

ABBA'S DELIGHT

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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it. Psalm 37:5*

It's Official!!!

Earlier this month I received an email communication from the Exodus International Staff that confirmed Abba's Delight as a Member Ministry as of October 15, 2010. Though I have managed to maintain some sense of composure, I am tremendously excited about this milestone! After a false start (I've had several of those in my life) because I had misunderstood the eligibility qualifications, the entire process from beginning to new beginning took about a year-and-a-half. The first thing I did was thank the Lord; the next thing was I went to the Exodus website, www.exodusinternational.org, clicked on KY on the map, and looked to see if Abba's Delight information was in there. And there it was! Check it out!

This recognition has been a long time coming—almost three years. In December 2007, Father began to put into my spirit the stirrings to begin a ministry based here in Louisville for believers who battle unwanted same sex attractions, and to provide a place for them to come and find His love, strength, support, encouragement, and the tools to overcome a lifestyle they find incompatible with what they believe is God's will for them and their sexuality. In getting me started, He supplied vision, resources, participants, and even the ministry name.

For many Christians who have struggled with homosexuality, often the messages they have received have been like these: "God hates fags!" "You can't be Christian and gay." "You're going to hell!" These are not the messages my Father conveys in His Word, and are certainly not the ways He desires for His Church to respond to those in His family who find themselves in this type of identity, relational and sexual confusion. So, when He gave me the name Abba's Delight, it resonated in my spirit immediately. **God does love the homosexual struggler; in fact, He loves the homosexual who is perfectly happy with his/her life as it is.** Of course, He desires them to move out of their rebellion and into His will, but their sin does not separate them from His love in the least. About a year into the ministry's operation, He also gave me a verse to go along with the name and Abba's Delight's mission. From Psalm 18:19b, "He rescued me because He delighted in me." One of the main charges He has given Abba's Delight is to convey His love to everyone who contacts us for help, whether we end up working together or not.

So what does this acknowledgement from Exodus mean for Abba's Delight ministry? I believe it means several things. While I know that my heavenly Father is my Source for everything, it has been my experience that He will often confirm His path for me through others in the Body of Christ, i.e. my wife, pastor, close brothers, etc. So, first I see this confirmation as yet another validation from the Lord that I am called to operate in this ministry, and that He has equipped me to carry out His plan both for my life and for the lives of other saints he brings us looking for help to find wholeness. Second, I see the connection to Exodus as a great benefit and tool the Lord uses to bring participants, education, wisdom and whatever else He deems beneficial to Abba's Delight for it to prosper and be fruitful for His kingdom. Third, I find the relationships I have been developing within the Exodus network to be priceless as I look to carry out Father's plans for the ministry. Developing relationships with other staff and ministry leaders, talking about what other ministries find effective--what works for them and what doesn't--drawing from the experiences of others who have paved the way ahead of Abba's Delight, all work together to provide a solid footing to serve the Lord in this arena.

Already I have received a few phone calls and emails from ones who found Abba's Delight on the Exodus website. So, it's onward and upward towards apprehending all that we have been apprehended for. Blessed be the Lord and thanks be to Him for His great love and faithfulness toward us!

Answered Prayer

It couldn't have been any longer than a half-hour after I sent out our last Newsletter, in which I listed some ongoing prayer requests for the ministry, that I received the following email from a brother and supporter here in Louisville:

Daniel, we both have been around long enough to realize how much technology and computers have changed the way we do things. I cannot imagine operating without a computer now. You need a computer with capabilities for networking, adequate software programs, etc for Abba's Delight...so I want you to go pick out a computer that will take care of your ministry needs...Get your ministry a NEW computer and I will give you a check for it. I am blessed in order to be a blessing. So be blessed.

I was speechless and dumbfounded! What a good God we serve! And what a blessing this brother is to Abba's Delight and me! Please join me in thanking Father and praying for this man and his family that they would be drawn ever closer to Him and that because of his generosity, Father would continue to multiply the meeting of his needs abundantly. Thank you again, F.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Support Group: November 4, 2010; November 18, 2010

Family & Friends Support Group: November 9, 2010; November 23, 2010

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Please pray for our web site creation, and for the finances to sustain it. We are moving closer to getting it established.

Please pray for the addition of a couple of new members to our Board of Directors. There are currently six, including myself. I would like to maintain eight to ten members of the Board. Please ask Father to lead me to those who He has selected.

Please pray for the ministry's finances. We depend on monetary gifts and ministry fees to operate. Upcoming expenses will be a Leaders' Conference in January, the costs associated with the building and maintaining of the website, and the Exodus Freedom Conference in late spring. ***Thank you to those who have been giving already. Father is blessing your generous hearts.***

Please pray that Father will bring new participants to Abba's Delight who are ready to be set free from the bondage they have lived in, and for new family members to find our support group to receive healing and support regarding their loved ones still in the lifestyle.

Financial Support of Abba's Delight

It is about that time that we begin praying over where Father will have us sow those final financial seeds for this year. Please prayerfully consider a gift to Abba's Delight. Your contribution is tax deductible, and will greatly benefit the work Father has called us to do.

FaceBook

Check out the Abba's Delight page on FaceBook. Become a friend.

If you do not wish to receive the Abba's Delight Ministry Newsletter any longer, please let me know. If you do wish to continue to receive it, please be certain to put our email address in your address book, so that this mailing does not go to your spam, and report to your carrier. Thank you.

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