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I love the way the Gospels describe the unique ways Jesus rounded up followers. The story surrounding the recruiting of Matthew (as told by Matthew) is especially interesting and reveals a lot about Jesus. He called a guy who was part of the most hated profession of his day—especially for a Jew—and Jesus not only invited him to be a follower but then proceeded to eat with him, spend time with him, and apparently enjoy his company along with the company of other unappreciated collectors of the tax. When the religious people criticized Jesus for doing this, I interpret what He said this way: “I didn’t come here just to hang around religious people.” (Matthew 9:12-13) I like that!

Jesus went into Matthew’s neighborhood and reached out to people. To me this story is a reminder of how I need to reach out to my neighbors. Here are a few observations:

1. I have a responsibility to my neighbor, the person who lives or is located near me. Jesus saw the need to get to know people and spend time with them. My neighborhood, where God has planted me for now, is my part in His vast vineyard. I am His representative on that street or in that subdivision. I am to be a voice of God there. This part of the world does not belong to my Christian friends, my Sunday School teacher, or even my pastor; it is mine. God has me there to make an impact on my neighbors.

2. Is it possible Jesus was there and having a good time? They were dining together. He wasn’t there to preach. He had no agenda other than to hang with them, get to know them, build a relationship with them and have some fun. The religious people struggled with that, but not Him.

3. Jesus wasn’t intimidated by them. I am sure they shared vast differences and they may have looked on Him with suspicion, even disdain, but that was OK. He chose to rub shoulders with them in their world. They must have been surprised that He accepted them just the way they were and never condemned them. He didn’t just hang around religious

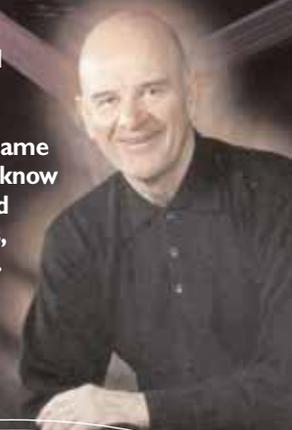
people, He was comfortable around those who saw life differently from Him, who did things perhaps He did not do, and He still accepted them.

It’s sad how few people who claim the name of Christ really know or attempt to get to know the people in the neighborhood where God has placed them. So few know their names, their concerns, their dreams or their story. Too many are only seen by their neighbors with their Bibles tucked under their arms heading off to church. Can you name the people who live near you? Do you know their children? Do you know of their interests or what they do for a living? Are you carrying out the responsibilities you have toward your neighbors?

Why not consider organizing a neighborhood party? Step out of your comfort zone, and when you see your neighbor outside, meander out there and say hello. Get everyone around you to come to your house for Saturday morning coffee, invite your neighbor to walk with you to Starbucks, or ask an elderly neighbor if you can help in some way.

After living 15 years in the same house Patti and I are moving 7 miles away. We are hoping to gather with a group of new neighbors, spend time with them and hopefully be used by God to impact their lives. It all sounds exciting except we will miss among others Steve, Annette, Adam, Kelly, Dave, Heather, Fran, Laura, Mike, Kay, Garland, Sally, and all the kids including John, Kate and Carter. Neighbors.

The Wit & Wisdumb of Walt Wiley



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WWE Heads for Germany and the Passion Play at Oberammergau (still room for you)



September 13-21, 2010 are the scheduled dates when Winning With Encouragement and friends will visit Germany and take in the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play. The trip will begin in the history-rich city of Berlin and from there proceed to the major cities surrounding the life and times of the 16th Century reformer, Martin Luther. There will be stops in Leipzig, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt and Augsburg—all of which were pivotal in the life of Luther as he reminded the world that “the just live by faith.” We’ll visit his birthplace and stand before the doors of the church in Wittenberg where he boldly posted his now famous 95 Theses, an act that changed the church forever. We’ll visit these quaint villages as we wind our way along the picturesque German countryside that will eventually bring us to Oberammergau. We’ll spend 2 days in this beautiful hamlet and on September 19 we will attend the passion play that has been presented here every 10 years since 1634. This experience will rapidly move to the top of your ‘never forget list.’

To join the trip
call us at 888-993-1997

The trip will be marked by learning from our expert guides, countless photo-ops, devotional thoughts from Walt Wiley, and tons of inspirational moments as we walk in the path of the reformers and get a sense of their passion and courage. This promises to be an unforgettable experience. We only have a few seats left, so if you wish to join us, act now by calling 888-993-1997.



