

TESTIMONY OF LARRY NORMAN

I was led to the Lord by a man as I looked out across Bass Strait in 1988; my life had been wrecked by alcohol and my marriage had fallen apart. Immediately I was healed from alcoholism, stomach ulcers and later partial deafness from listening to heavy metal music for 20 years.

I had been shy and withdrawn before that but I immediately felt the call of God on my life and found my lost communication skills again. I forgave everybody because Jesus had poured his forgiveness into me. I was a new creation according to 2 Corinthians 5:17 and I knew I was a new person. Three years later the Lord called me to the streets of Melbourne, to the homeless men in the streets and lanes. Five years later I met my wife Christine. We married and were called to the outback and into prisons, Mercy Ministries in Australia, Malaysia and the USA.

During this time I was a prison chaplain and later International Director at Large for FGBMFI Prison Ministry.

Bernie Gray sent me to New Zealand in 2002 for a New Zealand National Conference and there the Lord pointed to a bay south of Invercargill - I thought I'd heard wrong. On the last day a man in gumboots and flannels walked in and asked "Are you Larry Norman"?

He said "I would like you to stay on my farm and preach at my church". I asked where and he replied "Curio Bay". It was where the Lord had pointed. On the way there he got me to pray for two drug addicts and two Anglican Priests, and when we got to the community centre at Curio Bay a Catholic priest was waiting for me to pray for him. Weeks before I had walked out of a state chaplains' conference when they insisted we embrace the inter faith movement. I laid my hands on the priest's head and prayed for the Lord to bless him. I opened my eyes and a rainbow had lit up the whole headland which had previously been covered by storm clouds. I had one shot left in my film camera.

The following day the farmer took me to pray for a man with cancer and another farmer with a bad heart. A month later I rang the farmer/pastor saying the Lord must have sent me there to light my fuse. He replied that He did more than that - the Priest got baptised in the Holy Ghost and was preaching the gospel all over the South Island. The man with cancer got healed and the man with the bad heart doesn't have a bad heart any more. He told me "You're famous in Curio Bay" (Curio Bay has about twenty houses, lol).

From that began a healing ministry "proclaiming Liberty to those that have been bruised" (Luke 4:18). We have Myrrh Ministries and go into to nursing homes bringing God's Love to society's forgotten people.

My scanner isn't working tonight so I'll type what some others have written on it about me:

"Larry's messages are simple, easy to understand and proclaim the saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ".

"He is a chaplain of good repute". Rev. Neil Hampel, Christian Ministers' Association Port Augusta, South Australia.

"Larry is loved and accepted by the aboriginal people, many of whom he has brought to the Lord. He has a very anointed ministry and calling recognised by other denominational chaplains". Barry and Bev Goode Good News Inc. Prison and Evangelism Adelaide South Australia.

"Larry Norman's ministry began in the early 1990s in the suburb of St. Kilda and the inner city of Melbourne. At that time Larry answered God's call to reach the lost through a feeding program and outreaches to the disadvantaged. He spread the love of God under Turning Point Ministries which is based in Houston, Texas".

"In 2002 Larry took part in a 'Fire Team' in Brownsville Texas where 300 FGBMFI men took part. In three days we had 11,800 recorded salvations and fed 1700 families with ham, turkeys and other food brought in by Richard Shakarian's daughter's ministry "Love in Action". I've never been the same since that fire team and hunger for it to hit FGBMFI Australia".

The picture of my wife and I was taken at a little church where we ministered. A prophetic lady interrupted and said "Larry there's a fire over your head". Another lady wanted to take a picture of us as a visiting ministry. When she got her film back there was what looked like line of fire over our heads.

Blessings from Larry

