

Mary Craig Ministries
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Hi, everyone,

Sometimes we feel like a lonely bird sitting precariously out on a high tension line under a grey sky somewhere. We want to do God's will, but we don't always have the opportunity to fulfill our dreams and callings. We just get lost in the crowd. It's nice to be entertained, but it's better to participate. It takes getting involved. It often takes training. It takes a support system of both finances and prayer. And it takes someone to open a door to the realm of possibility. Thank God for MCM!

As we celebrated 13 years of ministry Saturday night at our Africa Night Fellowship Dinner, I looked out at the people who attended. I was so happy to know that many of those who came had received the opportunity to fulfill their callings and destinies in Christ at Craighouse®. Many had been on mission trips, from Jamaica to Singapore, to Jerusalem, to Eastern Europe, to Africa, to Antarctica, to Europe, to Brazil, to Chile, to Argentina, etc. People had witnessed for Jesus **on all seven continents** through MCM.







At the meeting, we talked about our Barnabas Project outreach under the leadership of David Patten. We're collecting right now for a distribution December 2nd at Delevoe Park in Fort Lauderdale. Over the last several years, we have blessed hundreds of children and families, distributed scores of Bibles and Christian literature, and demonstrated the free gift of grace to communities needing help and hope. Each Barnabas Day is like going on a mission trip locally as we enter different communities and cultures in diverse South Florida. I looked around the room, and many people had been given that opportunity and experience.



Dr. Lois Delevoe, On This Rock Ministry

Audrey Nagy has become our new director of Home Visitation Ministry. We have watched Audrey grow in Christ and change. Moving into ministry is an answer to a heart's desire for her and HVM corresponds to her spiritual gifts. I was happy, too, to see people in the room who had received ministry through HVM and people who had taken time to visit believers in home, hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, and even coffee shops.





As Deborah Nyce reported on our evangelism and discipleship outreach, I was happy that MCM could provide that opportunity, both to John and Deborah as teachers and to the many who came to learn more about street evangelism and apologetics.

When I heard Kroy Ellis report on our web site growth, I praised God for the ministry Kroy has developed in this media outreach. Our web site has grown and grown and every day I receive emails from pastors and people in places like Kenya, Pakistan, India, Ghana, New Zealand, Great Britain, Russia, and the USA, of course. I thought about Kevin in London. His testimony is now on our web site, and I hope you will read it. Log on to www.marycraig.org and join us in praising God for the ministry opportunity Sue, Steve, and I had in Kevin's life.





(Kroy)

(Kevin & Steve)

Our Tuesday night Revival! Time from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. is catching on. People around the world now know that we pray for the many requests coming into the ministry personally (not in a stack) every Tuesday night. We are hearing wonderful feedback of answered prayer, and we are happy to give believers the opportunity to gather together to pray for one another and for current events that touch all of us at home and abroad.







Craighouse® itself is an outreach of MCM. People know that on Friday nights we strive to keep in step with the Holy Spirit both in Bible study and in worship. They come to learn and share in an atmosphere of grace. They come so as not to forsake fellowship and the love of the truth as we see the Day approaching. They come for prayer, for the prophetic word, and for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. They come to worship in an anointing and presence of God that keeps them wanting to stay. They come because God is there and people are healed, saved, and delivered at Craighouse®. Our current topic of "Looking for the Appearing of Jesus Christ" is most a propos, an opportunity to delve into the depths of the fullness of Christ. What time? 7:30 p.m.

Sundays, Rev. Jim Craig tells it like it is in the Word of God. Not many pastors are Greek scholars, but Pastor Jim seeks out the truth of the Word and shares it with us. What an opportunity to increase faith and grow in love! The interaction affords a rare opportunity for believers to savor the beauty and manifold glory of God and His Word, to be strengthened and filled with hope. Meeting at 4:30 p.m. means that there is plenty of time to honor the Lord and fellowship with God's people.

I asked myself, "Why do people love being at Craighouse® so much?" And it came to me that it's people bringing people to help and hope in Jesus. Along with great food and fellowship Africa Night, I saw people praying for each other, ministering on the spot. I saw people laughing and enjoying one another. I saw people hugging one another, encouraging one another, sharing burdens, listening, giving testimonies, worshiping God, loving one another. Isn't that what it's all about?

So, don't be a lonely bird hanging out on a high tension wire where no one knows your name let alone what you're going through or what you desire to do for Christ. Craighouse® is a "one another" happening place. It's about people. It's about you letting us put you on the path of Christ's life work and passion. It's about time for you!

Lovingly,

Pastors Jim & Mary Craig



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