

Exodus Global Alliance:

Spreading the message that change is possible.

Exodus Global Alliance works to do three things:

1. Proclaim that change is possible for the homosexual through the transforming power of Jesus Christ.
2. Equip Christians and churches to uphold the Biblical view of sexuality but respond with compassion and grace to those affected by homosexuality.
3. Serve people affected by homosexuality through counselling, support groups and other services.

We continue to move ahead in all three areas. One example comes from Exodus Asia Pacific - the work in Taiwan. The Exodus Asia Pacific member ministry in Taiwan named Rainbow-7 celebrated their 10th anniversary of ministry in October. They held a conference to raise awareness about homosexuality and to equip those who would like to offer help and support for those struggling with same-sex attractions.

The conference attracted about 200 people and ministry leaders from across the Asia/Pacific region. I had the privilege of being a keynote speaker along with Peter Lane (director of Exodus Asia Pacific), Dr. Melvin Wong (chairman of Exodus Global Alliance), Kelvin Chung (New Creation Ministries) and Dr. Thomas Wang (pastor of the Great Commission Center International). The importance of ministry to



Pat Lawrence,
executive director
of Exodus Global
Alliance

homosexuals in Asia was emphasized and testimonies from Taiwanese men and women confirmed the impact that Rainbow-7 has had in the country since 1996.

Only 5-6 percent of Taiwanese people claim to be Christians. Of all the nations where there

are Exodus ministries, Taiwan is the country with the lowest percentage of Christians. In fact, the Taiwanese remain the only major Han Chinese population in the world where a Christian spiritual breakthrough has yet to come. To make worsen matters, the culture has changed from traditional and conservative to liberal and permissive. Western influence has contributed to the sudden change.

Among the participants in the seminar were local pastors and individuals curious about homosexuality and people looking for help. They had an excellent opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers and learn first hand from those who have received help from Rainbow-7 about how beneficial it is to support and participate in ministries like Rainbow-7. A lot of materials were

disseminated while also permitting time for Taiwanese men and women to inquire about getting personal help.

Many of the speakers had opportunity to preach and share testimony in various local churches on Sunday morning. In addition, the speakers participated in interviews that were to be heard on the air or were taped to promote the ministry.

Amid the activities was an evening of celebration where prayers of thanksgiving were offered and God was praised for His faithfulness to the many people that were reached for His glory all these years. In addition, Dr. Thomas Wang called on those interested in serving at Rainbow-7 to come forward to be prayed for and commissioned.



Dr Thomas Wang, speaker at the conference

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spreading the message

Asia Pacific

Peter Lane, director of Exodus Asia Pacific, recently shared about the new ministries developing in Exodus Asia Pacific. The A & B Ministry will be officially launched in Indonesia at the IES Church in Jakarta in early 2007. Harvest Care Counselling in Melbourne Australia has recently become an Exodus member ministry. The Philippines has a second ministry called Pathway to Freedom Counselling Centre.

Peter Lane and Frank Worthen are using radio programs to spread the message. Peter produces 90-second messages on sexuality that are broadcast by Asian regional radio stations. Frank, working with Pathways to Freedom, has started a radio program in the Philippines.

Brazil

Willy Torresin, director of Exodus Brasil, recently shared with me how the message is being advanced in Brazil. In 2006 they have spread the message in several states across Brazil by organizing events in churches. Their annual conference was held in the city of Recife, the fourth largest city in Brazil and capital of the northeastern state of Pernambuco. Recife is one of the most violent cities in Brazil and its people need to hear the message of hope that God has for those who want to know whether freedom from homosexuality is possible. Dr. Esly Carvalho was the main speaker.

Spreading the message requires leaders and this year Exodus Brasil worked to develop its leaders through a retreat for leaders in Londrina in October and a leadership training event in Vitoria, near Rio, in November. At the leaders retreat an experienced missionary helped ministry leaders understand what is needed stay in ministry for the long-haul. Two psychologists helped with tools for effective counselling and techniques, and strategies for mental/emotional health.



Ministry leaders from across Exodus Asia Pacific

The Internet is another medium for spreading the message. Exodus Brasil has been updating its (Portuguese) website and soon will be able to sell CDs and booklets from the Exodus Brasil website – www.exodus.org.br.

The message in print. Willy Torresin has completed four more booklets in Portuguese. One addresses lesbianism, one is for parents, one explains the roots of same-sex attractions, and the last addresses the prevention of same-sex attractions.

