

## One Voice, Shining Through the Darkness

From Toronto to St John's to Vancouver, the question is "What about the Canadian Government and Supreme Court's decision to approve gay marriage?" This state of affairs is not limited to Canada. Whether in Montreal or Manhattan, Malaysia or Madagascar, Moscow or Melbourne, you'll find around the world a rising tide homosexuality. Conservative societies across Asia, Africa, India and Latin America are throwing open their doors to homosexuality. North America and Europe are going even further...

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As the world promotes more sexual freedom, increasing numbers of children, teens and adults in every part of the world are struggling with and being hurt by homosexuality, prostitution, sexual abuse, gender changes, pornography, sex before marriage and sex outside of marriage. When everyone does what is right in their own eyes, we all end up headed for trouble. "The most powerful force in the physical world is not the nuclear bomb – but sex!" states Dr Archibald Hart. "Addictions to alcohol and cocaine may be major problems for our age but they pale into insignificance when compared to the ravages of sex gone wrong" (*Healing Life's Hidden Addictions*). Satan relentlessly attacks humanity at this vulnerable point to the extent that virtually every human is touched in some way by issues surrounding sexuality, our one common area of great joy and profound weakness. Do you or your church know how bad the problem of sexual brokenness is?

People within the church who struggle with sexual brokenness and damage often have difficulty finding support in the church or from family members. How should Christians and churches respond to others within their own churches who wish to live according to biblical norms and values but are struggling with homosexuality, lesbianism, or other kinds of fallen, damaged sexuality?

Christians and the church, in Canada and around the world, are finally awakening, wanting to take action. Too long has the church said little or nothing. When the church does not talk about God's plan for sexuality, including homosexuality and all its related issues then the people in our churches, both young and old, accept what the world is saying. Making the situation worse is the church's struggle to demonstrate God's love to the homosexual community. Too often the church has reacted with hostility and condemnation despite the fact that Jesus said He came not to condemn fallen people but redeem them.

Now, as Christians and the church rise to take action, pastors, leaders, parents, counsellors, students and church members need to lift their voices as one, and share the truth about God's plan for sexuality and moral purity. They also need to voice and demonstrate the grace of God to those who bear the damage of fallen sexuality. The Exodus Global Alliance conference, **One Voice, Shining Through the Darkness**, gives you a way to take part.

### Exodus Conference

**One Voice, Shining through the Darkness**, is being held in Toronto May 11-14 to help Christians, young and old, know how to make a difference in this world with one of the greatest problems we have in this century - sexual and relational problems.

**One Voice, Shining Through the Darkness**, a conference for today, will inform, inspire and offer hope. You will learn that grace and truth always win out over fear, hate and ignorance. Debate and persuasive conversations have often intrigued minds, but it is the love of God that transforms hurting hearts. **Come and become part of one voice shining through the darkness with grace and truth!**

The conference will answer your questions such as ...

- How bad is the problem of sexual brokenness and damage in our church?
- Why do Christians have such problems?
- Why haven't we addressed them better?
- What can I do to manage my own vulnerabilities better?

International speakers from around the world will speak about what is happening as homosexuality and sexual freedom is promoted in Africa, China, India and Latin America. China has more than 30 million homosexuals. India too has more than 30 million. Canada and the USA have about 8 million.

#### Conference Speakers

Sy Rogers  
Rev Thomas Yung-Hsin Wang  
Rev Darryl Foster  
Carla Pinheiro  
Pastor Benjamin Devadason  
Jenny Li

Sy Rogers, an exciting international communicator, will teach about sexual and relationship issues within the church. Sy was a homosexual, prostitute and transsexual before coming to Jesus Christ. "Christians are often ashamed to admit what everyone knows: Christianity does not make us immune to our sexual passions. Everything doesn't get 'fixed' just because we come into relationship with God. Christians are often surprised and disillusioned because they still have sexual struggles. We haven't had realistic expectations, or an informed understanding of 'why' we struggle--much less, 'what' to do about it. But there are solutions--which I've had to discover and apply, not only to serve others better...but for my own spiritual survival".

**Who should come to this conference? Christians, pastors, church leaders, families, youth, those who struggle... This conference is for everyone!**

# opening doors

Dr. Thomas Yung-Hsin Wang, from Beijing, China, will speak about sexuality, Scripture and the impact recent changes like same-sex marriage is having on Chinese culture around the world.

