

## SERVING BEHIND THE SCENES

A brief look at practical ministry that oftentimes goes unnoticed.



But thou, when thou prayest,  
enter into thy closet,  
and when thou hast shut thy door,  
pray to thy Father which is in secret;  
and thy Father which seeth in secret  
shall reward thee openly.

- Matthew 6:6



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Dear Friends,

For the past 20 plus years we have been involved in a lot of work that we have not announced on the internet. Like tiny seedlings hidden away in pine branches at the edge of the *Grand Canyon* (which few people ever observe), much of our behind the scenes ministry has gone unnoticed. Nonetheless, we rejoice in the Lord as many people have been helped.

### BEHIND THE SCENES

For years now a large portion of the work I have done with Spiritual Research Network has consisted of working through countless e-mails and phone calls - encouraging people, answering questions, helping leaders and bringing biblical counsel in severe situations. Numerous times I have been able to counsel people out of near suicide attempts. Helping people find their way out of spiritual deception and into balanced biblical teaching (whether online or in person) is specialized and personally rewarding work. I am blessed to have been able to help many people come out of abusive situations. I have also had the privilege of helping people escape spiritual deception. The need for such ministries as ours is immense. Unfortunately, financial strain continues and confronting apostasy and spiritual abuse is simply not "politically correct" these days. We press on, trusting the Lord to provide.

### EXTENDING OUR REACH

As noted last month, I will now be concentrating more on research, writing, videos and teaching. I believe that written content and videos will have a far greater impact in the long run. It has become clear lately that I simply cannot keep up with the constant flow of enquiries that we are receiving. Therefore we are making a much needed change. I believe in doing so my schedule will be less demanding on all of us as a family - physically, spiritually and emotionally. I will also be able to focus on *less*, thereby accomplishing *more* throughout the day. That being said, we need help - financially and through prayer - in order to carry on effectively.

### PRACTICAL MINISTRY

Aside from online/counseling work, we as a family have always kept busy with local ministry - no matter where we have lived. In doing so, we rarely put personal names and faces from our local community on the internet. The following mentions are just a few of the things we've been involved with

the past couple months. There's more of course, this is just a snapshot of recent local ministry.

### HELPING THE HURTING

We recently helped an elderly woman (pictured here) who was one night away from being homeless. Living out of a hotel and desperately seeking help, she received the sharp end of the stick from the Watchtower Organization (Jehovah's



Witnesses). They refused to help her as they consider her an "apostate." She left the Jehovah's Witness "organization" years ago when her husband was clearly the "favored" of the two, because he would work for them (J.W.'s) to no end. Using her resignation letter from years ago, which the J.W.'s kept on-file, they used it as an excuse to reject her. Knowing

the extremely controlling and oftentimes abusive nature of the Jehovah's Witness belief system, we were quick to jump in and do what they clearly wouldn't do - provide some simple storage for



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her belongings, contact social services for needed living arrangements and reach out to a distant family member.

The Lord opened the door through this opportunity and one of her family members was able to clearly hear the Gospel as well as receive some literature and much needed encouragement.

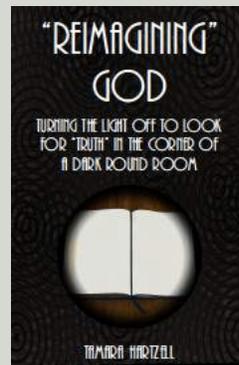
## AUTHORS & BOOK RELEASES

Recently we have been able to encourage and help two authors with their new book releases.

Tamara Hartzell's new book exposes the "new way of thinking" that is invading/deceiving many in the Church. **"Reimagining" God: Turning the Light off to Look for "Truth" in the Corner of a Dark Round Room**

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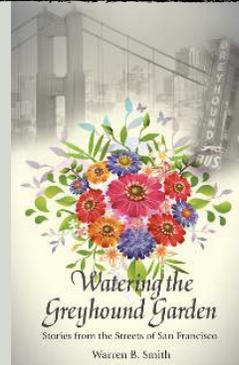


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We were also able to meet a third author who joined us and some dear friends from our study group for dinner.

At present I am continuing to work on our **new missions website** and I hope to complete our **"Missions summary"** very soon.

## SRN WEBSITE

I have also been adding to our **SRN website** and just recently added some **New/Updated articles from a few colleagues**. The material below is from January and there are more articles on the website from February. See the **"What's New!"** page on the SRN website.

## JANUARY SRN ADDITIONS:

"God's Dream": A Deceptive Scheme? by Warren Smith (updated); Discernment Detractors: Calling Good Evil by Warren B. Smith (updated); Can The Bible Ever Mean What It Never Meant? by Orrel Steinkamp. We have also updated the SRN page titled "Orrel Steinkamp, The Plumline Newsletter Archive." We highly recommend you view the resources at these pages as they may prove to be very helpful to you and your friends.

## IN CONCLUSION

Much of our work is done either in public or "behind the scenes." Either way, the Lord is the one that gets the glory for it all. He provides wonderful opportunities like no one else can, and He alone is to be exalted and praised.

Thank you for your time, support and prayers on behalf of our ministry.

- Chris Lawson

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