

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

What is something for which I'm thankful? I am thankful for how the Father has sustained me through a turbulent season. The powers of darkness and those in league with them have been active, as I've been working with a number of clients that have been persevering through spiritual attack. It has been intense. Nonetheless, I've also been aware of a number of groups intensely praying for their cities and churches. I'm grateful for how the Holy Spirit has led believers to resist the works of the enemy.

## **Praises:**

I praise God that victory is already won in Jesus Christ. It is a fact that we must hold on to, no matter how difficult the situation may be.

I praise God for the support I receive from people for ministry. Some random notes and donations in the last month were a huge blessing.

## **Announcement #1:**

As we approach the holidays and the end of 2018, I ask you to prayerfully consider giving a year end donation to LFM. The year end giving the last two years helped us greatly to weather the ups and downs of donations through the year. We could not do this ministry without the financial support of friends like you. So many of the clients who come are very financially burdened because of the demonic affliction in their lives. When you support LFM, you really are helping people in great need.

## **Announcement #2:**

Again I want to remind you that now available to purchase online is the book *The Ministry of Dean Hochstetler 1974-2005*. This book is a compilation of case reports, letters, transcriptions of lectures, and writings by Dean Hochstetler. He was an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church for 40 years, and was my main mentor for ministry. You can purchase the book through Amazon (and support LFM) by clicking here: [https://smile.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=the+ministry+of+dean+hochstetler&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Athe+ministry+of+dean+hochstetler](https://smile.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=the+ministry+of+dean+hochstetler&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Athe+ministry+of+dean+hochstetler). Also, the book can be purchased through Lulu.com. You can click here for that: <https://www.lulu.com/shop/search.ep?keyWords=dean+hochstetler&type=>. Previously, I had to order books and have them printed. Now, you can order them directly! These books are good for small group or Sunday school class discussions. It has seemed to me that everyone has an opinion on the topic! ☺

## **Short Report:**

Having a rather troubled childhood, this gentleman had found himself in numerous difficult circumstances. These negative experiences from childhood and young adulthood led to many memories that he worked very hard to not remember. The hurt and pain of his life still limited his growth as a believer in Jesus Christ.

He came for help, and in the process of ministry, we invited the Holy Spirit to bring to his mind

memories that needed healing. At one session, the Holy Spirit brought a memory to mind, and he groaned. He said, "I've tried so hard to never remember this memory again." It truly was a scary, traumatic, and painful memory. The effects of the event that he remembered could even have had real physical consequences at the time he was meeting with me. It was no wonder he didn't want to remember! God wanted him to be healed of the memory instead, and he was. The pain was removed from the memory, and we addressed the fear of any present consequence as well. God proved Himself to be real and very loving to the man.

**Something to Consider:**

*Isaiah 53:5—<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

For this month's newsletter, I'm giving an advertisement for another ministry. My good friend (former student and all-star basketball player at Clinton Christian), Anthony Troyer is a parent coach and trainer for Village to Village, International. This organization works to help bring healing and restoration to troubled children, especially those who have experienced foster care or adoption. In conversing with Anthony, I'm impressed with his understanding and care for those children who have endured traumatic experiences and how these experiences affect a child's thinking. In fact, what I've learned from others in ministry is that this material is helpful even for adults. Studies show that even the brain itself can physically change with the healing! It is incredible.

There is a great deal of overlap with my own ministry work of inner healing, and retraining how one thinks. Certainly, there is a spiritual element to what he and his organization are doing. In the Bible, the emphasis is on 2 Corinthians 10 for taking thoughts captive and Romans 12 on renewing one's mind. Anthony is able to teach this biblical truth without using these kinds of terms so that they can be applied in non-Christian settings as well.

Therefore, Anthony is able to do training sessions for all caregivers, even teachers in a public school setting. The healing of the hurting people certainly helps all of society and can pave the way for the Gospel to be shared. The truth and insight he has is very helpful for those who are caring for hurting children. I encourage you to check out this ministry at <https://www.facebook.com/villagetovillageintl/> and learn more about the work Anthony and his organization are doing.

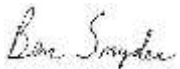
**Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for my clients as they continue through a difficult season. Often the burdens of witchcraft continue on after Halloween.

Please pray for me for discernment. The Lord's wisdom is a must in confronting the enemy.

*Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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