India

Again in 2006, Peter & Dot Lane travelled across India teaching a Biblical understanding of sexuality in Christian churches and Bible colleges. They also taught how to counsel and care for sexual strugglers. And they met Indian Christians who struggle with addiction to pornography and immorality, or are victims of child sexual abuse. These people feel they have no one who understands or cares about their problems. Indian Christian leaders whom Peter & Dot have met are recognizing that the issue of sexuality must be addressed within the Church yet they do not have the skills.

In Sri Lanka, the Lanka Bible College, Peradeniya, in partnership with Exodus Asia Pacific, organised seminars on a Christian understanding and counselling of sexual strugglers. Peter & Dot Lane led a 4-day intensive counselling course in Colombo for 45 Lanka Bible College MDiv and BTh students many of whom were also pastors and counselors. And they lead a seminar in Badulla for 50 students and pastors and another seminar at the Assemblies of God Church in Bandarawella.

The region of India and Sri Lanka does not yet have local member ministries to provide help to an estimated 30 million people who experience same-sex attractions. A network of individuals and ministries who know about Exodus is being developed. Pray for more people and resources to work in this region; for increased willingness of the local church to be taught and equipped; and for partnerships with other Christian organizations already established in the region who can provide local support for those working to start new ministries.

155 million men and women around the world who experience same-sex attractions need to hear a message of hope that change is possible.



Laurie Jean Wilson & Tryphena Law, ministry leaders from Australia and Malaysia

Latin America

Exodus Latinoamérica made a commitment to plant ministries in every country across Latin America. Oscar Galindo, executive director of Exodus Latinoamérica, reports that four new ministries are in the process of becoming member ministries of Exodus Latinoamérica.

Chile - The ministry is called Resurrección (Resurrection). Mr and Mrs Parra are the directors of this ministry. They started helping people affected with HIV/AIDS. They went to Argentina to receive Living Waters training from the Exodus member ministry called Restauración and now they are open to helping people struggling with homosexuality.

Dominican Republic – The ministry is called Revestidos de Honra (Covered by Honour). The director is Mrs. Xenia Attias. This ministry is supported by pastor Pedro Piñeyro. The ministry got its start when Heisha Fernandez and Oscar Galindo went to speak on how to start a ministry.

Venezuela – The ministry is called Sanador Herido (Hurt Healer). The director of this ministry is Iris Chamakián, they are working specially with youth, based on *The River* program, of Desert Stream. They are in Los Teques, Venezuela.

Argentina – The ministry is called Integra (Integrate). The director is Diego Zagan. The purpose of this ministry is to develop support groups in churches for people struggling with homosexuality. They are being supported to by Mauricio Montión from Restauración ministry, and Andy Comiskey from Desert Stream. And they are linked with the ministry called Retorno in Buenos Aires.

Other evidence of moving forward is the growth of existing ministries. The ministry Retorno, in Buenos Aires, has opened a branch office in Mendoza. The director of this office is Mabel Borguetti. And the book “A Parent’s guide to Preventing Homosexuality” by Joseph and Linda Nicolosi, has been translated into Spanish. Its name in Spanish is “Una guía para padres sobre cómo prevenir la homosexualidad”.

Exodus Latinoamérica just completed its annual conference, held Nov 1-4, 2006 in Mexico. The conference attracted about 200 people from across Latin America. The three main speakers were Dr. Esly Carvalho, Andy Comiskey, and myself.

Other speakers led a total of 28 workshops including: Psic. Olivia Corral (Mexico), Eduardo Chain (Mexico), Oscar Galindo (Mexico), Nori Menéndez (Colombia), Mauricio Montión (Argentina), Michael Newman (USA), Ptr. Guillermo Sources, and Darren Thompson (Exodus Global Alliance).

The Conference was held at the Centro Evangelístico Emanuel church. The church’s pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Fuentes, are very supportive of Exodus Latinoamérica and are the founders of the ministry Cambio de Rumbo in Mexico.

