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FREEDOM IN CHRIST
Transforming Discipleship



“I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRIES AND CAN’T WAIT TO LEAD ANOTHER GROUP FROM OUR CHURCH THROUGH ONE OF THESE COURSES AND INTO FREEDOM IN CHRIST! WHAT A JOY AND PRIVILEGE THAT WILL BE!”

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO COME...

At the beginning of 2022 we find ourselves even more excited than usual about what God seems to be planning for Freedom In Christ. For a couple of years, we've been sitting with Isaiah 49:2b "He made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away." A great deal of effort from many different craftspeople goes into making the perfect arrow. It's a really skilled process and it takes time. In this report you'll see many different aspects of God's preparation: new people in new countries, new resources, new technology.

You might think that once all that skilled work was done to create a brand new arrow, it would do what it was made to do: fly gracefully towards a target and hit it. But the arrow in Isaiah 49 isn't fired. In fact it's put away in a quiver.

And even though this ministry has had a huge impact and has never stopped growing, our sense is that God has not yet fully "taken us out of the quiver and fired us". There is much more to come.

So we've lifted our expectations even higher and are preparing every aspect of the ministry for a quantum leap forward. We're not trying to make that happen ourselves. We're simply waiting on God, and watching with quite some excitement.

Some highlights from this year as we watched and waited: 461 leaders from 42 countries went through our nine month Transform equipping programme with amazing testimonies of personal transformation; we commissioned our new Africa Director, Ibrahim Dikko; we welcomed new leaders and assistant leaders in Venezuela, Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Colombia during six hours of prayer; we saw God bring in the funding for our Quantum Leap platform in an amazing way.

We were sad that good friends passed to glory: Mike Benford, one of our founding Board members; two of our National Leaders, Ken Cyr and Christine Norman; and Ron Wormser, a giant of the ministry who was so instrumental in the early years. Our feelings can go all over the place depending on the most recent experience we've had. But God keeps drawing us back to the deeper realities. He is real. He is Holy. He is loving. He understands. His promises never fail. His purposes will prevail.

Thank you for your interest, prayers, and support. Thanks too to our amazing national leaders and their teams, to our gifted Leadership Team, and to our wise International Board who keep us heading in the right direction. 2021 was another year of excellent progress but, unless you are keen on pictures of Zoom screens, it's been a difficult year to illustrate! We've done our best and we hope this report will inform you, encourage you, and inspire you to wait and watch with us.

Steve & Zoë Goss
International Directors

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QUANTUM LEAP FORWARD

In our last Annual Report, we shared about the “Quantum Leap” vision God had given us, to create a state-of-the-art online publishing and learning platform that will enable church leaders, leaders of freedom ministries within churches, and ordinary Christians to take the message of Freedom In Christ “from head to heart” and into their nations.

When it is developed, we expect the new platform to have a very significant positive impact on the effectiveness of churches in bringing transformation to the communities and cities where God has placed them. It will revolutionize the whole way Freedom In Christ operates by enabling us to equip a far greater number of people than ever before and providing a whole new way of publishing and distributing our discipleship resources.

When we found out that the first phase would cost £46,000, it seemed a huge mountain to climb. Towards the end of 2020 we had publicised the need in a small way to a few people but didn't feel God was yet directing us to do any more than that. So we waited. And waited.

Then, a year later and totally out of the blue, we received news that one of the faithful supporters of our Canadian office (whom we hadn't included in the initial publicity) wanted to provide half of the funds we needed and encourage others to match them. Many from around the world responded with gifts large and small – the one that took us to our £46,000 target was from Malaysia. Truly



a global effort! Our VERY grateful thanks go to all who participated.

The developers we had lined up to work on the project must have wondered if we had dropped off the face of the earth during the year that they didn't hear back from us, but were delighted to get the news that they could start work in earnest.

And you perhaps won't be surprised to hear that the delay turned out to be very beneficial... the developers went back to look at a possible route that we had previously written off because a key application didn't have enough features and discovered that a brand new version had been launched that very week which not only has what we need but lots more besides. We think this will make the Quantum Leap platform even better than we had hoped!

God shows us again and again that He is never in a hurry. And that He always does what He says He will do. We never have to strive to try to make it happen ourselves. We love it!

We expect development to take most of the rest of 2022 but we are really looking forward to showing it to you this year!



FREEDOM IN CHRIST COURSE TRANSLATIONS

*Afan Oromo	*Estonian	*Malay
Albanian	Farsi	*Montenegrin
Amharic	French	Norwegian
*Arabic	German	Polish
*Ateso	Hausa	Portuguese
Brazilian Portuguese	*Hebrew	Russian
Bulgarian	*Hindi	*Shona
*Burmese	Hungarian	Sinhalese
Simplified Chinese	*Indonesian	Spanish
Traditional Chinese	Italian	Swahili
*Croatian	Kinyarwanda	Tamil
Czech	Kiswahili	*Thai
Danish	Korean	*Urdu
*Dinka	Latvian	*Welsh
Dutch	*Luganda	Yoruba

SUPPORT A TRANSLATION!

Usually a translation of the Freedom In Christ Course is what enables us to get started in a new country. Many of the translations are already finished but there are others still needed. If our prospective leader has to do it themselves or rely on volunteers, it can take years.

We have quite a few that are translated but need funding to be published (**in orange*). It costs from around \$6,000 to have a professional translation but it enables us to get started so much sooner.

If you would like to find out more about supporting a translation project contact: office@freedominchrist.org



AFRICA



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: IBRAHIM DIKKO

- Howard and Aileen Ostendorff stepped down as Africa Directors and Ibrahim Dikko took over as Area Director in April, 2021. The handover ceremony was done through Zoom in May 2021 and we had many guests from across the world. It was a moment of joy, celebration, and sharing what God has done through Howard and Aileen. The occasion attracted supporters for Freedom In Christ Africa from across the globe.
- Howard continues to work with Freedom In Christ Africa as the South & East African Coordinator, as well as the Transform Coordinator while Ibrahim continues as the West African Coordinator as well as his new role as Area Director.
- We have been able to establish a prayer team for the Africa office and pray together fortnightly.
- Ibrahim hasn't been able to do as much as he would



have liked since he took over from Howard due to health challenges. Praise God for healing; he is getting stronger by God's grace. The Leadership Team prayed and anointed him via Zoom during the July meeting and God heard the prayers and that started the healing process.

Potential new countries



BURKINA FASO



GHANA



NIGER REPUBLIC



OTHER NEWS

- We have been translating the Freedom In Christ daily devotional into Hausa for circulation in West African Hausa speaking countries through WhatsApp. There are 108 recipients in the group.
- The English version of the Freedom In Christ daily devotional is also being shared across Africa through WhatsApp and we currently have 139 recipients in the group.
- God has opened a door for the ministry through the Evangelical Church Winning All and we have trained over 150 members of the church plus some key leaders.
- Discussions are underway with Discipling Marketplace Leaders, a church-based business-as-mission ministry, on how Freedom In Christ messages can be adopted as part of their base teaching.
- We were sad that our pioneer African and National Representative for Liberia, Mrs Christine Norman, passed away this year.
- Discussions are ongoing to establish pioneer leaders in Malawi and Sierra Leone.

James Wanje, Board member for Africa, teaching in Kenya



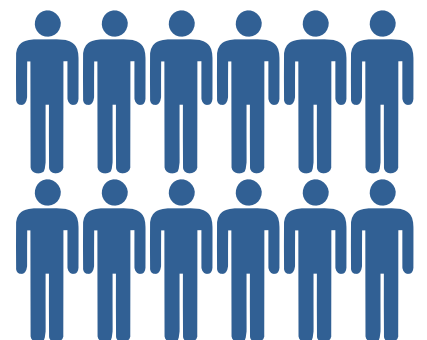
Leaders in Ethiopia share the Freedom In Christ Course

ETHIOPIA



Population

115
MILLION





Zemen Endale

Religious situation:

The evangelical churches are growing in percentage terms but the problem is still that the discipleship is neglected and not considered as a vital issue. Islam and traditional religions are emerging and growing.

Resources available:

The Freedom In Christ Course has been translated into Amharic. So far only the Leader's Guide and Steps have been printed. The Freedom In Christ Course has also been translated into Afan Oromo but has not yet been printed.

Resources under development:

The Grace Course, Victory Over Darkness and The Bondage Breaker have all been translated into Amharic with the layout work in the final stages ready for printing when funding is available.

