

# Daily Encouragement Reader Survey 10/17

## 1) How did you discover the Daily Encouragement Net ministry?

Personal contact with Stephen and/or Brooksyne	20%
Forwarded email	22%
Search engine	17%
Email signature line	3%
Link from another site	13%
Radio station	2%
Print advertisement	1%
Ministry card with web address	1%
Church or conference presentation & display	2%
Other	18%

## 2) Where are you located? (City, State and/or country)

Readers are geographically dispersed with most being in the USA but many other countries represented as well. That's very gratifying!

## 3) What kind of connection do you have to the Internet?

Through mobile phone plan	19.05%
Dial-up modem connection	0.00%
DSL	22.62%
Cable modem	54.76%
T1 or better	7.14%
Do not know	7.14%

## 4) How long have you been accessing our online ministry materials?

Within the last month	1.06%
Within the last year	7.45%
Within the last five years	35.11%
From five to ten years	35.11%
Over ten years	21.28%

## 5) How do you receive the messages (check all that apply)

Daily email list	86.02%
Weekly email list	1.08%
Read the message on the website	17.20%
RSS subscription:	1.08%
Podcast	3.23%
Other	6.45%

## 6) How often do you read the messages?

Normally each day through the week (each message)	73.12%
Every couple of days	16.13%
Weekly	1.08%

Periodically	2.15%
Other	7.53%

### 7) What ways do you normally read or listen to the material?

Mobile phone	17.39%
Tablet	18.48%
Home computer	64.13%
Work computer	22.83%
Public computer such as a library	2.18%

### 8) What features do you regularly use?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
Read the daily Scripture text	85.56%	11.11%	3.33%	0.00%
Read the main message	78.65%	14.61%	6.74%	0.00%
Read and/or pray Brooksyne's prayer	63.64%	18.18%	15.91%	2.27%
Enjoy the photos	86.96%	8.70%	4.35%	0.00%
Use the supplemental music links	13.25%	25.30%	46.99%	14.46%
Read the additional freshly written material (footnotes)	34.83%	31.46%	29.21%	4.49%
Use the website for additional resources	13.95%	11.63%	58.14%	6.28%

### 9) How do you share the messages?

	Often	Sometimes	Never
Forward emails when I feel they would be helpful to others	26.67%	51.11%	22.22%
Send links to the website or supplemental resources	2.74%	36.99%	60.27%
Print out the messages and pass them on	8.86%	26.58%	64.56%
Use the messages in bulletins or newsletters	2.60%	7.79%	89.61%
Use the material for study preparation	10.00%	41.25%	48.75%

**10) Do you have any other comments or suggestions concerning the Daily Encouragement Net ministry for Stephen and Brooksyne? (Remember, due to the anonymous nature of this survey we are unable to respond to a question or comment!) If you would care to reach us with a personal comment or question go to this page and use the email or form: <http://www.dailyencouragement.net/comments.html>**

About 60% of survey respondents chose to share a comment. We are thankful for all the comments and on a few occasions highlight in yellow our response. Some requested a response but due to the anonymous nature we were unable to do so. (Note: When copying these comments over to a Word document we did correct the spelling on several comments-the editor nature in Brooksyne!)

- Great Daily Start to Working Relationship...
- I find the ministry is perfect for my needs and probably doesn't require modifying or other additions. It's fairly succinct and supplements other study I do. Also the break in the weekends enables me to catch up if I have got behind in doing the daily reading. I have been truly blessed by your messages. I am a medical specialist and so sometimes very busy but the format and length of the devotionals is just right for my needs. You might also be surprised to hear that I also have a

real struggle with pornography at times and really appreciate your challenging and comforting messages in relation to this. Thank you.

