

PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Noel Christoff (Wellspring Ministries, Ada, MI) who has a heart condition.
- Donna Hopkins (New Creation Ministries, Fresno) who is laying the groundwork for a future ex-gay outreach to youth.
- Strengthening and/or launching of ministries in Chicago; Butte, MT; Martinsburg, WV; Bennington, VT; Indiana.
- The editing/production phase of the Exodus promotional video.
- Final preparations for the International Exodus Conference in Toronto (Sept. 11-13).

GIVE THANKS FOR...

- The outstanding success of our recent North American conference in Kentucky, including delegates who became Christians and others who made a new commitment to walking free of homosexuality.
- Our four new referral agencies: Abba's Heart, Denver; Quest Ministries, Tyrone, GA; Gateway of Hope, Pineville, LA; Hope Ministry, New York City. (We now have 89 referral ministries in North America.)
- The hundreds of lives impacted by the South African speaking tour by Exodus leaders in May.
- *Regeneration* (Baltimore) has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to reprint the book *Out of Egypt* by Jeanette Howard, a wonderful resource for ex-gay women which is currently out of print.

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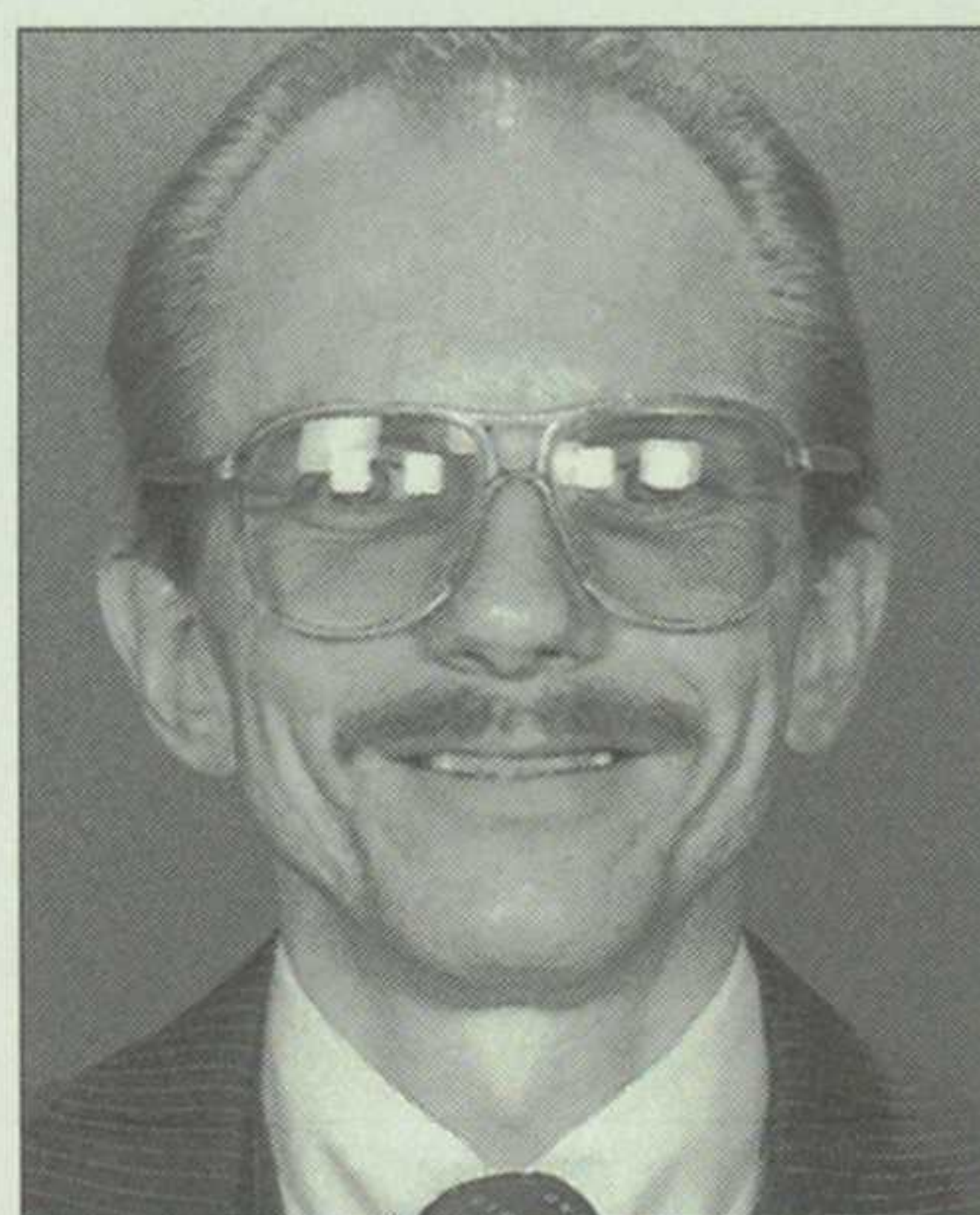
OUTREACH

