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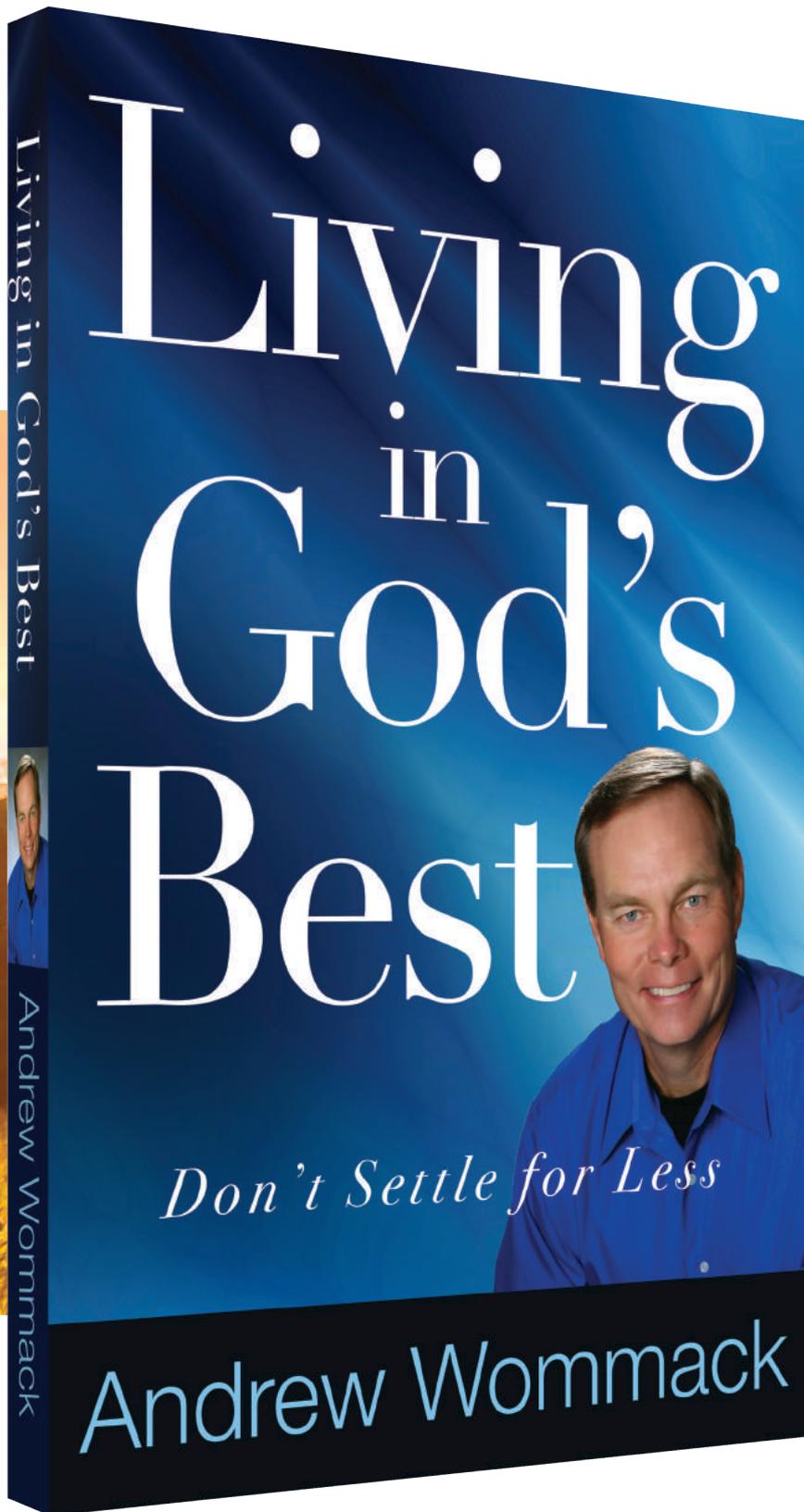
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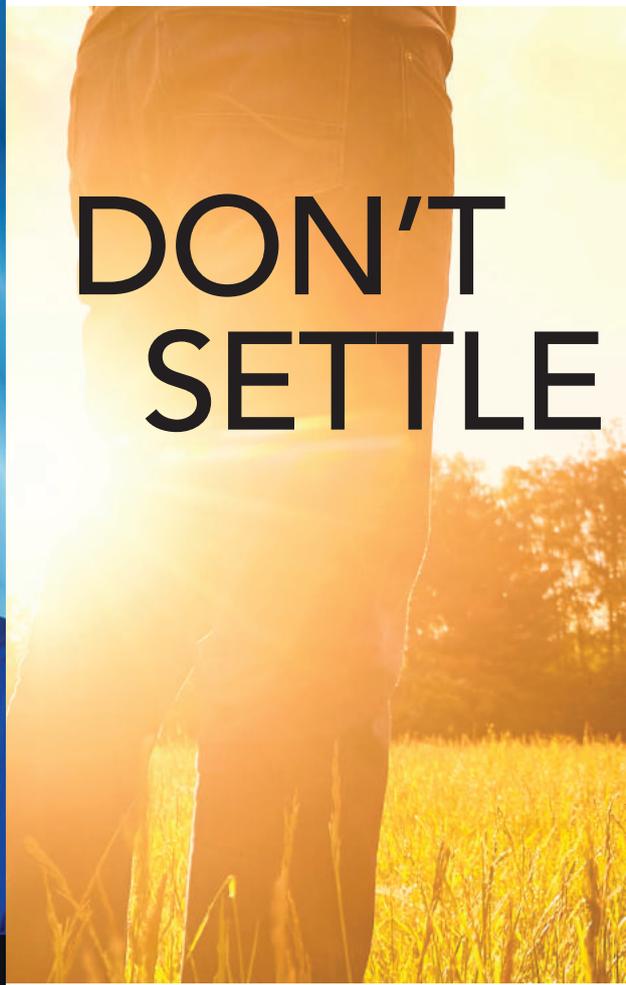
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# A MESSAGE FROM Andrew & Jamie

Dear Partners and Friends,

Wow, what a great year it's been so far! I would be hard-pressed to try to fit it all in this letter, but I just want you to know that you're a blessing to us and a vital part of what God is doing at AWM.

One of the things that's been on my heart lately is helping believers get a good understanding of the nature of God. Sometimes that means dealing with religious doctrines and traditions. Right thinking leads to right believing. You can read more on this in my article "Encountering Grace: Dealing with Sacred Cows."

Among other things you'll find in this magazine is an article on our AWM office and Charis campuses in India. Through those locations, we'll be able to reach and minister to the entire country and into southeast Asia. Also, check out our latest Student Spotlight, which focuses on Marcelo and Sandra Duarte and their journey into Brazil. I just love reading about our students' experiences as they go to and through Charis and then beyond. It's awesome!

