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The development of Exodus is a testament to God's work in calling people into ministry and interweaving their steps. Here is a chronological time line of major events in Exodus' history.

The people in this time line are not the only people who have been a part of Exodus. Many others have contributed to its development and been part of its ministry. But these people show that God has been working in parallel on each continent to create local and regional ministries, and then an international ministry. He chose certain people to be key leaders and He has been working through these key leaders from the beginning to present day to create a ministry to men and women around the world

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Timeline

1973 Frank Worthen begins a ministry to homosexuals in the USA called Love in Action.

1975 Johan van de Sluis begins a ministry to homosexuals in Holland called EHAH (in English: Evangelical Counselling for Homosexuals).

1976 Frank Worthen organizes conference of ex-gay ministries in USA. At this conference they form a coalition and call it Exodus International, North America.

1977 The second Exodus North America conference is held. It becomes an annual event.

1978 Peter Lane starts a ministry to homosexuals in Australia. The ministry is called Liberty Ministry. That year, Peter was given the book *The Third Sex?* by Frank Worthen. He writes to Frank and receives encouragement and guidance regarding his ministry work. From 1978 - 1986, a grass roots coalition of ministries to homosexuals in Australia develops.

1979 Many of the original ministry leaders left the Exodus North America organization in 1978 and 1979. Everyone seemed to have their own agenda, and the Exodus North America 1979 Conference ended in discord and discouragement.

1980 The Exodus North America 1980 Conference begins the rebirth of Exodus North America as we now know it. In the 1980's God began to raise up more leaders in Exodus. They made significant contributions in the development of Exodus North America and member ministries.

1981 Johan van de Sluis comes to the Exodus North America 1981 conference. After returning from the conference, he led the launch of a European coalition of ex-gay ministries. He wrote letters to many Christian organizations in Europe, and the response was so positive that Johan plans an European Exodus conference for 1982.

1981 Esly Carvalho, a Brazilian psychologist in private practice, reads an article in *Christianity Today* that included an interview with Frank Worthen. This article completely changed her mind on the subject of homosexuality. She asked for permission to translate it into Portuguese and distribute it. Soon afterward people began turning up on her doorstep looking for help.

1982 Johan van de Sluis leads the founding of Exodus Europe as an independent organization working in coalition with Exodus North America. Exodus Europe holds their first annual conference in the Netherlands. They will continue to hold annual conferences, each year in a different country.

1982 Esly Carvalho organizes a conference in Brazil called I Christian Encounter on Homosexuality.

1983 Peter Lane attends the Exodus Europe 1983 conference and visits Frank Worthen's ministry, then called Love in Action, in California. He returns to Australia to spend more time

helping develop ex-gay ministries throughout Australia and New Zealand.

1984 Alan Medinger encourages Exodus North America to a broader vision. Exodus North America establishes the position of Director and Alan Medinger becomes the first director of Exodus North America.

1984 The grass roots coalition of Australian Christian ministries meets together for the first time.

1985 Bob Davies becomes director of Exodus North America in 1985 and continues until 2001. He significantly increases the media exposure of Exodus North America and contributed greatly to the ministry's credibility.

1985 The coalition of ministries in Australia forms Restoration Ministries with groups in Australia in Melbourne, Adelaide, Murray Bridge, Sydney, Brisbane plus a group in New Zealand. They held their first conference - inviting Sy Rogers as speaker from Exodus North America. And they begin publishing a newsletter.

1985 A young Filipino man is praying for a ministry to homosexuals to start in his country. At the same, God starts to prepare Frank Worthen in the USA to go abroad in ministry development.

1986 Esly Carvalho organizes a second conference in Brazil called II Christian Encounter on Homosexuality.

1986 Peter Lane becomes the director of Restoration Ministries, the coalition of ministries in Australia and New Zealand.

1987 Restoration Ministries changes their name to Exodus South Pacific as they join the international coalition of Exodus ministries. Sy Rogers, from Exodus North America, speaks at their conference. Sy returns in 1988, 1991 and 1995.

1988 Several ministries to homosexuals start in Brazil independently of each other. Esly Carvalho edits a book called *Homosexuality: Christian Approaches* as a compendium of articles on homosexuality. It was the first and only book in Portuguese on the subject for many years.

1989 Frank Worthen and Sy Rogers go on a fact-finding trip to the Philippines and Singapore and conclude God has prepared these places for new ministry and they are called to go and develop ministries in these places.

1990 Frank Worthen goes to the Philippines and Sy Rogers goes to Singapore as missionaries from Exodus North America. Frank Worthen founds a ministry called Bagong Pag-Asa. Sy Rogers founds a ministry called Choices. While Sy was in Singapore, he travelled extensively throughout Australia, New Zealand and many countries in South America, building a vision for a world-wide ministry.

