

Christian Unity Ministries:

...exists to assist and equip Christian organizations to experience Biblical unity.

...accomplishes its mission through training events, conflict intervention, and publications to churches and Christian organizations across all evangelical denominational lines, with the objective of moving brothers and sisters in Christ toward Biblical interpersonal relationships with one another.

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The World is Opening It's Doors to this Message

by
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Well, I did not see this coming. We can save all the discussion about why NOT for another column (it will be one filled with conviction and confession on my part for having such little faith and such a small vision). I did not ever envision *Five Principles of Unity* printed in multiple languages and distributed to brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world. I also did not envision calls and e-mails from church leaders in countries such as South Africa, Australia, India, Germany, England, and others, all interested in how *Five Principles of Unity* might help churches in their country. I am embarrassed to admit that my vision was never this big—God is truly doing a God-sized work through this ministry!

In March, Dr. Ann Farris and I will join Becky's Hope Ministry in traveling to Cluj, Romania to teach *Trusting God's People Again* in a retreat for families of special needs children. These families have felt ostracized by the church and are in need of the kind of healing this material is designed to bring. We are humbled by this wonderful opportunity.

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In April, Warren Clark will lead a team into South Africa, teaching *Five Principles of Unity* to church leaders throughout the Baptist Union of South Africa and its 600+ churches. This is only the beginning of what we believe will be an on-going relationship with that denominational entity and the people and churches it represents. Again, God has given us a God-sized opportunity and we do not plan to miss it!

In June, we will take a team of 11 facilitators back to Luhans'k, Ukraine in our continuing relationship with churches in the Eastern part of that country. This time, we also hope to train pastors in the area to use the newly-available Russian-language *Five Principles of Unity* in their own churches. We have already had teams in approximately 30 of their churches and hope to be in 20 more by the end of this trip.

Of course, we continue to have many opportunities to use this material here in our own country as well. God is working powerfully in and through His church all around the world and we are rejoicing in our opportunity to be a part of it!

Opportunities **ABOUND** for You to Participate in What God is Doing— *Won't You Join Us?*

The Needs are Great!

In churches and associations of churches all over the world, God is opening doors and inviting Christian Unity Ministries to join Him in bringing His people to a better understanding of relationships within the church. As we respond to that invitation, it means more and more opportunities for YOU to be a part of what God is doing.

In order for our ministry to do our part, we need support in several ways. We need people to go with us to teach *Five Principles of Unity* in churches all over the world. We need financial support to help us keep *Five Principles of Unity* in print and available to churches. We also need financial support to help send our facilitators out to teach in churches who cannot afford to bring us.

Most importantly, we need your prayers! This ministry is mobilized through the prayers of friends just like you. Won't you prayerfully consider your part in each of these areas?

Keeping *Five Principles of Unity* in Print

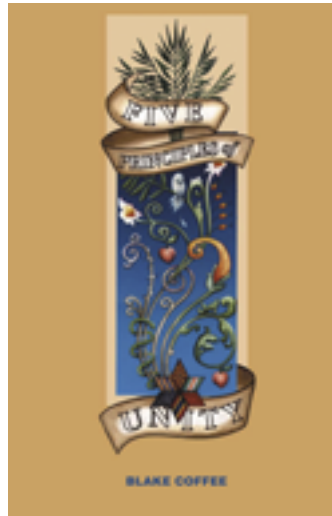
As of the printing of this newsletter, the English version of *Five Principles of Unity* is out of print. We need funds to print more copies (this will be the Third Edition of this material). We need to raise approximately \$8,000 for this printing. This will help us meet the demand for this material here in the United States. In the meantime, as churches call us

to order copies, WE HAVE NONE AVAILABLE TO SEND THEM.

Also as of the printing of this newsletter, we are anticipating the Russian-language material to come off the presses any day now. We are printing 5,000 copies in Russian, and most of those are already earmarked for delivery to churches! We are rejoicing in God's provision for this Russian-language project.

Sending Our Teachers Out

As the requests increase for our facilitators to come and teach this material, it means we need more teachers! Our Watchman Network exists for the purpose of training up peacemakers and facilitators. If you have a gift for teaching and if you feel drawn to this material, we need you! Just one question: do you have a passport?



Even if you are not one called to go out and teach this material, perhaps you can provide financial assistance to those of us who are going. Churches in Romania, Ukraine and South Africa with whom we are working can usually find a way to cover our expenses in-country, but we still need to get from here to there. Your gifts in this regard

will be used to help send our teachers/facilitators to these churches. In 2007 we will be in the countries named above. But doors into Australia and Germany are already beginning to open as possibilities for 2008.

Please prayerfully consider your year-end contribution to Christian Unity Ministries in order to be a part of what God is doing in His church around the world.

Christian Unity Ministries: Watchman Network

If you are interested in being a teacher/facilitator of our material, let us train you! Consider becoming part of our Watchman Network.

The **watchmen** in the church today are those who see the broken relationships, divisiveness and dissension among God's people as attacks of the enemy, and who feel a responsibility to do something about it.

The **Watchman Network** exists to find, equip and mobilize the watchmen of the church through a system of personal development, accountability, and intentional growth of the network.

There is no charge for being a part of the **Watchman Network**. The requirement is being in an accountability relationship with another member of the network. All members of the **Watchman Network** will have access to on line resources and materials (streaming audio, video, Power Point and Word publications) designed for learning, facilitating, or presenting Biblical principles of unity and lessons on Biblical interpersonal relationships.

For more information or to join the **Watchman Network** please go to the Christian Unity Ministries website.

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¡Se hablamos
Español!

*5 Principles of
Unity*
Spanish Edition

Available now through
our website:
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“Whatever You Bind on Earth” *Accountability in the Church*

The most common response from churches studying “Five Principles of Unity” has been their request for further teaching in the area of accountability. Christian Unity Ministries’ conference on accountability has become one of our most-requested training events. An expansion of the “Principle of Accountability”, this training is 4 hours in length and is for the entire congregation.

Like all of Christian Unity Ministries’ training events, this material is strictly Bible-based (it takes an in-depth look at Matthew 18) and remains light and entertaining throughout. Participants work together to see what it means to “become like a little child” and learn practical steps to establishing a culture of accountability in their congregation.

Among the most practical of the lessons is the portion dealing with how to respond to bad behavior in the church. The participants leave with a clear, easy-to-follow understanding of the scriptural mandates in this area.

To arrange to have this material taught in your church, either to the entire congregation or to a smaller group, contact us at:

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How Your Church Can Partner With Christian Unity Ministries

God is at work, restoring health and unity to His church. Christian Unity Ministries has joined that work, bringing His message of Biblical interpersonal relationships and Christian community to local congregations. We do this through a multi-piece training program aimed at various aspects of church life.

God has begun to call churches to partner with us in this effort—churches who not only are intentional about their own health, but who also feel a responsibility for contributing to the health of other local congregations.

Would you pray, and seek to know whether YOUR church is called to be a partnering church with Christian Unity Ministries?

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BECOMING A PARTNERING CHURCH WITH CHRISTIAN UNITY MINISTRIES

*Our **Partnering churches** are intentional about preserving the unity of the Spirit in their own congregation and receive all of our training at significantly reduced costs. They partner with us in each of the following ways:*

- *Regular monthly financial support in any amount;*
- *Being proactive about sharing testimony with other churches' leadership about this ministry;*
- *Sending their pastor or other designated representative to the Unity Ministries Annual Conference in San Antonio.*

*Join us in equipping God's people for unity. **Be a part of what God is doing!***