Speaking of Charis, read about one of our instructors, Arthur Meintjes. He's a favorite here. God has really given him a powerful revelation of His grace. I tell you, the lineup of teachers the Lord has assembled at Charis is among the best in the world!

Lastly, the launch of our Third-Year Practical Government School has got me really excited. It's just now completing its first year, and it'll be awesome to see how the graduates from this school will impact the political realm. Be sure to check out that article too.

Thank you for partnering with us and supporting us. Not one of the things you'll read about in this magazine is happening apart from you. We are in this together. You're a blessing!

*Andrew and Jamie*



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Greg Mohr

# OUTLASTING THE DEVIL

Have you ever prayed against a sickness only to see it get worse? Have you blamed yourself for not having enough faith? Have you wondered what authority you really have over sickness?

Greg Mohr knew the authority that believers have so well that he taught it every day. As the director of Charis Bible College Colorado, he has shared Andrew's heart on healing the sick. He even wrote his own book about healing called *Your Healing Door*. Yet none of this seemed to matter when, out of nowhere, an incessant pain overtook him while he and his wife, Janice, were in Florida, celebrating their wedding anniversary.

"I had been feeling fine," Greg recalls. "We were eating lunch on the beach and...I started getting chills. My wife told me that I turned white. I started aching all over. I had a high fever."

Greg and Janice returned to their room, where they rebuked the illness and declared God's Word. It's what they had done countless other times, always seeing the victory. But this time was different. "We prayed in the Spirit for two hours while he was lying on the bed," Janice shares. "Nothing seemed to be working." As the situation went from bad to worse, she knew they needed to go to the hospital.

"When I asked my wife for a thermostat instead of a thermometer, she thought it might be getting serious," Greg says. "So, we went to the ER.... I hadn't been in a hospital in close to forty years. They asked me who my doctor was and I told them it's Dr. Jesus." Greg explains his reason for not having a medical doctor: "I'm not against doctors; I don't ever get sick."

# HEALING JOURNEY

After doing a CT scan and several tests, the doctors diagnosed Greg with pneumonia and sepsis, a severe and sometimes deadly infection in the bloodstream. "We were in for quite a battle," Greg says. He was hooked up to a ventilator and put in ICU that Wednesday night, but things deteriorated so quickly that by Friday, he was gasping for air.

With all his energy focused on breathing, Greg needed Janice to stand in faith for his healing. As she continued to speak God's Word, she refused to let circumstances sway her belief. For this reason, some of the medical staff believed she was in denial. Janice remembers, "A real sweet, young nurse came to me, and she got nose-to-nose to me, and she said, 'Ma'am, you do not understand how serious your husband is.'"

With Greg fighting for his life and Janice fighting a negative prognosis, their daughter, Michelle, knew her father's life depended on following God's Word. She felt that her father needed strong believers to come lay hands on him. She called the director of Charis Jacksonville, Danon Winter, and asked him to go pray for her dad.

Immediately Danon took two of his friends and drove an hour and a half in the middle of the night to reach Greg's hospital room.

As they began praying, Janice says, "I saw this light come in...and it was like Jesus walked into the room, but I knew He was coming to heal [Greg] and not coming to take him home." Janice continues, "I heard Jesus speak to me in my heart, and He said, 'Wherever two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them to carry out what they agree together on.'"

"The next day, I started improving pretty dramatically," Greg says. "For the first time in

two-and-a-half days, I was hungry."

With his vital signs heading back to normal and the traces of sepsis fading away, the doctor could not believe Greg's progress. The doctor said, "This is remarkable. You're not the same man I saw last night. I don't know what I can say about this." Greg answered, "Well, I do, Doctor. It was Dr. Jesus and His Word and the body of Christ praying for me."

Two days later, the Mohrs were on a plane flying home.

Although a near-death experience in a Florida hospital was not what they had in mind when they set off on their trip, Greg and Janice embrace their story as another testament to God's unfailing promises.

Greg urges those who are facing their own battles to know that God's power will work for anyone: "I'm a testimony of God's love and grace, and He loves you the same.... God has given to you - and me - patience. Patience is not an enemy. Patience is your friend, and the devil doesn't have it [because it's] part of the fruit of the Spirit. What that means is, you and I, we can outlast the devil. We have overcoming, lasting power."

Healing is something many Christians struggle with receiving. While they wouldn't admit it, some have even blamed God, believing He made healing difficult. But nothing could be further from the truth. **God truly wants you well!** Andrew Wommack Ministries has just released a new booklet, entitled *God Wants You Well*, that gives you six keys that will help you receive your own healing! To download your free copy, go to [www.awme.net/healingsecrets](http://www.awme.net/healingsecrets) or call our Helpline: +44 (0)1922 473 300. We believe it will change your life! *gt*

# MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

Despite being born and raised in South Africa, Arthur Meintjes always identified with U.S. culture. "It was their sense of freedom," Arthur said. "It was also the idea that you can be anything you want to be - in a land of opportunity."

He came to Dallas, Texas, in the 1980s to study at Christ for the Nations Institute. After graduation, he and his wife and their children went back to South Africa, where he pastored a church. But frustration began to mount within him after nine years of working there.

"I was trying to measure up to the legalistic do-good-get-good gospel of performance religion," Arthur said. He was fed up and asked himself, *How much is enough?*

One day it all came to a head. Arthur was ready to give up - on everything. He went into his office to end his life. Suddenly he decided that if he was going to kill himself, he would at least "have it out with God" first. He began to scream and vent his rage. When he finally calmed down, he heard, "Arthur, you simply need to enter into My rest." The simplicity of what God said to him made him even angrier. He kicked over things, stomped on books, and slammed his Bible against the wall. Then inside his heart, Arthur heard the Scripture reference from Hebrews 3:19: "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." It was as if God was telling him, "You say I'm good, but you don't really believe it."

This moment changed the course of Arthur's life. It was the best thing that could have happened to him. He launched out on a journey to discover everything about God's goodness, which opened his heart to the love of God. Looking back on those first nine years of pastoring, he realized God had been communicating His love to him all the while, but he had been living out an old formula: *Do good, get good*. Arthur admitted, "It is possible to preach the Word and not preach the Gospel,"

## ARTHUR MEINTJES



meaning that a person can preach Scripture but ignore the heart of it. They can be ignorant of the Good News.

Arthur is passionate about making sure Charis Bible College students understand the truth of God's love and goodness. When students encounter him, most feel their views on God begin to shift, like a cruise ship changing directions. He makes bold declarations like:

God the Father didn't send Jesus to earth to formulate a theology. He came to restore us back to our original manufacturing settings...before the Fall.

Sin isn't what I'm not allowed to do, but it's what I get to *not do*.

