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Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry



Referral Ministry of ROCK-Reclaim Our Culture Kentuckiana

**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good. 2 Thessalonians 3:13***

### [Abba's Delight Completes Seven Years of Ministry](#)

Although I've been serving in this genre of ministry for almost thirteen years, we have now completed our seventh year of ministry in Abba's Delight. I began in April 2008, excited for what the Lord may have had in store for me going forward. Time and time again, we (my wife and I, the Board of Directors, our Family & Friends Group, our Overcomers Group, my church family) have witnessed the Lord's faithfulness as He has grown the ministry consistently over the years.

Opportunities to share how the Lord has rescued me from a life of homosexuality have increased. As I have related and spread my journey of freedom, other men and women have been encouraged to open up to me about their lives, some for the first time to anyone. At events where I have set up a display table to exhibit the ministry, many have discovered for the first time that there are such ministries as ours and have expressed their gratefulness for the work Abba's Delight does. Most have signed up to receive this monthly newsletter by email. Others have contributed financially to the ministry. I am grateful for all of these connections.

Some of those exhibiting opportunities have led to speaking engagements and radio interviews, which have served to increase local awareness of the existence of Abba's Delight.

Since I began doing the work of the ministry full-time in November 2012, I met and began developing relationships with several pastors from a few different groups in the Louisville area with whom I pray monthly. I have personally grown and benefited from my involvement with these men and women.

Abba's Delight's involvement, first with Exodus International before its closing, and now with the Hope for Wholeness Network, [www.hopeforwholeness.org](http://www.hopeforwholeness.org) since 2013, has provided additional support and referrals to assist those locally and nationally in their overcoming journey away from a gay-identified life.

Even as God has done so many amazing things already, there are still territories to be conquered in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. Those promoting a gay agenda would love nothing more than for ministries like ours to be shut down and outlawed. Already several states have banned any kind of assistance for minors who wish to seek counseling for unwanted same-gender issues. Instead, they and their parents are being told basically, "This is who you are. Accept it!" After help is banned for children, they will be coming after ministry for adults as well. Secondly, as I have said many times over many months, the church must

awaken and learn to respond redemptively to issues regarding homosexuality and gay marriage within their congregations, taking off the blinders that have them still believing that these situations do not exist in their midst. The church can no longer ignore the elephant in the sanctuary. Finally, related to the second point, and my biggest challenge in ministry, it is past time for churches to open their doors and pulpits to overcomers and their families so silent, hurting ones in their congregations can find hope for their lives beyond the impact that homosexuality has had on them.

Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, your financial support and your love over these last seven years. I love my calling, and I love carrying it out. Here's to many, many more fruitful seasons of ministry!

### **Responses From You**

From a brother in Louisville: Hey Daniel, I really like your monthly scripture this month. (2Timothy 4:3-4) The problem I sense in the church is gay individuals want others to accept their lifestyle even though it is contrary to what we believe the Bible to say. I see churches going to both ends of the spectrum from damming the gays up front to churches laying down the truth of the word and now doing gay marriages. Talk about confusing. How does the church be "The Church" when we can't even agree to common truths? I've worked with gay men several times and find no problem with them as coworkers and accepted them as friends, both of us knowing we have a significant difference in our beliefs. I sure don't have the answer, but hope to not offend gay men I know in the event I might someday speak into their life somehow. Does that make any sense? You can speak the truth to friends who have some kind of relationship with you. It's not a quick process, but requires wisdom and patience (if I have any of those traits, lol ) Does that make sense to you? Any wisdom to share?

From a sister in IN: Thanks, Daniel. Great resource. Another "keeper."

From a brother in SC: Daniel, thanks for sharing the article by Joe Dallas. It seems a flood of evil spirits is invading our land, in this arena and in so many others. The church definitely needs to arise out of its ritual and routine, and experience real repentance, intercession, and Biblical proclamation. I am thankful also for the ones who, like Abba's ministry, are reaching out with practical help and instruction. Bless you.

### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Family/Friends Group: Tuesday, April 28, 2015; Tuesday, May 12, 2015; Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Overcomers Group: Thursday, May 7, 2015; Thursday, May 21, 2015

### **Upcoming Ministry Events**

June 3-7, 2015 Hope for Wholeness National Summer Conference. Hope Rising: Masterpiece

In Process. Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC. [www.hopeforwholeness](http://www.hopeforwholeness) to register for the Conference, and [www.ridgecrestconferencecenter.org](http://www.ridgecrestconferencecenter.org) to register for meals and accommodations. Daniel Mingo is one of the General Conference Speakers and will present a workshop on Sexual Purity.

July 9-12, 2015 Aldersgate Renewal 2015 [www.aldersgaterenewal.org](http://www.aldersgaterenewal.org) Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, KY. Daniel will be exhibiting Abba's Delight Ministry and will be presenting two workshops: one for men on sexual purity called "Listen Up Guys: How's That Working For You?" and one for women called "Let's Talk Ladies: Wisdom for Understanding the Men in Our Lives."

Saturday, September 19, 2015 Symposium on Biblical Sexuality in the Black Church. Forest Baptist Church, 4500 Petersburg, Rd., Louisville, KY

October 5-7, 2015 Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) Annual Conference 2015 Abba's Delight is a Bronze Sponsor of this event. This Conference is open to the public.

### **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 Groups, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage. Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being Biblically prepared with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

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***