



Alive & Free

From the Director

This past August, the directors for Freedom in Christ Ministries International (FICMI) met with Dr. Neil Anderson in the UK to work on a global strategy. This was a historic gathering. All of the FIC offices have been loosely aligned globally under a common message; however, there has never been a concerted effort to unite the worldwide ministry under a common purpose and vision. With intentional leadership and training under an international board, it is our goal to foster growth of existing ministries as well as worldwide expansion. My role on this board will be to oversee a global prayer strategy and to equip all the national offices to have the necessary prayer support for their ministry.

The mission and purpose of FICMI is to equip the Church worldwide, enabling it to establish its people, marriages and ministries alive and free in Christ through genuine repentance and faith in God. Our purpose is to oversee the message, ministry and expansion of FICMI.

There are already offices in the US, Canada, Australia, India, Switzerland and the

UK. We have representatives in Thailand, Malaysia, New Zealand, France, South Africa and Liberia that we hope will become offices in the near future. There are also requests from Mexico, Columbia and Venezuela to begin offices.

Dr. Anderson's books have been translated into over 60 languages with *Victory Over the Darkness* and his

every book Neil has written has been translated into Spanish and the response has been overwhelming. We just appointed Robert (Bob) Genock to be our interim director for Latin America. His role will be to establish offices in these Spanish-speaking countries. Our Switzerland office has recently finished translation for a number of Neil's books into German. We even heard about



International Director's Meeting—August 2007

L to R: Bob Genock, Isaac & Tara Manogaram, Neil & Joanne Anderson, Steve & Zoë Goss, Clay & Carin Bergen, Rich Miller and Roger & Sabine Reber

newest book *Restored* just being translated in Mandarin for China. The ministry is expanding at an incredible rate and this is just the beginning.

The response to Dr. Anderson's conferences around the world has been astounding. In Holland over 2,000 came to be trained to help others find freedom. In Latin America, almost

OMF (Overseas Missions Fellowship) translating *Victory Over the Darkness* into Tajik. (My daughter did short-term missions in Tajikistan in 2001). As you can see, the message of freedom in Christ is going around the world.

It is also been exciting to see the response here in Canada during our 15th anniversary. Last fall,

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Seminars we offer:

- *Restored!* (formerly *Living Free in Christ*)
- *Discipleship Counseling*
- *Spiritual Protection for Your Children*
- *Setting Your Church Free*
- *Beta Training*

From the Director continued...

People's Church highlighted our India ministry on their weekly TV show on Vision. As of last month, over \$100,000 has been raised for an orphanage that Freedom in Christ India has started (see story below).

This past April the conference with Dr. Anderson was sold out in Winnipeg (where he did his first conference in Canada 15 years ago). Neil also had the opportunity to tape 3 TV shows on *It's A New Day* that aired in May and 14 devotional segments for *100 Huntley Street* that aired in July. This past month,

Maranatha News, a national Christian newspaper based in Ontario, highlighted our ministry with two full pages of interviews with Dr. Anderson and a woman's personal testimony of lasting freedom (see page 3).

There is no question that God is in this. His message of 'who we are in Christ' is changing lives around the world. Thank you to those who have prayed for us, led people through the steps and supported this ministry financially. Please don't stop NOW. Our journey has just begun. Please use the

response card on the back page of this newsletter to join us in prayer and/or support in this international ministry. My goal this next year is to visit each Freedom In Christ office and representative around the world to pray with and encourage them. Your partnership with us is crucial for the message of freedom to impact our world!

Check out the Freedom In Christ

International web site at

www.ficinternational.org

Freedom Ministries India

Isaac and Tara Manogarom, directors of Freedom In Christ India, have always dreamed of providing a home for baby girls who would otherwise be abandoned or just given away due to gender inequality in their part of the world.

May 15, 2007 was a significant day for their family and ministry as a dedication service was held for the newly formed STEPS Children's Home. This home will take in, care for and nurture baby girls and try to place them in loving homes with welcoming, caring parents. The mission of STEPS Children's Home is to find, foster and free abandoned baby girls between ages 0-2.



Sarah, Nisha and Karunya—the first three girls the STEPS Children's Home has rescued and is caring for. This picture is taken just before their dedication.

People's Church in Ontario presented the ministry to Canadians via their program

Living Truth on Vision TV last fall. Since that time, over \$100,000 has been raised for the STEPS Children's Home.



In July 2007, the *Living Truth* crew returned to India to do a follow-up interview. This is what one *Living Truth* crew member had to say about the STEPS Children's Home...

"I felt God's presence at the STEPS Children's Home; a home for abandoned baby girls. Three baby girls had been rescued recently. The love that founders Isaac and Tara as well as other caregivers gave these girls made me think about all the abandoned children in the world. They could be suffering with nothing to eat, no one to love them... or even worse. It all together seemed like an overwhelming burden, but then I remembered the story of the man who walked along a beach, watching as a child picked up some of the hundreds of starfish that had washed ashore, throwing them back into the sea.

The man told the child not to bother throwing them back, 'There are so many, it will never make a difference.' As the child threw another one into the water, he replied, 'It makes a difference to this one.'

