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Loving God, Declaring Freedom



Embracing the Journey with Joy

By Nate Oyloe, used by permission

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
—Romans 1: 20-21 (emphasis added)

This past January, I charged the Outpost Ministries staff with a mission: *by January 1, 2015, I want us to be the most joyful ministry in the Twin Cities.* In our line of work of dealing with sexual and relational brokenness, joy can be difficult at times. We deal with people's sin and pain on a daily basis. We see firsthand the negative impact a changing society is having on the next generation. We face persecution and constant spiritual warfare. But in all of this, scripture's exhortation remains, *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials . . .* (James 1:2).

Trials are certain, regardless of your line of work. Joy in the midst of these said trials takes some effort. It doesn't come naturally. Joy must be intentionally embraced. We must cast off the negative thought patterns that so easily entangle us and *choose* to set our minds on things above. We must *choose* to walk in gratitude.

I am finding that gratitude is the doorway to joy. When people do not walk in thankfulness to God, their thoughts become foolish and their hearts become darkened, which is not very helpful in the midst of the trials of life! But those who

choose gratitude are given clarity and light in the midst of the storm. When our hearts are overwhelmed, there is a Rock that is higher than us.

And with right perspective, we have joy. God is still on the throne, still in control and very close to the brokenhearted. God is a promise keeper. We can rest in His love. We can trust His ways. He does not leave; He does not forsake the ones He loves.

Negativity is exhausting. Joy is energizing. Negativity can make us sick. Joy heals our souls. Negativity is viewing the present circumstance with God out of the picture. Joy is seeing God with you in the midst of life's ups and downs—an ever-present help in times of trouble.

For more joy in your life, try this ex-

ercise: for the next week, set aside three times each day to thank God for five minutes. You could do it breakfast, lunch and dinner. Write down what you are thankful for and declare it back to God. Or, to make it even more fun, sing it to God. Make up little songs of thanksgiving that you can carry with you throughout your day. You don't have to be a singer; God loves a joyful noise! You could even shout your thankfulness to God. The point is to put on an attitude of gratitude.

This is spiritual warfare, as the enemy loves to keep us bound up in negative thought patterns. He loves to disempower us by stealing our joy. He loves to interpret our pain. Fight back by letting your thankfulness to God abound.



Jesus is returning for a joyful Bride; she won't be offended or grumbling or crabby



Outpost, Inc. was formed in 1976 to meet the needs of men and women seeking freedom from unwanted same-sex attractions. We offer teaching, encouragement and support to individuals and families impacted by homosexuality in the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis-St. Paul and address the Church in the Upper Midwest on related topics. Outpost also offers help to those dealing with sexual and relational brokenness related to the opposite sex. Partnering with God the Father, we welcome the broken-hearted and hurting. For more 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

Beloved, will you join us in our pursuit of joy this year? Jesus is returning for a JOYFUL Bride. She won't be offended or grumbling or crabby. She will be glorious and prepared and abounding in thankfulness to the Father. Therefore, let us fight for joy in ourselves and in others. Jesus is worthy of a joyful Bride. ☪



Nate Oylo, CEO, has been on staff with Outpost since 2001.

A Warm Welcome!

There has been much strategic re-shifting going on at the administrative level at Outpost. One of those strategies has been to bring on new part-time staff Alicia Determan as HR Manager and Assistant Prayer Room Coordinator:



I grew up in Maple Grove, MN and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2013 with degrees in Human Resource Development and Music. While I was in college, I turned away from the Lord and experienced a painful season of abuse and rejection that led to emotional and sexual brokenness. But the Lord, in His faithfulness, brought me back to Him and led me into freedom from bondage and the restoration of my identity as a daughter of the King. Experiencing the transformational power of Jesus in my life has inspired a passion in my heart to see others set free from shame and brokenness and directed into the love of Jesus. It is a blessing and a privilege for me to be a part of a ministry that's committed to the healing ministry of the Lord and allows me an opportunity to

Outpost Ministries is partnering with local evangelism ministry Trinity Works to do an intensive outreach to the LGBT community this coming June. Outreach plans include a 24/3 firebase outreach—combining 24 hour worship and prayer with 24-hour mission activity June 26-29 into the Gay Pride event.



In April and May, we will be sending teams to local churches to mobilize for the Humility outreach. If your church would like to be part of this outreach, please call Nate Haugen at 763.592.4700 x 107 or e-mail nhaugen@outpostministries.org to find out more or to schedule a mobilization event.

Consider becoming a personal intercessor for specific Outpost staff. Contact them directly or email outpostinfo@outpostministries.org. Also consider joining us for a 21-day corporate fast June 1-21.

