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Hope For Wholeness Network Affiliate Ministry



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**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to prisoners...Isaiah 61:1***

### [The Family Foundation of Kentucky](#)

The following article appears in The Family Foundation of Kentucky's May/June 2014 edition of its bi-monthly newspaper, The Kentucky Citizen:

#### **Group helps believers leave homosexuality**

*Kentucky-based ministry serves those with unwanted same-sex attractions, offering freedom offered nowhere else.*

For six years, individuals struggling with unwanted same-sex attractions have had a place in Louisville to help them walk away from homosexuality. Founded in April 2008 by Executive Director Daniel Mingo, Abba's Delight is a ministry focused on discipling participants in their relationships with God through one-on-one mentioning and support group meetings.

Abba's Delight does not practice therapy, as there are no licensed professionals on staff. Neither does the ministry pursue those who are happy and content with their gay lifestyle. According to Mingo, there are no trips to gay bars or recruiting from gay groups or clubs. "Participants in the ministry become involved on their own initiative. They contact us for help," Mingo said.

Additionally, Abba's Delight ministers to spouses, parents, families and friends of gay loved ones. The "Family & Friends Group" provides support to these individuals and allows them to share privately how homosexuality in their loved ones has affected their lives.

"We offer them a place to process their journey, pray for one another and their loved ones, and to build relationships with others whose lives have been similarly impacted," Mingo said. "Meanwhile, as a group, they deal with the isolation and shame that can accompany such an impact."

Abba's Delight also partners with churches to help pastors and congregations practice the most effective ways to love overcomers and families/friends with the kind of love individuals can receive along their journeys using testimonies, seminars and workshops.

"The time has come, and really has already passed, when church leadership can no longer ignore the reality that there are those in their congregations whose lives have been impacted either directly or indirectly by homosexuality," Mingo said. "The claim, 'No one in our congregations has that problem,' is no longer valid. I am told that there is little or no training in seminaries on how to help someone who is gay-identified. And there are many ministers who have never been to seminary."

Abba's Delight ministry outreaches include individual mentoring/discipling, support group meetings for overcomer participants, Bible study and prayer ministry, printed literature, a monthly newsletter sent by email, a small library, church staff and congregation training, and a Family & Friends support group.

Prior to founding Abba's Delight, Mingo was the Branch Director in Louisville for the Central Kentucky-based CrossOver. Abba's Delight was an Exodus International ministry affiliate until its closing in June 2013, but is now part of the Hope for Wholeness Network.

As a Kentucky not-for-profit organization, Abba's Delight is funded primarily by donations from churches, individuals, and businesses. "In addition to financial contributions from those who believe in and want to support our work, we covet prayers that we will have open doors into churches to share our stories and our mission, that those truly seeking help to leave homosexuality behind will find us, and that our stories will have a positive influence on the culture as God sees fit," said Mingo.

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**Go to Hope for Wholeness Network: [www.hopeforwholeness.org](http://www.hopeforwholeness.org)**

### **[Hope for Wholeness Conference: Hope Rising-Daring to tell my story!](#)**

The annual Hope for Wholeness conference was held June 5-8, 2014 amid the beautiful scenery of the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. For those 150 or so gathered from all across the country, from as far away as California and even Moscow, Russia, this was a time of refreshing, teaching, learning, worshipping, sowing into healthy relationships within the Body of Christ. Some came to bolster their Christian walk as they leave behind homosexuality and their same-gender attractions; some came to learn how to respond to their spouse's, son/daughter's, or other loved one's homosexuality; some came to learn how to minister Father's love to gay-identified individuals; some were able to benefit from sessions with professional counselors.

The foundation of ministering to those affected by homosexuality which started with Exodus International so many years ago, continued to be built upon strongly through the Hope for Wholeness Network earlier this month. A few long-term conference attendees expressed that this year's was the best conference of its kind they had ever attended. A huge thank you goes to McKrae Game, the Hope for Wholeness staff, the worship team, and all of the speakers, workshop presenters, and volunteers who made this gathering so successful. Next year's

conference is already set and speakers are being secured. It's not too early to start making plans to attend the 2015 Hope Rising Conference.

### **Responses From You**

From a brother in Louisville: Hey Daniel, I had not seen any news regarding your billboard, but I'm sure that fruit will come from it. The hard part sometimes is just trusting that God is doing things we do not yet know about. Maybe the radical response to the billboard will open eyes that would not have been opened otherwise. He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. We both know that. Press on brother. Wow, I guess I'm surprised mostly at the intensity of backlash from the gay population. Deception is a terrible thing and so many people live a life that just suits them. They obviously know who you are now, I just hope some have the strength to really explore what you have to offer them.

From a pastor in KY: Daniel, Thanks for sharing the newsletter. Yes, the Lord has you right where He wants you and is using you to storm the gates of hell. WTF (keep Walking The Faith)

From a ministry leader in CA: Hi Daniel, It's been sometime since we communicated, and I have not followed your newsletters closely due to my own workload. I was excited to read in this issue about your billboard. Congratulations on putting ministry out there. God bless you for your courage--and praise God that you have touched lives. You have probably touched more people than you will ever know. God bless you, my brother!

From a pastor in SC: Good newsletter, Daniel.

### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, June 24, 2014; Tuesday, July 8, 2014; Tuesday, July 22, 2014  
Overcomers Group: Thursday, July 3, 2014; Thursday, July 17, 2014; Thursday, July 31, 2014

### **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.

Thank you to our monthly donors! If you would like to become one and support Abba's Delight financially, you can mail a check to the P O Box at the top of the newsletter, or you can give online at [www.abbasdelight.com](http://www.abbasdelight.com).

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***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***