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March 17, 2010

Central United Methodist Church

Suggested Heading: Two Colorado Residents meet while trapped under Hotel Montana in Haiti Earthquake

Subject of talk: Rev Jim Gulley and Dan Woolley talk about their many hours of darkness



Rev Jim Gulley and Dan Woolley

*“God in the Darkness”* is what we titled their talk for our monthly *Lunch and Lessons*. Our gathering this month focused on two gentlemen from Colorado. Rev. Jim Gulley lives in Frisco, CO. and serves as a consultant to the *United Methodist Committee on Relief*. Dan Woolley from Colorado Springs was in Haiti on assignment with *Compassion International*.

During the first three seconds of the Haiti earthquake on January 12, Jim and Dan found themselves under tons of concrete at the Hotel Montana. Although they were not acquainted at the time, they made voice contact through the twenty-five feet of rubble that separated them and encouraged each other during a long ordeal.

Jim found out, once he had been rescued after spending 55 hours in darkness, that the two other members of his team, Rev. Sam Dixon and Rev. Clint Rabb, did not survive. Dan was rescued later, after enduring 72 hours trapped alone in an elevator.

In the course of interminable hours of cramped space, using light from their cell phones (not usable otherwise), and hoping for an early rescue, two men of great faith, surrendered to the will of God in the face of death. Two men from Colorado came together for the first time on Wednesday and shared their story, a story that we shall never forget, and a reminder that we should always search for a deeper understanding of what our relationship is with our creator.

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