Highlights in last 12 months:

It is such a blessing to have the resources we have. Many churches have heard about Freedom In Christ and would like us to train their members and ministers. We thank God for the great opportunities the Lord has given us with the Ethiopian churches.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

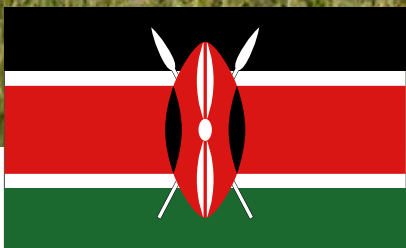
The unprinted material in our languages. Financial problems preventing travel and support to evangelists in the rural areas. Financial support for the translation team, translators, editors, and layout designer. Our limited capacity to support trainers in our centre. We have a plan for calling the trainers from different areas to stay 5 - 10 days together to be equipped to run Freedom In Christ courses. It is a very fruitful ministry, but the problem is lack of finances. It costs about \$6.00 per person per day.

Another fruitful ministry is training Muslim background believers. Churches are very encouraged by this and can see the difference it makes. The challenge is we need to travel with them to different locations and train them because persecution has become very serious.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

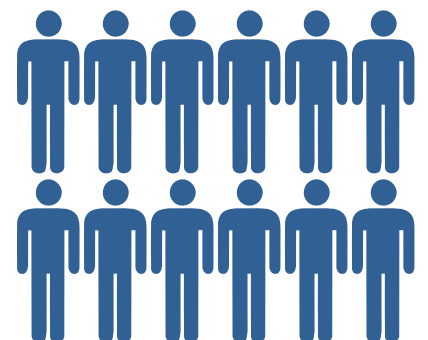
The welcoming spirit from different denominations. The encouragement among leaders to use the materials, and our training centre to be functional.

KENYA



Population

54
MILLION



Caroline Kihanda



Religious situation:

Over 85% Christian (33.4% Protestants, 20.6%, Catholics, 20.4%, Evangelicals, and 7% from African Instituted Churches).
11% Muslim. (Statistica, 2019)
Freedom of worship.
Deep hunger for God in the general population.
Significant portion of churches founded and led by untrained pastors (i.e. no biblical or seminary training).
Culture of bible study outside the bigger urban churches limited.

Resources available:

Freedom In Christ Course – English and Kiswahili.
Freedom In Christ Course Simplified - English.
Grace Course – English.

Highlights in last 12 months:

Prayer team of ten people formed and meeting virtually every Monday evening for one hour to pray.
Adjustment from physical to virtual classes by churches due to Covid - this has made it possible for people from churches (and regions), that have not yet started offering our courses to join classes through friends and relatives in these churches.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Raising funds to subsidize course materials for rural churches and less affluent urban churches.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

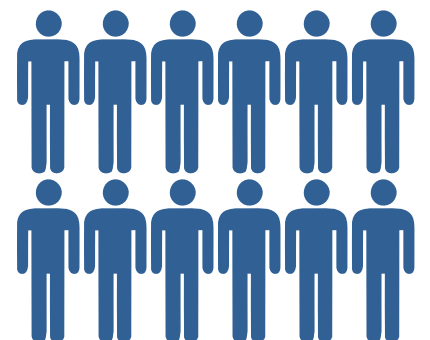
Virtual classes through churches.
A prison ministry once the government lifts Covid restrictions.
Introducing other courses to the churches that have already adopted the Freedom In Christ Course and the Grace course – Keys to Health, Wholeness & Fruitfulness, Lightbringers and Making Fruitful Disciples.

NIGERIA

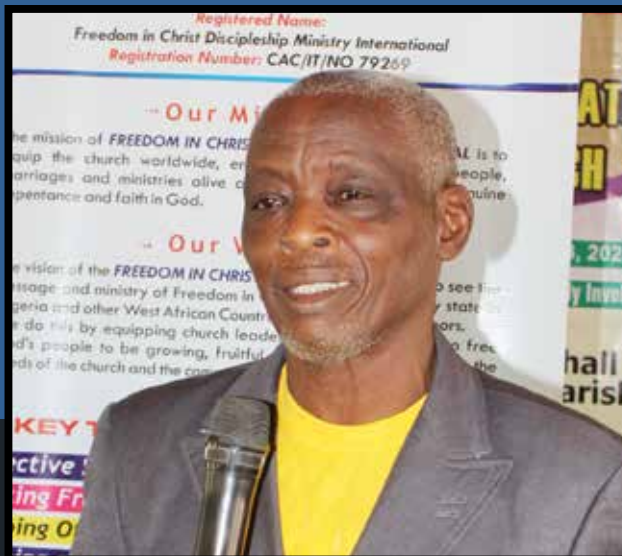


Population

206
MILLION



Samson Oluwadamilare



Religious situation:

While the Nigerian constitution protects citizens' rights to freedom of religion or belief, these constitutional rights are being threatened or undermined day by day. The religious situation in Nigeria has deteriorated in recent times. Political and social tensions have, at times, exacerbated certain divides and led to targeting of individuals and communities based on religious identity. There have been cases of abductions and executions of individuals based on their religious affiliation as well as myriad attacks on houses of worship and religious ceremonies.

Resources available:

Freedom In Christ Course (2009 edition) - English, Yoruba and Hausa. Grace Course, Freed To Lead, The Steps To Freedom In Christ for Young Adults and Victory Over The Darkness.

Resources under development:

Grace Course and The Steps to Freedom In Christ for Young Adults to be translated into Yoruba. Freedom In Christ Course Leader's and Participant's Guide (2017 edition) and the Steps To Freedom In Christ to be printed.

Highlights in last 12 months:

The National Team met for discussion, worship, fellowship, and prayer. A Transforming Freedom In Christ Course for women leaders with 126 attending. Discipleship Challenge Workshop with 81 leaders attending. Transforming Discipleship Workshop with 62 attending. Freedom In Christ Course teaching with the inmates and officers in Ile ife, Osun State and Ogbomosho Prison farm center, on a regular weekly basis. Four churches and two ministries in Osun State have adopted Freedom In Christ courses. Eight churches are now running one or two of our courses, and another four churches are preparing to run one of our courses before the year runs to an end.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Raising the right people to lead the ministry in all the areas across Nigeria and surrounding countries where God has or is beginning to open doors. Getting adequate and sufficient funding to meet growing ministry needs, and my own personal needs.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

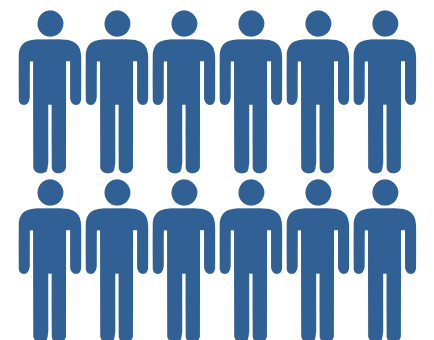
Freedom In Christ Course teaching with the pastors-in-training and the staff at Harvestime Bible Institute, USA, Nigeria Chapter, Osogbo. Many churches and ministries have shown their desire to host Freedom In Christ training/events in their churches/ministries. Apple of God's Eye Youth Ministry has shown their desire to partner with Freedom In Christ in youth ministry.

SOUTH AFRICA



Population

59
MILLION



Jono Christie



Religious situation:

Mixed faith.

Resources available:

In English:-
Freedom In Christ Course – 10 Weeks
Grace Course
Freed To Lead
Freedom In Christ For Young People
Lightbringers
Disciple
Keys to Health, Wholeness and Fruitfulness.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Praying for Pastors/Ministers to be open to the Freedom In Christ principles.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

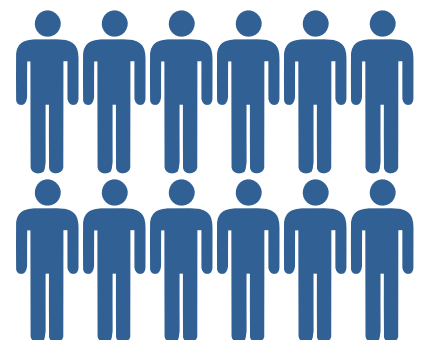
Sharing Freedom In Christ via WhatsApp.

UGANDA



Population

46
MILLION



Josh Shaarda



Religious situation:

The majority of the population claim to be Christian but many are nominal. Traditional African beliefs are still followed by many Christians, though practised in secret. Understanding of the Bible is minimal in rural areas. Islam is aggressively trying to expand throughout Uganda. Covid has created a challenging environment for people of all faiths as no one is currently allowed to gather in groups for worship or prayer.

Resources available:

Freedom In Christ (13 sessions) - English; Simplified version of Freedom In Christ Course - English, Ateso, Swahili, Luganda and Dinka; Simplified version of Setting Your Marriage Free - English and Ateso; Victory In Christ based on Victory Over the Darkness - English and Ateso; Freedom From Bondage based on The Bondage Breaker - English and Ateso and Discipleship Counseling.

Resources under development:

Simplified version of the Grace Course and Freed To Lead, in English. (They are ready, but we are not yet in Uganda to launch them.)

