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Update from the Bonham's



"Loving Well 2" couples in Medellin, Colombia, South America



Here are some comments about their experience with the new course we are working on:

"God used you to understand our past, encourage our present and fill us with hope for the future. This week is going to be a turning point in our walk with the Lord, between us, in our family and also our service to others..."

"Thank you for being being sensitive to the voice of God and leading us down this path that brought healing to our lives. We came away challenged to live a marriage that glorifies God ... your lives bless and challenge us."

"Thank you for being present to each of us. You both are an inspiration to us, an example serving and sharing leadership. The expression of your gifts together was filled with love and care and invited us to be open and vulnerable. Thank you for sharing your hearts with such honesty."

Over the course of a week these couples, representing six countries, experienced ten hours of teaching, twenty hours of small group work, and many conversations over meals. They gave us helpful feedback about Loving Well that will impact the final editing phase that we are now in. Each is involved in or leading a ministry that uses Loving Well 1. They were eager for the next phase of building into God honoring marriages, starting with their own.

Of course we had fun too! These are people who love to party! We are still recovering.



We are greatly encouraged by the reception of our new course and the marriage breakthroughs that were shared with us. We see great potential in the future for the expansion of ministry to couples through this great bunch of couples.

In Argentina they have a waiting list to get into Loving Well groups. They have asked if we could write similar material that they could use to reach not yet believers that would sensitively point them to Christ as they work on their marriage relationships. Great idea!

We so appreciate your partnership that makes this ministry possible. We invite you to let us know if you or someone you know would like to join a Loving Well group locally, online or would like training to become Loving Well facilitators. The investment you make in your marriage is not only a blessing to you and your family, but also to those who long to find hope for their own relationship. What an avenue for the gospel!

Pray for us as we work on finishing Loving Well 2, as we continue counseling the individuals and couples God brings to us (increasingly from around the globe!), and for Mary as she deals with some health issues that will involve surgery in the next few weeks. We trust God for many more future opportunities to serve Him!

Gratefully yours,

Mark and Mary

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