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What the Spirit is Asking the Church

By Nate Oyloe
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As we begin the new year, I am sensing the Holy Spirit asking us at Outpost a question: "I know you need Me, but do you *want* Me?"

The Holy Spirit is moving! We are on the verge of something amazing. Revival. Renewal. Darkness is increasing, but so is God's glory. The greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit is yet to come. What happened in the book of Acts at Pentecost was just a token of what God will pour out at the end of the age:

²⁸ And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. —*Joel 2:28-31*

Scripture teaches us the Holy Spirit has many functions. He teaches us about Jesus (John 15:26; Eph. 3:17-19), He testifies that we are God's children (Rom. 8:13-16), He pours the love of the Father into our hearts (Rom. 5:5), He works miracles (the book of Acts). I think we would all agree that we need more of the Holy Spirit's working in our lives!

And the Good News is we can have more. For God "gives the Spirit without limit" (John 3:34). We only need to ask. Thus the Spirit's question, "Do you *want* Me?"

One of the ways that we at Outpost are responding to the Holy Spirit's question is by increasing our fasting. Fasting enlarges our capacity to receive from the Lord. We have established what we are calling "fasting teams." Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday we have a team of people fasting in the spirit of Isaiah 58, that our "healing would quickly

appear."

I ask you to prayerfully consider joining one of our teams. There is so much more strength when we do this together. We are asking each team to do some kind of food fast for breakfast and lunch of the day that team is fasting. If you like, you can receive a weekly email from your team leader encouraging you and giving you specific prayer requests for the day. If you are feeling prompted by the Lord to join a team, please call the office and ask for one of the Youth and College-Age staff.

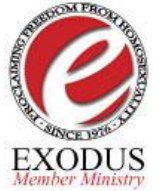
I believe the Lord is asking for an extravagant expression of fasting to come from Outpost this year. We are responding wholeheartedly to His invitation! WE WANT MORE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! And I believe we will receive more if we do this together. The Apostle Paul is clear in Ephesians 3 that it is only "together with all of the saints" that we will receive the fullness of the revelation of Christ's love. Will you join us in prayer *and fasting* this year?

There is much the Lord wants to pour out this year. And we are in desperate need of it. The need is growing. Culture continues to fall deeper into delusion. It is harder than ever for young people to break free from a struggle with same-sex attractions. The world is telling them it is okay, and so is much of the Church.

We need God's power to impact these young lives. We need His Spirit. Pray with us. Fast with us. Let's change the world together, one life at a time. *ON*



Nate Oyloe is in his tenth year of youth and college-age ministry at Outpost.



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Outpost Ministries was formed to meet the needs of men and women who have made a decision to break away from gay life. We strive to deal with individuals as whole people, not merely sexual beings, offering teaching, encouragement and support. Outpost emphasizes obedience to God's Word which begins the healing process. For information visit us on the web at www.OutpostMinistries.org or, write: Outpost, Inc., PO Box 22429, Robbinsdale, MN 55422. Phone: (763) 592-4700 Fax: (763) 592-4701 E-mail: outpostinfo@OutpostMinistries.org

Wish List

- Three new laptop computers for Nate, David & Lisa—THANK YOU!!!**
- One new or gently used laptop computer for Luke**
- A new or gently used desktop computer for Dan**
- Two new or gently used 22" flat-screen computer monitors**
- A new or gently used paper shredder**

In-kind gifts are tax-deductible. Thank you for considering our needs!

Special Report: Owners Meeting

By Ross Olson MD, Board Chair

Board essentially represents them in its deliberations. As we cannot measure those who pray for us, we substituted financial giving as a marker for interest in and support of Outpost. About 50 donors were contacted and about 15 were able to come. Extensive notes were taken, and the Board reviewed these on November 14, 2009:

The overall focus of Outpost is on sexual and relational brokenness in general with homosexuality being the most common reason that an individual seeks our help.

There is an emphasis on Christians for two reasons. Christians are more likely to seek help because of moral conflict between values and behavior. Also, our approach requires that seekers eventually become disciples of Jesus Christ. We do not have a secular solution. Unbelievers certainly do contact us, but many become Christians as they realize that only Jesus Christ provides the hope for which they seek.

We want strugglers to be informed of hope, both within the church and in the community as a whole. Thus, individuals influence their own contacts, educating friends, family, church and others as opportunities arise. At events like the ELCA Conference, Outpost may be invited. And public meetings like *Called Out, Pure Joy! Celebration* and church services will educate and expose more people to the message. The internet brings Outpost to the attention of many.

Outpost is not involved in organizational political action although information and education will eventually have an effect on policy as more people understand the issues and see through the propaganda that pervades our culture. People, changed one by one, can affect society. Other organizations are called to public policy ministry. NARTH (National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality) is an academic association of therapists. They are involved in influencing the Psychiatric and Psychological Academies because of attempts to declare their practices unethical.

Helping individuals is the primary ministry but families are also always involved and there can be more thought about how to formalize this aspect as the ministry grows.

