

## Acts Ministry Board Introduces Emergency Health Fund

The Acts Ministry Board of Directors in their Oct. 21 meeting agreed to establish an Emergency Health Fund to aid people with serious health issues for whom the usual means of funding have not been sufficient for the need. The directors volunteered to contribute funds to get the fund going with initial funding at \$500 and with the hope that further contributions will expand and continue the benefits into the future. Medical and medical-related bills will be submitted to the board for approval and payment.

Jackie Scott, who has high-grade epithelioid angiosarcoma, a rare and difficult-to-treat form of cancer, will benefit from the fund to help pay medical bills at Advent Healthcare. The hope is that the fund will help others with serious medical conditions as well. To contribute to this fund, you can go to [www.actsmediagroup.com/category/donation/](http://www.actsmediagroup.com/category/donation/) or send a check to Acts Ministry, 1736 E Sunshine Suite 216, Springfield MO. 65804. You may make a one-time donation or set up a monthly contribution. Please note that the contribution is for the Emergency Medical Fund.

In other Acts Ministry business, Dennis Eversen reported that the redesign of the website is well underway and displayed the new look for board members approval. Dennis also announced that Acts Media is now being

## Coad Carries On Cross Walk of Hope Ministry to Newly Released Prisoners

In the 10 months since its co-founder and leader, Dennis Coad, passed away, Cross Walk of Hope, an Acts Ministry-affiliated ministry, has persevered thanks to the continued work and dedication of Becky Coad, Dennis' wife and Cross Walk's co-founder.

Cross Walk of Hope provides a bridge for men who have just gotten out of prison, helping them begin a new life and re-enter society as productive citizens. The ministry started as Cross Walk Journey and originally worked with the homeless community. It had been the vision of Dennis



broadcast directly from the ministry website. Broadcasts have recently expanded to six days a week with one evening and one weekend show. Two new managers are being trained to help with the expanded broadcast load.

Jason Cobb is working on a plan to post donors and sponsors on the website to help raise funding. A simple posting of the name and link of a business or church would cost \$5.00. For \$25 a month, business could post names, links, addresses, etc. Payment would be made through Good and Faithful Service Co.

A plan was discussed to move the website hosting to a provider based in Panama, a Christian-friendly country. President Jim Wining also presented the idea of organizing an Acts Ministry International corporation and the board agreed that further investigation of the idea should proceed.

A new meeting of those involved in technical support for the ministry was suggested and approved with an initial meeting set for Oct. 26.



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Breakfast at Cross Walk of Hope

# Help Dialysis Patients Resume Normal Lives

In a way it never ends. Partly it's about the medical things; the stunningly expensive drugs, the monthly IV infusions, doctor visits and juggling all the logistics and paperwork involved therewith. But after 12 years on dialysis, I have collected more than a thumb drive full of memories of the difficult life of an end-stage renal patient on dialysis.

I remember the nightmares I used to have before dialysis even started. Never a fan of needles, I would wake up in a cold sweat, dreaming that a python had latched on to my arm and was wrapping itself around me, intent on squeezing the life out of me. The truth is that the needles they use are huge, the size of finishing nails. And, often, there is relentless pain. Three times a week, four to five hours a session, every week.

And I remember the dialysis patient's enemies: potassium, phosphorus, and anything liquid—including ice cream, Jell-o and soup. Almost anything vegetable has potassium; almost everything else has phosphorus. Too much of one can give you a heart attack; too much of the other can lock your joints and turn soft tissue to stone. Combine that with the constant need to increase dietary protein and eating and drinking becomes a daily routine of skating through a minefield.

But that's all personal stuff. I have other memories, too.

I remember many fellow travelers with whom I became friends during our long sessions "in the chair." I remember the all too regular feeling when, having not seen someone for a couple of sessions, I would ask where they were, only to learn that they weren't coming back again. Ever.

I remember one dear old man who had such trouble and so much pain with his access that he gave up and ceased treatment. He knew the consequences, but felt he didn't have a choice any more.

I remember of parade of young people, many of them meth addicts, who failed to take their treatments seriously and eventually never came back.