Inevitably, students pose the question that if God is good, why do bad things happen? Arthur answers by giving them the analogy of a serious traffic accident:

When an ambulance shows up at the scene of a car accident, would you say, "Oh, because the ambulance is here, it caused the accident"? No, you would not. That's not logical. Well, in the same way, people see God show up to help the accident of man's mess and they say God caused the accident. God may teach you through the mess, but He never causes it. He's good. He can't be otherwise.

In a Charis student's first year, Arthur teaches what he calls the "heart essence of the Gospel." This includes the courses Essential Truths of the New Testament and Let Freedom Reign. In that first year, students often learn if they have unresolved issues with legalism and performance-based religion or not. Arthur believes they will either hear the truth and fall in love, or they will be so challenged that they will try to explain it away.

In the second year, students receive more practical training through courses like Foundational Truths for Godly Ministry, Who Is Man?, and Practical Skills for Godly Relationships. These teachings establish students in their identity of righteousness by faith, as well as help them form relationships based on true identity instead of self-worth.

Students love Arthur's courses. Austin Reinitz, a Charis graduate, said, "It's as if we've stepped into another dimension where God's love is tangible and mind-boggling." Most have never heard anyone emphasize, as Arthur does, that "God is madly in love with mankind." He teaches that the undeniable goodness of God is the force of the Gospel that transforms all those willing to embrace it.

To learn more about what Arthur is doing today, check out his website: [arthurmeintjes.com](http://arthurmeintjes.com). There, you can read his blog, find out where he's speaking, and obtain his ministry products. [gt](#)



*Arthur teaching at Charis Colorado*

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# PARTNERSHIP: A MINISTRY OF HOPE



I remember a time when the Lord led me to call a good friend of mine just after I had been praying in tongues. We'd been out of touch for several years. He answered the phone, and before I could say a word, he immediately hung up on me. His reaction seemed strange, since I knew God had prompted me to call. While I sat at my desk pondering this, the phone rang. Sure enough, it was my friend! He explained that he had just told God how he had spent his entire life ministering to others, but now that he was in need, nobody was ministering to him. "God, please send somebody to encourage me," he prayed, "or I'm going to quit the ministry!" That's when the phone rang, and there I was. My phone call was a direct answer to his prayer.

Through that phone call, I was able to encourage a minister friend in a crisis, and God was able to restore him. Encouragement is powerful! It restores our hope.

In Deuteronomy 3:28, the Lord commanded Moses to encourage Joshua. He said, *"But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see."*

Joshua faced many battles when he led God's people to inherit the Promised Land, but I'm sure the encouragement from Moses helped Joshua lead Israel into victory.

In the New Testament, while Paul continued to work in Athens, he sent Timothy to minister to the Thessalonians. Paul intended for Timothy to accomplish two main things: to establish and to comfort (or encourage) them. Paul *"sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith"* (1 Thess. 3:2).

The word *"comfort"* in that verse comes from the Greek verb *parakaleo*, and it is found 109 times in the New Testament. This word carries the idea of encouraging and strengthening by consolation. A variation of this Greek word was translated *"Holy Spirit"* because *"to comfort"* is descriptive of the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The world has been affected by sin, and discouragement is a temptation we must continually resist. We can see from these scriptures how important it is to minister comfort and encouragement to each other. When we do, we receive strength to inherit



*"We have a group of people solely dedicated to minister to our partners and friends."*



*Resource Area at a Gospel Truth Seminar*

the promises God has given us.

Many years have passed, but I'll never forget how God used that telephone call to minister hope and encouragement to my friend. Today my ministry has grown so much that it's impossible for me to make personal calls to encourage people. But my heart hasn't changed. That's why here at the ministry, we have a group of people solely dedicated to minister to our partners and friends. We do this in a number of ways. We reach out to people on our mailing lists by sending products, writing letters, sending emails, and, yes, making phone calls.

Do you know that when you partner with us, you encourage and strengthen us to fulfill the vision God has for this ministry? It's true! Your commitment to this ministry turns the impossible into reality. And we want to do the same for you.

Our partner and minister relations manager, Bryan Nutman, expressed it like this: "We want our partners to know that they are valued, prayed for, and thought about consistently. We pray for them daily. We want to communicate better and spend time with them because partnership is a two-way situation. Many of our partners are pastors. They

are frontline ministers." He goes on to explain how the ministry helps ministers. "Pastors frequently ask us how they can hear God's voice more clearly, and we want to help them with questions like that," Bryan said. "We have many resources like books, teachings, conferences, [and] webinars...to encourage and give them the support they need."

Together we can fight against the spirit of discouragement that tries to creep into the church. As you sow into this ministry, your gift encourages and strengthens us to continue to take the message of God's unconditional love and grace to this world. And you can be sure that God is not going to forget your labor of love.

There are many exciting initiatives for the near future, and we want you to be a part of it all. To learn more about the different partnerships available to you, go to [www.awme.net/give](http://www.awme.net/give). Remember, partnership goes both ways. We're in this together! **gt**

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(Note: Portions of this article were adapted from the book *The New You & The Holy Spirit* and from Andrew Wommack's *Living Commentary*.)

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## WHEN YOUR CALLING FINDS YOU

I believe that we will see a big awakening of Brazil. It's a country that loves God, but they still don't know how to relate with that God that they love. And we are here, bringing that close relationship with God. And we're going to demonstrate the kingdom. We're going to help them to see the Father's love and how a good, good Father really is.

- Marcelo Duarte

For Marcelo and Sandra Duarte, the journey to Brazil would begin in a not-so-likely place: their local Bible study group in Florida. The leader of the group often mentioned the teachings of Andrew Wommack, but the Duartes didn't give it much thought; that is, until a book at Barnes & Noble caught Sandra's eye. That book set them on a path that would change their lives forever.

"I was looking for a particular book, and I found *A Better Way to Pray*," Sandra said. "We took it home, and still not knowing who the author was, I would read it to Marcelo in the car. One day the book was face-down, and I saw that it was Andrew Wommack. We realized this was the same person that our leader at church was telling us about."

Marcelo and Sandra immediately went home and downloaded as many of Andrew's teachings as they could. "Andrew's teachings changed me, because I had never heard that we have authority," Sandra continued. "When I actually experienced it, applying the Word, I was amazed. I was using that authority everywhere.... It was a blessing to receive that book, and I know that God planted that in our lives, because that was exactly the time that I was diagnosed with cervical cancer and was able to overcome."

"Our theology was religious theology," Marcelo explained. "When we started understanding the message of grace and the balance of grace and faith, I have no words to explain. It was like night and day. I saw God for the first time for who He really is, and it was amazing. I now sit down on my Father's lap, and I have fun with Him. I love to spend time with my Father, something that I was afraid of before."