Highlights in last 12 months:

Prison outreach in Karamoja - see page 93 for more details.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Government restrictions due to Covid as groups have temporarily stopped meeting, schools have been closed and unvaccinated volunteers are not allowed to enter prisons. Vaccinations are not readily available and travel restrictions and a curfew make movement difficult which all makes our approach to discipleship difficult to carry out in Uganda. On a personal level, the health of one of our children has caused us to be away from Uganda for the last 18 months. We pray for a breakthrough so we can return to Uganda.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

We have shared Freedom In Christ teachings on "Voice of Serere" radio for three years. The management has so appreciated the teachings that they gave us more airtime, without a cost increase. We now get four hour-long slots, broadcasting over a 50-mile radius, for just \$10 per week. We have regular ministry in seven prisons. As officers meet, share stories, and are transferred, more of them are learning about Freedom In Christ. In the last couple of years, officers from five additional prisons have asked us to come regularly to share God's Word with inmates. The officer from the first prison we began working in has seen how God is changing the lives of inmates. In May, 23 officers asked to be led through the Freedom In Christ Course. All of them returned after lockdown and wanted to continue in the ministry of making disciples. In one month, new discipleship groups in ten different communities were formed and teaching began but ended when lockdown came into effect again. Set Free Ministries is a partner organization in Uganda that are involved in a dozen schools in Uganda. This year they are aiming to take all the teachers from these schools through the Freedom In Christ Course.

TRANSFORM: A PERSONAL JOURNEY FOR LEADERS INTO GREATER FRUITFULNESS

Freedom In Christ specializes in equipping Christian leaders worldwide to be all that God is calling them to be and releasing them to make the greatest possible Kingdom impact on earth.

In our experience, it is leaders who personally connect deeply with the core Biblical principles of identity, freedom, and transformation who withstand the schemes of the enemy and go on to make a real difference by becoming leaders who grow nation-transforming disciples of Jesus.

Transform is a nine-month programme where participants meet together in small hubs of seven or so people, meeting regularly electronically and, where possible, once, or twice face-to-face on retreat, which encourages leaders to “take off their leader’s hat” and experience the message of Freedom In Christ for themselves. Now in its fifth year, 461 leaders went through Transform21 from 42 countries.



CARIBBEAN

We had 24 leaders from five countries on Transform and have just completed the Reposition Retreat and the feedback from the participants has been really great. The weekly hub attendance has been consistent with no falling off of numbers as we progress. The Steps appointments have also gone well and we have completed more than three quarters of the cohort with some amazing testimonies coming out of many of the appointments.

ASIA-PACIFIC

So far we have had 22 leaders from seven countries in the region who have completed Transform. Plans are on the way to launch Transform 2022 in the region with hubs in Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

AFRICA

There were 34 leaders registered for Transform from West Africa and seven from South & East Africa. There were also 13 leaders in the Kenya hub. Ibrahim Dikko, Area Director reports that, ‘It is going smoothly with many lives being transformed.’



LATIN AMERICA

Last year’s discipleship track was so transforming that this year our numbers doubled! In August we launched the 2021-2022 Transformación en el Viñedo (Transformation in the Vineyard) with 250 pastors and leaders from 18 countries. Among them were pastors of small and big churches, denominational leaders, and leaders of organizations like CRU and YWAM. All made possible by Zoom. We are grateful for Leonardo and Ana María in Colombia who are the Latin America Transform Co-ordinators.

EUROPE

We had 71 leaders from over 12 countries go through Transform in a number of different languages. Alongside leaders from Albania, France, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland and the UK, we also had some leaders join us from India, Morocco and the USA. Whilst most of the hubs met via Zoom, below you can see the hub in Albania who were able to meet in person.

Rob Davies, UK Director, says "Transform was the highlight of the year for us, with 37 leaders in our English speaking cohort going through the nine-month programme."



NORTH AMERICA

Dan Studt, USA Director, shares one of the many stories of personal transformation

Over 50 people started Transform in September from the USA and 19 from Canada, 29 of them were new to Freedom In Christ. Margaret, a participant from the USA, shares the impact Transform has had on her working life. "At the time I found Freedom In Christ last June, I was in lockdown in Washington, DC where I was in a very discouraging leadership challenge. We had many consultants in the organization, and we were all struggling.

I decided to take what I was learning in Freed To Lead and put it to good use in one of the groups. After trying some of the techniques I learned in Freed To Lead, I miraculously saw the group start to bond a little more! They stopped gossiping and complaining, and they really started to come together to build a cohesive team. Talking to them each individually and being able to lead from a Freed To Lead perspective, instead of a typical secular leadership position, was very transformational for me as a leader.

My expertise is small business ownership. So, I created a new organization called Biblical Businesswomen. It was all done by God, through months of prayer, not done by me. Many small business owners are primarily focused on making payroll each month. I want to change that so that the priority is becoming free in Christ! "

ASIA-PACIFIC



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: STEPHEN CHEAH

- There is ongoing interest from churches from various parts of Australia in starting the Freedom In Christ Course.
- Transform was introduced into the area for 2020/2021. A total of 22 people registered with participants from Hong Kong, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, South Korea, India and New Zealand.
- Chinese translations in both Simplified and Traditional scripts have been completed for the following courses, and all with subtitles: Freedom In Christ Course (2009 edition); Grace Course; Freed To Lead; Steps To Freedom In Christ and the Discipleship Series books written by Steve Goss. Sales of these resources will gradually be made available via Amazon.
- In association with the Chinese Church in London (CCiL), it is hoped that Cantonese and Mandarin versions of the Freedom In Christ Course videos will



be completed and made available to the global Chinese diaspora to accompany the translated printed resources. They are doing this project for their own use to cater to the 10,000 expected Chinese Christians from Hong Kong and have offered them to us for our global ministry.

- First Marriage Retreat for Asia via Zoom (below)



Potential new countries



THAILAND

The Evangelical Church of Bangkok has completed the Thai translation of the Freedom In Christ Course and is now testing it in local Thai churches. They are committed to having a local Thai national to be responsible for the ministry.



MYANMAR

The two potential leaders from Myanmar and South Korea completed Transform 2020 .

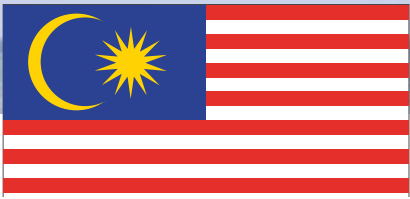


SOUTH KOREA

- The Burmese translation of the Freedom In Christ Course, Grace Course and Freed To Lead are undergoing final editing.
- The Thai translation of the Freedom In Christ Course has been completed and is being tested by several Thai speaking churches for accuracy and revisions.
- The Korean translation of The Freedom In Christ Course and the Steps To Freedom In Christ has been completed and published in South Korea.
- Due to Covid, it was not possible to meet in person in many places. Social media was used for teaching and training. An associate in Singapore started a small online group at the end of 2020 with the Freedom In Christ Course and it has now blossomed to more than 2,000 participants each week, from all over the world. We thank and praise God for the way in which He has used the availability and willingness of this sister to try something new.
- Bishop Mano Daniel and his office in Chennai are currently helping field enquiries for India under his ministry, Faith Prayer Tract League. The Tamil translation of the 13-week Freedom In Christ Course and the Steps To Freedom are currently available (right). There are also plans to translate the course into the other major languages including Hindi, Telegu, Malayalam and Maharastri.

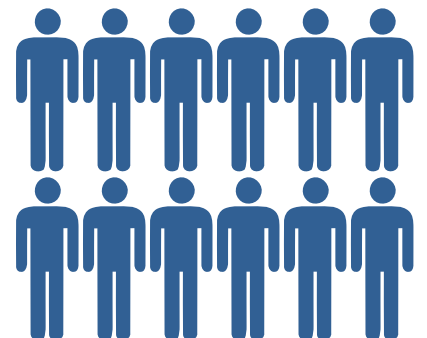


MALAYSIA



Population

32
MILLION



Stephen Cheah



Religious situation:

Malaysia's official religion is Islam. 61.3% of the population practices Islam; 19.8% Buddhism; 9.2% Christianity; 6.3% Hinduism; and 3.4% traditional Chinese religions.

Resources available:

All English resources are available. The Steps To Freedom In Christ is available in Malay and Simplified Chinese.

Highlights in last 12 months:

Worked in conjunction with our local publisher, Canaanland Distributors, to conduct two online courses (Freedom In Christ Course and Grace Course) via Zoom during the nationwide Covid lockdown. Sixty people registered for the courses.

Met over Zoom with local pastors who were interested to start the Freedom In Christ Course in their churches.

