city.
 - c. I especially enjoyed the seminar. I always challenge them with a debated topic as a vehicle for identifying important methods of interpretation, resulting in good-hearted yet honest discussions. This seminar was no different.

Simply put, it was a virtually perfect trip.

Thank you all for your prayers for the trip. The Lord clearly worked through them.