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Michael Rintelman
Executive Director

Executive Director's Update

Isn't it amazing the relationships God brings into our lives? I have to admit that I'm blessed to have some great people in my life. One of those people is Pete Famighetti, our outgoing board president. Pete has been the board president since I became executive director in 2002. He has become a friend and confidant. I'm glad God

connected us through the ministry of TMOOC.

One important fact about relationships is that we must choose to develop them! Great relationships just don't happen. They take time and they must be nurtured on a regular basis. Developing good relationships is at the core of what we value at TMOOC. Have you noticed that we move in the direction of the things we value? Our Phoenix Life Skills class starts with a video called *Ride the High Places*. The video talks about what values can do for us and at one point says, "Values are warm rising currents of air. High values carry you upward; soar with them and you soar effortlessly."

The other day while eating dinner my wife mentioned she needed to go to the store and wanted our son to go with her. He stated that he couldn't go shopping because he needed to stay home with Dad because Dad didn't have any friends. After the initial shock from that statement (and a very good excuse not to go shopping), I said

that was not true. I then asked Josh to name some of my friends. After rattling off a dozen or so, he concluded: "Yes, Dad did have some pretty good friends."

Our foremost relationship is with Christ, which then spills over into all other relationships. How are your relationships and friendships? Maybe 2006 is the year that you purposely grow godly relationships with others. Find relationships that support, guide, challenge and hold you accountable. We cherish the opportunity to have this great relationship with each of you – our partners in achieving God's work through TMOOC. I cannot begin to tell you how much your notes, prayers and gifts mean to us. Your friendship is greatly valued.

Enjoying a father and son hike, Mike Rintelman and Josh participated together in TMOOC's Walk-A-Thon last spring.



Fathers Make a Difference

What difference does a father make in the life of his son or daughter? One assumption is that every child has a father. This may be true biologically, but not practically. Today fathers may be (1) married or co-residing fathers in two-parent families; (2) separated or divorced fathers who live apart from their children; (3) a father-only family with children; (4) an unwed father who resides with a parent, parents, or other family members.

Research shows that there has been an explosive increase in single-father families and a decline in the number of married-couple families. A father now heads one in seven single-parent families. Within this past decade, there has been a 41 percent increase of children born to single parents.

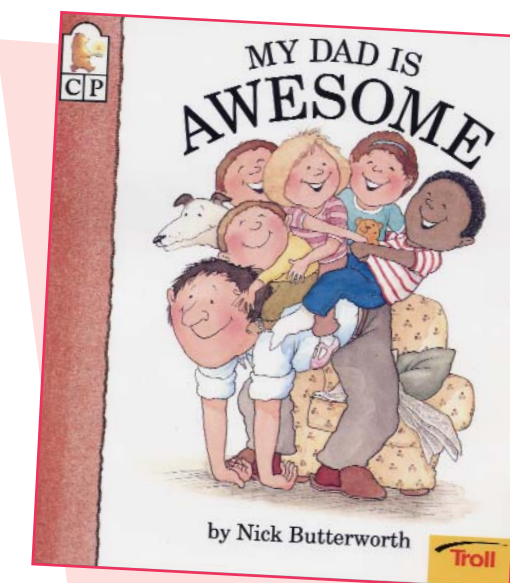
While these are alarming trends, children are more adversely affected when the father is absent from the home. The poverty rate for children in single-mother homes is 48 percent compared to 10 percent in two-parent families. The strongest predictor of positive outcomes for children is a father and mother who are actively parenting together. Children who connect regularly and positively with their fathers tend to do better in school, avoid involvement with the juvenile justice system and have positive relationships with their peers.

The ability of a father to contribute to the financial needs of his child also contributes to the emotional well-being of his child. One of the greatest challenges for young fathers in Milwaukee is that our transition from a manufacturing to a service-based economy has left men who relied on low-skill jobs for income ill-prepared to work in the current marketplace.

Even with limited schooling, when a single or married father is involved in his child's education, it is more likely that this child will

have high marks, enjoy school and never repeat a grade. Fathers, however, with less than a high school education were much less likely to be involved in their child's school than fathers with higher levels of education.

For fathers who want greater opportunities in life, Christian faith provides direction for lasting change. Our approach at The Milwaukee Outreach Center is to link people with the truths of Scripture. Our counseling, Phoenix Life Skills and after-school programs are for the purpose of motivating people to seek God, equip them to serve Him and enable them to provide for their families.



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Changes Ahead for Board of Directors

Pete Famighetti announced at last month's board meeting that he was stepping down from the board of directors. He had been board president for the past three years and had served on the board for ten years. Michael Rintelman, executive director, noted: "Pete is a strong spiritual man and his faith comes out in everything he does. He has been a consensus builder on the board. Throughout the years he and his family have been whole-heartedly involved in this ministry. We will greatly miss his leadership."

Famighetti first became involved with The Milwaukee Outreach Center (TMOC) while working as an electrical engineer for The ABB Group. About five years ago, he accepted a position in robotic systems design for Q Comp Technologies near Appleton. Larry Liebe, fellow board member, observed: "Pete's willingness to commute 200 miles to participate in monthly meetings is a great example of true dedication."



