

2015 Year-end Review & a Look at What's Ahead



As Christmastime nears—the incredible advent of God Himself drawing near to us through Jesus—it is time for me to reflect upon the past year and take a look ahead. I'd like to share with you a few of the amazing opportunities that the Lord has provided us in 2015 and then a few of the goals for 2016.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET REACH. Our network communications have reached 797,000 more individuals than last year through social media, website, phone, email, and video hosting alone (256% increase). On Facebook alone over 1,250,000 people were reached in 131 countries though our primary audience was within the US (82%). The largest group of men were between the ages of 18-34 and women were between 45-54 years old. Our mission remains to help individuals, families, and leaders in the US with support offered by our member ministries and affiliates in the US.

CHRISTIAN MEDIA. I personally gave 120 interviews this year primarily on Christian radio and TV programs, many of which were syndicated talk shows heard on 80+ stations in the US. This combined audience must easily be in the millions. This does not take into account interviews given by our directors, nor views of our member videos like "Such Were Some of You," which has garnered multiple national awards. The audiences were reminded that Restored Hope exists, that God has not forgotten the same sex attracted struggler, and that He delights in redeeming and sanctifying any who surrender to Him.

SPEAKING. There were many speaking opportunities, but as a single mom, I chose to speak at three primary events—National Religious Broadcasters 2015, Clarity Conference, and Restored Hope Network's national conference. I estimate that over 8,000 people heard the good news about sexual transformation. Additional opportunities were passed along to our extensive team of member and affiliate leaders.

AFFILIATES. Our network affiliates have grown in number from 48 to 54 this year—a 13% increase. Many of these vibrant new ministry partners are in strategic locations around the country. There are also a handful of ministries beginning to develop, and I continue to pray for regions that have not had ministry support.

IN OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF 2015, WE:

1. Created a manual to assist development of new ministries, "How to Start a Ministry to Those Affected by Homosexuality and Gender Identity Dysphoria".
2. Developed a leadership team of men and women from over 6 US regions who will be incorporated into our membership process for new applicants in their regions.
3. Hired two terrific part-time staff members: Allison, our office administrative assistant, and Tina, our conference coordinator.
4. Secured and furnished an affordable two-room office suite for Restored Hope.
5. Created and unanimously passed a position paper on the 'Gay Christian' and 'Spiritual Friendship?' which is available on our website.



These are just a smattering of the accomplishments in 2015. I suppose you could say we are never bored.

LOOKING AHEAD AT 2016, we realize Restored Hope Network will be needed all the more to bolster the American Church and individuals who struggle under the complex load of cultural and personal confusion. Because of biblical understanding and our personal experience that Jesus does indeed transform lives, we have had the privilege of providing soul and relational healing opportunities. We look forward to seeing God in action in the future. In light of this we have some significant goals:

- * Develop materials and a morning conference to specifically support pastors
- * Develop a new website that is mobile friendly
- * Enable me to travel, speak, and have our booth at several strategic Christian events around the US
- * Create a new position paper on Christian counseling/therapy
- * Finalize membership with Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability
- * Hire a part-time bookkeeper and payroll service

The end goal of all of these things is to communicate the Lord's tender heart. He really truly cares for the hurting, and it is our privilege to have a "front row seat" as our Father God redeems and restores lives in accord with His will. He is the One who heals hearts and lives, turns our "mourning into dancing", and "girds with gladness", as King David writes in Psalm 30.

In light of these things, we know that funding is vital to accomplish the mission that the Lord has entrusted to us. If you are financially able to join us on a monthly basis, it would be tremendously helpful. You may be able to help us with establishing a matching or foundation grant to see Restored Hope thrive and grow. Prayer partnership is critical and treasured as this is the realm that moves mountains of all kinds. Lastly, you can also support us by passing on information about Restored Hope to interested family and friends.

Because God drew near through Jesus, the King of Kings, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Anne Paulk



Executive Director

"YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."

Matthew 1:21

"O LORD MY GOD, I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOREVER."

Psalm 30: 12

