

Green Lake 2009 TESTIMONIALS

“We had a wonderful time. Partly just because we needed to get away, partly because Green Lake is so pretty and my wife had never been in that area at all. But summing up what the week meant is clearly more than that. I would say first it was a time of significant spiritual refreshment. Because of a lot of things here at my church, I haven't felt able to just get away for a spiritual retreat time like that for many years, even though I am a person who needs to recharge my batteries like that every now and again. And it is always special for me to get away to a place and time to be with God's people, and Green Lake, with it's ABC family ties just so added the dimension of feeling like home, feeling like I was where I belonged.

Now, as for the conference itself, I really appreciated the keynote speaker (JP Moreland). His challenge to thoughtful charismatic experience was good, for I have been around plenty of times when it seemed like people just checked their brains at the door when they got caught up "in the Spirit," and since I am rather intellectual myself, I appreciated that emphasis. . . .

But I would have to say that, in addition to our main speaker, the thing I enjoyed the most was simply being back in a setting of worship in which freedom, joy, energy and love dominate. I so like being in the kind of environment of worship where you can sit if you want to sit, stand if you want to stand, raise your hands when you want to raise your hands, kneel and pray if you want to pray, run around the congregation carrying banners if you want to carry banners, dance in the back if you want to dance, but simply come and lose yourself in worship before your God. There have been a number of times in my life in various kinds of situations where I have experienced that kind of freedom and Presence, but I would say that the week there at Green Lake ranks among the top in that regard. I came away truly refreshed, and after having been though a time that left me feeling pretty battered, I was now ready to go back into the work at hand with God's strength for the task. . . .

I also would want to add that it was really good to be in a place where I felt free to come up and ask for prayer, knowing that people would pray for me, and that I could share whatever heartaches or burdens I wanted to share, and not have to worry over what someone would think, or that I was a pastor, but could simply come to people who offered themselves as intercessors and allow myself to be ministered to in that way with confidence. And, the evidence of how good a time we had in the Lord is that my wife already made reservations to attend again next year. . . God bless!”

Pastor Richard Crooks, Horton Kansas

After being so touched by the Spirit at Green Lake, I had the privilege of hearing Paul Young, author of *The Shack* give his riveting personal testimony and if that weren't enough 4 of us from Milwaukee drove to Fort Mills, SC for *Pour Out Your Spirit Conference* with Drs. Mahesh and Bonnie Chavda and Bill and Beni Johnson. Over the top - absolutely flying in the spirit and I still am. It is impacting my counseling ministry and my personal life. I do NOT want to leave the Glory Bubble. AND the Lord healed my eyes and lowered my cholesterol with the help of good supplements. Praise God! -- **Marianne Skrobiak**

My 4 year old grandson Andrew, invited Jesus to live in his heart two weeks after Green Lake. He talks about Jesus all the time and sings about him in the car. We are coming back next year and bringing his Mom! Praising God for His Goodness! -- **Jeanette Moore**

Thank you so much for your kindness to Tim and me. I can't tell you how much it meant to us. The pervasive spirit at the conference was JOY. People were so kind and gracious. What a blessing! We will be sure to recommend the conference to our friends and acquaintances. I never cease to be amazed with the way God provides just the right teaching for where we are. We needed a relaxing retreat and that was part of our motivation for attending the conference but the teaching was exactly what we needed to hear at this time in our lives. And again, thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with a couple of tired and hurting people. . . . **Teresa and Tim Mitchell, Vineyard pastors**

I appreciate the Pastor's Track offered at the HSRM Conference. I was offered, and enabled to give, genuine acceptance and encouragement, in ways I could readily absorb. I know by this experience that I have friends with whom I can think deeply about engaging ministry while partnering with the Holy Spirit. **Dr. Al Cooper, ABC pastor in West Virginia**

One of my favorite quotes is 'you cannot impart what you do not possess.' My wife, two teenagers, and I arrived at the Holy Spirit Renewal Conference desiring fresh wind and fresh fire from God. The conference exceeded our expectations. Other newcomers we spoke with also returned home greatly encouraged and refreshed. -- **Les Cantrell, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, McPherson, Kansas**

By the way, you prayed over Connie's shoulders one night. She had the pain return that night, but the next night someone else prayed over her. and the pain has not been back since. Praise the Lord for His great works. I just want to say thank you for all the work you do for the Lord and for being a great blessing in our lives. We look forward to seeing you next summer. Thanks. -- **Mark Kemner**

Ted and I listened to Billy (Ford's) workshop ("As for Me and My House") on the way home from Green Lake and were really blessed and impressed! We're going to be sure to give it to our married children (and our unmarried son, for that matter). I think that it is good to be mulling some of these things over **before** they have children. Billy is a great speaker and had such an insightful and practical word. -- **Lori Werner**

"I wanted to tell you that I have had a *SIGNIFICANT* measure of healing regarding my clinical depression since the Conference. Thank you for your prayers and compassion!" -- **A pastor's wife**

Overflow from Green Lake: God moves at Youth Retreat in McPherson, KS. "One of our desires in attending the Holy Spirit Renewal Conference was to connect with like-minded believers. God did that for us starting with the very first night! **Norelle Lutke** sat near me at that session and we found out that we live within 60 miles of each other. So, we traveled to Wisconsin to meet our like-minded neighbors. Don't you think God has fun arranging such meetings! We were looking for a speaker for our youth retreat. I talked to Norelle about it, and she said that her **Anna Lutke** would be around for the summer and would be interested. Long story short, our youth retreat was this past weekend and Anna was our speaker. Her boyfriend and Eric also came to help. We had a phenomenal time!! On Saturday afternoon a young man wanted to go home because he had hurt his back and cracked rib earlier in the week. He was obviously in pain. I asked him if he would first be willing for us to pray for his healing and he agreed. Anna led a small group of us in praying for his healing and it happened! He soon ran off to go canoeing! . . . The whole week-end was soaked in the Holy Spirit and everyone went home excited about a Father that loves them and can do miracles in and through them. Les has been preaching on the heart of God, which includes His will to heal. We have already seen some miracles in our church body and these kids are now bringing home much more enthusiasm. We are so thankful for the encouragement and connections provided by the Holy Spirit Renewal Conference. Thanks!!" -- **Debbie Cantrell, pastor's wife, McPherson, KS**