

# The Milwaukee Outreach Center



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## A Change of Heart

There's something important that you need to know concerning The Milwaukee Outreach Center and Valentine's Day: It's all about the heart! Our hearts express our deepest feelings and greatest desires.

Having a change of heart is really the story of a miracle. Whenever Luke records someone believing the Gospel and experiencing salvation, he also describes another person whose reaction is quite different.

*In the story of the prodigal son there is the elder brother who doesn't rejoice in his father's goodness. He can't welcome his brother home and he remains outside the feast dejected. (Luke 15)*

**There is no change in his heart.**

*For the taxpayer who would not even go to the front of the temple or lift his eyes toward heaven, a nearby Pharisee advertises his virtues before God. He asks nothing, needs nothing, and receives nothing. (Luke 18)*

**There is no change in his heart.**

*For the woman who wept at Jesus' feet, Simon the host shows no welcome to Jesus, no gratitude, and thinks ill of the Master because he was willing to receive such a woman. (Luke 7)*

**There is no change in his heart.**

*Finally, there is the thief on the other side of Jesus' cross, the one who hurled out mockery and scorn to his final breath. (Luke 23)*

**There is no change in his heart.**

Do you see how the two in each case (and especially those on the cross) stand for all of us? One has a change of heart and the other

doesn't. The one thief prayed, "When you come into your Kingdom..."

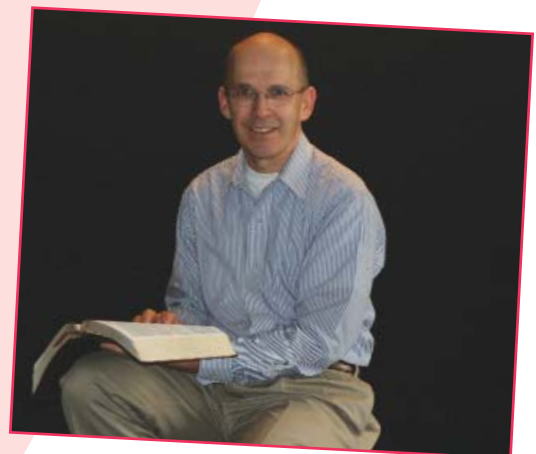
Jesus promised, "Today..."

He asked quietly, "Remember me..."

Jesus assured him, "You will be with me."

**There is a change in his heart.**

Our ministries of outreach, training and counseling are committed to bringing a lasting change of heart. All of this is possible because of the cross.



"A Change of Heart" is by William Hope. He directs TMOC's after-school character development program.

# The Ending and the Beginning

A little boost of encouragement at just the right time can make all the difference. Our final outreach this past year was to twelve families who had been doing all the right things. They were working and active in a local church but for various reasons, Christmas was going to be a difficult time.

Our Shoppers 'n Wrappers, armed with a fistful of gift cards and a shopping list, sprang into action. Each gift was matched to a special request and then wrapped with care and covered with prayer. In secrecy the gifts made their way to each home.



With scissors in hand, Judy Knight along with others from Elmbrook Church wrapped Christmas presents for TMOC's final outreach of the year. Left to right: Judy Knight, Mike Matuszak, Pam Knoll, Jeanne Bosch, Bill Bosch Sr. and Bill Bosch, Jr.

We ended the year in outreach and on New Year's Day began another outreach. Guests from the south side were loved and cared for by volunteers from Here' Life Inner City, Christian Singles of Milwaukee, The Gathering and various churches. A program was presented before and after the meal and each guest received an invitation for prayer and counsel. They also received blankets, hats, gloves and toiletries as practical gifts for the New Year. We are so thankful for all our partners and volunteers who support the ministries of The Milwaukee Outreach Center.



Danny Parmalee (center with Bible) was the speaker at the New Year's Day Outreach. Norbert Bunzel (left), Barry Muenkel (back center) and Harry Eisenmenger (right) were part of the 61 volunteers for this event.

