

Freedom Life

Centre

News



A Ministry Arm of
Rangeville Uniting Church
Toowoomba, Australia

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

From Dulcie's Desk

How has God changed lives? Perhaps some of us ask the question "Can God change lives?" How do we hear about the changes God makes in people's lives - by people telling their testimony. The reason behind these testimonies is to encourage Christians in their own walk, not for us to be discouraged, because God hasn't worked in our life in a similar fashion.

God is not in the business of discouragement, but Satan is and if we allow Satan to rob us of what God has given we fall into Satan's trap.

Everyone has a testimony to share!

Testimonies - Life Changing

My name is Pat and a friend of mine asked me to write my testimony about what happened to me and my experience five years ago, when the Holy Spirit touched me and awakened the part of my mind that had always pushed the Lord into the background. As a child I went to Sunday School and Church, had my hour with the Lord and then continued doing what I wanted to do. So the years

went by until one day I had a breakdown and that was the wake-up call. I wasn't a very nice person to know through that time and deep down I knew that something wasn't right, my thoughts in my head were working out of control and this wouldn't go away. As I look back I think Satan was having a lovely time. Suicide to me was an easy way out and at times this was very close, I was so desperate with all these thoughts that I was at rock bottom. Unbeknown to me I was on a journey which the Lord was putting into place. Over a period of a couple of weeks I was called by my name as clear as a bell and I flew out of bed but found no one. This happened three times and each time I went back to bed and over a period of time thought nothing else about this. As time went by I went to a service at Rangeville one night and this was the start of these following events. The Minister asked if anyone would like to have prayer. After a little while I decided to go with my friend and the other people into a side room where a Pastor was asked to talk to us. We discussed many things and listened, but I still wasn't interested, after a little while we were asked to go back to our seats and as the service progressed the Minister asked again would anyone like to come down the front for

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prayer for healing. After much deliberation I decided to take the plunge and I was heading down the front to what was going to be a life saving experience. The minister came over and laid hands on me and prayed. Where his hand was on my shoulder it was like a burning hot poker, a real burning sensation and as I fell down that was the turning point in my life. After some time I was trying to get up and I could feel pressure from some one leaning on my leg and on mentioning this later I was told that the Lord was at work. In my mind I was really crying, but I was told that I wasn't and it must have been on the inside.

So after this experience I awoke and got up on my feet and as I said my life changed and it is quite true this only happens when you are born again of the Spirit. I must say, my friends were very relieved after many years of abuse. It's hard for most people to imagine but until you knock at that door and walk through you don't find that whole new world that awaits you. May the Lord bless those readers like I have been. The road is long and rocky but if the Lord seeks you He won't give up. I thank my friend and all the others who prayed continually over many years.

God Bless you all, Pat.

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Mission Trip to Indonesia

He said to them "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Who ever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe; In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well".

Mark 16: 15-18

I have thought about the above for many years and finally this year it came to me that I should go on a mission tour to see if the Lord wanted to use me, or teach me more about his creation and his plans for my life, even at this late stage, as I am nearing my 70s. After returning from a short tour to Indonesia, Bali to be more specific, I now have a passion for overseas mission. My experiences in the short term were electric, our God was with us from the very beginning. We left the Brisbane airport with much excess luggage which would have attracted a heavy excess rate, but the attendant labelled our luggage without looking at the scales. I called this miracle no1. As we arrived at our first stop, we made a cup of coffee and were just about to drink it when there was a knock on our door. Upon opening the door, the caller stopped us from drinking the coffee, as the water we had used to prepare the coffee was not safe for drinking. This surely was another miracle. We spent a week in the field with some young, enthusiastic Church planters, who have very few people in their little home churches. As Bali is a mainly Hindu island, it is very difficult to convert people to Christianity because they would be shunned by family, friends and neighbours. However, we met with some who had become an inspiration because of their attitude and love for those who had distanced themselves. In some instances, Hindu's allowed us to pray for healing. In one case we were allowed to lay hands on a woman who had a very recent back operation {Laminectomy} and stitches had just been removed. She was brought into the room by two family

