



The Chaplain's CHRONICLES



FROM THE DESK OF THE NEW CEO

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with each of you as we seek to honor the Lord and advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ via Caring Resources Ministries International (CRMi). Before I say anything else, I want to express my admiration and appreciation for Bob Ruesch and the team that has built this ministry.

For some of you the question in your mind is who is Douglas Hollums? I am a servant of the Lord who came to know Him as a teenager and committed my life to follow and serve Him whenever, wherever, and however He directs in my life. Early in my Christian life I was asked a question: What do you want written on your tombstone? My answer was and is "A good and faithful servant of his Lord". And for others the question may be why take this level of responsibility? My answer is the same. I am committed to follow where the Lord leads and trust Him for the resources and strength needed.

For those interested in learning more about me, I was raised in the South, but spent my after-college life in the Northwest. I received my Bachelor's at Columbia Bible College in Columbia SC. I have served with Village Missions and received my Master of Divinity at Multnomah Graduate School in Portland OR. I met and married my lovely wife Arlene while in the Northwest. Over the years I have served as a Senior Pastor as well as in a lay capacity. I have established two Insurance

Agencies and served on a variety of non-profit boards. I am a Board-Certified Chaplain with two Associations and have been a board-certified instructor for the Institute of Clinical Pastoral Training. I have also served as a hospital and hospice chaplain. For seven of the last eight years, I have served in a management capacity for two hospitals on the Oregon Coast. Last year Arlene and I served as a Park Chaplain in Harlingen TX with CRMi. Arlene loves music and I enjoy photography when I have time.

So, now that the Board has chosen me to serve as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), where are we going from here? In reviewing CRMi's 5-year strategic plan, it brought my attention to our Vision and Mission statements. So as a launching pad for our first year working together, I would like to focus our initial goals and objectives on that foundation.

In case you have not read our statement lately, it is:

Vision Statement:
To provide caring, creative
Christ-centered ministries
in a changing culture.

Over the years since our establishment 20 years ago, CRMi has found that our primary focus is the RV Communities reaching out to Winter Texans and Snow Birders in Arizona and Florida. Therefore, I would like to continue that focus as we continue to develop a transferable model of ministry that can be applied in a variety of ministry applications.

As with any vision statement it requires establishing goals and objectives that center around that vision. Nehemiah's vision was to rebuild the Wall not the city; therefore, he set his focus on the completion of the Wall. I understand our vision was built with a broad scope of areas that we could pursue being open to the Lord's guidance. At this point in our ministry, I believe God is leading to focus on carrying out the Great Commission in the RV communities we serve and establishing new ones. Yes, other focuses may develop out of this pursuit, but we need to keep our eyes on the ball and not get sidetracked on those other pursuits no matter how well intended they may be.

As many have seen, a vision statement is only as good as the team's ownership of it. As your new CEO, I realize that I can motivate and persuade many to buy into my vision, but that is not what will make us a good team working together to serve the Lord. I desire that the whole team see that they are a part of the big picture. Therefore, I want your feedback and your ideas as we seek the Lord's direction in expanding our outreach into new RV Communities.

To continue carrying out our vision will require working as a team utilizing each board member's and/or chaplain's strengths as we build together. In addition to a Vision Statement, CRMi has supported our vision with a mission statement that I would like to build out more in my next letter.

Looking forward to working together,
Douglas Hollums, *CEO, CRMi*



In Search of Shalom, Excellence in Ministry

2022 ANNUAL CRM CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 24TH - 28TH

@ Sunshine RV Resort, Harlingen, TX

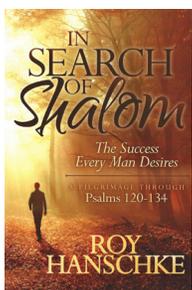
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8



ROY HANSCHKE
"THE SEARCH FOR SHALOM"



JEFF & CRISS HASTINGS
WARRIOR 180°



The conference will have two excellent speakers again this year. Our keynote speaker will be Roy Hanschke, author, speaker, radio personality and a corporate Chaplain. He will address the theme of this year's Fall Conference Experience.

Jeff and Criss Hastings are co-founders of Warrior 180. They have developed a nationwide program to identify the hidden feelings of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and suicide.



Talk about two emotional opposite feelings, from tranquility and harmony to depression and feeling incomplete.

As Chaplains, you will encounter these emotions and feelings in your RV resort, many times in a days' time. Come and sharpen your skills, develop friendship fellowships. Let's see where God leads.



