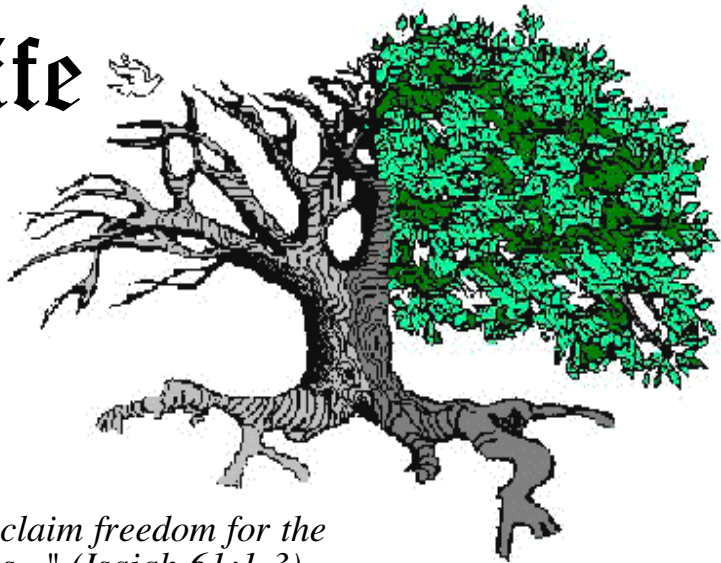


Freedom Life Centre News



"...to proclaim freedom for the captives..." (Isaiah 61:1-3)

*A Ministry Arm of Rangeville Uniting Church
Toowoomba, Australia*

From Dulcie's Desk ■■■■■

Where has the year gone? Hasn't it flown? These words seem to be the words on people's lips, but hasn't it passed quickly? Is it because we are so busy? Let us not succumb to the busyness and allow it to take away our focus on our Lord.

On behalf of all of us here at Freedom Life Centre I would like to thank all those who have supported us during this year, in whatever capacity and for your continued support for the future. Our Centre functions more effectively through your valued support.

Our seminars and personal ministry appointments have kept us busy during the year and thanks go to all our team members who give of their time so generously.

As this will be our last newsletter for the year 2001, on behalf of our team I would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

We will be in touch again during the first part

of 2002. Please remember if there is anything you would like to share with others through our newsletter send it to us either by mail, fax or email.

Dulcie Andrew (FLC Administrator)

Prayer Points ■■■■■

The members of Freedom Life Centre value your prayers and would ask for prayer support in the following areas:

- * wisdom to know God's will in overseas planning and travel
- * continued good health for members of our team
- * planning for seminars in Churches around Australia.
- * that people who have attended our seminars will continue to be encouraged and enthusiastic in their ministries

Meet the Team

Rev. Jack and Mrs. Leonie Frewen-Lord



Jack and Leonie minister in the Freedom Life Centre Healing and Deliverance seminar. Jack's last parish involvement was with the Praise Chapel in Townsville. They are now "in retirement" ministering at the Mooloolaba Uniting Church. Jack and Leonie bring a wealth of experience and pastoral concern to their ministry.

Mrs Lindy Collie

Lindy has been involved in Deliverance Ministry under the authority of Rev. Dr. Colin Warren since 1989. She also has seven years experience working with dysfunctional families in the Lifeline programmes. Since 1995 Lindy has been responsible for the co-ordination and maintenance of Freedom Life Centre's personal ministry services.



Seminar Reports

BYRON BAY SEMINAR

A Healing & Wholeness seminar was held in July 2001 at St. Paul's Anglican Church and was led by Rev. Jack and Mrs. Leonie Frewen-Lord. We have heard about changes in lives, healings and many blessings from the seminar. A wonderful week-end.

TINGALPA SEMINAR

In August 2001 a Releasing God's Gifts seminar was held at the Tingalpa Uniting Church and was led by Rev. Col Warren. People were released into their gifting area through the power of the Holy Spirit and were encouraged to use these gifts in the building up of their Church.

WALLOON SEMINAR

Walloon Uniting Church invited us to present a Deliverance seminar in August 2001. This was led by Rev. Col Warren. People were informed more fully on aspects of this ministry and there was a much greater insight into God's power and presence.

BOYNE/TANNUM CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SEMINAR

Rev. Col Warren and some of our team travelled to Tannum Sands in August/September for a Reclaiming our Inheritance seminar. This was teaching in the area of Spiritual Warfare and how we can reclaim our inheritance.

CUNNAMULLA SEMINAR

This seminar was held at the Cunnamulla Uniting Church in September 2001 and presented by Rev. Col Warren. Although only attended by a small number, the enthusiasm for Making God Relevant Today was paramount.

TOOGOOLAWAH SEMINAR

In October Rev. Col Warren led a Releasing God's Gifts seminar

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encouragement, an increase in learning and a clearer view of the work of the Holy Spirit were some of the comments that came out of this seminar.

From Dr Warren's Pen

FEAR OR REJOICING : WHICH ?

In Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21, Jesus speaks of troubles and persecutions that will be experienced prior to His return to this earth in triumph. The reason He foretells these happenings is so that His people will be ready and not be left behind when He takes His Church with Him to the marriage supper of the lamb.

He points out that we are to "always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting Him."

There has often been debate about whether Christians will go through the "great Tribulation" or whether they will be taken from the earth before this terrible series of events.

Both streams of thought are partly right and both are partly wrong. When Jesus told of the signs of His near return in Matthew 24, He followed with the story of the ten virgins. You will notice in this story He told, that all were invited to the marriage supper, but only five were ready when the bridegroom came. The others were left behind. In the same way, all believers are invited to the "marriage supper of the Lamb", but only those who are ready will be taken.

In other words, those who are doing the work God has called them to do are the ones who are ready. The others, who though believers, are so busy with their own affairs that they have no time to do what God has gifted them to do or be what He has called them to be. These will be left behind and will go through the "Great Tribulation". Many of them will be martyred during that terrible time that will come to the people of the earth.

Jesus reinforced this teaching by following it immediately with the story of the talents. Some used the master's gifts wisely and received His reward. However the one who did nothing with his master's gift other than hide it in the ground until the return of his master received just punishment.

These stories that followed Jesus' teaching about His return were warnings for those who are living today. Look at some of the signs Jesus gave to reveal His near return. He said, "No one knows however when that day and hour will come" but the signs have been given as warnings to remind us that when they are seen, we are to be ready because He may come at any moment. Some will be gathered up to meet Him in the air and some will be left behind. I urge you to look for yourself at the passages mentioned above and if you have not been using God's gifts to His glory, please do not be apathetic any longer.

In this brief article I will only be able to look at one of the

by all nations because of me.”

All over the world at this time in history as never before, Christians are suffering persecution and this is continuing to increase. We would be wise to see this as one of the signs Jesus gave of His near return. The following examples are just some of a vast number of current persecutions of Christians in many other countries.

Belarus: “A variety of physical attacks have been documented in Belarus recently, including the beating of a Pentecostal minister in Minsk by a group of skin heads.”

“Also dangerous, though, are the verbal attacks and discrimination. A state owned news paper published an article last year claiming, “Protestant groups ... present a threat to the country, its psychological health, and its security.”

“Many Christian groups find it nearly impossible to rent or purchase property where they can conduct religious services.”

Bulgaria: Bulgaria’s constitution guarantees freedom of belief, but this freedom is often not extended to non-Orthodox groups. Registration is often denied to evangelical Christian churches. Police are reportedly “indifferent” to reports of attacks on Christians and other religious minorities.”

Cambodia: “Today, still, Christians are afraid to take leadership positions or to share their faith publicly. Pol Pot is dead, but the fear he incited lives on. Cambodia’s government espouses religious freedom, but Christians still face persecution.”

China: “A Bible League partner was recently released from a three week prison term for delivering Bibles. A house church member died after being beaten in prison. Xu Yongze, a fifty year old Christian, was tortured during interrogation throughout a three year labour sentence. Stories like this are common in China.” Church planter training seminars teach:—

1. Never turn down an invitation to preach.
2. Look for a place to run when you are finished preaching.

3. Be ready to die that day.”

Colombia: “Congregations are kidnapped, pastors are killed, the church is not allowed to do its work. These are every day occurrences in Colombia. The on going war between the government, the paramilitary groups and the guerrillas makes ministry very difficult and very dangerous. Christians, who offer assistance to all, are often in conflict with all.”

Cuba: While a Christian pastor and his wife were travelling, the police broke into their home and threw their belongings out into the street. The family was not allowed to re-enter their home. It was confiscated, apparently because it had been used for Christian gatherings.”

Egypt: “Charges of police bias, corruption, and conspiracy were validated by Freedom House. Their reports found the local security forces to be a “bigoted, corrupt and brutal force that believes it can act with impunity against the Christian minority.”

Ethiopia: “Persecution in Ethiopia is diminishing, praise the Lord. While Christians are still routinely harassed, extreme acts of violence are rare.

India: The mutilated body of fifty two year old Yesu Dasu was found in a pool of blood in a cattle shed near Kathakunta. His hands had been tied, and his head had been chopped off with an axe. Villagers said Yesu Dasu was

daughters, and son : said that two people on a motor cycle rode up to their house one evening and took Yesu Dasu away. When he had not returned home by ten p.m. the family began searching for him in the village. The next morning his body was found on the outskirts of the village. The government of India does not officially persecute Christians, but it has created an environment in which attacks like this can happen with impunity.”

Indonesia: Throughout many parts of the country, thousands of Christians have been forced to undergo Muslim conversion rituals. Those who refuse to embrace Islam are often beheaded, their heads are paraded through the village to strike fear into the hearts of other Christians.”

Laos: The government of Laos set a goal of completely eradicating Christianity from the country by the end of 2000. In a September interview, a Laotian Christian said, “ They’ve drawn up plans to eliminate the Christians: first by forcing them to sign a document rescinding their faith, then to close meeting places, and finally to check that they make offerings to the Buddhist priests.”