We will have special trainings on the following days for those who are interested in participating in the Humility outreach. You must participate in one of these training dates to volunteer:

- Wednesday, June 4, 6 PM at First Baptist Church, 1021 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN.
- Thursday, June 12, 6 PM at Redeeming Love Church, 2425 White Bear Ave. N., Maplewood, MN.
- Friday, June 20, 6 PM at Northbrook Alliance Church, 6240 Aldrich Ave. N., Brooklyn Center, MN.
- Friday, June 27, time TBD, at First Baptist Church, 1021 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN.

For more information, contact us or visit www.humility2014.org.

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Praises & Prayer

Praise God for a successful and insightful event with Dr. Joseph Nicolosi.

Praise God for staff in newly focused roles and for new staff in their roles.

Praise God for His provision and protection as a ministry.

Praise God for recent and upcoming speaking opportunities.

Praise God for the opportunity to partner with Trinity Works in the upcoming *Humility 2014* outreach.

Pray for wisdom as Outpost navigates through changing culture and laws that oppose what we do.

Pray for the upcoming *Humility* outreach: for the release of an operations leader, for God's presence and direction for leadership, for the right doors to open for church mobilization.

Pray for the salvation of Peter Hafiz, owner of Minneapolis night club Gay 90s, his brother Stewart Hafiz, and club manager Robert Parker.

Pray for favor from international speaker Sy Rogers. He is being asked to donate teaching resources for the outreach.



Restored Hope Network's annual conference will be held June 27-28 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Happy Valley, OR. Outpost staff will not be attending the conference this year due to the *Humility* outreach. However, we highly recommend this conference for anyone impacted by homosexuality. For more information, visit www.restoredhopenetwork.org.

Out and About

3/31 Nate Oyløe spoke in two psychology 101 classes, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

3/31 Nate O. spoke at Mission Shift, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN

4/6 Nate Haugen spoke at Kiev Methodist Church, Kiev, ND

4/13 Dan Puumala spoke at Community Boost, North Heights Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN

4/24 Zak Johnson spoke at Fellowship of Christian Athletes, MacCalester College, St. Paul, MN

4/24 Dan P. and Ariel Liesch met with leaders at Journey North Community Church, Brainerd, MN

4/27 *Humility* Mobilization, Bethany Church, Bloomington, MN

4/27 *Humility* Mobilization, The Well Church, Robbinsdale, MN

4/30 Ariel L. spoke in a senior high girls small group, Eaglebrook Church, White Bear Lake, MN

5/2-3 *Preventing Homosexuality in Children: An Educational Evening with Dr. Joseph Nicolosi*, Northbrook Alliance Church, Brooklyn Center, MN

5/4 Ariel L. and Nate H. had a booth at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN

5/5-7 Dan P. attended the CMA North Central District Conference, Gateway Church, Elk River, MN

5/25 *Humility* Mobilization, Way of the Lord Church, Blaine, MN

6/1 *Humility* Mobilization, Bethel Christian Fellowship, St. Paul, MN

6/3 Nate H. speaks in Clarion, IA, details TBA

6/4 *Humility* volunteer training, 6 PM, First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN

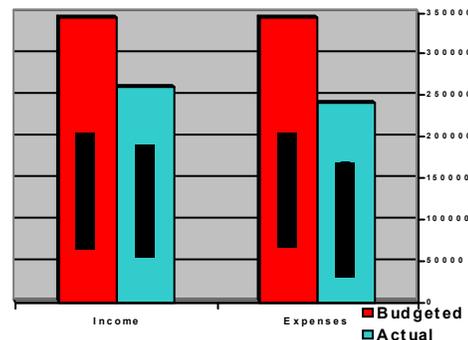
6/12 *Humility* volunteer training, 6 PM, Redeeming Love Church, Maplewood, MN

6/20 *Humility* volunteer training, 6 PM, Northbrook Alliance Church, Brooklyn Center, MN

6/27-29 *Humility 2014* Outreach with Trinity Works, Minneapolis, MN

Financial Picture

Income vs Expenses, Mar 31, 2014



The finance/administration department has undergone significant transformation over the past few months. I have stepped into the role of CFO and will oversee and give vision to the finance/administration department.

God has seamlessly brought in trained professionals to give adequate support for His purposes going forward. He has accomplished this by bringing on staff Dave Osborn, a certified CPA for the past 20 years, and Alicia Determan, a U of M graduate with an HR management degree. It is an exciting time of God's people being placed where their strengths and giftings can flourish.

God has changed the lives of countless people through Outpost, and He isn't slowing down! Outpost needs a stronger organizational back-bone in place—our finances and administration—in order to continue to spread the truth of the gospel to a larger audience.

With excitement, I'm thrilled to tell you that our finances have been growing since the month of December. Every month as we pray and worship Him, and simultaneously work hard to bring about new structure in the office, the Lord has blessed us with more finances. We are praising the Lord for His sovereignty and abundant grace He has poured out on the past four months. Thank you for partnering with God's truth and the mission of Outpost by sowing your hard earned money into our labors for His kingdom.

Sincerely,

Brad Baar,
CFO

Inside: Embracing Joy!

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