



*Happy New Year*

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## Finding the “O” in Outreach

At first glance it appears that “O” is at the beginning of “outreach”. Finding the beginning of outreach, however, is not as easy as it looks. Where to begin is a good question – especially as The Milwaukee Outreach Center sets out on its eighteenth year of outreach.

The Psalmist exclaimed, “O taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8). A vital part of outreach begins in worship. Before we can effectively reach out to someone in need, we must first reach up to heaven and worship. When the Magi first saw the Christ child, they fell on their knees and worshiped Him (Matthew 2:8). Afterwards, they went on their mission.

Our purpose is to see people come to know Jesus and to connect them with a worshipping community. Unless a believer becomes engaged in the life of a local church as a worshipper, the circle of outreach is incomplete.

At this year’s Thanksgiving outreach, each table setting included a Scripture card that said, “The Lord Loves You.” On the inside of the card were verses from Psalm 36. “Your love is a treasure, and everyone finds shelter in the shadow of your wings. You give your guests a feast in your house, and you serve a tasty drink” (7:8).

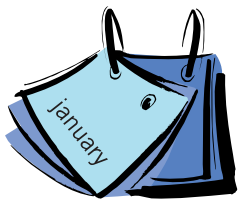
A very practical part of outreach is showing kindness to others. Our ultimate goal, however, is greater than just showing kindness. In southeastern Wisconsin there are over 2,000 social service agencies dedicated to alleviating poverty and its effects. The purpose of Christian kindness is different. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Do not think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience. Do you not know that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?” (Romans 2:4)

Without repentance, the “O” in outreach is still incomplete. Jesus came not just to be kind, but to forgive sin, set people free and to release them into His abundant life.

Our mission is to link with local churches to proclaim Jesus’ birth, life, teachings, death, burial, resurrection and return. All who believe in Him receive salvation and the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The “O” in outreach represents wholeness and completeness. This happens when someone walks and worships in newness of life as a serious follower of Jesus.



Two Youthworks students from Berean Baptist Church in Minneapolis share a summer outreach moment with friends at the Scott Christian Youth Center.



# A Year in Review



Youthworks staff (L to R) Steve Hoffman, Meagan Farber, Chelsea Garland and Jerod Sauder.

*“Week after week, I witnessed changes in the students and adult leaders who came to The Milwaukee Outreach Center from all over the country. One youth leader had a difficult time throughout the week and I wondered what was going on. After she went home, I received an email about how much God used the experience with Sister Clara at the Gingerbread House to help her understand and process poverty and pain. I, too, learned so much this summer. For me, it was from the faces of those walking in to eat at The Gathering. Greeting people and talking with them was my favorite thing to do. At times, the crowds of people hurting and in need can be overwhelming but the Lord reminded me that I am only to be obedient in giving each person value and love.”*

– Meagan Farber, Youthworks Site Director

*“This has been an exciting year. Our Phoenix Life Skills Program expanded from the classroom to the workplace by launching Phoenix Assembly. This work adjustment program gives us a barometer for successful employment of our students. We now use specific standards to measure and evaluate progress for each worker. This year Jim Miller joined our staff. He supervises the production and assembly of product for stainless steel fabrication.”*

– Bill Lang, TMOE Phoenix Life Skills Program



Under the watchful eyes of Meagan Farber, Youthworks sets up for an event at the Gingerbread House.



Bill Lang and John Connerton pause from their work in the Phoenix Assembly area of TMOE.

*“As counselors, we see ourselves working as God’s assistants in bringing truth, love and healing to those who are broken and hurting. It is our privilege to watch Him at His miraculous work for He is called ‘Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace’ (Isaiah 9:6). This past year God provided two exceptional interns, John Stroh and Katie Block. They served with us while fulfilling their graduate requirements at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.”*

– Gary Shoults, TMOE Counseling

*“The time I have spent at The Milwaukee Outreach Center has been exceptionally valuable in developing my counseling skills to effectively work with clients. Even beyond my counseling experiences, TMOE has shown me what a wonderful blessing their Christian ministries are for our community.”*

– Katie Block, MS candidate, Counseling



Counselors Gary Shoults (left) and Katie Block (center) with Phoenix graduate, Nancy Seidl.

