



***SONrise November-December 2000***  
***EMMAUS***  
***NEWSLETTER***  
***... Strengthening the Local Church***

***From Your Community Lay Director:***

Last January, when Tom Bulle passed the baton of Community Lay Director to me, I expressed that I was very much out of my comfort zone. Quite honestly, I never did get "comfortable". But through this experience, God proved again his goodness and faithfulness, and showered me with innumerable blessings. I was able to:

- ◆ Watch Him as ***Jehovah Nissi – our Banner that goes before us***. He solved problems before I was even aware of them – by working through caring and responsive community members.
- ◆ Watch Him as ***Jehovah Jireh – The God who provides*** – every "thing" we needed for the walks was always there, along with loving hands, smiling faces, and willing saints to do the "behind the scenes" hard work!
- ◆ See Him as ***Sovereign Lord*** – in control of every detail – even if not exactly as we planned or on our timetable.
- ◆ See His ***Omnipotence*** – All powerful – God Almighty for whom nothing is impossible! We heard the powerful witness as pilgrims and butterflies shared their experiences.
- ◆ Experience ***His Faithfulness*** – over and over. As Oswald Chamber said, We "never had to think of anything that God would forget." God was faithfully taking care of it all.
- ◆ See the awesome ***Power of Prayer*** through a community that knows how to spend time on its knees.
- ◆ See and experience ***God's love*** through the actions, witness, and humble service of the SONrise Emmaus Community.
- ◆ See ***God's Promise*** in Ephesians 3:20 happen before my eyes: "***Now to Him who is able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen.***"

I could go on and on! ***God is good! All the time!!*** He gives us abundantly more!!

**And speaking of abundantly more – you have a treat in store for you as Sparky Dyson takes the baton as Community Lay Director for 2001. Sparky and Gail have been part of this community from its beginning and God is continuing to bless us through their service.**

Thank you for allowing Larry and me to experience God through each of you this past year. Merry Christmas to you all! And remember – Jesus is not only the Reason for the Season, ***Jesus is the REASON***, period! ***It's all about HIM***. May God bless you all as you have blessed me this year.

De Colores,

**Marty Sutherland**