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*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



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.

Summer 2021

Expanding the Ministry of Marble Retreat

Marble Retreat has been caring for Christian leaders for 47 years. Thousands of pastors, missionaries, and others have found healing and transformation here. There have been many changes in Marble Retreat over the years, yet the mission has remained the same – to provide exceptional counseling care and restoration to God’s servants.

Founders Louis and Melissa McBurney were followed by Steve and Patti Cappa who were followed by Mike and Kari MacKenzie. The board and staff are excited to share that we are in another transition. We believe this change will further expand the ministry and influence of Marble Retreat while continuing to provide the high-quality intensive counseling retreats for which we have always been known.

As most of you know, Marble Retreat has had development projects over the past few years, yet not a devoted development director on staff. This is about to change! After much thought and prayer, the board of directors has asked Mike MacKenzie to exclusively become Executive Director of Marble Retreat. In this role, Mike will do more marketing, promotion, and

development. He will also be available to speak at more conferences for pastors and counselors. In addition, Mike will also write articles to encourage Christian leaders which will further develop Marble Retreat’s visibility. This role will expand the ministry in both reaching more Christian leaders and developing additional services Marble can provide such as respite care and informational resources and it will strengthen Marble’s financial security.

The timing for this shift was perfect, with Mike’s new book soon to be published by Inter-Varsity Press! *Don’t Blow Up Your Ministry: Defuse the Underlying Issues That Take Pastors Down* will be available in the fall. Mike’s editor recently said, “It is true that books open doors for us and that books can travel places that we can’t.”

The launch of this book will give Mike and Marble Retreat access to more hurting pastors and missionaries through conferences and other events. We have already seen God working through this book by opening doors as far away as Tanzania. We would never have been able to travel to these places, but because of the book have been invited to speak virtually.

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Help Us Secure the Cappa House

The Cappa House, adjacent to the Marble Retreat Lodge, overlooks the spectacular Crystal River Valley with views of the soaring peaks of the Raggeds Wilderness. As you know, our goal for a long time has been to secure the Cappa House property so the work of Marble Retreat can continue without interruption and can be expanded.

On a property designed for privacy and rejuvenation, the 3,382-square-foot home offers an ideal mountain setting for an executive or personal getaway. This peaceful haven is perfect for planning, team-building, or special family time. The Cappa House is spacious and relaxing and includes approximately 3 acres within Marble Retreat's 12-acre campus, ground zero for outdoor fun: access to two national forests, trout fishing, hiking, cross country skiing and more. The four ski resorts of Aspen-Snowmass are only 80 minutes away, and both Glenwood Springs and the historic Town of Crystal are close by.

As a creative way to secure the Cappa Home and keep the Marble Retreat campus intact, we are looking for three partners who will have equal shares in purchasing the Cappa House. Each partner will have full use of the property for approximately 13 weeks per year. The property will be managed by Marble Retreat and can be used for expansion of the ministry services offered when not in use by the partners. To preserve the work of our ministry, we are seeking partners aligned with our mission.

Learn more about this opportunity at:

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Annual Report: FY 2019-2020

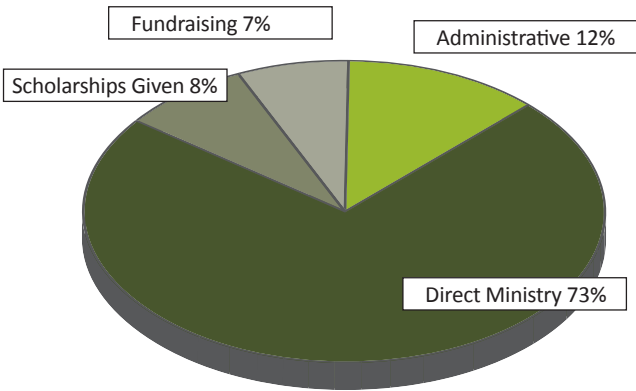
A Year in Review

In a year like none other, Marble Retreat experienced God's overwhelming grace and provision along with generous financial and prayer support from friends and partners. Halfway through our fiscal year, we halted like the rest of the world, unsure what the future would bring. However, the One who holds the future indeed had His Hand on this ministry. After three months of providing only telehealth therapy, we re-opened our doors to again serve God's servants face to face. Despite operating at less than 100% capacity, our finances never wavered because of your faithful and generous support. We were able to give \$30,962 in scholarship assistance this fiscal year, making it possible for many to come who otherwise would not be able to during such a difficult year.

