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## The family

*Dr. R. W. Bolois, executive director*



*Dr. Bolois*

The family—the first institution God established—is as old as the book of Job, written about 400 years before Abraham. Job

had a wife, fourteen children, a home, friends, animals, work, trials, sickness, joys, and heartaches. Not much has changed in the thousands of years since Job's family lived.

The Bible establishes the essential pattern for the existence of marriage. Author Tim LaHaye states, "In every branch of written history, whether that of ancient Egypt, ancient China, medieval Europe, or modern America, the record shows that the family has been the vehicle through which men and women have entered upon life. In the family they have been born and have been trained to take a place in society as adults, and from there they go out to begin the cycle all over again with their own children. Even more significant as a measure of the antiquity and fundamental nature of the family is that anthropological studies of cultures far removed in character from so-called civilized societies have turned up virtually none which

lacked a family life."

Regardless of culture, religion and other factors, there has never been a time when the family was not a functional unit within society. Anthropologist George P. Murdock, who analyzed some 500 cultures, found only one society lacking the basic family unit as we know it, and it is extinct!

The family will never be replaced. Many of the "elite" humanists who



have worked their way into key positions of influence are doing everything they can to discredit and destroy family life, but they will fail. Marriage and family are the lifestyle of the overwhelming majority. A U.S. News & World Report study shows that 94 percent of divorced people remarry. Some 88 percent of the population would choose marriage over being single.

Amid all the discussion we seem to have lost sight of the real purpose for

marriage and the family. To put it in perspective, there are three purposes for the family, suggested by Michael Novak, a respected reporter and syndicated columnist:

**1. To raise children.** God commanded the first married couple to "...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..." (Genesis 1:28). Mankind does not have the power to create. We can only manufacture out of that which God has created.

**2. To provide each member with opportunities for individual development.** Each of earth's six billion people needs identity, acceptance, encouragement, development and love to fulfill their highest potential. No government can provide such care. But our Creator has designed one institution in which such necessities are provided: the family.

**3. To teach moral values.** What you are morally is what you are as a person. Morals directly affect judgment, attitude, and values; they also influence motivation.

The family was designed by God. He provided everything needed to make the family exist and prosper. Dr. Harold Voth of the Menninger Foundation has said, "Our civilization is headed for collapse if

*See "Family," page 2*

# Seeing death close-up *Rev. Lester Rowan, assistant director*



*Rev. Lester Rowan*

Before coming to work at New Destiny I was a pastor in a small community in northeast Ohio. I also served as a volunteer law enforcement chaplain with the local Sheriff's Office.

One of my responsibilities as chaplain involved making death notifications for traffic fatalities that occurred in our county.

Through the chaplaincy ministry, I have witnessed the horrible devastation in the wake of lives cut short by alcohol or drug-related traffic crashes.

I received a call late one summer night informing me of the death of a teenage pedestrian struck by a drunk driver who was driving without headlights. The victim was a boy I met in church years earlier. He was 17 years of age, full of life and very well liked by his peers in school.

At the hospital his parents were nearly out of control with grief and accompanying

emotions. I provided the best comfort and support that I could that night and in the following days and months. It was heartrending watching them suffer the loss of their son. Equally difficult was trying to answer their questions about God's will in the tragedy.

Compounding the tragedy is that because of a few key mistakes in law enforcement's handling of the case, the driver was never tried or convicted for the boy's death. The family members never felt any justice.

When I had to break the news to an elderly lady that her adult son was killed in a motorcycle accident, she said that her husband had passed a few months earlier. Her son, who was living with her, went for a motorcycle ride to sort through some problems.

He apparently decided to stop at a local bar and add alcohol to the equation. He only made it one mile from the bar before his life ended. Now, his aging mother had to cope with the deaths of two people she loved.

Alcohol causes self-inflicted torment. I was called out late at night for a fatal accident. A young woman had crashed her small car.

Her 11-year-old brother died because his big sister drank alcohol, then drove. I saw her clothing stained with the blood of her dying brother. She had held him in her arms until emergency personnel arrived. All the sorrow and remorse in the world could not bring him back.

As a pastor, a chaplain and now as a treatment provider, I have had many moments of witnessing the devastation and destruction caused by alcohol and drugs. Our hope and prayer each day is that God will grant us strength and wisdom as we try to show the men here that there is hope. With God's help, perhaps we can help them avoid further tragedy that comes from a life of addiction.



## Family (continued from page 1)

we don't start caring more for our children and strengthening family life."

A major part of therapy at New Destiny is to help families recover. Clients learn the importance of keeping families intact and the necessity of men being husbands and fathers who help their families survive.

Instruction, guidance and prayer through the New Destiny program have brought numerous families back together again. We have witnessed wives coming back to their husbands, children wanting to see their fathers, and parents endeared back to their sons. What a picture!

All of this is possible because of amazing

grace. Not only do we want to see clients stop their addictions, but we want to see

homes rebuilt with love and families held together by the power of the Gospel.

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# Headed in the right direction

*Client testimony by Darold Wilson*

I am writing this short summary of my life of addiction to reveal how the Lord God delivered me out of that madness and re-created me for his purpose.

Today I am 43 years old. At 17 I would watch older adults do what I thought was fun. I decided to test the waters. It began with drinking and cigarettes, then marijuana.

As I got older I began to hang with drug users. Pills came into the picture, along with occasional use of LSD. I began to become dependent on drugs to keep me happy, but that faded fast. I became depressed and used drugs to ease the pain of not fitting in.

I toyed with the idea of believing in God. I had head knowledge that Christ was



savior. But there was no follow-up with my heart.

When crack cocaine came into my life, I thought I had lost everything: my family, friends, my self-esteem. I was homeless, in prison many times, close to death and in and out of rehabilitation.

I had no hope until I asked the Lord above to save me – and this time I meant what I

said. He heard me and guided me to the New Destiny Treatment Center. I've been here almost six months. My life is headed in the right direction. I pray that the Lord hears other suffering addicts such as myself and leads them to this place of refuge.

## Dads Still Care

Plans are already underway at New Destiny to provide gifts for clients' children at the Dads Still Care Christmas party December 17. Please use the response card on page 3 to contribute today and help us bring children the love and hope of Christmas. Thank you!

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