

Dear Friends,

We have had a wonderful month ministering in the Lord's name! We did two weekend couples conferences on Maui, *Eternal Impact* and *Leaving a Legacy*, which were blessed events. I thought I would share one email we received as a result:

"I just wanted to thank you again for coming out and teaching us another approach to God's work. I am not sure you know how much Susy and you have impacted Geanelli's and my life (especially mine). I thoroughly enjoyed both Susy's and your stories about your lives and the way you tell them is so captivating. What I appreciate most of all is that I am looking at my family life a whole new way. Thank God for those patented finger exercises you taught us. Those sure help out when we are in the car. Will you do me a favor and thank your wife for me?"

The next week Phil, Matthew, Anna and Joshua spoke seven times at Boca Raton Community Church for their last "snowbird" conference of the year. As some of the crowd was somewhat older, they added a lot to their talks on grandparenting which was very much appreciated. One 94 year-old man came up to Phil and said, "You've given me so many ideas. There are so many things I need to be doing with my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren!" I hope I am still such a learner at 94.

Two weeks ago we did an *Eternal Impact* weekend for couples at the Homeschool Building in Grand Rapids. On these *Eternal Impact* weekends, we give our testimony on Friday night. On Saturday morning we do the first session on having a more intimate marriage and the second session on discipling your children. After lunch we split the men and women; Phil shares on Purity and Accountability and I share on Purity and Forgiveness. I speak quite frankly to the women about the fact that Satan is out to destroy every Christian marriage he can and about our responsibility in helping our husbands with the great temptations they face every day. I find that many women have not taken seriously enough their very crucial role in protecting their husband's against sexual sin. We end the day with a Call to Commitment to win the world by discipling one person at a time. We were encouraged by so many comments on the weekend, and I thought you might enjoy my sharing one, below:

"A miracle happened in the women's room as my wife came to understand this issue men deal with and how women can help us in the victory process. Your frank open discussion, as a business man and spiritual leader that I have looked up to for a decade now was so refreshing and honest I could hardly believe it was happening. I took away many very, very good ideas of how to continue the victory that I am attaining little by little every day, and a renewed hope that I am not the only business/spiritual leader that deals with these issues and has been able to realistically put in place to have victory on a consistent basis. My wife apologized to me for things that she felt she was still harboring against me, even though some things I've done were really breaches of trust, (not physical affair or intercourse) but frankly fantasizing of the mind which as we know is just as bad. Feeling her forgiveness has given me such a sense of freedom and desire to please her all the more."

Last week Phil spoke at the National Coalition of Men's Ministries Leadership conference on discipleship and then headed out to Orange County for the International Men's Conference. At the end of his talk on Saturday, virtually the entire room of men came forward to commit to disciple at least one man in the next year. To God be the Glory!

Sunday night he did a couples outreach for the Lake Arrowhead CBMC group. Sixty-six people turned out and 24 indicated they had prayed to receive Christ with Phil at the end of his testimony! A faithful group of men and women will follow-up this exciting fruit of their prayers and lifestyle evangelism. Phil spoke Monday morning to a group about the role of a grandparent in discipleship, and will teach studies in the area three evenings this week.

This Saturday Phil will speak at the "Men of Honor" conference in Worcester, Massachusetts. Please pray that the men from all over New England will be inspired to take the vision of discipleship back to their circles of influence.

Next week Phil will be doing an *Eternal Impact* weekend for McKinney Fellowship Bible Church outside of Dallas and also taping a radio program with Gene Getz. The church is excited about inspiring their men to disciple others. Please pray!

May 9 – 12 is the National Mock Trial Competition in St. Paul, Minnesota! Matthew, Joshua, and Anna have been juggling school (their teacher is a pretty tough task master) and preparation for the big competition. They are working on it every spare moment, plus doing fund raisers for the balance of the expenses as it was decided to bring up the other homeschool mock trial team that came in second both in the region and the state. After the competition, we will stay for the rest of the week with my sister and her family who live just minutes away in Minneapolis. The competition is in a different city each year and for the last four years Matthew has said, "Aunt Paula, when I'm a junior we are going to win the state championship and come to National's in St. Paul so you can come watch us!" What a thrill that the Lord granted that heart's desire. I know they would covet your prayers, particularly on May 10th and 11th when they have the four trials.

We finish out May speaking at the CBMC Carolina Conference at White Oak the 24th through the 26th. The family will be speaking and sharing on

The Keys to Godly Discipline

Solving Conflicts Through Truth in Love

Family Ministry that is Fun and Fruitful

Purity and Accountability for Men – Young and Old

Homeschooling (ideas, questions, and answers)

Teaching Your Children to Love God's Word

Reaching and Discipling Others for Christ

I know the organizers of this conference would appreciate you praying for them. We met them the first time we spoke at this conference back in the 80's when we were still

practicing law! Since then they have been attendees, but never in charge and this is quite a challenge.

As always, we are so grateful for your love, your support, and your prayers. What a great and mighty privilege to serve the Lord together!

Sincerely in Christ,

Susy