



## NEWSLETTER 2018

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

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## RETREATS

Summer: God took the GAIN family on a journey to the mountains of North Carolina. We hosted GAIN 20 and GAIN 21 at Lake Junaluska, NC. Over the course of 2 weeks, 13 families came together from all over the South Eastern part of the United States to experience the love of Christ being poured out through 27 different volunteers.

Fall: A group of GAIN volunteers and our board took a weekend away to pray, worship, plan and celebrate all that the Lord has done in the last five years of GAIN retreats (101 families served).

In addition to offering "fun" activities, break-out sessions and devotions during the retreats, we now offer children's ministry, ministry to teens, individual counseling, couple's counseling and financial counseling.

The way God has grown this ministry keeps us in awe of Him!

## THANK YOU, JESUS!

We cannot begin to thank the Lord enough for all that He has done in 2018. He blessed us with some incredibly generous donors, prayer partners and volunteers. Thank you for allowing the Lord to use you!

Please be encouraged by the testimonies included in this newsletter and realize your part in allowing the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the participants.



## AGAPE TABLE

We have hosted the AGAPE table in Clinton for pastors and their spouses each month. We've enjoyed time of fellowship, prayer and encouraging one another by what God is doing in our lives. One participant stated that she looks forward to this time around the table every month. She said that it gives her time with true believers in Christ who understand her heart for Jesus.

## GAIN 2019

We are excited about what the Lord will bring in 2019. Just this weekend we toured the property for the 2019 GAIN retreats! Lord willing, we will be hosting GAIN 22 (July 15-21, 2019) & GAIN 23 (July 22-28, 2019) at the Glade Valley B & B in Glade Valley, NC. Another possibility for the Fall of 2019 is hosting the first ever GAIN couples' retreat. This retreat (GAIN 24) will be unique in that it will focus on encouraging couples in ministry.



## WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

We've been able to continue pouring out God's love on past GAIN participants by sending 3 couples to the Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway in 2018. We'll be sending at least 2 more by Valentine's Day. There are 7 other couples who would be interested in attending over the Valentine's Day Weekend. Here is what one couple has to say about the weekend: *We had an awesome and fun weekend! All of the presentations were excellent and addressed key issues in our marriage. It reinforced some of the positive practices and principles we've applied in our life, but also emphasized the areas of great need to focus on. We would like to thank you for sending us to a "weekend we will not forget." Our marriage and love for each other has been enriched. The commitment we've had has been strengthened. We are grateful for the seed you've planted- again!*



## SPEAKER FOR GAIN

Chris Embler is available to preach at your church or to give testimony with your group. He will share the Gospel as he explains the ministry of GAIN and how your fellowship can be involved. Please contact Rachel at (919) 634-5658 to schedule him to speak.



## GAIN ON-LINE

On the web: [www.gainretreats.org](http://www.gainretreats.org)  
On Facebook: GAIN-God's Anointed in Need  
Don't forget to support GAIN by shopping on Amazon. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) Select Faith Walkers Mission, Inc. (GAIN's parent organization), and shop like normal!

## RETREAT TESTIMONIES

"We didn't know what we were getting into when we came here. We've been humbled in a beautiful way by the laborers who have served us...true ministry to get down and dirty and share truthfully...so glad our kids have seen this. I came in thinking, I'm ok. I don't need this, but I can't remember the last time that someone ministered to me! I'm thankful for willingness and obedience."

*"It is always true that God watches over us. But there are moments in time when we realize God really does have us in His care and that we are doing exactly what He would have us do for Him. This past week has been one of those moments in time. We were brought from a low place and placed on a mountain all within a week. That is such a God thing! I could elaborate and share so much about our time at Lake Junaluska, NC....Nothing I post or share will be able to communicate what it has meant for our family to be the recipients of this all-expense paid pastoral family retreat. God through GAIN blessed us in so many ways! Our first night and last night of worship with the true church of Jesus Christ was truly amazing! Our children hit the ground running with some very special new friends. All week we witnessed the Body of Christ in motion and it was beautiful. I will say our hearts are overflowing and we were so tremendously blessed by the leaders, sponsors, workers, and participants of GAIN. Thank you so very much for "being" what and who we needed! To all our new friends at GAIN, we love each of you!"*

"I'm at a place that I've never been in my life. God speaks in a still small voice so that we'll lean in and listen. I've heard His still small voice these last two weeks. The prior month, I felt useless."

