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Freedom In Christ Ministries has offices around the world!

- Australia
- Czech Republic
- India
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- United States
- West Africa (Liberia)

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A Word from Neil...

I didn't know what to expect during a recent trip to Venezuela. A governor of one of the states heard that I was coming and asked to meet with me. She even scheduled a government plane to pick me up at Caracas and fly two hours to her state. Was this a political ploy? I arrived late in the afternoon and spoke that evening to about 300 Christian leaders in the middle of Venezuela. The next morning we were scheduled to have breakfast together at 8:00 a.m. Her male bodyguard came in first to check us out, and then a female bodyguard came a few minutes later. When everything checked out okay, she came in by herself.

She had finished her doctorate in Texas, so we were able to communicate in English. She introduced herself as a Catholic and shared her disappointment with the church in general and the local priest in particular. She was a dear lady seeking answers for her own life, and I was able to share the love of Jesus with her. I told her that religion was the curse of this world, but a relationship with God is our only hope. Religious ritual is meaningless without a relationship and she agreed.

I have learned over the years to avoid stereotypes and generalities. You can see the evidence of Satan in every religion and every country, but you can also see the evidence of God working in the hearts of all those who are searching for the truth. The rest of my time in Venezuela couldn't have gone better. I would estimate close to 500 leaders attended the discipleship counseling phase and another 350 came for a shortened version of *Beta*.

Freedom In Christ Canada Celebrates 15 Years in 2007!

Next year is our 15th anniversary of our office here in Canada. We thank God for His faithfulness to us and for the many churches and individuals that have helped get this message out across our country.

Thousands have heard and found their freedom. However, there are many more that need to hear

God is moving in Holland too! It started out as an invitation to speak at the Flavo Festival—an annual event that attracts up to 10,000 young people! Joanne (my wife) asked me if they knew how old I was when they invited me!

The following Sunday I was asked to speak in the largest church in Holland—a Baptist church with 3,000 in attendance.

That was followed by speaking for four days at a Christian camp, then a two-day conference on discipleship counseling at the same camp. I was so surprised to hear that 1,200 had pre-registered, and eventually 1,500 people came from all over the Netherlands and from many denominations. These were adults and most were Christian leaders.

One night I woke up thinking that many of these people probably had never gone through the Steps. We checked the next day and found out that the latest edition of the Steps was in print and all we needed could be delivered. What an exciting two days that was!

It looks like I will be going back next March. Everyone was saying, "Holland needs this message."

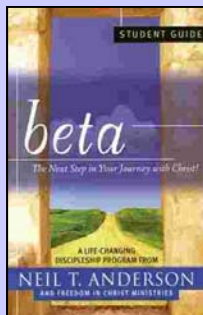
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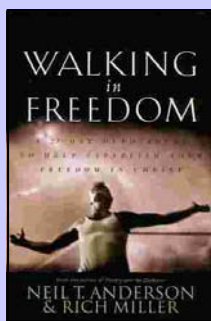
Dr. Neil T. Anderson,
founder and president
emeritus of Freedom
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about the truth of who they are in Christ and find their personal freedom.

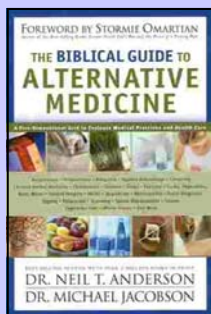
Let's not stop now. The work has just begun. Hundreds of emails and phone calls come each month from people wanting help. God has given us a message of hope and we look forward to seeing Canada set free!



Beta condenses the message from *Victory Over the Darkness and The Bondage Breaker* into a DVD format, with Student and Leader's Guides. DVDs \$80 Student Guide \$10 Leader's Guide \$20 Save \$10 when you purchase all three!



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Freedom In Christ Ministers Around the World

Wow! It is exciting to hear what is happening around the world through Freedom In Christ. We are part of a much bigger picture—what a privilege we have to help spread this message of freedom!

The People's Church in Toronto have taken it one step further. On their weekly television program *Living Truth* (September 24th episode), they highlighted the work that Issac and Tara

Manogarom are doing through Freedom In Christ India. Manogarom's are raising funds to start an orphanage and adoption agency. Issac is also in the process of opening a third Christian bookstore in the area of Chennai, in southeast India.

Another open door is the freedom ministry in Liberia in West Africa. Christine Norman, daughter of a former president

of the country, has started an orphanage to help refugee kids from the civil war in that country. Christine's passion is also to bring the freedom message to the political leaders of her country.

We need your help now more than ever. Would you prayerfully consider giving a gift to help in these and many more opportunities to proclaim freedom and set the captives free.

Ed & Linda Smith return to Switzerland!

Following a successful trip to Switzerland in 2004, Ed & Linda Smith have returned to do more teaching on "Spiritual Protection for Your Children" in Europe this fall.