Germany
2010
Luther Sites &
Oberammergau

David Hodge Leaves WWE

David Hodge, who has been a voice and fixture at Winning With Encouragement since 1998, resigned his position as Executive Director on July 31. The board of WWE sadly accepted his resignation and thanked him for the mark he has left on WWE for the past 11 years.

David was responsible for developing WWE's training ministry, and under his leadership many were trained and now teach “The Look of the Leader” and “The Encouragement Seminar.” David taught both seminars and while encouraging individuals as well as companies in the implementation of the material was able to assist many organizations in a consulting role. CEOs and managers still seek his counsel as he has served to remind them of the message of servant leadership.

David was also able to develop and present his own material while at Winning With Encouragement. Many people have been impacted by his “Leaving a Legacy” series, and he has led business leaders through “Integrity in the Marketplace” and “Developing a Winning Team.”

David, who resides in Atlanta with his wife Pam, daughter Elizabeth and sons Jameson and Spencer, will continue his own teaching ministry while working at Walk Thru the Bible Ministries. He will be missed at WWE and no doubt down the road will continue to do things with Walt Wiley and our ministry. David can be reached at 678-489-8418.

The staff and board of Winning With Encouragement are grateful for the contribution David has made, not only in our organization but also in our lives. We wish him all the best.



Memories As We Look Back...

JUNE



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1 At the invitation of Arch McIntosh, Headmaster of Charlotte (NC) Latin School, Walt Wiley spoke to the administrative staff.

2 Walt spoke 3 times at the employee devotional at Chick-Fil-A Corporate Headquarters in Atlanta GA. He is pictured with Chick-Fil-A President and COO Dan Cathy (middle) and WWE's friend and Georgia State Senator, the Honorable Donald K. Balfour.

3 David Hodge presented *Encouragement in the Workplace* for

CFE Inc in Apex NC. Pictured are 3 of the attendees: Michael Medina, Alice Kronen, and Mike "Skippy" Spinoso.

4 Walt was one of the speakers at the Pro Athletes Outreach Coaches Time Out Conference in Charlotte NC. Standing with Walt is Carolina Panthers Placekicker, John Kasay (left), and PAO President Norm Evans (right).

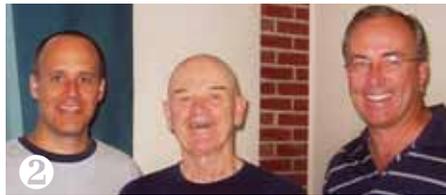
5 Walt and Patti Wiley participated in the Pro Athletes Outreach Coaches Time Out in St. Louis MO. PAO is led by Norm and Bobbe Evans. Bobbe is pictured here (right) with conference staff leaders, Darci Hanley (left) and Elizabeth Novobielski (center).

6 David taught *Developing A Winning Team* to the staff of RHA Howell Financial Services team in La Grange NC.

JULY & AUG



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1 Walt and Patti shared 2 sessions at the Ocean City (NJ) Tabernacle, and Walt spoke at the Sunday morning services. He shared the platform with popular Gospel singer Allison Durham Speer, pictured here with Walt.

2 Walt was privileged to speak for a week at Harvey Cedars (NJ) Bible Conference on Long Beach Island. With him (left) is Scott Solberg, Pastor of the Evangelical Free Church in Wethersfield CT, who also spoke, and (right) Jonathan Oldham, Harvey Cedars Director and Host.



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5 Walt and Patti were able to share at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood WA and the weather was chilly. Here they are in their sweatshirts with Pat Patterson, Director of Administration (left) and Camp Director Ed McDowell (right).

6 Patti Wiley is the Director of TOT Time, the preschool program of Church at Charlotte (NC). Walt shared with the teachers who are pictured here (Patti is 2nd from right).

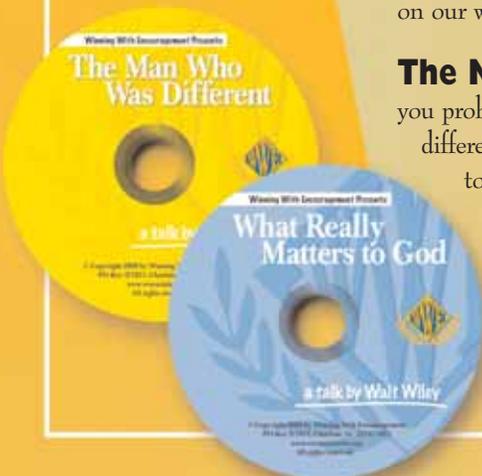
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2 New CD's from Walt Wiley and Winning With Encouragement

Winning With Encouragement has produced 2 new talks delivered by Walt Wiley to add to the existing CD collection. These and other WWE products can be purchased by visiting our "Products and Resources" page on our website at www.wweministries.org or by simply calling us at 888-993-1997.

