

## Pastors Need Encouragement Too!

Pastor Ray and Marlene Minister to Pastors and Their Wives



That's why we spent a day with 35 pastors and wives on the back end of a trip to New Brunswick and Maine. After ministering at New Brunswick Bible Institute, instead of flying straight back home, we extended our trip so we could spend a day with the Mid-Coast Evangelical Pastors of Maine.

In recent years as we have traveled across the country and around the world, our burden to encourage pastors and their wives has increased. We love being a "pastor to the pastors" and helping them any way we can. We hope to do more one-day and overnight conferences like this in the future.

### TESTIMONIES FROM MAINE PASTORS CONFERENCE:

*"You both deeply ministered to our group of pastors, Christian workers and mates here in Mid-Coast Maine. The honest transparency and clear identification with the reality and joy of ministry was so refreshing to all of us. We met today in our Pastors' group for lunch and the delight for the day together was so effusive. We praise God for you both . . . You were real!"*

— Attendee of the Conference

*"We want to thank Dr. Ray and Marlene Pritchard for graciously accepting our invitation to come and minister to the pastors here in the Mid-Coast of Maine. Their genuine love for God and His servants was evident right from the beginning. Ray's experience as a pastor added depth, life and application to the topics he spoke on. Also, Ray's candor about some of his own struggles in the ministry and God's provision was both encouraging and timely; as many of the pastors are experiencing their own struggles. It was greatly appreciated how both Ray and Marlene took time to speak with each person and exhorted them to remember their call into the ministry.*

*During the Pastor's conference, the women were ministered to by Marlene, at a breakout session. Marlene shared with us a wonderful reminder of God's care for us. We had a time of sharing, with one another, the struggles we have faced as ministry wives and how God has answered prayer and carried us through. Marlene's concern for women in ministry was very evident and her manner was gentle and unassuming. It really was a very uplifting and enjoyable day."*

— Pastor Mark and Paula Rockwood, Brunswick, Maine

## Ways to Invest in KBM for 2011

Commit to **pray** regularly for KBM.

Become a **friend** of Keep Believing Ministries on **Facebook**.

Tell a friend about KBM!

Commit to **supporting** the ministry on a monthly basis.

**\$60 a month**  
pays KBM web hosting fees

**\$100 a month**  
pays for warehousing Anchor

**\$35 a month**  
provides a box of Anchors to a partner ministry

**\$125**  
pays for translation of a sermon into Chinese.



*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*



## FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

We are like the quartermasters in the Army – we push supplies like free Anchor books to the front lines so the front line workers have the ammunition they need to equip and encourage people to Keep Believing in Jesus!

### PASSING ON ENCOURAGEMENT

At the Bible Conference in New Brunswick we heard several missionary presentations from NBBI graduates. A missionary serving in South America recounted that many times over the last few years he had visited the Keep Believing Ministries website for resources and personal encouragement. At the end of the conference he told a faculty member that he was ready to give up, but the messages Ray presented on the Miracles of Jesus gave him the strength he needed for another year of ministry.

### PASSING ON SUPPLIES

We have donated over 50,000 copies of *An Anchor for the Soul* since December, 2010. These are provided to front line ministries – prison ministries, military ministries, crisis pregnancy centers, churches, and a host of other evangelistic outreaches – across the country. We give them away free of charge to prison ministries, military ministries and crisis pregnancy ministries and offer them at cost – \$35.00 for a box of 72 Anchors, including postage – to churches and individuals involved in evangelism.

At one of the recent pastors conferences we gave out copies of Anchor with the offer to send more. We received the following message a few days later:

*My first appointment of the new week was with a young man in our community. He has made a profession of faith, not taken it too far yet, got in trouble driving last week drinking and. I got the proverbial "hail Mary" phone call of desperation, we met and set a time to take things deeper – today. I brought my copy of Anchor... with me this morning. His first words to me at 10 am were, "Pastor, I have hit rock bottom this time. I guess the only place I can look is up to God." I opened your book, and read him the first paragraph of the introduction – quoting the very words from the young man in prison. I gave him the book as a gift and he was so shocked to hear his own situation spoken in the book, he has promised to read it and share it with his fiancé.*

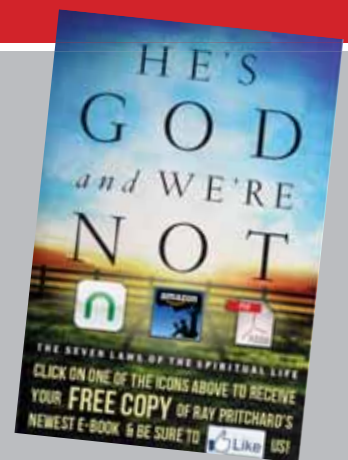
*I know you get testimonies from your ministry, but wanted to give this one fresh from the farm as we say. A definite God sighting right here just now. Praise God and send the books brother. They will have many welcoming hands and hearts for sure.*

If you could use a box of Anchors in your ministry we would be happy to provide them! All you need to do is email your request to [books@keepbelieving.com](mailto:books@keepbelieving.com). Tell us how many boxes you need and how they'll be used. Our volunteers will take care of getting the books shipped to you.

