

The Milwaukee Outreach Center



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Moving Ahead

At some point in time everyone has been gripped by indecision. Usually there are competing facts and feelings and certainty is eroded by uncertainty. How do you know that you are making the right decision?

As you read this newsletter you will discover that The Milwaukee Outreach Center has made a huge decision to sell its property and move to a new location. Are we certain about this move?

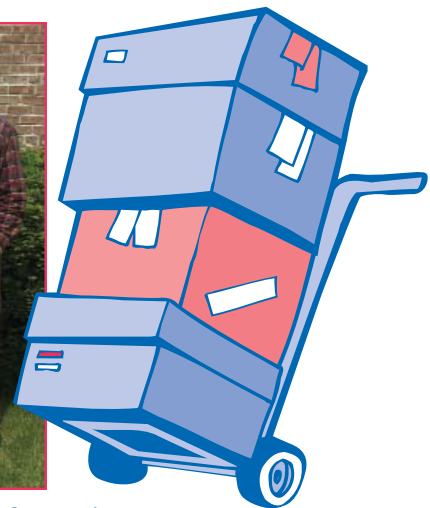
Speaking though the prophet Isaiah, God says: *“Come near me and listen to this. I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is best for you and directs you in the way you should go”* (Isaiah 48:17). By drawing near to Him as Lord and listening to His voice, you can be assured that you will make the right decision.

A great mystery of decision-making is that God has elevated this to being both a divine and human action. On our part, this requires knowledge of His Word as well as corresponding steps of faith – all for the glory of God. Remember, *“God longs to be compassionate to you and since He shall be exalted, He also longs to be merciful to you. Our God is the Lord of justice. Blessed are those who have a perfect desire for Him”* (Isaiah 30:18).

Finding a fresh perspective is also an important part of decision-making. This requires us to have a biblical viewpoint of ourselves. The Psalmist asked, *“What is man that You take thought of him and the son of man that you care for him? Yet You have made*

him a little lower than God and You crowned him with glory and majesty!” (Psalm 8:4,5). When we see ourselves uniquely created by God for a divine purpose and tinged by His glory and majesty, decisions take on a whole new perspective.

So after much prayer and planning along with a great desire to please God, we are moving. We are praising Him as Lord of The Milwaukee Outreach Center and exalting Him as the Lord of justice here in Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin. We are humbly confident that our best days of ministry are ahead of us.



Steve Sewart (center) of Inland Companies congratulates Michael Rintelman (left) and Larry Liebe (right) on the lease of a new facility for The Milwaukee Outreach Center.

News and Views

Sale of Building Completed

The Milwaukee Outreach Center (TMOC) is relocating to newly refurbished facilities on Milwaukee's north side. Founded in 1987 to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the community, TMOC has operated from its south side location since 1994.

"Almost two years ago our board resolved that our facility needed to be a home for a church and that we needed a facility more suitable for our services," stated Michael Rintelman, executive director. Originally the home of the Church of the Open Door, the facility will now be the home of Christian Faith Fellowship Church South.

According to Rintelman, the new facilities at 6647 West Mill Road "will continue to improve our commitment to help people know God and link them to a local church. We believe that this transition expands the impact of our Phoenix Program, character development program and counseling ministries to change lives for God's glory." An open house for the new facility will be held in fall.

New Address and Phone Number

As of August 1, the new address and phone number of The Milwaukee Outreach Center will be:

The Milwaukee Outreach Center
6647 W. Mill Road
Milwaukee, WI 53218
414-760-0334
414-760-0399 (fax)



The sale of the building on May 25 was handled by Attorney Stanley Lind of Milwaukee (center). Also signing documents are Pete Famighetti, board president (right) and Michael Rintelman, executive director.

The Blessing of Anger

"The Blessing of Anger," a four-part series taught by TMOC's Gary Shoults, was hosted in May and June by Redeemer Evangelical Free Church in Milwaukee. The purpose of this series was to understand that anger is a natural and healthy emotion and it warns us of danger. When identified, it does not have to lead to outbursts and conflicts.

If you would like to schedule this series in your church or organization, please call The Milwaukee Outreach Center or check the box in the Count On Me! section of this newsletter. Shoults teaches from years of experience in marriage and family counseling.

Gary Shoults (right) was invited by Grant Anderson (left), associate pastor at Redeemer Evangelical Free Church, to teach about the blessing of anger. Shoults is a marriage and family counselor at The Milwaukee Outreach Center.



Programs Recognized by Foundation

On May 25 a commendation from the Christian Stewardship Foundation arrived stating that they were impressed by the work of The Milwaukee Outreach Center. The letter said, "We commend you for your commitment to improve the human circumstances here in Wisconsin in the name of the Lord."

