



Hope and Transformation for Everyone

How Living Waters Can Help Churches Become Places of Healing

Imagine these questions. Why did my marriage end in divorce? How can I stop my addiction? What do I do with my unwanted homosexual feelings? Does God really care about my struggles?

These are the kinds of questions that Christian men and women bring when they enroll in the Living Waters program. A prayer and discipleship course, Living Waters is a worldwide ministry that's based on the truth that God cares for His children, and that He wants to heal our broken ways of living.

Each week at Living Waters, men and women participate in a time of worship, hear Bible-based teaching and receive personal prayer. They learn how the consequences of sin committed to and by them affect their lives, and how God can transform their life into His intention. For example, survivors of abuse can discover how the sin done to them shaped their view of life and God, and then find how Jesus now wants to heal the scars of the past so they can live in freedom and forgiveness.

"I truly believe that God can and will change people's lives because of His great love for His children," says Toni Dolfo-Smith, Associate Director of Living Waters International. "I'm amazed by how He's used the ministry to speak to men and women from many different countries."

Right now, more than 30 countries offer a Living Waters program. There are programs across Canada. Some of the other countries are Argentina, Belgium, Indonesia, Israel, Latvia, Philippines, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Each Living Waters program is run and supported by local churches that have a heart and passion to see people freed from their personal struggles. "The ministry is really an extension of the church, helping it become a safe and welcoming place for anyone to receive Jesus' healing work," adds Dolfo-Smith.

Living Waters is led by lay people who have experienced relational and sexual problems, and who have seen God change their lives. Because they can identify with the struggles of others, they can offer His hope when they minister to people. Essentially, Living Waters leaders lead by example. They also receive support and training to sustain them in the work of the ministry.

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