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 Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry

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**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Psalm 32:8***

### [Abba's Delight Marks Its 10<sup>th</sup> Year](#)

Tomorrow, March 31, 2018, marks the end of Abba's Delight's 10<sup>th</sup> year as a ministry. Amazing, how the time has flown by! The beginning of December 2007 I had resigned my staff position with the Lexington, Kentucky ministry with which I was connected. As Fran and I began praying along with our pastor and his wife about what Father had for me next, the sense we had was that He was not done with me providing ministry to those whose lives had been impacted by homosexuality, but I didn't know what that would look like. I had just left the only ministry of its kind in the state of Kentucky, and began seeking the Lord earnestly for what was ahead. Our plan was to pray through the holidays and the first of the coming year, and then get together again after Easter to discuss what we were all hearing from the Lord.

Almost immediately as we began praying, the Lord began unfolding to me that He wanted me to start a ministry based in Louisville. He gave me the name of the ministry as well as the format. He directed me to individuals I'd met over the years to secure the necessary things I'd need to begin operating. I remember sitting in my office one Saturday morning typing away as the Holy Spirit was instructing me what to write in each of the sections of our intake paperwork for new ministry participants, providing specific verbiage and Scripture references for the operation descriptions.

By the time the four of us got back together just after Easter 2008, which was on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, I was prepared to present what the Lord had given me during our season of prayer. It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit that I move forward with starting the new ministry. Within the first six months, Abba's Delight, Inc. had become a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation; we had a Board of Directors meeting quarterly, and developed By-Laws; we had a bank account and a post office box; I put together an Overcomers support group which was meeting weekly; and I was sending out a monthly newsletter by email. By our eighth month, we added a Family & Friends support group meeting every other week.

Throughout all ten years, the Lord has continually shown His favor. We have known the blessings of helping scores of same-sex attracted strugglers grow in their overcoming process and in their journeys with the Lord. We've also known the heartbreak and disappointment of some who have left prematurely when the battle got too hard, giving up the fight altogether

and/or going back into the gay life. The Lord has been faithful in transforming the lives of parents, spouses and family members who have loved ones who are gay-identified, helping them to realize they can rely on His strength to carry them through these crises of life. And then, we have also experienced the divine favor of the Lord in our finances, as He has moved upon peoples' hearts in generosity toward the work Abba's Delight does, either because they believe in what the Lord has called us to do, or because they have been impacted directly by our mission.

In our more recent years, we have seen an increase in opportunities to exhibit the ministry at conferences, in speaking engagements and open doors to churches, which are answers to long-invested prayers. Yet, even though we have seen this shift, there are still many, many Church doors that remained closed to ministries like ours, and this continues to be our biggest challenge. It's hard to understand sometimes, because as our culture becomes more and more accepting and supportive of efforts to normalize LGBTQ life into the mainstream, most of our congregations and church staffs remain ill-equipped to provide needed responses to those within their congregations either who struggle, have struggling loved ones, or are gay-identified. Not to mention those LGBTQ-identified souls outside their church walls who are in need of the Savior. It would seem churches would be standing in line to hear about God's redemptive power in the homosexual's life, but unfortunately that has not been the case.

I am grateful to the Lord for what He has done and what He has brought to pass over these ten years. Looking ahead, I am hopeful about the future, and excited to see what He will bring our way next. While our hope is for continued open doors, we realize still that the enemy of our souls hates that our ministry helps bring freedom to people who have been bound in sin. Week after week, it seems there is yet another story detailing attacks against what ministries like ours do. We covet your prayers that Father would propel the work of like-ministries, and thwart the efforts of the evil one against us and the culture, as he seeks to destroy lives and families. We must remember Jesus' words when He declared, **"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."** John 10:10 Father, may You lead Abba's Delight, and all ministries like ours, into the abundant life Jesus came to give. May we be ever grateful, and faithful to Your calling, as we seek to fulfill our destiny in You, for Your kingdom's sake. In Jesus' name! Amen.

### **Responses From You**

No responses were received on the article last month regarding bringing the Father's love to those pushing gender boundaries.

Your responses are welcome and encouraged for all of our monthly articles.

### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Overcomers Group: Thursday, April 5, 2018; Thursday, April 19, 2018

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, April 10,, 2018; Tuesday, April 2, 2018

### **Upcoming Prayer Initiatives**

God Belongs in My City monthly prayer walk: Saturday, March 31, 2018 10:00am. Big 4 Bridge in Louisville, KY. Meet in the Silver Parking Lot on the KY side of the river. Save the date for April's walk on Saturday, April 28, 2018

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, April 4, 2018. 7:00-8:30am at the Ramada Inn on Zorn Avenue at I-71. \$6.00 continental breakfast. Speaker is Tronda Graham with Teen Challenge of KY.

1 Voice Prayer Movement: Friday, April 6, 2018 at 6:00pm. St. Stephen Church, 1018 S 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Louisville, KY 40210

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

- New participants for our Overcomers group
- New members for our Family & Friends group
- Australia ministry trip in June
- Hope for Wholeness conference in July
- Ministry finances
- Open doors to churches so pastors and staff can be effectively equipped
- Opportunities to exhibit Abba's Delight ministry at outside conferences
- Those being served by Abba's Delight ministry currently that they would continue to grow closer to the Lord and fulfill each of their destinies in Him
- The Hope for Wholeness network (of which Abba's Delight is a referral ministry) in selecting a new Executive Director, and for their upcoming July 11-14 conference

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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***