

The Milwaukee Outreach Center



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A Harvest of Success

Success in American tends to be measured in terms of bigger and better. In the Bible success is something that is accompanied by faithfulness and the yielding of good fruit. During this season as we reflect upon our labor of seed time and harvest, it's very clear that no one sets out to be a failure and no one really wants to be poor.

Research shows that if young people will make four important decisions, they will have success in living a productive and prosperous life. These choices include: (1) Finish high school, (2) Get a full time job, (3) Once married, stay married and (4) Do not have children before the age of 20.

The unsaid part of this research is the fact that it takes character in order to consistently make these four important choices. This fall Noah Riner welcomed his incoming class at Dartmouth College with these words: "Character has a lot to do with sacrifice, laying our personal interests down for something bigger. The best example of this is Jesus. In the Garden of Gethsemane, just hours before his crucifixion, Jesus prayed, 'Father... not my will, but yours, be done.' He knew the right thing to do. He knew the cost would be agonizing torture and death. He did it anyway. That's character."

One of the ongoing projects at The Milwaukee Outreach Center is our character development curriculum for children and youth. We are writing this material because character formation all too often is the missing link for lasting success. Character development is about God's intervention in our lives so that He has a people for Himself. It was Martin Luther King who dreamed of the day when people would be judged "by the content of their character."

This Thanksgiving as you pause to give thanks, you probably can identify an abrupt time when God intervened in your life and family. And more likely than not, He did this by sending someone to you with His message. John 20:31 reminds us, "These things have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God and that believing you have life in His name."

Everything that we do at The Milwaukee Outreach Center is to help people do the right thing by directing them into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ. We want to equip them to make choices that yield a harvest of success. We are so thankful for the many people, churches, businesses and friends who stand with us in this outreach to Milwaukee and our nation.



This fall Gary Shoults (right) welcomed Angie Miller (left) to the counseling staff of TMOC. Miller is completing her internship at TMOC for her graduate program at Concordia University.

Berean Family Worship Center: A Church with Vision

Berean Family Worship Center is a great friend of Milwaukee and The Milwaukee Outreach Center. We recently interviewed their pastor, Dr. Walter Henderson III, to hear about his vision for his church and city.

Please tell us about your relationship with The Milwaukee Outreach Center. How did this start? Why do you support this ministry?

Approximately thirteen years ago, we were seeking somewhere to sow seeds into a ministry that was doing some things in the city that we had hoped to do ourselves. We made a thorough search of several ministries and decided that TMOC was doing the things that we wanted to do – and they were doing it with integrity.

We joined up with this ministry and I still see TMOC doing those things, but on a larger scale and still with integrity. I believe that this ministry is a tremendous resource for reaching this city. I also believe that as we partner with TMOC and combine our different graces and gifts for ministry, we are able to create a larger force against the enemy. If one can put a thousand to flight, and two ten thousands, the enemy will then be overwhelmed by the onslaught of the Army of Christ.

What do you see as the greatest challenges for our city and community?

Our greatest challenge is for our churches to stop competing with one another and start completing one another. If we could get our churches to unite under the banner of Christ and build His kingdom and not ours, we could shake this city with the Gospel.

Our second greatest challenge is for our city government to be impacted with the Gospel so God's spirit would be poured out on all flesh in this city.

Finally, we need to have ministry (not just programs) that are effective in reaching the youth of this city.



As pastors, the Henderson's have led a number of marriage seminars at Berean Family Worship Center.



Dr. Walter Henderson III (right) prays for a house church member during a recent trip to China.

Please tell us about your vision for Berean Family Worship Center in our city. Why do you do what you do?

Our vision is to saturate the City of Milwaukee with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have started with our neighborhood and are working with other local churches to reach this city. We hope to establish a school of ministry to train believers to become pastors, missionaries and youth leaders. I believe there is a great need for this kind of education in our city.

Please tell us about your vision for missions – both home and abroad.

My vision for missions is to help raise the awareness of inner-city youths and adults to the foreign mission fields. Many of our urban believers are myopic where their vision doesn't go any further than Milwaukee. I want them to dream about reproducing themselves in other countries.

During our recent trip to China to minister to the underground churches and their leaders, I saw hunger for the things of God unlike what I see in America. These people risk beatings, imprisonment, or families been torn apart just for serving Christ. The leaders can't go to Bible school nor do they have other pastors to mentor them. I will do whatever I can to help these brothers and sisters abroad.

Please tell us about your family and how they are involved in your ministry?

My wife, Joycelyn, is my spouse, best friend, lover, girl friend, advisor, partner for life. She is the church administrator par-excellent. She travels with me all over the country and abroad. She handles all my scheduling. She ministers the Word on many occasions and oversees many ministries within Berean. We have three daughters that are with us in this ministry.

Last Call for Thanksgiving Volunteers

A wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving is to love those who are often forgotten in the inner city. Come with your family on November 24 for an hour and a half and volunteer as a table host, table server, kitchen server, prayer counselor, musician, or clean-up crew member.

