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Tim
Please let us know if this meets your need
Barry & Jennifer

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Before 2010 B&J had an excellent relationship with Greg McCombes at FAC. Never quite sure why he moved out of marriage & family work as he was excellent. Before FAC moved from Glenmore Trail we were frankly envious of how FAC ran their marriage ministry! Very vibrant!
However during their time at FAC 2013-2016 Barry & Jennifer would hear of others who had been hurt by happenings in the marriage ministry and dropped out.

Fall 2010 Invited to dinner with Scot and Tara Weatherford at our friend Carol Lawrence's home. Carol was very concerned about the state of marriage & family ministry at FAC. She hoped we might make a difference. Carol has since died. We sent a note to Scot but no response

11.11.11 Met with Les Bon-Benard as Relationship Central reps 2 years before joining FAC. Shared our work in marriage & family. Hoped he would introduce some of the courses. Followed up but no response

28.10.13 Urgent call from Jamie Unruh @ FAC have 10 couples ready for Pre_Marriage Couple and facilitator has dropped out. Can B&J recommend someone? B&P think about it 5 minutes and say they will do it. We established a really good working relationship with Jamie from beginning.

8&9.11.13 Facilitate Pre- Marriage Course - Couples evaluations good to very good

4.1.14 FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication and Understanding Study - Inventory used by Fac before Prepare & Enrich introduced) session with a couple

11/12.1.14 Facilitate Pre- Marriage Course - Ron &n Teresa assist and evaluate B&J

13.1.14 Couples evaluations good to very good

18.1.14 FOCCUS session with a couple

5,2,14 Ron & Teresa Lunch

20/21.3.14 Facilitate Pre- Marriage Course - evals good to very good

11.3.14 FOCCUS session with a couple

7.5.14 Ron & Teresa Dinner @ B&J . Ron would describe us as their mentors in the journey ahead

31.1. 14 1/2 day Prepare & Enrich Training - B&J would never use it for FAC. Over 18 years had facilitated more than 60 FOCCUS inventories with pre-married couples. Would advise Ron 1/2 day training insufficient

24 &31.5.14 Facilitate Pre- Marriage Course @ Home. 1 FAC couple . Couples evaluations good to very good

4.6.14 FOCCUS session with a couple

6.7.14 Email rom Ron" As always, I am so grateful to you and Jennifer for your support and willingness to help me & FAC in this ministry."

20.7.14 Fern Buszowski Lecture on Shame

12.7.14 FOCCUS session with a couple

28.7.14 FOCCUS session with a couple

10.9.14 Try coordinate Alpha & Marriage Courses dinners to/from Heather Brown to no avail

9.8.14 FOCCUS session with a couple

31.8.14 Mtg Ron & Teresa

5.9.14 Brent & Rhea get together at our home

25.9.14 Start to facilitate first FAC Marriage Course in 7 years

13.9.14 B&J an Parenting Course Training at Foothills Alliance

4.10.14 Only one of 3 couples to attend Marriage 911 training event at FAC (would later share course with FAC seniors)

14.11.14 Ron" Thank you very much for facilitating The Marriage Course. Your partnership with me in the Marriage Ministry at FAC is valued and greatly appreciated."

16.10.14 Shared the work of Marriage Matters & principles & purpose of Marriage 911 at Seniors luncheon- looking for seniors get involved . Approached by couple after who had served in FAC marriage ministry in past - "your wasting your time without a committed pastor involved."

30.11.14 Last night of Marriage Course - Evaluations good to very good

11.12.14 Meeting with Ron " How did Marriage Course go meeting? turned into a criticism of Relationship Central as a para church organization
Agreed to jointly contact National Director - never happened but Ron contacted her separately

15.12.14 Email from Ron " Thank you both for making the time to visit last week; I do enjoy our time together. Over the next week I'll make of list of "projects" where I could use some additional support, and if you'd like, you can pick from there your areas of interest" Nothing was ever received.

18.12.14 (date question) Our surprise Ron arrives at Seniors lunch to give a presentation on Marriage Matter Ministry. Why we are not forewarned us as regular seniors attendees? Ron would later be critical of the seniors for making too much noise while he spoke. A trait he would show to others who displeased him

17.12.14 December meeting at Ron & Teresas with Brent , Rhea , Patrick & Karen
Had to invite ourselves to meeting - major discussion on whether food would be served. See email. Only Teresa saved day. Push for regular team meetings ignored

19.1.15 Fac Marriage Ministry Social - 6 couples & Ron - confidentiality concerns over comments made in the meeting by Randy Aspinal and group banter about a couple who had taken prep-course. Ron gave a vision…His Dream. Went on for a long time. Ron did not share copy of dream ahead or after. We requested a copy. Mike asked " Ron sum it up with what are the 5 most important issues?" No response.
B&J share interest in running Parenting Course mentioned?, _ Ron "will do it in 2016", B&J wanting to active outside church with couples & families.
Every thing is strategic whatever that means? Ron shares his & Teresa's problems with P&E and will not let Marriage Matters couples see their full reports

24.2.15 Offer to help Shane & Kim in 911 mentoring

21-28.1.15 Exchange emails B&J & Ron on need to meet important issue. Very challenging for B&J to remain calm with Ron's aggressive emails

27.1.15 Ron took us out of ministry without our knowledge or discussion based on suspicion

28.1.15 Meeting Ron B&J raised confidentiality concerns that were ignored. Based on suspicions B&J were creating disharmony and had to step down from ministry . At this Barry called a Ron a control freak and stormed out with Jennifer. After discussions Jennifer decided to return and under pressure confirmed Randy Aspinal was the person sharing confidential couples information.

