

## **“A Healing Retreat for Survivors of Sexual Abuse”**

**by Rev. Lawrence Carew and Rev. Gail Paul**

### **San Diego and San Antonio Meetings**

**By Gloria Doino**

The Associate meeting in San Diego, CA brought many topics to the table. Among them was a presentation of A Healing Retreat for Survivors of Sexual Abuse entitled “Disregarding the Shame, Reaching Out for the Joy” (paraphrase of Hebrews 12:2). Written by ACT members Rev. Lawrence Carew and Rev. Dr. Gail Paul, from Connecticut, the authors believe that “Jesus Christ is not only able to heal the wounds and scars of sexual abuse, but longs to do so”. The retreat manual consists of six talks followed by six healing prayer services. Presenters are encouraged to rely on the Holy Spirits’ leading in using the manual. “Above all else, we need to be coming from a fresh anointing of Jesus’ compassionate love for these wounded brothers and sisters of ours.” The manual is written with clarity, great sensitivity and insight. The anointing of the Holy Spirit breathes through its pages. It is an excellent tool both for those who heal in Jesus’ name and those who are in need of healing from sexual abuse. It is a definite asset for your “ACT reading shelf”, whatever your ministry. The topics covered are (1) *What would Jesus do? What is Jesus doing?* (2) *Freedom from the ties that bind* (3) *Healing the Wounded Child* (4) *From Victim to Victor* (5) *Forgiveness* (6) *Resurrected into loving Relationships*. Thus far, *fresh hope and profound healing* have been the end result of the retreats led by Rev. Carew and Rev. Dr. Paul. The manual runs \$12.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. To order (make checks payable to Rev. Lawrence Carew) and mail to Christ the King Church, 4700 Madison Avenue, Trumbull, CT 06611 care of Rev. L. Carew.

In addition, ACT author Marcie Ratelle has an inspirational book on her healing from a traumatic car accident entitled *Don’t Let Your Heart Stop Dancing*, it runs \$10.00 plus postage. For more information call her at (619) 818-7852.