The Christian Stewardship Foundation of Wisconsin is an independent, public benefit (nonprofit) organization working to expand the kingdom of God through effective stewardship. They are a catalyst for creating community partnerships to enable residents to solve problems from a uniquely Christian perspective.

Included with this commendation was a \$10,000 grant to further the programs of The Milwaukee Outreach Center. The letter concluded, "We look forward to hearing how God is working through your ministry, touching the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ."

Count On Me!



Remember in prayer this July our troops who are fighting for freedom in Iraq.

To show hope to those in need, I'm enclosing:

- My monthly commitment of \$ _____
- A Special offering for _____ \$ _____

I would like:

- to attend the Phoenix Life Skills program (September 12-16)
- information about hosting a Phoenix Life Skills program at my church
- information about the Lake Michigan Classic Cruise (July 8)
- information about the Golf Scramble (August 24)
- information about The Blessing of Anger series
- to schedule TMOC at our missions fair/conference
- to visit with a Christian counselor

Benefits

LAKE MICHIGAN CLASSIC CRUISE

Friday, July 8, 2005

Come celebrate with friends and enjoy an evening cruise and benefit dinner for The Milwaukee Outreach Center. Take in the wonders of a summer sunset on Lake Michigan and the sparkling lights of the Milwaukee skyline.

Boarding for the 150 passenger Princess II begins at 6:30 pm. Departure for this two and one-half hour cruise is at 7:00 pm. A full buffet dinner will be served accompanied by dinner music. Michael Rintelman, executive director, will share a message of vision and inspiration as The Milwaukee Outreach Center enters a new chapter of ministry.

RSVP by calling 414-385-2233. Cost is \$75 each person.



Sailing from Milwaukee harbor, the Princess II is hosting The Milwaukee Outreach Center's benefit dinner and cruise on July 8.

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Sign up now! The Evergreen Golf Course is one of the top rated public courses in southern Wisconsin. Located in Elkhorn (40 miles southwest of Milwaukee), it features 27 championship holes that are located on scenic rolling terrain. It offers a challenge and fun experience for all skill levels.

What You Can Do:

1. Find four serious (or not so serious) golfers. Sign up early.
2. Sponsor a foursome for \$400 which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and a deluxe cookout.
3. Have your organization, business or vendor sponsor a hole with corporate logo for \$150.
4. Be a coordinator for prizes and awards.

This is a shotgun start followed by a deluxe cookout and prizes. Register online at www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=87203. You can also call 414-385-2233 or return your request in the Count On Me! section of this newsletter.



The Evergreen Golf Club is the course for TMOC's 2005 Golf Scramble in August.

Perfect Day for Walk-A-Thon

The weather was perfect as 60 hikers set out on a two-mile trek around a very verdant Mitchell Park for The Milwaukee Outreach Center's annual Walk-A-Thon. Over the years this event has raised over \$200,000 for youth programs throughout Milwaukee.

This year's walk was on Saturday, May 21. The final pledges are still being counted. If you have yet to send in your pledge, please do so at this time. For each sponsor who has contributed, Thank You!



Youth from New Song Christian Fellowship along with their youth pastor Vince Bianchini (center) strut their stuff in this year's Walk-A-Thon.

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Michael Rintelman
Executive Director

Executive Director's Update

A friend of the ministry asked me a great question: "How will your new facility impact the mission of The Milwaukee Outreach Center?" Well, let me tell you what I told him. The move to new offices allows us to fulfill our mission at a much higher level. Years ago we set out to mobilize churches and individuals through Christian training, events and

counseling to penetrate lives for lasting change. Our purpose was never to be a landlord or a building manager, but we have spent about 30 percent of our time doing those things.

For five years I have believed that we needed to be much more active in the community. The time and resources required to maintain a building will now be directed into the programs for local churches. For example, instead of holding all of our Phoenix classes at TMOC, we will invest our time and resources into churches and ministries that desire to host Phoenix classes as an outreach to their community.

This same process will also be followed for our new character development after-school program. We are looking for churches who desire to implement this program in their community. Our prayer is for God to use this program to lead many people into His kingdom.

Our move also gives us customized offices as well as classroom and warehouse space for our growing programs. We will be able to double the size and potential of the Phoenix Enterprise work adjustment program. Besides our modest lease, all the renovations come at no expense to TMOC!

This will be great place to bring community and business leaders as well as pastors and church leaders for training and outreach. Watch for the announcement of our open house in fall. All in all, we will be able to make a much greater impact for Christ in Milwaukee and our surrounding communities.



Signs of change. Anticipating The Milwaukee Outreach Center's move to its new location, its old sign was taken down with help from (left to right): Tirza Ludwig, Will Hope, Bill Lange, Michael Rintelman and Aaron Ludwig.