- The Daily Encouragement is a daily blessing to me. I have no suggestions for improvement.
- I think you are doing a great job.
- It is clearly so much work to do this ministry. I hope the survey results will identify any ways that you can streamline the process and make things easier on yourselves.
- Just to say...thank you and keep it up!
- Only comment is that the length requires a time commitment to fully grasp the message of encouragement. Perhaps begin to shorten when possible. I appreciate the teaching more than the encouragement- but I enjoy the encouragement also. **Our note: It's difficult to impossible to create a time allotment suitable to everyone. We commend this reader for their desire to study the Word. By the "encouragement" we take to mean the personal, illustrative material we often begin with which varies in length. We are going to experiment with a bookmark to direct readers who may choose to do so to jump directly to the exposition teaching.**
- I used to listen regularly, but to be honest, there were times that it was not updated because you were away somewhere and I drifted away into other study material. I Love you both dearly and still come back from time to time. God has used your Ministry in a very powerful way and helped me to walk through some very dark times in my life, sometimes your website was all I had to hold on to for fellowship/encouragement. And I am forever grateful.
- We so appreciate the encouragement and the Biblical message with each email. The pictures are an added touch and help us to connect with your family and friends. We appreciate you and always keep you in our prayers.
- Thanks for the Daily Encouragement
- Your ministry has been a blessing.
- I love your Daily Encouragement devotionals! You have done an excellent job in making it spiritually uplifting and beneficial, making it easy to quickly read a few verses from the scriptures and read some spiritual thoughts and instruction. Also making it personal to your family which is interesting and makes people feel they know you and can relate to you. I love looking at beautiful scenery and pictures, so that skill of yours and now Ester is a real plus for me. I love looking through the pics. I have read a lot about the Amish, so that you live as neighbor's in Amish country is also very enjoyable to see the pictures of the farm's buggies etc. So these are reasons why I still get the emails and continue to enjoy them. Thank you and God bless you!
- I thoroughly enjoy it. Please keep up the good work
- Reading Daily Encouragement helps me understand the Bible better and encourages me to improve my faith.
- Thank you for your ministry!!!!!!
- Just to keep "encouraging" you to be encouragers of others!!!! Your messages reach so many others around the world!! God Bless You in your ministry!
- Thank you for your ministry! It is a blessing!
- Keep up the good work. Be encouraged because you are encouraging many.
- Thank you for faithfully declaring the Word of God daily. I have been encouraged and I have used what you have written to encourage others as well. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
- Thanks for the great ministry. Please stay on the wall. Greatly appreciation the Word of the Lord, the pictures and the personal touch. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire, enable and provide. Blessings!
- The Lord finding you for me was definitely a blessing from Him. I Praise Him for it. Today my wife had her first cataract surgery and there was a man in the waiting room who was in a chair right across from me; maybe 3 feet. I started talking to Him about the World Series last night and don't know exactly what came next but he said something about how bad the world is and I told him

about you and yesterday's message about children and sending a reply to you about it. Then I told him more about you and where you were from and are from and so forth and so on. I told him about you and the businesses you help but I couldn't think of the word for it. I think he had the right idea of it though and he was thankful that businesses have people like you that could be of help to them and their employees. I also couldn't think of what your site is called even though I remembered I have you in the DEN folder since Feb. 9th. He left when his wife returned from surgery for her second eye and we shook hands. I never did ask his name even though I did give my name and Jackie's as she talked to him about the surgery. I told him my wife is a nurse of 41 and a half years but didn't go farther there. Later I told him I was 72 on Sunday and he said he is 70 years old. It was great talking to him about different things for the time we did. AHA just remembered, from the Lord I am sure, Chaplain. I have always liked talking to someone in a waiting room or wherever and used to do that riding a bus in my city as I was growing up. In fact, the whole time I was waiting to be called for my picture for my license renewal a few weeks ago I was talking to an 84 year old man I was sitting next to and Jackie once again got into it near the end since she was sitting behind me there. Praise God that we can talk to people at places like doctor's offices and so forth. It is not like years ago anymore and I don't mean racially or in that kind of way. You just don't know who you can anymore. I remember when I was a house husband for 24 years and I used to talk to shoppers in the grocery store or say something about a cute little girl or boy and so forth.

- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. YOU ARE APPRECIATED.
- I hope I haven't taken this survey twice!! I do enjoy your messages and have for many years, often speaking to friends about them. Keep up the good (book) work. (Note: Years ago we posted a similar survey!)
- Your work has meant so much to me over the last several years. I feel like I know you both, and I very much appreciate the "down home" style. Maybe someday, I would be fortunate enough to get to come meet you in person. As a teacher, I would be very interested in hearing your thoughts on the generation that is being raised today, and how we can help steer them correctly. There is such a sense of "entitlement" among our youngsters today. How to get the focus off of themselves, and onto something of lasting value (the Lord)? Thanks so much, and please keep up the wonderful work! (Note: We know many local readers but when distant readers are in the area please contact us. Through the years we have also met quite a few who do not live in our area.)
- My son sent forwarded this to me 5 1/2 years ago. I was suffering with lung cancer and all the treatment that goes with that. I was angry and very discouraged. I received true comfort from these readings. Thank you and God Bless you all.
- Love the daily encouragement!
- I really enjoyed reading your material. You folks to do a very fine job! Even though you don't know me I feel like I know you well. I continue to be amazed that you are able to come up with so much good material so consistently.
- Started reading the site at my new job. I had lost a job of 28 years after the company was sold. It was difficult learning a new position. Somehow I found the site. I needed encouragement and the site helped. Turns out my work area is lower Chester county. I often see Amish farms when I am working. It makes me think of you guys sometimes. Haha. Thanks!
- Thank you! I enjoy your Daily Encouragement Net and it is often a source of encouragement to me (surprise! surprise!). You guys are wonderful, and if we ever get back to the Lancaster area, which may be possible, we will try to look you up. :-)
- Enjoy the messages and music -- mostly the older music -- not into the new age music Thanks for all your efforts. (Note: We try to select a variety of music for those that enjoy the supplement. Our main focus in this regard is the content and how it may relate to our theme.)
- Keep up the good work. Love these.

- Keep on serving the Lord and encouraging others. You are a blessing to many. God Bless You!
- We met at Congress (New England ) the year you were moving to PA. (Note: Congress was a large interdenominational Christian gathering in Boston we had a display booth at in 2000 and 2001. What a blessing to still have contacts from there!)
- I am blessed by your ministry! I pray that the Lord will use you more as you provide fresh dose of encouragement every day. I pray for Ester, that she too will follow your footstep. God bless her life and may the Lord sustain you physically as well as you daily labor for Him.
- Thank you for your daily encouragement messages. I don't have many on my email list, as many have gone for Facebook and or messenger. (Note: We provide an updated Facebook page with each message [www.facebook.com/Dailyencouragementnet](http://www.facebook.com/Dailyencouragementnet) However we still enjoy having many email readers!
- Daily Encouragement is one of the ways God speaks to me every day. I am so thankful He brought it my attention so many years ago and has used it in my life ever since. One of those blessings from our Lord.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTERING TO SO MANY
- I so enjoy this daily devotional with you all! I especially enjoy the prayer at the end, it always touches my heart. I also love the pictures within the devotional and love Esters pictures too!! She really does a great job! My sister and I both have recognized how busy and energetic you both are!! You both are amazing with all that you do in your ministry and also fit in hiking and biking. Thank you for your teaching and the example you show us all of loving God and sharing His truth every day!
- My dear brother and sisters (Esther too) please keep up this great and necessary work of strengthening the hands of SO MANY.
- Thank you for this wonderful ministry.
- Thank you for your efforts. Some of them cause real ah-ha moments; others are like call to action or change. They are always a good reminder at work of what's really important.
- Love to reflect on the topic for the current day. Find most messages uplifting and timely. I sometimes copy a phrase or Scripture on Facebook. Of course I give credit to Daily Encouragement... (Note: Thanks for sharing!)
- Daily Encouragement is just that!!! I am blessed to have come across this devotion several years ago. The pictures are a bonus and testify to God's creation. May God continue to bless your ministry so that it may continue.
- I would just like to say thank you for doing this, and it's meaningful to me!
- Stephen and Brooksyne are friendly couple that acknowledge that the Word of God be transmitted to the human race by all technology available. (Note: This was from a reader in Kenya.)
- I just want to say I really do appreciate Daily Encouragement. It is very helpful in my walk with the Lord. Thank you and God bless!
- To be honest, since my PC has been serviced several times, I currently am unable to print out the messages. Still working on it though.
- So enjoy everything about your online ministry, may the Lord continue to bless each of you, giving you great health to continue on blessing us. Love through our Lord,
- Always encouraging and inspirational. We appreciate the stories, pictures and music. We often feel like we are physically present with many of the pictures & stories. Thank you for being a blessing!
- Thank you for dedication to the ministry. We appreciate.
- I do enjoy the pictures. Thank you for the encouragements.
- I have always enjoyed your messages, right from the beginning, and spoke of them often to my friends. In fact, I think I have been connected to them for more than 5 years, but wasn't really sure of when I started. You have both become friends in my life, thank you for your work and Christian fellowship.

