



OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

A Ministry of Restoration
Isaiah 61

From Broken Lives to Mended Hearts

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“Never could we imagined the intricate touch of God’s hand in each room, each design, with each breath of prayer that made this day become possible. We give God all the GLORY! Sometimes with every great move of God there is pain. In this issue you will feel our pain of releasing, along with our joy of moving into New Life. Though we will miss the frequent relationship with these friends, we believe in our heart that those “Oaks” of Righteousness will carrying our vision into all the world.”

Founders & Pastors Richard & Virginia Robinson

Moving into New Life with New Space . . .



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A BIG
GOD BLESS YOU

FROM THE BENNETT'S

If anyone would have told me we would be living in Mississippi, I would have sent them to Oaks for healing. But here we are.

We sure miss everyone!

After six plus years with Oaks it is hard to not be involved. Every Tuesday night I think "I'm suppose to be some where." It was an awesome time. We enjoyed helping Richard and Virginia build the Ministry to where it is. We were the brawn and they were the brains. Oaks is a powerful ministry in God's Army and will continue to be because of the volunteers that put flesh on God's words. If it was not for the people that volunteer their time and energy and give their finances, Richard and Virginia would not be able to do what they do.

Evelyn and I would like to say:

GOD BLESS ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS

The Prayer Ministers, School Facilitators and Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Financial Partners, Prayer Partners, Worship Team, Sound/Video Techs and volunteers that come in early and

set up for the schools, cookouts and all the behind the scenes folks. They work for God and ask nothing for it. That is what the Body of Christ is all about! People are becoming whole and free and that is all the reward that these folks need. They thrive on that, it is a high like none other.

Now for the personal stuff:

Evelyn, my "Energizer Bunny", is getting use to not working outside the house. It is very hard to go from flat out, to all stop, in such a short time. My job is great, the only stress is what I put on myself. It has been great spending time with Rebekah. She has one more year at Belhaven College.

Now that we have had some down time we sense the Lord has given this time to us to become closer, rest and evaluate our future. We do not have any plans to get involved in anything for awhile. The time ALONE with each other is Great! It is the first time in our marriage that we have not had someone else in the house with us. That is enough about us.

As said before we miss everyone of you a lot! Our new address is 440 Cross Park Dr., Apt. 510, Pearl, MS 39208 and our cell phone numbers are the same. We would enjoy hearing from ya'll.

AGAIN:

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU—OUR FRIENDS FOREVER!

IN CHRIST, CHUCK & EVELYN



M o v i n g O n

We are getting settled in our new home in Virginia Beach, Virginia and the sea of boxes has diminished to a small pond. For those of you not aware of the latest information, we are Bobby and Juliette Alston, formerly the Facilitators of Prayer Ministry for Oaks of Righteousness. We

stepped down from our positions as Facilitators and Prayer Ministers in order for Juliette to pursue a seminary education at Regent University in Virginia Beach.

If someone had told us five years ago that we would be so happy, so spiritually alive, and on fire for God we would never have believed them. In 2000 our family was mired in anger and depression. A family crisis with our son drove Bobby to seek help from Pastors Richard and Virginia Robinson, founders of Oaks of Righteousness. As he began to change for the better Juliette reluctantly and skeptically began to see them. Hope was slowly being restored in our lives. Our son began to see lasting change in his parents so he became willing to submit to Richard and Virginia's counsel. The results were amazing. We felt like a brand new family

The renewal began slowly with pitching in here and there. Over the past five years our service progressed from assisting with an Elijah House school to volunteer staff Prayer Ministers and finally to the newly created position in 2005 of Facilitator of Prayer Ministry for Oaks of Righteousness. These were easy, natural decisions to make and the transitions were smooth. We found such fulfillment, peace, joy, and excitement in our service to Oaks. We knew

that we were in the right place.

Stepping down as Prayer Ministers and Facilitators of Prayer Ministry at Oaks of Righteousness was one of the hardest things we have done but we felt such peace in making that decision. In four short months we have sold our home in Georgia, bought a home in Virginia, celebrated Bobby's 50th birthday, seen our son marry a beautiful wonderful woman of God, moved, and enrolled for Fall classes at Regent University. Every step of the way God has poured out His mercy and favor. We greatly miss all of you at Oaks but we embrace where God has brought us. We rejoice in His miraculous ways. We also know that this is not the end of the story.

We carry with us everything that we learned while sitting under Richard and Virginia. We know that God plans to use us and the tools we gathered during our time with Oaks, here in Virginia Beach. Even now He is unfolding before us His plan. We also feel in our hearts that this is not goodbye but until we meet again. We thank you all for your love, support, and prayers. We send a special thank you to Richard and Virginia. Five years ago they saw things in us that had been dormant for many years. They saw potential that we didn't know existed. They risked and loved until it hurt in order to follow God's leading. They refused to give up where others had. They wouldn't let us go when others had dismissed us. Now they have released us because it was in God's timing. We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for them and their obedience to Father God. We are forever grateful to God and to them. May God return a thousand fold to the Robinsons and to Oaks of Righteousness for all that they have sacrificed for others.

Shalom to you all,

Bobby and Juliette Alston

Register Now for Fall Classes

Elijah House Basic 1 and 2 --- Starts Aug. 21st

Cost --- Individual \$300.00, Couples \$530.00 for either Basic 1 or 2

Dates --- Pt 1, Aug 21st – Nov 27th Pt 2, Jan 22 – May 7, **Monday evenings, 6:30-9:30 PM**

Purpose --- [Elijah House School](#) is a training to help you learn the principles for prayer ministry. This school will help you go deeper into inner healing and fully comprehend the depth of your own issues. In this school you receive a double blessing, healing and equipping to continue to walk in freedom with the principles you learn. Videos, small groups, text book reading and homework.

