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Freedom In Christ Canada

From the Director, Clay Bergen

I am grateful to be back from my trip to Asia and Australia in July. It was amazing to see what God is doing in that part of the world!

In India, Dr. Anderson spoke to 400 in a room that was made for 300. The hunger for the message of freedom was very evident. I had people stopping in the halls asking for prayer and was able to counsel many of them. It was my privilege to take everyone through the Steps to Freedom at the end of this conference. Freedom is coming to India!

It was also a delight to visit the Steps Children's Home and see the two new babies God has brought to them to care for. The other three girls are growing up fast and are full of giggles. Land has been purchased a few blocks from their present location and plans have begun for building the Steps Home and the

Freedom Ministries India office in the same location. Because of the financial support of many Canadians, we have sent the Steps Home in India over \$300,000 in the past two years!

In Sri Lanka, over 900 attended the conference, which was translated simulta-



FICMI Council Members with Freedom Ministries India Staff

neously into Tamil and Sinhala. Again, I had the privilege of taking 400 people through the Steps to Freedom (only English Steps were available at the time). Each person who attended the conference received a bookmark in their own lan-

guage. It is exciting to see the message of freedom go to every nation!

Along with my trip to India and Sri Lanka, I was also able to visit our Freedom In Christ representatives in Thailand, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand. It has been my goal since becoming the interna-

tional prayer coordinator with Freedom In Christ Ministries International (FICMI) to connect with each country office and each representative of Freedom In Christ around the world. Next up: Mexico, Liberia, South Africa and France!

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Upcoming events:

- Spiritual Protection for Your Children with Ed & Linda Smith in Fall River, NS on September 19, 2009
- Discipleship Counseling with Ed & Linda Smith in Middleton, NS on September 26, 2009
- Discipleship Counseling with Clay Bergen in St. Albert, AB on October 3, 2009
- Restored! Conference with Clay Bergen in Milverton, ON on October 18-20, 2009
- Break Forth 2010 with Dr. Neil Anderson in Edmonton, AB on January 29-31, 2010

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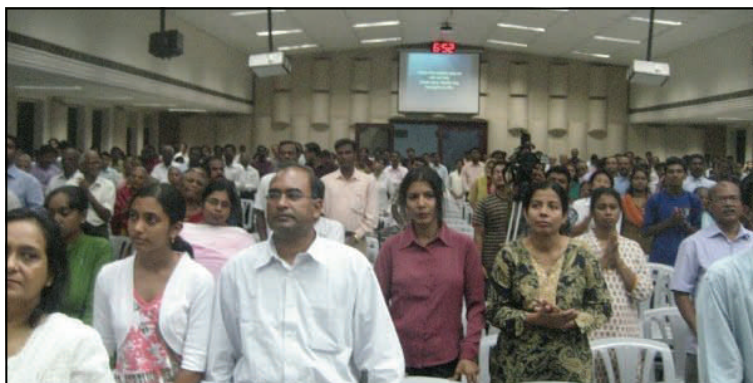
Dr. Anderson's Report on India and Sri Lanka

Many of you must have been praying for our time in India and Sri Lanka. What a blessing this trip turned out to be! I arrived in Chennai on Saturday morning, July 4th, and was able to preach at three services the next morning. The church has several thousand members and they broadcast each service live on the internet and locally. The church also hosted Freedom Ministries India's 15th anniversary celebration the following Monday evening. All our international directors were in attendance.

Tuesday through Thursday we had our annual international council meeting and then traveled back to Chennai for a two-day Discipleship Counseling conference on Friday and Saturday. The conference was in English and they had to close registrations at 400. The room could not possibly have held any more. In attendance was a priest named Father Sebastian who was handpicked by Mother Teresa before she died to provide pastoral care for all their missions around the world. He brought 14 Mother Superiors (nuns) with him who oversee 14 various locations in Southern India. Father Sebastian's life was changed by our ministry and he shares our message and takes people through the Steps to Freedom wherever he goes. We are going to

publish a Catholic edition of the Steps in India with Father Sebastian.

Saturday evening after the conference we flew to Colombo, Sri Lanka, which was still reeling after 25 plus years of civil war. There were military checkpoints everywhere and we were probably stopped at least a dozen times be-



fore we got to our hotel around 2:00 a.m. I had to get up at 6:30 a.m. in order to give three messages at Peoples Church, which is the largest church in Sri Lanka. The first service was translated into Tamil (Indian people), the second in English, and the third service was translated into Sinhalese (the native language of Sri Lanka). They asked me to speak on forgiveness and reconciliation. What a privilege that was!