Through Transform 21 we were able to recruit a small group of intercessors for the ministry.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Churches and people will have to adapt to a new norm in learning to live with Covid and how to do church and its associated ministries.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

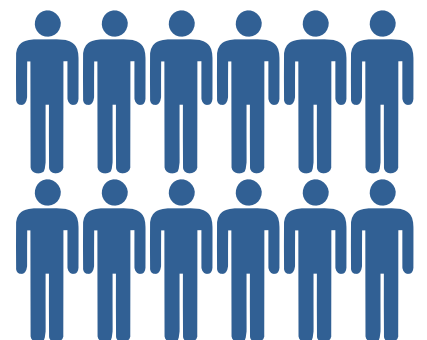
God is continuing to open doors with various churches across the country as they discover the Freedom message. Transform 22 will be introduced in February.

NEW ZEALAND

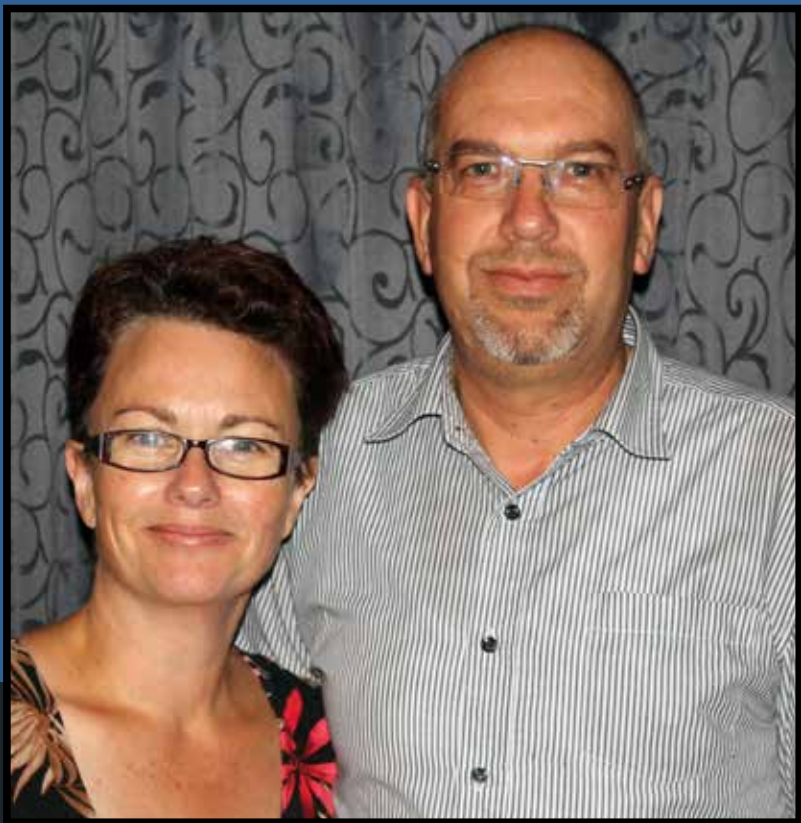


Population

5
MILLION



Stuart Turner



Religious situation:

New Zealand has become very secular. Christianity is still predominant but with other religions such as Hindu and Islam growing.

Lockdowns, Covid vaccinations/mandates and Covid passports are having an effect on the Church in New Zealand and in some cases dividing the church.

Resources available:

All courses are available here in English.

Highlights in last 12 months:

Seeing the course used more online even in a lockdown year.
Completing the Transform course in July 2021.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

With over three months of Covid lockdowns, some church leaders are fatigued, having to deal with the ever-changing landscape due to Covid restrictions. People generally are weary.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

Starting Transform 22 in New Zealand.
Continued online growth.
One of our largest churches in New Zealand which took a small group through the Freedom In Christ Course during lockdown is going to roll it out to a larger group next year.

More news from Asia-Pacific



Australia

We continue to receive enquiries from churches who are interested in starting Freedom In Christ Courses and need support.

Koorong, the distributors of our resources in Australia, are now able to get easier and faster access to their orders, reducing the shipping time from three+ months to about ten days.

Greater China

150,000 SD cards which contain our resources translated into Simplified Chinese have been distributed in China to house churches and individuals.

The key Freedom In Christ resources (including video subtitles) are now available in both Simplified and Traditional Chinese, thanks to the efforts of CCSM Hong Kong and CRU Taiwan. These resources are also available for purchase on Amazon and Book Depository. The next resource to be translated is Keys To Health, Wholeness & Fruitfulness.

Nepal

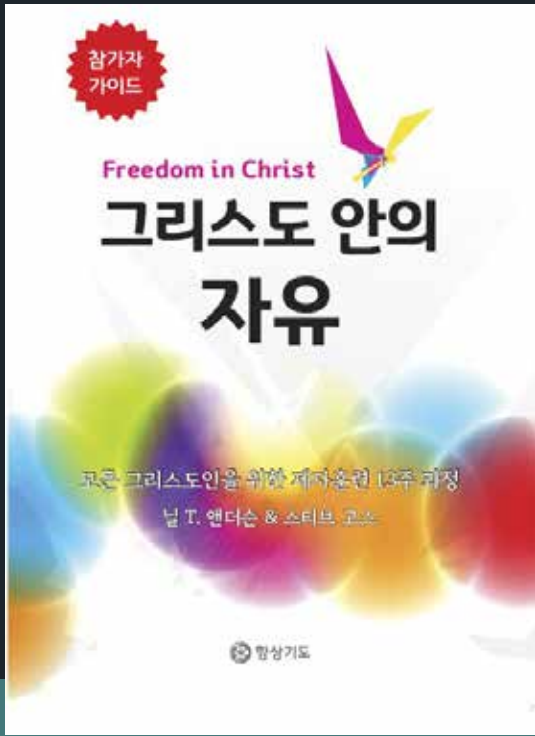
A UK-based couple has recently initiated discussion to start a Nepali translation of the Freedom In Christ Course. There has been a strong moving of the Spirit in Nepal with many conversions and churches started, so much so, that the Nepali government has started to ban conversion practices.

Philippines

A UK-based church has started the Tagalog translation of the Freedom In Christ Course. Please uphold them in prayer as they undertake this responsibility.

Sri Lanka

A Sinhalese translation of the 13-week Freedom In Christ Course and the Steps To Freedom In Christ is available and published in Sri Lanka. It's available from the National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka.



Korean translation of the Freedom In Christ Course

South Korea

The Korean translation of the 13 weeks Freedom In Christ Course and the Steps To Freedom In Christ is completed and published. The accompanying videos have also been recorded in Korean. Subtitles for the latest 2017 version of the Freedom In Christ Course are also available.

Translations have started on the subtitles for other resources including the Grace Course and Freed To Lead. There is a potential representative who has completed the Transform course.