- God bless you. Thank you for your daily messages.
- Love the photos and your personal story's
- Just wanted to let you know I look forward every day to read your messages and at times I copy them to read later when I can take the time to concentrate more. May God richly bless you folks as you prepare the messages daily.
- I look forward to your postings every day. It is most stimulating to tweaking my mind regarding perhaps some issue[s]/perspective that I never considered before. Your photos are beautiful and reminds me that the Lancaster area is unique in many respects. As we often say in NE...in the event that you are considering making any major changes... "if isn't broken, then don't fix it" (Note: We appreciate this and have no major changes in mind. With things changing so much all around us we appreciate predictability and stability.)
- Keep up the good work
- Thankful for this ministry.
- Continue to appreciate much of what you do. Continue in the faith. I would hope you would continue to occasionally warn those in the body of Christ of the watering down of the Gospel as you have a few times in the past. The apostate Emergent and Ecumenical churches are all that we have now have in our area. Along with their blending in with the cultic Roman Catholic teachings with emphasis often on the "Desert Fathers" and "Spiritual Formation" practices. This along with its counterpart, Eastern mysticism is much of the "dark light" ingrained throughout much of Christendom now. Luke 11:35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.
- Keep it up!
- Keep up the good works! Thank you.
- I would like to read more updates on Ester and her activities. Often I read when she is ill, or when she happens to be in a picture that was taken. But day to day, I don't read much in the footnotes about what Ester is doing day to day. Her story is incredible and she is so blessed to have you as her parents. (Note: That is so kind. When things are going well with her health we tend not to refer to her.)
- OH MY, I SOMETIMES FEEL THAT YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT IS MY SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE WEEK. I FIRST HEARD YOU ON WDAC AND WOULD ENJOY YOUR WEBSITE DURING BREAKS AND LUNCH, BUT IT HAS BECOME A MUST - I ENJOY THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSIGHT. SOMETIMES, YOU ARE SPEAKING TO ME PERSONALLY. THANK YOU. WITH LOVE,
- Thank you for providing this daily word. It is always an encouragement to me when I read the word. God Bless.
- I love reading them.
- The ministry has been part of my life and an encouragement for several years. I have been praying for you daily through much of that time and will continue to do so.
- Daily Encouragement is a wonderful inspirational blessing. We enjoy every part of the newsletter. Many times it makes us feel like we are right there in the places you speak about. The stories and pictures are beautiful. Thank you for all you do.
- Your ministry is truly encouraging! Sometimes it seems like friends aren't there when I need them. Your message always comes through, or is there when the Internet is on. We have a good connection and are blessed. A small income, but God enables us the keep the bills paid and have enough left over for all our needs.
- I so enjoy the devotionals. I try to make time to read it all, and sometimes I have time to listen to the music links. (I check them out anyways...) Your ministry has been a blessing to me. I have shared many of them on Facebook.
- I pray that God will continue to encourage you and Brooksyne in your ministry that is an important part of my spiritual journey. You are not afraid to speak the truth according to the Bible-praise

