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Anne Paulk, Executive Director

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS 2017 – ORLANDO, FL

What a delight to host our booth at the NRB Proclaim! Convention. Six individuals from my team joined me and we connected with many, many people in Christian broadcasting to share that hope continues! During our time there we connected with Board of Reference members, Christian media leaders, and gave many interviews. President of NRB Jerry A. Johnson announced on his opening night keynote how happy he was to have us present. It was a time of real encouragement for our team. What a joy to reconnect with friends, Craig and Janet Parshall, Julie Roys, Jim & Rosemary Garlow, and many others.



Left to Right: Stephen Black, Anne Paulk, Mark Culligan, Denise Shick, Jason Thompson. Not shown: Phil Courson

HOPE 2017 – SAN DIEGO, CA

It is my delight to announce that our worship team this year will be Nate Oyloe and members of Outpost Ministries /Twin Cities Justice House of Prayer (Minneapolis, MN). HOPE conference is moving along with earlier registrants and more support from local churches than ever before.

Friday evening, we will premiere Pure Passion Media's documentary, *Tranzformed: Finding Peace with Your God Given Gender* which includes 15 personal testimonies. On another note, last year over half of our attendees were first time participants. In light of this, we have structured many opportunities for attendees to meet ministry leaders in their area during the event. This way they will have connections after the conference is over.

PASSING OF FRANK WORTHEN & JOSEPH NICOLOSI

Frank Worthen, the father of the ex-gay movement, passed away in January after combatting cancer. He was a spiritual father to many and a founder of Exodus International, a handful of ministries, and Restored Hope Network. His memorial service will be held March 25th in San Rafael, CA. Anita, Frank's wife, is doing as well as can be expected after losing her beloved husband. Our loss is truly heaven's gain.



Dr. Joseph Nicolosi passed away suddenly earlier this month from flu complications. This was quite a shock to Joe's family and friends, including a number in Restored Hope Network. He was a founder of NARTH, a secular association of therapists helping men and women, "Diminish unwanted same-sex attractions, while exploring heterosexual potential." Joe and Dr. Carolyn Pela were working on outcome research, which we will share as it becomes available. To keep up to date, you can follow us on Facebook.

Please pray for Anita Worthen and Linda Nicolosi and families and as they grapple with huge losses.

OUR BLESSED HOPE -- EASTER

"But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." (Acts 2:24)

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:11)

Grateful that our anchor and hope is in Jesus,

MEMBER NEWS

Tampa, FL—New Hearts Outreach is hosting their annual Pastors' Luncheon with guest speaker Pastor Mike Goeke of 1st Baptist San Francisco.

San Rafael, CA—Celebration of Frank Worthen's life on March 25th with Church of the Open Door and New Hope Ministries.

Phoenix, AZ—Pastor Garry Ingraham, Love & Truth Network, has been very busy helping church bodies become healing hospitals and places of restoration in the Phoenix area and across the country.

Houston, TX—Director Michael Newman of Christian Coalition for Reconciliation has been busy ministering in Columbia and Argentina. Michael is fluent in Spanish and French and is familiar with several others and our 'go to' for discipleship when men reach out to RHN from many nations.

Raliegh, NC—Beyond Imagination Ministries is our newest member ministry. Director Ron Elmore is not new to helping those dealing with unwanted same sex attraction and joins us as a seasoned minister with a terrific team. Ron returned to ministry from a decade in a secular field. What a delight to have him back.

MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

Tower of Light

Jeff Simunds, Director

Kirkland, WA



Tower of Light Ministries is centered on the hope, love and power found in Jesus Christ to renew the deepest and most personal parts of our lives. Their focus is discipling people

To learn more about Tower of Light, go to:

<http://toweroflightministries.org/>

Pastoral Affiliate

David Kosobucki, Horizon Central



Indianapolis, IN

Horizon Central

counsels and

disciples sex offenders and others with sexually related issues. They also provide a support group for those who experience same-sex attraction, but who have chosen to live a biblically integrated life.

