

Greetings from Illinois,

I hope you're enjoying a bit of a respite during these summer months when "school" isn't on the front of everyone's mind. As a state leader though, summer can be an opportunity for planning. I'm writing to you to hopefully help with that planning. I want to inform you, if you were not already aware, of a ministry that the Lord has used to bless the home school families of Illinois. The Lord has been faithful in giving direction to our organization and along with it providing resources to accomplish that direction. One such resource has been Norm Wakefield of "Elijah Ministries".

Since 1997 Norm has been a regular speaker at our state conventions. He has also spoken at our leadership conferences and special fall conferences. Norm is the only keynote speaker that we have had speak two years in a row. Also as a workshop speaker the evaluation forms express the strong impact Norm's messages have had in changing lives. As a result Norm has also been asked to speak at many churches and church retreats around the state of Illinois.

The Lord has given Norm a message which has born much fruit in turning the hearts of fathers toward their children and encouraging them to be the leaders God has called them to be. Norm has also spoken on the marriage relationship, and has been willing to develop other messages that fit the need of the moment.

If you're looking to touch the hearts of home educators in your state, and bring about lasting changes, the Lord will have to do it. However the Lord does delight in using His people in His work. Norm's desire to keep in step with what the Spirit of God is doing makes him one of those who the Lord is using.

I hope this note of recommendation will be helpful as you lead the Lord's people in a fruitful walk with Him.

God bless you  
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