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WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

By Harry Boyd

Pete is a wonderful character. A true Southern gentleman, the likes of whom many of you know and love. Mr. Pete was one of our deacons at a church I previously served as Pastor. Pete had a saying about coincidences which I have adopted as one of my own. Pete said, "A coincidence is just a miracle for which God chooses not to take the credit."

Nearly three years ago, my wife Tami and I were in Redstone, Colorado attending a conference when, in my fifteenth year as pastor, the church I served notified us that I was being asked to resign. No moral failures nor ethical lapses were cited as reasons. Instead, the church was simply failing to progress in the direction some thought it should. Though our ministry there had been rocky for several months, we were shaken deeply. The conference I was attending ended on Saturday evening. Sunday morning when we rose, I turned to Tami and asked, "What are we going to do?" Her response was profound, "We're going to church here in Redstone this morning. Beyond that we will figure it out as we go."

That Sunday morning at the church in Redstone was quite emotional for us. While we knew God was always going to be God, we also knew our roles in serving Him would be changing. Both Tami and I cried through most of the service.

Here's one of those neat "coincidences." The speaker that morning was Louis McBurney, founder of Marble Retreat. Sitting right behind us was his beloved Melissa. Louis spoke on "Qualities of a Godly Man" and every word burned into our hearts and was a salve to our souls. After the service there was a coffee and donut meet and greet fellowship. Melissa insisted that Tami and I stay so she might introduce us to Dr. Steve Cappa, the clinical director at Marble Retreat. Melissa had learned that I make fly rods as a small business and hobby and she wanted me to meet Steve, who sometimes enjoys flyfishing. I don't remember all that was said, but we learned that Marble Retreat is a healing place for hurting ministers. Steve offered me a business card, which I accepted.

A few days later we were on our way home from Colorado to Louisiana. From a hotel in Amarillo, I searched out the Marble Retreat website. Tami and I poured over the site and realized that it would be a great place for us to begin the path back to wholeness and emotional health.

When we reached home, we continued our research via telephone. An initial phone call filled us in on all the specifics about when and where and how much. To a recently unemployed pastor, the expenses seemed daunting. Patti called and informed us that no one would be turned away because of finances and asked that we seek out assistance from family or friends.

Any forced termination of church staff results in tension and discord within the congregation. Though I would no longer be Pastor, I wanted nothing but good things for the people I had loved and served for years. Several of them needed, and deserved visits. Some of them helped me cry. Others argued loudly in our favor and against the direction the church had chosen. One special sweetheart learned of our plight and immediately changed churches. When I visited her I shared my longing to experience some healing and shared with her the ministry at Marble Retreat as I understood it. On the spot she wrote me a check to underwrite our stay at Marble. What a blessed "coincidence."

Three weeks after meeting Steve, Melissa, and Louis, we were on our way back to Colorado. Only this time we would not attend a conference and do a little fly fishing, but would be clients at Marble Retreat. Huge concerns for us included what we would do to earn a living, where we might live, and how we would ever hold our heads high in public again.

Two things stand out for me from our time at Marble. First, I remember the burden of shame being almost miraculously lifted from my shoulders by Steve and Patti repeatedly, and somewhat forcefully, insisting that I had done the very best I could do. Second, Patti

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and Steve asked us to dream big dreams, even to fantasize about what we might do and where we might go if financial concerns didn't exist. I expressed a desire to write, to continue to preach, and to continue expressing my creativity through making fly rods. Tami shared that she might enjoy operating a bed and breakfast, but would prefer to just entertain in her own home as a way of expressing her gifts of hospitality. We knew that some interests Tami held in family assets would someday assist us financially. But we did not know when, or even if those assets would be enough to support us.

Not long after we returned to Louisiana, Tami and I ran into an acquaintance from another church in the grocery store. He invited me to lunch one day that week. During that lunch, he let me know that his mother's 4000 square foot home was unoccupied and he wanted to offer it to Tami and me as a home while we got back on our feet. We were able to live in the home for as long as we needed in a way that was quite affordable. What a "coincidence" to run into him while buying groceries.

As we continued the process of healing I was asked to fill pulpits in 31 churches in two years. My rod making business expanded by leaps and bounds. and the interests in family assets began to make financial security possible. Two years after forced termination our income was over ten times what it had been as a pastoral couple. God's blessing and timing is greater by far than our ability to visualize it. Bigger and better than we had even fantasized while we were at Marble Retreat.