## eBooks

Did you know that Amazon.com says that ebooks are outselling print books on its website? During the Easter season we launched our first free ebook promotion. Over 4,000 people downloaded

*In the Shadow of the Cross* for their Kindle, Nook, or other eReader. This month we are offering free ebook downloads of *He's God and We're Not*. If you would like a free copy of either ebook, just go to [www.KeepBelieving.com](http://www.KeepBelieving.com) for more information. We'll be offering more free ebooks in the next few months.



# Snapshots of early 2011



During the first few months of the year we've had many opportunities to equip and encourage people to keep believing in Jesus.

**In JANUARY** Ray spent a morning in Memphis at the Stephen Olford Center giving a lecture and interacting with doctoral students about preaching. We also took a trip to Dallas to visit family and work on KBM video production with Josh. Josh is working with Derek Taylor (our webmaster) to give KBM a presence on social networks like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

**In FEBRUARY** Ray spoke at a Bible Conference at Word of Life in Hudson, Florida. Later that month Ray spoke at the Western Avenue Family Center in Toledo, Ohio. Dave and Kelly Kaiser lead this ministry that provides life-saving help to inner city families.

**In MARCH** Ray spoke at a Rochester, New York area pastors conference. Ray Viola, pastor of Koinonia Fellowship in Rochester, has a burden to reach across denominational lines for a yearly time of fellowship and encouragement with the John 17 conference. It's always a privilege to be involved with pastors! Later that month he traveled to Campbellsville, Kentucky to minister at Mount Gilboa Baptist Church.

**Early in APRIL** the Keep Believing Ministries board, staff and key volunteers met in Memphis for a 2 day retreat.



**In late APRIL** we traveled to Canada to the New Brunswick Bible Institute for their year-end Bible Conference and Graduation. We finished that trip in Brunswick, Maine where we spoke at a gathering of pastors and wives from Central Maine.

**In MAY** we participated in the Spring Bible Conference at Sierra Bible Church in Reno, Nevada. One afternoon Ray met with 9 young men and answered questions about theology and practical Christian living. Several of these young men became Christians through the witness of 3 young men who accepted Christ when Ray spoke at Sierra Bible Church a couple of years ago, making them Ray's spiritual grandchildren. Grandchildren – physical and spiritual – are a special blessing because they're the hope for the future!

## KBM Retreat



In April KBM staff, board and ministry volunteers converged on Memphis to spend a couple of days together talking about the various aspects of the ministry and sharing dreams for the future. Our team included Dave and Lynette Hoy, Cliff and Phyllis Raad, Derek Taylor, MaryAnn Spiegel, Skip Olson, Kathryn McBride, Ernie Schulz, Josh, Leah and Knox Pritchard, Mark and Vanessa Pritchard, Ray and Marlene Pritchard, Doreen and Scott Mahlstedt, Peter and Judy Faulkner, Bert and Danna Duncan, and Linda Hale. Besides having a terrific time eating and laughing and sharing together, we came away with a new excitement and passion for the ministry God has planned for us.

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE – DR. BERT DUNCAN



Dr. Bert Duncan joined the KBM Board of Directors a few months ago. He and his wife, Danna, met Ray and Marlene shortly after they moved to Tupelo and the four have developed a close friendship.

Bert became a Christian when he was 13. He and Danna met in Birmingham, AL in October 1979 and married on May 24, 1980. Bert went to medical school at UAB and did his residency in Radiation Oncology at the Naval Hospital San Diego, CA. Since May 1988 Bert has served as a Radiation Oncologist with the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

Bert and Danna have two married children. Alison is married to Oliver Parker and lives in Birmingham, Alabama where both are teachers. Their daughter, Maggie, is 2 1/2 and brings much delight to her

grandparents! Scott is married to Jenny and is just finishing medical school looking forward to starting his residency in Internal Medicine at University Tennessee - Memphis Medical Center in July.

Bert and Danna are active members of Harrisburg Baptist Church where Bert co-teaches an adult Sunday School class. They both have ministry hearts. Bert hosts a men's Bible study every Thursday evening in their home and when Ray is in town he leads the study.

When Ray approached Bert about being a KBM board member, Bert said that he had been praying for ministry opportunities because his medical practice had recently hired a new partner and he'd have more time available to serve. Bert brings a passion for ministry and much godly wisdom to the Keep Believing Board of Directors. He and Danna have a special ministry of encouragement to Ray and Marlene!

## 2011 SCHEDULE

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 –**  
**Lifeline Fellowship**, Tupelo, MS  
Series on Basics of Christianity
- July 3-7**  
**Camp Nathanael Bible Conference**  
Emmalena, KY
- July 16-23**  
**Cannon Beach Conference Center**  
Cannon Beach, OR
- July 23-30**  
**Word of Life**, Schroon Lake, NY
- August 6-12**  
**Gull Lake Ministries Conference**  
Hickory Corners, MI
- August 18-20**  
**Word of Life Director's Installation**  
Schroon Lake, NY
- August 25**  
**First Baptist Church**, Pell City, AL
- September 4**  
**Central Church**, Memphis, TN
- September 10-12**  
**Word of Life Bible Conference**  
Hudson, FL
- September 13-16**  
**Word of Life Bible Institute**  
Hudson, FL
- September 19-21**  
**Pastors Conference**  
Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church  
Los Angeles, CA

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