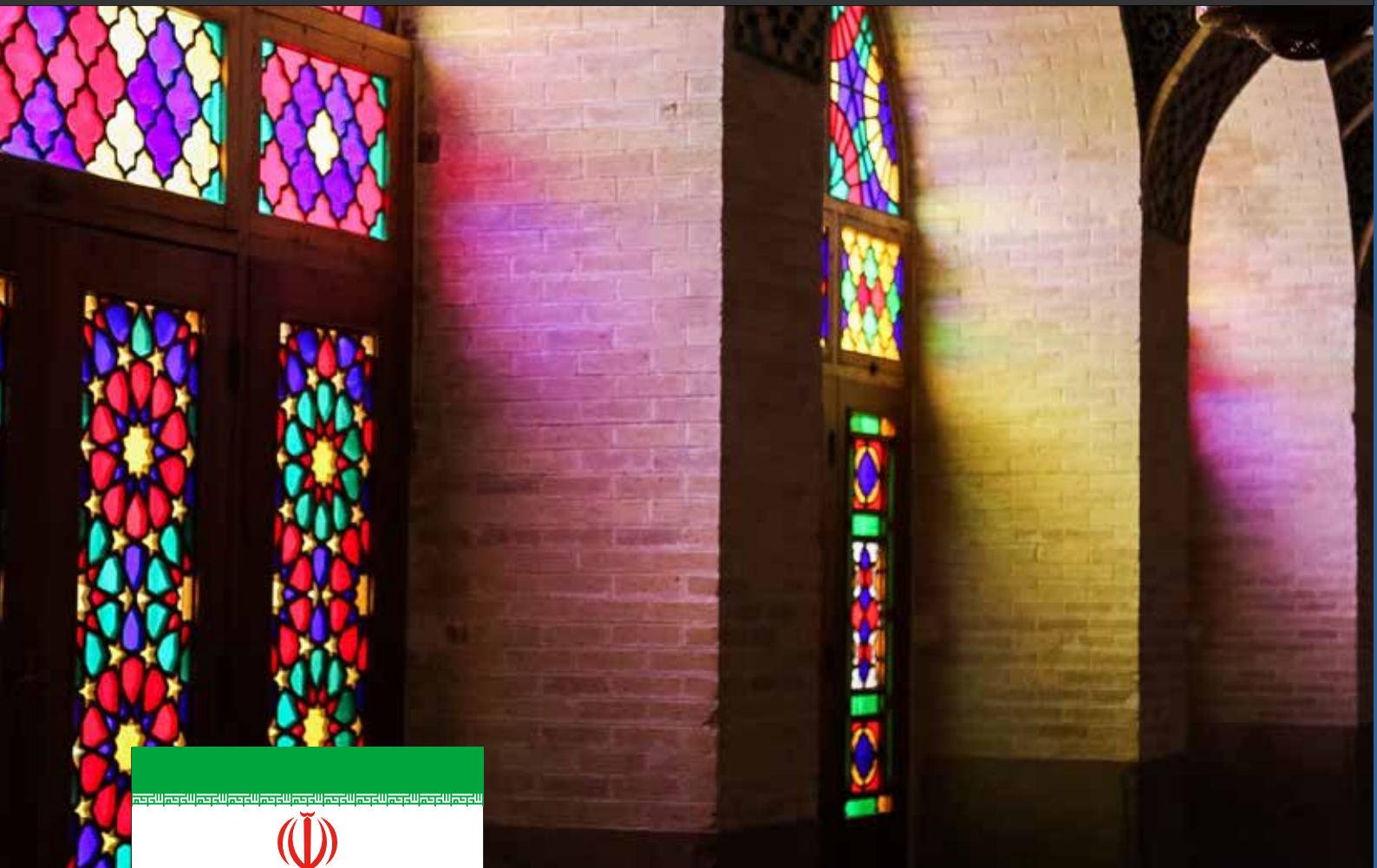


Other doors opening across Asia

An Urdu translation of the 13-week-Freedom In Christ Course Leader's Guide is available in pdf format for Pakistanis.

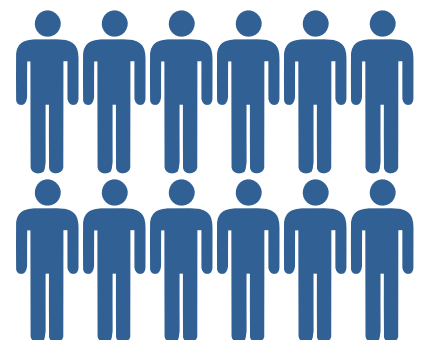
Through missionary activities, the Freedom In Christ message has been brought into Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Laos and Vietnam, but as yet there are no local translations of the resources available.

IRAN & FARSI-SPEAKING WORLD



Population

84
MILLION



Freedom In Christ partners with 222 Ministries to share our resources with the many Iranians in diaspora and also with those in Iran who can access them digitally. Maggie and Lazarus Yeghnazar, leaders of 222 Ministries say, “To see Iran changed for Christ we believe it is essential to plant churches in Iran and throughout the Iranian Diaspora. We are training leaders to establish new churches that will impact their communities. 222 Ministries brings small groups together for intensive periods to teach, equip, mentor, and provide much-needed fellowship amongst believers working in Iran and the region.” They see Freedom In Christ as a vital part of their training for leaders.



Maggie Yeghnazar

Religious situation:	As per official surveys conducted by reliable organisations, over 30% of the population have completely renounced religion. Over 50% of the population have lost their trust in Islamic leadership. Only a small portion who benefit from the Islamic government are still adhering to Islam. Over a million people are either born again, or passionate about Christianity.
Resources available:	The following are all available in Farsi, for the millions of Iranians in diaspora (now gradually being available, digitally, for the Iranians inside the country as well). Freedom In Christ Course: (The Leader’s Guide, The Participants’ Guide) The Steps to Freedom In Christ, The Discipleship series (four books by Steve Goss), The Course DVDs (now available in USB) and The Steps to Freedom In Christ on USB, both in Farsi.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Preparation of the following two notebooks: Notes for the teacher – helping the leader to understand the depth of the lessons, specially the ‘Pause for Thought’ sections, and to know how to answer the questions raised by the students in that respect. Encouragement through the Steps – helping the Leader to understand and use each ‘Step’ more efficiently. The possibility of sending the digital resources to participants living in Iran, through email.
Biggest challenges for 2022:	Making sure that the resources get to the participants in Iran, and the Zoom groups do not get found out and interrupted by the government.
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	Expanding the groups in Iran.

EUROPE



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: PETER MARIS

- Steve Campbell, an American Missionary has started as a Freedom In Christ Pioneer Leader in Montenegro (below). Steve has been through Transform and is now leading the translation of the Freedom In Christ Course into Montenegrin. He hosted a training event for leaders from Podgorica, Budva, Kotor and Bar (below). A missionary couple with a Russian background attended the event and were very interested to hear that the course is already available in Russian as there are a lot of Russian speaking people in Montenegro.
- In Moldova we are working with an existing ministry, New Hope Eurasia, who have started a Pioneer Ministry for Freedom In Christ. They are training people using both the Russian and Romanian translations of the Freedom In Christ Course.
- In Estonia a couple who have started as Freedom In Christ Pioneers and have a vision to see Freedom In Christ established there and are now going through Transform.



Potential new countries



MOLDOVA



MONTENEGRO



ESTONIA

OTHER NEWS

Below, Peter teaching at the International School for Theology and Leadership in Albania with Hervin, School Director, translating



In 2021 Peter and Annemarie moved from the Netherlands to work in Albania where they served as missionaries in the past. This will not be a long term move but as yet they have no definite time frame. Annemarie is working at the International School for Theology and Leadership library and hopes to finish her project in a year.

The move enables Peter to focus more on the Balkan countries, developing new contacts in the region where he now lives. He also teaches at the International School for Theology alongside Arjan Larashi (National Leader for Albania) and is planning to introduce Freed To Lead into the curriculum.

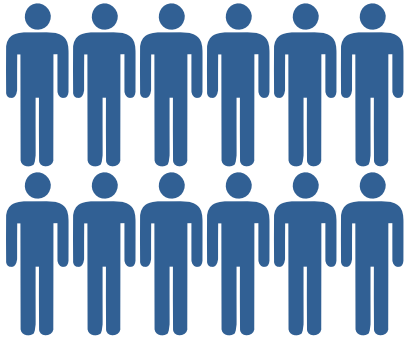
While Peter and Annemarie are living in Albania, Babs Santema and Jelmina Groen (left) are looking after the daily management of Freedom In Christ Netherlands. They make a great team and are developing good contacts. They are also involved in using Freed To Lead to train leaders.

ALBANIA



Population

3
MILLION





Arjan Larashi

Religious situation:	There is a harmony between all religions in Albania.
Resources available:	All in Albanian:- Freedom In Christ Course, Grace Course, Freed To Lead Course.
Highlights in last 12 months:	We reached 90 pastors and leaders through teaching courses in Bible schools, churches and Transform. We translated and published the Freed To Lead course in Albanian. We started Transform 2021 with 16 pastors and leaders. A couple who completed Transform 2020 are trained and are now hub leaders for Transform 2021.
Biggest challenges for 2022:	We plan to reach more than 100 pastors and leaders through teaching courses in Bible schools, churches and Transform. We will share our vision with other countries in the Balkans when the Covid situation allows. We plan to have our executive team trained to fulfill our vision.
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	For doors to open in Bible schools, and for more pastors and leaders to join in Transform.