In the same way, there are so many children in need there and projects like STEPS may not be able to find and protect them all, but they do make ALL the difference to those who can be rescued. It's the difference for each one—between having food or hunger, love or abuse, life or death. I've heard the story about the starfish before, but I had never seen it in action. That day I saw God's love in action, clearer than ever before, and it touched me, giving me hope and inspiration to do the things God wants me to do."



We Made the News!

Freedom In Christ Canada received quite a blessing in the August 2007 issue of *Maranatha News*—a full two pages on our ministry! The articles include an interview with Dr. Neil T. Anderson, founder of Freedom In Christ Ministries; a woman’s personal testimony of how she found freedom through Dr. Anderson’s materials; and an article on the necessity of understanding and implementing our authority in Christ.

“My passion,” says Dr. Anderson, “is to get Christ back into the centre of our lives, our marriages and our ministries so we can truly become the people God wants us to be.”

While some might call his ministry spiritual warfare, Anderson describes it as

discipleship counseling. Rather than confronting the spiritual dimension in a dramatic showdown, people are led to calmly and rationally embrace their position of freedom in Christ by understanding and claiming the words of scripture. It is the person, not the facilitator, who takes responsibility for going through the Steps.

“I’m a great believer in the local church,” says Anderson. “We exist as a para-church ministry to come alongside the church.” Pastors can’t do it all. They need to see their people equipped to do the work of ministry—and that is how Freedom In Christ Ministries can help. “Well-trained lay people in the local

church can be as effective as, or more effective than, pastors in helping people to freedom through the Steps.”



“In the North American church, western rationalism and naturalism dominate us more than we like to think,” he says. “I don’t have to convince people in Indonesia or Africa of the reality of the spiritual world—that’s just part of their world view. That’s the big difference internationally.”

*To read the full articles, go to
www.maranathanewspaper.com*

One Woman’s Testimony

No one needed to persuade me demons existed. In 1973, while on a “bad trip” on psychedelic drugs, I sensed a hideous evil trying to invade my soul. That night, alone and terrified in a drug dealer’s apartment, I accepted Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and the evil around me vanished.

Because of my unorthodox conversion, I felt uncomfortable in most churches. A life-long seeker, I cherished the “truths” I had learned from various New Age and heretical sources. Despite a personal relationship with Jesus, I reserved the right to pick the parts of the Bible that “spoke to me” and ignore the rest. My “cafeteria” approach made a defeated Christian—easily confused, discouraged and likely to fall into temptation.

Though I had stopped any occult activities, I had no idea that even something as simple as reading my horoscope or playing with Tarot cards had left pathways in my mind open to demonic influence. Thus my faith journey zigzagged. I made some big mistakes and suffered for them. God seemed awfully far away sometimes.

In 1990, I joined a seeker-friendly church and told the pastor, “I’m a maverick and a heretic and I’ve never been able to sign on the dotted line of any church.”

“Maybe this church is big enough for you,” he said. It was through my fellowship at that church that my Christian faith started to become more consistent. Someone there recommended I read Neil Anderson’s *The Bondage Breaker*. I could not put the book down. What he wrote about demonic forces rang so true.

I resisted, however, taking Anderson’s recommended Steps to Freedom, a series of prayers to confess and renounce sin, including involvement in false religions. My “cafeteria” mentality rejected this as too narrow, too anti-intellectual, too unsophisticated. Thus my Christian walk, less wobbly since joining a church, still didn’t seem to bear much fruit.

Finally, in the mid 90s, during a conference sponsored by Anderson’s Freedom in Christ Ministries, I did the Steps, telling myself I would not be renouncing anything that was true in non-Christian

teachings, only the false.

I confessed and renounced previous occult practices—like reading my horoscope—and the many false teachings from Anderson’s list. I confessed habitual sins, pride and bitterness. Afterwards, my mind became quiet, free of the almost constant mental chatter that had plagued my prayer life, just as the conference leader promised.

Later when I reviewed some of my favorite “heresies,” I saw poison lacing them as if the Holy Spirit had highlighted falsehoods in fluorescent paint. How blinded I had been! The positive effects of doing the Steps have lasted. Far from being anti-intellectual or narrow, Anderson’s steps offered a practical solution to my confusion, discouragement and lack of discernment.

*To read Deborah’s entire testimony, go to
www.maranathanewspaper.com and
click on Missions & Ministries.*



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Dear Heavenly Father,

I ask for Your divine protection for my son(s) and/or daughter(s) as they are absent from me. I pray that You would put a hedge of protection around them so that all harmful influences would be unable to affect them. I commit them to You for Your care, and I assume all my responsibilities for training them in the Lord. I also assume the responsibility for their attitudes and actions that are the result of my training. I ask for Your Holy Spirit to guard their hearts and their minds, and bring to their minds all that they have learned according to Your word. I pray that when they are tempted, that You would provide them with a way of escape, and that they would not be led into temptation beyond that which they are able to endure. I ask that the way they live may be a witness to Your presence in their life. May whatever they do be done to the glory of God. I ask this in the precious name of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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