Roger Reber—director of the Swiss Freedom In Christ office is hosting and traveling with the Smiths as they share their testimony with parents and families.

Itinerary

- Sept. 2—Amriswil, Switzerland
- Sept. 3—Hombrechtikon, Switzerland
- Sept. 5 & 19—Thierachern, Switzerland
- Sept. 9—Erlen, Switzerland
- Sept. 23—Zurich, Switzerland
- Sept. 30—Langenegg, Austria



From L to R: Roger & Sabine Reber, Ed & Linda Smith, and Beat & Beatrice Tschanz

Swiss Translating Work

Freedom In Christ materials in the German language are in short supply, and the Swiss office has decided to publish more of Dr. Anderson's books themselves. Their goal this year is to translate *Beta*, *Walking in Freedom*, and *The Biblical Guide to Alternative Medicine* as well as an audio book of *Victory Over the Darkness*.

A project of this magnitude is a real step of faith for the Swiss

office and they need your help. An additional \$30,000 is required to complete this project.

As mentioned in the above article, Ed & Linda Smith are currently teaching in Switzerland. Instead



of raising funds for themselves and the cost of their trip, they have chosen to donate any money raised for the Swiss trip

to the Swiss Book Translation Project. If you would like to join with us in supporting our Swiss, German and French speaking brothers and sisters in the Lord, please fill out the donation slip on page 4 of this newsletter, designate

your funds to the "Swiss Book Project 2006" and make cheques payable to Freedom In Christ. (Tax receipts available.)

Freedom In Christ Ministries Worldwide Gathers in Tennessee!

Over 100 staff, volunteers and Board members from across the United States and from 7 nations assembled for the biennial Freedom In Christ Ministries International Staff Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN May 26-31.

The event took place just weeks after Rich Miller had assumed the role of FICM president. Miller follows in the footsteps of Dr. Neil T. Anderson (founder) and Joe Wasmond as presidents.

A highlight for the international staff was catching up on everyone's news, hearing what works in different parts of the world, and praying for each other's needs.



Praying for Rich & Shirley Miller at the staff retreat. Rich is the new president of Freedom In Christ Ministries.

Dr. Clinton Arnold, professor of New Testament at Talbot School of Theology, taught during several sessions.

His purpose was to share on the cultural context of Ephesians and Colossians, two of Paul's letters that are crucial for understanding spiritual battle.

Dr. Arnold encouraged Freedom In Christ that we are doing the right thing by emphasizing our identity in Christ and His identity in us—exactly what the apostle Paul proclaimed.

The Canadian staff enjoyed the trip immensely. It was a special time of meeting with friends, new and old. Each of us had at least one divine appointment and God saw us safely to Tennessee and back as we drove for 5 days across country.

Excerpt from "Walking in Freedom" by Neil T. Anderson and Rich Miller

God wants all His children to walk in the freedom Christ purchased for them at Calvary. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul wrote, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

This Scripture makes several things very clear:

1. Jesus Christ is the One who has already set us free from the slavery of sin.
2. Jesus set us free so that we can stand firm and walk in that freedom.
3. It is possible for us to lose in our experience the freedom Christ has given us.
4. God says it is our responsibility to stand firm and resist being enslaved again to the yoke of legalism.

Every child of God has been given the responsibility to make

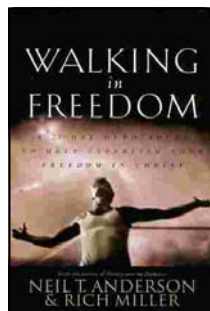
right choices in life. We must choose truth, reject lies, forgive those who hurt us, flee temptation and so on. But God did not leave us here as orphans to fend for ourselves. God Himself, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, has personally come to dwell in all believers. The Spirit alone gives us the power to walk in the freedom that is ours in Christ. He alone enables us to mature in Christ. Consider the following Scriptures:

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. (Galatians 5:16)

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as

from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

God's great desire for our lives is that we become more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ. We are radically changed (transformed) as we fix our eyes on our glorious Lord, empowered by the Spirit of liberty to have our minds renewed by the truth (see Romans 12:2).



This 21-day devotional guide is designed to reinforce the liberating work God has already begun in you. It will be most effective if you have recently walked through the Steps to Freedom in Christ.

Each daily lesson in this guide will provide encouragement in the following areas: the truth about God, the truth about you, and the truth about freedom.

You will also find a Prayer for Today that can serve as a springboard into your own time of talking with God. A Daily Scripture Reading—a suggested chapter of the Bible for you to read during each of the 21 days—is also included. Finally, space has been left for a Daily Journal, giving you a place to keep a record of what God is teaching you and doing in your life.

Walking in Freedom concludes with an exercise entitled Focal Point. This project will help you zero in on and focus your prayer attention on the most pressing spiritual needs in your life. As the Lord leads, you can also share your findings from Focal Point with other trustworthy believers who will pray for you in these areas.

"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

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