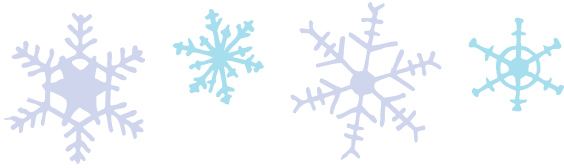
*“I gained valuable knowledge at The Milwaukee Outreach Center that will apply in my mission of helping those who have lost their way and need loving Christian support. Many clients came knowing about Christ and left knowing Him through our counseling program.”*

– John Stroh, MS, Counseling

# Count On Me!

To express the love of Christ to those in need,  
I'm enclosing:

- A Special Outreach offering for the ministries of TMOC \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- My monthly commitment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please send me information about:

- Being a Member of the 2005 Prayer Team
- Leader's Training for Character Development (January 6, 13)
- Phoenix Life Skills Program (January 1 - 21)
- Phoenix Life Skills Program (February 21 - 25)
- Celebration of Hope Outreach (March 19)
- Christian Counseling Ministry
- Community Volunteer

*Chris Gibbs and his two sons appreciate TMOC's bread ministry.*



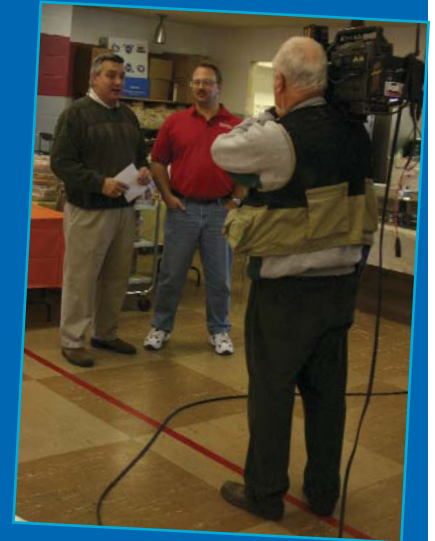
## Did You Know?

Did you know that The Milwaukee Outreach Center

- Is in use seven days a week, sometimes 12 hours a day
- Sponsors and operates over 25 different ministries
- Gives bread and bakery items once a week to over 1,250 people every month
- Hosts "The Gathering" which serves 150-300 people a free meal three times a week
- Had three T.V. networks cover our Thanksgiving Celebration of Love
- Is a national leader in after-school character development programs

### In 2004

- Provided over 250 hours of counseling at our West Bend center
- Helped 56 adults which includes 129 children with rent and utilities assistance
- Supplied 74 weekly bus passes so individuals could attend our Phoenix program



Gus Gnorski of FOX 6 TV interviews Michael Rintelman during this year's Thanksgiving "Celebration."

*"Our 'Celebration of Love' was a wonderful witness of the body of Christ working together. We had over 350 volunteers serving 2,100 Thanksgiving dinners. Over 1,000 Christmas cards were personally signed and given to our guests. Our table hosts also helped our guests send 200 Christmas cards to loved ones and friends. For some, this is the only contact they will receive from their family member or friend this year."*

– William Hope,  
TMOC Character Development



Two guests enjoy Thanksgiving at TMOC.



On Thanksgiving Jerry Philleo (left) serves in the kitchen with his wife Sherry and son Brett.

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Michael Rintelman  
*Executive Director*

## Executive Director's Update

Happy New Year one and all! It's hard to believe that I'm entering my fifteenth year of service and ministry here at The Milwaukee Outreach Center. God has really been faithful and I'm amazed at His constant provision for this

ministry and my family. I'm very grateful for you and thankful how your friendship has inspired me over the years.

Many of us will be making resolutions as we move into the New Year. Statistics show that most resolutions will not make it past Valentine's Day. I'm sure we can all relate to failed resolutions. I have resolved many times to exercise more and lose some weight. I exercise (sometimes) and I've lost weight (and gained it back). Our resolution is for you to see and hear about God's faithfulness at The Milwaukee Outreach Center and celebrate His goodness throughout the New Year.

Over a year ago, our board, our late founder Jack Brown and I resolved that our present facility needed to be a home for a church and that TMOC needed to find a facility more suitable for our ministry needs. After prayerfully looking, we believe that we have found a church body that will be able to utilize this facility in a manner for which it was designed – a thriving local congregation.

If all goes well, we will be selling our facility this April. Please pray that God will direct us to our new location.

Our staff meets for prayer daily and we are seeing some great victories. A wonderful example is in December we received \$11,000 in foundation grants to further our Phoenix Enterprise and Character Development programs. You need to know that your investment of faith, time and resources in The Milwaukee Outreach Center is well placed and greatly appreciated.



Michael Rintelman (right) with Terry Bolda,  
grant writer and friend of TMOC.