To learn more about Horizon Central, go to:

<https://horizoncentral.net/>

Counselor Affiliate

Robert Vazzo, MMFT

Las Vegas, NV / Culver City, CA



Robert helps clients live from their True Selves, which involves connectedness to authentic feelings. If you are looking for a serious therapist who really cares

about you and your healing and who gets to the root of the problem quickly, give Robert a call.

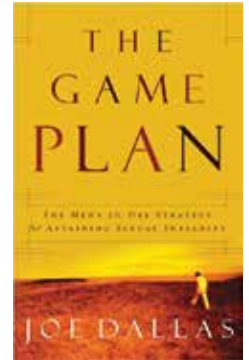
To learn more about RHN's Affiliates of the Month, click [here](#)

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

The Game Plan

Joe Dallas

Men everywhere are under attack. Who is this devastating adversary? Pornography. Drawing from seventeen years of counseling practice, and using material that he's taught for more than ten years, Joe Dallas is helping readers face this enemy with the ability to abandon pornography and other forms of sexual sin and never return.



For more information on on The Game Plan:

The Men's 30-Day Strategy for Attaining Sexual Integrity, go to: <http://www.joedallas.com/Details.cfm?ProdID=32&category=>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Highlights

April 21-23, 2017 - Fischer, TX

Fervent Warrior: Retreat for Men

Shadow of His Wings Ministry

Registration required

For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.shadowofhiswingsministry.com/events.html>

April 22, 2017 - Indianapolis, IN

Class: Responding to LGBT Issues in the Church & Culture. Instructor: Linda Seiler

Open Enrollment to those within driving distance

To register, go to: <http://www.indianaag.org/mindev/ism> and click on Online Class Registration.

For a full listing, click [here](#)

Frank Worthen's Legacy

Anne Paulk

"A great man has gone to God's great reward. Frank Worthen, who is considered to be the father of the ex-gay movement, went to be with his greatest love, Jesus, this morning." David Kyle Foster, Mastering Life Ministries

For those who did not know Frank, these words from his Pure Passion interview will give a good synopsis: "The father of the ex-gay movement tells his story of being groomed into homosexuality by his pastor in San Francisco but after many years in the lifestyle, turning his life over to Jesus Christ. It was 1973, and ministry to homosexuals had just begun, with Frank at the forefront."

Frank finished well. He paved a path that many followed, myself included. He demonstrated faithfulness to Jesus for the remainder of his life after giving it completely over to the Lord in 1973. He went on to help found Exodus International and Restored Hope Network, after attempting to bring Exodus back into theological and missional integrity under Alan Chamber's errant leadership.

Frank was a key advisor and friend to me and to many others. His influence is hardly understated. This is a huge loss for many, but heaven's gain and I do look forward to finishing my life well and gathering with Frank and the rest of the saints in the presence of God in glory.

I went to visit Frank recently and gathered his thoughts, many of which will be shared at our summer conference, HOPE 2017, where he will be posthumously awarded our first Lifetime of Service award to be named in his honor.

More than that, Frank was a loving husband to Anita, devoted to his step-son Tony, and committed to the work of God in helping those who had same-sex attraction overcome sin and live victoriously. He was an elder at Open Door Church, San Rafael and highly regarded at his country church in rural Northern California, where he and Anita 'retired.'"

Frank couldn't seem to retire and had many projects that were still in action months before leaving this earth. In 2012, he came out of 'retirement' to be a key point person, with myself and Stephen Black, in founding Restored Hope Network.

Joe Dallas spearheaded a letter to Frank shortly before Frank passed to confirm the continuation of Frank's legacy in the future. Frank accepted that letter with tears and gratefulness.

As Frank prepared to leave, his thoughts were constantly toward his wife, Anita, and making sure she will be well provided for. He took great care for Anita, and their relationship was full of humor and love.

How grateful we all are for you Frank, and oh, how you will be missed. No one can fill your shoes, my friend, nor should they.

With respect and deep affection, I look forward to seeing you on the other side,



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