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Dear Friends of Hope for Wholeness,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'll be up front and tell you that I'm writing in hopes that you can help us overcome a financial shortfall that we currently face. I'll be as open and transparent as possible, without boring you with details. However, I am willing to share more details upon request.

Many people are a part of Hope for Wholeness in a number of ways. Some have been a part of us since we were Truth Ministry, and many are new to the ministry and network. We have all sorts of partners and friends. Many ask, "Who donates to Hope for Wholeness?" I always answer that it's really all across the board. Some donors have no connection to the ministry other than the fact that they believe in what we are doing. We have churches that support us, individuals who have received personal help from us, referral partners, and others who have a gay family member.

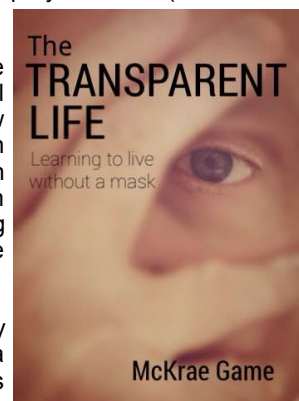
Just today, I received the following email from a family in Florida.



"Dear McKrae, I am thanking God for you right now, for you answering the call on your life to follow Jesus and be open and honest about where you have been, not just for your own sake, but for those that need encouragement. My 18 yr. old son, less than two weeks ago told my husband and I he was gay. To hear this was heart wrenching. We are thankful to have been referred to a counselor that is a Hope for Wholeness Referral in Florida, where we live. We are looking forward to learning how we should proceed from here to best help our son. We do not want him to go down this homosexual lifestyle path. I have had waves of panic and fear and worry over the course of the last two weeks. We are needing to relocate and to our relief I find out you and your ministry are located in the area we are relocating too! What an answer to prayer, there will be resources, and a church that will be accepting of a young man struggling with SSA. I just can't believe it. Our God is bigger than all of this, but THANK YOU LORD for this blessing of hope and encouragement - I needed this. There were so many similarities in your story that are our son's story. Maybe one day the two of you will have an opportunity to meet. In the mean time I am thankful for your ministry and devotionals and videos. I am encouraged that they will be helpful tools to our son. Would you mind joining us in prayer for the Holy Spirit to stir in his heart so he is open for what we will be sharing with him through your ministry? Thank you in advance as I know you will pray for us." *(shared with permission)*

I have spent the past seven months writing my first book, *The Transparent Life: Learning to live without a mask*, which is scheduled to be published the first of June, at the start of our national conference. The 28 chapter book was written broadly to help anyone, using my story to show my journey out of homosexuality and masks. The book is being published through Touch Publishing, which is an upgrade from self-publishing, and gives us a higher margin of return on each book sold. There is a cost of \$2000 to publish the book. Our contract is for \$675 down plus \$187 for eight months to purchase the first batch of books and publishing. We're praying for these funds and for a broad distribution to help as many as possible. The book will be owned by the ministry and will be another source of income, as long as I remain on staff.

Now, I have to focus on our upcoming conference and the ministry and network's budgetary needs. Our expenses for 2014 exceeded our income by \$15,690. This was possible through a generous donation from a partner in 2013 that carried over into 2014. However, these funds



have been exhausted, and we are now operating on a week to week basis.

Our gross income in 2014 was \$173,693 with total expenses at \$189,384. Of that, \$21,243 belonged to Western NC branch which became an independent ministry on Jan 1, 2015. Our 2013 gross income was \$168,726 with total expenses at \$165,332 (\$20,692 WNC).

Currently, our paid staff includes myself, our office manager, Nylene Wilds, and Jacob Morgan, our ministry associate. My salary in 2013 was \$26,000. This was increased to \$31,000 in 2014. Nylene's salary has been \$20,800, but as of today she is putting herself back to hourly to help the ministry. Jacob's income is purely on funds that he raises, and only impacts the ministry with FICA matching funds. Rita Brown, who is on leave after her husband's cancer diagnosis, is a volunteer staff member, as are all of the other staff members you find on our website.