Marcelo and Sandra made the move to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to attend Charis Bible College in the fall of 2010. "Our three years [there] were the most



*Sandra and Marcelo Duarte*

amazing three years," Marcelo said. "We grew. We helped other people find their purpose and their callings. Sometimes it's even difficult to put into words what Charis did for us."

The realization that God was calling them to Brazil would come sooner than they thought. Marcelo realized this during a first-year class with Charis Colorado instructor Greg Mohr. There, God spoke to Marcelo in a way He hadn't before.

"I was looking at Greg Mohr teaching, and [at the same time] I was seeing myself teaching the exact same thing that Greg was talking about," Marcelo said. "And I was even able to see the people in the pews - their faces - and I was like, 'What is happening?'"

For the next week, God was speaking with Marcelo every day, showing him the things to come. "We were going to be in Brazil ministering to people and helping them to see the real God, how He really is, and His love for them," Marcelo shared. "I talked with my wife...and she was like, 'Yeah, I feel the same thing. God is calling us.' And we started making plans, even in the first year of school."

They stepped out onto the path God had called them to and arrived in Brazil in 2013, where they immediately began sharing and applying the things that they were taught at Charis with the people of Brazil.

"They are such a religious people. They love God, but they don't know how to relate," Marcelo said. "What we learned in Charis has set us free from



*Marcelo teaching on relationship with God*

that religious mind, and we felt such compassion toward them that we wanted to do the same for them. And little by little, we could see the power of God manifesting in other people's lives. And that was such a reassurance that we are where God wants us to be and at the time that He wants us to be."

Marcelo and Sandra started Logos Ministries International, and through it, they run a missionary house where they host missions teams in Brazil - including several from Charis. They also spend a lot of time traveling across the country, preaching and teaching in the churches. "The religion in them stopped them from receiving," Marcelo explained. "So, we saw the need to bring the real Charis Bible College to Brazil."

Today Marcelo and Sandra are working tirelessly in the newly opened AWM Brazil office. Next, they will be opening a Charis Bible College campus. Despite dealing with international laws, curricula, and never-ending translations, the couple is determined to see the vision God placed in their hearts come to pass.



*Sandra and Marcelo praying over a girl for healing*

"He put a desire in my heart to see this country be free from religion," Marcelo said. "And with that, Charis is the perfect tool. My vision that God put in me is that I'm going to see forty-plus Charis Bible Colleges throughout Brazil. But it starts with one, and we are working hard to make that one the way God wants it to be. We want it to prepare new leaders in Brazil to start taking this truth, taking this message, throughout the entire country of Brazil."

Marcelo and Sandra are just one of the many examples of Charis students who find their calling - or, rather, are at Charis when their calling finds them. Since grabbing hold of Andrew's vision, they are now taking the Gospel throughout Brazil and seeing lives changed. For more information on the work Marcelo and Sandra are doing in Brazil, visit their website: [www.LogosMinistriesInternational.com.gt](http://www.LogosMinistriesInternational.com.gt)



*Sandra [left] working as a translator during a women's conference*

# ENCOUNTER GRACE: DEALING WITH SACRED COWS

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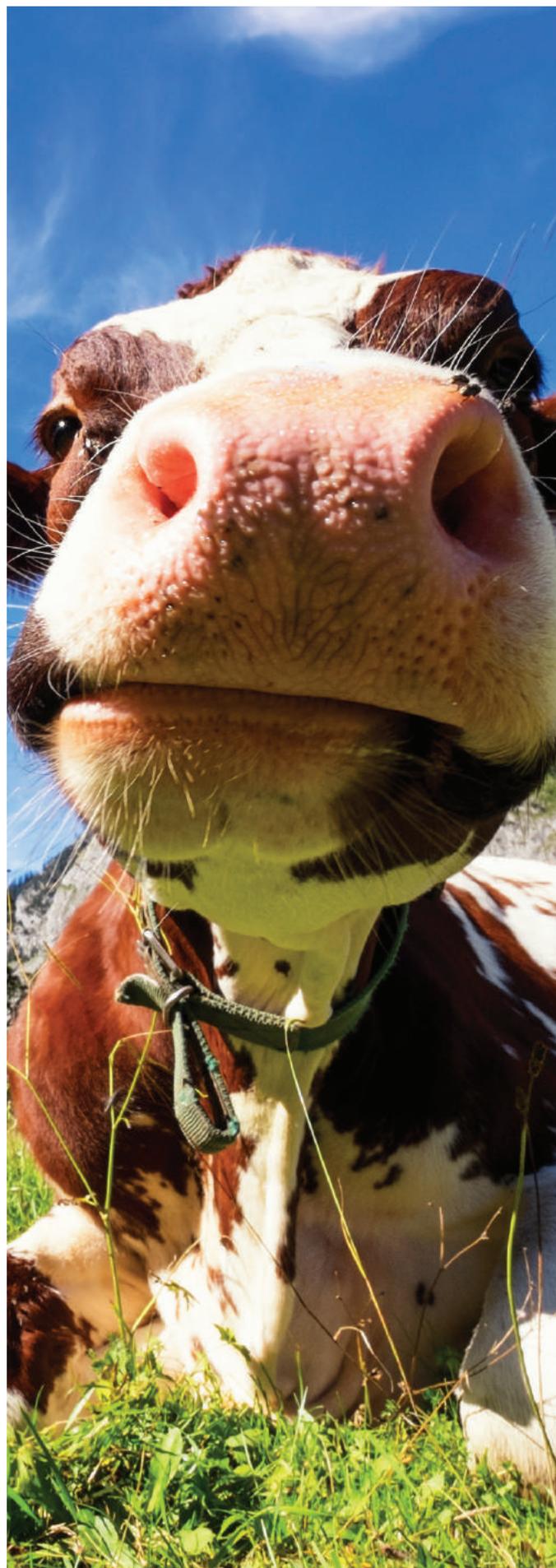
The Word of God is awesome! It has all the power we will ever need for every situation in our lives. All we have to do is mix it with faith and, praise God, a miracle happens (Heb. 4:2)!

I know many of you are thinking, *It isn't that easy. I believe the Word, and I'm doing everything I know to do; yet things still haven't worked out.* I have experienced that, too - personally and with many people I've ministered to. So, what's the problem? Actually, there are many problems, but I think most of them can be summed up by what Jesus said in Mark 7:13:

*Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition.*

What a startling statement! Wrong teaching - specifically, wrong religious doctrine - makes God's Word of no effect. The most significant revelations I've received from the Lord all have to do with renewing my mind from old ways of thinking that I learned in church. As I was freed from the traditions, the simplicity of God's Word set me free.

