

Missions in Asia

There are one million homosexuals in Taiwan and 30 million homosexuals in China. God is opening doors to new ministry work in Asia.

In February, Exodus held a series of significant ministry events in Asia.

As I consider what is happening, I keep thinking of the verses in John 5:19-20. "Jesus said, '...the Father will show the Son even greater things than this so that you can be amazed.'" God has been doing amazing things in Asia, developing the work of Exodus. God is at work here. Thank you Lord for allowing us to be apart of it.

Restoring
重建整全的心性
Sexual
Wholeness

In 1996, Melvin Wong, Joe Dallas, Sy Rogers and myself went to Hong Kong

with the hope of getting the churches in Hong Kong to realize the need to address the issue of homosexuality and minister to the people who face this struggle. Now, seven years later, Melvin Wong, Anita & Frank Worthen, Bob Ragan, Bob Brennan and myself went to Hong Kong to teach and speak in an Exodus

conference called Restoring Sexual Wholeness, hosted by a ministry in Hong Kong called The Society for Truth & Light. We also spoke in a family community activity planned by Social Service and churches, including the largest Christian & Missionary Alliance church in Hong Kong. In total, we spoke to over 1000 people and 250 people attended the conference. My heart was overwhelmed by the hand of God working in the hearts of Christian leaders in Hong Kong.

From Hong Kong, Melvin and I flew to Singapore to join Peter Lane and Rene Gomez at the Exodus Asia Pacific leadership retreat and conference. I cried with joy as I stood in the worship of the leadership week and looked around at the group of 40 leaders representing the Philippines, Australia, Taiwan, Malaysia, Jakarta, Hong Kong and Singapore. I listened to the stories of these leaders as they shared how God had called them into this ministry. My heart was overwhelmed by what God was doing in Asia.

Next Peter Lane, Rene Gomez and a team from the member ministry called Choices, Singapore flew to Jakarta to speak and minister while Melvin and I met up with the Worthens and the two Bob's to speak and teach at the first Exodus conference to be held in Taiwan. This conference also had about 250 attendees. Many were parents who were excited to finally be able to talk to Anita about their pain. It was great to see Anita

signing her book, "Someone I Love is Gay". Even more exciting was to see Frank talking to Jenny, Director of "Out of Egypt" Ministries. Frank is the man who was instrumental in the founding vision of Exodus and he has been faithful to that vision as he has travelled throughout the world sacrificing his resources, time and energy. There he was talking to the woman God called in 1996 to start the first ministry in Taiwan. Her story is told in the regional news. But what I was so aware of was God working in Asia and I had the honor of being part of it. While in Taiwan I also had the privilege of speaking to the government in the national legislature.

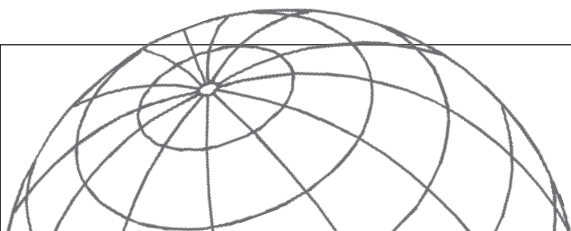
After Taiwan, I went to Jakarta to join the others in the first Exodus conference to be held in Indonesia. Everyone was excited about the Asia Pacific team and all they had learned. Dave Kinny, pastor of the International English Service Church, wants to begin a ministry in Jakarta. I taught that Saturday morning on how to start a ministry and all that's involved. As I looked over the new leaders I was amazed at how God had already begun the work and I had the privilege of being part of it. I finished my trip speaking at the Jakarta International Christian Fellowship where Mark Kotchapaw is pastor. Mark was the pastor of Ajax Alliance Church in Canada before God called him to Jakarta. Before he left Canada I said to him, "When you go to Jakarta you will have to have to get behind Exodus and

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Pat Lawrence, Executive Director for Exodus International

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Exodus Europe, Africa & Middle East is holding their annual conference in South Africa from May 26-31, 2003 just outside of Johannesburg.