Early on, I allowed my then-eight-year-old daughter to come to treatments with me. She became quite fond of an elderly lady in the chair next to mine and was crushed when she, too, never came back.

I recall another friend who crashed and died right there in the chair in front of us. She left a ten-year-old son without a father or a mother. I don't know what ever became of the boy.

I will always remember the staff. They became like family. They all knew my story and I knew most of theirs. They were usually hyper busy, but we shared bits of gossip about their kids and the supervisor, about the usual troubles and blessing of life. I've had them rolling in the aisles at something funny I've said and I've had them weep openly with me when it seemed my world was crashing in. More than one of them quietly took my hand and prayed with me when I'd had about all I could take. I love them all and count them as heroes, every one, to this day.

All of that's past me now. It's been 14 months since I've been in a dialysis chair and felt the needles go into my arm.

But it's not past a lot of other folks. About 400,000 patients in the U.S. still endure the thrice-weekly sessions, the pain, the exhaustion, and the aftereffects, just to stay alive. Many, like me, pray every night that they will survive long enough to raise their children. I made it longer than most and I'm grateful to God that my daughter is now grown.

I would like to see more people leave dialysis and never come back; not because they have passes on, but because they were able, as I finally was, to get a kidney transplant and move on with their lives. I hope that that can happen for them in less than my 12 years and that they will have time to live active, loving lives with their children and grandchildren.

It can happen. You can help.

Please consider giving to Acts Kidney Fund. There are many who are financially close to gaining the transplant they need; they just need a little help. Others will need help to close the gap on those expensive anti-rejection drugs and never-ending clinicals and therapies. I am inutterably grateful to AKF for getting me out of the chair. They will be, too.

You can contribute either singly or monthly by sending a check to: Acts Ministry, 1736 E Sunshine Suite 216, Springfield MO. 65804 or online at: [www.actsmedia-group.com/category/donation/](http://www.actsmedia-group.com/category/donation/). Please note that the contribution is for the Acts Kidney Fund. Thank you.

— *James Randal Phillips*

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## Coad Continues Cross Walk

Coad and his wife, Becky, had been there, working by his side, bringing her unique insights and versatility, from the beginning.

Then, a heart attack sudden took Dennis and left Becky to carry on the ministry. She was not alone. God brought many individuals to help in the early months. Then, in the ninth month, she heard God speak to her. "I heard, 'Stop. Do something.'" She found help and healing in the Bible studies originally intended to help former prisoners get free of their past and move on with living. Today, she teaches those studies and Cross Walk of Hope continues to grow and change to meet the needs of the men it serves.

Becky has partnered with Iron Gate Ministry, run by Mike and Leann Haas. Mike handles the men's house while Becky teaches the Bible study and recovery classes. The facilities have had many upgrades and changes since Dennis's passing. Future plans include reopening a thrift shop which had been part of the ministry and provided funding for several years.

## Real News Review Article of the Month

# Have You Thought About This?

*By Dr James Wining*

The other day I had cataract surgery on my right eye. It was done with several people and at two locations. I lay there in the bed waiting for my surgery and listened to all the conversations between doctors, nurses, nurse assistants and anesthesiologist. What a conundrum of activities which transpired into a successful surgery on my eye.

When I reflect on the qualifications of my eye surgeon, my anesthesiologist, my preparation nurse, my post-operations nurse and all the technicians and support nursing personnel I am in total AWE! It is just amazing how much human education, skill and dedication is necessary to just repair one part of my body. Moreover, I assume there are thousands of these teams of educated, skilled and dedicated people who repair our hearts, kidneys, bones, and so on. The work is beyond contemplation to repair people daily, weekly, annually and continuously!

This is all being said about the incomprehensible works of just repairing our bodies. What about the incomprehensible work of creating such a body? If we truly realize the abilities and limitations of humans repairing humans then we can more easily understand the immense nature of our creation and the creator God who put together our complicated body of bones, blood, brains, muscles and organs. Just to name a few of our vital parts. Happen chance pales to the wonders of the bodies God created in his imagine.



