

**Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
February 2004**

DeColores,

From The Chairperson

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second month of the new year. The teams for the upcoming walks are forming and are looking forward to exciting, God filled weekends.

I would like to encourage you to think about sponsorship. We can accept up to forty-eight candidates on each walk. Maybe God has placed the name of someone in your heart that you should contact about going on the Spring Walk. Dates for the Spring walks are Men's Walk March 11-14 and Women's Walk March 18-20. I pray that you will consider giving the gift of Emmaus to someone today.

February is generally considered the month of "LOVE". Corinthians Chapter 13 tells us that the greatest gift is "LOVE". I have witnessed many people come alive when they realized just how much they are loved by God. I have heard many great testimonies given at closing about the wonderful feeling of love that was found on their Emmaus Walk. God wants us to use this wonderful gift and spread his love to our family and friends. Why not take a moment right now to stop and pray about sponsoring.

DeColores,

David Dozer
Walk #1

10 STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIP

1. **Pray for your pilgrim.** This prayer should be focused on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian in helping bring God's kingdom into his or her natural environments rather than on how you can get this person to attend the weekend.
2. **Meet with your prospective pilgrim.** Make an appointment with them and their spouse to explain the Walk to Emmaus, its purpose, and your experience to them. Answer all questions. You may wish to share with them the booklet "What is Emmaus". Continue to pray!
3. **Don't overwhelm your prospective pilgrim in a single session.** If they respond favorably, explain the commitment to continued participation in Reunion Groups, Community Gatherings, team membership, and especially the renewed commitment to their local church. Continue to pray!
4. **After careful, prayerful evaluation, you may invite them to participate by giving them applications, and encouraging them to fill them out in your presence.** Complete the backs of the applications and mail them with the Walk deposit to the community registrar. Continue to pray!
5. **Prepare for the Walk.** Continue to answer questions. Begin to collect Agape letters. If a close family member or friend cannot obtain contact names for you, you might ask the pilgrim for a list of closes family, friends, business and church contacts. (Promise them that you are NOT soliciting money.) Serve as liaison between the pilgrim and Community Registrar. Continue to pray.
6. **Weekend Responsibilities:** Transport your pilgrim both to and from the walk and attend ALL Walk functions: Send-off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Look after your pilgrim's family to make sure their needs are met while your pilgrim is on his or her walk. Continue to pray!
7. **Remember Day Four.** After the Walk, help your pilgrim integrate back into their world with their newfound spirit. Help them adjust to life back down in the valley as a renewed and stronger Christian. Take them to their Walk Follow-up Meeting. Take them to their first Community Gathering and help them join a Reunion Group. Continue to pray!
8. **Remember Day Four.** Help them find service and leadership opportunities in their local congregation consistent with their God given spiritual gifts and skills. Continue to pray!
9. **Remember Day Four.** Discuss Walk-Team service with them if they are so inclined and put them in touch with those responsible for team selection, both Conference Room and Behind the Scenes. Continue to pray!
10. **Last but not least, help your pilgrim learn to be a good sponsor for new prospective pilgrims.** Continue to pray!

