

2016 Marriage Team Coaches Training

Frank and Wendy,

We are incredibly thankful for the way you joined us in making this dream a reality . We long to see our families on the front lines have healthy and thriving marriages. I think all of us were surprised by the way the Spirit moved among us and did transformational work in each of our marriages. It makes us excited to see what God will do as we put these skills to work with other couples in our countries. The investment you made in our team thru this training is invaluable and will bear much kingdom fruit. And as we invest in the next generation of leaders, one thing is very clear. Most of them have no role model for what a healthy marriage looks like. They come from broken homes, unbelieving parents, and we have the opportunity to help them start a new legacy for Christ in the generations to come.

Mel and Amy

Frank and Wendy:

This past week Aleisha and I were trained to be marriage coaches at h2o. We had no idea what to expect when we came into the week, and we honestly wondered whether we are at all qualified to do this. But the training far exceeded what we could anticipate. Not only did we have to wrestle with hard spots in our marriage, but we learned how to coach other couples to go deeper in their marriages too - without having to give them the answers. Instead, we learned how to get couples to talk to each other and listen actively. It was encouraging, empowering, and inspiring. We are ready to start immediately with coaching couples in the Czech Republic. This will impact marriages across JV. And it would not be possible without your generosity and partnership. We continue to be impacted by your engagement and support. Thank you for making this possible and for giving our marriage this gift.

Thank you!

Brian and Aleisha

Dear Wendy and Frank,

Thank you very much for providing the Marriage Coaching training for me and Eva. It was very significant week for us as a couple as well as the leaders of Slovak JV team. We learnt a lot about us, it helped us to dig out the issues we needed to address many year ago. Finally! It helped us to move on in the area of trust, communication and our different personalities. What a joy to be closer to each other as well as to have great tool to help the other couples around us.

We will make a significant effort to use the training to strengthen our JV couples in Slovakia.

Thank you again for your care, generosity, love and partnership in our ministry and life. And please do not forget that We love you!

Peter and Eva Hrubo

Dear Frank and Wendy,

Thank you so much for opportunity for us to be in marriage coaching. Marriage is one awesome thing but it can become really complicated. We want healthy marriages in Latvia and by supporting us you need to know - we will be serving our Jauniesu Virziba (Josiah Venture partner organization in Latvia) team and we hope that our marriages will be good example for others!

God bless you so much!

The Deksnis - Anete & Edgars, from Latvia

Frank and Wendy,

Thank you so much for your investment in our marriage. Not only were we significantly challenge this week but we can't wait to take this back to Slovenia and help our team be more effective in ministry through healthy marriages. The information and tools we received will have a huge impact on how we communicate overall.

Thanks again,
Johnny and Brooke Stevens

Dear Frank and Wendy,

Lina and I want to express our gratitude for your generosity in covering the cost of the Marriage Coaching Training at H2O in Poland. Thank you! What a pleasant surprise when Mel announced that you graciously offered to cover our expenses for the week. We had been looking forward to this training for some time, the opportunity to learn new skills and to be better equipped to come along side married couples here in eastern Germany. And as we got into and practiced the material we gained new insights into our own communication challenges with each other.

The four days with Al and Autumn Ray were jam packed with training, opportunities for coaching and being coached. Al and Autumn provided practical examples and insights as we covered areas such as Listening for Understanding, Speaking Effectively, Conquering Anger, Forgiving, Resolving Conflict, Solving Problems, Appreciating Differences and Cultivating Intimacy. They used the analogy of a "team" to describe that we as a couple succeed or fail together. As we were coached we learned "dynamic plays", ways in which we can remind each other to use agreed upon phrases to communicate with greater effectiveness and grace with

each other. For example, "I will listen without becoming defensive.", or I will ask, "Did I understand you correctly." And if we default to old habits our teammate can use an agreed upon "relapse reminder" to help the other teammate to remember what we had agreed upon as a couple before hand. For example, "Honey, please tell me what you understand instead of being defensive."

Frank and Wendy, thank you for investing both in our health as a couple as well as the health of couples we will have the privilege of coming alongside. As a matter of fact, this evening we are meeting with a couple in their first year of a cross cultural marriage. We believe the materials and skills we learned last week will be extremely beneficial and practical to helping them communicate more effectively in their relationship.

Grateful for both the opportunity and your kindness,

Jim and Lina Miller

Dear Frank and Wendy!

With this e-mail we want to thank you for our time in Poland! The course for marital counseling helped us learn new things for one another! We found little things that will help us as a family and to the families we want to work with. The challenges are big but we believe that God wants to teach us something new! The families are under big attacks from the enemy and we want to be God's instrument in helping them! We're praying for God to use the things we have learned and to bless others through them!

Thank you!

Tsvetan and Maia

Dear Frank and Wendy,

We are so very grateful to you and super excited to think about all the marriages in Slovakia that, Lord willing, will be impacted as a result of the marriage coaching training we received last week. Our own marriage of 28 years was greatly affected and revitalized in just 4 1/2 days of the training. Thank you for generously investing in our lives and in the many couples we hope to begin coaching soon. Frank, keep pressing on to the finish line of your faith because we believe there will be great joy awaiting you because of how you invested in Christ's kingdom here on earth.

With grateful hearts,

Mark and Amy

Dear Frank!

We are young couple from Latvia! We were the ones who participated in Marriage Coaching!

We enjoyed learning how to actively listen and help other couples communicate in a healthy way. Something like this will be a huge blessing to our team here in Latvia. And of course for our marriage! Twice a year we organize micro marriage retreats for young couples.. and skills we learned in marriage coaching will be so helpful!

Dear Frank thank you for making it happen! Guard your marriage and be blessed!

P.S. If you need some coaching let us know :)
Raimonds and Marta from Latvia

Dear Frank and Wendy,

What an absolute privilege and joy to be a part of the recent Marriage Coaching Training Conference JV hosted. Especially for us, to be able to disconnect from our ministries for 4 days and sleep, eat, connect with others on the team to pray and learn how to better serve our teams, was a huge blessing. This was made possible because of your generous gift!! Oh how thankful we are.

As ones who have had training in counselling before and are actively helping marriages from many different sides, the training couldn't have come at a better time. It challenged us to think in some new ways with others and also gave us some great time to look at our own marriage and go forward in some needed changes. The training has already been very beneficial already as we've talked with others!

You bless you in so many ways!!

Dan and Laura Hash

Dear Frank and Wendy,

While we don't know you, we can share the impact of your generosity on the couples who participated in the marriage coach training Nov 8-11 at the H2O Conference Center. We have trained 32 groups totaling over 500 couples over the course of the last 10 years. This group of JV couples is the most dedicated and gifted group we have equipped for effective marriage ministry. Your investment will create a generational impact as JV staff couples develop healthier marriages and their children learn improved relationship skills. Ultimately, their ministry will be developing healthier marriages in churches and communities throughout Eastern Europe. Autumn and I want to extend our grateful appreciation for your kingdom vision.

Al and Autumn Ray

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