Exodus at Presbyterian General Assembly

SYRACUSE, NY—An Exodus board member represented the "ex-gay" viewpoint at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), held June 13-19 in Syracuse, NY.

Bud Searcy, director of *New Creation Ministries* in Fresno, was the keynote speaker for a dinner hosted by One By One, a Presbyterian-based ministry to men and women overcoming homosexuality. A reporter from a PCUSA newspaper attended the dinner; his press release included these comments:

"The church's growing unwillingness to submit to the authority of Scripture is leading to moral chaos now found in the Presbyterian Church," said Bud Searcy. The condemnation of homosexuality as a sin greater than other sexual sins has led to "moral arrogance, in which we've been so caught up in being right, that we've ended up being more wrong."



Bud Searcy

Searcy said the church "loses its ability to call people back to God" if it does not perform the delicate balancing act of preaching both truth and grace with regard to all sexual sins. "Grace without truth leads to compromise and truth without grace leaves people wounded and alienated."

Searcy warned that too many church members are withdrawing from the fight to challenge those in the church who believe same-sex relations can be holy. "Christianity is inclusive to all, but it's exclusive to those who won't submit to its standards," Searcy said.

At last year's General Assembly, an amendment was passed which upheld the traditional stand opposing gay and lesbian relationships. This year, the amendment was modified and then passed, "changing the language that gutted [the amendment] of any real significance," Searcy said. •

readers we had several years ago.)

Exodus's influence is growing—and we're thrilled to have so many new friends on our mailing list!

Third-Party Requests

We're sorry but we cannot mail materials (including this newsletter) to third parties. Please ask your friends and relatives to contact us directly with their request.

We have had very negative reactions to unsolicited literature in the past, and so we adopted this policy many years ago. •

OFFICE NEWS

1996 Audit Available

Our audit from last year is now completed and available to anyone upon request. Let us know if you'd like to receive a complimentary copy.

Welcome, New Readers!

We want to extend a warm welcome to hundreds of new readers who signed up for this newsletter at recent Promise Keeper's conferences around the country. Our readership now stands at 7,500—and it's continuing to soar upward. (This is almost four times the number of

RESOURCES

Quick Answers to Your Most-Asked Questions

Answers to the Gay Deception by Marlin Maddoux and Christopher Corbett (*International Christian Media*).

What percentage of Americans are gay? What have the "gay gene" studies published in the last five years *really* proven? Do gays recruit kids? Are they more promiscuous than heterosexuals? Do they suffer discrimination? Can they stop being gay?

