

# Letters From Outpost



MAY 2024

## God Did It!

We are so grateful for the 105 people that joined us for the 2024 Spring Fundraising Banquet. We heard from some precious folks how God has worked to transform them from the inside out, enjoyed a beautiful time of worship, and shared a wonderful meal together.

Most of all, though, God showed up to provide for our needs financially. In addition to the almost \$24,000 given during the event, we received a pledge from a local family foundation for a significant gift. **God has met our goal.**

Thanks and praise be to God! His goodness to us knows no bounds!

## Prayers & Praises

- **Praise God** for a great Spring Banquet! It was wonderful to hear testimonies of God's faithfulness and healing.
- **Praise God** for His continued provision for this ministry. We are thankful to partner with God to accomplish His purposes.
- **Pray** for Elijah Company as they relaunch, that family and friends would find support and community as they navigate relationships with loved ones.

## Events Calendar

- **Apr 6:** Outpost held its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Banquet.
- **Apr 18 - 20:** Wendy and Scott tended a booth at the annual MN Assemblies of God District Counsel and EQUIP Conference.
- **Apr 25:** Scott spoke at the Marie Sandvik Center.
- **May 14 & Jun 3:** Elijah Company relaunch meetings (see p.2)
- **Jun 3 - Aug 5:** Joshua Fellowship Summer Intensive meets (see p.2)
- **Jun 21-22:** RHN HOPE2024

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## Looking Back to Move Forward

Dear Friends,

Looking back over the decades and realizing the truth of God's choice in my birth, my particular family, the place for this particular moment, and my experiences has brought me here today to you, my family in Christ.

Living Waters was and is for me, one portal (of many) that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit used and continue to use in this journey with me. Looking back to when I started, I was searching and hadn't found a safe place. A place that I could be free to explore my past and explore the realization that life wasn't working as hoped for. It gave me a place to examine my past, in decisions, in agreements I made, and why I still felt lost and confused, due to what I had been told, believed, and saw in myself and others. **This was my yes to Him:** to be willing to look back in order to go forward.

Today, I can look back on a granular level and see what was going on in each stage of life. I see more clearly my teens, my twenties, thirties, forties, and fifties. And now early in my sixties, my life is clearer in direction, in peace, in who I am becoming in my identity, and in who He is with me. Each stage, as I think of it, had a specific lesson for me to learn, and most of the time, I chose to learn the hard way. Take relationships, for example. My thoughts were, "What can I get? How will others look at me with them? How do I get my needs met?" And so many other lies I listened to. These lies were obviously very self-centered, ego driven, and had a level of narcissism mixed in with stubbornness. As I looked back at them, I found patterns or beliefs that needed attention and would take effort to explore deeper.

Willingness and effort is what I needed to bring to the table with God, along with many more journeys He wanted to explain and reveal what would, in His timing, continue to heal so He could remove my false self and replace it with something better.

Living Waters with the Holy Spirit allows us all—in His timing and through our submission—to enter His presence, grace, love, and healing on His terms. I cannot take any credit for the journeys, mountains, and valleys. Looking back, the valleys were the most profitable in my spirit and soul. And recently, the valleys became evidence of what He has done. Valleys of abandonment, betrayal, and decisions based on self, have blossomed to what started out with the thought of my identity in Christ, grew into identification with Christ, and then to being identical to Christ. It was the true beginning of a blossom of who I am, in Him.

The Living Waters family here became an outpost, first of safety. Then, a place of truth that I didn't know and was hard to look at and receive. Eventually, it became a place of common bond that I knew Christ was and is today. This bond now leads into what I mentioned in the beginning, a new and very real and welcoming place to move forward.

Over the next few months, I see that He has me writing on the journey: my story, my surrender, my submission, and my forgiveness of others and self that has removed the thorns and toxic soil and set me apart from that past. Years of living with a rear-view mirror as big as the windshield have been transformed. Transformed by the Spirit, prayer, reading, attending a Spirit-filled and word-based church, and fellowship with others that may not have the exact same struggle or symptoms but definitely the same roots of hurt and abandonment.

My looking back is now moving me forward with Him, as I follow His lead.

Because of my no, and then a "well, I am open," yes to Him, in His timing, I am moving forward. His "no," is really a "yes," but in His perfect way, pruning us to be fruitful. His "no," is really a "yes" to draw us close to listen with intimacy. His "no," to spare us, is really His "yes" to enjoy, help, and encourage us to keep going and trust in Him.

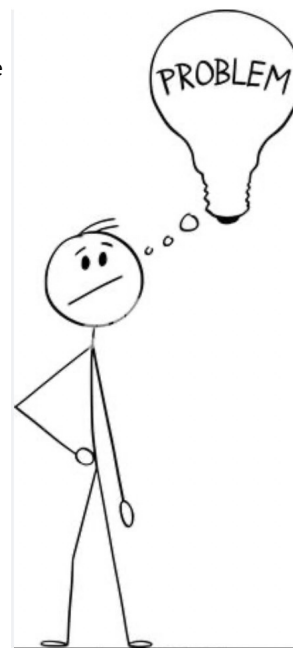
I pray your "no," becomes eventually, "yes, I'm open," and flourishes in His "yes." A new adventure begins. Let us move forward into it together.

Dennis B. is our Living Waters Coordinator. He has experience both as a participant and small group leader in the course.

## You Can Help!

We are looking for volunteers to help with some projects this spring. If you have data entry skills, we can use help with some updates within our database. We will also be needing help with our upcoming 20th annual Called Out of Darkness event, both beforehand with publicity and on the day of the event with setup and serving.


If you are interested in volunteering with any of these projects or getting more information, call the office or send us a note through our website. Thanks in advance!



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If you'd like to help us get the word out to your church about these events, call or email the office with your name and the name of your church. We'd love to supply you with posters and other publicity materials to distribute.

OUT OF SEXUAL CONFUSION INTO MARVELOUS LIGHT



**20 Years of Praise!**

An evening of worship, prayer, and testimonies of overcoming sexual and relational brokenness.

Thursday, June 27, 2024 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Calvary Church Golden Valley  
7520 Golden Valley Road

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brunch gala and auction event

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**Announcing the restart of our support group for family members and friends!**

*Elijah Co.* Elijah Company is our prayer and support group for those with loved ones who are struggling with questions about their sexuality or identity, or who are currently identifying as LGBTQ+. Come find out more and pick up materials for the first book study. We'll meet first on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00pm, and then again Monday, June 3, at 7:00pm, at our Golden Valley office.

Attend one or both meetings, but be sure to let us know you're coming (so we can have enough books and snacks on hand) by emailing the office or by calling 763-592-4700.

We are pleased to be able to offer the **Joshua Fellowship Summer Intensive** (formerly Strive) again this year. Young men, ages 18-35, are invited to join us for 10 weeks designed to strengthen you body, soul, and spirit, to walk in wholeness as a man of God.



Meetings will be Monday evenings June 3 – August 5 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in Golden Valley. The intensive will conclude with a 3½ day capstone experience away from home in early August. Participants will be asked to help cover their costs for the capstone experience.

To register or ask questions, email [outpostinfo@outpostministries.org](mailto:outpostinfo@outpostministries.org)

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