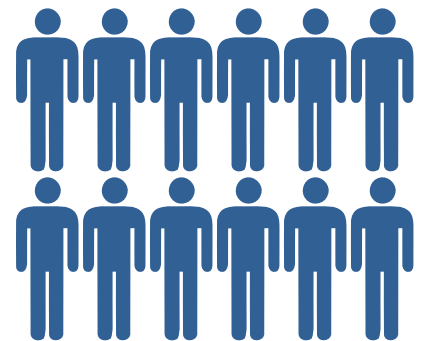
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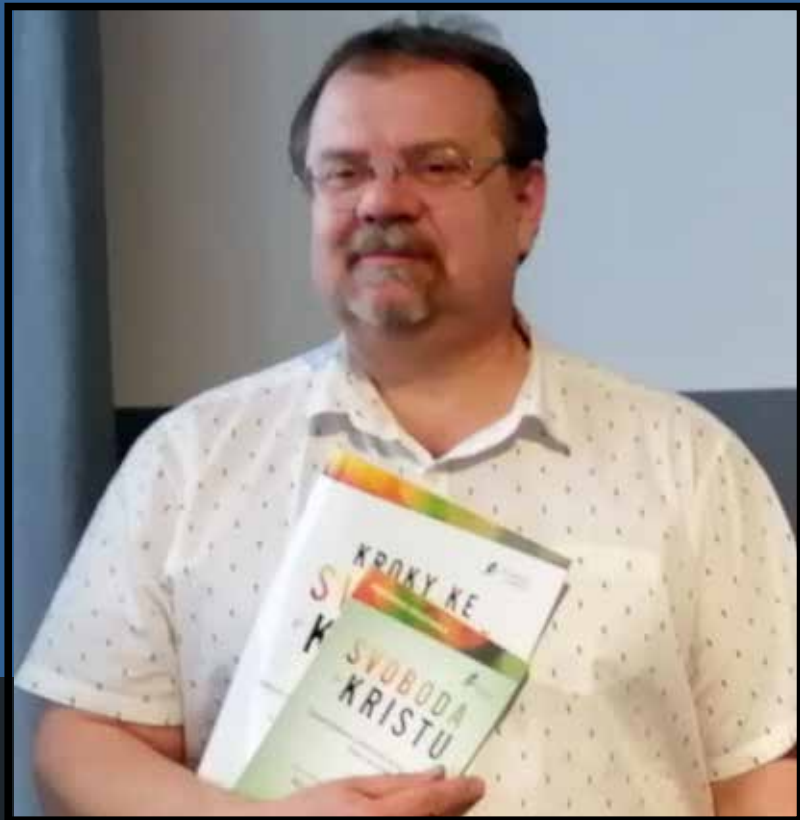
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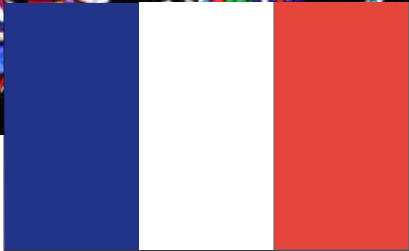
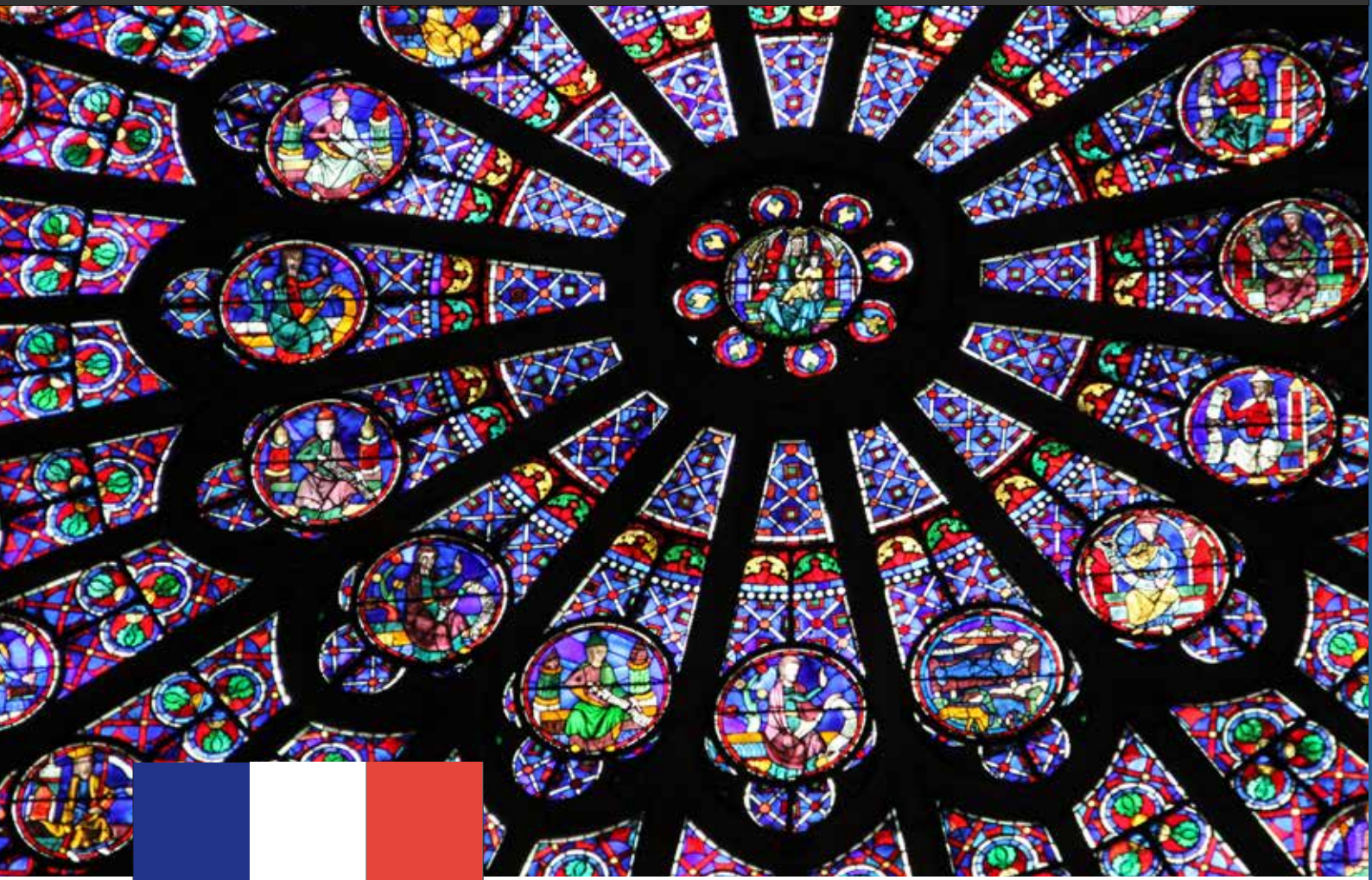


Petr Kácha



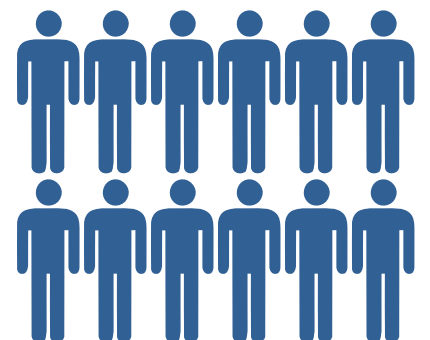
Religious situation:	Unaffiliated 34.5%, Roman Catholic 10.5%, Protestant 1%, 0.9% members of other Christian churches, 6.8% believers but not members of religions, 0.7% believers and members of other religions. 44.7% not stated.
Resources available:	In Czech language:- Freedom In Christ Course, Grace Course.
Resources under development:	Freed To Lead Course, Marriage Course.
Highlights in last 12 months:	All led by Petr Kacha: Online Freedom In Christ Course and Grace Course in the Spring; Online Freedom In Christ seminar in the Spring, and Freedom In Christ Course at a Methodist church. Also an online Freedom In Christ Course in the autumn led by Pavel Kolegar.
Biggest challenges for 2022:	Translation and publication of the Freed To Lead course. Starting Transform in the Czech language for the first time. Forming the Czech Freedom In Christ Board.
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	Czech dubbing of the Freedom In Christ Course video. (There is a possibility of a financial gift from Korea for £4,000 for this purpose, but it is only half of the money we need for a professional dubbing of the video.)

FRANCE



Population

65
MILLION



Tim & Monique Baynes Clarke



Religious situation:	Secular - previously Catholic.
Resources available:	Freedom In Christ Course in French, Steps to Freedom In Christ in French.
Resources under development:	Lightbringers; Steps to Setting Your Church Free; Teaching for Setting Your Church Free; Discipleship Counselling; Marriage Course and the four Discipleship series books that accompany the Freedom In Christ Course.
Highlights in last 12 months:	The ongoing work with a church in Geneva where the leadership area doing a Setting Your Church Free retreat. This will be the first use of the Setting Your Church Free Steps in French.
Biggest challenges for 2022:	Finding ways to continue the ministry when we move back to the United Kingdom.
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	Possible colleagues to help in the ministry. Freedom to travel following Covid restrictions and for associations to run meetings.

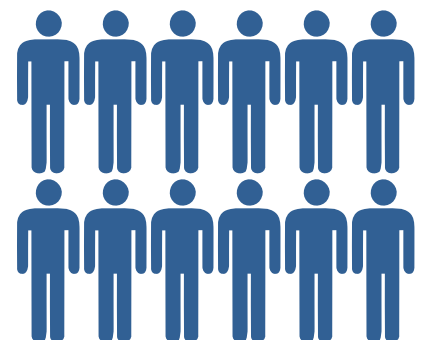
GERMANY



Population

84

MILLION





Roger Reber

Religious situation:

In Western Germany more and more people are leaving traditional churches; religion is becoming less important in people's lives. Former East Germany is said to be the most atheist region in the world.

On the other hand, people are open to spiritual things; they are afraid of illnesses and death; they look for security and heavenly help which brings about a big chance for the Gospel and the freedom message.

Resources available:

Freedom In Christ Course, Grace Course, Freed To Lead Course, and most of the basic books by Neil Anderson.

Resources under development:

Steps to Freedom In Christ for children, and Setting Your Church Free.