You can reserve your spot as a volunteer by completing the registration information in the Count On Me section of this newsletter. Register as soon as you can because these spots fill up. Your contribution is also needed for providing Thanksgiving dinners.



This year's Thanksgiving Celebration of Love is being held at Berean Family Worship Center (3920 N. 51st Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53216).

Count On Me!



Today I'm enclosing:

- ___ My monthly commitment of \$ _____
- ___ A special Thanksgiving offering for
- 5 dinners (\$15) 10 dinners (\$30) 20 dinners (\$60)
- 50 dinners (\$150) other (\$ _____)

We would like to volunteer on Thanksgiving for...

- 1st shift (10:00 - 11:30)
- 2nd shift (11:45 - 1:15)
- 3rd shift (1:30 - 3:00)

Mail, fax, or email (tmoc@tmoc.org) your registration as soon as possible. We will contact you with final details. Due to the large amount of volunteers, phone registration is not possible.

Name _____
(first) (last)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

List other volunteers who will be coming with you.
Children must be at least 10 years old.

United Way Donor Choice Giving

The United Way has a community-wide approach to both raising and distributing charitable gifts. Within this broader context, donors can choose to designate to a specific organization like The Milwaukee Outreach Center (donor choice #48685) or give an unrestricted gift to help a broad range of health and human development agencies. United Way's single community-wide campaign is a means for individuals to support many worthwhile services with a single gift.

news that Travels



Bill Lange - Director of Phoenix Life Skills

Kettle Moraine Correctional Institute sponsored a job fair on September 29 that brought together employers and agencies for inmates re-entering the workforce. Bill Lange represented TMOC and our Phoenix Life Skills program at this job fair.

White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives at the Midwest Airlines Center was attended by Bill Lange on October 20.

Bill Lange participated in the Prison Aftercare Network of Wisconsin meeting on October 21. This is a Christian network of ministries, churches and agencies for providing positive re-entry of ex-offenders into the community.

On October 31 Bill Lange contributed to the Urban Focus Group at Elmbrook Church that oversees outreach efforts in Milwaukee and Waukesha County.



William Hope - Director of Development

On September 15 Will Hope presented the work of TMOC at Mount Mary College's Community Service Fair.

Will Hope was the featured missions speaker at the Good News Assembly of God in Ishpeming, Michigan on October 9.

On October 30 Will Hope represented TMOC and its work at Cornerstone Church in Grafton.

Michael Rintelman - Executive Director

"Outreach Reinvented" was this year's theme at the Operation Blessing conference in Virginia Beach (October 24-28). Mike Rintelman presented four different sessions at this conference.



Melissa Whiting (right) assists Nicolene Daley in the work adjustment program at TMOC.

Looking for Employment?

The Phoenix Life Skills and Work Adjustment Training program of The Milwaukee Outreach Center teaches people what it takes to enter the workforce and how to excel once there. The training involves an intensive one-week course designed to motivate and empower individuals to achieve personal and financial responsibility. This is followed by a 12 week phase where participants actively search for employment, attend a weekly class, work with a mentor and meet with our staff. The Work Adjustment phase provides individual training plans and on-site work experience at our Mill Run Business Center facility

Our next Phoenix Life Skills class will be December 5-9. Call TMOC at 414-760-0334 to register.

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Michael Rintelman
Executive Director

Executive Director's Update

The other day my son and I went in my Mom's backyard to pick some apples from her trees. There are many fruit trees in her backyard, but only a few that produce fruit. As I climbed into one tree and started picking, I passed the apples down to my son who said, "These don't look very good, Dad." I then went to another tree and climbed higher to pick

some from the very top. Untouched by the critters and disease that had marred the other apples, my son replied: "That's what I'm talking about!" as I handed him the beautiful pieces of fruit. Which apple do you think my son and I wanted? We wanted the ones that looked like apples, not the marred and disfigured fruit.

The Scriptures tell us that the fruit of our lives is important and that it is judged by others. My son made the judgment as to which fruit was more desirable. As we ate the good fruit, it was tart and sweet, crispy and firm – just like it was supposed to be. We were not disappointed. The disfigured fruit was wrought with knots, worm holes and scabs.

The other part of having good fruit is planting good seed.

If you start by planting good seed, you will increase the chances of reaping good fruit. Here at TMOC, we are all about planting good seed into the lives of the people God entrusts to us. We prune and water in order to see them grow and produce good fruit. This past year has seen many of our clients and students become "good fruit" as they have grown and applied God's truth to their lives.

It is such a privilege for us to be able to reach out to those whose lives have produced little or no fruit of any value and see them start producing beautiful fruit. This fruit is only possible through the seed you have sown into TMOC. Your sacrificial gifts have been taken by God and multiplied into the lives of so many people. The fruits of changed lives are the gift God gives as we plant seeds into the lives of others. I look forward to seeing and greeting many of you at our Thanksgiving Celebration of Love.

