Some missionaries fly high with vision, she said, but they need folks at home in a supportive role to "hold the string" and keep their ministry grounded in prayer and financial support.

Esly also reminded delegates that there is a huge need for Spanish-speaking ministries within North America. It is estimated that by the year 2000, up to one-third of the U.S. population will be of Hispanic origin.

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Regional reps who oversee ministries in their area gathered for special training during the conference. Back row, l–r: Bill Consiglio, Mike Newman, Jerry Leach, John Benson, Mark Gebhardt; Front row: Bob Van Domelen, Jerry Armelli, Barbara Swallow, Bruce McCutcheon.

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Keynote speaker Dr. Erwin Lutzer, senior pastor of Moody Church in Chicago, addressed delegates in three evening sessions. He expressed strong support for the work of Exodus. "I hope the day comes when Exodus has its national conferences in a stadium," he said, "because ten thousand people should have been with us this week."

At least one other "outsider" attending the conference agreed. "This message is needed in every church in America," said Carl Ramsey, Washington bureau chief for Family News in Focus. Ramsey attended the entire conference and interviewed numerous ministry leaders for his national news program, aired daily by Focus on the Family.

A film crew from Christian Broadcasting Network filmed a report that was nationally broadcast on "The 700 Club" several days after the conference. Ken Walker, a freelance journalist representing five different national Christian publications, also did extensive interviews during the conference.

Bill Snyder, producer of the documentary being created for Exodus, filmed interviews and hours of conference activities.

"It was a phenomenal week for media," Bob Davies said.

The general conference was preceded by a one-day meeting for Exodus ministry directors. This "pre-conference" gave leaders a chance to meet with the Exodus board for updates and discussions, and gather in small groups to brainstorm such topics as board development, financial procedures, staff supervision, and public relations.

Jeff Johnston, director of *Regeneration* in Baltimore, was elected to replace retiring board member Jane Boyer.

Another special training session was held for regional reps, each of whom oversees Exodus ministries in his or her geographical region. These reps are responsible for processing applications from ministries seeking Exodus membership status, plus they serve as a local resource for existing Exodus ministries in their area. The North American continent is divided into 13 regions.

Most delegates had high praise for their conference experience. Almost 100 completed a survey after the event; 98 percent gave the conference an overall rating of "excellent" or "good."

Feedback was strongly positive for Clay McLean's role in leading worship. "The music this year was the best it has been in years," said one attendee.

Other delegates raved about the husband-wife drama team Acts of Renewal, whose daily performances included several original pieces related to overcoming homosexuality.

Next year's conference, scheduled for June 27–July 2 in Seattle, will feature Jeffrey Satinover as one special speaker (watch this newsletter as other speakers are confirmed).

Bob Davies has high expectations for the future: "If this year is any indication of what's ahead, we'd better prepare for one thousand delegates. God is on the move, and I can't wait to see what happens next year." •



INTERNATIONAL

# Exodus Team Ministers in South Africa

The South African ministry team included North American Exodus leaders David Foster (far left) and Anita Worthen (far right), shown here in Cape Town.

SOUTH AFRICA—Two Exodus leaders from North America traveled to South Africa in May to participate in a three-city speaking tour.

David Kyle Foster (*Mastering Life,* Hermitage, TN) and Exodus board member Anita Worthen (*New Hope,* San Rafael, CA) joined author Dr. Neil Whitehead from New Zealand and hosts Roger and Josephine Williamson, who direct the ex-gay ministry *Trail Blazers* near Johannesburg.

New Life Church in Johannesburg hosted the first conference. "I was amazed by the anointing and power in which God moved," Anita Worthen said. "It was incredible!" David Foster reported that Pastor Sam Stark ended the two-day meetings with "high praise" for the event.

In Stellenbosch, David shared his testimony during the sermon hour at Shophar Christian Church, with 600 students in attendance. "Hundreds came forward to either give their life to Jesus or to recommit their life to a serious level of discipleship in Him," David reported.

The second conference occurred May 19–20 at Lighthouse Christian Centre in Cape Town. "I felt God's strong love for the people," said Anita, "and it was exciting to be part of what He was doing."

The final venue was City of Life Church in Durban. The people, with a strong British ancestry, were "more reserved, but just as heartfelt," said David. "God gave us a tremendous time of ministry."

Anita said she felt a "special anointing" during the trip. David agreed: "It was a most blessed and fruitful ministry trip—well worth the 30 hours of travel each way!"

Roger and Josephine said the trip was a wonderful opportunity for South African churches to hear the Exodus message. They are already making plans for next year's conferences. •

OFFICE NEWS

## Cheryl Joins Staff

We are pleased to announce the permanent appointment of Cheryl Wallace as administrative assistant in the Exodus office. Cheryl has worked on a "temp" basis since November.

Cheryl Wallace

When she first came to help at Exodus, Cheryl didn't know the purpose of our organization. When she found out, she remembered how many homosexuals she had worked with over the past 15 years in other jobs. "I was tight friends with many of them, but I never knew why," she says.

After working here for five months, Cheryl says her future was revealed during a missions meeting at her church. "God told me that I would be a missionary to the homosexual."

Cheryl has been a "tremendous gift to the office," says director Bob Davies. "We're thrilled to have her join us."

Although Cheryl has never struggled with homosexual issues, she says that she can identify with people contacting Exodus because of her own past struggles with heterosexual immorality. "Several months ago, God showed me that I was the same as all the people calling Exodus. I know He has been preparing me for this job for a long time." •

CALENDAR

- *Aug. 22–23/San Rafael, CA.* Annual "Friends & Family Weekend" sponsored by New Hope Ministries. Info: 415/453-6475.
- *Sept. 6/Reading, PA.* "Homosexuals Anonymous" Conference, featuring Dr. James Schaller and others; for those seeking freedom from homosexuality. (Not Exodus-related). Details: 610/376-1146.
- *Sept. 11–13/Toronto.* First Exodus International Conference (jointly sponsored by all Exodus regions worldwide). Speakers include Sy Rogers, Melvin Wong, Patricia Allan, Esly Carvalho, and others. Special emphasis on cross-cultural ministry. For a brochure with full details, call Pat Allan at (905) 686-7363; fax: (905) 686-1716.
- *September 20/Washington DC.* "Understanding Homosexuality," a one-day seminar featuring Richard Cohen. Sponsored by the International Healing Foundation (not Exodus-related). Info: 301/805-6111.