Highlights in last 12 months:

Covid meant that we had opportunities for more online meetings. Freedom In Christ Courses with 80 people attending. Grace Courses with 70 people attending. Training in Freedom In Christ Course and Grace Course with 80 people attending. Many special events for encouragers.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

First Freed To Lead Course ever in Germany (January – March).

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

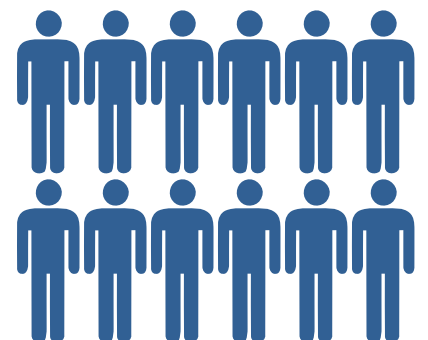
Bringing whole churches to freedom in Christ (Setting Your Church Free).

HUNGARY



Population

10
MILLION





Antal Vizy

Religious situation:

60% of the population are members of Christian churches:
37% Catholic, 11% Calvinist, 3% Lutheran, 1% Baptist and Pentecostal, and 8% other.

Resources available:

Available in Hungarian:
Freedom In Christ Course, Walking In Freedom and The Bondage Breaker.

Resources under development:

The Grace Course

Highlights in last 12 months:

Due to the Covid situation we could not hold courses personally, but we held courses online.
Grace Ministry, Hungary, have started to run Freedom In Christ courses regularly which has been very effective.
Four new churches started the course in Hungary.

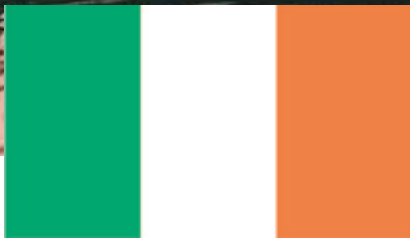
Biggest challenges for 2022:

Working out how to hold courses and how to spread information more efficiently.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

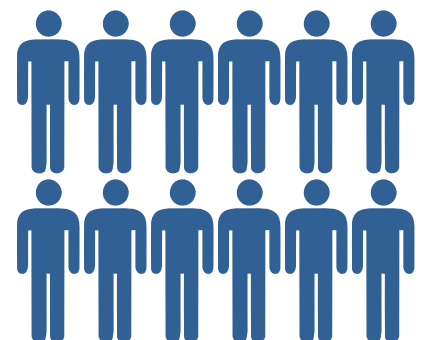
Churches are going through great changes, so Freedom In Christ can support them to be more fruitful.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



Population

5
MILLION



Stuart & Breda Kenny



Religious situation:

In the Republic of Ireland, 78% are Roman Catholic, steadily falling in numbers, and ageing. Social and political changes including the legalisation of divorce, abortion and same-sex marriage have mirrored the decline in practising Catholics. The second largest population group is 'No Religion' (up by 74% from the last census). Islam is up by over 30%. Independent Christian churches are growing from a small base.

Resources available:

All resources are available in English.

Highlights in last 12 months:

The Freedom In Christ Course held in a Women's Drug Rehab Centre. Doors are slowly opening and a new network of contacts is being built. The Freedom In Christ Course held in Spring 2020 with the latter half on Zoom. Several people have had personal Steps appointments. Two pastors participated in Transform. An internet enquirer met with the team, accepted Christ, completed the Freedom In Christ Course and is now an active, committed member of their church home group. We ran our first Health, Wholeness and Fruitfulness course on Zoom. Freedom In Christ Ireland Prayer Support Group meets monthly. Focussed believing prayer is being answered in significantly encouraging ways.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Increase awareness among church/ministry leaders of the urgency of intentional discipling among all sectors of the Body of Christ in Ireland. Post-Covid, significantly increase new church contacts. Alert parents to the urgent need of equipping their children, and themselves, to deal with the challenges they now face as committed Christians from the revised Schools Religious Curriculum in Irish Primary and Secondary schools.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

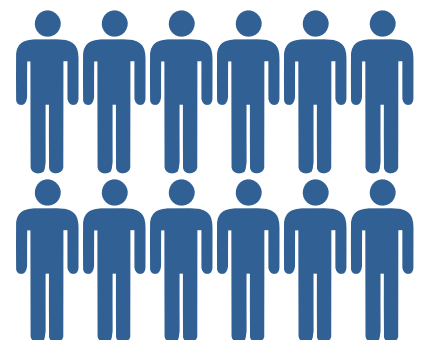
Build on the success of:
The first Lightbringers Course among 9-12 year olds;
The Freedom In Christ Course in both the Men's and Women's Drug Rehab Residential Centres;
The first Health, Wholeness & Fruitfulness Course.

ITALY



Population

61
MILLION



Lesley Stroud Abbiati



Religious situation:

Looking at the various statistics there has been a constant reduction in church attendance throughout the country but the Eurostat's Eurobarometer survey in 2018 showed that 85.6% of Italy's population considered themselves Christian (78.9% Catholic, 4.6% orthodox Christians, 0.6% Protestants, 1.5% other Christians), while 2.6% belong to other religions and 11.7% are non-religious (7.5% atheists, 4.2% agnostic).

Resources available:

In Italian:-
The Bondage Breaker, Victory Over the Darkness, The Freedom In Christ Course (2009) including a set of videos of the 13 sessions taught by Steve Goss, Free To Be Yourself, Win The Daily Battle, Break Free Stay Free, The You God Planned, Walking In Freedom by Neil Anderson & Rich Miller, The Grace Course.

Resources under development:

Translation of Freed To Lead by Rod Woods & Steve Goss.
Developing and recording online sessions of the Grace Course which can be made available to church leaders who are running the course.

Highlights in last 12 months:

Taking part in Transform; seeing the impact of making the Freedom In Christ Course available via streaming during our various lockdowns and reading some of the testimonies of changed lives.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Growing a dynamic team of mixed giftings and ages committed to personal transformation and authenticity.
Raising funds for future translations and seeing Freed To Lead printed and used.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

Encouraging further collaboration between Christian leaders as they move to explore the Freedom In Christ vision.
Collaborating with CRC, the Italian Christian Radio Station, as they work with P7, a Norwegian Christian broadcaster, to produce teachings and devotionals based on Freedom In Christ materials.

PRAYER AT THE CORE

The Prayer Strategy Team, Zoë Goss, Clay Bergen and Sue Lindsay, have been blessed to see prayer continue to grow and develop across the ministry. As well as meeting regularly to pray with each of the Area Directors, the team have been encouraged to see over 100 of the Freedom In Christ family join together on Zoom to share and pray. What a great way to start 2021 by 'Stepping Forward Together' in 12 hours of prayer, worship and sharing. We had more family prayer gatherings in the year, finishing with a special Advent celebration. There are plans for a number of Freedom In Christ family prayer events to be run annually.

To ensure that everything is covered by prayer, as well as our Prayer Co-ordinators for each country, we have introduced Prayer Co-ordinators for specific projects.

We were delighted to welcome Jackie Leswell as the

Prayer Co-ordinator for 'Equipping and Transform' and Josh Shaarda for the Marriage Course project. Both of them have recruited people from around the world for their prayer teams. It's great to hear that Josh's team includes someone from every continent.



Luz Myriam Scarpetta, already Prayer Co-ordinator for Colombia was appointed as Prayer Co-ordinator for the Latin America Area in May. She says, "Prayer is a privilege, and there is no greater joy than being invited to the courts of the Lord and dwelling in His presence continuously, together with Jesus and the Holy Spirit in intercession and supplication. I am honored to be part of this ministry. The way we were connected to Freedom In Christ is miraculous, which was a longing of my heart. In February 2020 I joined the pioneer team for Colombia. Today, 16 months later, I am leading the prayer in Colombia and commissioned as Prayer Co-ordinator for Latin America."





Freedom In Christ Prayer Co-ordinators

There are now over 20 Freedom In Christ Prayer Co-ordinators for both countries and projects. Sue Lindsay supports and encourages them in her role as 'International Prayer Co-ordinators Manager', Sue is also the UK Director of Prayer. The Prayer Co-ordinators meet on Zoom bi-monthly to encourage and pray for each other. Sue also brought them together for a special Pentecost Prayer evening in May.



