



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

**Help us impact the culture with the truth,
that freedom from homosexuality is possible!**

Dear Friends of Exchange,

Exchange Ministries is where I first sought help to overcome my homosexual struggle in 1990. It was through that powerful ministry that I was equipped to move into the church where I found the healing I was looking for. Exchange, all these years later, is still offering that same hope and help to the thousands of men, women, youth, spouses and parents who call the ministry for help every year. I cannot imagine where I would be today had I not been referred to Exchange Ministries by Dwight Bain at Orlando Counseling Center.

Did you know that Orlando is one of the top 10 cities for having both the highest male and female homosexual population? That means that the work of Exchange Ministries is needed now more than ever.

Exchange is here to equip and mobilize churches, aid pastors and minister to those affected by unwanted homosexuality. My friend John Westcott knows first hand the free-

dom that is possible for those battling such feelings. John and his wife, Dena, are incredible testimonies of God's grace and healing power.

Sadly, so many Exodus International Member Ministries struggle in anonymity despite their long tenures in their respective communities. Today, I am hoping that each of you will put Exchange in your rolodex, on your prayer list and, if God so leads, as an entry in your check registry. My wife, Leslie, and I give to Exchange because we know that there are millions of people trapped in the bondage and deception of homosexuality. I want them to have a place to go for help. Join me today in supporting this Christ centered work. I encourage you to pass on the information about Exchange to everyone you know.

All for the Kingdom

Alan Chambers
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**A Father's
Journey**

I will never forget the night my 16-year old son told my wife and I he was gay. We were both shocked into silence. We did not condemn him. We showed him love, and we listened.

The following day "Chris" and I continued talking about this, and I told him that if he were to continue to live this lifestyle that he would not enter into the kingdom of heaven. My heart was in extreme pain wrapped in all this emotion. (It killed me to speak the truth.) In hopelessness, he looked down and softly spoke, "I guess I will not enter heaven." This was the first time I got a glimpse of how difficult the struggle is with the gay lifestyle. It controlled him, and he knew it.

That year he continued to spiral out of control stealing \$6,000 in various merchandise, excessive drinking and out-of-control lying. My wife and I did not know what to do, as he was destroying our marriage and himself. We contacted House of Hope in Orlando. It is a Christian school for troubled teenagers. They accepted him!! During the next nine months, he received the Word of God and Christian counseling on a daily ba-

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Financial News

Operating Expenses January 01, 2006 thru May 2006	
Total Income:	\$ 39,138.00
Total Operating Expense:	<u>\$ 38,300.67</u>
Net Income	\$ 837.33
Income Budget	\$ 30,475.00
Expenses Budget	\$ 24,110.48
Net Income	\$ 6,364.52

Ministry Needs!

- Financial Resources to hire a part time assistant.
- Additional Financial Partners
- New Speaking Opportunities

Prov 3:1-2 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years

PARENTS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Our July parents and family meeting will be on the 10th at 7:15. 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.

“Search and Struggle”

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Search” and “struggle.” These are two words that I am sure you and I have used on many occasions. We search for God’s will. We search for His guidance. We struggle with our desires. We struggle with our feelings. We search and struggle to find acceptance and love.

Recently, God has opened my eyes to the deceptive way in which Satan has perverted our use of these two words. How easy it is to sit in our groups and talk about our struggle to change our lifestyles and our search for God’s guidance and will for our lives. It is time for us to wake up! The search is over. God searched and found us. He has given us His will for our lives in His Word. He has clearly told us His will concerning our lifestyles and purpose for our lives. If you have found Christ and made Him the center of your life, your search is over. There is no longer a need to struggle for acceptance and love. He gives both freely.

Searching and struggling postpones commitment. Listen again. **Searching and struggling postpones commitment.** As long as we continue to be comfortable week by week to vainly speak of our search and struggle, we will never move to commitment to change. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God.” This is the only thing for which we need to search. “Work out your own salvation with fear

and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” This is the only thing for which we should struggle.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, do not take glory in your searching and struggling. Do not allow these excuses to postpone commitment to God and His will for your lives. It is time to move forth.

In Christ’s love,

Teresa

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 sis while completing his senior year of high school.

A transformation was taking place in his life. He later received Jesus Christ in his heart. Sometimes “Chris” would come home, and we would discuss Scripture I was thinking I remember that one and this one, etc.... Watching all of this re-ignited my relationship with the Lord. For 10 years I was dormant. I slowly got away from studying the Word, praying, and seeking His perfect will. It was never about religion with me; it was always about relationship .He never left me, but I abandoned Him. I later recommitted my life to Christ.

“Chris” was still struggling deep inside with same-sex attraction; his counselor suggested that we contact John Westcott of Exchange Ministries in Win-

ter Park. John’s testimony of change gave my son hope, and for the first time he could see himself out of the gay lifestyle. He knew it would not happen overnight. John gave him a realistic approach with God’s Word as the foundation “Greater is He who is in you than he that is in the world.” My relationship with my son has grown because I have educated myself with resources and attending conferences such as the “Love Won Out” conference in Ft.Lauderdale.

In His heart he longs for a relationship with a girl, and I know God will bless him concerning this. “Chris” has since graduated from House of Hope and got his high school diploma from Hope Academy in 2005. He was accepted into Youth With A Mission in Madison, Wisconsin where he later will travel to South Africa for two months. Please pray for him. I thank God for placing strong, confident, down-to-earth Christians in our life who spoke truth into our lives.

PRAISE BE TO GOD, FOR HE ALONE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED, AMEN



EXODUS
 Member Ministry



Yes, I want to help **Exchange** continue to minister to the sexually and relationally wounded.

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