

Continuing the Journey

Ed & Chris Perrine

Hello everyone! My goal for the His Mansion newsletter is to share with you how God is changing lives here on "The Hill". However, this edition will be a little different. Individuals are introduced into our family in many ways: by serving on the "hill", visiting with a work group, or investing in the ministry through prayer and sacrificial giving. But no matter how you come to find yourself acquainted with us, we consider you to be, nonetheless, a member of our family. As new members to this family, my wife Chris and I would like to share a little more about ourselves and our lives.

Let me start with a question: How does a kid from California meet a Wisconsin dairy farmer's daughter? The answer, of course, is "Germany". While in fact, our individual spiritual lives each began 39 years ago when we both asked Jesus into our lives, this story is about how we began our journey together. Chris and I both served in the Army on separate bases and first met at a Christian hospitality house. A strong interest in foreign missions at the time led both of us, individually, to develop a passion for missions.

"But, no matter how you come to find yourself acquainted with us, we consider you to be, nonetheless, a member of our family."

For Chris, this passion led her to Moody Bible Institute where she majored in Cross Cultural Missions, and it led me to Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. We were married in September of '78 and went back to Moody together. God used a short-term mission trip to Indonesia to direct our focus to home missions. Upon returning to the States, I continued my studies at Azusa Pacific University, a Christian school, where I received a degree in Business Administration.



Chris and I with four of our five Grandchildren

Our ministry work began at the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles, where our two children were born. From Los Angeles, our journey took us to work with the homeless in Chicago, and continued to Cincinnati, where I assumed the CEO position at City Gospel Mission. While serving in Cincinnati, I finished my Masters at Wheaton College, with a concentration in organizational leadership.

Michael mentioned my interest in using the physical environment to influence people's lives, and thus drawing them closer to the Lord, in the September newsletter. I like to kayak and be outdoors, so I've seen the results nature can have in people's lives. Being quiet before the Lord, immersed in His beauty while connecting to other people in the wilderness without the everyday stresses of life is very powerful. However, each time I moved in the direction of following this path of ministry, the Lord continually steered me away. At one point, I even asked Him to take my passion away, but He chose not to.

My primary gifting is in leadership, and using it in this setting is exciting. I enjoy building teams and engaging people on a personal level, and in doing so, I like to hear from everyone--from the leadership team to residents in the program. I walk around our campus a lot; meeting people, saying "hi," and seeing what's going on in the worlds of those I work with.

A very exciting aspect for Chris and I is being able to minister together, and developing a greater appreciation for how God uses community to impact lives. We see that it is such a benefit for someone who is overcoming deep pain to be in a loving and caring environment.

I'll let Chris share her own experiences of life at His Mansion: *Everyone's been so friendly. I love getting to know the residents, and am finding it so easy to love them. I'm naturally merciful and it breaks my heart to see how their hearts break because of the pain they've been through. I want to support them, care for them, and let them know I'm praying for them. But it has been difficult to leave my grandkids back in Cincinnati. My own kids grew up without seeing their grandparents much and it was difficult for them, so God really had to do a work in me to get me to agree to leave my grandkids. Before I came to His Mansion, God showed me in a Bible study that my kids and grandkids had become my idols, and that He wanted to be on the throne instead. God changed my mind the moment he revealed it to me. God's long-suffering with our stubbornness still amazes me.*

God is here on the Hill, and doing a marvelous work in people's lives. In talking to the residents and staff, I hear the depth of their understanding of God and His love for them. The many points of contact are the strength of this ministry: Many caring individuals seeing every resident in every situation and speaking truth into their lives is a great uniqueness of His Mansion.

The future is bright. There are a few near-term goals that I will be pursuing which include strengthening the mentor program—a vital aspect to Godly outcomes in residents' lives, making ourselves better known in the wider Christian world and determining future staff and visitor housing and classroom space.

Okay, I've shared our story, and I hope one day to hear yours. As time goes on, I'm sure I'll be able to meet more of you. As part of our family, please feel free to write or call me. I would love to hear from you.

Many blessings,

Ed and Chris Perrine



Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master.

Kevin Doyle came to His Mansion Ministries to serve in 1978. He had grown up in New Jersey with his Jewish mother and Irish father. When Kevin was thirteen, he was devastated by his mom's death. A couple of years later, he ran away to play in clubs, ending up with a heavy heroin addiction. While living in Providence, Rhode Island, loving believers shared the gospel with this hurting young man. Late one night, God's Spirit powerfully moved within him, and he fell to his knees to surrender to Christ. Later he realized that this happened at the corner of Hope and Doyle Street.

Starting out in ministry Kevin asked God to use him in any way He saw fit. Back then, Kevin would cut wood with a few guys from the His Mansion program, and while working with them, pull out his New Testament and read at every break. Kevin never lost his love for the Word, and his desire to see people saved.

Since then Kevin has gone around the world preaching that Jesus desires to save sinners. Called to reach the Jews with the gospel, he spent many years in Israel where he met his wife Aliza. He ministered to refugees in Kosovo and prisoners in Russia with Mercy Projects. He eventually came full circle, ministering through music in Providence. One of the last things that Kevin did before going to meet the Savior, was to bring someone he met to Christ. The next day Kevin was in a motorcycle accident that eventually took his life on October 20th. In heaven, Kevin will meet many who met their Savior through his witness and testimony.