

Freedom In Christ Canada

Alive and Free

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Freedom In Christ Celebrates 15 Years in Canada!



Freedom In Christ Canada is celebrating its 15th Anniversary in 2007 by bringing Dr. Neil T. Anderson to Winnipeg, MB for a Living Free in Christ Conference. *Further information will be available in February 2007.*

Living Free In Christ Conference
April 18–21, 2007
Winnipeg, MB

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History of Freedom In Christ Ministries

While Dr. Neil T. Anderson was teaching at Talbot School of Theology, he began counseling students with personal and spiritual conflicts. He discovered that many of those students had two things in common: they did not understand their identity in Christ and they were not experiencing that “Abba! Father!” connection with God. In response to that need, Dr. Anderson wrote the best-sellers *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker*. He also started teaching at conferences around the country and the world. Freedom In Christ Ministries (FICM) was born in 1989. Since then, more than three million people have been reached with the message of freedom through our FICM staff and Ministry Associates (volunteers), FICM conferences, and FICM resources being used in more than 60 countries.

HISTORY OF FREEDOM IN CHRIST CANADA

In January 1992 Dr. Neil T. Anderson made his first trip to Canada (Winnipeg, MB) to share the message of freedom. May 1992 marked Dr. Anderson’s second visit to Canada and his first full conference—Resolving Personal and Spiritual Conflicts. With the many invitations that were coming to Dr. Anderson for this seminar in Canada, he approached Robert & Grace Toews to become the national directors for this ministry in Canada. They quickly accepted and began to travel with Dr. Anderson whenever he was in Canada to help people find their freedom in Christ and have the Freedom In Christ resources available in Canada. Robert & Grace also began to host video seminars all across Canada.

In the last 15 years, Dr. Anderson has visited our country almost 40 times to share the message of freedom. Robert & Grace Toews were the national directors for the first seven years of the ministry in Canada and did almost 200 seminars in that time. In 1995 Clay Bergen became the prayer coordinator of Freedom In Christ Canada, and in 1999 he became the national director and moved the Canadian office to Regina, SK. The Toews then began to give their full attention to the Freedom Acres Retreat Centre in Lumsden, SK.

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From the Director, Clay Bergen

The focus of Freedom In Christ is the next step after salvation. This is essentially repentance or helping people, marriages and churches be established alive and free in Christ by resolving their personal and spiritual conflicts. The Discipleship Counseling seminar is a crucial step in achieving that goal. First for your own personal maturity in Christ and then being trained to help others find their freedom.

We are excited about celebrating our 15th Anniversary here in Canada. In the past 15 years we have seen thousands helped by the Steps to Freedom and the resources of Dr. Neil T. Anderson. However, the challenge to reach our country is bigger than just one church or ministry. It is our prayer that you and many others will continue to pass on the message of freedom to all who are willing to submit to God. The Steps are a wonderful tool to help someone find their freedom in Christ. We hope that you will take the time to prayerfully consider what your part would be in helping others find their freedom.

- * Receive Freedom In Christ quarterly newsletter
- * Give a monthly gift of \$15 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$150 _____ Other \$ _____
- * Give a one-time gift of \$15 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$150 _____ Other \$ _____
- * Receive more information about being a Ministry Associate with Freedom In Christ
- * Become a Prayer Partner with Freedom In Christ (receive monthly prayer updates by email)

Many of God's people (the Church) are living as captives—deceived, oppressed and complacent—because they do not understand their true identity and the power and authority that are theirs “in Christ”. According to research reported by the George Barna Group in 2006, “only 23% of those attending church named their faith in God as their top priority in life”. This reveals a startling need for the mission and ministry of Freedom In Christ Ministries.

A response card is enclosed. We look forward to sharing our ministry with you and having you partner with us. Together we can see the church in Canada become all that Christ wants it to be. May God bless you with His freedom as you pass this message of hope on to others.

2007 Seminar Schedule

During a time of prayer this fall, God showed us that our efforts would be best put into training others so that even more people could be helped through this ministry.

We came up with a goal of having training seminars in each of Canada's 10 provinces in 2007. From there, God began planning our schedule for us...

January 20/07
 Discipleship Counseling
 Bramalea Baptist Church
 Brampton, ON

February 10/07
 Discipleship Counseling
 Wetaskiwin Church of God
 Wetaskiwin, AB

February 24/07
 Discipleship Counseling
 Sturgis Evangelical Church
 Sturgis, SK

March 31/07 (tentative)
 Discipleship Counseling
 Kelowna, BC

April 18-21/07
 Living Free In Christ
 with Dr. Neil T. Anderson
 Winnipeg, MB

May 3-5/07
 Living Free In Christ
 with Clay Bergen
 Almonte, ON (near Ottawa)



What is Discipleship Counseling?