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members. She could barely move, as we prayed for her in the presence of many family members and neighbours, the Lord heard our prayers, we saw her back straighten, she stood up and made forward and backward and sideward movements that I can't even do, and she felt the pain ebbing away. The impact on those present was electric. In a revival meeting held in Singaraga, people came forward for healing and again we saw wonderful healings both physical and spiritual. An elderly lady, her son and another relative gave their lives to Jesus. Even under the pressure people are under, God is moving. We stopped with one particular young pastor and slept on a thin mattress on a concrete floor, eating a little rice for breakfast, lunch and dinner, sometimes with a few vegies and suspicious sate's. This young pastor has not even a table or a single chair, even a bicycle would be a luxury. A Bible College, supported by some Australian churches pays him \$50 a month. To augment his meagre income he gets two large iceblocks from an ice manufacturer and juggles them back to the village and sells them door to door to whom ever needs them, all for a few ruppees. Once a week he walks for hours up to the mountains to entertain about forty children, without direct preaching but bringing little comforts and lots of love which bounces off on the many parents present. There is so much more to tell, let me finish in saying that the poor in Australia are rich in comparison with our poor brothers and sisters in Indonesia. May I recommend you readers to support any young person in your church that has a yearning to go on a short or long term mission trip.

Tom Lagerway

News From Our Seminars in South Australia

“Releasing God’s Gifts” seminar at Crystal Book U.C.

This seminar, conducted by Rev. Dr. Colin Warren, was used by the Holy Spirit to change lives. People have said that it exceeded their expectations, they were greatly blessed and that their lives have not been the same since. Many people had their spiritual gifts affirmed and received the confidence to go out and use them.

The gentle Biblical teaching of Rev. Warren was greatly appreciated. Through his teaching, the Holy Spirit started opening the eyes of some people to things in God's word which they had not seen before.

“Prayer that Confronts the Darkness” seminar at Hope Valley U.C.

The second Seminar in S.A. was held at the Hope Valley U.C. on 16th -18th August. Colin had already spoken at our monthly Healing service a week or so before. The seminar was

monthly Healing service a week or so before. The seminar was entitled "Prayer that Confronts the Darkness." There had been questions recently raised by this congregation about their adequacy to face the issues of Deliverance ministry. The seminar had about 65 registrations half of whom were part of the local congregation. The visitors came from a range of churches around Adelaide possibly because they had come to hear of the ministry of Colin and the Freedom Life Centre. Colin was ably assisted both in ministry times and presentations by Mark and Colleen White. Mark being the U.C.A. Minister at Clare.

The Sunday morning services following this Seminar saw a simple yet profound and moving proclamation by Colin on "The Prayer of Faith" and "Deliverance Prayer". The congregation now considers more seriously how it can strengthen its prayer ministries in the midst of a large growing fellowship. As a result of Mark and Colleen's contribution some several members have emerged who claim to share a gift of "seeing" in the Spirit realm. We appreciate greatly Colin labouring on under considerable pressure from a heavy cold.
Pastor Allan George Coordinator

"Developing Passionate Spirituality" seminar at Tea Tree Gully U.C.

The "Centre for Developing Passionate Spirituality", based at Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church was pleased to invite, from the "Freedom Life Centre" ministries, the Rev. Dr. Colin Warren and his team support Rev. Glenn and Mrs Avriel Barnett. This gifted team blessed us at a "Developing Passionate Spirituality" seminar held on August 9th to 11th this year.

Prior to the start of the seminar Rev. Dr. Colin Warren with Rev. Glenn Barnett led a specially focused session for clergy, detailing, explaining and assisting clergy in their very prescribed role in this ministry of intercession and spiritual warfare within the congregation.

Rev. Glenn Barnett began the seminar with excellent teaching on guidelines and boundaries; detailing the words "Developing", "Passionate" and "Spirituality". This was in the context of Scripture. This was found helpful as a framework for all teaching sessions. Glenn also addressed the scriptural model for healing having us look at a number of Biblical examples.

