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Dear friend of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry,

Since I became the Executive Director last October, Tawn and I moved from the very nice on-site duplex apartment to a 200 square foot travel trailer here on site. We gave the duplex housing to the new site director and hospitality coordinator, Paul & Kristi Golke, since they live here most of the time. Tawn and I are on-site for about 10 days per month and travel around the country to spread the news about what God is doing at Shepherd's Canyon Retreat to many church workers and to the people may want to financially and prayerfully support those pastors, ministry leaders and spouses.

We are learning lots of things about living in a travel trailer in the desert. For one thing, it actually gets COLD in the winter. Last January there were times it was so cold, the trailer heater couldn't keep up, so we slept at night under 4 blankets!!

During the summer, we left the air conditioning off when we were gone, but when we got back from one particular trip, we found that a fake candle of ours had MELTED!!! (See photo.) I was surprised and disappointed and before throwing it away, I showed it to some of our staff (Paul Golke & Raine Selin). They said, "See if it still works!" So I flipped the switch and **to my surprise, the candle still worked!!**

I showed my wife the candle, and she said, "Kevin, that reminds me of your life the past few years..."

Indeed, it was! Even though I had been burned out and ready to quit ministry, I realized that even though tough experiences made me look different (than before our SCR retreat), God could still use me to share the light of Christ to others. As the old song goes..."Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me."

Now I CAN'T throw away that candle that I thought was "worthless" because it's a reminder to me of what Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is all about...helping ministry workers regardless of what shape they are in.

We're so grateful to God for the work He does through this ministry, but **we NEED YOUR partnership in prayer and your generous donations!** YOU are making a difference in the lives of pastors, ministry leaders and spouses, who will shine the light of Christ to others in new ways!



Thank you! And please read Dave & Barb's important letter on the back!

Kevin & Tawn

Rev. Kevin & Tawn Buelmann, Executive Director & Executive Coordinator
Please note our NEW Address: **PO Box 222, Wickenburg, AZ 85358**

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Dear friend of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry,

I read daily from my One-Year Bible and I make notes and underline verses which speak to my heart.

√ Yesterday, just nine years ago, our 45th counseling retreat began. Our last retreat was our 132nd! Absolutely amazing!

√ Two days and two years ago one of our SCR chaplains, Rev. Dan Sattelmeier, suddenly passed away.

√ On August 18, 2009, the first of thirteen retreats was held at Heartwood Conference Center in NW Wisconsin.

√ Three days ago I underlined Psalm 37:34 "He will honor you by giving you the land". Next to that verse I wrote "Standing Stones".

√ In today's reading, I underlined "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us". 2 Cor 1:4. I wrote SCR by this verse.

I am amazed at how God has brought about what has become this very important ministry. In the Fall of 2007, at a church on the campus of Arizona State University, I brought some folks together to "cast a vision" about a ministry possibility. The consensus from the folks who gathered was "yes...let's do it"! That ministry has become known as Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.

Hundreds of men and women, in varied full-time ministries, have come for healing and hope to these years of counseling retreats. A number of pastors have come ready to quit their ministry, have returned "under new management". They have found "a new beginning".

Near the end of a concert I recently presented, the host pastor announced to the congregation "I would not be your pastor today had we not attended a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat". I have heard words like this several times at the close of concerts.

I hope that as you read this you rejoice with me for ministry lives saved for continued service.

Now is the opportunity to make sure this ministry continues for years to come!

The incredible "results" of this ministry demand that we take action.

A Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Endowment Fund has been established and I am asking you to consider making a generous gift to this important Fund.

Your gift will help ensure the future of what has become a life-saver and ministry-saver for pastors, missionaries, military chaplains, teachers, and others.

Please fill out the reply form and send it back with your gift or your gift plan.

On behalf of men and women you will never meet but who are going to be in ministry because of their Shepherd's Canyon Retreat experience, thank you!

Dave and Barb Anderson