

Fall 2018 Edition

Love Notes

Newsletter of Mennonite & Brethren Marriage Encounter

SAVE THE DATE!!

Marriage Encounters

February 8-10, 2019
Kenbrook Bible Camp,
Lebanon, PA

April 26-28, 2019
Southern Ontario

November 1-3, 2019
Southern Ontario

November 8-10, 2019
Christian Retreat Center
East Waterford, PA

Engaged Encounters

Held at Kenbrook Bible
Camp, Lebanon, PA:

February 15-17, 2019
March 22-24, 2019
May 17-19, 2019
August 2-4, 2019
September 20-22, 2019

Romantic Night Out

February 2, 2019



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Touched by His Glory

Only God could have orchestrated the “songs of His love” that reverberated throughout the September 28-30 Marriage Encounter in Berlin, Ohio. The weekend was composed primarily of Hispanic couples plus some African American and Caucasian individuals. As our Team received attendee names, we began praying for their love needs, even though we had no clue what those needs might be. We also prayed daily that nothing would hinder the arrival of two church leadership couples coming from Mexico.

One wife testified during the Saturday evening sharing time that the Holy Spirit had prompted her to ask her husband to forgive her for an on-going critical spirit. Weeping she said, “Someone must have been praying.” Her repentance softened her husband’s heart who asked for prayer for his anger issues. We gathered around them and laid hands on them for deliverance. The Team sat back in amazement as people shared how God was intervening in their marriages. It was holy ground!

The Mexican couples, Oto and Dori Bel Soto and Agustin and Lidia Suarez, faced repeated obstacles ranging from money, to time, to family, to time off work, to obtaining permission to enter the States. Their initial request for passports was rejected. Everyone’s passport except Dori’s arrived. There were moments of despair, but they believed that if God wanted them to attend, He would open the door. Oto declared, “God made it possible to get a new appointment in the capital city and Dori’s passport was finally granted!” Next was calling the embassy to get visas, a process which typically takes two to three weeks. Time was running out! “My wife’s request was approved as well as our daughter’s. Praise the Lord! Many people are rejected every day, but in our case our request was granted in two days! Someone must have been praying!” said Oto. It was important for the two couples to attend the Ohio encounter as couples in Mexico were asking for ways to build their marriages.

Haroldo & Esmirna Nunes and Raul & Vanita Tadeo, who coordinated the Ohio weekend, facilitated a meeting between the Presenting Team and the Mexican couples. Plans began to emerge for a 2019 Marriage Encounter in Mexico. Raul noted, “There is such a strong interest in strengthening marriages that one of our biggest problems will be the need to turn away people who want to come to an Encounter. How many couples can you handle?” After discussion we agreed on 40 couples. Our Team responded, “40 couples is 80 people! Can you find a facility that will handle that many attendees?” They assured us they can. We had been touched by the hand of God!

~Submitted by: Idella Otto



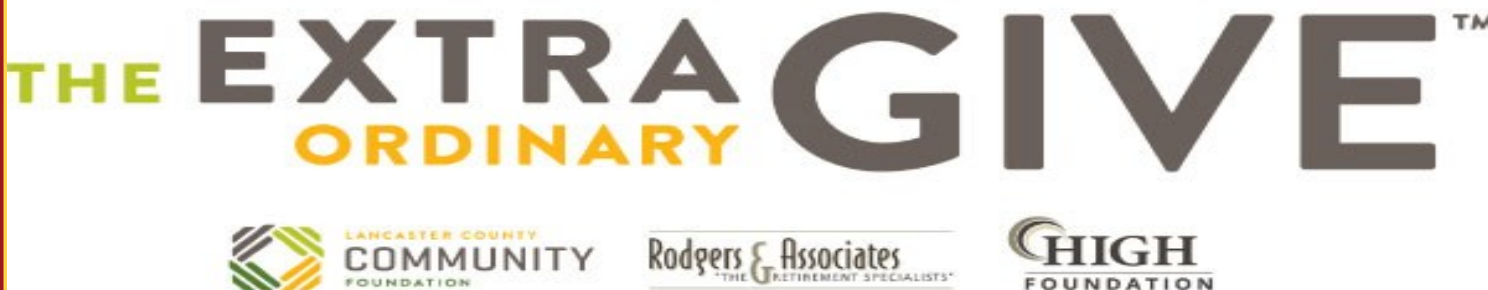
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Mark Your Calendar!



Sponsored by the Lancaster County Foundation, Extraordinary Give is held on **Friday, November 16**, as 24 hours of online giving to your favorite Lancaster County-based charity. The special part about this fundraising effort is how your donation gets “stretched”. Whatever percentage of the total money donated on that day is designated for Marriage & Engaged Encounter, we receive that same percentage of the **more than half million dollar** stretch pool. For example, if Marriage & Engaged Encounter raises 3% of the donations on that day, we receive that money plus 3% of the \$500,000 stretch pool! Visit www.extragive.org or call us at 717-569-5676 for more information. Thank you for your investment in godly marriages!



Wanted!! Presenting Couples for Engaged and Marriage Encounter

If you are interested in being a part of M & B Marriage and Engaged Encounter in this way, please email love@marriageencounter.org or call 717-569-5676 for more information.

Romantic Night Out February 2, 2019



Join us as we welcome Brad and Heidi Mitchell, creators of *Build Your Marriage*, to our 36th annual Romantic Night Out banquet at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland. Brad and Heidi have over two decades of experience as both pastors and conference speakers and are passionate about marriage. They offer practical insights from life and the Bible to help couples take steps to build their marriage. For more information about Brad and Heidi, visit their website at www.buildyourmarriage.org. Don't miss this opportunity for a great night out with your spouse. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your service!



Nevin & Mary Boll recently retired from Marriage Encounter after nearly 30 years of service. Besides serving on the board, they've been the ME weekend supply couple for many years. Previously they had served for many years planning and assisting with the RNO banquet. Mary's bubbly personality, Nevin's quiet wit, and both of their behind-the-scenes dedication will be missed.

Thank you Nevin & Mary for using your time, energy, and gifts to serve Marriage Encounter!