At a *Gospel Truth Seminar*, the Lord led me to counter a number of traditions that void God's Word. It was heavy stuff that was hard on even many Full Gospel fanatics. I tried to be as gentle as possible, but there isn't a gentle way to kill a sacred cow. And it cannot be done away with gradually. You just need to kill it and deal with the fallout. So, that's what I did. It was powerful, and I made it into a teaching series, *Killing Sacred Cows*. I deal with a lot of things in that



teaching, but I only have space to mention a few here.

I think one of the worst doctrines in the body of Christ today is the belief that God controls everything or, as the religious terminology states, "God is sovereign." It's usually presented in one of two ways: that God originates everything or that Satan originates the evil things but has to get God's approval before he can do His "dirty work."

This doctrine is so entrenched in the body of Christ that many people will just discount what I have to say before hearing me out. To them, this has become a sacred cow. But this old cow needs to die. They need to kill it, or it will kill the power of God's Word in their lives.

On the surface, it makes perfect sense that God controls everything. After all, He is God. He is all-powerful. He can do whatever He wants to do.

I agree that God is sovereign if the word *sovereign* is used as it's defined in the dictionary. The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines *sovereign* as "1. Self-governing; independent. 2. Having supreme rank or power. 3. Paramount; supreme." *Sovereign* comes from a Latin word that means "above" (*AHD*). I agree with all of those definitions. God is all of that and more. But religious tradition has redefined *sovereign* to mean that God has and exercises "absolute control." I totally disagree with that!

At one time, God was in absolute control of everything, but then He made man and gave him unrestricted power and authority over the earth. He gave him His Word (Ps. 89:34). There were no strings attached. But man knowingly gave that power and authority to Satan. And Satan has been messing things up ever since (with our help, I might add).

This is why the Lord started making covenants with people like Abraham and, eventually, the

whole nation of Israel. If they complied, then the Lord could legally bless them. This worked, to a degree. The problem was, no one could live up to God's standard for very long. So, instead of the blessing He desired to give, the curse eventually came upon them, because "*all have sinned*" (Rom. 3:23).

People have seen many scriptural examples of God's judgment in the Old Testament and have interpreted that as God's way of correcting us. Under the New Covenant, that isn't the case, and a number of scriptures will kill that sacred cow.

Some people say, "This cancer was really a blessing in disguise because it made me turn to the Lord for help." No! It's not a blessing - it's a curse. God never uses evil to correct or draw us to Him. Romans 2:4 says it's the goodness of God that leads us to repentance. Second Timothy 3:16 says that God's Word is given to correct and reprove us, not afflictions, which are what Satan uses to steal away God's Word (Mark 4:16-17).

"But don't all things work together for good?" No! That's not what God's Word says. That's another sacred cow. Look at Paul's actual statement in Romans 8:28:

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Taken in context, that verse says something totally different from what religion has taught us. Romans 8:26-27 says this:

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

The Greek word for “*helpeth*” means “to take hold of opposite together, i.e. co-operate” (*Strong’s Concordance*). The Holy Spirit does not intercede for us automatically; we must participate. And as we do, He energizes and quickens and empowers our prayers. When He takes hold with us, things begin to work together for good.

Also, in Romans 8:28, there are qualifications that most people ignore. The first is to love God. For those who do not, things don’t work together for good.

The next part says you must be called “*according to his purpose.*” First John 3:8 says that the purpose of Jesus’ coming was to destroy the works of the devil. So, if you are functioning according to the purpose of Jesus, you should be out to destroy the works of the devil.

Therefore, this passage of Scripture applies to people who are not passive, but are interceding and letting the Holy Spirit supernaturally energize and take intercession to a level where it’s not just human. Add loving God to that, and resisting and destroying the works of the devil, and you can see how that scripture has been misunderstood and misused.

God is not the one who makes our lives a mess. We have a choice.

Deuteronomy 30:19 says,

*I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.*

To say we don’t have a choice invalidates the Word of God. The Word tells us to make a choice between life and death, so we do have a choice. God even helped us out by telling us which one to choose: life!

The slickest deception Satan has ever put across, primarily through the church, is to get people to embrace his work as the work of God. In my estimation, this is the worst doctrine in the body

of Christ. If you really believe God controls everything, then why do anything? Why pray? Why study the Word? Why resist? Just eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you die (1 Cor. 15:32), and whatever God wills will happen.

However, James 4:7 says,

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Notice that there are things from God that we submit to and things from the devil that we resist. God does not control everything.

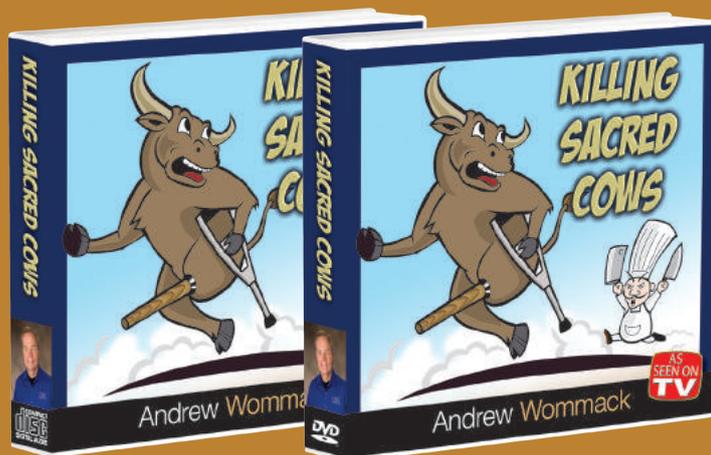
Religion has played into the victim mentality because it’s the easiest way to explain away failure. The church has not been effective in helping people overcome things like sickness and financial problems, so they fall into the “sacred cow” belief that God is allowing this for a reason.

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In my *Killing Sacred Cows* series, I teach more about this subject and other wrong beliefs that are crippling the body of Christ. You can get this as a CD, As-Seen-on-TV DVD, or Recorded Live DVD series. However, this teaching is also part of a larger package called Encounter Grace, which includes additional teaching in DVD and paperback format. Find out more about this package at [www.awme.net/shop](http://www.awme.net/shop), by calling our Helpline: +44(0)1922 473 300.

Jamie and I love you and want you to receive all the blessings of God. I know this new package will make a huge difference in helping you do that. **gt**

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## *GOSPEL TRUTH SEMINARS:* IMMERSION IN HIS PRESENCE

Learning another language and becoming fluent in it takes practice, commitment, and perseverance. One technique teachers recommend is something called immersion, a practice whereby a person spends time in a place where the people only speak that language. It is the quickest and most effective way to learn.

Are you wanting to become fluent in the power and presence of God? The best way to learn is by immersing yourself in an environment where His power is present! At our *Gospel Truth Seminars*, you will receive timely and impactful messages from God, experience dynamic praise and worship, and have the opportunity for one-on-one prayer ministry. The Word always produces results when planted in a believing heart.

