



*Ministering Hope, Healing and Wholeness  
to the Relationally & Sexually Wounded  
Through the Power of the Cross!*

**His word will not return void, but will accomplish its purpose!**

Because of you, I have the privilege of ministering to individuals on a daily basis. Often times these meetings are a one-time visit, or one phone call. With each of these encounters, I have the opportunity to speak the truth of God's Word with love and compassion. I consistently challenge the beliefs one may have about themselves or how they relate to others around them. I also encourage these individuals to find out who they are in Christ Jesus.

During my first few months here as the director, I began to think that I was wasting my time. However, the Lord rebuked me and reminded me of His Word found in *Isaiah 55:11* "So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." NKJV I have continued to meet with anyone who was willing to come. I have met with individuals from age 14 through 73, and they all hear the same message. Jesus Christ shed His blood that all might be free of sin. His love, compassion, and forgiveness is for all who desire it. All we have to do to receive His gifts are accept, surrender

to, and pursue Him and His truth about our lives.

I received a "Thank You" card last week from someone I had met with more than two years ago. He explains, "Instead of doing what you encouraged me to do, and reading your personal copy of "Desires in Conflict," I did the complete opposite. I began attending gay establishments the week after our visit. But the words that you spoke continued to haunt me. **The seed that you planted has exploded**, and the book that I stole from you has changed my life. I am currently going through a Masters Commission program and feel called to help minister to others who are struggling in this area." He is grateful that someone spoke the truth, and now his life has been turned around.

We have no idea how or when God will use His Word or our prayers to impact a life for Christ. We can be assured that if we speak the truth found in God's Holy Word that it will be used to accomplish His desires.

In His Service!

**SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT**

COMING THURSDAY, MAY 4 at 7:00 P.M. JOHN SMID, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOVE IN ACTION INT'L. & BOARD MEMBER OF EXODUS

Please join us for a time of worship and testimony at Calvary Assembly's Education Building. *This is a free event.*

Accepting Christ in 1982, John began his personal walk with Jesus Christ. This relationship drew John to leave homosexuality and its entanglements in February of 1984.

In December of 1986 John joined the staff of Love In Action as a House Manager and Office Assistant. In 1990, John become the Executive Director of Love In Action. Under John's planning and supervision, Love In Action moved to Memphis, Tennessee to begin its second 25 years of ministry with vision and new life.

John married his wife, Vileen, in December of 1988. John has two grown daughters from his former marriage. Freedom from homosexuality since 1984 has brought John to a satisfying marriage, family, and fulfilling ministry calling.

**Financial News**

Operating Expenses January 01, 2006 thru April 2006	
Total Income:	\$ 32,860.00
Total Operating Expense:	<u>\$ 28,793.75</u>
Net Income	\$ 4,066.25
Income Budget	\$ 24,437.34
Expenses Budget	\$ 24,110.48
Net Income	\$ 326.86

**Ministry Needs!**

- Continued prayer for protection, growth, and wisdom for ministry participants and leadership.
- Additional Financial Partners
- New Speaking Opportunities

**Phil 4:19 " And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."**

**PARENTS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES**

We have a meeting for you the first Monday of each month. Please join us at Calvary Assembly's education bldg. in room 104 /108 for a time of worship at 7:15 to begin our meeting. This meeting will be a time of prayer, education, and fellowship for parents, family, or friends who have loved ones struggling with areas of their sexual identity.

## Testimonies from a few of our Living Waters participants.

As a result of the Living Waters program, I have a renewed relationship with God. Where I once saw God as a harsh taskmaster that was not able to be pleased, I now see Him as a very loving and gracious God. I used to have no security in who I am and felt so worthless and unlovable. I now see the security I have because of God's love and redemption of my life. The confusion I had regarding my identity and the fear of men I had is gone. I feel so blessed by God for being able to participate in the Living Waters program. I am so thankful for peace residing in my heart where fear once led my way.

Janice

What Living Waters did for me... Living Waters provides a safe haven for people to get some answers to life's toughest questions. It does not matter what your struggle is, whether it is same-sex attractions, pornography, or other relationship type struggles...At first, you think the study guide is over whelming but then as you begin reading and studying you see how the Holy Spirit uses each chapter page by page to begin a process of healing some of our deepest hurts...and then His Spirit begins a work in our life, calling us out, and places us back in right relationship as "His sons and daughters."

As one who came kicking and screaming thru my own pride and shame, with a chip on his shoulder, "where was God's protection during some of these hurts and struggles,"...you find out that He was there all the time, waiting for you to call on His name. You see, I got off the wrong path; I knew most of the "church answers." I opened my heart that maybe God could be wrong about some of these issues...I will eternally be grateful for the men and women who came along side us to pray with and for us ....who lead us back to His Cross where forgiveness and redemption can be found... and life can begin again.

Billy "Bob"

My wife and I attended Living Waters because we wanted to find more information about homosexuality after we found out that our son claimed to have those tendencies. What we found out was that there are many things we have to work out in **our own** lives, and **ONLY GOD** can work those things out, if we are willing. We were constantly asked if we came each night expecting to meet God. Sometimes I was tired, but God never was, He met me every night. My desire is to help parents who discover they have a child with a homosexual orientation; to help them cope with the devastation it can bring to a family, and to speak to the churches to let them know that we have a long way to go to minister to these people Biblically and correctly. Living Waters has prepared me and brought me closer to that possibility, God willing. Living Waters was **for me**, not for my son! Thank you for the privilege of allowing my wife and me to participate. It has changed our lives for the better and brought me closer to my Maker, who does not make mistakes.

Mike

Living Waters has been a huge asset to my life...to my whole Christian walk. Living Waters has not only helped deliver me from a homosexual past, but more importantly it has brought me closer to Christ. He is the One I serve, and He'll be glorified through all of my healing. I am learning to live out the truth that I am whole in Christ. We all have the same basic needs, but we differ in the way those needs are met...whether it is in a healthy or unhealthy manner. And no matter what...we all can be changed and healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. God sent His Son to die on the cross for all of us, for all our sins. No sin is too great for God to forgive and restore us to Him. 1 John 4:10 says, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent

his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." I have not even come close to "arriving," but I know that all I have to do is call on the name of Jesus and He will be leading me to freedom every step of the way. For those struggling in any aspect of their Christian walk, the best advice I could offer is found in Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Shelly

Living Waters has helped me learn not to despise the struggles I go through. The road has been hard, but the Lord has seen it all—and is using the past as preparation for my future.

All my life I struggled trying to keep everyone's approval. I always had it in my Heavenly Father, but never seemed to feel it here in earthly relationships. There was a lot of rejection in my life, and I could do nothing to change the circumstances. I always felt the need to work so hard to keep any relationship so I would not be rejected again. I have come to understand I can do nothing to lose His love and can do no more to gain His approval. I have already seen a change in my friendships because of this new revelation.

I have learned that the Cross does not take all the pain away, but gives everything meaning and purpose. Now I can be a beautiful shining example of what Christ can do in others if they are willing to yield. The Lord has shown me my calling and I am excited to see what He will do in the future!

Tracey



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