God. May God continue to bless you and strengthen you as your ministry blesses and strengthens people in their faith.

- I absolutely love your daily devotional, from start to finish. Since I am originally from NY State, I especially enjoy the photo's you post....especially this time of year. I am also familiar with Lancaster area since my sister lives in Phil. area and we would always go to Lancaster when we visited her. The devotional messages always speak to my heart and I also love the prayer at the end which gives evidence of your heart and unites us before our great Lord. I am so glad my sister forwarded a message to me one day. I signed up right away to receive them daily. Thank you for your testimony of faith and family...each of you is a blessing to behold as you live and serve the God we love.
- My husband and I are greatly encouraged daily! Thank you for using the gifts that God has given you to reach others for the Kingdom of Christ and to encourage us to do the same. Keep doing what God has called you to do! We are blessed by you.
- God bless you efforts!
- We are always encouraged by the messages. We enjoy the photos included and the stories after the messages.
- Thank you for your Daily Encouragement. It makes my day!
- I would love to hear back from you all have a blessed day in the name of Jesus. (Note: We are unable to respond back to a survey since no addresses are used. Use our contact form if you would like to reach us.)
- Very uplifting and encouraging. Enjoy the topics you present and the variety of messages. Like your prayers at the end of each message and the music links you provide. Thank you both so much for what you're doing! God bless!
- I get the daily prayer delivered by email. I did not know about all the other resources until taking the survey.
- I am a Christian and really enjoy reading your e-mails. I also enjoy reading about your travels and the pictures you post. I will send some of the e-mails home, but I'm not one to be on the computer much at home. Keep up the great work. May God continue to bless you and your family.
- I love the ministry. I love u guys so much. When I heard ur reading first time, it was so touching my heart with U guys , God loving U two good example A couple, God blessing . I want to read it as much as I can. The links to all the resources, are so spiritually nurturing. Photos are so family oriented, spiritual. U two seems a beautiful God loving and fearing couple. Your conversation n cares are so touching. I cannot listen to u everyday but I will continue to do it as long as I live. I have strong urge to offer some money to your ministry. I will do it. May the Lord bless U and Brooksyne. Thank u so much your
- Love and pray for you guys! Thank you for your faithfulness to our wonderful Lord.
- I love it when you have stories that involve people. I like to read how others are living their lives and what they are doing to serve Christ. I like reading about Stephen and Brooksyne's married life. It is a good example of how people should live. I will say I miss hearing Ester stories, but I imagine that as she is growing up she enjoys her privacy. Keep up the great work. You're an inspiration!
- I appreciate your ministry very much. It touches my heart that your mission is to encourage...it is so needed by all of us! I pray God will continue to bless your ministry, your family & provide for your needs as you faithfully serve Him.
- I've been receiving these Daily Encouragement messages since 2000 and have received many, many blessings as well as challenges through them. I am so glad that you wrote that first encouragement message and then continued writing them in faith. May God continue to bless your lives as you encourage others!
- Thank-you for the encouragement. It is great to always have something positive in the mail box and it has made me want to encourage others as well.