Through a remarkable series of "coincidences", God enabled us to attend the eight-day intensive counseling program at Marble Retreat. In that time, we were enabled to begin the road back to health and wholeness. We are grateful to God for these "coincidences" and the miracle that is Marble Retreat.

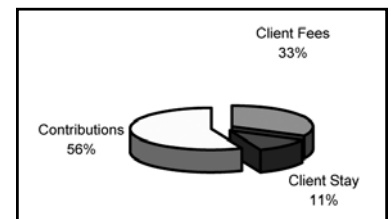
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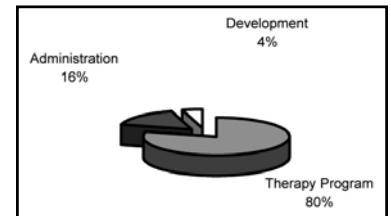
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INCOME		
Client Fees	\$190,440	32%
Client Stay	\$67,160	11%
Contributions	\$327,628	55%
Interest and Dividends	\$1,186	0.2%
Miscellaneous	\$6,008	1%
Total income	\$592,422	



EXPENSES		
Therapy Program	\$434,797	79%
Administration	\$90,524	16%
Development	\$24,309	4%
Total Expenses	\$549,630	



The full Marble Retreat audited financial statement is available upon written request.



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A NEW SEASON

As the Marble ministry begins a new season of growth and change, we want to honor **Henry and Eva Villarreal** for their **15 years** of tireless, compassionate, hands-on ministry within the walls and grounds of Marble Retreat. God called Henry and Eva to these mountains in 1996 to serve as Host Couple, but prior to that He called them to the Marble ministry before the doors even opened - to help build the Lodge with expertise, hard work and prayer.

"A visit to Marble Retreat means being cared for by Henry and Eva!" How true these words have been! For over 15 years, Henry and Eva lovingly and faithfully served this ministry, providing nurturance and care to our guests. They welcomed and served all who entered the lodge with graciousness, kindness and gentleness. Their lives profoundly touched all who passed through our doors, providing a crucial element of God's love through their nutritious meals, their playful engaging of our guests and their modeling of a loving couple to us all! Laughter and fellowship around the table in the lodge has always been an important part of the therapy at Marble Retreat, and Henry and Eva have been central to that. Henry will be remembered for his genuine smile, his gift of telling jokes and making people laugh, and his knowledge and love of these mountains and streams. Moreover, his handiwork and craftsmanship is evident throughout the lodge. Guests will forever remember Eva's delicious meals and coffee breaks so lovingly prepared and beautifully presented, and her sweet, kind and caring demeanor. Eva's servant heart conveyed the unconditional love of Jesus to all those who entered our doors.

Henry and Eva have now both reached retirement age, and we know God will continue to use them to touch lives for eternity with the love of Jesus. Marble Retreat gratefully acknowledges their many years of loyal service as they step down from their posts as God moves the ministry of Marble Retreat into a new era.

We honor and celebrate their 15 years of service, and invite you to join us by dropping a card in the mail to *Marble Retreat, PO Box 176, Carbondale, CO 81623*, or sending words of appreciation via email to MinistryCare@MarbleRetreat.org.

GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2011

May 3 - May 12
May 17 - May 26*
May 31 - June 9
June 21 - June 30
July 5 - July 14

July 19 - July 28
August 2 - August 11*
August 16 - August 25
August 30 - September 8
September 20 - September 29*

October 11 - October 20
October 25 - November 3
November 8 - 17
November 29 - December 8*

**Indicates group is open to all believers. All other listed groups are for clergy only.*

*Session dates are subject to change. Please call to confirm a reservation prior to booking flights.
8-day groups, when making travel plans, plan to arrive Tuesday late afternoon and depart on Thursday morning of the following week.*

THE LORD IS GOOD!

It has been a very challenging yet good year for Marble Retreat. We have had many changes in our ministry and are excited about all the Lord has done. The Board of Directors has been very wise in their administration and stewardship of the ministry and all are blessed by their direction. This newsletter includes our annual report, which will inform you of our last fiscal year and recognize and thank all of those who have generously given to Marble Retreat and, therefore, to all we serve. We now have a very healthy scholarship fund and know there are many who need our services. Please know it is there for those in vocational Christian ministry though we welcome all believers in certain groups throughout the year. We are very excited to welcome Drs. Mike and Kari MacKenzie as full-time counselors and hosts here at the retreat. We have expanded our counseling team by double!! We again are so thankful to our Lord and Savior.



The Counseling Team: Drs. Mike and Kari MacKenzie and Dr. Steve and Patti Cappa

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100: 4 and 5

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