



## RV Rev Reflections:

The RV Ministry is going strong (over 5 years strong now), I am still being refined daily in leadership and as a “church planter”...evangelist... crisis ministry pastor...and each of all the other hats I wear!

Mentors have often told me—as it is also referred to in the most important Book in the world—there’s a season for everything (and everyone). The only constant we can count on is change...the only hope that we can count on is stated in the book of Revelation...being in the presence of God one day with no more pain, suffering, sadness...until then our marching orders are pretty clear—serve Him until the end (or beginning, however you want to look at it!)! Trusting God to take care of all the details remains my biggest challenge. I attempt peace at this lesson with a plethora of evidence to do so and yet every time I’m brought back around again to the “gap of the unknown” I get to practice, again...yayyyy!!! I’m always thrilled with the outcome—for sure God knows what’s best! However, that doesn’t completely eradicate the anxiety of how all of the details are going to come together and how the heck is this all going to work! Although I have some success at counting it all joy and having peace in all circumstances, I am prone to say with a sigh, “Why can’t things just be simple for a while!” Am I ever glad that God is loving and patient with me! I am so happy that you and God are on this ministry journey with me—it keeps me sane and moving forward!

Here’s a great example of one of the many opportunities that strengthened my faith muscles—last February I was at a Pastors’ retreat with Rev. Tim McCalmont, who if you recall was one of the mighty men of God used to encourage and walk with me during the beginning stages of the RV Ministry and my ordination! He sat me down and caringly said, “Tamara, I need to step off your board. God is calling me to focus more fully on another important and very timely work.” I gulped... “oh God, not another change!!!” And then a supernatural peace came over me. Into my head popped one of Tim’s elders that he had introduced me to in order to receive guidance on RV Park challenges I was having—a man named Jeff Leek. I blurted out as a little girl would to her father (figure), “I will only have peace about this if Jeff Leek agrees to take your place! I know it will be an act of God because I know how extremely busy he is with work and only God could put it on his heart that he would agree to serve in this way! If God pulls this off it will be colossal fasten seat-belt time!!!” (Why do I so excitedly say this with ecstatic anticipation?!?!?...he works in the RV Park business!!!) ...And as God would have it, Jeff Leek enthusiastically joined the team!

God truly provides and is gracious to continually remind how He provides...especially at Christmas when we are reminded of God’s greatest sacrifice of his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we may have eternal life in His presence!!! Yes, He provides...Merry Christmas my friends!

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**Jeff and Tracy Leek with Tamara**

**Written by Jeff Leek, member of Tamara's Administrative Commission**

My name is Jeff Leek and I am an Elder along with my wife Tracy at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, one of the congregations that support Rev. Tamara John, Associate Director Lou Federmann and the RV Ministry.

My role in support of the RV Ministry team is to provide vision and guidance in connection with future expansion of the RV Ministry into other RV Parks. In the past month, Tamara has stayed a few days at two of my RV Parks in southern California and it's clear that the RV Ministry has much to offer to these parks too. This further reinforces my belief that the need to bring the Word of God to these people is as important as anything else we are doing.

Tamara and Lou have done an amazing job ministering to people that need our help the most. Many of the permanent residents in these RV Parks are there because they can no longer afford to live in traditional housing and have extremely challenged lives. No one has come forward to minister to them, at least until now, where Tamara and Lou and the RV Ministry team are uniquely placed to feed the Word of God to these hungry souls. The value of the ministry really hit home for me when Tamara told me that some of the RV residents that she has ministered to who were fortunate enough to find alternative housing, have come back to the RV Park for worship and fellowship. God is good!

I ask you to join me in supporting Tamara, Lou and the RV Ministry as they seek to spread the Word, comfort the hurting and care for those in need. Your prayer support, hands on support and financial support are crucial to this important ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

### **Highlights of 2016**

Two baby showers this year welcomed our youngest residents. Partnering churches made it an extra special time with all of their loving written blessings and words of wisdom for the moms and babies. We are so grateful for these times of happy celebration and the opportunity to show support, encouragement and God's love!

First Friday Fun Nights are still our most effective means of building community. Our July 4th celebration was especially fun and well attended. Word scramble games and little known facts about the flag and constitution and founders made it educational as well. A great opportunity to stop and be thankful for the freedom we enjoy in this country!



**4th of July Friday Fun Night at the Park**



**Baby Shower at the Park**

## More Highlights of 2016

One of our residents who had the means, sponsored another of the residents who, although married to an American, would not have been able to stay in the country because her husband did not have enough income. Although these two families were not close previously, a wonderful relationship of mutual appreciation resulted. We are always so encouraged by the random acts of kindness that flourish from growing transparency of the residents and seeing the needs of one another.

Tamara had numerous preaching opportunities where the work and vision of the ministry is able to be shared. She also led two women's retreats and is grateful that she has been asked to return to the Tahquitz Pines Conference Center in Idyllwild for next year's retreat for the women of the Presbyterian churches of Yorba Linda and Placentia. The ultimate in "girl time" and personal growth, these retreat opportunities are the frosting on the cake!

Lou continues to build her missional skills with coaching from Jim Milley and Dan Steigerwald through Bridges US which mentors its members in skills that can be applied directly to relationships in which they are currently involved. This is extremely helpful as many situations that occur at the rv park are outside of traditional church experience and training. Putting the skills in practice while they are being learned is a great and effective means to meet the needs of residents in the rv park. This training is proving invaluable in Lou's ministry with Hope for Life Chapel RV Ministry.

A Young Ladies' Bible Study that focused on the issues experienced in growing up was a highlight of the year! Lou shared some of the questions real kids have about right and wrong and the Biblical application in answering those questions while encouraging sharing and, well...more questions! Tamara was always able to help answer the additional questions with her wealth of knowledge of the Scriptures and personal experience of living the Christian life. Tamara and Lou say they learned as much from the girls as they taught them and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

**Tamara  
Leading  
Women's  
Retreat**



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You can email Rev. Tamara at: [HFLCteam@RVMinistry.org](mailto:HFLCteam@RVMinistry.org)

*This weekend was a blessing! - Denise E.*

*Your presentation really did surpass my expectations. It was truly inspiring and gave us all a lot to think about. - Frances Z.*

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