



SPIRITUAL HEALING

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by Dennis Peterson

It was a pleasure to meet Gary Brockett. The Spirit of the Lord shot from his eyes and flashed from his teeth. Although I'm not religious, I enjoy watching someone who can "wear their love like heaven." A friend told me Gary's story of how Jesus had brought him back from a gay life, and I thought it would be refreshing to hear from the other side for a change. Here's a chance for us to love another "neighbor" like ourselves.

DP Tell me about your denomination.

GB I was brought up in the Church of God in Christ. When I moved to Portland six years ago, that was all I knew. I left it because I had a lot of doubts stemming from my homosexuality. I decided to go out, explore my sexuality, and see what happened. But after six years I realized I wasn't happy, wasn't satisfied. My lifestyle conflicted greatly with the things I was taught, which of course didn't mean anything at the time because I was so involved in the gay world. Gay life lost its appeal. The last week in January (of this year) I was invited to go to church by a lady friend of mine. I went and it didn't seem to have any effect on me