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Executive Director's Update

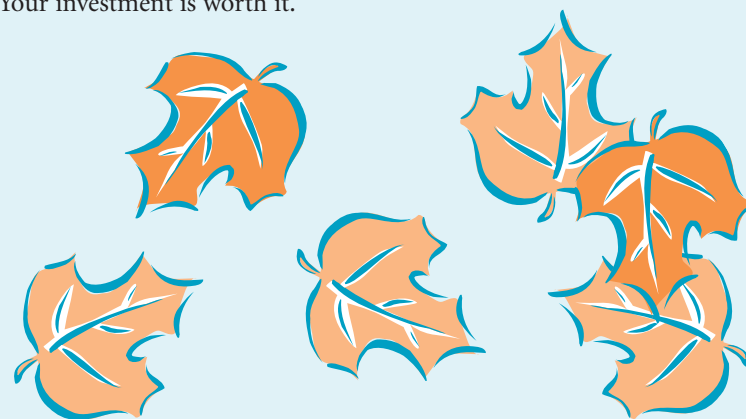
For those of you who know me well, you know that I am a problem solver and a critical thinker, considering all the angles and options before making a decision. Throughout most of my adult life God has used this quality to effect change in the lives of others. It comes in the form of counseling with clients, working with Phoenix students, or just spending time in conversation with friends. That is why I am so passionate about what God is doing through The Milwaukee Outreach Center. Seeing lives transformed as God works through the influence of godly men and women is truly a blessing and a privilege.

Working with those who are struggling to keep things together is demanding, but it is also very rewarding. There is a cost, but the cost is well worth paying in order to see a life transformed.

I recently received an email from a long-time mentor. It contained a video clip about Dick and Rick Hoyt. This is a true story about a father and his physically handicapped son and how together they overcame obstacles. Together they have participated in hundreds of competitions in which Dick has pushed, carried and pulled his son

so that they could compete together. I strongly encourage you to go to our website and watch that clip. Go ahead... watch it (www.tmoc.org/events.htm).

This is a great picture of Christ! He accomplished for us what we could not do on our own. As I watched Dick pick his son out of the raft after swimming 2 1/2 miles and place him gently into the bike seat, I couldn't help but think about some of our students that need extra help on the path to hope. They need people who care enough to pick them up and place them on the right path. People willing to invest some sweat and tears to see that transformation is not just a word that is talked about, but a process that God is doing in them. You can help someone overcome the obstacles in life by supporting The Milwaukee Outreach Center as a financial partner or volunteer. Your investment is worth it.



Seedtime and Harvest

One of the basic principles of life is seedtime and harvest. Whatever we sow, we reap. If we sow the good, we reap the good and if we sow the evil, we will reap the evil.

Every week at The Milwaukee Outreach Center we work with people who are reaping from wrong decisions. Many times they come to us with a ton of discouragement because they can't find work. This is often because they are a felon or they had dropped out of school. All too often they have no support system in their lives and no one to turn to in their darkest hour. This is why we are here.

As much as we would like to say a special prayer or wave a magic wand over our past, we cannot escape the fact that there are consequences for our actions. On one side of the ledger is the reminder: "The one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption." On the other side of the ledger is the promise: "The one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life" (Galatians 6:8).

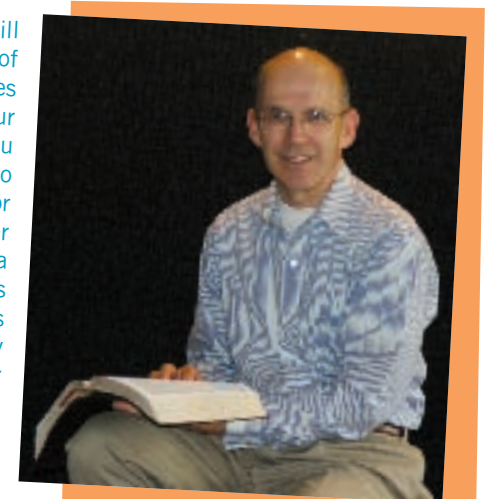
Forgiveness releases a person from the penalty of sin but it does not nullify God's law of sowing and reaping. One of the biggest struggles for some of our clients is the recovery of self-respect. One of our young clients is a single mother with six children. She dropped out of school at ninth grade and has struggled with drugs and alcohol and is currently on probation for bank fraud. Two of

her children are with her and while she is looking and applying for work, she has no one to watch them.

This is where we come in – we the Christian community. Scripture tells us, "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9). People give up because they become tired and discouraged. Not only do we have the opportunity of encouraging other people, we also show them God's grace and His power for making right choices and godly decisions.

We must "never grow tired of doing what is right" (1 Thessalonians 3:13). God has specific times of harvest for each of us if we will (1) do what is good and right, (2) stay strong and positive, (3) believe in God's promises and (4) refuse to give up.

Each month Will Hope, Director of Development, writes and edits our newsletter. If you would like to schedule Will or another speaker from TMOC for a missions emphasis at your church or as a community speaker for your civic group, send an email to will@tmoc.org.