It is time to secure your spot, sign up now, or wish you did!
<https://crmintl.org/machform/view.php?id=20670>

perspectives

by Paula Key

Turning A Minus Into A Plus

When my husband and I were young and had small children, we were really learning and growing in our walk with God. For a while, it seemed like Heaven on earth with everything going our way. Then, in one week, the clothes washer broke down, the dishwasher quit working, and the car needed repair. It felt like our whole world was falling apart. We learned a Bible strategy through God's Word to use when going through trials and troubles that we have continued to use for the last 50 years.

First, we search our hearts to make sure we are not walking in any known disobedience to the Lord or in any unforgiveness. I John 3:19-22

Second, we make sure we are up to date on our tithing and giving to God so that God can rebuke the devourer for our sakes. Malachi 3:10-11

Lastly, we try to find a way to turn the minus into a plus. Romans 12:21 This part gets really exciting!

When all those appliances broke down in one week, we decided to give a special monetary gift to the church in the same amount that was taken by the repairs. Those appliances and car never broke down again for the rest of the time we had them! That was a real plus instead of a minus!

One time when we were trying to prepare our home to put on the market



to sell, there was a repair we needed to make that just seemed impossible to do after many attempts. The Lord prompted us to help build up the House of God while we were trying to "spruce up" our own home to sell. The very next attempt to make that repair went perfectly smooth and without any trouble, and the house sold for more than it was appraised for! Another plus!

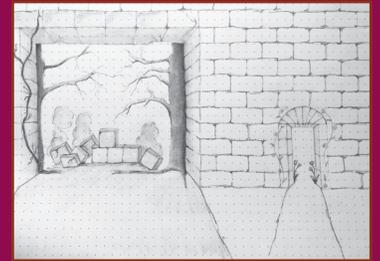
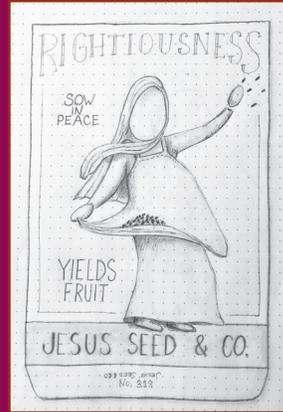
Years later, our brand new home was burglarized by a neighbor on another street while we were out of town. I asked the Lord how we could turn this minus into a plus. He led us to share the Good News of Jesus with our whole neighborhood. So, we drove by every house in our area, prayed for each family, and left a Gospel tract for each home, and our insurance paid us more than we needed! Another minus was turned into a plus!

It's exciting to find ways to turn negative situations into positive ones. Romans 12:21

God will show us a way each and every time! "Our God always causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus." 2 Corinthians 2:14



Sheila Freeland, one of the Chaplain's wives creates drawings from scripture to share with others so they may dig into God's Word and find the scripture that it is depicting. Can you guess where these are found in scripture? Answers will be on the bottom of last page.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

All Texas CRM chaplains and their wives are invited to participate in submitting personally-written devotionals for the "Perspectives" article in the Texas Times newspaper. The Perspectives devotionals are published once a week during the whole winter season. All Hands On Deck!! We need to hear from you!!

Contact Shirley Maxson for all details at her email:
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ARE YOU CALLED TO THE RGV?

Hello everybody. I write this article as I begin my eighth year as the Texas Regional Manager for CRM, and I'm still loving it. Talking to new applicants, explaining what we do and why we do it just keeps me excited. Spending time with all the other chaplains is just a bonus!

Despite my teasing our chaplains that my job is somewhat akin to running an adult daycare, I work with some of the greatest, God fearing and people loving folks that I have ever known. Despite having all these wonderful folks to work with, we always need more. People retire, some become ill and can no longer come down to the Rio Grande Valley, and we are continually adding parks who need chaplains.

That's where I come in. We, as a ministry, place ads in several publications and encourage people to spread the fact that we need chaplains in the RGV. As applications come in, I do several phone interviews and social calls to get to know

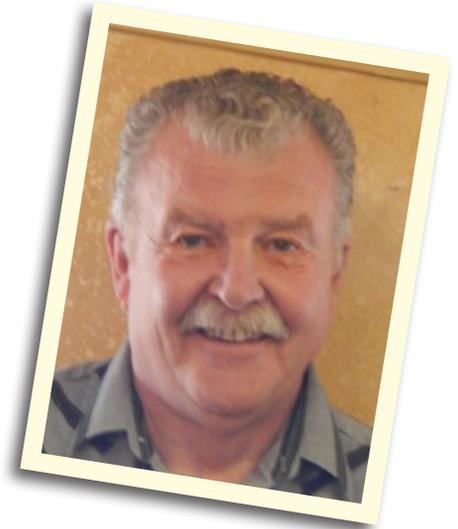
the applicants. I also call each new park to help me understand the needs and the "personality" of the park. Yes, each park has a personality just like all of us do. My task is to match the park's "personality" with a chaplain personality to hopefully create a long lasting, life changing and soul saving ministry in the park.

