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Conversation: Update

HALLELUJAH AND CONGRATULATIONS!

I have just received the most gorgeous honeymoon pic of a couple who are still not "out", so I'm afraid that I can't share it with you, but trust me, they are radiant. I asked them to write up a little blurb to give us "singles" some hope. This is what they wrote:

Thanks to ChristianGays.com personals (and Mary Pearson's assistance with showing me how to keep my profile anonymous on the website) I'm pleased to announce that I married my "needle in a haystack" on Nov. 14, 2005! Approximately 1 year ago I placed a profile, not really expecting to find a Christian woman who shared my values, hobbies, and interests - that seemed too good to be true. Within a few weeks I had several responses, and after nearly a year of correspondence and in-person visits, one special woman won me over with her heart for God and persistent, consistent love for me. I give thanks to God for this wonderful gift, and thank you, Mary Pearson, for being His willing servant.

So if you're still in the closet and afraid of putting an ad out in cyberspace, trust me, there are ways of keeping your anonymity, and we can still put a good ad out there for you. If you're interested, write something up and email it to me. I'll help you with it if you like.

(Thanks Gals for writing this up for me! I am so happy to know that people really are connecting through CG.com. To my knowledge, this is the first couple that has resulted in a wedding.)

NEW ON CHRISTIANGAYS.COM - LOOKING FOR PHOTOS

And in light of the above Congratulatory message, the Personal Ad pages have really become quite extensive (especially the Men's) to the point where it is difficult to find people based on any specific criteria. To that end, Jeff and I have spent the weekend installing a proper dating application that will allow you to search for people using different search options. It will be much more organized.

I am having to adapt this application so that it is suitable for a GLBT Christian website so it will probably take a couple of months to get it going.

The pics that are out there now are of happy heterosexual couples. I'd like to have pics of a lesbian couple and a couple of gay guys, so if you and your honey have any pics that you think would be a good replacement for the ones that are out there, and you are willing to let me use them for this part of the website, could you please send them to me. I'd like to get several pics so that I can choose the best two.

You don't have to be young and beautiful. I prefer "real people". What I'm looking for in the photo is gentleness and expressions of true love and happiness. Please know that I'm a photographer and I may edit any pic received to enhance it.

You can view the page that I'm working on at <http://www.christiangays.com/dating/> to see the pics that I will replace.

It is going to take me quite a while to get it going, but it IS coming!

I'm wondering also if any of you have any ideas as to an incentive that I can give people for signing up. Obviously, we're going to have to have a lot of people sign up before it becomes useful. I can't afford to give any products away since I'm not making any money, but if anyone has any ideas, perhaps for a free download of a book or music or something that they want to promote???? Please let me know if you have any ideas for incentives. Thanks!

DEC 1ST IS WORLD AIDS DAY – LIGHT TO UNITE

Did you know?

- AIDS is the leading cause of death among African-American women ages 25 – 34
- Nearly half of all new HIV infections in the U.S. occur in people under 25
- Up to 20% of medicated HIVers who have a detectable viral load are resistant to three classes of antiretrovirals
- AIDS diagnoses in women have increased from 8% in 1985 to about 30%
- Crystal meth users are more than twice as likely to be HIV-positive than nonusers
- Heterosexual transmission accounts for about 33% of all new HIV infections – up from 3% in 1985
- About 25% of estimated HIVers do not know they carry the virus and 67% of seropositive black men do not know
- African-American women are 67% of estimated new AIDS cases, Latinas are 16%

- HIV prevalence in prisons is estimated to be five times the rate of the general public

For more information and the opportunity to actually DO something, please go to the Gay Good News page at <http://www.christiangays.com/news.shtml>

There is a link at the bottom of the article that will take you to a website where, if you click to light a candle, Bristol-Myers Squibb will donate \$1 toward various AIDS/HIV organizations (to a maximum of \$100,000)

(Thanks Jack!)