*Gospel Truth Seminars* are led by Andrew Wommack in five to eight different locations throughout the year. While the events are usually in the United States, they are also held in other parts of the world. In 2016, Andrew held his first ever *GTSs* in Hong Kong and Jakarta (Indonesia). Sometimes Andrew is joined by guest speakers like Jesse Duplantis, Dr. Bill Winston, and Arthur Meintjes.

Matthew 7:20 says, *"By their fruits ye shall know them."* And much good fruit is what you'll find at these conferences! Attendees often experience miracles, physical and emotional healings, and restored relationships. The testimonies pour in after every event.

At the Atlanta *GTS*, a woman went forward for prayer. She was scheduled for eye surgery the very next morning. The following evening, she returned to the conference and announced that the doctor no longer had to perform the surgery. The lesion was gone!

A guest at the Orlando *GTS* asked for prayer over a blind eye. Complete sight was restored after prayer ministry! A man with cataracts walked up for prayer during the Phoenix *GTS* after the teaching was over. His vision started to clear, and the lights became brighter and brighter. He returned the next day to tell the prayer minister that he was no longer wearing glasses because his eyes were clear. At that same *GTS*, a woman received ministry for a cyst on her sinuses that caused her eye to droop. After prayer, her nasal passages cleared and her eye no longer drooped!

Healings were also prevalent at last year's Texas *GTS*. A ninety-two-year-old woman who had completely lost her hearing asked for one-on-one prayer ministry. The next day her daughter reported that her mother heard the phone ring and even overheard her phone conversation. A man who attended couldn't move his shoulder, but after prayer, he could lift his arm above his head without

pain. And then there was another woman who had metal screws in her leg that caused her to walk with a pronounced limp, but the limp was completely gone after prayer!

These are only a fraction of the testimonies we receive from the people who have taken the time to attend a *GTS* and immerse themselves in the language of the Word. Surrounding yourself with those who are fluent in God's presence and power produces miraculous results!

Are you ready to immerse yourself in Him? Start your immersion experience at a *Gospel Truth Seminar*. Go to [www.awme.net/events](http://www.awme.net/events) to find one in your area. You'll be glad you did! *gt*



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 **ANDREW WOMMACK**  
MINISTRIES

# CHARIS' PRACTICAL GOVERNMENT SCHOOL IS MAKING AN IMPACT

If there's one thing we as Christians need, it's a better understanding of government - how to recognize when it's functioning properly and what we can do about it when it isn't. Some would say our role is not clearly defined in Scripture. Well, they would be mistaken. Others would reference the "separation between church and state." Their logic would be misapplied. The truth is, government is an essential, biblical concept. The very notion of "kingdom," found all throughout Scripture, makes that clear. Once we realize our call - and responsibility - to impact government in some form, we then need to be equipped to fulfill that call.

At Charis Bible College, we understand the need to equip those who are called to a pulpit and make a difference that way, but we also understand the need to equip those who will go beyond the pulpit. That is why we have added the Practical Government School to our Third-Year Program this past school year. The school was conceived from a desire within Andrew Wommack to inform Christians about America's godly heritage and to mobilize them to make an impact on today's culture.

"One thing about the arena of government is that everybody is a part of it, whether they want to be or not, because we are all citizens," said Richard Harris, coordinator of the Practical Government School. "There are people who are called to run for office, and we want to find and equip those people. However, there are many others who are not called to office, but they can still make a huge impact." Why get involved? Because no matter what God has called us to do, He wants us to make a difference for the better.

Many Christians know they're called to be agents of change but don't know the what, where, when, or how to go about it. Richard explained how Charis can help:

Different people are called to different levels of engagement, so the school is for everybody - from a homeschool mom who wants to impart to her children a historically accurate understanding of America's Christian heritage, all the way up to someone who feels like they've been called to run for office. It's also for business[people] who want to know how to more effectively interact with government and, of course, pastors who want to know the truth in this area.

Students who enroll in the Practical Government School will establish a biblical foundation for godly government as well as receive a solid understanding of America's Christian heritage. These two vital building blocks will help ensure they succeed in whatever God is calling them to do.

"A big part of why we feel we've been losing the battle in the public arena is because our leaders are intimidated; they are unknowledgeable. They are not equipped to articulate the Christian basis for what we believe," Richard said. "They try to argue issues on the Enemy's turf, with the Enemy's assumptions and the Enemy's words. As a result of that, they are unpersuasive."

Richard suggested that perhaps one of the greatest needs is for those who are church leaders to be equipped. "There's an assumption, or belief, that the church is wrong to go out into the public square

and talk about matters of concern,” Richard said. “But we’re never going to win the world with that mindset, and that’s not the example that Christ gave us.”

Jesus said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt. 28:19). And the Practical Government School will do just that. “The fivefold ministry was given in order to equip the church to do the work of the ministry. In order for that to happen in the public sector, the pastors need to be equipped,” Richard shared. “At Charis, we’re equipping people to go into every area of society. That’s what the Third-Year experience is all about.”

David Barton, founder of the WallBuilders organization, worked with Richard and Practical Government School director Mark Cowart to develop the curriculum to create an experience unlike any other.

The school is supported by an excellent range of instructors like David and Tim Barton, Alliance Defending Freedom’s Bruce Smith, and local city council members. They also heard from former jihadi Kamal Saleem, and some students even met then President-elect Trump.

The school year includes several field trips, with one being to Washington, D.C., and working with organizations that support conservative Christian causes.

“It’s going to be fantastic. I don’t believe there’s anything else in the country like what we’re doing,” Richard said. “The Lord has given us such an amazing program for how to do this that, over time, it’s just going to make a major impact.”

If you, too, are ready to make an impact on the world around you, start your Charis experience today. We will help you reach those inside the four walls of the church and those outside of them. Get your training and support through the Practical Government School. To enroll or learn more, go to [www.CharisBibleCollege.org](http://www.CharisBibleCollege.org) today! *gt*



Richard Harris  
Coordinator of Charis Practical Government School





# AWM INDIA: THE FUTURE GETS BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER

With over seventy Charis Bible College campuses, many of our friends and partners are aware of the school's world-wide presence. However, not as many know how far Andrew Wommack Ministries is spread across the globe. Andrew's heart is to go farther and deeper with the Gospel, and the relationship between AWM offices and Charis campuses reflects the dual nature of Andrew's mission. The goal of Charis is to train disciples who can go back to their own homes and spheres of influence and share the Gospel, while AWM's purpose is to spread out into new regions and countries, taking the Good News farther. There are currently AWM offices in twelve different countries: the United States, Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Russia, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and India.

