



# Courageous Hearts Ministries

Newsletter 12/9/10  
Volume 2, Issue 2

3228 East Eisenhower Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80537

[CourageousHeartsMinistries.org](http://CourageousHeartsMinistries.org)

[info@courageousheartministries.org](mailto:info@courageousheartministries.org)

(970) 663-2044

## Ministries Update

By Steve and Sherilyn Cook

What an exciting year this has been for Courageous Hearts. Thank you so much for partnering with us. We could not have accomplished so much without your prayer support and financial support.

After eight long years in the making, the book we use for the ministry, "With All My Heart, I Will Love You" is published and available for sale. We anticipate great events in the future using this book. Getting this book published is a major milestone for the ministry. For the last two years, we have been printing out expensive loose-leaf copies at copy centers, but now we can finally offer an up-to-date, convenient, and less expensive book. And the final book is certainly better written and more finished than some of the earlier manuscripts. It is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble company websites (Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com — search for ISBN #1450083102). For much less money, Amazon offers a Kindle eBook version and Barnes and Noble offers a Nook eBook version as well.

Getting a book published is hard work! Most of this last year was spent reading and re-reading and editing – it is finally over! But even during the toil, God revealed a new stronghold to Sherilyn, resulting in another "piece" of freedom. It's amazing how God works. Let us know if you would like more information about the book or our DVDs. Each DVD in our taped DVD series corresponds to one chapter of the book. The material is pretty easy to use as a teaching tool. Let us know if any of you would like to view the DVD's and then consider offering this material to your church for Sunday School classes,

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

CH Ministries Update .....	1
What's Next .....	2
Ministry Musings .....	2
Prayer Requests .....	3

bible studies, or home fellowship groups. If you would like to try this (at no cost), let us know. It would be wonderful if you could help us promote these godly principles that will change lives and relationships.

The Federal trademark registration of our logo (a cross with two connected hearts) has finally been approved following a probationary examination period. This trademark protects the ministry from those who might use our ministry logo or trademark without approval.

Because of scheduled surgery for Sherilyn, we took a break from teaching another Sunday school class during the fall. She ended up having surgery in August and October for diverticulitis and to have her gall bladder removed. She was a pretty sick puppy for about two months, so it was a good thing the class was postponed. A new class will be starting up in January pending final approval at our church. Our church is also investigating how we might be able to integrate teaching our principles to a group of un-churched as a follow-up after they attend a series at the church designed to help at-risk families.

The ministry is doing well financially and has been so blessed. We continue to be amazed how God meets all of our needs through all the support we receive. Once again, 100% of support goes to the ministry. We do not use any donated funds for our

personal needs in any way and this continues to be our plan going forward.

(continued from Page 1)

In late August, Steve began a four semester program at Front Range Community College to earn an AAS degree in accounting. Accounting skills will help him better manage the ministry as well as earn supplemental income, if necessary, in a career other than

## What's Next?

The book cost from our current publisher, Xlibris, is much less than when we were making Kinkos copies, but there is still room for improvement. We plan on sending our manuscript to a different publisher who can publish for about half of what Xlibris charges. We own the rights to the book, so we can transfer our printing to other publishers.

We have been investigating how to eliminate a 60 Hz hum from some of the DVD videos. The hum is distracting to some viewers, especially during the first few minutes of each video. Since the raw AVCHD high-definition video files are huge, filtering out the hum requires a high performance computer to separate out and process the audio data files and then recombine them with video.

This winter, Sherilyn will continue to work on a seminar series of 3-4 lecture sessions. The seminar material will be an appropriate subset of the more comprehensive material covered in the book. Once

the basic seminar material is developed, we will modify it as necessary for targeting different groups like high-schoolers, married couples, or engaged couples. Now that the book is released, people are starting to look for our web presence for more information. Therefore, during the one month break between semesters this winter, Steve is planning on making significant progress on the ministry web page at [www.courageoushearts.org](http://www.courageoushearts.org).

We are interested in supplying ministry kits (the book and ten DVDs) to prisons free of cost. We are also investigating how we can better integrate our ministry with churches, using the book and DVDs. Finally, we place a high priority next year on getting 15 kits free of charge into different individual's hands so that they can examine it, decide whether or not to "take the journey" or return it. If they take the journey to the end of the book, then we hope they will recommend this material for use in their church.

## Ministry Musings

By Sherilyn Cook

First, we want to take the opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very special 2011.

I love this time of the year. As I look back over the year, I praise God for all the things He has accomplished through us and for us and how He has blessed us in our personal lives – especially for how He has physically healed me after the two surgeries. It is the end of a year that can never be replaced or be done over. Now we can fix our gaze on 2011 with great anticipation. We hope you will continue to be PIGs (Partners in Glory) with us and share in the excitement and awe of what God can and will do in 2011.

This past year I have discovered how even the "simplest" of scriptures can take on such deeper meaning in light of my new walk in Christ. (continued next page)

### Courageous Hearts Ministries

3228 East Eisenhower Blvd  
Loveland, CO 80537

#### Phone:

(970) 663-2044

#### E-Mail:

[info@courageousheartsministries.org](mailto:info@courageousheartsministries.org)

#### Website:

[CourageousHeartsMinistries.org](http://CourageousHeartsMinistries.org)

(continued from Page 2)

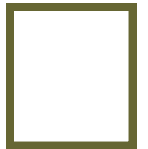
I John 4:19 says "We love because He first loved us." A few weeks ago, as I read this, it just blew me away. I read it over and over about ten times. I was simply gripped with a new revelation. It does not say, "I read a lot of books and so can love," or "I was created with the ability to love and can therefore love," or "My parents loved me so now I can love by example," etc. Get the idea? We are able to love because Christ first loved us. Period. He was born in Bethlehem (He came). He lived among us (He showed us how to live and love). He died (He paid the personal price and forgave us). He rose and gave us the Holy Spirit (He now lives in us). He did all of this for us because He loves us. And now we can love others "in Him" and "through Him." We (only) love because He first loved us! It is all about Christ – it all circles back to Him for His glory. Yet, we are His Glory, So let's love in 2011 through Him so the world will KNOW we serve the God of love.

#### Prayer requests:

- ▶ That pastors and church leaders will take the time to look at our materials and see the value in using it to teach in their churches.
- ▶ Wisdom for placing these kits into the right 15 hands (suggestions are welcome).
- ▶ A job for one of our board members, R. W., who has been out of work for two years.
- ▶ For continually improving health for Sherilyn following her surgeries.
- ▶ Pray God will continue to talk to us, lead and direct and teach us.



Courageous Hearts Ministries  
3228 East Eisenhower Blvd  
Loveland, CO 80537



«Name»

«Address»

«City», «State» «Zip»