Break-through to Joy --- Starts Sept. 5th

Cost --- Individual \$140.00, Married Couples \$250.00

Dates --- Sept. 5th - Nov. 21st, 2006, Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 PM

Purpose --- [Break-through to Joy](#) is an introduction to deep inner healing. It helps an individual begin to see the possibility that there may be negative patterns or structures in their life that they are reaping from. It helps you begin to be corporate with others and share your heart. You will receive a measure of healing and be on the road to transformation. Live teachings, light homework & small group ministry.

Women's Restoration Series --- Open the Door & Cross the Threshold of Hope --- Starts Sept. 5th

Cost --- \$125.00

Dates --- Sept. 5th - Dec. 12th, 2006, Tuesday evenings, 6:30 PM-9:30 PM

Purpose --- [Open the Door & Cross the Threshold of Hope](#) is a 15 week class which assists Women in the beginning process of opening the door to their past to reveal the effect abuse has had on them. This series helps enable them to turn to God for hope for a better tomorrow. Book study & small group ministry.

[Available in January](#) – **Rising above a Victim's Life** – 4 month (Feb – May) support group

Men's Restoration Series --- Over Coming Ungodly Passions --- Starts Sept. 5th

Cost --- \$125.00

Dates --- Sept. 5th - Dec. 12th, 2006, Tuesday evenings, 6:30 PM-9:30 PM

Purpose --- In [Freedom over Ungodly Passions](#), real men will speak very openly, very frankly, very candidly, very transparently about issues concerning such topics as pornography, ungodly lust and passions, masturbation, and other weaknesses of the flesh. Men will share how they struggled and how they overcame these vices through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Small Group Ministry gives men the opportunity to break and be healed of their ungodly passions. Book study & small group ministry.

Grief Share --- Starts Sept. 5th

Cost --- \$25.00

Dates --- Sept . 5th Nov. 28th, Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 PM

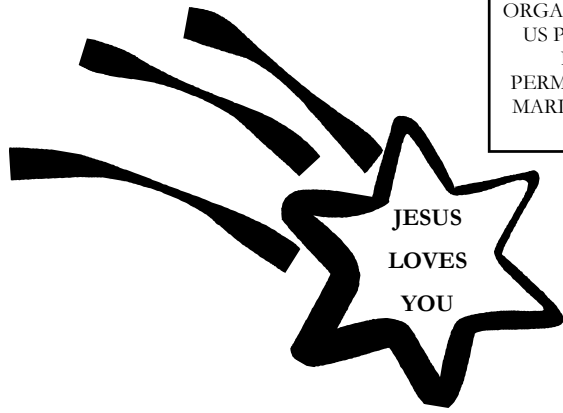
Purpose --- [Grief Share](#) provides you with support and encouragement while you are overcoming the loss of a loved one. You'll discover on this journey how your mourning will turn to joy as you walk with Jesus and your relationship with Him grows and evidence of His presence springs forth. The deep pain of grief will become your joy. Jesus will become your power source. You'll receive encouragement through your daily devotions. You'll also discover through journaling that your journey with Jesus will turn from mourning to joy. A key to your healing in Grief Share are the support groups. It's a place where you'll be around people who understand what you are experiencing and how you feel. Support groups are a safe place where you'll receive healing through the presence of Jesus Christ and others. Video, workbook & group discussion.

How to register --- Visit www.oaksofrighteousness.org website, or, call Oaks office – **770-428-8157**



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MINISTRY NEEDS:

- More Monthly Partners
- Corporate Sponsors for classes & counseling Scholarships
(especially for youth and abuse victims)
- Sony CD recorder
- Video Equipment (to video and get out on the web)
- Two good vehicles for two team members
(We don't think they will last 3 months)
- Washer & Dryer for One Team member
- Volunteers for Administration needs
- Volunteer Coordinator

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13



Saying Goodbye ...

We have been with Richard and Virginia Robinson for many years and have seen the Oaks of Righteousness Ministry grow from its humble beginnings to the wonderful ministry it is today.

The Elijah House schools have always been a major part of the Oaks ministry and have always been presented and conducted by the Robinson's with the highest degree of integrity.

We were honored when Richard and Virginia asked us to facilitate the Elijah House schools. We thank God for the opportunity and we thank the Robinson's for their loving support.

Over the last three years we were blessed with people who wanted to serve and become a part of the Elijah House team. From student, to group leader, to school leader, and even Assistant Facilitator; each has experienced all of the leadership positions necessary to provide a high quality Elijah House team.

We want to thank all those who served as leaders in the past.

Their love and dedication to serve has made the Elijah House schools more than a series of teachings. Their personal attention and care for every student has made the schools a God inspired experience and success.

As for us, well, we don't really feel that our stepping down as Facilitators is a goodbye. It is more of ... "we'll see you later."

We firmly believe that the Lord is leading us into a new area of ministry, one focused on teaching the gospel through English as a Second Language. Our new ministry called, "Jesus by the Sea," will function here and in Costa Rica. Even though there is much work to be done, we are filled with excitement and enthusiasm. It's funny how God works, neither of us speak Spanish! We see this ministry as a real leap of faith, so please keep us in your prayers. All of us have heard how the Lord uses the least likely (us) to do special things, and then when we see it happen; we're surprised!! Praise God!

Much Love and Many Blessings to All ...

Ralph and Joyce Delligatti

P.S. Don't be surprised when you find yourselves making plans to visit us in Costa Rica. Maybe you're doing it right now!