

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

"Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way...?"

July 2016

Belize/Honduras Walk #1 ***...a word from Joe Martin***

On June 9, in the very early hour of 3:00 a.m., (14) team members from Lexington Emmaus Community gathered at Trinity Hill UMC to begin a much anticipated (yes, anticipated) journey to hold the first Emmaus walk in Belize. The team was met by other members of the Community for a send off party with donuts and coffee and then transported by bus and van to the Cincinnati airport. (what a gift)



We traveled, without incident, from Cincinnati through Miami and on to Belize City, Belize. Upon arrival, we met members of other Emmaus Communities from Oklahoma, Houston, Arizona and the Upper room representative from Virginia. The group, totaling 26+/-, boarded a yellow school bus to travel to our ultimate destination, Jaguar Creek. Our journey of about 2 hours with an unknown driver on a paved road with no line markings (you drive in the center until you meet traffic) was a little hairy at times but we did arrive safely at Jaguar Creek, approximately 30 minutes south of Belmopan and at the edge of Blue Hole National Park. The remaining day and part of the next was spent meeting new friends and preparing for Walk #1 in Belize/Honduras.

The specific details of the Men's and Women's Walks will not be shared here; you will have opportunity to hear from the team at the next Gathering on August 5th, but, there are many "special moments" that my mind continues to drift back and be reminded.

The Emmaus movement, regardless of location, is merely a vehicle that gives opportunity to present Christ through presentation of the Word (talks) and our willingness to be used as vessels. The processes of the walk are defined, but while being bathed in prayer and love and surrendering ourselves, the "process" quickly melts away and the power of the Holy Spirit becomes evident. Hallelujah!

The walking in this Spirit is not confined to the conference room, it bathes all parties, team, communities in prayer, all those that we encounter. I believe it is this walking in the Spirit together that makes us say, "can we stay?", by both team and pilgrim at the conclusion of walks.

The Emmaus movement, regardless of location, allows us as participants to witness the transforming and enlightening power of Christ as the distractions of the world are peeled away and the newness of Christ overruns with His grace. The blessings He pours out and we receive as we are bound together with otherwise total strangers continues to amaze me and confirms His love has no boundary, no ending.

There is great excitement in our Spirits as the movement of Emmaus, although just completed as Belize/Honduras Walk #1, has just begun. I ask that you pray for this movement, for those in the "forerunner" positions that are breaking the soil in fertile ground. Hallelujah!

It was an honor and privilege to serve on this walk and there is GOOD NEWS! You, as Lexington Emmaus Community members do not need to travel to be a part of this process we call Emmaus. It is right here, right now. We hope to see you there.

In Him,
Joe





Sponsor's Hour and Candlelight ***...a word from Jim Groves***

We heard Susan Holliday tell us at a recent Gathering that “sponsorship is the lifeblood of Emmaus.” Part of the responsibility of sponsors is to see that their pilgrim gets to the walk and then stay for the Sponsor’s Hour immediately after the pilgrim’s “send off.” During the Sponsor’s Hour, sponsors pray for their pilgrim with the cross that the pilgrim will receive toward the end of the weekend. Although we see that every pilgrim has someone to pray for them during this time, it is rather sad when that pilgrim’s sponsor is not present to pray for his/her pilgrim. Please try to be present at Sponsor’s Hour when you sponsor a pilgrim and hear how God answered your prayers at the Closing.

Candlelight is a special time for the Emmaus Community to gather and worship with singing, prayer, offering, and communion. The Emmaus Board of Directors has sanctioned that now only gluten-free bread is to be used at all Emmaus functions. This helps prevent cross contamination as well as those with health issues from being singled out.

DeColores!

Jim

Gatherings...

August 5

**Trinity Hill UMC
3600 Tates Creek Rd., Lexington**

**6:30 Potluck
7:30 Worship**

September 2 – Centenary UMC, Lexington
October Gathering at Men’ Walk Candlelight.

Future Walk and Flight dates...

2016 and 2017

September 3-5, 2016

Chrysalis Flight #39

Stephanie Carpenter, Girl’s Lay Director

October 6-9, 2016

Men’s Walk #131

Elijah Burris, Boy’s Lay Director

October 13-16, 2016

Women’s Walk #132

Greg Leopold, Lay Director

November 25-29, 2016

Journey #2

Anita Gray, Lay Director

April 20-23, 2017

Men’s Walk #133

Delanna Turley, Lay Director

April 27-30, 2017

Women’s Walk #134

October 5-8, 2017

Men’s Walk #135

October 12-15, 2017

Women’s Walk #136



**Celebrate
Sponsorship!**

Guess What!?!?

Check out "Lexington Emmaus Community" on Facebook for information, updates, prayer requests, and weekly musical devotions!



This 4th of July

Pray for America!

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