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Virginia Beach Emmaus/ Chrysalis Celebration Event

On June 9th & 10th, the Tidewater Emmaus Community hosted a Regional Celebration Event. Virginia Beach United Methodist Church was gracious enough to allow us to use their beautiful facility one block off the ocean in the resort area of Virginia Beach, VA.



We had a splendid time of worship, fellowship and training and of course great food! Communities from up and down the coast and beyond sent 150 people to continue their servant's role by learning more about the Walk to Emmaus program. In the same way that the Walk the laity to be church leaders, this Celebration Event renewed those folks to go one step further and be leaders in the Emmaus community.

Workshops touched on every part of the weekend from Sponsorship to Fourth Day for both Emmaus and

Chrysalis. There were opportunities to visit at least four workshops...no one went away with their questions unanswered. No one went away disappointed with those answers. **There will be another Celebration Event November 3rd & 4th in Houston, TX.** Each community is encouraged to send several members of their Board of Directors and I can tell you...it's well worth it!

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Emmaus of the Cumberlands

Men's Walk #53 en Español

by Becky Miller, Community Lay Director

Here in America we celebrate Memorial Day to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the security and freedom of our great nation—this “land of opportunity.” During this most recent Holiday Weekend, the Emmaus of the Cumberlands Community hosted an historical Men's Walk #53 en Español—Tennessee's first Emmaus Walk to be presented in the Spanish language. This Walk and our Women's Walk #54 scheduled for June 22nd, were designed to bless those who have come from Spanish-speaking nations in search of a better life for their families. Some will stay in America—others will return to their homeland. In either event, our hope and prayer is that they will become stronger in their Christian walk and be better able to serve Christ in their homes, their workplace, their church and community.

The vision for this momentous event was planted in the heart of Rev. Miguel Carpizo and his wife, Paula more than two years ago. As this vision began to mature, Rev. Carpizo shared his desire with Donald Stockton, who was at that time Lay Director for our Emmaus Community. Donald brought Miguel's request before the Emmaus Board, the Board hooked up with the vision, and the rest is history.

After many months, even years, of planning and preparation, our Community, with the help and grace of God, assembled a bilingual Emmaus Team whose members truly have a heart for the Hispanic culture. The Upper Room's International Office joined in and was very supportive of our endeavor. Without a doubt, God found favor in our undertaking, keeping His hand upon us every step of the way. With a great deal of prayer, and under the esteemed leadership of Don Ragland and Miguel Carpizo, (Weekend Lay Leader and Spiritual Director respectively), many lives were changed that weekend and Holy Spirit sealed for all eternity.

During the three-day weekend, it was amazing to see God move in the lives of the Pilgrims, Team Members, the volunteers, and yes, even those who traveled from other Emmaus

Communities to take part in the weekend events. The Closing Ceremony was “proof positive” that the Holy Spirit of God had been and continued to be in our midst. Tears flowed as one-by-one the Pilgrims shared from the depth of their heart what they had experienced during this 72-hour Walk with God. These men were so open and honest, and so very trusting at the close of their weekend—different from what had been observed during the early part of the Walk.

Our Women's Walk #54 en Español, under the lay leadership of Jackie Ragland, was held as scheduled in June and proved to be as much a blessing as the Men's Walk. Many spoke at Closing of how deeply they had experienced God's love and how the difference in language had posed no problem for them. The pilgrims were eager to learn specific English words and phrases, the most popular of which were, “Thank you, thank you, thank you!” and “I love you, I love you, I love you!”

Not only was our team blessed to have two very qualified Interpreters, but also, we had been provided with transmitters and headphones for our use during the weekend. Was there a language barrier that weekend? The general response from those involved would be a resounding, “What language barrier?” Aside from the logistics of the



Spanish Speaking Walks Opportunities

For those communities interested in Spanish speaking Walks in the U.S. please contact the International Walk to Emmaus Office for a copy of the Guidelines for Conducting Spanish-Speaking Walks in the United States.

You may call

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Or, you may call toll free at 1-877-899-2780 and ask the operator to connect you to anyone in the Emmaus office.

*This is my body broken for you...
This is my blood shed for you...*



Testimony

I attended the Emmaus Walk #34 in Sidney, OH and I left shortly after the Dying Moments ceremony. It was so powerful, and I fought it every step of the way, not ready to release my pride, and ego, and confess my sins. It was a huge mistake. My sponsor was my loving brother, and brother-in-law, from the West Liberty United Methodist Church in West Liberty, OH. I let him and so many other people down. I felt the love of the members there, and God's presence at many points, and I fought it all the way. I was not ready to admit my sins. I am ready now. I give up. I give in.

I want God in my life. I need God in my life. I want Him to take this, to give it all up to Him. I want His forgiveness. I give myself over to Him, completely for Him to make me the man that He wants me to be.

