Fellowship Ministries has given birth to the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry....which is now has a home-base called Standing Stones, located 15 miles west of Wickenburg, Arizona. The property presently includes a duplex, a huge pool, a pool house, a cabana (outdoor cooking) and a grove of fruit trees.

Phase One will add a "Castia Group" (4 bedrooms + a meeting room in the center of the four bedrooms). Phase Two will add a Prayer Chapel, a dining room, and another larger meeting room. Eventually two or three more Casita Groups will be added. Between counseling retreats, the retreat center will be made available to Christian individuals, churches, and organizations for retreats and seminars accommodating as many as 45-60 people. Construction will begin sometime in 2013, as God provides the funds.

THE NEED

20% of pastors are “in crises” which means that they are just coping; just hanging on.

80% of pastors say that the ministry has had a negative impact on their families.

Among Protestant clergy, between 1400 and 1700 quit the ministry every month!
The hardest thing for a pastor to say is, “I need help”

70% of pastors struggle with depression.
94% of pastors feel under pressure to have the “ideal” family.
20% of pastors suffer from long-term stress.

$64,000,000—the amount that the Southern Baptist denomination paid out in ONE year for
stress-related claims; second only to maternity benefits.

13% of active pastors are divorced.
25% don’t know where to turn when they have a family or personal conflict or issue.
23% have been fired or pressured to resign at least once in their careers.
33% felt burned out within their first five years of ministry.
50% feel unable to meet the needs of the job.
56% of pastor’s spouses say that they have no close friends.
80% of pastors say they have insufficient time with their spouse.

57% of pastors would leave the ministry if they had somewhere else to go or some other