



CHRISTIAN RETREAT

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Dear Partners and Friends of
Strawberry Lake Christian Retreat,

Blessings. Here we are in a new year. We were greatly blessed in the year 2009, and I see 2010 as even a greater year. **There will be surprises this New Year, but I see them as catapulting us into greater intimacy with our Lord.**



Please allow me to express my deep feelings of gratitude to you who have partnered with this ministry for many years. **This is our 46th Season and Praise the Lord for the multitudes of testimonies.** Many of you tell me of deep intimate experiences with God you received when attending the Holy Spirit filled sessions, morning and evenings. We want to continue building the faith of God's people. In this present time, where many experience traumatic tests and trials, we do need each other to recharge and strengthen our faith and Christian walk with God.

Enclosed you will find our 2010 Speaker Schedule brochure. You will note our 2010 Season is blessed with some great ministries, proven and used by God all over the world. Beulah and I will be ready for a great season, serving you. Pray about what week or days you should come and be a part of the move of God. Call, email, or write in your reservation to hold your room or space for the time you plan to be with us. I believe we will experience more outstanding miracles and healings than ever in the past. There is a greater intimate anointing in my own life this year, which I feel and also see it on all of God's servants preaching and teaching here in Florida. Come expecting!!

Already, we are getting serious inquiries regarding our 98th Institute of Ministry School for the Summer of 2010 at Strawberry Lake. Nothing is more exciting to me, than to train, mentor Christians in Leadership roles. **Please, you pray about whether this may be your time to take the 10 anointed weeks of Spiritual training and receive an Able Ministers Diploma. We begin June 14th and close August 20th. You will sit under the anointed ministry of these proven ministers attending Christian Retreat this summer.**

We have a very exciting group of students this winter attending our 97th I.O.M. School in Florida, our largest class in many years. Some of those attending in Florida are here because someone else paid their way to come. Maybe you know a friend or relative that you could encourage to take this training. You are part of building God's Kingdom and fulfilling His Will in earth as it is in heaven.

The Phillip Cassel family, our caretakers, have been taking an active roll in participating in the ministry of both the adults and youth of our neighboring Mennonite church here at Strawberry Lake. This has proven to be a great blessing to our extended plans for this ministry. We are non-denominational, equipped to inspire Christians of all denominations'. Truly, this is the heart cry of God, that we all may be one. John 17:21-23.

Let me remind you, these next weeks and months are our most critical times for Strawberry Lake Christian Retreat when we need the support of our partners and friends. Do remember us in your prayers.

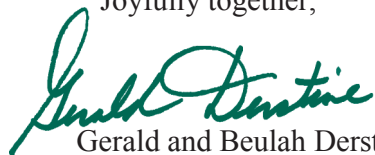
A bit of good news... my book "Following the Fire" has been produced in an audio CD book form and is expected to be out within a month. I have personally read the whole book into a microphone with my T.V. production staff and they spent many weeks and months developing the final details for its public presentation. To those of you who send this ministry a \$100 gift to help us thru this critical time, we will send you a packaged copy of the CD audio book "Following the Fire".

Again, this coming season, the talented Crevier family from Elkton, South Dakota will host our special Youth Week. Dr. Myles Monroe has consented to come again and Dr. Nasir Siddiki, a very gifted Wisdom Teacher, is coming to share his ministry. He can be seen weekly on T.B.N. Television. Dr. Jeff Johns, Joan Hunter Ministries, Prophet Ben Smith, and other ministries will also be part of our anointed summer speakers.

I will continue to speak on our local TV 3 Cable stations for another year. I am very encouraged by the favorable remarks from many viewers in the area. We will offer the same offer as last year. In return for your specially earmarked gift of \$1000, which pays for one month of television airing in the 50 or more communities surrounding Christian Retreat, you may receive a one week's free stay this summer in one of our cabins or Shekinah motel rooms, based upon our availability at the time of your reservation. In addition, you will receive complimentary daily noon meals for your party of up to 4 people, adults or children.

You will enjoy the new look of our website. You will find lots of information there so check it out at www.strawberrylake.org. Your gift donations are so critical in allowing us to have start-up funds for the upcoming season. We truly value you and your family as great friends and partners in this family ministry. Let's make 2010 the greatest year ever. Praise the Lord! Philippians 4:19

Joyfully together,



Gerald and Beulah Derstine



Dr. Gerald & Beulah Derstine

P.S. Urgent note: If any of you wish to help in the terrible disaster in Haiti, we are set up in Florida big time to assist our people and churches in Haiti. Haiti was our first mission, with more than 300 churches in the past 55 years. Please send your Haiti donation check, made out to Strawberry Lake Christian Retreat and earmarked "Haiti," with your other donation check in the enclosed return envelope and we will see that your gift is passed on as a blessing to those in Haiti. For more information, please check our new Strawberry Lake website at www.strawberrylake.org and click on the "Help for Haiti" button.