Malaysia: The Malay people turned to Islam in the 14th century when seafaring Arab traders came with the teaching of their prophet Mohammed. Today Malaysia is 51% Muslim and extremely resistant to any other religions. In fact a new law is being proposed that would make converting from Islam an offense punishable by three years in prison.”

Mexico: In some parts of Mexico, persecution extends to the grave. Literally... In the past thirty years at least thirty thousand Christians have been expelled from their homes in San Juan Chamula, Chiapas. Others have been fined, jailed or beaten.”

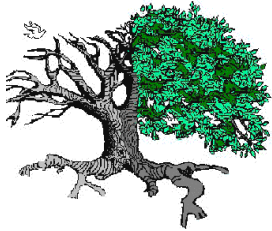
Myanmar: The government of Myanmar (Burma) does not allow churches to be built and has declared house churches illegal. It is not uncommon for Christians to be “recruited” by local officials to do hard labour, particularly on Sundays because they know that this is the Christian day of worship.”

Nigeria: “Nigerian Christians are not safe in the northern half of the country, where Muslims dominate government affairs. Many Christians have fled to the south, where the Muslim presence is active, but less aggressive. During a recent riot in Gombe city, in the north, four people died, and two churches were vandalised and robbed. Fifteen pews were torn out of Bishara Baptist Church and burned as thousands of Muslim youth looked on.

North Korea: “Despite brutal oppression, around half a million of North Korea’s 23 million inhabitants are Christians. More than 100,000 North Korean Christians are imprisoned in concentration camps, sometimes without food, shelter, or medical aid.”

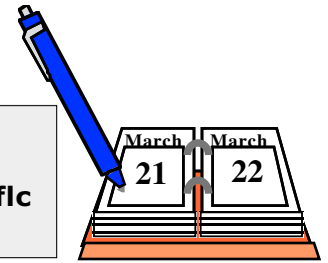
Philippines: “In the remote village of Bumbaran, Christians were rounded up by a group of Muslim terrorists. They were shot at point blank range. twenty-one people were killed. and eight were seriously injured.”

Russia: “A new believer in southern Russia told us about the reaction from his relatives when he announced his conversion from Islam; they expelled him from his home. Several weeks later he was attacked, dragged outside the city limits, beaten and crucified to a pole. This believer survived and, bleeding profusely, made his way to people who took him to a hospital. He remained in critical condition for several days. This is the price some Russian citizens pay to follow



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Dates for your Diary

If you are interested in hosting a seminar or having Freedom Life Centre visit in your area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

<p>30th Nov. - 5th December 2001 Prayer/Deliverance Rev. Colin Warren Camden U.C., NSW Contact: Rev. Ron French Ph: {02} 4655 9303</p>	<p>1st - 3rd March 2002 Prayer Rev. Colin Warren Murgon Uniting Church, Qld. Contact: Rev. Harold Strong Ph: 41681886</p>	<p>4th - 6th October 2002 Healing & Wholeness Rev. Jack & Mrs. Leonie Frewen-Lord Toogoolawah Uniting Church; Qld Contact: Rev. Col Shenfield Ph: 54231160</p>
<p>1st - 3rd February 2002 Healing & Wholeness Rev. Jack & Mrs Leonne Frewen-Lord St.Peters Anglican Church, Maroochydore Qld. Contact: Fr. Warren Darnley Mobile: 0418191375</p>	<p>12th - 14th April 2002 Seminar topic to be decided Rev. Colin Warren Roma Uniting Church, Qld. Contact: Rev. David Jensen Mobile: 0427150650</p>	<p><i>John 5:44 How are you able to believe receiving glory from one another, and the glory which (is) from the only God you do not seek?</i></p>

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Sudan: "Is one of the world's worst religious persecutors." says Paul Marshall in *Religious Freedom in the World*. "It practices forced conversion, represses those who do not subscribe to its version of Islam, has applied *Sharia's* law to the entire population, enslaves its opponents, and is engaged in a war that ... observers have explicitly labelled 'genocidal'."

Tajikistan: "An angry mob came to the house, broke in on the Bible study Dzamshed was leading, and began beating him with hoses and ropes. They shouted to the group members that this was a warning to anyone considering conversion to Christianity."

Vietnam: "A pastor in Vietnam recently reported that Christians there are 'always under persecution'. Pastors and believers are being imprisoned regularly. In November 2000, on the very day that President Clinton met with officials to discuss freedom of religion, police raided a worship service across the city, arrested the pastor, confiscated Bibles, and threatened the worshippers."

Are you doing what God has called you to do and being the person He has called you to be? Are you ready, or will you be among the complacent who will be left behind?



Wish to Donate?

If you would like to support Freedom Life Centre financially you may do so in the following ways:

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- Regular periodic deposits to the FLC account can be made from your own bank to:— Uniting Church Investment Service, BSB#: 704919, Account#: 100002427, Account Name: Rangeville Uniting Church - Freedom Life Centre

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