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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Pet 2:12*

[duPont Manual High School Newspaper Article](#)

The following is an article written by Manual high school student Lauren Boots after she contacted me recently with a request for an interview on a story she wanted to write for her high school paper, The Crimson Record, regarding the Abba's Delight billboard that was displayed from February 10 thru April 28, 2014. Manual is a magnet school in Louisville, KY. This edition is currently being distributed to students and faculty.

LGBTQ OUTRAGE

LOCAL BILLBOARD STIRS UP ANGUISH IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY NATIONWIDE

At the intersection of Grinstead Drive and Bardstown Road stood a billboard like any other billboard, except this billboard caught the eyes of not only local news channels and activists, but other news sources ranging from Florida, Tennessee, Arizona, New York, Illinois, Georgia to Pennsylvania, and even The Huffington Post. But what exactly caught the eye of the public so drastically? The billboard read "Not all gay people are happy. You have options."

The creator of this billboard is Abba's Delight, a Christian ministry, "providing ministry opportunities through a relationship with Jesus Christ and His church to those who initiate contact with us and identify themselves as having unwanted same gender attractions," according to the founder of Abba's Delight, Daniel Mingo. "The primary mission of Abba's Delight is to convey God's love to every person who contacts us for help because many in the LGBT community believe God does not love them, rather they believe that He hates them. We desire to show them a different view of God."

The real question is: what was the message this billboard was trying to give? "The original intent of the idea for purchasing billboard space was to provide exposure for Abba's Delight primarily to churches in the Louisville area," said Mingo. "The message on the billboard was actually secondary to our primary purpose. Because ministries such as Abba's Delight are

thriving across the U.S., we know there are many people who deal with same-sex attractions that are unwanted, but may not know there is help available to them to live in light of their beliefs.”

Some people perceived his message in a different way, “I’m surprised he’s still peddling this venomous snake oil to people who really are struggling and need some help from a licensed therapist,” Chris Hartman, Fairness Campaign’s Executive Director, told WLKY.

That is not how Mingo saw it. “Those who voiced their opposition to the billboard weren’t even the ones to whom our message was addressed,” said Mingo.

Max Duvall (12, J&C) felt differently. “When I saw it, I thought it was extremely inappropriate. It’s a representation of how close-minded society is as a whole,” said Duvall. This billboard was located in the intersection of Bardstown Road and Grinstead Drive, a community blossoming with LGBTQ citizens. “They need to consider the fact that Louisville is the most liberal city in Kentucky,” said Duvall.

Duvall, being a transgender male himself, felt personally attacked by this billboard. “It frustrates me when people create a binary (something consisting of only two parts) out of something that shouldn’t be,” said Duvall. He also felt personally attacked by the message Abba’s Delight gives as a whole. “It’s almost a common thought that being gay can be fixed,” said Duvall. “It’s not about ‘getting fixed.’ You can’t fix who you are.”

“To see something like that reinforces that binary people have created: that there can be only gay and straight people,” said Duvall. But he claimed there was some truth to the outlandish statement after all. “At the end of the day, it’s true that not all homosexual people are happy, but if we treated everyone better, they may be happy,” said Duvall.

Isaac Domenech (11, HSU) felt differently than Duvall. “I don’t think people should be offended. As a Christian, I don’t agree with the lifestyle of being homosexual, but I still love homosexuals so I understand that there are gays who struggle with homosexuality and that Christianity could help them,” said Domenech.

“The space was purchased for approximately 90 days, and it will remain. But the message has changed. Not too long after it was vandalized, we changed the message to a Bible verse from the second part of the book of Romans, chapter 8, verse 39,” Mingo said. The billboard is still at the intersection of Grinstead Drive and Bardstown Road, but now reads, “Indeed, nothing in all creation will be able to separate (any of) us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Responses From You

From an IN pastor’s wife: Great stuff, Daniel!!

From a Brother in Louisville: Daniel, well written. Good job. How are you doing? Email me your phone number and we can set time for lunch sometime.

From a ministry leader: Thanks, Daniel, this was spot on. Would love to chat with you sometime about your success in ministry. I’m sure you know the struggle of convincing

churches of its importance all too well. I get so many churches telling me, "There's not a huge need in their church for this type of ministry right now." And I'm thinking, "Really? I highly doubt that." Blessings on you, brother!

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, May 8, 2014; Thursday, May 22, 2014

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, May 13, 2014; Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Upcoming Conferences

Hope For Wholeness Summer National Conference: "Hope Rising" 2014 Jun 5-8 Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC Go to <http://hopeforwholeness.org> for more information and to register. Don't miss it!

Ongoing Prayer Requests

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, our meetings, our conferences, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage.

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