Rev Darryl Foster is an African American and former homosexual. After years of involvement in homosexuality, God's love reached him and he found true and lasting change. Darryl became a pastor, husband and father. He founded WITNESS!, an outreach ministry to men and women of color trapped in unwanted homosexuality and currently serves as the Executive Director of Powerful Change Ministry Group International.

Carla Pinheiro is a former lesbian. Now she is the Director of Moses, an Exodus member ministry in Brazil, and Chairperson of Exodus Brazil. She will share her testimony.

Jenny Li, from Taiwan will share her story of coming to know Jesus as a lesbian. It was 2 years after her decision to accept Jesus that she realized God was calling her to leave homosexuality and help other homosexuals. Now, after 8 years of ministry in Taiwan, Jenny is burdened to begin working in China.

Pastor Benjamin Devadason, born in Sri Lanka, has spent 30 years in a ministry that touches Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims. He specializes in training people to be able to reach out, cross-culturally, to people from countries such as India and Sri Lanka. He will speak about the Scripture's view of sexuality.

These speakers and others will provide information about what is happening around the world as homosexuality is promoted in China, India, Latin America, Africa. These places are seeing the same kinds of changes to society that North America and Europe have seen, except they are happening at a faster pace.

## Training for Ministry

The second purpose of this conference is to train people for ministry. God has called people from China, India, Latin America and Africa to become missionaries to homosexuals in these countries. They have responded, stepping out in faith. Now their need is to be equipped for ministry. This conference will provide special training to them. Here are some of those people.

Kelvin and Tammy Chung are a shining presence in Hong Kong. Kelvin says, "I am honoured to have this chance to serve the Lord and encourage fellow brothers with my own healing experience from homosexuality. God's grace and protection is surely what I want to testify the most. Of course, I won't forget to praise Tammy for the wonderful support and patience shown to me all through the courtship and marriage years. I consider this as a testimony of a faithful couple. Without her, I don't think I can make it today."

God called Heisha Fernandez-Romero, a black Puerto Rican woman who is married with three children, into this work when

she was 47 years old. Though she didn't know what to do, she was faithful to follow in obedience and started the first Exodus Latinoamérica ministry in Puerto Rico.

Marcos Vinicio and Magda de Garrido are called to lead the "Beraca" ministry in Guatemala, Central America. Marcos' testimony as a transvestite and how God touched him is a powerful instrument to the people of Guatemala. He and Magda have the potential to be very effective in ministry work in Central America.

Olivia Corral felt called to help in the "Cambio de Rumbo" ministry in Mexico. She began by helping to promote the first Exodus Latinoamérica conference. She got involved again with the third Exodus Latinoamérica Conference. Now she wants to help start new ministries elsewhere in Latin America.

Exodus wants to bring these and others from Africa, China, India and Latin America to the International Conference where they will receive training for ministry. You can assist by sponsoring their participation. A donation of \$200 will pay for the registration and accommodation costs for a ministry leader (missionary) to attend the conference and receive special training.

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## Who should come to this conference?

You are invited to come. We want you to be part of one voice shining through the darkness.

Pastors, Christian workers and individuals who want to better equipped to minister to the sexually broken and respond to the changes in society - in Canada or in Africa, China, India, Latin America and other places around the world.

Individuals who want to live according to biblical norms and values but are struggling with homosexuality, lesbianism, or other kinds of fallen, damaged sexuality. Conclusion

And if you can not come, consider providing a financial contribution that will enable a missionary or ministry leader from Africa, China, Europe, India or Latin America to come for training at this conference.

## What Can I Do?

**Pray.** God works through Exodus only when you pray. Exodus needs people who will pray for our ministry to youth. Will you send us a letter telling us that God has called you to pray?

**Give.** Exodus' ministry to people depends on your financial support. Most of our support comes from individual donors, not institutions, company sponsors or government grants. Will you give as God directs you so that a ministry leader or missionary who is looking for training can come to this conference? Send your gift using an Exodus response card or contact the Exodus Global Alliance office listed below.

**Join in Prayer.** Exodus is holding a day of fasting and prayer on Friday, Feb 25 to pray for the conference, the pastors and Christian workers who want to be better equipped to minister,

and for those who are struggling with homosexuality or other kinds of fallen sexuality. Contact the Exodus office for information about joining with others on this day.

**Join in Ministry.** Some Christians feel they cannot participate because they have never been a homosexual. As a result, Exodus works without the resources that many other Christian ministries have received. We need people to bring their gifts & talents in ministry service and ministry development to Exodus—the potential harvest is vast, the workers are few. God has no other plan than to work through the people He has called. Will you let God use your gifts & talents at Exodus?