Monday and Tuesday I shared our core message, which was translated into Sinhalese and Tamil (simultaneous with head sets) to over 900 people. It was so well received that I feel confident that

we will have a national representative and an office within the next couple of years in Sri Lanka. Isaac has never sold so many books as he did during those two weeks. It was a tiring trip, but I think it was one of the most fruitful two weeks of my life. Isaac, his family and staff worked so hard to make it all happen and faithfully made sure that the books and material were present wherever we went.

We sowed a lot of seed, but we also harvested a lot of fruit. Would you pray with me that *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker* can be translated into Sinhalese. Isaac needs

to raise about \$6,000 for that to happen. The people are hungry for our resources. We didn't have the Steps in Sinhalese, so we could only take the English-speaking people through the Steps at the end of the conference.

We overwhelmingly sensed the presence of God in all that we did, but we also saw the evidence of war and false religious practices. It gave us a better picture of what Isaac is up against in India and Sri Lanka. Idol worship is everywhere. Thank you for praying. It is good to know that people like you are supporting us back home.

~ Dr. Neil T. Anderson

Testimony from India

I first heard the freedom/identity in Christ message presented by Dr. Hal Baumchen at the 2nd Conference of the Association of Christian Counsellors, South Asia, held in Bangalore, India in February 2004. At the time I was struggling with overwhelming messages of rejection that I had heard literally from birth. The reasons for this were several, but the source was one – satan.

This is where the Freedom In Christ (FIC) teaching helped, both in identifying the lie and its source and in holding fast to the truth – my identity in Christ, the Word of God. Satan’s strategy is to deceive the child of God. Until I attended an FIC seminar in 2004, I actually believed the messages of rejection were God’s view of me.

Following that conference, I read Dr. Anderson’s books and went through *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*. I have found the suggestions under ‘Aftercare’ critical to maintaining my freedom. Through study and prayer I now consciously choose to hold on to my identity in Christ. I am no longer so easily deceived when I encounter rejection today.



Prior to the 2004 conference, I had trained as a secular counselor. However, I had found the process inadequate, as it left many questions unanswered. In the FIC books and the Steps, I saw the potential for helping hurting Christians in a way that brings real resolution. I began

to pray that God would make it possible for more Christians in India to be trained in leading others through the Steps, and I know several others were praying for the same. Having Dr. Neil Anderson visit India in July this year and lead the seminar on “Discipleship Counseling” was God’s response to our prayers!

Since I was familiar with the material, attending the seminar enabled me to process and internalize it further. I was also able to share with other participants my own personal journey and experience in going through the Steps. Up until now, I did not have the confidence to teach the material. And then, last Sunday at the Methodist church I attend, I led a youth session on the freedom in Christ message! ~ Elizabeth

Jill Laycock: Full-time Prayer Coordinator

It was about 6 years ago... I had been at my government job for 8 years, had transferred departments a few times, and had another 20 years of employment to go before I could ‘retire’ and take my package. One day at home, I was watching a Christian broadcast and heard something that challenged and intrigued me... “If you’re sitting in a cubicle somewhere thinking there’s got to be more to life than this, there is!” I then spent another two years in a cubicle, dissatisfied.

On the sidelines, I was very involved in prayer and intercession in my church. I spent most of my non-working hours praying, whether in my home, at church, or in my car. Those years were my training grounds; then came Freedom In Christ (FIC). I have been at FIC for four years in the role of ministry administrator and enjoyed it immensely. However, in the last year I have once again become dissatisfied, even miserable. Does God ever make you and your surround-

ings uncomfortable? He sure does with me! Since last fall I’ve been working towards and God has been preparing me to take on a new role... that of prayer coordinator. It has been very hard for me to leave behind what I’m good at (admin) and go towards what I’m passionate about (prayer). My identity has been tied up in what I do and what I am good at. However, as of September 1, my journey as prayer coordinator for Freedom In Christ Canada begins.

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Break Forth 2010!

Dr. Anderson has accepted an invitation to return to Edmonton, Alberta for Break Forth 2010! The dates of the event are Friday, January 29 to Sunday, January 31.

On Friday, Dr. Anderson and Clay Bergen (director of Freedom In Christ Canada) will co-teach Discipleship Counseling. If you want to help others through the process of *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*, then this one-day workshop is for you! Dr. Anderson's Saturday sessions will be on the following three topics: Overcoming Depression, Anxiety Disorders, and Anger. Sunday's two sessions will be on Sexual Addiction and Chemical Addiction. Plan now to attend!

Keep an eye on Break Forth's web site (www.breakforthcanada.com) for registration information, which should be available in October. Register early: This event sells out every year!



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