Financial Statement

October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

Marble Retreat depends on the support and generosity of our board, staff, alumni, friends, churches and foundations. Thank you!



Support and Revenue:

Contributions	\$215,377
Program Fees	\$165,645
Other Income	\$12,024
Total Income	\$393,046

How Resources are Invested:

Direct Ministry	73%	\$283,320
Scholarships Given	8%	\$30,962
Fundraising	7%	\$27,289
Administrative	12%	\$48,418
Total Expenses		\$389,989

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If so, please email our office at ministrycare@marbleretreat.org.

Recipes from the kitchen of THE FANCY MOUNTAIN MAN

After 88 groups hosted by Bob and Lisa Rue over the last five and a half years, and literally hundreds of requests from our guests, we are pleased to announce *Recipes from the retreat kitchen of THE FANCY MOUNTAIN MAN!*

Guests consistently rave about the delicious and healthy meals created by host Bob Rue at Marble Retreat. We have put together a cookbook full of many favorite dishes that you can now make in your own kitchen.

As the introduction notes, "The recipes contained in this cookbook are much

more than a list of ingredients or the temperature setting on the oven. The foods themselves, as well as their preparations, are yet another healing restorative aspect of Marble Retreat itself. May the restorative ministry of Marble Retreat be seen in these pages and be something that blesses your home."

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To order, please visit our website:
marbleretreat.org. Click on the image at the bottom right and note "Cookbook" in the "Choose a Fund" drop down menu on our Donate Page.



Expanding the Ministry *(continued from page 1)*

So why the change?

As many of you know, Mike and Kari have struggled for some time to meet the healthcare needs of their special needs son in the remote town of Marble. This led the MacKenzies to consider moving to a larger city for access to better resources for their son, Dylan. After exhausting local options, their search led to Florida where Dylan will have access to some of the best pediatric epilepsy centers and special education options in the country. Therefore, the MacKenzies are preparing to move to Florida where Mike will continue as Executive Director for Marble Retreat. In addition to caring for their two boys, Kari will volunteer her time to assist with the administration and financial aspects of the retreat as needed. During their time as therapists at Marble Retreat, the MacKenzies have also provided administrative support. As they transition to this new arrangement, they will continue this work, freeing the on-site therapists to concentrate solely on the restoration of Christian leaders.

Marble Retreat has invited a highly trained therapy couple to lead the intensives on site at the Marble Retreat lodge. Since our doors opened in 1974, we have offered a top-notch counseling experience during

our 8-day sessions and will continue to do so at our quiet lodge in the picturesque Colorado Rocky Mountains. Bob and Lisa Rue will continue to provide the pampering hospitality our guests have always experienced during our counseling intensives. We remain committed to deeply caring for clergy.

God has led Marble Retreat and the MacKenzies very clearly during this time. To name a few ways that He has shown His on-going care, provision, and plans for this ministry: He has clearly prepared a counseling couple to step in as therapists, He has already opened doors for Mike to speak at pastor's conferences, and He has provided ways that make these changes possible within our existing budget.

Marble Retreat continues to be the place to go for Christian leaders' counseling needs, offering wisdom and experience from over four decades of serving pastors and missionaries. As a board and staff, we believe this transition will allow us to expand our influence to support even more Christian leaders. Please join us as we thank God for His faithfulness to Marble Retreat for nearly half a century, and His continuing provision for the future!

Gratefully, Mike & Kari

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New Book Release: Don't Blow Up Your Ministry

Marble Retreat is pleased to announce Mike MacKenzie has a book coming out this fall called ***Don't Blow Up Your Ministry: Defuse the Underlying Issues That Take Pastors Down***. This book will help pastors and other Christian leaders deal with the real issues that lead to blowing up their lives and ministries. Based on the wisdom and experience Marble Retreat has gleaned from its 47 years of serving leaders this book will lead you to health and wholeness in ministry.

To pre-order yours or one for a pastor in your life, go to:

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Mike and Kari will be at the AACC Way Maker World Conference in Orlando this September. Please stop by the Marble Retreat booth to say hello.