We've had a number of other expenses to help us grow the ministry and take on the responsibility of a national outreach. These include increasing our office space to add work room—\$2400 annual increase, website management and upgrades—\$3000 annually, computer upgrades—\$2200 annual lease, and a phone system upgrade—\$3600 annual.

We have gained income for the membership to the network but not enough to offset these expenses. Currently, this income is only \$3600 annually. To be able to continue to function efficiently, to publish the book, and to have staff to answer the phones, we must cover these costs. We also have the upfront cost of travel for our conference speakers that must be covered prior to receiving registration fees. Also, many who cannot afford the \$250 registration for the conference are anticipating scholarships. Registration scholarships are a huge help since we cannot help cover the cost of lodging or meals for the conference.

I wish you could be on this end of the telephone calls, emails, and our Hope for Wholeness Facebook group communities. One young man, who called anxious to find help, was excited to have someone answer the phone and pray with him. He was referred to one of our Referral Ministries in Pennsylvania and has already gotten a reply from them. He said to Nylene, "This is like an angel's voice to my ears! My prayers have finally been answered." He said that he's been trying to get help but no one was answering the phone, returning calls, or emails. Today, he joined our Prayer & Care Facebook group, and said, "I am new to this group. I struggle with homosexuality, and I sometimes feel like I don't fit in the Church because of my struggle. I am looking for people that understand how hard this is." Immediately after posting, he was welcomed to the group and received support and encouragement from numerous group members from across the country. He continued:

"I am now 18. I grew up in a godly Christian Mennonite home. I came out to my parents when I was 15. They were loving and gracious and did not treat me any different. My mom hugged me and told me she still loves me!! However sadly I felt like I did not fit into the Church because I was a "fag" and a "gay" guy who wasn't a "real man." I would hear gay jokes on a daily basis and I would laugh along with them so no one would figure it out. I confided in a youth pastor who told me it was a Spirit and I needed to pray for it to be cast out in the name of Jesus. I did that and nothing happened. My best friend proceeded to tell me I didn't pray hard enough because I was still attracted to the same gender! What hopelessness that gave me! But then I realized haters are going hate but Jesus will love me through this journey. I don't understand why I struggle with this because I know what the Word says and Christians tell me I'm not born that way. I hope someday I can be free and full of joy and bring love to people like me!!" (*shared with permission*)

We need prayers and gifts of all sizes to from one-time, generous help to monthly commitments from individuals and church partnerships. We need your help! Would you consider prayerfully committing to a one-time gift and a monthly commitment? Would you consider asking your church to add us to their missions budget? Currently we have five churches that support us on a monthly basis; one that gives quarterly; and two that have given annually.

We hope you will plan now to participate in our upcoming June conference, for which we're excited to have secured Jeanette Howard, of Bethany Ministries and author of *Out of Egypt* and *Into the Promise Land*, from Sussex England once again. She was a huge encouragement to many last year. New to us this year will be Bob Hamp, author of *Think Differently Live Differently*, and his brand new book *Think Differently Lead Differently*. In addition to our Thursday through Sunday afternoon general conference, Bob and Jeanette will be helping lead our first full day leadership conference on Wednesday. We have just started registration, which is \$225 until May 1, but we hope you'll go ahead and get registered now, and get your room reserved at Ridgecrest. Participants have reserved almost 20 rooms already! Don't miss out! If you know now that you can't join us, consider donating to our scholarship fund to help someone attend. Also this year, to help those who need it, we're willing to take advance payments for registration, so call Nylene to get this started as well.

Two other ways you can help us is to use our store at HFWBooks.com for your purchases. For anything else that you might need there's Amazon, through Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate 5% of your purchase of any item to our ministry, if you'll register with us. Until our legal name goes through, we are still Truth Ministries Inc., which is how we are listed with Amazon. Be sure to look for us as in Spartanburg SC, as there is another one listed.

Please prayerfully consider what you can do in your prayers, giving, and additional relationships. And, don't forget that we are here for you. If you need a word of encouragement or prayer, give us a call. If you'd like to have an in-person visit, we'd love to have you as our guest, just give us a call or email us. Please search us on Facebook and like our page, and consider joining one of our groups. We are hoping to hear from you in some way.

In His and your service,

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President, Hope for Wholeness