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A BEAUTIFUL MAN, A BEAUTIFUL BABY

By Mike MacKenzie

On December 27, 2011 I buried my father after his 6 year battle with multiple myeloma. Eight days later my wife, Kari, and I welcomed our firstborn son, Dylan, into the world. My most painful moments of grief occur when I am reminded that these two never got to meet.

That my father never got to see me be a father or meet his newest grandson. Even though they never got to meet and



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even though one was a 67 year old fisherman and the other a newborn baby, they are alike in one significant way—they are both beautiful.

My father was much loved by his family and in his community which was evident by the line of people at the visitation. Now it is true that islanders (Prince Edward Island, that is. Is there any other island out there?) are great visitation attendees, but even for the island this was a large gathering. My dad had touched many lives through his generosity, kindness, friendliness and just the down-to-earth way he treated everyone equal. Everyone had a kind word to say about him but especially the elderly folk. Now islanders have some different ways of saying things than down here in Colorado where I live, especially the older generation

who are influenced by their English, Scottish, and Irish heritage. The most repeated phrase I heard the night of the visitation was, "What a beautiful man."

Eight days later I was back in Colorado, and at about 11:15 a.m., I was telling my wife to push and myself to breathe so I wouldn't pass out. Then, suddenly, the nurse exclaimed, "I see his head, he is coming out!" Ever since that moment, we have been infatuated with our baby boy, Dylan Michael. Like every proud, new dad, I filled the memory in my camera in the first 24 hours, then bought a new sd card, which holds 3200 pictures, to hopefully get me through the first week. I shared pictures via email and facebook with everyone I could think of. One of the most common responses to the pictures was, "What a beautiful baby!"

My father—a beautiful man, my son—a beautiful baby. What does beautiful mean? For our son, I think people mean he is really cute, which he is. (I know, I am biased, but check out my facebook page to see for yourself.) But what does beautiful mean in reference to my dad? It didn't mean that he was cute, and I don't



Willie MacKenzie

even think people were referring to his physical attractiveness. When they called him a beautiful man, they meant that

he lived and loved well, that his heart was good. I think perhaps they even meant they felt better when they were around him. Isn't that the effect beauty has on us? We feel better in the presence of beauty. Notice what a newborn does to most people.

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While Scripture does talk of those who were beautiful physically, such as Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Bathsheba, it also speaks to a deeper sense of beauty, which is much more valued by God and has a greater impact on others. Proverbs 31:30 says, “Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” Proverbs 31 is about a “beautiful” woman whose faith honors God and who positively impacts those around her by who she is and the way she lives.

Peter writes of beauty in 1 Peter 3:3 and 4, “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.” The beauty Peter writes about describes the woman’s attitude and character.

Sometimes the concept of beauty in the bible is used to refer to actions. For example, when Jesus was at the home of Simon the leper and a woman was chastised for using a jar of very expensive perfume to anoint him, his response was, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.” And Romans 10:15 recalls the saying, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” Their feet are not literally beautiful, but it is a beautiful thing to carry and deliver good news.

It seems that the beauty God values, true beauty, is a combination of strong faith, good character with corresponding attitude, and godly actions of love. Or you could say it comes back to loving God, others, and self, which is what God created us to do. This will look different for each person, but we are beautiful when we fully live as God designed us to live. “God saw all that he had made and it was very good.” Genesis 1:3a. Maybe you could also say that God saw all that he had made and it was very beautiful. In a sense, Dylan is beautiful right now because he is being exactly what God designed him to be at this time—a baby. As we age, we are beautiful just being who God designs us to be, not by trying to live up to some cultural picture of beauty.

I believe that Marble Retreat is a beautiful ministry, and not just because we are located in the Rocky Mountains, although that is nice. I hear guests say, “What a beautiful place,” but I don’t think they mean just the physical beauty surrounding them. They are touched even deeper than that. It is a beautiful ministry because of the faith, character, attitude, and acts of love that make up the ministry of Marble Retreat. Those that come here are reminded of God’s beauty, His love for them, and as a result their own beauty.

GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2012

May 8 - May 17	July 24 - August 2	October 9 - October 18
May 22 - May 31	August 7 - August 16	October 23 - Nov 1st
June 5 - June 14	September 4 - September 13	December 4 - December 13**
June 19 - June 28*	September 18 - September 27*	

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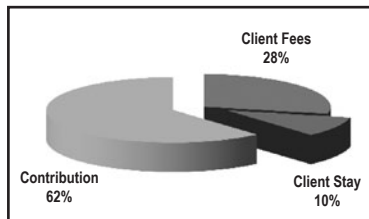
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October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011

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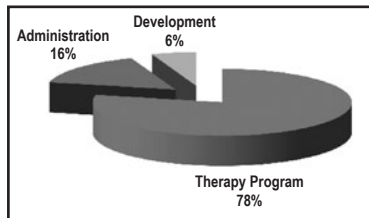
INCOME

Client Fees	\$169,830	28%
Client Stay	\$59,970	10%
Contributions	\$367,159	61%
Interest and Dividends	\$147	0.0%
Miscellaneous	\$800	0.1%
Total income	\$597,612	



EXPENSES

Therapy Program	\$424,111	79%
Administration	\$85,955	16%
Development	\$29,921	6%
Total Expenses	\$539,987	



The full Marble Retreat audited financial statement is available upon written request.



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FROM ALUMNI AND OTHERS

Awesome week. My wife and I really experienced a breakthrough in our relationship. Can't say enough about the time at Marble. Incredible, and we're grateful to you for referring us there. Steve and Patti are amazing, balancing great skills with deep compassion. I'm now going thru what I think most who experience Marble also go thru – a kind of mourning the end of the time there, missing our newly made friends, and dealing with the re-entry process. All said, I wouldn't trade it for anything. I think we have far greater understanding of ourselves, and each other, and have tools to use going forward, not to mention a strong desire to go deeper in our relationship.

My name is Vern and I have been a close friend, brother, confidant, and fellow pastor of someone who, with his wife, was recently with you at Marble Retreat. Your ministry, your love, the grace and mercy of Jesus through your hearts has germinated amazing restoration and life in their lives. I see not only transformation in progress, but I see parts of their hearts being resurrected—restored to a pre-fall state, a state they have never experienced before. Wow! This weekend I spent time with another participant from Marble Retreat... and today I met a couple who were also at Marble Retreat ... these precious amazing people together because of the context of love that you created... these are now life-long friends. And although we may never meet, the ripple effect of your lives has made my life richer. Somehow, saying thanks seems so inadequate.

Thank you. -Vern-

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We have many needs at Marble Retreat. Here are some of them:

- Ongoing General Operating Funds
- Scholarship Funds for both Clergy and Laity
- A new commercial refrigerator for the lodge kitchen
- Stain and Labor for the outside of the lodge

MANY BLESSINGS!

The staff and board of Marble Retreat are very grateful for the many blessings this year. You can see we've been blessed with the miracle of a new life in January to the ministry with the arrival of Dylan MacKenzie, showcased in Mike's front page contribution. This newsletter also has the annual report embedded in its pages. It covers our previous fiscal year's giving. You have given generously to the mission of Marble Retreat and we are humbled by all of you and the many ways you give. As a wonderful extension to this ministry, Patti has a prayer team that courageously and diligently covers our participants in prayer. Additionally, many have given in gifts of service to the retreat. We are a very small staff and we can't imagine doing this without all of you. We thank you!

The retreat continues to have some very important needs in the months to come. Our refrigerator in the kitchen is losing ground and the exterior of the lodge desperately needs a coat of stain. If you would like to give to those needs, we will be blessed.



The Counseling Team: Dr. Steve and Patti Cappa and Drs. Mike and Kari MacKenzie and the new addition, Dylan MacKenzie

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