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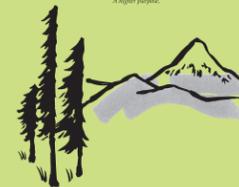
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The mission of Marble Retreat is to help bring healing, hope and restoration to those in vocational Christian ministry and the Church at large through Christ-centered brief intensive counseling.

Spring 2017

## Called to Serve

In every group, we have the privilege of working with humble servants who make daily sacrifices to serve others in the Kingdom of God. When they come to Marble Retreat, we see it as a privilege to serve them.

### The Sacrifice of Humility

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” Ephesians 4:2, Philippians 2:3. “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

And Christ’s example, as he knelt down and washed his disciples feet, “When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” John 13:2-5 & 12-14

### Called to Serve

For many, humility flies directly in the face of what our culture promotes. How can you expect to get ahead without putting yourself first? By thinking more of others than yourself, how will you not get trampled in this dog-eat-dog world of ours? Yet, it’s like the teaching of so many other Christian qualities, our Lord turns the tables upside down.

We are called to imitate Christ’s humility. We are to selflessly use whatever God has



given us to benefit others. So, we too are called not to be served, but to serve as we are reminded so beautifully in the following poem “The Servant King.”

**So let us learn to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other’s needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we’re serving.**

We are so blessed to have Bob and Lisa Rue serving on our team. Each group they humbly serve our guests with such gentleness, patience and love. They value each of our guests and treat them with honor and respect. Bob and Lisa are so talented and highly educated, capable of serving in a multitude of ministry roles, and yet they choose to serve by preparing and serving meals, encouraging, and uplifting Christian leaders at Marble Retreat. Guests regularly report how excellent the meals were, but also how they felt loved and valued by Bob and Lisa. **“Bob and Lisa treated us as if we were dignitaries,” said one recent alum. “I felt being accepted and cared for by both of them,” said another.** We are so grateful that as they serve our guests, you see in their attitude that they know they are serving Christ.

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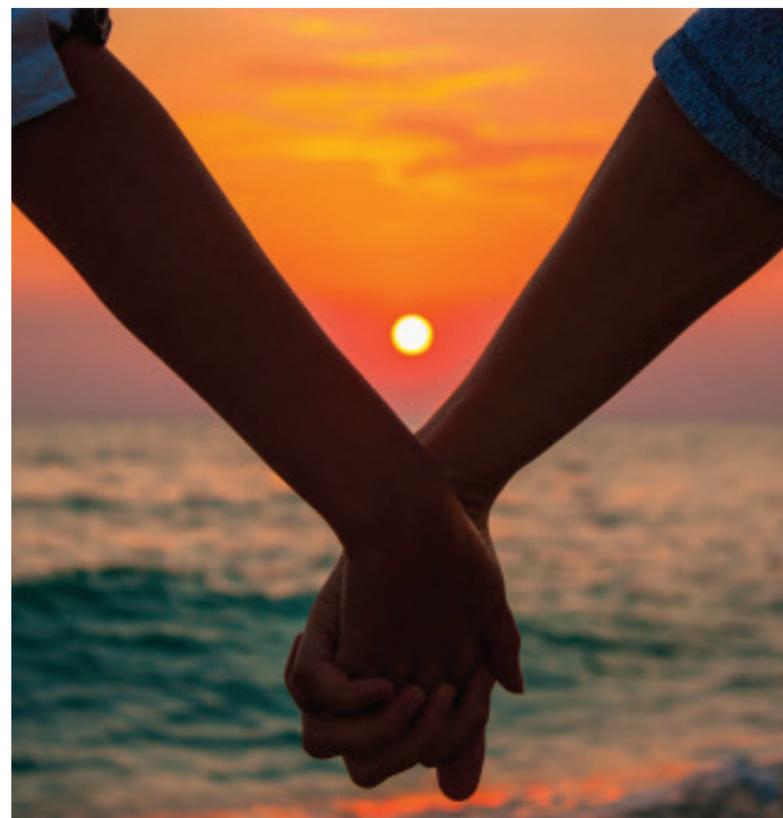
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## A Miraculous Change

Valentines 2017. An ideal time for refreshing a marriage at Marble Retreat, right? Indeed, it was just that for my wife and I. Oh, we have a good marriage but something was rotting from the inside out. The problem was that we could not define what that infectious glob was.

