

PRAYER

• Pray for God's continuing work in the 1,130 delegates who attended this year's Exodus conference.

• Pray for an ex-gay ministry to begin in Boston (we get many calls from that city).

• Pray for God's anointing upon the Exodus exhibit booth at the American Association of Christian Counselors' conference in Atlanta Sept. 8-11.

• Pray as Exodus ministries make preparations for the annual "Coming Out of Homosexuality Day" (Oct. 11).

^a Pray as Exodus Latin American leaders plan the first Exodus Latin American conference in Quito, Ecuador (3/30-4/2/00).

• Join us in giving thanks for worldwide publicity for the Exodus conference, and for the changed lives from the worship, teachings, and fellowship.

• We give thanks for the powerful outreach at various Promise Keepers conferences (see this page). Pray for these upcoming Promise Keepers events where Exodus will sponsor a booth: Sept. 10-11/Stockton, CA; Oct. 15-16/Des Moines; Oct. 22-23/Phoenix.

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OUTREACH

"Tremendous" Response to Exodus at North Carolina Promise Keepers



(l-r) Mckrae Games, Jim Katsoudas and Chuck Stowe share information with a couple at the Exodus booth during the Promise Keepers conference in Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE—Representatives from several ministries in the Mid-Atlantic region staffed the Exodus booth at the Aug. 13-14 Promise Keepers men's conference in Charlotte, NC.

"The response was tremendous, at times almost overwhelming," reported Chuck Stowe (*Solutions for Life*/Belmont, NC) who coordinated the outreach. "It was a blessing to see God working in men's lives as the message of freedom from homosexuality through the power of Jesus Christ was proclaimed."

Nearly 4,500 pieces of literature, including testimonies and re-

source materials promoting Exodus, were distributed. Chuck estimated the Exodus leaders talked with over 1,000 men, including the opportunity for counseling or prayer with about 75 of them.

Jim Katsoudas (*Recovery House*/Charlotte) said he was humbled by the numerous pastors who said, "Thank you for the work of Exodus. The church needs you."

Reps from five other Mid-Atlantic ministries helped during peak times. "Men waited in line to talk with us," Chuck said. "Even during the slowest times, it was rare not to have someone waiting."

—Reported by Chuck Stowe

OFFICE

Good-bye, Cheryl!

Exodus staff member Cheryl Wallace has announced her resignation, effective September 30. She is currently seeking the Lord for the next step, but says that she is excited about the future.

"I believe that the Lord is sending me to the Nations," Cheryl explained. "I do not know yet exactly what that means, but my heart's desire is to go to Israel."

"I want to thank everyone for your love and support of me per-

sonally and the position I have held at the Exodus office. I have loved *almost* every minute!"

Exodus director Bob Davies said that Cheryl has been a great asset to the office during the past three years. "Cheryl has helped us take the whole office operation to a new level. Her extensive business experience has been a gift to us. We wish her God's blessings as she moves into this next season of ministry."

RESOURCES

Help for Parents

Loving A Prodigal by H. Norman Wright (Chariot Victor Publishing, 1999).

This new book, subtitled "A survival guide for parents of rebellious children," is a wonderful resource for hurting parents.

Norm Wright has written over 60 books, and is a

marriage and family counselor living in southern California. In addition, he has lived through the heartache of having a rebellious child. After his daughter moved in with her boyfriend and left the Lord, both Wright and his wife struggled with the incredible pain of having a prodigal in the family.

"For the next four years, we felt as though we were in an emotional Death Valley," he recalls. "We seemed to go from one crisis to another. We experienced situations that we had heard of in the lives of other families but had never anticipated occurring in our own." Ultimately, the Wrights' daughter returned to her faith.

In this book, Wright looks at dealing with guilt; handling the responses of others, including family members; appropriately responding to your child; how to react if your child divorces; effective prayer; releasing your child; and learning from other parents. His book is filled with practical help, sensitive advice, and comforting counsel for heartbroken parents.

Ultimately, he says, this situation can become a stepping stone to positive things: "God can and will use this experience for your growth and His glory. Remember this even when it's hard to believe."

—Bob Davies

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