



# Broom Tree Ministries

Strengthening the Church one pastor at a time

## A Prayer . . . ANSWERED! Under the Broom Tree

Len and Sheryl DiCicco have been to many retreats since the first time we met them in 1998. At that time we strongly recommend that pastor couples plan this type of retreat for themselves at least once a year. They have taken our advice seriously. This November was their 4th Broom Tree retreat. I know they have spent time each year at either Broom Tree or the other places we recommend. Knowing what to expect would seem to invite complacency but the opposite is true. Len came to this retreat not only tired, but also wanting and anticipating to hear God's direction. The clamor of caring for a church can crowd out God's still small voice. Then it can become easy to rely on ones' own strength and not God's.

So Len hoped, expectantly, to hear something some time during the week but, to his surprise, on the first day something happened. Because he loves being near water he walked out onto the pier, sat down and just poured out his heart to God. His lone figure was unnoticed by anyone else but God and God proceeded to pour out His answers, encouragement and definite direction to him. A Holy moment on a pier in Wisconsin. No one noticed this epiphany but the effect of it in Len's eyes, countenance and future will shake his town square for Jesus. Len felt that God was calling him to reach out in a new and special way to the kids that hang out in the town square, 'Square Rats', people call them. They are troubled youth, very dark with many evil practices like cutting and making suicide pacts. They are lost, shunned and abandoned because of their evil behavior.

**But not to God. He is sending Len.**

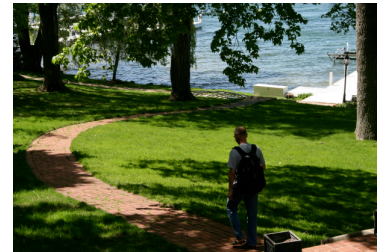
And given him ideas on how to reach them as they mistrust the traditional church.

Thank you LORD, for moving in Len and Sheryl's lives.



Thank you, donors, for listening to God by providing; you have partnered with Len and Sheryl through your gifts to Broom Tree. Together, with God's power, lives will be changed, teens rescued and the Kingdom enlarged. All this began with quiet time alone with God at the end of a pier at a Broom Tree retreat.

This is just one story -  
there are so many others!

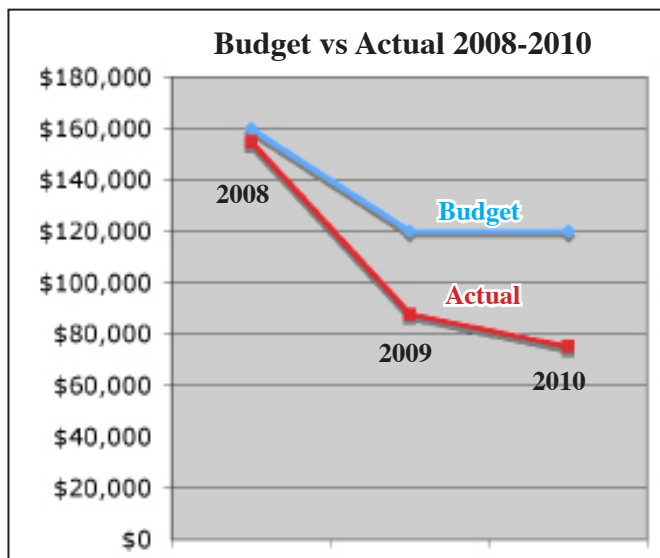


Unfortunately each year we have to say no to many pastors like Len because we just don't have the funds to invite them. If you are currently a donor to Broom Tree....Thank you. If you are not yet a donor would you consider becoming one?

Our goal is to be able to host 100 pastor couples each year. It cost \$1,200 per couple to do that. The math is simple; we need to raise \$120,000 each year.

In the past we have never spelled things out like this before but we feel it's important for you to know the full picture of our finances. We have ruthlessly cut all expenditures where ever possible while still providing an excellent retreat experience for our pastor guests.

We had a short fall of \$33,000 in 2009 and this year to date it is \$60,000. December has always been our largest giving month but our need this year is so great that we felt it was time to let you know the whole story in the hope that you will be able to help.



Obviously donations at any level will help but monthly donations help us plan ahead. We would ask that you consider making a monthly pledge of \$100, \$75 or \$50 - or - increase your current giving to the next level.

Broom Tree needs:

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| 1 donor @ \$1,000 per month | \$ 12,000 |
| 2 donors @ \$500 per month  | \$ 12,000 |
| 5 donors @ \$100 per month  | \$ 6,000  |
| 10 donors @ \$75 per month  | \$ 9,000  |
| 20 donors @ \$50 per month  | \$ 12,000 |
| 20 donors @ \$35 per month  | \$ 8,400  |

With your help we can finish this year well and go into next year with the necessary funds to help 100 pastor couples in 2011!

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