Each AWM office becomes a hub from which the grace message can spread throughout that region. For those who have never heard of Andrew Wommack, an AWM office can pave the way for more changed lives through its written publications and teaching materials. Some offices even have their own Helpline. Having an AWM office can also prepare an area for another Charis campus to raise up even more disciples. This very thing is happening in India.

Paulraj Joseph, the regional director of AWM India, oversees three locations: Chennai, Hyderabad, and Mumbai. He is also over the operations in south and west Asia. Hyderabad is home to the registered AWM office, but all three locations house both AWM and Charis India staff.

*Mumbai, India*



*Paulraj Joseph*  
*Regional director of*  
*AWM India*

Before there was ever a building for a Bible school established, David Forgoston - along with his wife, Judith, and his father, Russ Forgoston - moved to India and used AWM's Discipleship Evangelism course in Chennai for two years. Then in 2009, they started the first Charis campus there. Later that same year, they opened the first AWM India office in Chennai. The office in Hyderabad opened in 2012. The one in Mumbai opened the following year, and it acts more as an outlet for the sale of ministry resources. Paulraj took over as regional director at the end of 2014.

As regional director, Paulraj explained the heart behind the unseen AWM India staff and how the grace message has completely transformed their lives:

We are invisible people working, and the only visible person for the ministry is Andrew. ... We have people filled with passion, and people who are touched by his teachings. And they just go all out to take his teachings and to help people understand the truth. The truth helped us to get out of bondage. The type of thinking, the type of belief systems, we were having were all bondages. You know, Andrew's teachings helped us to come out of it, and I think almost every staff [member] working here has a similar passion to really take the message out.

The future of AWM India gets brighter and brighter as it spreads the light and truth of the Gospel throughout the country and southeast Asia. Paulraj's three main goals will help continue what

they have started.

First, Charis courses need to be translated into more local languages. Thanks to the diligent work of ministry volunteers and employees, AWM and Charis have already translated thirty-four different titles in eight Indian languages: Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Punjabi, Kannada, Urdu, and Oriya. They are also working on translating materials into Sinhalese for those in Sri Lanka and into Arabic for Middle Eastern countries.

The second goal is to divide India into four zones - north, south, east, and west - and that will help Paulraj and his team to coordinate the reaching of India's estimated 1.3 billion people. A project coordinator has already been placed in the capital of Delhi located in the north. This special coordinator should help AWM break through the strong Catholic influence in that mostly unreached part of the country.

Their third goal has to do with developing the Charis ministry in their country. Indians do not have a concept of part-time work. In India, people either have a full-time job or they do not work. And not working is unacceptable. This has been a barrier for increasing attendance at the campus in India. Their full-time work schedules leave little time for socializing or anything else outside of work. Paulraj sees promoting correspondence course work, Charis Online, and Saturday school as effective ways to achieve this goal.

The ministry of AWM India feels they are effectively and regularly reaching about 5,000 people and counting. This location has been able to reach out through their website, publications, and contact programs. Paulraj says that wherever he goes, people tell him they are so blessed by the ministry. He recently spoke in Dubai, and many made a point to tell him that they were listening to Andrew and have his books. Paulraj hears stories from so many people, partners in particular, of how Andrew's teachings have had a great impact on their lives.

Some of the testimonies that touch Paulraj's heart are from his own staff:

My own staff...all thought they were useless. They thought they were written off, but they understood after coming here that they are real gems. People discovered themselves when they started working in the ministry. There are a lot of stories.

Paulraj recalled with excitement a particular testimony about one staff member. This person is in charge of an area of the ministry, but didn't feel like she knew anything when she first started. "She stepped out in faith and took on projects with the ministry," Paulraj said. "I'm telling you, she is such a great blessing!"

She recently expressed to Paulraj how she now knows her worth in Christ. "That's a transformation - from nothing to everything!" Paulraj shared. "Everyone has a story to share."

Through the efforts of Paulraj Joseph and the staff and volunteers at AWM India, the hearts and hands of the "invisible" are making Jesus visible in their country. Because of the support of our friends and partners,

Andrew Wommack Ministries is able to expand with different offices around the world. The grace of the Gospel is setting people free across India like wildfire. To learn more about the other AWM offices, check out [www.awme.net/contact-us.gt](http://www.awme.net/contact-us.gt)



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# AWM TO GO: THE CONFERENCES TEAM

What would it be worth to see your life or the life of someone you know changed? At Andrew Wommack Ministries, that's a question that gets answered at every one of our events. People may walk in with problems, but that doesn't mean they leave with them. And it's been that way for decades. But what does it take to put a conference together, and who are the people who make it happen? Meet Carlie Terradez, the Conferences Department manager at AWM:

It was at a conference in the UK nearly eleven years ago that our daughter, Hannah, received a miraculous healing from a terminal autoimmune condition.... It's a huge privilege to be a part of a team that now helps others receive their miracles.

What most don't know is the level of structure and organization involved in making stories like Carlie's possible. It takes a well-oiled system with individuals of various fields of expertise, from coordinators to camera people to prayer ministers to so many more. Joann McFarland, the conferences and events operational coordinator, will tell you, "Because of what we're commissioned to do for Andrew, the Conferences Department touches almost every other department at AWM and Charis: marketing, partner relations, publications, productions, accounting and donations, facilities, transportation, security.... We have our own travel planner and semi-trucks that drive our materials across the country if we don't ship them.... We have to be able to take our whole show on the road."

Joann is the liaison between conferences on the road and conferences at our facility in Woodland Park, Colorado. All the logistics for each and every event pass through her. She works with

our on-campus coordinator, Rachel Sanders, to organize such events as *Campus Days*, *Summer Family Bible Conference*, *Healing Is Here*, *Men's Advance*, *Women Arise*, *Ministers' Conference*, and the *Charis Business Summit*.

In 2016, the Conferences Department orchestrated seventy-two events. Forty-four of them were major events, twelve were Charis interest meetings, nine were partner receptions, and seven were minister receptions. In addition, the team organized numerous afternoon workshops, outdoor activities, competitions, excursions, water baptisms, youth and children events, weekly Healing School sessions, and social networking functions. What's amazing is that this was done by only five full-time employees, eight part-time employees, and local student and partner volunteers!

The work that the Conferences Department does is for one essential purpose: changing lives. In Carlie's case, it meant saving the life of her daughter. What's that worth? *Everything*. It's worth all the effort, planning, and organization that it takes to make these events work. We are thankful for each member of our gifted Conferences Department. They are a tremendous blessing to AWM.