Church in the City Thrives

This month we would like to introduce you to another faithful friend and supporting church of The Milwaukee Outreach Center. Please check out Church in the City (2648 N. Hackett on the east side of Milwaukee) and their website at www.citcweb.org.

David, please tell us about the Church in the City and how it was started.

Our church began 18 years ago as an outreach to the east side of Milwaukee. We are one mile south of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in a diverse area of the city. I have been the pastor for six years and also teach at Carthage College in Kenosha.

The vision of Church in the City is to create a vibrant community that invites people to passionately follow Christ. We actively draw others to Christ so the disconnected become connected in meaningful relationships in their spiritual journey.

How does your church encourage people to become involved in missions?

At the beginning of the year we began a series called "Just Walk Across the Room." I grew up on the mission field and I challenge our people that missions is more than just crossing an ocean. This begins by crossing the room and inviting people to consider the Gospel.

Yes we support missionaries and go on medical mission trips, but I understand that our commission is to first love God and our fellow man and this begins right where we live.

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

Our greatest challenge is trust. As an example, racial problems come from lack of trust because of things that have happened in the past. Violence increases because people don't trust the police or government. In many ways we have failed to build trusting

relationships and in its place is a "me" focus that pursues a selfish agenda. As Christ-followers, our need isn't to establish some political religion, but to re-establish trust so people build safe and trusting relationships.

What things do you believe have contributed to the vitality of Church in the City?

Two things have contributed to our vitality: (1) Authentic relationships; and (2) A biblical vision of what God wants to accomplish in our lives.

Please tell us about your relationship with The Milwaukee Outreach Center and why you support this ministry.

TMOC is a focused ministry that has the ability to do things we can't do ourselves. We support missionaries overseas and local ministries here in Milwaukee. We recognize that the Holy Spirit has given you gifts and that you have a proven track record in reaching people who otherwise might never darken the doors of a church.



David Duncan wears multiple hats as the pastor of Church in the City, as an adjunct professor of critical thought at Carthage College, and as a devoted husband and father of six children (ages 6-16).



Count On Me!

Michael Brown (center) is a recent Phoenix graduate. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we reach out to those in need.



Today I'm enclosing:

___ My monthly commitment of \$ _____

___ A special offering \$ _____

Name _____

(first) (last)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to...

our group to provide and serve a lunch for the Phoenix students on

(check date)

- Oct. 9 Oct. 10 Oct. 11 Oct. 12 Oct. 13
- Dec. 4 Dec. 5 Dec. 6 Dec. 7 Dec. 8

be a Phoenix volunteer

be a mentor for a Phoenix student

attend the Phoenix Life Skills program

visit with a Christian counselor

News To Use

This fall TMOC is launching several new programs through its CityReach Partnership.

CityReach Housing Initiative

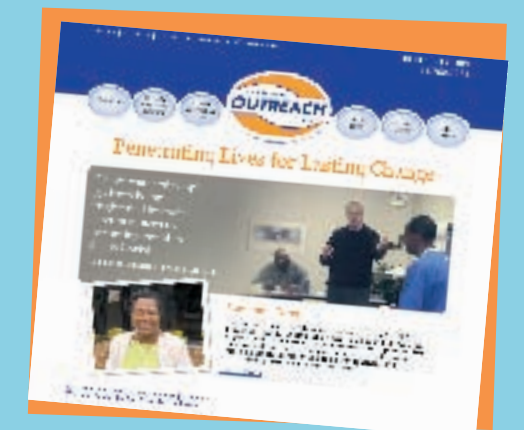
This involves home ownership training and rebuilding an existing house. Building trade volunteers are needed. Contact Mike Rintelman (mike@tmoc.org).

Phoenix Work Adjustment

TMOC is working with Global Outreach and the Vo-Tech Training Center in Belize in the finishing and assembling of carpet ball tables. This is part of our Phoenix Life Skills work adjustment program to assist our students in finding employment. If your church or group would like to purchase a carpet ball table, contact Bill Lange (Bill@tmoc.org).

GreaterWorks Internships

This fall TMOC will be working with interns from GreaterWorks of Minneapolis. GreaterWorks is a YouthWorks ministry with the vision of sharing Jesus by doing hands-on ministry. If you know of a young college-age adult interested in a year-long internship, contact Dave Berg (dberg@greaterworks.us) or check out their website (www.greaterworks.us).



Have you visited our new website? You can now find timely information and new volunteer opportunities that will change your life and the lives of others at www.tmoc.org.

Whether you are looking for resources, a meaningful place to serve, or you desire change in your own life, our website is the right place to look.

There are also opportunities to donate on-line and review all of our full color newsletters. Please tell your friends about our website. There are many needs in our community that alone we cannot meet, but with the combined effort of our many committed partners, the possibilities for life change are endless.

Looking for Direction in 2006?



- Are you searching for answers?
- Wondering what God's plan for you might be?
- The Phoenix Life Skills program teaches people who they really are and how to find meaning in life and work.
- This is an intensive one-week 40 hour course designed to motivate and empower individuals to achieve personal and financial goals.

Dates:

October 9 – 13
December 4 – 8

Time:

8:45 AM – 4:00 PM (lunch provided)

Register by calling The Milwaukee Outreach Center at 414-760-0334.