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SERVING THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF MINISTRY

From Bill

In late September and early October, I had the privilege of traveling to Moscow, Russia, to minister to the staff at Hinkson Christian Academy. HCA serves over 200 school children in grades K-12 whose parents are missionaries. These parents represent the leaders and directors of roughly 50 evangelical Christian ministries that are headquartered in Moscow and spread out into the countries of the old Soviet Union.

My official reason for ministering at Hinkson Christian Academy was to conduct a three-day retreat on the topic of *Teacher as Counselor*. In addition to the retreat, I also spent 2 days with the 11th and 12th grade students focusing on the topic of *Career Development* for over 25 students.

The parents and students at HCA were responsive to Front Line Ministries as an outside resource as well. Approximately 20 hours of individual or couples counseling with students, their parents, teachers and others in the missions community were provided as well. All of this in addition to five days of stand-up teaching. *flm*

*From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
Ephesians 4:16*

HCA Staff Retreat

Teaching sessions with the staff of Hinkson Christian Academy included:

- *Building self-esteem in students through a stronger identity in Christ;*
- *Creating healthy structure for students: respect, responsibility and relationship;*
 - *Healthy conflict resolution;*
 - *Teaching students to deal with anxiety; and*
 - *The Five love languages of children.*

The desire of the teaching staff for instruction and input on how they could be more effective for Christ in the lives of their students was tremendous. Some of their comments included:

"You shared some great stories and provided some great insight into how to reach kids on a spiritual level...I have found that much of what you talked about with character building and identity is central to our role as educators here. This is without a doubt valuable stuff."

"I particularly appreciated the hope you imparted for each and every student. I think the presentation of developing character and identity in Christ was the most useful part of the weekend and I appreciate the responsibility you placed on God to do the work, I mean, I needed the perspective that ultimately God is caring for these kids and I am directing their path."

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"I'm not a teacher, but from listening to you and the teachers, I'm becoming aware that we may have more students with problems in our school than I might have realized. I appreciate the fact that you gave the teachers the opportunity to express the needs, and I think you addressed the problems."

"Ephesians 1 & 2 helpful to me as a person and as a teacher. I needed this for myself."

"I especially like the session on Responsibility, Respect & Relationship. It was concise & practical and something I will find very useful as a parent as well. Thank you."

"I learned more about myself in the last few days which will help me as a teacher and an individual."

"All of it was good information and has given me a lot to think about and many ideas of how to better serve my students. I could have sat for another week listening to Bill, his ideas, his strategies. I also really enjoyed the biblical basis for some of this stuff that he gave. Not only do I think this information will help me in my classroom but also in my life."

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A Ministry Encouraged

Three years ago, I met Phil at Hinkson Christian Academy. He was a new junior high school teacher at the time. Phil is now 29 and in his fourth year of teaching at HCA. He has a wonderful, magnetic personality that is so needed in communicating with junior high school students.

Phil approached me at the recent retreat in September and related the benefit he had gained from a conflict resolution training I had conducted at HCA 3 years ago. A part of this training focused on strengthening our identity in Christ (Ephesians 1 & 2) and allowing God's perspective on us to empower us supernaturally to do His work in the world. Phil's written comments follow:

"Having been here almost 6 years and looking back on the things I have learned, one of the things that has made the biggest impact on me has been Eph. 1-2. When you came 3 years ago and shared this concept with us, Satan was pounding me pretty hard. I was starting to believe that I was a failure as a teacher because some of my students were doing poorly. God used this to radically change my way of thinking. I have come back to these verses many times and have been able to share these verses with some of my students. Thanks!" Phil flm

Thank you!

We feel so privileged that you, our prayer and financial supporters send me and others as representatives of Front Line Ministries to places like Hinkson Christian Academy in Moscow, Russia, to minister on behalf of Christ.

I often forget how hard the enemy is working to destroy those who have given their lives to spread the Gospel in foreign lands.

I am grateful that we, as a team, can go and support these soldiers of Christ to fulfill God's call on their lives.

Thank you for ministering together with Front Line Ministries. Together we are making a difference.

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