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

One of Famighetti's many responsibilities as board president was to protect the public interest and ensure that charitable dollars were used effectively for TMOC to fulfill its mission. He guided this ministry through the transition from its founding director to its current executive director. He also was instrumental in the sale of our old building and the acquisition of our new facilities. Rintelman stated, "He has taken some darts for this ministry and he did it with grace as a man of God."

Another board member, Dick Hansen, acknowledged: "Pete's impact on the Outreach Center will be greatly missed as well as his godly influence. He is a dedicated and loyal friend of TMOC." When Pete and his wife Joyce lived in Mequon, they attended Evangel Assembly of God. They now attend Christ the Rock Community Church near Appleton.

We are very thankful for Pete Famighetti's years of service to TMOC and we pray God's blessings upon him and his family. He plans to continue being involved in the ongoing ministries of TMOC.

Pete Famighetti (right) was instrumental in the sale of TMOC's property on May 25, 2005. He is joined at the closing by Mike Rintelman (left) and Stanley Lind, Attorney (far left).



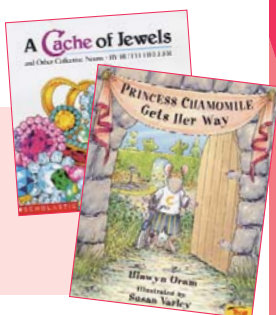
Book Fair for Young Readers

On February 16 and 28 The Milwaukee Outreach Center is sponsoring its first Book Fair for Young Readers. At this fair educators and volunteers from public, charter, and private schools are invited to select free books for their schools. Community centers, churches and home school leaders are also invited.

All the books are new and come from well-known publishers of books for students. During the fair, The Milwaukee Outreach Center will also

introduce two of its programs for helping children and adults. The after-school character development program is part of the developmental assets movement. This gives children a distinct advantage in becoming well-adjusted adults who contribute to the well-being of society. Our Phoenix Life Skills program is for adults and parents who need direction and motivation to achieve personal and financial goals.

To participate, please select the day you would like to attend and then call The Milwaukee Outreach Center to register.



Book Fair for Young Readers

February 16 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm (Register by February 14)
February 28 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm (Register by February 23)
Call 414-760-0334 to register!

News To Use

February's Hats & Scarves Outreach

A generous donor has made hats, scarves and sweaters available to community organizations and churches. Call TMOC to arrange the quantity you will need for your group.

Book Fair For Young Readers

February 16 and 28
See announcement in this newsletter.

Hurricane Recovery Teams

Operation Blessing's command center in Slidell, Louisiana is still looking for teams to assist in clean-up and relief efforts. Housing and meals are available. Call TMOC at 414-760-0334.

Phoenix Life Skills

March 6-10
This is a one-week 40 hour course designed to motivate and empower individuals to achieve personal and financial goals.

Count On Me!

Today I'm enclosing:

___ My monthly commitment of \$ _____
___ A special offering to help someone find work \$ _____

Name _____
(first) (last)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like...

- to attend the Phoenix Life Skills program
- to serve on a Hurricane Recovery Team
- my group to participate in the Hats & Scarves Outreach
- to schedule TMOC at our missions fair/conference in 2006
- to visit with a Christian counselor

Committed to Changing Lives

David Eichler is a man committed to changing lives. His congregation at Changing Lives Assembly of God in Cudahy is full of testimonies of individuals who have been changed by God's power. Pastor Eichler and Changing Lives have a vision "to offer the lost, whatever the cost, the life-changing Word of Jesus Christ." We would like you to meet this pastor and hear his heart for our community.

Please tell us what you see as the greatest challenge for our city and community.

My wife Cindy and I came to Milwaukee from a pastorate in California. Coming from outside the State, I've been surprised at the prominent role that alcohol has in the local culture of Milwaukee. Abuse of alcohol leads to bad decisions, habits, life-styles and career choices. This has kept many families in a cycle of destruction.

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

We have supported TMOC on a monthly basis for many years. We recognize that TMOC is meeting practical needs and reaching people that we would not otherwise be able to reach. As a church, we can make a difference through other ministries that have access to touch and change lives around the metro area, the region and the world.



This fall Changing Lives Assembly of God sponsored a Harvest Festival. This growing congregation has a passion to connect people in mission and reach others for Christ.

As a newer pastor in the city, I'm impressed with TMOC's commitment to teach, equip and train people caught in cycles of destruction. I know that you want people to know Jesus as Savior and become citizens of the kingdom of God.

What things do you believe have contributed to the vitality of Changing Lives?

Every week we pray for God to bless and bring a harvest of souls to our missionary work here locally and around the world. We believe in the power of God. If our message is true, then our "light" and "salt" will make a difference in other people's lives. We are excited about Jesus. We are passionately in love with Jesus. There is vitality and life here and this is drawing people to a relationship with God.

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

We pray first of all each week for a missionary, a government official and another church congregation. Secondly, every month we have a missions Sunday. On this Sunday, our children's church is dedicated to teaching our children the importance of missions. Thirdly, we hold an annual missions convention. Finally, we encourage people to become involved in missions. This past November my wife and I spent two weeks in India with a missions team. We were in awe to see the work of God in this land of millions of gods.

What are some of your mission goals for 2006?

We want to do three things: (1) Increase our support and involvement in missions; (2) Give people an opportunity to go on a short-term missions trip; and (3) Work with local organizations such as TMOC in their outreaches and events.



David Eichler became the pastor of Changing Lives Assembly of God (Cudahy) in March of 2004.