



# Out of My Mind...

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## For Your Consideration...

As you may be aware October is Pastoral Appreciation Month. As a 28 year veteran, I remember how much it meant to be remembered by my congregation during this month. (Ask me about the "Love Tree".)

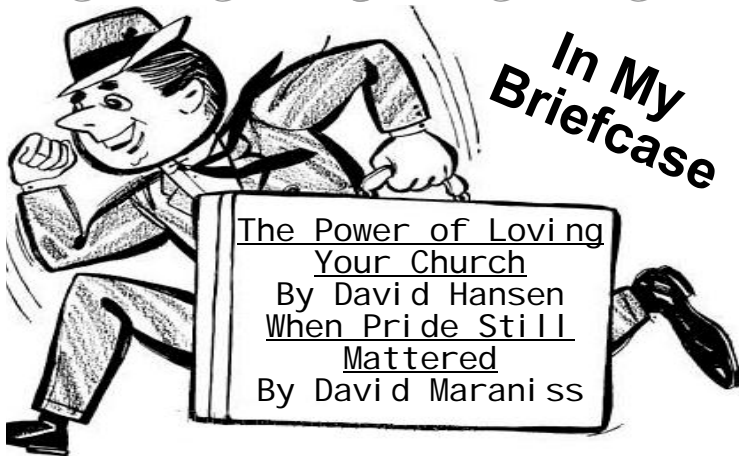
I believe we could all do a better job of appreciating one another (pastors and parishoners alike). Paul always wrote expressions of gratitude to the churches that received his letters. Your expression does not have to be expensive but it does have to be sincere. It will bear rich dividends down the road as you bless your pastor and his family.



### **SURROUNDED IN LOVE: The Badar Family**

#### **ON THE MEND:**

**Barbara Wheeler:** on going health issues



## **FROM THE FIELD... "Hicks" in Beijing**

When you think of Beijing, the capital of China, you probably think of the oppressive political regime that it represents. Most Christians in the west are at least vaguely aware of the persecution faced by fellow believers in this communist society. Stories of long prison sentences and torture are well known. This is exactly where Conneautville Baptist Pastor Loren Little and his administrative assistant Dave Bicko were invited to go to help provide doctrinal training for Chinese house church pastors and leaders.

Because of religious oppression, as people turn to Christ throughout China there is little opportunity for sound discipleship of believers and doctrinal training for pastors. Mainland China International Mission is addressing this problem by taking teams of pastors from the west into China to provide underground doctrinal training for house church pastors. Each team teaches for five days from eight to ten hours a day in various homes or other "secure" locations in the region to which they have traveled. The teaching occurs for one week every two months so that over the course of time the house church pastors receive comprehensive instruction in doctrine, pastoral skills and evangelism and discipleship.

Little and Bicko found themselves located in Beijing for their stay, in a typical apartment in one of the many high rise complexes common to the city. Each day along with their interpreters, they traveled by taxi to various locations throughout the city where they taught in small, crowded rooms to pastors and church leaders. The focus of their teaching was evangelism and discipleship. They found that these topics, especially discipleship, addressed some serious problems and generated important discussion.

For additional information please contact Loren or Dave

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Selah: "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."

Beverly Sills