I cannot do that alone. Without the help of Shirley Maxon to do much of the leg work and others who I can lean on for advice and answers to difficult questions, I would be unable to effectively do this job. Most importantly, I pray, pray, pray over every park and every applicant. God knows who should be in each and every park, and I give Him the Glory for what He has done. We at CRM do our part, but it is ultimately God who puts the puzzle together.

If you have taught Sunday school, or have worked as a lay pastor, or maybe just have a heart to teach and preach the Word of God, then this might be a great opportunity for you. If you have some

recorded sermons, or if your church sees something in you and is willing to send you out as the early disciples were sent, pray about this opportunity. Check us out! Put in an application. Put me to work for you and for the Kingdom of God!

Lee Tracy - *Texas Regional Manager for CRM*



BENEFITS OF BEING A CRM CHAPLAIN

CRM helps its chaplains in a variety of ways that facilitate the ministry that God has called them to. CRM helps the chaplains personally, spiritually, and professionally by providing:

ONGOING SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND CHALLENGE

COUNSEL, ADVICE, MINISTRY COACHING, AND PASTORAL CARE

PRAYER SUPPORT

MONTHLY CHAPLAIN MEETINGS, TRAINING, AND FELLOWSHIP

CRM WEBSITE WITH VARIOUS KINDS OF MINISTRY HELPS SUCH AS:

- ACCESS TO CRM TRAINING VIDEOS
- ACCESS TO PURCHASE MANY CHRISTIAN BOOKS, DEVOTIONALS, FILMS, ETC.,

TAX EXEMPTION FOR DONATIONS TO CHAPLAINS UNDER CRM'S 501C3 NONPROFIT STATUS

Being a chaplain with CRM has many benefits that promote a successful ministry by the chaplains.

CRM MISSIONS OUTREACH

At Mission Bell RV Resort in Mission, Texas, our chaplains and the Winter Texans made good use of their time, talents, and used grocery bags. The people in the park save up all their plastic grocery bags for the year for this missions outreach. They work to make mattresses for the homeless in Mexico. They take 60 inch-wide material a couple of yards long, fold it in half, sew both ends, create a pillow, and then every 5 inches sew a seam to make a tube. They stuff all the saved grocery bags into the tubes in the mattresses. Sleeping on one of these is much better than sleeping on a cold, dirt floor! They were able to finish 51 of them! Just think – 51 ways to say Jesus loves you; Jesus cares! The brother who takes them to the homeless said the people would be sleeping on them by the next day! That's a mighty fast return on your investment in time and effort for the Kingdom of God!



IN REMEMBRANCE

We have, in our hearts, some more Chaplains that have run their race and finished their course here on earth. They are Paul Darnell and David Winchester.

PAUL DARNELL

Paul Darnell, and his wife Dianne, lived in Canada and was our CRM Tech Support for many years overseeing the website until he recently passed away from a heart attack. They would travel to South Texas regularly to film the CRM services and training videos and to encourage the chaplains until health issues prohibited it. He was a consistent supporter of the ministry, and it was said of Chaplain Paul that he was a good and kind man, an encourager, and held himself to high Christian standards. He was an example of a solid, quiet Christian faith where he “walked the walk” far more than he “talked the talk.” Please be in prayer for Dianne and all the family.



DAVID WINCHESTER

David Winchester and his wife Ellie were from Iowa and lived down in the Valley of Texas every winter to serve as a “Floater Chaplain.” David would fill the pulpit for any of the Texas chaplains that had to miss a service at their home park. He would help and encourage chaplains who were sick. David was known as a meek man full of the Spirit and the Word. You could hear his caring and loving heart through his music and devotions. He was a gentle giant and a loving man of God. David is gone, but not forgotten, present with the Lord. Our prayers go out for Ellie and the family.



ANSWERS TO DRAWING THE WORD

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.
James 3:18

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:13-14



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