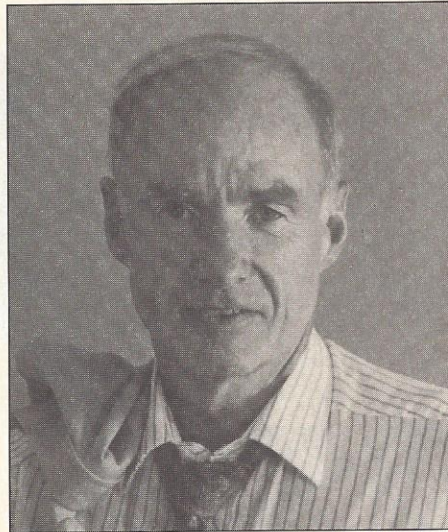


# Facing Today's Problems

By Jamie Buckingham



Last November *Charisma* magazine published a story on Mickey Evans' ministry to drug and alcohol abusers at Dunklin Memorial Camp near Okeechobee, Florida. As soon as the magazine hit the streets, Mickey was inundated with requests from all over America asking for help.

Parents wanted help for their drug and alcohol addicted children.

Wives called, asking if their alcoholic husbands could come to the camp.

Pastors wanted to send their problem people. Other pastors called, admitting they were the ones needing help.

The problem: Dunklin Camp was already full. Where could these people find help?

The solution: This should be a ministry of the local church.

This month we are featuring how one church is ministering to what Jim Gaffney, a disciple of Mickey Evans, calls "the Fourth World." Jim is a graduate of the leadership program at Dunklin on how to help hurting people. Returning to the Tabernacle Church in Melbourne, Florida, he began the Overcomers ministry.

The church caught the vision of what could be done. They called him as an associate pastor and told him to develop a program to help those who live in the Fourth World of addiction and compulsive living. Some of his flock come from the fringes of society. Others are mainstream, worldly-successful people who have learned to cover up their

dysfunctional lives. They, too, were dying spiritually until they learned to overcome.

This story, in word and picture, will help you as you reach out to the Fourth World.

Also, for the first time, we're running a story on how to minister to an AIDS patient. Louis Templeman, a graduate of CBN University, is pastor of a small church in Virginia. His ministry was normal until the day one man in his congregation admitted he had AIDS. This powerful, moving account of Templeman's own fears and the problems the situation generated takes us step by step through the ministry process.

Finally, Kansas City pastor Ernie Gruen challenges us to stand against abortion—but says civil disobedience as advocated by Operation Rescue is not scriptural. Read the article thoughtfully. ■

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