North America

I am pleased to announce that Exodus International, North America has rejoined Exodus Global Alliance. Melvin Wong, chairman of Exodus Global Alliance says, “Representing the Board of Exodus Global Alliance, I would like to extend personally a warm welcome to Exodus International,

North America; our long-time friend and ministry partner. As we are now united together as one body, I feel very excited and confident that the global ministries will benefit from the strengths of each of us. Together we will spread the good news of Freedom by the Grace of the Lord. Let us continue to strengthen our bonds and commitments to serve those who are searching for Truth. May God give us wisdom and courage to glorify His name world-wide.” Alan Chambers, president of Exodus International, North America, says, “As one of the pioneering ministries that helped launch the Exodus Global Alliance, it is just fitting that Exodus International, North America rejoin this excellent coalition. I am personally thrilled to be working alongside my friend Pat Lawrence and the other amazing world leaders who make up this organization. This reunification really exemplifies Christ’s heart for his Body to be unified. I count it a privilege to serve among these fine leaders as we boldly reach the world with the truth that freedom is not only possible, but marvelous!”

The Exodus Freedom conference, organized by Exodus North America, welcomed nearly 800 people this year. Throughout the 6-day conference, participants heard from keynote speakers including Sy Rogers, Dr Ken Hutcherson, Dr Jimmy Evans, Clay & Renee Crosse, Shannon Ethridge, Valorie Burton, Jerry Falwell, Janelle Hallman, Kathy Koch, David Kyle Foster and Joe Dallas.

The conference organizers were excited to see so many new people find hope and freedom meeting God during the conference. People came with questions, and discovered a great God who holds all the answers; a God who loves them and will help them through the journey.

The conference provided a great reminder to people that there is hope because God is working in people’s lives. The conference also witnessed several men and women accept Christ as their Saviour or rededicate their lives to Him.

Ministry development

Youth

Exodus Global Alliance launched a youth website in October. The youth of the world need to hear a comprehensive Biblical message about sexuality that addresses the situations and concerns that they face as young people growing into sexuality. They also need people and ministries who will help them find hope and healing after they find themselves hurt and wounded by the allure of sexual freedom and their exploration of homosexuality. The Exodus youth website is one element of a growing youth ministry in Exodus Global Alliance.

Visit the youth website by going to www.exodusglobalalliance.org and selecting the Youth link. There you will find answers to questions that youth ask, testimonies from people who found God brought hope and change in their lives when struggling as a youth, resources for youth and workshops to equip people for youth ministry.

Canada

Exodus Global Alliance has been working to develop new ministries in Quebec and the Maritimes. This year I travelled to Halifax and Moncton to speak at conferences and search for people who we can

work with to start new ministries in eastern Canada. Bryan Kliewer, DJ Thompson and Liz Mitchell participated in a conference in Montreal. DJ Thompson and I have just finished speaking at a conference in Quebec that Bryan Kliewer co-organized with Pastor Julien Laramée and the Evangelical Baptist churches in the Gatineau region. This was the first Exodus conference held in Quebec.

The culture of Quebec is very different from the rest of Canada and the United States, and different from France as well. Since the Quiet Revolution of the 1960s, Quebec has become a secular culture. Sexual freedom and homosexual activism have been one of the hallmarks of its secular culture creating a large need for Christian ministries to people seeking freedom from homosexuality. The conference provided people with understanding and hope. It also included a special session on ministry development. Anyone at the conference with an interest in participating in or supporting ministry development in Quebec was invited to participate in this special session. Please pray that God will lead this group of people forward in ministry development/

What Can You Do?

Pray. Exodus leaders and ministry staff work in a ministry that involves spiritual battle. Pray for each Exodus worker. Pray too that God will raise further workers to get involved in this needy world. Pray for increased financial support and for resources to enter the Doors that God has opened.

Give. Exodus' missions and ministry development depends on your financial support. Our support comes from individual donors, not institutions, company sponsors or government grants. We need you to give so that Exodus can continue and expand missions and ministry development.

Join in Ministry. If you feel called to 'go', apply to the Exodus Missions Program. If you feel called to 'stay', ask us how we can use your gifts and talents.

Exodus Global Alliance

A world-wide interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization that serves to:

- Educate and equip Christians and churches regarding the issue of homosexuality and the church's response.
- Proclaim the truth, both scriptural and clinical, in church and society that change from homosexuality is possible.
- Provide opportunities for people to serve as missionaries with Exodus' local ministries around the world or develop new ministries to homosexual people around the world that have no one to help them.
- Refer people to a network of qualified member ministries throughout the world providing counseling and support groups.

Exodus Global Alliance is a charitable organization made possible by your prayers and financial support. All contributions are tax-deductible; gifts are acknowledged and receipted with an annual official income tax receipt. Spending of funds is confined to board-approved programs and purchases. Gifts designated toward an approved program will be used as designated with the understanding that when any need has been met, designated gifts will be used where most needed.