Enter Kari & Mike. Listening to what we and another couple needed to sort out, they asked question after question, drawing out of each of us the truth that was suffocated by junk. Whether in group discussions, one-on-one dialogue or individual couple problem-solving time, they devoted themselves to me/us as if no one else existed. My wife and I have undergone a miraculous change. It was not just an experience but we left with a toolbox equipping us for preventative maintenance.

If you are tired of dealing with symptoms with your marriage and you are open to hearing from whatever the Lord tells you during this Christian-based experience, Marble Retreat is for you. I’ll be forever thankful for our time there.



## Reflection from Bob and Lisa

His shoulders were heavy, and his eyes reflected back only despair when he arrived. Bob opened the door, and this pastor looked him in the eye with a stern and assertive stare and said, "I don't belong here!" and Bob smiled and said, "None of us do! Welcome to Marble Retreat!"

Over the course of the week, he would spend time with Bob in the kitchen as he also had a love for cooking. Conversations about different recipes, spices and just the right marinades for chicken made connecting easy. These simple activities slowly lessened his anxiety between counseling sessions. Over the course of our eight days together, we watched his eyes brighten as God met him at his deepest place of need.

Psalm 42:7 exemplifies how God works at Marble Retreat, "Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me."

The transformation was nothing short of miraculous. The entire group watched as God touched his heart, renewed his perspective, and strengthened him to continue his ministry. His life was so moved by the Lord in this place, he returned six months later to serve others with similar burdens.

We are fortunate to witness the miracle of God's healing hand and see His people being restored on a weekly basis. This is kingdom work on hallowed ground.

## The Gift of Warmth

After forty some years of serving us well, the flue in our chimney has gone up in smoke. This flue used to run the full length of our chimney down to the basement where it was attached to a woodstove insert, but it crumbled into pieces this winter. Not only did this keep the basement warm during the winter but also helped to warm the main floor. We have not been able to use it most of this winter and really need to have it going by next fall. As this is an unexpected expense, we do not have the funds in our budget for this project. Not only do we need to replace the flue but it would also be advantageous to replace the woodstove insert as the current one is old and wearing out. The costs for this project include: \$2500 for a new flue liner, \$2700 for a new woodstove, and \$2500 for labor. If you or someone you know, would like to give toward this project, we would greatly appreciate it, and so would our guests! There are several ways to donate to this special project, online at [www.marbleretreat.org](http://www.marbleretreat.org), check or credit card by mail or over the phone.



Frozen Client

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## Group Room Updated



Thanks to some very generous donors and wonderful volunteers, our group therapy room has been remodeled and updated. It is warm, comfortable, and inviting. This is a very special room as many miracles are experienced in this room. Thank you to all who made it possible!

## Alumni Quotes - Winter 2016 - 17

"Marble Retreat changed our lives. Family and ministry is good. I have been able to move further and further into my areas of giftedness in ministry. The trauma and blessing of our time at Marble has defined my core focus and monthly I am able to help Pastors walk out of bondage and into a truer identity!! I am so thankful."

"Our family would not be celebrating Christmas together if it were not for Marble Retreat. Thank you!"

"My wife and I spent two weeks at Marble Retreat in December of 2000. Sixteen years later I still reflect upon our experience there with gratitude. It was a lifesaver. I was at an extremely low point in my life, and because of Marble I recovered and am still in ministry today. My wife and I still maintain a friendship with two of the three couples who were there with us. So I owe a lot to Marble Retreat."

"When I returned from the mission field, burnt out and disillusioned, God really, literally saved my life through the ministry of Marble Retreat. Thank you so much for your ministry in the mountains. I will forever be grateful for you. God bless."

"It is with very warm feelings that we recall our time at Marble retreat. It was a very significant milestone in the path of our ministry. Thank you for the very important work that you do!"

"Kari was so tender, wise, and empathetic. Jesus came through and really touched me."



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