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## Speaking Schedule

- October 8, Dennis @ Men's Ministry Breakfast, Mt. Scott Church of God, Portland.
- October 22nd, Georgia @ Marriage Redeemed Conference, Mountain Park Church, Lake Oswego.
- October 22nd, Dennis @ Marriage Redeemed Conference, Men's Panel, Mountain Park Church, Lake Oswego.
- November 19, Georgia, @ Women's Retreat, Oregon City Evangelical Church, Oregon City.

## When Georgia Speaks... We need to listen!

### A Question for You...

From *Georgia*

#### Here is a question for you:

What is the single most destructive thing in the church today? Any thoughts? I'm sure there were a number of things that crossed your mind in response; good ideas but probably didn't come very close. Are you ready for the answer? Sitting down? Da dum.....(drum roll please).....it's pornography! That's right fellow Christians. Pornography is single-

handedly destroying individuals, families, and the church. **It used to be that cancer was called "the silent killer"** but that dubious honor has gone to pornography now. It is done in secret, in the "dark places". It is insidious; it works its way quietly into the deepest places in our hearts and souls. It tears husbands and wives apart. It causes fathers (and mothers) to separate themselves from those who love them the most. It causes financial damage to families. It causes people to be able to lie to themselves (I can

quit whenever I want to), to their spouses, and to the churches they attend faithfully. It causes them to walk slowly but surely away from God.

**It is an enemy that we are not fighting hard enough.** Remember the line of monkeys that have their hands covering their eyes, mouths, and ears? See no evil, speak no evil, and hear no evil? Sadly, that seems to be the accepted method (cont. on page 2)



ICM Tanzania Directors James & Mary Kamau will be visiting us September 19-22

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Back in 1998 when we and a team from Mt. Scott Church of God here in Portland made our first visit to the ICM campus in Kitale, Kenya, James & Mary Kamau were on staff at that

time. Since then, they saw the need to open ICM's **Africa Theological Seminary** in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Kamau's have been serving ICM in that country for several years and are hoping to have a campus built for the seminary in the near future. James and



← *ATS Kitale, Kenya*

Mary will be staying in our home this month and will be visiting some friends of ICM in the area. If you would like to visit with them, give us a call!

## Georgia Speaks (cont.)

(cont. from page 1) of the church in dealing with the cancer of pornography. We seem to think that if we don't talk about it, it doesn't exist. It's too ugly; surely our wonderful people wouldn't be involved in something so nasty! In that way, we practice denial; the thing that allows people to continue to pursue ever worsening images and activities via the internet. **If we acknowledge its existence among us we will have to become "real" with each other** We are not immune to the ravages of the enemy just because we're Christians. The enemy has been allowed to practice on us long enough. Isn't it time to step out of the shadows? Dennis and I work with individuals and couples whose lives have been torn apart by this great evil. They are broken, wounded, grieving and yet, they smile at church. Addiction to internet pornography has caused them to crawl into dark holes and try to deal with their wounds by themselves. It's not possible to travel the journey toward hope and healing by ourselves; we need people who will love us along the way, without judgment and without fear. ***They need to know that church is a safe place for them to heal;*** not a place where people look at them sideways and think of them as "those people". They are people who need God's mercy, forgiveness, grace, and love.....demonstrated by His people.

**After working with individuals for the past several years**, we began to have a particular heart for couples who have experienced this destruction in their marriages. Honestly, most couples just give up and don't even consider going through the recovery process. It's too hard and long; the pain is too great. Divorce happens, tearing families apart, causing children to feel the pain of seeing daddy walk away. We began looking for material we could use for couples who come to us and, surprisingly, there wasn't any. The increase in books about sexual addiction has been impressive in the last ten years but there just aren't many books for couples. In discussing this with some counselors who work in this area, it was suggested that we write some material ourselves. Now, of course, it would be easier to use something someone else had already written but that was not to be. We felt that God had led us to this point so we started writing.

**Our workbook for couples, "Under Construction"** was launched in April with a group meeting at our home for 10 weeks. They were our "guinea pigs" and gave us suggestions about how the material could be even more effective, which we appreciated. Our desire is that we could somehow multiply ourselves and see other groups for couple's sprung up. We decided to expand the workbook and write a book (also called "Under Construction") to be published. **It has gone to the publisher and we're looking forward to getting the "proof" copy one day soon.**

**Marriages don't just accidentally get put back together** after a betrayal; it has to be very intentional. We have discovered that most couples don't really know how to communicate on an intimate level whether or not they have experienced wounds such as these. We always recommend specialized individual counseling and then, at some point way down the road, couple's counseling to begin to work on issues bringing healing to their marriages. Like I said, this doesn't happen by accident but with a lot of tears and hard work. They have to learn to work through issues such as loss of trust, forgiveness, financial issues, loss of love, denial, honesty, and the list goes on. These are issues most couples don't have to look at that closely because they are taken for granted...until they are destroyed.

**We are grateful for the road God has had us on these last several years** but we are only 2 among many others that can be fighting alongside us. The enemy rejoices every time a man or a woman closes their door and connects to the internet, every time the opportunity goes by to reveal the "secret", and every time a person fears what the church will say if their sin is revealed. Every morning, when Dennis and I are walking with our dog Maggie, we "put on the full armor of God", two pieces of which are the Sword of the Spirit and the Shield of Faith. These are weapons God has given us (all of us) to do battle. They are not designed to be left in a closet like putting on and taking off our coats, but ones we are given to fight with. Why would God give us weapons of warfare unless He expected us to use them? How could they be used any better than for our brothers and sisters who are being destroyed by a "silent" enemy? **We are so thankful to the churches and individuals that support us financially and prayerfully so that we can serve God and His people in this way. We couldn't do it without you being obedient to His promptings!**

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