



Interview with Steve Behnke

Steve Behnke is a very active member of our Conference heading up the nursing home ministry, taking calls with our phone team, and making home visits.

Steve, what draws you to the ministry of nursing home visitation?

Most people are reluctant to visit the nursing home. What I have found is that if you get over that initial apprehension you will find that the residents there are just ordinary people like you and me who need to be connected to others. They don't care who you are, they just know that your time with them is special. It brings a humbling perspective to my life.

How much time does one need to commit to this ministry?

That is the one thing that makes this so easy, you don't commit anything! You can go for an hour or for five minutes. You can go daily or monthly whatever your schedule permits. The residents are there seven days a week and are grateful to have someone who cares to spend any time at all with them.

How can people get started?

We will set up a meeting with the facilities Activities Director for you to meet a number of residents. You can then visit on your own or I will work to find you a partner if you would rather visit as a team. If you find you don't get along with a resident then just move on, there are always others to visit.