- I am grateful for the daily encouragement devotionals. And have been able to write and ask for prayer, when the need has arisen. Wishing God's Blessings upon you and your ministry.
- It would be appreciated if you followed every Scripture reference with its source, ie. KJV, NIV, etc. (For me personally, it would be best if all Scripture were given from KJV first and then quotes from other translations/versions given as supplementary. Yes, I realize I'm just a fundamental traditionalist.) (Note: We encourage our readers to read the Scripture text in the version of their preference.)
- Maybe the Lord bless you and your family. You touch some many lives through the daily encouragement. God be with you always!!!!
- God has moved you in a very needed way. Satan and his minions are everywhere, and your Daily Encouragement helps us in staving off his relentless attacks. You both have been blessed by God! My sincere Thank You for a job well done! Keep up the great work!
- I look forward to your email every week day. I listen to the podcast and read along as well. I am ALWAYS challenged and encouraged. God is truly blessing your ministry and has blessed me through your ministry. I thank Him regularly for you both. (Note: The podcast may not always be the same as the written message since we add extemporaneous thoughts as well as further edit after reading the podcast.)
- I have mailed you before to please pray for me, I had a stroke and am having a hard time. I just wanted to say that I guiltily enjoy your messages and I have not been able to help. I lost my job and had no insurance and my elderly Mother has been paying my bills and is broke and disability has refused me twice. I have another hearing on Thursday, please pray I receive it. I can't drive. I have always been a religious person and I haven't lost my faith and I'm not angry. It is very hard to remain positive when so many things go wrong, but I try very hard not to be a downer for people. I'm sorry I haven't been able to help, but I hope to one day. I just wanted to say thank you and tell you why I haven't supported you and take advantage of your messages each day. (Note: Although we are thankful for the support we receive we realize many are unable to do so and also there are many worthy causes to support.)
- Keep on going. Don't change a thing!
- Thank you for your Daily Encouragement. Thank God for the Word of God through you. I am not a native speaker of English, so I prefer to see the song with lyrics on the screen or below or in additional information, please. The songs you suggest are my encouragement, thank you. (Note: Sometime we can post then lyrics or a verse but when we use several songs we are unable to do this. Usually you can find the lyrics online if you desire.)
- Look forward to it daily. Use it for my devotion. Love the music. Love the prayer. As a senior I enjoy it very much. Enjoy hearing about your lovely family. God Bless
- I believe I may be in the group of folks who were on your mailing list at the beginning:) I thoroughly enjoy all of it, and especially your photos ;)
- God Bless the tireless effort you and Brooksyne put into ministry
- Just keep up the great work!
- Excellent devotionals and photos.
- This ministry has blessed me in so many ways, and brought me closer to the Lord. It has also made me aware of opportunities to encourage others. Your pictures and comments make it personal- please continue including them. May God continue to bless your family and your ministry as you encourage and strengthen others in their walk with the Lord.
- Thank you for your ministry of encouragement!!! May God continue to richly bless you and your family!
- I enjoy the ministry very much.
- Thank you. You have a wonderful ministry we love them and share them.