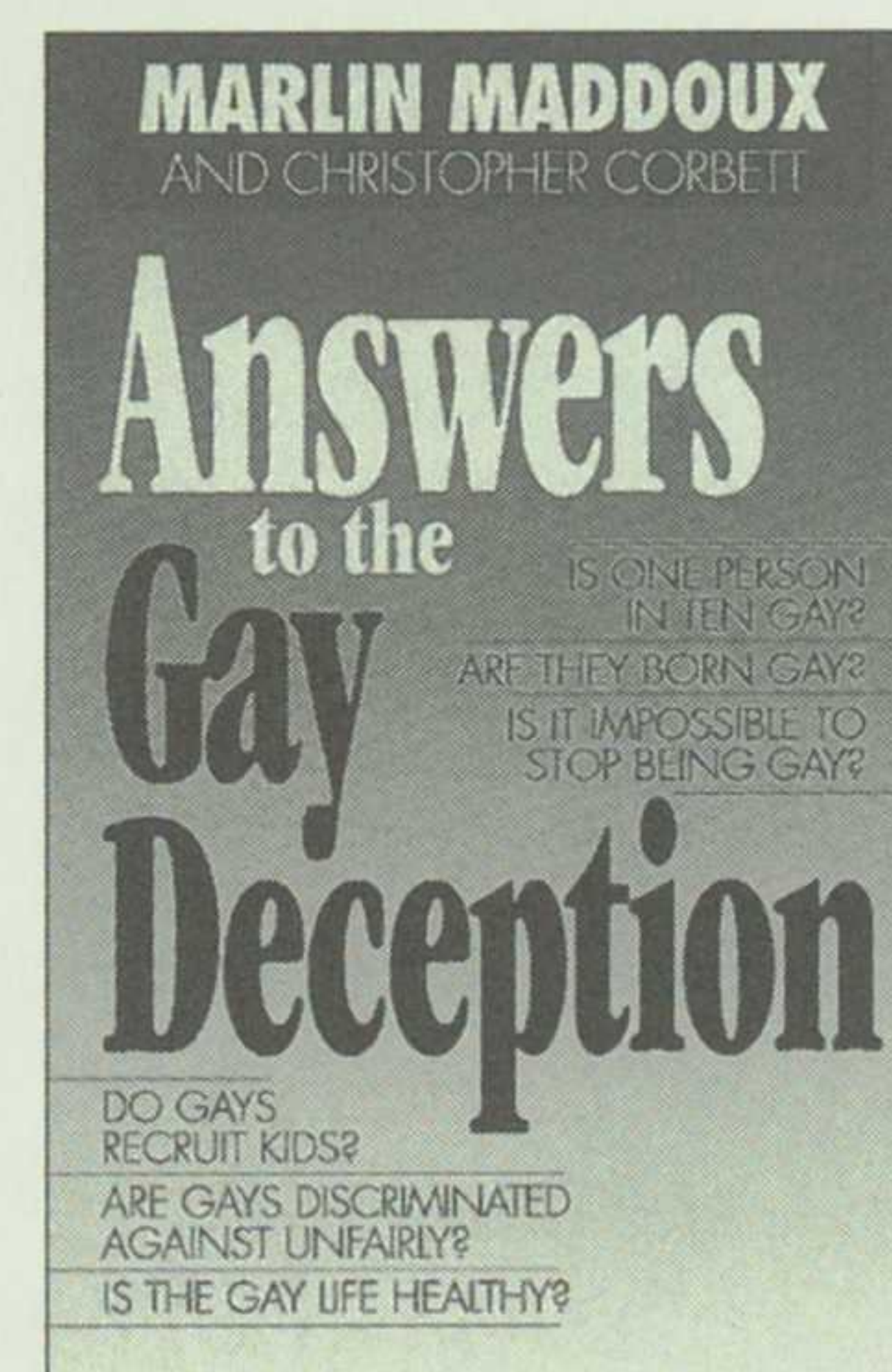
When you want concise answers to these types of questions, you can turn to this book. It's easy to understand, filled with documentation and mostly

solid research (we question a few statistics on the prevalence of certain gay sexual practices).

Want to write a letter to your local paper? Prepare for a local school board meeting on sex education? Talk with competence to others? You will be armed with the facts if you have this excellent book as a resource.

The authors say they have "sought to compile the best research of those who have done the most reliable work in areas crucial to the central claims of the pro-gay movement."

This book is a great resource for your bookshelf. —Bob Davies



We will send you a copy of **Answers to the Gay Deception** with your gift of \$10 or more this month. Please indicate your request on the enclosed response card and return with your donation. Offer expires Dec. 31, 1997.