## A Cry for Help

by Yolanda Cunningham

*Another story to be told  
The game of life comes to take my soul  
Living in my flesh, my own will  
Not believing that God is real*

*Trials and tribulations they come my way,  
Oh, Lord help me make it through the day  
The spirits of bondages are all around  
The forces from the dark has got me bound*

*My mind is drifting  
My soul is going astray  
I don't want to go there  
It's not the right way  
I'm sinking, I'm falling  
I'm almost gone  
I can't give up now  
'cuz that would be wrong*

*No love, no joy, no peace, no rest  
Help me please  
Get me out of this mess*

*Somebody hear me and pull me through  
Somebody helped you so help me too*

*Jesus, you went to the cross  
And you hung there for me  
So I could have life eternally*

*God, please forgive me  
And give me one more chance  
And I'll be like David  
I'll dance, dance, dance*



Yolanda Cunningham (center) recited her "Cry for Help" at the New Year's Day Outreach. She is joined by Dianna Johnson (right), Amber Johnson (back), and a TMOC guest (left).



# Count On Me!

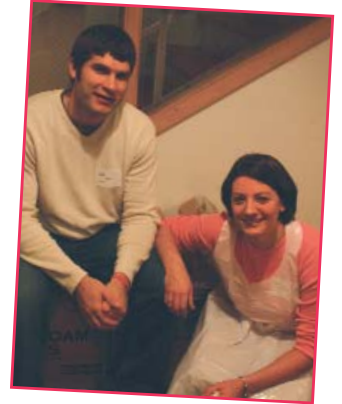
To bring lasting change to those in need,  
I'm enclosing:

- A Celebration of Hope offering  
\_\_\_10 meals (\$30)  
\_\_\_20 meals (\$60)  
\_\_\_30 meals (\$90)  
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- My monthly commitment of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information about:

- Celebration of Hope Outreach (March 19)  
 Phoenix Life Skills Program (March 7 - 11)  
 Phoenix Life Skills Program (April 18 - 22)  
 Christian Counseling Ministry  
 After-School Character Development Program



*Matt Growth (left) and Melissa Famighetti (right) take a short break from serving Thanksgiving meals on wheels. Volunteers are needed for TMOC's Easter outreach on March 19.*

## Celebration of Hope

*March 19, 2005*

### Volunteers are needed for Celebration of Hope!

Last year over 800 people attended this wonderful event which proclaims the Easter message. This year Celebration of Hope is on Saturday, March 19 (one day before Palm Sunday). There will be a brief drama of the last days of Jesus followed by a dinner in our dining hall (10:30 am – 2:00 pm).

How can you help? Sign up early as a volunteer! Invite your youth group or service group from your church. Come and bring hope to people in the central city of Milwaukee.

To sign up fax, email or call The Milwaukee Outreach Center. Fax: 414.385.2230 Email: [tmoc@tmoc.org](mailto:tmoc@tmoc.org)  
Phone: 414.385.2233 with the following information:  
Name and age of each volunteer (adult/teen/child over 10),  
your address, phone number, and email address.



# Inside



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The Ending and Beginning



Celebration of Hope



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**Michael Rintelman**  
*Executive Director*

## Executive Director's Update

Over Christmas I was watching *It's a Wonderful Life* with Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey. At the end of the movie the angel Clarence writes in a copy of *Tom Sawyer*, "No man is a failure who has friends." George discovers the book in the middle of all the gifts from his life-long friends. As he reads the note he

realizes that friends are a precious gift from God.

Over the years I have had the privilege of making many good friends through the ministry of The Milwaukee Outreach Center. Amazingly, people who have taken the time to know me still like me! This month I would like to introduce you to some great people and great friends of mine and The Milwaukee Outreach Center. They are our board members. All of these members have committed their lives to serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The evidence of their faith is seen in their relationships with their families, churches and professional lives.

I learned early in life that I was only as smart as the people I surrounded myself with. Solomon knew this when he said, "Without consultation, plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they have success" (Proverbs 15:22). Our board and their collective wisdom provide us with tremendous leadership

and stewardship. I am thankful for our board members because they are a gift and blessing from God.

There are six members on our board and each one is active in his local church. They also have served dozens of years on boards of churches and civic organizations. The Milwaukee Outreach Center is a ministry built on relationships. As a staff and board, we are committed to developing deeper relationships with those we serve and with you, our supporters.



Michael Rintelman, Executive Director (center) is surrounded by members of The Milwaukee Outreach Center board of directors. Front (left to right): Pete Famighetti, President; Ed Miller. Back (left to right): Larry Liebe, Richard Hansen, Bob Pawlak, and Thom McMahan.