- It is a great ministry! The pictures are delightful. Appreciate the time and devotion you extend in doing it. Noticed the use of WDAC spreading the word in the AM.
- Stay Faithful!
- Thank you for encouragement and insight into God's Word
- Praise God
- I do appreciate your commitment and faithfulness to this ministry.
- Your emails are very encouraging! I like the way you use everyday incidences, objects, news items and people to base daily messages. Your messages are uplifting and appreciated. Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless your efforts.
- Keep up the excellent work
- Love the stories of your ministry, all the scenery. etc.
- Have found these inspiring and so easy to understand. Well written and always thought-provoking. God blessed.
- Keep up the excellent work. Blessings
- Thank you. You often really make a sad day happy. WE LOVE YOU.
- Just want you to know that I look forward each day to reading your updates. Many times it speaks to right where I am, and each and every one is an encouragement to me!! May the Lord continue to bless you as you bless others.
- Could you PLEASE provide messages which would help with those dealing with homosexuality? How can they ignore the NT scriptures? (Note: We seek to provide a balance of Biblical teaching and have taught numerous times on Biblical standards of sexual morality.)
- Nice way to start the week. Can identify with the pictures. Was a 4-H gal and showed canned goods, vegetables and Aberdeen Angus steers.
- Thanks for the great job you do!
- Your messages are a daily blessing and fill the gap for what I don't get anymore on Sundays at my own church because of pastoral issues. (Note: We are sorry to hear this. Our desire is to supplement the teaching from Bible preaching pastors in local churches.)
- Keep up the good work. You are a greater blessing than you know.
- I am encouraged each time as I am directed to the solid Rock that does not move. Trust our Lord continues to bless you folk.
- I always look forward for my daily encouragement from my inbox. I admire your partnership in serving The Lord. May The Lord richly bless your ministry
- I enjoy all the effort you all put into this for me to see and reap the benefits I receive and the uplifting I receive...I've not passed on to others because I don't know how to do it I will have to learn how ... Thank you so much and may God Bless you all abundantly Keep up the good work for our Lord and savior...
- I wish I had opened these emails everyday - when I have lately I discovered that they are incredibly awesome and have so much to them. I recommend this site (I get mine by emails) to everyone! It looks like a LOT of work goes into each days material and I SO appreciate you!! On another note, I praise the Lord that Ester has so improved!! I was among those praying for her. I don't know what her underlying health concern might be that would cause the symptoms she had lately and cause her to have to be on medication. THANKS again and God bless - I will be reading, enjoying, learning and passing on your messages everyday from now on!
- It is always a blessing!
- Thanks so much for the excellent DEN ministry. It is genuinely encouraging and inspirational. Really appreciate the relevant variety and the faithfulness of the devotional. Many thanks...
- Thank You!
- Like the pictures which add to the message and music
- Just Thank YOU!

- So great to finally meet you. If Jeanette would know about this she would be pleased. I wanted to mention the 26 mile walk but too much to say in such a short time. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR WORK!
- We really love this ministry.
- Wonderful job mom and dad (Note: We assume this is from Ester!)
- Thank you for encouragement. Your personal notes make this so real.
- I love the 'personal' feel of the messages, as if you are sitting in the room with me, and your messages are challenging me to live a stronger Christian life. I also enjoy the bits of information that you share about your life. I really enjoy the stories and pictures of your pets, being a pet lover myself. This is my favorite devotional series that I have ever read. Thank you for your hard work and dedication! God's blessings on you all!!
- You both have been an encouragement to me from the days we were Chaplains together in Taunton MA. Keep them coming.
- Your daily messages are an encouragement to me. Your emails help me to stay strong in the Lord. I'm also encouraged by your spiritual 'elder mentorship' as I believe that we are close in age but clearly you have much to teach and share. I've been a 30 year studier of the Amish culture and I appreciate your pictures, descriptions and occasional stories of your friendship with the Amish. I also enjoy country living and so your wonderful pictures help me to worship the great God who created it.
- Why are your pictures showing up sideways in recent days??? (Note: We seek to format so that in most renderings the material will look right but we don't have the skills or tools to see that they do so in every application, especially email. Usually if you go to the web version it should look right!)
- Enjoy them usually much, but daily gets to be a bit too many for me, I get so many emails plus Facebook, plus mail, etc. Keep up the good work. (Note: Of course it's free so just read what you feel you should. However we do offer a one a week version which is just Friday's message.)
- Thank you for sharing His Love and His Message
- I am recently subscribed and enjoying the emails. My husband & I ride out to the Lancaster area at least twice a year. I find the area refreshing to my soul. Thank you for your ministry.
- Thanks & keep up the good work for glory of God
- This week's message was especially meaningful to me. Thank you!
- I am so thankful for the countless hours you put into this devotional. It is reflected in the range of content in each day's edition. May God bless your efforts and increase your audience.
- Really enjoy the ministry and really all the pictures, can't wait to see you guys. Skip
- You do an excellent job that both my wife and I daily find enriching.
- Always blessed
- Thank you So Much! God Bless You!!
- Enjoy reading about your ministry, family, pets, neighbors, etc. Encouraged by the message. Esp. enjoyed reading about E. Margaret Clarkson. I have known about her for years. One time back in the 60's I supply taught in her classroom at Brown Elem. School in Toronto!!! I clued in when she had a mother hamster with babies in a cage. The children were eager to instruct me on how to look after them!!! Of course, I have sung the hymn "So Send I You" and one time my husband and I sang as a duet "The Debt of Love". I visited her once when she was a resident of Shepherd Lodge in Toronto and shared with her my experience. She was unable to communicate with me but she watched me intently as I shared. The Lord took her home sometime after that visit.
- You make me feel like part of the family. I love Lancaster, born and raised in PA.
- I especially enjoy your pictures/comments about the Amish. I got to experience being with the Amish this past summer on a trip to Minnesota. I learn a lot from their way of life. Also, sometimes I get so frustrated over the direction our country is going that I just wish the Lord would hurry and take us all out of here. But then I'll read about how people like you share the same concerns and