The Man Who Was Different: Walt has found an obscure Old Testament character (one you probably never heard of) and is working on a series about why this person is singled out for being different from those around him. Want to be challenged about exhibiting attributes that will cause you to be noticed and respected by others? We invite you to consider this introductory session of . . . The Man Who Was Different.

What Really Matters to God: You'll laugh along with the 1500 people who heard Walt deliver this timely message of encouragement as he visited a great story in the New Testament and reminded the audience that Jesus doesn't see things the way we do. You'll pause in your laughter enough to be both encouraged and challenged by the talk.



SEPTEMBER



❶ Pictured here are staff members of Hockey Ministries International where Walt had the privilege of speaking in beautiful Stowe VT.

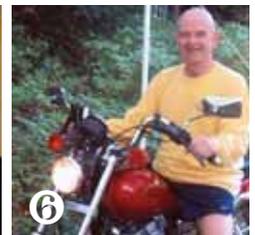
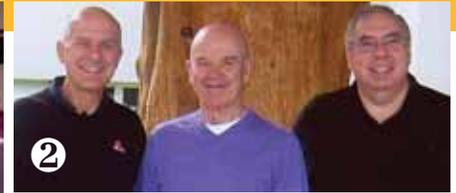
❷ While with Hockey Ministries International, Walt paused with Founder/President Don Liesemer (left) and MC/Host Tim Donelli of the Charlotte Checkers (right).

❸ Walt and Patti Wiley conducted a marriage seminar on Nantucket and Walt spoke at the host church, Summer Street Church. Walt and Patti pose with pastor and friend, Rich Leland (left).

❹ Walt was invited to speak to 2 different men's groups in Memphis. He shared with a group of men at Germantown Baptist Church and spoke at the kickoff meeting for the men's ministry at Faith Baptist Church in Bartlett. Walt poses with friends (l-r) Tom Day, Ron McSwain, and (far right) Teb Bondurant. Teb, who leads the men's group at Faith Baptist, is also Director of Ministry to Men Foundation, Inc.

❺ With Walt is Doug Hunter, President of Fellowship for Christ International (FCCI). Walt was once again invited to be emcee and speaker at their annual conference this year in Naples FL.

❻ While speaking at Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference in Muskegon MI, Walt was able to take a spin on friend Gene Kuntz's motorcycle.



Excitement As We Look Ahead . . .

Check our website at www.wwministries.org for our full schedule and updates.



The first installment of Winning With Encouragement's E-OGRAM was emailed to hundreds of friends in August. It's a short email communiqué created to bring to the recipient what we believe we all need more than anything else . . . encouragement. Our first edition contained what we called 2 'hilarious' jokes, a story and a Biblical thought. Also in this inaugural issue we introduced the EQ, a survey to determine whether you were in a state of encouragement or discouragement. We were delighted with the positive response we received from many friends. Some even told us their EQ score.

We would love to include you in the next installment of the E-OGRAM. Just email us at info@wwministries.org and we will add you to our list of recipients.

Join the "club" when you email us a request at info@wwministries.org

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Oct 2-10	WWE Hosts Fall Encouragement Cruise to NYC / New England / Canada		W/P
Oct 11	Washington Redskins Chapel @ Panthers Game Charlotte NC	GEN	WW
Oct 13	Covenant Day School Parents' Mtg Charlotte NC	GEN	WW
Oct 21-22	North Central Institute Clarksville TN	LoFL	WW
Oct 30-31	FCCI Regional Meeting Longmont CO	GEN	WW
Dec 1-3	Pro Athletes Outreach Fall Baseball Conference Dallas TX	GEN	WW
Dec 4	Christian Business Men's Committees (CBMC) Luncheon Charlotte NC	GEN	WW
Jan 13	Central Church of God Charlotte NC	GEN	WW
Jan 20	Central Church of God Charlotte NC	GEN	WW
Jan 22-23	Maximum Man Conference Jackson TN	GEN	WW
Feb 11-12	Tree of Life Christian Schools Columbus OH	ENC	WW
Feb 19-21	NorthStar Church Kennesaw GA	MAR	W/P
Feb 26- Mar 8	Private Israel Pilgrimage with Church at Charlotte Charlotte NC		W/P
Mar 15	Church at Charlotte Women's Ministries Charlotte NC	STW	WW

EVENTS KEY:
 ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
 GEN = General
 LoFL = The Look of the Leader

SPEAKERS KEY:
 W/P = Walt and Patti Wiley
 WW = Walt Wiley