Discipleship Counseling is a one-day training seminar for those who would like to learn how to help others find their identity and freedom in Christ. This training will give you the background to explain why the *Steps to Freedom in Christ* are so effective in helping people resolve personal and spiritual conflicts in their lives. You also learn the practical aspects of taking someone through the Steps.

This training is designed for:

- 1) Individuals who
 - Have found their own freedom in Christ
 - Have a burden to see Christians walk in victory
 - Are mature Christians

- Have a caring heart for others
- Know how to pray and spend time in the Word
- Are willing to spend time learning new skills
- Have a godly character as found in 2 Tim. 2:24-26

- Can keep confidences
- Feel called of God to this ministry
- Are prepared to spend whatever time it takes to work through the Steps to Freedom with individuals.



Do you want to be used of God to help others find their freedom?

2) Those who have the blessing of a pastor in his/her own church to work as Encouragers in taking others through the Steps to Freedom and are willing to work under proper authority.

3) Those who are willing to be Prayer Partners in a Steps appointment. The same criteria (above) apply to these individuals as to the Encouragers.

Testimony of a Changed Life

“Don’t Let Your Past Determine Your Future!”

A life of parties, drugs and alcohol led to a heart filled with shame. Along with shame, my heart held rejection, bitterness, anger, fear and many other negative emotions.

It was fear, however, that sent me running to the church. I felt so much evil around me, especially at night. I’m sure it had something to do with my occult background. I would take Gravel and drink a glass of wine every night just to go to sleep. I was so scared of the dark that I slept with a night-light right up until I was about 39 years old.

When I asked Jesus to be Lord and Saviour of my life, everything started to change. I read *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker* and soon learned how very real evil was. The Lord used Freedom In Christ Ministries to release me from my past so He could move me into the future He had prepared for me.



Several months later I attended a Discipleship Counseling seminar in Tennessee. I

wanted to help others find their freedom in Christ, just like I had. Discipleship Counseling is a program that helps Christians find their identity and freedom in Christ through repentance and faith in God. It is a wonderful program that ultimately relies on the Lord to bring restoration and healing to souls.

Since then, I have been facilitating the *Beta* program in my community for the last year or so. I have the privilege of seeing many lives transformed and many broken hearts mended.

I can’t say enough good things about Discipleship Counseling and Freedom In Christ Ministries.

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Galatians 5:1





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*Equipping the
Body of Christ.*



*“Freedom is being
released by Jesus
from the control of
all damaging and
destructive influences
so that you can
enthusiastically
worship God and be
all he wants you to
be and do all he
wants you to do.”*

VISION

To see church and ministry leaders and their people joyfully alive and free in Christ in communities all across the nation and around the world.

MISSION

To provide a biblically-based implementation process and the resources by which church and ministry leaders and their people discover:

- Who they are in Christ.
- Who Christ is in them.
- How to live out the truth of those two powerful realities every day!

This empowers those ministries to become healthy, healing places resulting in a more powerful impact on their communities all across this nation.

New Resource: *Journey to Freedom*

Freedom is precious. Countless men and women have died in the pursuit of or preservation of freedom throughout history. Many others would give all they have just for a taste of it. But there is more to life than political, economic or even religious freedom. There is freedom of the heart... of the spirit. That’s the kind of freedom Jesus gave His life for... for you to have.

The chains that we can drag around are invisible... chains of fear or anxiety; chains of doubt, guilt or shame; chains of rejection; chains of bitterness; chains of perfection or performance; chains of addictions; chains of living a life that just doesn’t seem to have purpose.

Are you ready to throw off every weight and the sin that tangles you up so easily? Are

you ready to run—really run—the race of life that was meant for you? Are you ready for a taste of freedom? That’s what *Journey to Freedom* by Rich Miller and Christi Brummitt is all about.

Come discover the treasure of life and freedom in Christ. Come find a rock solid assurance of God’s welcome into His family, His unconditional love, His brilliant plan for your life, and the safety and security of His care... even as He performs His marvelous surgery on your heart!

You’ve wondered all your life... Who in the world am I? How on earth can I be free? Isn’t it time you found out? *Journey to Freedom* is a 40-day program of intensive training for your spirit. You’ll learn to exercise your spirit in new ways while beginning to develop routines and habits that

you can use your whole life. These next 40 days are not an end, but a very powerful beginning!

The purpose of these 40 days will be to help you get to know or know better the God who invented freedom—the God who came to set people free—the God of freedom! And in coming to know this God of freedom, you will catch a glimpse of the life he has for you, a life that we trust will create a yearning, a longing and a thirst to live free.

What you get out of these six weeks will be proportional to what you put in. A hearty investment of time and energy each day will pay off with huge dividends for your personally at the end of these 40 days.

Journey to Freedom is available through Freedom In Christ Canada for \$20.