# R.E.L.A.T.E. 2010 Newsletter



# Greetings from our family to yours!

This year has been an exciting year. It's been a year of many accomplishments and surprises. The biggest surprise was the clear prompting from God to start a House Church. Wow! Just look what God can do. In this news letter we will give you a glimpse into our vision for 2011 and high lights from this past year.

### Mission

Our core purpose:

- Win souls to and create Christ focused disciples through house churches and life groups.
- -- Produce healthy families one relationship at a time by educating, equipping, and empowering individuals today making community pillars for tomorrow.

### 2011 Vision

Overall Ministry

- Launch our new interactive web site.
- Increase participation in monthly Informational teas

Church Ministry

- Plant at least four house churches.
- Establish at least two life groups

Community Services

- Recruit a team 15 volunteers.
- Provide four relationship trainings/ classes.

Special accomplishments

- Jan: Team-building consultation
- Feb: Marriage Retreat
- Apr: Reintegration Retreat
- May: Partnered with <u>Live the Life</u> Tallahassee Fl.
- Jul: Smart Marriage Conference
  - Started House Church
- Aug: Yellow Ribbon Retreat
- Sep: Rib sale fund raiser
- Oct: Started Prison Reintegration
  - First church family bonfire weenie roast
- Nov: First Home Church services
- Dec: Family Nativity Celebration

2010 Financial Report Summary







Pastors DeWayne & Jacqui Thomas

# Teaching Teachers through God's Excellence

January marked the beginning of a four month relationship with a local elementary school's staff. God open doors for us to conduct an organizational assessment which we used to design and provide training in: teambuilding, positive communication and developing personality insight. To our delight the principal reported that R.E.LA.T.E.'s training had a direct impact on the school receiving their highest parent to teacher communication rating in the school's history. The outcome was instrumental in securing funding for continued operation of the school.





Various marriage retreats in 2010

# Elegant Marriage Retreat with Deliverance Tabernacle

It was an unusual stormy February night, yet forty nine couples made their way to the Hilton at San Destin for a night of learning about true colors and dining and dancing. Followed by a day of marriage education and skills building, this premier interactive event was a blessina to all who were involved. The retreat was made possible largely by the donations received for services rendered at the school. We were blessed to have five volunteer couples who assisted with the event. Special thanks to the couples: Lawson, Morgan, LaJeunesse, Hixon, and Robinson.

# A New Beginning

When you decide to listen to the Spirit of God it is amazing how clearly you will hear God speaking to you.

During the months of May, June and July God placed strangers, mentors, and advocates in our paths to encourage our faith as God was prompting us to step out and stand up R.E.L.A.T.E. as an independent ministry in Florida. Richard Albertson of Live the Life sponsored DeWayne's trip to the Smart Marriage Conference. While there Dr Rozario Slack of the African American Healthy Marriage Initiative, spent a evening coaching us in the business of marriage education and working with ethnic churches. Kelly Simpson, founder of ARC, certified us a Master Trainers for Active relationships and entered dialogue concerning partnering for developing a prisoner reintegration program using her curriculum.

Being spiritually and technically equipped we followed the leading of the spirit to stand-up a ministry that focused on building healthy families one relationship at a time; thus, the beginning of R.E.L.A.T.E ministry House Church and Community Services Inc.





2010 Ministry Mentor: Upper Center. The Thomas with Richard Albertson, Left bottom. Kelly Simpson, Right bottom. Rozario Slack.



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# **Community Services "Family Reintegration Program"**

- Primary Target: Fathers
- Location: Santa Rosa Correctional Prison.
- Method: 10 week Active Living & Reintegration training
- > Funding: Bar-b-cue fund raiser
- Volunteers: Nate Cotton trainer, Valerie Boatwrightmarketing
- Outcome: 16 men declare they now have P.O.W.E.R. over their lives and have the skills to maintain it.

To God be the Glory!!!

P= Pause to ID the deepest pain
O=Observe Meaning of the message
W=Work to rewire thoughts & actions
E=Explain the painful events
R=Regulate your reaction

## **House Church Family Fellowships**





Dec 2010 Family Nativity Night

#### 2010 Financial Report

Income				Expenses			
Community Services				Community Services		ı	
Board Members	\$	1,500.00		Capital	-1226.78		
Trainings	\$	5,200.00		Training	-5481.16		
Fund Raisers	\$	2,227.93		Personal stipend	-510		
Personal Donations	\$	2,482.00		Donations	-2200		
Live the Life	\$	920.00		Fund Raiser	-1216		
				Miscellaneous	-574		
				Professional	-845		
	sub total		\$ 12,329.93	-		Sub total	-12052.94
House Church				House Church			
Tithe	\$	1,267.00		House Church Dinners	-78		
Offerings	\$	200.00		Christmas Activities	-120		
	Sub total		\$ 1,467.00	-		Sub total	-198
•	Grand total		\$ 13,796.93	Grand total	-12250.94	Balance	\$ 1,545.99