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**Mission
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*Hope For
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Our Roots—Ingrid Shares the History of FLM North America

In the summer of 1980 Family Life Mission North America was officially organized at Augustana Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn. The next year it was incorporated and we began work in earnest.



We called the Getahuns to be our first coordinators and to make their home in the FLM house in Springfield, Mo. The FLM house called Haus Weitblick, meaning the *House of the Broad View*, has since been used for acting directors or has been rented with the rental income

going to support the ministry. Through the years a number of families have been blessed from living in the FLM Home. The home is currently rented to a Christian family.

Located on the same FLM property is Walter's Study, the nerve center for FLM. Walter's Study includes the office and all its equipment, a guest room, a counseling room and a library. The library was established as a memorial to my mother Gertrude Hult after her death in 1991.



The FLM house was originally to have been the home for our family when we moved to the states after working and living for years in Africa and Austria. After Walter was called to his heavenly home it was clear that God had other plans and in 1982 this valuable property was turned over to the FLM ministry.

Through the years a number of International students have come here to be part of our training program. The FLM property has been the landing and resting place for many of these students.

“Life together is like a tree which must grow out of deep roots, quietly, hidden, strong and in freedom, no quick blossoming, no forced hothouse growth.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer-
Lutheran Theologian
who
was imprisoned and
executed by Hitler

Marriage Quotes Worth Pondering

“The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.”

- Theodore Hesburgh

“Love is no assignment for cowards.”

- Ovid

“People think they have to find their soul mate to have a good marriage. You’re not going to ‘find’ your soul mate. Anyone you meet already has soul mates - their mother, their father, their lifelong friends. You get married and after 20 years of loving, bearing and raising children, meeting challenges then you’ll have ‘created’ your soul mate.”

- Diane Sollee,
smartmarriages.com

FLM Board Members Respond to Important Question -What is your innermost desire for FLM?

“My great desire is to see new leaders of FLM not only in the local area, but the other areas — leaders who feel called to help as coordinators and teachers of our Quiet Waters Retreats.”

- Lauren Youngdale.

“My great desire for FLM in 2005 is to challenge five new clergy couples to attend our retreats as participants so that they in turn can carry this message into the programs of their individual churches.

Also my dream is to see the basics of our teaching program put into a Power Point Program so that it can be duplicated in other levels of our church and family life. We believe we have a unique combination using the Biblical message on marriage as well as the great tool of the Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis which can help many individuals and couples to see where they need to change as well as to see their strengths. This is an unknown tool to many.”

- Ingrid Youngdale.

“As the FLM newsletter editor I have a deep desire that this communications vehicle will help keep people excited about releasing ‘Couple Power.’ Also I would like to see at least two or more new areas develop for annual retreats.”

- Joyce Cutright.

“My vision is that FLM nurtures singles and couples, and heals relationships.”

- David Trobisch.

“I am praying that a special couple in my life can attend the next retreat in Bran-son.”

A Big Thank YOU To All Supporting FLM

St. Luke's Church Retreats and Programs utilizing FLM Materials Are Reaching Many!

A Message from Dennis & Linda Allen, FLM Retreat Leaders, Akron, Ohio

We have reached out to approximately 120 singles and couples from St. Luke's Church and other churches in Ohio over the course of the past four years. God has blessed many couples with refreshing of their marriages, many singles with a stronger relationship with God, and still others with healing of past hurts.

The Quiet Waters "Branch" at St. Luke's Church, seeks the Lord's Will as we pray for guidance both in Ohio and in the missions field.

The vision we're pursuing for 2005 & 2006 includes: 1) Growing the ministry in Ohio with four retreats for singles and couples and 2) A mission outreach to God's Church in Brazil in 2006.

Thank YOU St. Luke's for your recent monetary gift to FLM and for blessing so many through your continued work!

Friendship is such a holy gift, but we give it so little attention. It is so easy to let what needs to be done take priority over what needs to be lived. Friendship is more important than the work we do together.

Henri Nouwen
The Road to Daybreak

Blessings Received From Fundraising Letter

We are very grateful for the over \$12,000 that has been received in the form of gifts and pledges.

Responses are still coming in and we encourage you to send in your gifts as there is much work to be done.

Your support is helping to strengthen and restore relationships so individuals, couples and families can become whole in Christ!

Thank YOU!

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Glenn Urelius
Martha (Hult) Wiemken
Dorothy Youngdale

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FLM Retreats = Rest + Renew + Rejoice

Rest, renew and rejoice - how wonderful that sounds to most of us who need to escape the treadmill of day-to-day living. Attending an FLM retreat is a great way to experience the three Rs.

Rest from our daily lives is needed to stay healthy and happy.

Renewal in your Christian faith comes from developing a deeper relationship with Christ and each other.

Rejoicing is the natural response to experiencing God's grace in Christ.

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FLM Retreat Schedule

**March 15-17
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April 8-10
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Quiet Waters Retreat Center
Branson, Mo.**

**May 20-22 and
Sept. 30-Oct. 2
330-665-2227
Akron, Ohio**

**We can work with you to
plan a retreat in your area.
Call the FLM office for more
information.**

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