**Dr. James Wining**  
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## Plan Against the Enemy

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*Christian Counselor*

The core of my counseling is based on our being called, justified, and glorified. Before we became believers there was no good in us. Then, Jesus becomes our Lord and Savior. We are transferred from being in the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of His love.

Now, we are holy, righteous, justified. We are His beloved. We can now read the Bible, knowing we are not condemned, but loved. Yet, this horrible flesh keeps coming against this truth. What to do, what to do? It is hopeless, it seems.

And yet, Eph. 5:26 says, "He sanctifies me, having cleansed me with the washing of the water of the Word."

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Cor 10:3-5, "...though we live in the flesh we do not go into battle using flesh weapons but spiritual weapons...our weapons are mighty for the pulling down of strongholds...therefore, we refute everything that lifts itself against God and lead every thought captive unto obedience of Jesus Christ." This battle? I share a funny joke with my clients so they get the picture through humor:

Tom, Charlie, and Harry are golfing. Harry dies on the tenth hole. When Tom and Charlie get back to the

clubhouse with Harry, everyone laments with them. Tom and Charlie say, "You are so right! It was hit the ball and drag Harry! Hit the ball! Drag Harry!"

The point? This is what we do in life once Jesus is our Savior. We hit the ball of life, keep walking with Jesus and drag the dead body. The goal? The dead body of sin is skin and bones when we meet Jesus.

Next month, I will share the blessing of our spiritual weapons and how to use those powerful weapons.



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# Acts Television Network

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**Morning Drive** *Mon.-Fri., 8-9 a.m.*  
Hosts: Matt Pearson and Jason Cobb

**Brighter Living** *Mon., 9-10 a.m.*  
Host: Steve McAllister

**Sacred Ways** *Mon., 10-11 a.m.*  
Hosts: Troy and Belinda Johanson

**The Spirit in America**  
*Tues., 9-10 a.m.* Host: Randy Baar

**Crime Time** *Tues., 10-11 a.m.*  
Host: Steve Albrieht

**The New Gold Standard**  
*Wed., 9-10 a.m.* Host: Tony Hammock

**Open Ended** *Wed., 10-11 a.m.*  
Hosts: Peggy and Geoff Haberen

**Penny for Your Thoughts**  
*Thurs., 9-10 a.m.* Host: Susan Abar

**Power Hour** *Thurs., 10-11 a.m.*  
(Pre-Recorded)

**Morning Mouth** *Fri., 9-9:30 a.m.*  
Hosts: Johnny Rooster and  
Matt Pearson

**Happy Hour** *Fri., 9:30-10:30 a.m.*  
Hosts: Dr. Paul and Nancy Collins

## New Afternoon and Evening Shows

### Mondays

**House of God Ministries** *3-4 pm*  
Host: Beth Hicks (Beginning Sept. 14)

**Children's Program** *4-5 pm*

**Recovery** *5-6 pm*

### Tuesdays

**Soul's Harbor** *3-4 pm*  
Hosts: Beverly Lee & LeAnn Martin  
(Begins Sept. 8)

**Children's Program** *4-5 pm*

**Programming TBA** *5-6 pm*

### Wednesdays

**Stahls Ministry in Word and Song**  
*3-4 pm* Hosts: Bill and Anita French Stahl

**Children's Program** *4-5 pm*  
**Programming TBA** *5-6 pm*

### Thursdays

**Exposing the Candy-Coated Cult**  
*3-4 pm* Host: Nemra Rhoden  
(First and Third Thursday)

**Journey of Truth** *3-4 pm*  
Hosts: Darrell and Nemra Rhoden  
(Second and Fourth Thursday)

**Children's Program** *4-5 pm*

**Programming TBA** *5-6 pm*  
**Veterans Church** *6:30-8 pm*  
Host: Bruce Pearson

### Fridays

**Beside Still Waters** *3-4 pm*  
Host: Joanie Buchanan

**Children's Program** *4-5 pm*

**Recovery** *5-6 pm*

### Sundays

**Veterans Church** *2:30-4 pm*  
Host: Bruce Pearson  
(Second and Fourth Sunday)