

WALKING ON

Get Out of Your Boat (con't)

grims on all four of those walks and not one mentioned how being at LSCA seemed strange; neither did they question why something was done a certain way. They did not care because they were too busy receiving God's grace and being touched by the Holy Spirit. I pray the team members would do the same. Yes; plan and adjust, but do not sweat the small stuff. Take off your leadership vest for just a moment and "just serve" on God's team. Others from the community are taking care of our service needs. In our new location, the Agape Chapel is primarily responsible for prayer, prayer & prayer, agape and some clean-up in the conference room where only team members are allowed. Set up and tear down crews are in need of volunteers. We need folks who know where things go --and can put things away after a walk. Could this be your calling?

Quincy walks have prospered and the Great Rivers community works hard to stay connected. But they also have challenges of cost and continue to explore other options to be good stewards. We have seen growth in some communities and the need for new folks to step up in other places. Is the community where you live in need of you stepping out of your comfort zone to take a leadership role?

I admit this has been a very tough year for me personally -- in business, in leadership, in trying to put out fires. I have sometimes felt the weight of the world on my shoulders. At times I have forgotten who is really in charge: my wonderful, loving, grace-giving God! I promised Him something 11 years ago in February. Todd Burrus, the Lay Director on Walk 130, hung a cross around my neck and said these words: "God is counting on you!" I responded, "And I am counting on Him!" God has done His part and always will. Now each



of us needs to do our part for the continuation of Central Illinois Emmaus. This year has been a blessing. There were no cancelled walks and lots of pilgrims. Facilities have served us well. We have a Board of Directors that has looked to the future to allow many new people a chance to serve in all areas. Please never forget to get involved in your own church first and then Emmaus. The best servants are always busy because they are doers!

The CIE Board of Directors has voted to allow board members a three-year term, after which a two-year hiatus must be taken. Members can then run for another three-year term. A total of six years on the board (unless someone is completing a partial term for another) is the *maximum anyone can now serve on the board*. This means we need many new servants to get involved. Could that be you? Free weekends are still to be decided, and many other options, like having pilgrim and team member fees the same amount, or going back to original fees. We ask

for your advice and opinions on all these issues. The Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at LSCA campgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I remember lining up for our picture on my first walk and every walk thereafter. The photographer always told the story of Jesus walking on the water. Peter also gets out of the boat -- walks, sinks and Jesus saves him. The key part was that Peter got out of the boat! If you really love what Emmaus has done in your life to enhance your relationship with our savior, Jesus Christ; if you really accept His grace; then it is time for you to get out of your boat and come back to help this mission grow and survive. Yes, survive. If people become complacent and quit serving and caring, then no ministry can continue. Hey God, I am counting on you. And yes, He is counting on you and me, too. Thanks for the cross and all it means. I love you with the heart Christ gave me.