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Asia Pacific

Jenny Li is the leader of a ministry in Taiwan that is called Out of Egypt. They hosted the Exodus conference in Taiwan and are working to become a member ministry. Here is Jenny's story.

"I was 21 years old when I met God and entered seminary believing this was my way out of homosexuality and that God was calling me to serve Him. I thought I was to be a writer and serve students. While sorting out God's call, God showed me the needs of the homosexual population in Taiwan. I said no to God. I did not want this calling. But I felt terrible for saying no. I wanted proof that God truly wanted me to minister to homosexuals. So I asked God for 4 specific proofs:

1. To meet someone within 1 week who wanted to pray with me for the homosexual community
2. For one homosexual whom I did not know to ask me for help
3. For a spiritual leader to say that I was called to do this work (I had never shared my past with anyone)
4. That God would let me know how much God loves homosexual people"

"God answered every one of these requests in one week."

"So I agreed with God to serve these people. I knew it was going to be difficult and challenging work but I was willing to obey. And so I began to pray about what to do next."

"God showed me that I could begin by writing. There were no materials available in Chinese. I found a missionary who gave me English articles but I couldn't read English and had to find people to read it to me and explain what it meant."

"I chose homosexuality for my dissertation in seminary. The seminary refused to accept it at first but finally did. Here is where my own healing began. I cried a lot as I wrote the paper. I had to become very close to God or I could not have been able to finish this paper."

"In this process I went to the prayer mountain in Taiwan and fasted for 5 days. God reaffirmed my call on the mountain. After the mountain experience I was able to tell others about my testimony and finish my dissertation"

"Another lesbian heard about my testimony and came to me for help. Soon others were coming for help. After graduation I began doing pastoral work in a church plus helping homosexuals. 3 years later, I wanted to go the USA for the Exodus North America conference. I applied 4 times for a travel visa but was

refused each time. Ironically my interpreter got a visa and went to the Exodus conference but I did not. I did not understand what God was doing."

"Two years later when I was sick I went to New Zealand to relax and get better. While in New Zealand I heard about the pro-gay church starting in Taiwan. It made me cry. God reaffirmed once again that He had called me and I stopped crying. I went back to Taiwan and began a formal ministry. In 2000 my ministry came under the Bread of Life Church. Today the ministry is called "Out of Egypt". We have a staff of 4 women; 3 who came to me for help and are now helping others; and 1 woman whose husband was gay and is now helping other family members.

Brazil

Exodus Brazil is organizing a Training Conference for Ministry Leaders to take place in July 2003. This event will include the Jethro Institute (a Christian organization that offers professional support to lay Christian leaders). The Jethro Institute will train ministry leaders in "self-management", including things such as time & stress management and avoiding ministry burnout, and what Christian ministries need to do to satisfy the new Brazilian Civil Code. They will then receive ministry training from

Exodus Brazil. This event will also be an opportunity for ministry leaders to have fellowship and become familiar with new materials available for their ministries.

Exodus Brazil is developing Portuguese materials. They are translating Exodus booklets such as "Prevention of Homosexuality," "When Someone You Love is Gay," and "How to Start an Ex-Gay Ministry" into Portuguese. They are also translating the support group manual "New Directions" and other resources. There is great demand for low cost literature in Portuguese.

Europe, Africa & Middle East

Exodus Europe, Africa & Middle East is holding their annual conference in South Africa this year. Normally held in Europe, South Africa



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has been chosen to support ministry development in Africa. Exodus and its member ministries have been working on ministry development for 10 years in South Africa. The conference will be May 26-31, 2003 just outside of Johannesburg. For conference information and registration contact TrailBlazers at

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Latin America

Oscar Galindo has become the new Executive Director of Exodus Latin America. He says, "When I knew about Exodus and I started to read its teachings and testimonies, I was amazed! I said to myself 'Everybody must to know these things!!' I felt plenty of



hope and renewed strength. I started to translate these materials into Spanish, to apply the principles to my life and to share with my friends who were coming out from the gay lifestyle.