*"I have been in a dark place for some time, and I'm not out of the darkness yet, but this week has pointed me to the Light. And to see what's been done for our children...no judgement, only love. This week has meant more than you can know. Love has been poured out on my wife and has encouraged her because sometimes she doesn't know how to minister to me in the state that I've been in."*

"I didn't realize that a root of bitterness has been growing up in me. I have to recognize my own sin. I've been so busy doing ministry. [This week] I've been able to stop and just receive for the first time in a long time. We were at the frazzle point when we arrived at the beginning of the week."

*"I can't put it all into words. I'm still trying to process it all. You've served with intentionality. The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart, "This is my love for you. I already had all of this planned for you." We try to guard our children and they don't want to leave this place because of the love that they have experienced. This love we've received. We'll take it back and give it to others."*

"We usually go with our parents to stuff like this, but then we get pushed to the side when we get there, but here God has used you to pour love equally on us. God has His hand on this."

*"This has all been very overwhelming. I didn't have a clue what to expect. This is too much. After all that's happened this year, I kept saying I'm going someplace where they will love me and my family especially my kids and have no expectations of us. God brought us to GAIN and that's exactly what we experienced. It's been too much. The Holy Spirit whispered to me, 'I want to do "too much" for you and your family.' It's too much."*

"Sometimes you live with people for years and don't know them as well as we got to know y'all this week. What a ministry...to be able to be transparent. The basis of our healing this week, you've shown us the love of Jesus."

*"I've been reminded today to be in the moment and enjoy each other because our lives are full right now of good things, but in the urgency, we sometimes forget each other."*

"We've been so blessed to come and serve all of y'all. It was better each and every day...It's beyond words what this week has meant. We love you, God loves you, and we've just extended our family."

*If you would just like more information, please contact Rachel Embler at (919) 634-5658 or [puddin9701@hotmail.com](mailto:puddin9701@hotmail.com). There are many opportunities for you to serve! If you feel led to invest in this much needed ministry in the body of Christ, please visit our website or make your checks payable to: Faith Walkers Missions (in the memo line please indicate GAIN). Your contribution is tax deductible. Mail to: Faith Walkers Missions, c/o Chris Embler, 208 Sampson St., Clinton, NC 28328.*



## A HOME FOR THE GAIN RETREATS ~ THE GRACE PLACE

This ministry has been extremely blessed in that we had not paid for the use of a facility for a retreat until the summer of 2018. For 18 retreats, prime real estate was donated and that was how God chose to provide. This past summer, the Lord provided the money to rent property (and His provision of that money was equally miraculous!) Several years ago, the ministry received some land down in Hyde County. The Lord allowed that land to sell this past August. After much prayer, the Board of Directors for the ministry has decided to hold the money from the sale of the land aside as seed money to purchase a retreat facility to host GAIN retreats. We would like to invite others to add to this fund. We're calling it The Grace Place. We've begun looking at property and praying/discussing with our core volunteers what a facility should have in order to adequately meet the participants' needs. An option before us is an 8-bedroom lodge that also includes a separate 1-bedroom cabin and several outbuildings sitting on 28 acres. This would meet our current needs in addition to providing room for expansion in the future. Please join us in praying for the Lord's provision for this property (both for GAIN and for the family who is selling this property). If the Holy Spirit prompts you to give, your donation will benefit countless families in ministries (and in turn bless all of the church fellowships and Christian ministries that they serve) for years to come.



*If you would like more information,  
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TUESDAY

Give on our Facebook page on Tuesday,  
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opportunity to double your gift.  
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all donations up to \$20,000/donor  
and up to \$250,000/non-profit until they have  
matched a total of \$7 million in donations.



Please print and enclose this form if you are mailing a response.  
Otherwise, please respond by visiting [www.gainretreats.org](http://www.gainretreats.org)

**YES** I want to partner with GAIN and Faith Walkers Missions  
to encourage men, women and families in ministry!

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to serve as a volunteer with GAIN (this includes opportunities prior to the retreat—prayer  
team, gift bags, administrative tasks, etc. and options during the retreat)

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to give a one-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to give a monthly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like for Chris to share about GAIN with my local fellowship.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quick Reference:**

- \$100 (\$8/month) will cover the cost of *one Date Night Gift Card*.
- \$515 (\$45/month) will cover the cost of *one Weekend to Remember*.
- \$3,500 (\$300/month) will pay for *one family to attend a GAIN retreat*.
- \$17,500 (\$1,450/month) will pay for *one entire GAIN retreat*.

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(in the memo line please indicate GAIN).***

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