NEW LINK ADDED - "Family Pride Canada"

"Family Pride Canada" is a national online resource centre for

- * queer parents - lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans;
- * prospective queer parents - coming out, just out, long out, far out;
- * our partners - same-sex, married, common-law, ex-;
- * our children - adopted, biological, non-biological, fostered, step-, grand-;
- * our families - nuclear, chosen, blended, extended;
- * our allies - at home, at school, at work, at large;
- * other families with LGBT members - rural, urban, functional, dysfunctional.

They are currently looking for Women Parents and Parents-To-Be for a Research Study.

Check out this website from the links page at http://www.christiangays.com/links/secular_social.shtml

(Thanks again Jack!)

GOOD TO KNOW

As you open your pockets for yet another natural disaster, keep these facts in mind:

Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO of the American Red Cross, salary for year ending 06/30/03 was \$651,957 plus expenses.

Brian Gallagher, President of the United Way receives a \$375,000 base salary, plus numerous expense benefits.

The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. No further comment necessary.

(Thanks Dorothy!)

GUEST BOOK

Due to all the spamming that I've been getting through the Guest Book, I have had to remove all the files from the website, so the Guest Book will not be available for a few weeks, until things die down.

I'm not sure how they were doing it, but they were putting one sentence like "Great website. I'll come back again." and that's all that any of us would see, but I was getting about 20 - 30 a day and this just wasn't normal, so Jeff checked into it and there are hidden links to porn sites if I approve them. I don't know how that benefits them if nobody can see them, but I was really upset when I saw what some of them were, so Jeff has cleaned out all the guest book files now. We have removed all these hidden porn links, but they keep trying to post them, so for now, it's just easier to remove all the Guest Book files. I'll upload them again in a few weeks or perhaps months.

NEW POST ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

Jack sent me another great forward that was so good, that I felt it should be posted on the Bulletin Boards. It's called "The Concert" and as I said to Jack, I've read it many times before, but with this one, it seems that every time I read it again, I am blessed all the more from it, so I posted it, and highly recommend that you take the time to read it. You'll be blessed by it - guaranteed!

Go to the Bulletin Boards at <http://www.christiangays.com/invboard/>
Scroll down to the Category *"Forwards From Our Members"*.
Click on that link and then click on the link for *"The Concert"*.

Enjoy!

(Thanks Jack! As you can see from this Newsletter, Jack is my main Resource guy! Jack, what would I do without you??)

NEW ARTICLE - The Self-Destruction of the Roman Catholic Church, by Archbishop Bruce Simpson, OSJB

We have been privileged to call Archbishop Bruce Simpson one of our own ChristianGays.com family for many years. Bruce always writes powerful, controversial articles. This is his latest.

Excerpts:

I have once again finished reading an official document issued by the Vatican in Rome that deals with the complex issue of gays in ordained ministry. Not since the document "CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING PROPOSALS TO GIVE LEGAL RECOGNITION TO UNIONS BETWEEN HOMOSEXUAL PERSONS," issued two summers ago by John Paul II, have I been so absolutely dumbfounded at the total lack of knowledge, understanding, compassion, theological insight and right reason as it relates to the homosexual person exhibited by the Vatican hierarchy.

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The code phrase "norms regarding a particular issue, made more urgent by the current situation," clearly refers to the sexual abuse scandal that has rocked the financial and moral underpinnings of the RC church throughout the world. In other words, this document seeks to scapegoat gay men for its own inability to police its ranks of clergy who are pedophiles. Not only is the Roman Catholic Church guilty of covering up for these pedophiles, but also it has enabled the continued molestation of innocent minors.

Read the whole article at <http://www.christiangays.com/articles/bruce5.shtml>

(Thanks Bruce for another compelling article!)

AN OLD FARMER'S ADVICE



- * Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- * Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.
- * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- * A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- * Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- * Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- * Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- * It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- * You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- * Every path has a few puddles.
- * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- * The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- * Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- * Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- * Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

- * Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- * Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- * Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- * The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- * Always drink upstream from the herd.
- * Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- * If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
 - Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

(Thanks brother George!)

God bless,
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Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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