

Welcome Lynnette!



Introductions of people require both a compelling reason for the introduction and some background or biographical information to be given. Otherwise a name is not usually enough to establish a context, credibility or familiarity. A name comes with a background or as we say at Genesis Institute, a story. It is always of interest to know a person's story and from whence they came. As an example, I just returned from a wedding of a very special young woman that I have both known and been involved with as a mentor in her life for 16 years. After that wonderful proclamation by the pastor that they were now husband and wife, he introduced them as Mr. & Mrs. Blake & McKenzie Purcell. The ceremony

itself contained both the compelling reason they were there and the short biographies of the groom and bride. It was captivatingly beautiful and full of meaning!

Our new counselor, Lynnette, was one of a small pool of prospective candidates for this position that I met with initially on an informal basis. My first impression over coffee with her was one of how at ease she was in conversation and how present she stayed despite the fact that it was somewhat of an interview with a complete stranger! Over the next couple of months and in two interviews, I quickly felt that she was the counselor we were looking for. It was confirmed when all three of the interviewers came to the same opinion.

So we are welcoming Lynnette Palmer with open arms as she fills a much needed niche and as Genesis tries to fill the continuing upsurge in requests for counseling. Her story and the Genesis story are beginning to mesh, she will soon sit with clients whose stories have been marked by betrayal, sin, shame, fear, and guilt. And I suspect that her clients will find what I found in her throughout this entire hiring process- that of a Christian woman who has a definite calling to listen and be a part of the healing of broken souls, a human who listens well and stays present in a person's story, one who extends grace because she herself has been the recipient of such and a woman who speaks of finding her greatest satisfaction in the person and work of Christ.

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