Rev. Dr. Colin Warren spoke clearly out of his experience of what God has been teaching him of the role he has had to play in seeing people being set free by the Holy Spirit from the holds that have been placed upon them. From this they can live full and productive lives before God.

Sessions began with worship and prayer and a resource stall was available for people to browse and purchase. The seminar included small group participation and question times. This was helpful in assisting people better understand the teaching and to apply it to their ministries. The fellowship during breaks and meals was well utilised and encouraged.

The "Centre for Developing Passionate Spirituality" has been very encouraged by this wonderful opportunity for teaching, resourcing and challenge.

We give heartfelt thanks to the Lord for the F.L.C. team and the commitment of many of the Tea Tree Gully people who served so cheerfully and sacrificially to enable about 100 people to be blessed in this seminar.

Junesse Chapman

From Dr Warren's Pen

One of the very encouraging things that I see as I conduct seminars in many places, is that more and more Christians are wanting to be more real in their commitment to our Lord. The words of the following chorus say what they are feeling.

"I say on Sunday how much I want revival, but then on Monday I can't even find my Bible. Where's the power? The power of the cross in my life!

I'm sick of playing the game of religion! I'm tired of losing my reason for living! Where's the power? The power of the cross in my life?

I'm not content just to walk through my life giving in to the lies, walking in compromises. Now we cry out as a generation that was lost, but now is found in the power of the cross.

We believe in you; we believe in the power of Your Word and its truth. We believe in You.

I'm not satisfied to "do" church and walk away. I'm not satisfied. There's no love in my life but You.

I'm not satisfied living in yesterday's hour. I'm not satisfied to have the form but not the power. I'm not satisfied, oh Lord I'm crucified in You.

I believe in You. I believe in the power of your Word and its truth. I believe in You so I lay down my cause that my cross may be found."

This is saying that the writer wants to die to self. But what does it mean to die to self? The following words penned by an unknown writer say it so clearly.

You are in that place of dying to self

- "1. When you are forgotten, or purposely passed over and you don't hurt because of the insult or oversight - that's DYING TO SELF!
2. When your good is spoken of as evil, your wishes are crossed, your advise is disregarded, your opinions are ridiculed - and you refuse to let your anger get the best of you - or EVEN TO DEFEND YOURSELF - but you are patient, loving and silent - that's DYING TO SELF.
3. When you are content with any food, clothes, climate, society and any interruption by God's will upon your own will - that's DYING TO SELF.
4. When you NEVER care to refer to yourself in conservation - record your own good works - or itch to be commended - when you truly love to be UNKNOWN - that's DYING TO SELF.
5. When you receive correction from someone of lesser stature than yourself - submitting to it - with no resentment rising within you - that's DYING TO SELF."

I invite you as you read this to submit to our Lord in this way and so live the life that is different. The life of holiness that will be what God will use to change the world where you are.
Colin Warren

Prayer Points

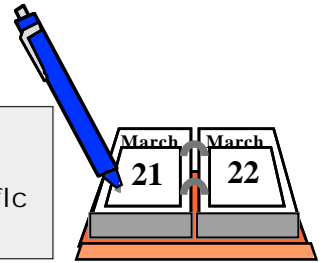
The members of Freedom Life Centre value your prayers and would ask for prayer support in the following areas:

- * for continued good health and safe travel for all our team members
- * wisdom in co-ordinating seminars and also raising up teams to support Col in both seminar presentation and seminar ministry in 2003.



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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.

As we have now come to the end of our seminars for 2002 we are into the planning stages for 2003. If your Church would like to have a seminar for 2003 would you please make contact with our office and arrangements can be made.

Our last seminars were at Leeton U.C. New South Wales, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Byron Bay, also in New South Wales and Chapel Hill U.C. Brisbane in Queensland. These seminars were presented by Rev. Dr. Colin Warren with the assistance of Dulcie Andrew at the Byron Bay seminar.

Our prayer is that people who attended these seminars were blessed and encouraged in their walk with the Lord and will continue to allow the Holy Spirit to expand their boundaries.



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