God has been preparing my life in different ways to serve him in this ministry. Everything I have, my gifts, my skills inherited from my father (the man I hated for many years then, as a Christian, learned to understand, forgive and love), even my weaknesses, God has been using everything that has happened in my life to His glory.

Now I have a vision to help in developing ministries in Latin America. We have many people crying for help from places where there is no one to help. I know that this work belongs to God. I have a call and I want to be obedient to that call and to be a part of this tremendous blessing that God wants to pour out over His Latin American sons and daughters: the blessing of freedom from homosexuality."

Your prayers and financial support are needed as Oscar takes on this important position.

(left)
Jenny Li and her Staff Team

Ministry Development: Joy, Wendy, Pat Lawrence



North America

We'd also like to profile a member ministry in North America. New Direction for Life Ministries is located in Canada. They have 2 branches; Toronto, Ontario and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Exodus International office has been working with them to expand their ministry into other parts of Ontario.

Joy is a counsellor in Windsor, Ontario. Some time ago, Joy learned about the ministry of Exodus from Pat Lawrence. She felt that God was calling her to begin some kind of ministry to homosexuals. Pat stayed in touch with Joy and encouraged her to follow God's leading into ministry. Over time and after prayer, it seemed right to approach New Direction for Life Ministries about starting a branch ministry of New Direction for Life in Windsor that offered counselling and support groups.

Last fall Joy saw the support of her local church for such a ministry solidify. Plans were made to hold an Exodus seminar in Windsor as the next step to starting this ministry. Pat Lawrence was the main speaker. Wendy Gritter, the director of New Directions for Life – Toronto, was invited to participate along with Joy. Attendance was good. People came from a variety of local churches. Many voiced support for the start of new ministry work in this city. A good relationship between Wendy Gritter and Joy was established. Today, Joy and New Direction are well on their way to providing a counselling and support group ministry as a branch of New Direction for Life Ministries.

Support-Raising Celebration in Toronto

The Exodus International office is holding a support raising celebration in Toronto on June 12. Sy Rogers will be the keynote speaker at this event. Sy was a homosexual, poster-boy for the pro-gay movement and had begun the sex change process to become a woman when he was touched and transformed by God. Now he is an international speaker for Exodus.



As Exodus International considers the great opportunities and pressing needs that God has placed before Exodus, we need people's support. We need people to pray fervently so that God can open the floodgates of heaven and pour out special blessings to enable Exodus to enter into the opportunities and meet the needs.

We need you who already support Exodus to come to this event and invite your friends so they can hear about Exodus' ministry and consider whether God is leading them to support Exodus as well. And we need people to give. Our request is that all of us ask God to meet our needs in this ministry.

For information and registration, contact the Exodus International office.

Prayer Guide now available

“Pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17)

The Exodus International 2003 Prayer Guide is available from the Exodus International office. If you have not received one, please call or email the Exodus International office and request one. Exodus International needs your prayers. This guide will help you support Exodus in prayer.

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have me speak.” Here I was a year later speaking in his church. Both pastors want to be part of Exodus ministry development in Indonesia.

What is in store for Exodus and our ministry in Asia in the years ahead? The University of Taiwan says there are 1 million homosexuals in the tiny island of Taiwan and 30 million homosexuals in China. We can say that God goes before us and with us; opening doors to new ministry work in Asia. Our confidence is in Him and what He will do for His glory. As the Exodus International Board seeks to follow Him, thank you for standing with us.



Frank was instrumental in the founding vision of Exodus. Here he is with Jenny, the woman God called in 1996 to start the first ministry in Taiwan.

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Educate and Equip Christians regarding the issue of homosexuality and related concerns, for more effective pastoral care and to maintain doctrinal integrity.

Proclaim the Truth both Scriptural and Clinical, in Church and Society, that homosexuality can be overcome.

Encourage those affected by homosexuality, through groups and resources.

Refer people to a network of qualified member ministries throughout the world providing counselling and support.

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