Healing Streams Retreat Center

If you were hurting and traumatized and desperately needing help to be free of your pain, where could you go?

Where would you want to go for a week or two to receive understanding, compassion, healing prayer, and insight from the Lord?

Several people offered their prayer and counseling ministry to me when I was in great need of help. What a blessing they were! Their kindness, compassion, and ability to hear from the Lord were a tremendous help.

There were several advantages to intensive prayer:

- ➤ No distractions (children, work, home responsibilities, etc.)
- The ability to work several hours at a time, being able to follow the thread instead of just getting started on a topic and then leaving an hour or even 2 hour session and not returning for a week or two
- Day after day moving through important work
- Developing a trust in a person or team so that we could go deeper and higher
- Being able to come to the point of greater vulnerability so that we could walk through shame, greater pain, and difficult topics that don't usually surface for a long time in weekly hourly sessions

I would love to develop or host a team that offers this to others. A prayer intensive can take months, if not years, off of healing!

What kind of place would someone want to come to?

- Beautiful location
- Peaceful, private, & safe
- Just the guiet sounds of nature
- Places to walk or sit by a creek
- The personal space to meditate or journal
- Freedom to share your heart and be heard
- People who won't judge you or wonder why you're not healing faster
- Deliverance from spiritual bondages
- Various modalities to express your heart, mind, and body—art, poetry, music, Bible study, worship, & worship dance (possibly animal therapy and/or therapeutic massage/physical therapy)
- Compassionate and warm people who have journeyed through healing and found the deep love of Jesus and the Father
- Grace and mercy poured out for long-term results

My dream and prayer is for God to provide a place like this for hurting people.

I love the quote by Fyodor Dostoevsky, "Beauty will save the world". I have found beauty in flowers, trees, sunsets, early morning walks, birds, waves crashing, and

many of God's creations a true blessing, a lifter of my soul, and a true joy. It washes away and soothes the heart of the evil that we deal with in sessions that are very painful.

My prayer is for a beautiful place with a house and a guest cottage or attached guest unit where we have a private prayer room. The additional cottage would need to have at least 2 bedrooms, living area, and kitchen, so that a guest could bring his/her spouse, therapist, friend, or prayer minister 2 for support. This would be a place they could rest and journal when we are not in sessions. Some survivors of extreme abuse need to have their own bedroom to sleep in at night.

I dream of a rose garden where there would be a bench to sit and meditate or rest quietly. We moved several of my favorite roses in pots from California (2019) to coastal Oregon. I believe the Lord has shown me that there will be a creek or stream on the property. Moving water, as well as ponds that attract wildlife, are so restorative. They also remind me of the water that flows from the Father's Throne with the tree of life that brings healing to the nations (Revelation 22:1-2).

We will trust God to provide the means by which survivors could come—either through their friends, family, or church. Many survivors of extreme abuse are not financially able to receive the help they need so much. This is where others could assist them in being able to find more peace and greater healing.

If large enough, this could possibly be a facility that other churches or prayer teams could utilize as they pray for abuse survivors from their church. There is such a tremendous need for time, quiet, coming before the Lord in prayer, and experiencing the deep healing that Jesus brings through His Holy Spirit!

We have chosen not to make *His Healing Love Ministries* a 501(c)3 non-profit so that we will not have any government interference and restrictions on how we are to pray or not pray or counsel people. We look to God and God alone. He is a Miracle-Worker!

"Dream a Dream! Build a Team!"

Chip Ingram

Father, if your will for us is to have a retreat center, lead us in your way and provide all that is necessary for building a team and buying a property with a stream or creek where Your healing can be poured out to many who are broken and weary.

Please write us through the Contact page if you also feel led to develop a retreat center similar to this or would like to be praying for us.

Thank you!

Below are some pictures all over the USA that I have gathered over the past several years as I have searched the internet for a beautiful properties for a retreat center. Perhaps you will know someone who has a property they would like to donate so that others can experience God's healing.



























God is good—all the time!