18.1.15 At 8:00pm Ron rescinded decision and B&J could run course - no apology or attempt to help us talk things over with couple he had planned to replace us with

29,1,15 Ron gives a strange & rushed message to the MC & MPC group at dinner about on confidentiality - no prior discussion with anyone. Jennifer asked several times for a confidentiality document for all to sign. Nothing done.

6/6.2.15 B&J attended Mark Gungor Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage at Foothill Alliance . Highly successful

7/2/15 Ron "We tried laugh your way…." didn't work yet. Always felt any idea B&J made was put down.

2.15 B&J Missed Mentoring workshop - promise to hold another

18.2.15 Brad Boshmans email confirming he, Ron and our National Director has been in discussions for more than two weeks to hold Marriage & Marriage trying event at FAC'. Brad noted Ron is very pleased to have B&J on his team. Hurt B&J a little things being done behind their backs' Following night Ron's admission

20.2.15 Invite from Ron to run proposed new Marriage Course start April 9. He notes maybe couples would come out of Brad's training event . Its somewhat of a mystery who attends - we know of two couples, one from FAC

23.2.15 B&J respond to Ron we are off on 3 weeks vacation in eastern USA - happy to help 2 weeks in beginning and last few weeks of upcoming marriage course. Never heard back from Ron

3.5.15 Marriage Matters Bible Study - we on vacation

7.3.15 Marriage Course Training event by Brad from Foothills at FAC - 5 churches represented. Who from FAC unknown

7.3.15 Email from Brad re training event - 12 couples attended - thanks to B&K for your help in promoting

12.3.15 Last night Marriage Course - strange situation over group photo Ron & Teresa would not join group

13.6.15 Marriage Mentoring training - unable to attend

18.6.15 Marriage Matters Bible study - three couples active in marriage work who should have attended did not ever

Summer 2015 On Main Street @ FAC Marianne Aspinal shares with B&J her concerns & worries about a couple she and Randy are mentoring. Gives ages and ethic backgrounds. We advise her to speak to Ron or Fern. We believe it shows 1/2 P&E training insufficient. Likely some role play exercises needed and a confidentiality agreement & procedures in place

29.8.15 Marriage Matters Bible Study - who attended - three couples active in marriage work who should have attended did not ever

10.9.15 Attended First Couples Cafe event. Strange comment from Teresa over we were first to sign up. No request to help that evening. First indicator of the 'Core' group at work

16 .9.15 Marriage Matters Bible Study. Barry asked for proper team meetings. Gave Mens Ministry model. Jennifer asks for better communication. Ron said he does have resources for newsletter. Three couples active in marriage work who should have attended did not ever

3.10.15 Relationship Central Meetings in Calgary with our national director Elaine Young. Brad from Foothills was there. Brad is always supportive of our work

4.10.15 National Director Elaine Young in town & introduced to James re possible visit by Nicky and Sila Lee extending their trip to Haifax. James very supportive of idea as he has worked with the ministry - says contact Les

1.11.15 Second Couples Cafe Event - we did not attend

10.10.15 Contact Les by email re potential Nicky & Sila visiting Calgary

24.11.15 Meeting Les & Ron re Nicky & Sill Lee - starts 10 minutes late, Les looks at watch and says no time chit chat. 9 minute meeting basically no discussion just a verdict (Halifax event sold out). Only meeting with Les & any form of communication in 2 years in ministry under his direction and to current date.

Sept 15 to January 2016 Ongoing brief chats/emails/messages with James about getting together

28.1.16 Meeting James - seemed sympathetic - wait 5 weeks for me to work on it.
Barry pushed too hard and then James became really ill

10.2.16 Marriage event Garry Thomas @ Centre Street

11.2.16. Barry taking photos Garry Thomas singles event @ FAC

16.3.16 Note from Les.- James had refereed requests to him and he referred us back to Ron when he returns in April. Huge disappointment! Sending us back to an abuser. Difficult to trust the system after this. Needed to pull back and pray!

12/19.5.16 Vancouver vacation

22.5.16 B&J write to Brad Young seeing if we can help in marriage & family in new FAC church plant - The Exchange. No response

24.5.16 email request from Ron - need meet within 5 days to get our opinions of him and ministry. Why the urgency? Did mail to Brad

24.5.16 email request from Ron "need meet within 3 days to get our opinions of him and ministry. Why the urgency? Did mail to Brad Young set this off?

27.5.16 Meeting Ron joined by Teresa. We were totally deceived by the purpose of meeting. Teresa appeared to be their to record meeting. Tried to share our thoughts but stopped by strange use of Matthew 18:15. Someone had challenged his authority in public. No details or witnesses Basically B&P are out of the ministry, they have a core group of couples running it and Les will run a Marriage Course in January 2017. See fuller meeting report

31.5.16 Email from Anne Freeman for the Couples Cafe on June 10 now notes Teresa Buschman as a Marriage Ministry Team Leader. First B&J had heard this. The theme for this event "is being a great team player. "

1.6.16 strange email from Ron "your behavior toward me this afternoon was confusing" Clearly oblivious to the pain he has caused us

Marriage Matters Team Members B&J had been introduced to: : Barry Pendergast Brent & Rhea Davies Cheryl & John Siebring Howard & Eleanor Friesen janelle gerestein Lima Karen Toews Mike Friesen & Tammy Korchmar Oscar & Janelle Garcia Patrick Toews Randy & Marian Aspinall Randy Aspinall Shane & Kim Bevans Shane Bevans Teresa Buschman. There were others but they were unknown to us