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## Anne Paulk, Executive Director

Had we listened to the gay protesters, we would have considered San Diego a closed area for HOPE in Jesus. But opposition does not necessarily mean fruitlessness, and instead can mean that God is about to move in people's lives.

### ETERNITY REACHING FOR GAY ACTIVISTS *(names have been changed in stories below)*

Several gay activists registered for HOPE2017 which we expected and welcomed. As the GLBTQ protests ramped up, we prayed earnestly that activists would be reached for Christ and come to a saving knowledge of His love. Here are two stories of what God was up to.

Susan, from a gay lobbyist group, attended HOPE2017 and expected mean-spirited attitudes and people. She was surprised to find love and compassion saturating the conference. When she went out to tell the protesters how RHN was being misrepresented, they maligned her. The contrast must have been very confusing when they rejected her and her authentic input. The Lord was drawing Susan's heart to Himself as the weekend progressed. Would you join us in praying for Susan's soul to find it's home in Jesus?

Robert, another activist, happened to sit down beside our Board Chair at lunch and Stephen shared with him about Jesus. Unknown to Stephen, Robert is a media voice for the legal movement prohibiting counseling for teens across the US. What an opportunity to show God's love to Robert. Please pray that he may hunger for what is much greater—the personal presence of the One he witnessed over the weekend!



## FAMILY STORIES FROM HOPE2017

At the end of each HOPE conference, we have an opportunity for those attending to share how the conference has impacted them. Here are two of those amazing stories.

Katie and her sister attended HOPE2017. Katie had been living the lesbian lifestyle for several years but ended up receiving tremendous hope and inspiration from the Lord during the weekend. She has now decided to walk with Jesus out of homosexuality. Her sister shared with me that she had prayed for her for many years and now Katie is encouraging her! Praise God!



Peter's adult son, Josh, hadn't talked with him for years. When his son entered the gay life full force, Josh cut off relationship with his dad. Just as worship led by Nate Oylo began, Peter received a call from his son who was surprised to hear Nate's voice in the background. You see, before he entered the gay life, Josh had connected with Nate at Outpost Ministries. Son and father renewed their relationship on the phone. Josh later called Nate saying, "Even though I went a different direction, you treated me with respect and love."

There are many more awesome stories. I wish I could share all of them with you...two young women who were married and have both repented, a mom whose gay son apologized for breaking ties, pastors and counselors encouraged... Praise God!

No one can stop Jesus from bringing light and hope to life!

## MEMBER NEWS

**Fresno, CA**—[Fresno New Creation Ministries](#) will be hosting their annual banquet which is a wonderful opportunity to hear stories of lives impacted for Jesus.

**Glendora, CA**—[Living Stones Ministries](#) is hosting their annual fundraising banquet. Sherry Holt will be sharing her story. Carol Wagstaff, founder of Living Stones, will also be speaking.

**Reedsville, VA**—[PFOX](#) will host their annual conference and Mark Culligan, Director of [New Hearts Outreach](#) in Tampa, FL, will keynote.

**Mt Juliet, TN**— In September, David Kyle Foster of [Mastering Life Ministries/Pure Passion Media](#) will be speaking in Scotland and England at conferences entitled, Love Hunger. Also, their newest release, "TranZformed", has already been [nominated](#) by two Christian film festivals.

**Grandview, MO**—[Desert Stream Ministries](#) is hosting several events over the next few weeks in Kansas City, MO; Pasadena, CA; and Argentina. For more information on trainings, click [here](#).

## MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

### Mastering Life / Pure Passion TV

Mt. Juliet, TN

Mastering Life Ministries and Pure Passion Media are involved in media outreaches online and through television, and they conduct international seminars, classes, and conferences on sexual sin and brokenness. *TranZformed* is their 2017 documentary with testimonies of 15 former transgender individuals.



### His Way Out

Pastor Phillip Lee, Director  
Bakersfield, CA

*His Way Out* exists to raise awareness and encourage the Body of Christ to minister transformation to those who struggle with sexual and relational brokenness through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the healing power of the Holy Spirit.



### Pastoral Affiliate

Peter Hubbard, North Hills Church  
Taylors, SC

Peter Hubbard has been Pastor of Teaching at [North Hills Church](#) since 1992. He has two master's degrees and a D.Min. in Pastoral Counseling. He developed a helpful website for pastors called, "Love into Light: The Gospel, the Homosexual, and the Church." For the website click [here](#); for the book click [here](#).

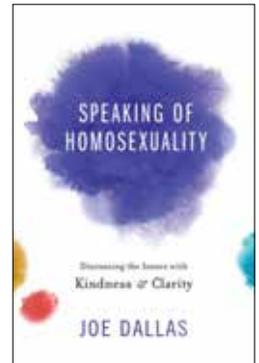


## RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

### Speaking of Homosexuality

Joe Dallas

Drawing on nearly thirty years of counseling people struggling with homosexuality, former gay activist Joe Dallas takes readers through virtually every argument they are likely to hear in favor of normalizing homosexuality.



Anyone searching for ways to have productive, loving conversations surrounding this critical topic will find this a must-have resource.

For more information, click [here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Highlights

September 27-30, 2017 – Nashville, TN

#### Break Every Chain

Restored Hope Network and several member ministries will be exhibiting at American Association of Christian Counselors' 2017 World Conference at Opryland Convention Center. Join us in the exhibit hall and connect with Stephen Black, Anne Paulk, Denise Shick, David Kyle Foster, Garry Ingraham, and more.

For more information, click [here](#)

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For a full listing of Upcoming Events, click [here](#)

# Restored Hope's New Position Paper

Anne Paulk

This position paper had been in the works for a year and was passed by members during HOPE2017 Member's Day. We also passed a new Theological Council objective and a Member branch policy. Members also elected new board members and heard a profound presentation from Brad Dacus of Pacific Justice Institute, which will be posted online. Our keynote presentations are uploaded for free viewing on YouTube and will be released over the next six weeks. So keep an eye out on the RHN Facebook page for the announcements.

### **Role of Christian Counseling for Persons with Unwanted Same-Sex Attractions**

#### INTRODUCTION

Restored Hope Network (RHN) believes that skilled helpers from a variety of disciplines contribute to the transformational work of Jesus Christ in the lives of persons with unwanted same-sex attraction. Chief among these disciplines is biblical theology, which also helps us to value the licensed clinical and pastoral caregivers that practice psychological methodologies. RHN rests on the foundation of a distinctly Christian worldview: we acknowledge one God who is, who made us, and who seeks to redeem those whom He has made. Thus, biblical theology is

our guide for discerning which expressions of the comparatively new field of psychology are best suited for persons with same-sex attraction seeking transformation.

In short, biblical theology guides our use of psychology. Most helpful here is how Scripture defines the human person (theological anthropology); RHN understands God's call upon humanity as having special significance to who we are as male and female. We believe that He made us to manifest Himself in our gendered, biologically differentiated selves (Gen. 1: 26, 27) and in how we relate interdependently with our gender counterparts (1 Cor 11:11, 12). St. John Paul II and Reformed theologian Karl Barth describe bearing God's image in our humanity as "a call to exist for the other, to be a gift" (1); "this radical sexual duality is the root of all other fellowship" (2). RHN holds that God created all persons to thrive in that duality and to experience it in a variety of relationships: with family members, friends, co-workers and ministers. Bearing God's image is what it means to be human in community, whether one is single or married.

To read the rest of our new position paper, click [here](#).



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