If the main focus is on individuals, why do we go to churches? Obviously we need financial support, but there are also strugglers in churches who don't know about hope. Churches need to understand the issues to be sensitive to same-sex strugglers and understand the legitimate need for healthy same-sex friendships. Churches eventually can begin doing what we do.

We are committed to speaking the truth in love. Some think that love requires acceptance of all behaviors. Some think it necessary to speak only condemnation. Outpost brings the good news to those who also appreciate the bad news. We are all unworthy of God's grace. But Jesus died to make forgiveness and abundant life possible.

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On August 22, 2009 an "Owners Meeting" was held by the Board. Unlike a membership society, it is difficult to determine who the stakeholders or moral "owners" of an organization like Outpost are. Yet identifying owners is important because the

New Online Giving Feature: Any donor can now create an online giving profile through our website. A profile allows you to manage your own online donation activity. You'll still be able to make one-time donations and set up automatic giving, but now you can log in 24/7 to make changes or view your giving history. Current online donors: as long as we have your e-mail address in our system, you can begin setting up a password and managing your own information. Questions? Call or email Candace at the office.

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Ministry & Other Events

- 1/3 Dan spoke at Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, Cokato, MN
- 1/15 Dan & David spoke in the evangelism class at Association Free Lutheran Bible School, Plymouth, MN
- 1/16 Dan, David, Candace & Luke presented the **Understanding Homosexuality Seminar**, Cokato, MN
- 1/16 Nate & Youth and College-Age Staff led worship at the Twin Cities House of Prayer, Roseville, MN
- 1/17 Dan, Daniel & Jon spoke with Gerard Doles at Butterfield Community Church, Butterfield, MN
- 2/6 Nate & Jon speak at McIntosh Community Center, McIntosh, MN
- 2/7 Nate & Jon speak at Living Faith Free Lutheran Church in Larimore, ND
- 2/1 MO3 Class "Men Pursuing Purity" begins
- 2/9 David is guest with Gerard Dols on pre-recorded cable program at Love, Power Church, Blaine, MN
- 2/20 Nate & YACA will lead worship at TCHOP, Roseville, MN

Do you struggle with . . .

Shame? Fear? Depression?
Pain? Unforgiveness? Anxiety?

Jesus desires to heal your heart!
"Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Beginning February 13th inner-
healing sessions will be held every
Saturday from 9-11:30 am for men &
women ages 16-28 at the Outpost
Ministries office in Brooklyn Center.
A free-will offering will be taken.

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A Call to Prayer

- Praise God for a successful *Understanding Homosexuality Seminar* at Good Shepherd Free Lutheran in Cokato, MN. We had over 90 attendees from a 25-mile radius. Pray for the hosting church as they move forward in ministering to those struggling in their community.
- Pray for Nancy Hallett and family as they grieve the passing of her mother, Marjorie Dubert of Garland, TX, on January 19.
- Pray for young adult interns Daniel, Jon, Dumont, and now Mai Lia, that they would grow in their intimacy with Christ and continue their own healing journey on an even deeper level.
- Continue to pray for the healing and restoration of Dan's eyes. He's been experiencing decreasing vision, and his ocular inflammation is currently preventing any further treatment.
- Continue to pray for clear direction and strategy for Dan regarding finding a permanent building. Pray for the Board as they guide the ministry in this and other matters. The next board meeting is set for February 6.

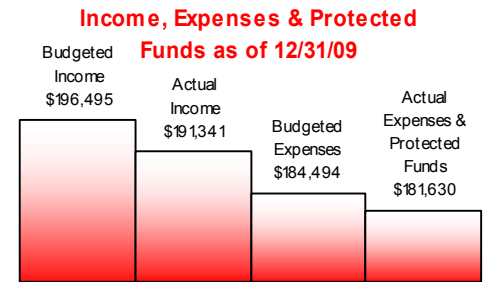
SAVE THE DATE:
Pure Joy!
Celebration

Friday,
April 23
Time
& Location
TBA



A Word About Finance\$

We're ending calendar year 2009 in solid financial standing. We have two months' salary and expenses in the reserve fund (about \$60,000) and \$1575 in the Building Capital Campaign Fund so that the financial picture looks like this:



As you can see, our fundraising has not quite kept up with our budget plans. This is due in part to a lack in our deputational fundraising results. Each staff person at Outpost is required to raise support for his or her ministry work here. When we fall short in this arena, we limit spending on staffing. Since staffing is our biggest financial concern, this is where we hold the line. And, when staffing is limited, the ministry is curtailed.

Another area of lack is in the *onething* Conference Scholarship Fund. We raised less of the donor support we had wanted to this year, and the attendees had to contribute a greater percentage of the cost of this ministry trip. Next month in the *Outpost News* we will have a full report, including amazing stories of God's movement at this conference.

Perhaps God is moving on you to sponsor the ministry of one or more staff here in 2010 in a gift of \$25-\$100 a month. Or perhaps God is moving on you to sponsor a staff person or participant in attending the **Exodus Freedom Conference** the end of June. We're seeking to raise a lump sum of \$6500 to attend this life-changing event.

Thank you for prayerfully considering our needs!

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- Here's a gift of: \$25 \$35 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$2000 \$5000 Other: \$ _____
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