



September 2013

Dear Friends,

What do you say to a friend who is going through an extreme time of suffering or grief?

We often avoid seeing someone who has experienced a traumatic event because we don't know what to say. Or some of us say the wrong thing while we are trying to console our friends. **The greater the suffering, the less you need to say.**

As we write this letter, **we are praying for some friends** that just lost their grandson to cancer after a nine year battle. Is there anything that we can say to make them feel better? No. We can share our love for them. **We can pray for them, share the burden of their soul, but we cannot say or do anything to take away the pain.**

Our desire is to minister to each of you through our mailings. On the sheet enclosed with this letter, we share with you some ideas on how you can face grief, adversity, or suffering. We also share some thoughts with you on how to comfort a friend in that situation.

We are having a birthday!!!! On October 22, we are having a 10-year-old birthday party. We started Living Well 10 years ago. A lot has happened in 10 years. **We want you to celebrate with us. Save that date!!**

Summer is always a **slow time** for us in the area of donations and in counseling appointments. People go on vacation, their schedules are disrupted. After Labor Day, we usually receive more requests for appointments as kids get back in school. **Please pray for our donations** as we finish the summer. And **pray that the Lord will give us discernment and wisdom** with new appointments. **Your support of this ministry in prayer and giving are essential to us.**

We are able to meet with people who cannot afford to pay much, if anything, **because of your donations.** We are able to spend time studying and learning more about what how to give guidance to couples facing a crisis in their marriage or their finances **because of your support.** We are able to advise churches on building marriage ministries **as you give to our ministry.**

We love doing premarital preparation with couples. We encourage couples to come as **early as possible before the wedding.** Couples benefit from starting premarital preparation **before a formal engagement,** so that they have time and opportunity to decide if this is "the one." **Each couple gets at least nine hours of guidance/teaching to prepare for their marriage.**

Wisdom Community School is now on one of their breaks. They are on a year-round school calendar. They attend for three months, then take a month off. They have two new teachers who are going through some teacher training at this time. We were able to provide the funds for this training because of **your donations.** **You are an important part** of the education of these 170 children living in a slum area.

Thank you for your continued support! We could not continue this ministry without you! We love and appreciate you and your support of what God is doing!

Our love in Christ,

Donna and Ed Edwards

P.S. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 22nd, to celebrate 10 years of Living Well!

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