

ABBA'S DELIGHT

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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *"Because He has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With a long life I will satisfy him, and let him behold My salvation." Ps. 91:14-16.*

It Seems Like I've Been Gone Forever

My last Newsletter was back in early January. I really intended to be sending one monthly, but there was a major computer glitch that prevented me from continuing for a while, and the problem has just recently been rectified. I had been sending out the Newsletters from my day-job office computer, which I would prepare and write on the week ends, so as to not use work time for ministry activity. When the last one was sent, from what AOL has told us, someone on my e-mailing list picked up the Newsletter as spam, which reported directly to AOL, and in turn, AOL (without checking it out first) blocked everyone in my office from sending any emails to any AOL account and from receiving any emails from any AOL account. AOL did this because they did not recognize "collectcsg.com" as valid. Because I would not be sending the Newsletter from my office any longer, I began praying for an alternative means. The Lord had provided a gift to Abba's Delight of a laptop computer. It's taken me, and the brother who has been such a blessing helping me, until now to have the laptop in shape to begin again. So, here we are. However, I need your help to prevent this type of thing from happening again. **Please make sure that my new email address, danielmingo.abbasdelight@insightbb.com, is placed in your address book. I'm told that this should ensure that we don't get sent to the spam file, and lose contact again. Thank you!**

The Last Five Months

There have been several things that have transpired over the last five months in Abba's Delight that I would like to share with you.

First, earlier this year my good friend and brother in Christ, Revel Dawson, passed away. He served on the Board of Directors for Abba's Delight, and was a well-known Christian counselor. He authored the book "Managing the Madness." His passing was quite a shock to all who knew him. I miss him, but I am confident he is in the Lord's presence. His death hit me pretty hard, and probably slowed down my process some of getting this computer up and running. I maintained the status quo in the ministry, but was not taking on anything new for a time.

On March 10, 2009, the first meeting of the Abba's Delight Family & Friends support group was held. This is a group that meets every two weeks to offer prayer, support and encouragement to those who have family members or friends in the homosexual lifestyle who do not want to leave. As the members of this group are finding out about how to relate to those in the lifestyle from a Christ-like and Biblical perspective, they are also finding that Father is doing a work in their own hearts as well. Often, the biggest hurdle to overcome for one who may benefit from this type group is the shame one feels when their life is affected by this situation all

of a sudden. If this scenario describes you or someone you know, please make a call to the ministry to learn more about this group. We can help you in this process.

In April, I was invited to be the guest speaker at the monthly Louisville Prayer Breakfast meeting. I shared my testimony of how Father has delivered me out of homosexuality, and how He has worked in my life to bring me into recovery for sexual addiction, and the establishment of Abba's Delight. The message was received well, and I am hoping other speaking engagements will come as a result of this opportunity. If you have influence in your circle of acquaintances, and believe my sharing at your church, Sunday school class, Christian organization, young peoples' group, etc. would be of benefit, please let me know.

Also in April, Abba's Delight marked its one-year birthday. There was no big outward celebration, no flashy parade. Just a quiet time of thanking Father for establishing His work, and seeing fit to use me to accomplish some of what He desires to do on the earth. What a privilege to be part of His reconciliation process in the lives of hurting souls! Completing this first year now puts me in the position to apply for member status as an Exodus International affiliated ministry. I have obtained the necessary forms and applications, and I am in the process of putting it all together to submit.

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I am preparing to make the trip to Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois next month for the annual Exodus International Freedom Conference. This will be my third national conference since 2004. Each time Father meets us by His Spirit in a special way through the times of worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship. Meeting, and re-connecting with, others who are traveling the same journey is both encouraging and rewarding. Long-lasting Godly friendships are established and renewed as Father blesses the week's activities. Close to 1000 participants made up of answer-seeking strugglers, past strugglers, Christian counselors, pastors, ministry leaders, and families and friends of those in the homosexual lifestyle, will converge to seek Father for His continued guidance through this particular challenge of life. Hundreds will come away refreshed, some challenged further, but all having encountered the living God to one degree or another.

One aspect of ministry life that is bittersweet for me is to see a participant move on from the ministry's cover to the next phase of his healing process. One of my men who is an international student here in the U.S., and who has wonderfully embraced his ongoing recovery, will be leaving soon to return to his homeland. He will take with him nearly two years of knowledge and understanding of the homosexual condition from a Biblical perspective, as well as the tools he has learned to utilize in his life as an overcomer. His presence here has been a particular blessing to me, not just through getting to know this wonderful young man and minister to him, but Father has granted me in a seemingly **small** way an opportunity to touch the nations through his life. But who knows what Father has in store for him as he goes to minister in his own country? How many lives will he touch with what he has learned in his overcoming process? The possibilities are innumerable. Thank you, Father, for discipleship and for a life of learning that never ends. Your truth endures forever.

This is Huge!

The APA reverses the “gay gene” theory. The American Psychological Association has published an admission that there is no homosexual “gene,” crushing the claim that individuals are born gay. In a brochure called, “Answers to Your Questions for a Better Understanding of Sexual Orientation & Homosexuality, the APA states, **“There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles.”** This current statement obviously contradicts the APA’s 1998 statement: “There is considerable recent evidence to suggest that biology, including genetic or inborn hormonal factors, play a significant role in a person’s sexuality.” It would seem the next major hurdle would be for the advocates of the gay gene theory to admit that homosexuals who desire to change *can* change.

Wrapping Up

I want to thank everyone who has been praying for Abba’s Delight and me. Father has been faithful to bring us along in ministry, and has presented opportunities for growth and strengthening as the days go by. Please pray for the addition of some new Board members, that Father would lead me to the people He desires to journey with us in that capacity. Please give prayerful consideration to supporting Abba’s Delight with your tax-deductible financial gifts. **Many thanks to those of you who have given to the ministry in the last year!** I am grateful to the Lord to have been found worthy of your blessings.

Let me hear from you. Take note of the new email address, add it to your address book, and write me. Let me know of some of the related topics you would like me to cover in future newsletters.

I promise to make every effort to bring this Newsletter to you monthly, and not stay away so long.

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24, 25