1991 Esly Carvalho attends the Exodus North America conference in Canada.

1994 Esly Carvalho asked Exodus North America to give her permission to form Exodus Latin America. They agreed. Later that year, Esly Carvalho, Pat Lawrence and Sy Rogers organize a mission to Ecuador, where they speak in several churches, conduct seminars and officially launch Exodus Latin America. Esly sets up the Exodus Latin America office in Colorado Springs, USA.

1995 Stories of ex-gay ministries from around the world are coming to Exodus North America on a regular basis. Out of this came a realization that it was time to bring the Exodus movements together; to unify, expand and equip Exodus as a world-wide ministry. Up to this time each Exodus region was operating on their own, anyone could call themselves Exodus. Pat Lawrence, on the board of Exodus North America at that time, encouraged the Exodus leadership to begin becoming a truly international ministry. And so Exodus North America sponsored an International Summit in June 1995 in San Diego USA. At that summit, the ministry leaders from around the world decide they want to work together in a new way to enable ministries to homosexuals to become a more cohesive and effective work internationally. They form the Exodus International Advisory Council to begin the work of building an international organization out of the different Exodus ministries around the world.

Summit attendees

Peter Lane, Debbie Hirsch representing Exodus South Pacific:
Johan van de Sluis, Jeremy Marks representing Exodus Europe:

Esly Carvalho, Affonso Zuin representing Exodus Latin America
Bob Davies, Frank Worthen, Pat (Allan) Lawrence representing Exodus North America
Sy Rogers representing Exodus World-wide
Samuel Lee, Rene Gomez representing ex-gay ministries in Asia

Original Advisory Council members:

Frank Worthen - the founder of Exodus
Sy Rogers – the development of Exodus around the world
Bob Davies and Pat (Allan) Lawrence – representing Exodus North America
Peter Lane – representing Exodus South Pacific
Jeremy Marks – representing Exodus Europe
Esly Carvalho – representing Exodus Latin America

Pat Lawrence was selected to be the International Coordinator

1996 Melvin Wong begins to work on extending the work of Exodus that had been started in the Far East. A conference is held in Hong Kong and led by Melvin Wong, Sy Rogers, Pat Lawrence and Joe Dallas.

1997 Between 1995 and 1997, it became clear to the leaders in each Exodus Region and to the Exodus International Advisory Council members that Exodus needed more than an international advisory council. Exodus needed to have the same kind of accountability at the regional and international level that is applied at the member ministry level. The coalition of Exodus ministries needed the ability to promote and safeguard its identity, and develop a common identity. An organizational structure was needed that would enable it to be effective in developing new regions and a missions program that would send people around the world to start new ministries. A structure and policies were needed to facilitate how regions would work together. In 1997, the Exodus International Advisory Council (and the representatives from each region) voted to move toward these goals and began working to bring this into effect. Pat Lawrence was asked to continue to be the International Coordinator.

One step was to reorganize the Exodus International Advisory Council as the Exodus International Board. The International Board was structured to have two representatives from each region plus up to five other people.

The International Board starts to talk about what it would mean to be a sending organization – a ministry that can send missionaries to develop new ministries.

1998 Exodus Latin America moves its office to Quito, Ecuador.

1999 Exodus South Pacific changes their name to Exodus Asia Pacific as they expand to include the member ministries in Singapore and the Philippines that were started by Frank Worthen and Sy Rogers. They hold a conference in Brisbane, Australia.

1999 The first Exodus Latin America conference is held in Quito Ecuador.

1999 Exodus International is set up as a charitable organization and the International Office is established in Canada.

2002 Exodus Brazil is formed as a separate region from Exodus Latin America with Willy Torresin de Oliveira as the director. Willy had been a homosexual who unknowingly agreed to translate for Sy Rogers who was speaking at an Exodus Latin America conference in Brazil in 1989. The first words Sy spoke, and Willy had to translate, were “I once was a homosexual. But I am not anymore.” For Willy, this was the beginning of hope. The subsequent transformation in his life ultimately led Willy into ministry, training at the International Office and being chosen to be the first director of Exodus Brazil.

2002 The second Exodus Latin America conference is held in Quito, Ecuador.

2003 Exodus International directs resources under the leadership of Melvin Wong to develop new ministries in the Far East. An ex-gay ministry in Taiwan joins Exodus Asia Pacific. A second conference is held in Hong Kong. New ministries are started in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Indonesia. Developments also occur in India and Sri Lanka under the leadership of Peter Lane.

2003 Oscar Galindo becomes the new Executive Director for Exodus Latin America. The Exodus Latin America Regional Office moves from Quito, Ecuador to Cuernavaca, Mexico.

2004 Exodus International becomes Exodus Global Alliance. [Click here](#) for more information about the change from Exodus International to Exodus Global Alliance.

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