

Front Line Ministries

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From Bill

SERVING THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF MINISTRY

Fifteen years ago, when Joyce and I married, we both felt God's call to the world of missionaries. We had no idea how God would fit us into His plan to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in foreign lands.

As we followed God's leading us to Baton Rouge to start a Christian counseling practice, we began praying regularly for how God would use our counseling skills beyond Louisiana. We began talking with missions leaders; they began educating us on the high rates of missionary burnout and attrition within their organizations. These same leaders encouraged us to form Front Line Ministries so that we could serve multiple missions organizations in caring for their missionaries.

The vision of Front Line Ministries: Missionaries around the world are nurtured, renewed and equipped to administer grace in their work and personal relationships. The result of ministering to missionaries is: a stronger missions work force, cost effective missions spending, and greater consistency of the gospel of Jesus Christ going forward into the world.

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Bill Wakefield

Ripple Effect

Recently, we received a newsletter from Jonathan Edwards, the member care director at Central American Mission International (CAM) that perfectly illustrates how Front Line Ministries is designed to work. In Jon's newsletter, he reports on his work ministering to CAM missionaries in Guatemala. The team building tools and trainings Jon is using in Guatemala are the skills he gained from Front Line Ministries. It was four years ago that FLM hosted Jon and Jan Edwards and four others for two weeks of team building skills training in Gainesville, Florida, and Baton Rouge, LA.

The ministry that we as staff and supporters of Front Line Ministries are having across the globe for Christ is truly significant. What a thrill to know that what we are teaching and sharing with missions member care staff, like the Edwards, is bearing fruit in the lives of missionaries, not only in Guatemala, but around the world.

Thank you for praying for and supporting Front Line Ministries. As a team we look forward expectantly to how God will use us together in 2005.

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Association of Christian Schools International ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCES

Beatenburg, Switzerland (April 18-26)

Bill and Joyce will speak on *Maintaining a Healthy Marriage in Ministry*. In attendance will be the top administrators of missionary

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Nairobi, Kenya (April 24-30)

Keith Boyer will speak on *Team Building* through FLM's trainings *Honoring People Differences* and *Enhancing Team Performance*.

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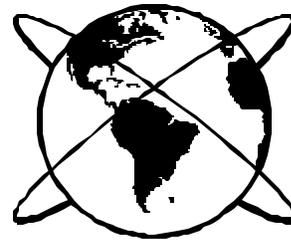
schools from Eastern and Western Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. A sampling of the countries represented is Russia, Ukraine, Germany, Egypt, Romania, Hungary and Kazakhstan. In all, we are told there will be approximately 20 missions schools represented. The parents of these students are spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in every country in Eastern and Western Europe.

Bill will serve as the keynote speaker in the evenings; in addition, Joyce will have two sessions each morning with the spouses of the administrators, encouraging them in their marriages and their relationship with Christ.

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Keith is FLM's most versatile speaker. We have been told that the administrators at this conference may have some specific pressing needs that Keith, given his experience in both counseling and pastoring, is well-suited to address. In attendance will be top administrators from missions schools in Africa, including Kenya, Tanzania, Cameroon, Botswana and Nigeria. *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

Please be in prayer for:

- Safe travel, good health, and spiritual protection for Keith Boyer, Bill and Joyce Wakefield
- Smooth transition for Sara and Maggie Wakefield as both mom and dad are ministering overseas
- The “right words at the right time” to minister to the needs of missionaries and their marriage relationships
- Keith Boyer as he seeks to meet the specific and pressing needs of the administrators at the Nairobi conference.

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