Without this mobile team, the guest experience at *Gospel Truth Seminars* and our other events would be very different. One of these conferences is the best way to experience Charis worship and Andrew's rich teaching firsthand. Miracles happen and lives are transformed when like-minded believers gather. We hope to see you at one of our events soon. Go to [www.awme.net](http://www.awme.net) to find one near you! *gt*

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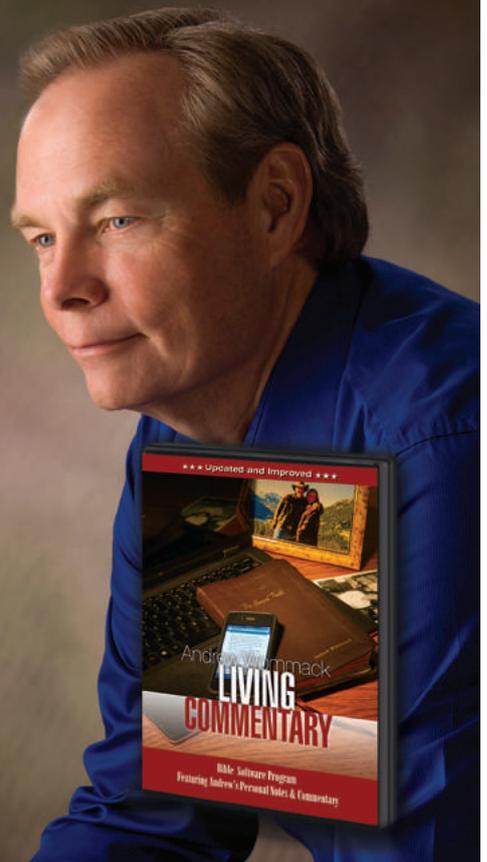
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# GOD DID IT!

## STURMAN PROPERTY UPDATE

BY ANDREW WOMMACK

We did it! You did it! **God did it!**

On May 9, we signed the lease on the 336 acres adjacent to *The Sanctuary* in Woodland Park, Colorado. **This is big!** This now expands *The Sanctuary* to 493 acres and gives us the ability to do whatever the Lord leads us to do as we develop Charis Bible College and all the ministries associated with it.

God's faithful provision is so normal for us that it's possible to miss what a huge blessing this really is. Let me share a perspective that some of you may not have, just to give glory to the Lord for what He has and is doing through this ministry.

On January 3, 2000, we aired our very first *Gospel Truth* television broadcast. By January 2002 we were covering less than 5 percent of the U.S. television market. Then the Lord spoke to me on January 31, 2002, about how I was limiting what He could do through me by my small thinking. An explosion took place on the inside of me when He told me that. We are still experiencing the ripple effects of that word today.

We had 28 people on staff in 2002. We have 650 employees worldwide today. Our television broadcast now covers the globe, reaching a potential 3.2 billion people who can watch on local or satellite channels. The year prior to the Lord speaking to me about not limiting Him with my small thinking, our total income was \$2 million. Last year's income was over \$63 million.

Then in May of 2009, I was once again challenged by the Lord after visiting Oral Roberts at his home. We were having to make some decisions about the

growth of Charis Bible College, and Oral's vision stirred something inside of me. The Lord reminded me once again not to limit Him as I planned for the future. I spent many sleepless nights just dreaming about what I would do if money wasn't an issue.

In September of 2012 we broke ground on *The Barn*, our first building at *The Sanctuary* in Woodland Park.

We moved into our debt-free facility on January 6, 2014, just twelve years after the Lord had first revealed to me that my small thinking was limiting what He could do through me. Then in August of that same year, we began construction on *The Auditorium* adjacent to *The Barn*, and we are now 75 percent through with that project.

This will increase Charis's ability to train disciples to go throughout the world by accommodating at least 4,000 students per year on our main campus.

However, this tremendous growth has brought other challenges.

We desperately need parking spaces. Currently, the majority of our students park over a quarter of a mile away from our buildings, and they either walk or are bused to class. We also are in need of student housing and an activities center where they can be fed and socialize. But that's not all. The Lord has put it on my heart to make the Charis experience as complete and good as any university could offer. This increasing vision has made our current 157-acre campus seem small.

Then another milestone happened in January of

2017. Just fifteen years after my first realization that I was limiting God through my small thinking, the Sturmans, who sold us *The Sanctuary* in 2009, made us an offer for their building and adjacent 336 acres that I would never have expected.

We had discussed buying their property and building a few years ago, but the big issue for me was that I didn't want to be in debt. The interest on a thirty-year loan for their property would have been nearly \$13 million. I don't believe the Lord wants me to give His money to lenders. So, all of our discussions had been bogged down over that issue.

But last January they offered their place to us interest free. Wow! I was amazed. I thought this *had* to be God. But even then there were challenges. I've spent over \$70 million on construction over the last five years, and we are still \$12 million away from finishing *The Auditorium*. I couldn't divert money to take advantage of this offer, even though I felt it was a God opportunity. What was the answer?

I prayed about it; and the Lord assured me this was His favor, and if I would share the need with my partners, they would rise to the occasion. So, that's what I did, and you did—and God did. This is huge!

Just fifteen years ago, I couldn't have imagined this. Although I started thinking big, the Lord has done exceedingly, abundantly, above all I could ask or think. There was faith inside me, but all the glory goes to the Lord. I haven't prayed and begged *Him* to respond to me. I'm just responding to Him. I didn't ask for this.

I truly feel like the Lord has asked me to do this for Him. He is raising Charis up to make a huge impact in these last days. I believe that only hindsight will show us the total picture of how the Lord has used Charis, but I'm sure it's bigger than any of us know.

I just had a student come up to me the other day and thank Jamie and me for how the Lord has

touched four generations of her family through this ministry. This woman and her husband were transformed through this ministry. This changed their children and even their grandchildren. Then, just this last year, the wife's and the husband's mothers were born again through their witness.

This is just one family. However, this is being repeated thousands of times through the 6,200 current students worldwide and the 6,000 Charis alumni. And I truly believe we are just now getting traction.

The Lord has big plans for Charis, and the acquisition of this new property testifies to that. The explosion that took place inside of me on January 31, 2002, is still sending tremors through me and resulting in changed lives all over the globe.

Thank you again for making this happen. You are an important part of everything the Lord is doing. Your reward is huge! People will be coming up to you in eternity and thanking you for your part in helping them come to know the Lord. You will be reaping the benefits of your partnership with this ministry throughout eternity.

And I firmly believe the Lord's promise that you will receive a hundredfold **in this life** (Mark 10:30). Get ready to receive a hundredfold increase in your finances and family and emotions and every area of your life. The greatest reward is just knowing that many people are being touched by our partnership.

Together we are making a difference. Thanks for being a part. *gt*



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If you are an active pastor, associate pastor or a leader of a Christian ministry you are very welcome, as this conference is specifically focused for you. This is always a great time of encouragement, refreshing and renewal.

Both Andrew, his special guest speaker Bob Yandian and Charlie & Jill LeBlanc are coming together at this event for one purpose and that is to serve you.

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