hurt as I do over it and I know as believers we have each other ... that we're all going through this together.

- My prayers are with Stephen and Brooksyne to stay strong and we love you
- KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK
- What a fantastic ministry. The pictures are wonderful and relevant. You make me feel part of your family. Thank you so much for this ministry.
- I know you are American, but, in the interest of those of us who are "foreigners", is it possible to either explain or not use American type illustrations especially the foods that are different or especially American, these are often lost on non-Americans as illustrations! Hope you understand?? Otherwise a great ministry and so very encouraging. (Note: We are grateful that we have readers from many different countries and realize that all (even within the same country) may not connect to a specific illustration.)
- The messages are always read and they are a blessing to me
- This is a great encouragement in the days in which we live. Thank you and may God richly bless you!
- Enjoy them so much!! I share them on FB quite often.
- I always find these messages thought provoking, simple, and applicable in my life, my work and my church. God bless you both for sharing these.
- LOVE YOUR MINISTRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Keep up the good work.
- Thank you for spreading the Gospel.....You are doing a great job!!!!
- I really appreciate it. Sometimes it's exactly what I need. It's also the one daily bulletin-devotional I continue to look at consistently. I get Max Lucado's, just canceled Rick Warren's (after about 6 years), get John Piper's and a couple of others, but most of those get deleted without opening. Yours, never!!
- Great job keep it up. God bless you
- Yes you have one of the best website/email pages there is out in cyber land. The photographs are truly outstanding and often are very inspiring before I even read the main material. It occurs to me that I should forward your wonderful web email to the group of graduates and teachers at the CPR Ministries Chaplaincy Academy where I teach occasionally in Fort Lauderdale. Your whole ministry is really great; I love the layout and would aspire to have something similar. I write on the Biblical Feasts & Festivals and Messianic Jewish Apologetics! I reach many churches, groups, States and also abroad. There well over 500 recipients. Can I send your column to them, even if they are not Chaplains? May the Lord Richly Bless You both. Baruch Ha Shem. (Note: We encourage the distribution of our materials.)
- Yes! Please keep doing the work you are doing. I appreciate you.
- Great encouragement letter.
- More than ten years ago, I found Daily Encouragement when I needed some encouragement and googled Christian and encouragement. The emails are very encouraging. I look forward to reading them. You often find small life occurrences as the basis for your writing. It gives good perspective. Also, you often comment on larger life issues and items in the news. I like these different ways of approaching your messages as well as your own personal and family stories. God bless you for your efforts. I do not have suggestions for changing what you do. Keep up the good work.
- Thank you for this wonderful Ministry. I live in NW PA, my son-in-law is from Lititz.
- God has used your Ministry in a very powerful way and helped me to walk through some very dark times in my life, sometimes your website was all I had to hold on to fellowship/encouragement. And I am forever grateful.