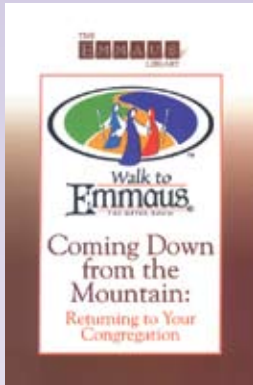
I have been so very lost, for so very long. I cannot do this anymore. I do not want this empty life I have created out of hurting the people that I love, and those that love me. I am ready now. I come, completely broken and shattered by my own actions. I know that only through Christ, only through God can I be made whole, can I be reborn.

- Bryan Scott Davis
West Liberty, OH

translation process, we learned that when we follow God's great commandment to love one another, and when we speak from our "Heart", a universal language comes forth—the language of "L-O-V-E"—a language understood by every nation and tongue, from generation to generation.

Let our prayer be that God will search our hearts, and if He finds any racial prejudice or cultural bias within us, that He will reveal it to us, that we may confront those issues and deal personally with the Father, One-on-one. Lord, help us to love one another and bind us together—every nation, every tongue, every color, every people.

Dios te bendiga! (God bless you!)



Coming Down from the Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation

The Emmaus® Library

By Lawrence Martin

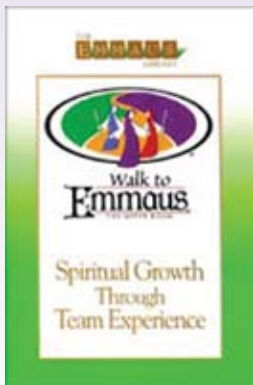
The "mountaintop" Emmaus weekend experience is temporary while the rest of a pilgrim's life may seem like a "valley." Martin guides new pilgrims on how to "come down from the mountain and work in the valleys" of everyday congregational life.

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“Why Can’t We Do it Like Cursillo?”

by Aubrey Sloan, Central Coast California

We understand your question. Many others have said the same thing. Emmaus shares fundamental aspects with the Cursillo tradition. There are, however, many variations within the Cursillo Movement itself. Sometimes people ask, “Why doesn’t Emmaus do it the way it was done in Cursillo?” without realizing that Cursillo weekends vary from state to state and from country to country. While the fundamental structure is held in common, particulars in Cursillo often differ. As an international program, the Emmaus Office is trying to develop a standard program that prevents Emmaus from being remade after the likeness of the various leaders. When we rework the Emmaus Model, adding this part and removing that part, we increasingly diminish its potential for working as a whole toward communicating the Christian message on many levels. Most additions and changes in the model accommodate the team members, not the pilgrims (e.g., footwashing, Mañanitas, etc.) The Walk does not need to include every meaningful religious experience or reflect every Cursillo variation, and it cannot address every need in life.

Also, changes by independent-minded team members set a dangerous precedent. While their innovations may “work”, future teams may want to claim their right to be creative as well and to try out their own ideas.

Changes become tradition overnight because new pilgrims believe their experience represent the way Emmaus should be. Traditions build upon traditions. The Emmaus manual serves as the plumb line that prevents traditions from developing and keeps each Walk centered on the prescribed program.

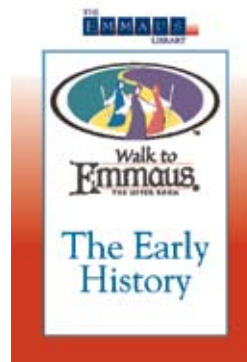
While this was a little long I hope it helps you understand why we are asking you to do Walks in line with the Emmaus Model. Remember too that the pilgrims don’t know the difference. Other communities have run a weekend per the Emmaus Model and the pilgrims had a great experience.

Pastor Rick Warren summed it up very nicely in the first sentence of his book *The Purpose Driven Life*:

“It’s not about you.”

We need your input:

- Please share with us your comments and fourth day testimonies thru e-mail at: Emmaus@upperroom.org
- Please inform us about your Community’s Anniversary, providing the name of your Community, State or Country, and the date of its first Walk.
- Please encourage your pilgrims to share with us their Weekend experiences, and the positive changes they are experiencing at their local churches.
- For shared experiences to be in the Newsletter, please provide us authorization to edit and to use in our publications.
- You can find our contact info at: www.upperroom.org/emmaus/contact/
- Please inform your community members that they can read their shared experiences in the Emmaus Newsletter. It is free and anyone can subscribe. Instructions for subscription are presented elsewhere.



Walk to Emmaus: The Early History

The Emmaus Library
By Robert Wood
Nearly one million people have participated in The Upper Room’s Walk to Emmaus since it began in 1978 as a three-day ecumenical leadership renewal movement.

Bob Wood, the founding international director of the Walk to Emmaus, gives a very personal firsthand account of the beginnings of the movement. Wood recalls people from the Catholic Cursillo movement who helped Emmaus begin, and he shares how Cursillo communities advised Emmaus groups as they deepened their relationship with Christ. Wood also recalls the ministries of Maxie Dunnam, Danny Morris, Bob Tuttle and others who participated in this significant renewal ministry.

In addition to a timeline of significant events in the Emmaus movement, Wood also writes about Chrysalis, the youth Emmaus movement.

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