Nadi Farsi



Angela Portugal



Breda Ireland



Mariela Costa Rica



Jana Czech Republic



Alice Italy



Mirela Romania



Sue US



Lupita Mexico



Monique France



Henke Netherlands



Amanda Switzerland



Antal Hungary



Josh Uganda



Ana Alice National Leader Brazil



Caroline National Leader Kenya



Jackie Equipping and Transform



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Raquel Ecuador



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Jim and his wife Beth National Leader Poland



Nabil and Hayat Ambassadors to the Arab Speaking world



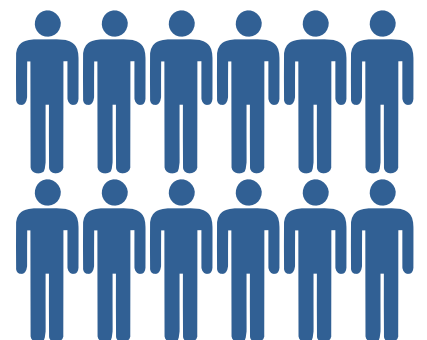
Caroline Kihanda was appointed National Leader and Prayer Co-ordinator for Kenya in May and writes, "I have served in my church for many years, but felt unprepared for ministry at this level. Even after teaching others the Freedom In Christ truths, I began to give in to the deception that my ability to serve God in this role had to do with me – my experience in ministry (or lack thereof), my strengths and weaknesses, and even what I felt were other people's perception of my suitability for the role. God has now transformed my perspective. I am now conscious, day by day, minute by minute that it's all about God. It's His ministry, His work and He will guide it and accomplish all that He wants done - to His glory."

NETHERLANDS



Population

17
MILLION





Peter Maris

Religious situation:	<p>Less than 41% of the population sees themselves as Christians.</p>
Resources available:	<p>The Freedom In Christ Course (13 sessions), The Grace Course, The Discipleship Series and Freed To Lead. A lot of Neil Anderson's books have been published over the years by several publishers.</p>
Resources under development:	<p>The Freedom In Christ Course (10 sessions) and the Freed To Lead book by Rod Woods.</p>
Highlights in last 12 months:	<p>In January the Freed To Lead Course was published and we ran an online course for 20 leaders. It was a great success. Other courses were also developed and taught online. The executive team for the Netherlands has expanded by bringing Babs Santema and Jelmina Groen on board. In 2021 Peter and Annemarie moved back to Albania for a year or so. While he is there Babs and Jelmina are running the Netherlands. You can read more about Peter's move to Albania in his Area Director's report on page 33.</p>
Biggest challenges for 2022:	<p>The greatest challenge for the team in the Netherlands for 2022 is to finish translating and publishing the 10-session Freedom In Christ Course; the Leader's Guide, the Participant's Guide, the Steps book and subtitling videos. Another challenge is to find new board members.</p>
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	<p>As a team we would like to investigate the possibility of organizing a Dutch Transform programme.</p>

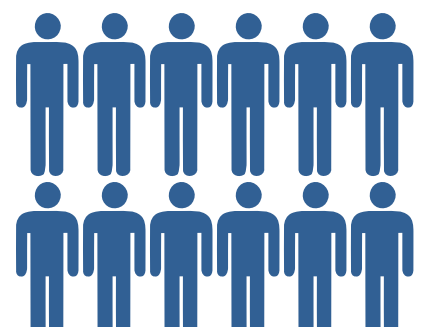
NORWAY



Population



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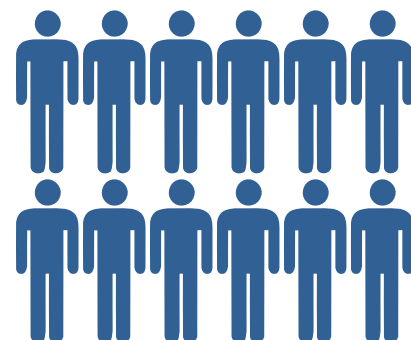
Religious situation:	<p>Norway has a relatively small population: about 5.3 million inhabitants. About 88.5% are Christians, most of them nominal. 70% are members of the National Lutheran Church (Church of Norway). About 8% are Evangelicals.</p> <p>Source: Joshua Project</p>
Resources available:	<p>The Freedom In Christ Course and The Steps, in Norwegian (<i>Bokmål</i>, which is the preferred written standard of Norwegian for most of the population).</p>
Resources under development:	<p>We are looking at translating some of the content of Lightbringers.</p>
Highlights in last 12 months:	<p>2021 has been a quiet year for Freedom In Christ, Norway. A new job situation for me as national representative, has taken a lot of focus and energy. I am now working for P7 Christian National Radio in Norway, but will be able to work part time for Freedom In Christ when things become more “normal”. The transition has been demanding, but I am planning to produce a devotional series based on the Freedom In Christ Course. The plan is that the short devotionals will work as appetizers for the whole course. It’s great to hear good feedback from churches that have run the Freedom In Christ Course despite the challenges related to Covid.</p>
Biggest challenges for 2022:	<p>To gear up the activity and get a prayer ministry up and running.</p>
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	<p>The production of a devotional series for radio/podcast and television/ video on demand will be a great opportunity to get the freedom message out in Norway. We hope 2022 will be a year of impact and breakthrough.</p>

POLAND



Population

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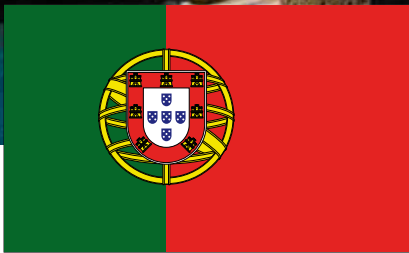
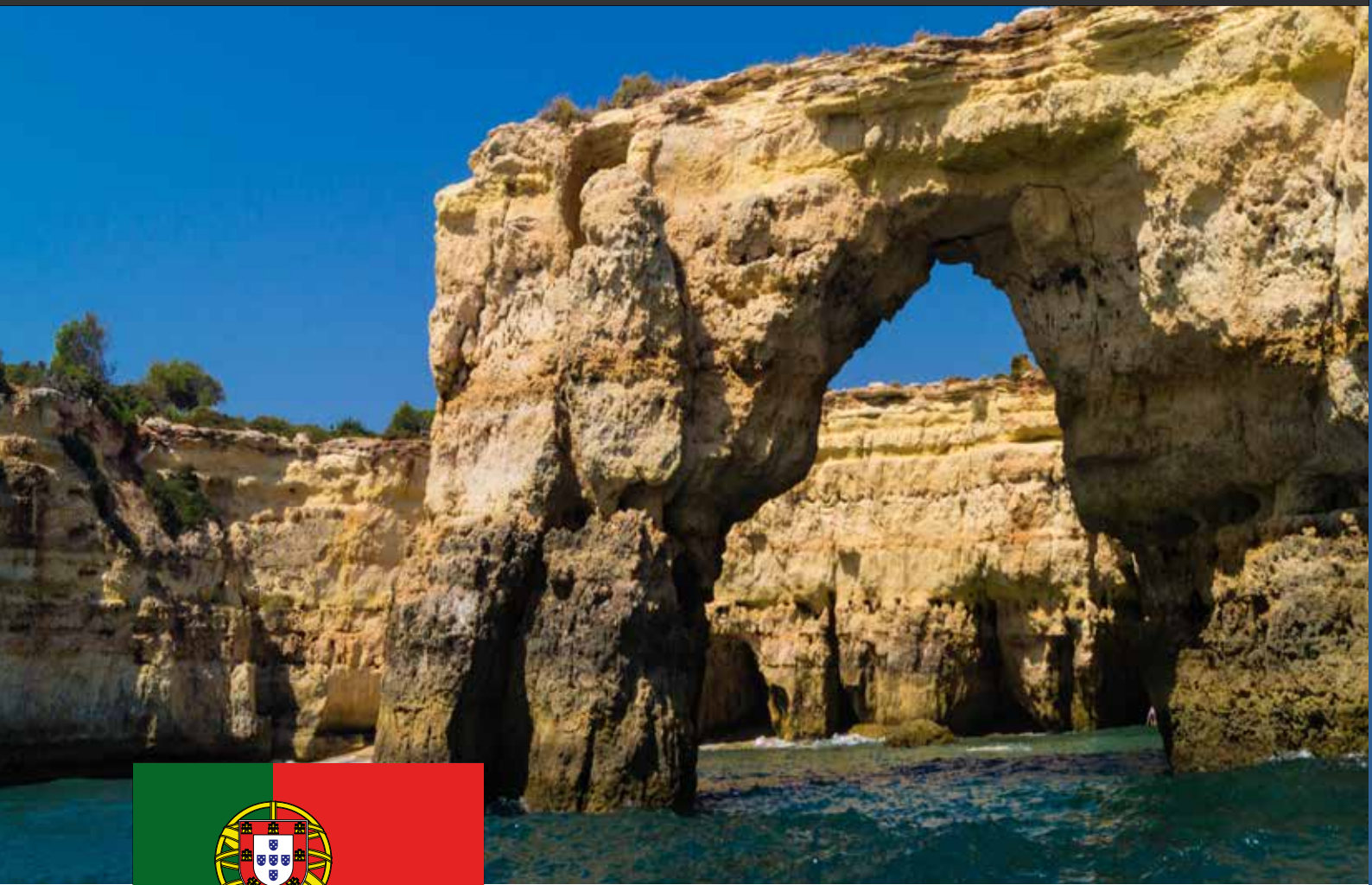


James & Beth Harris



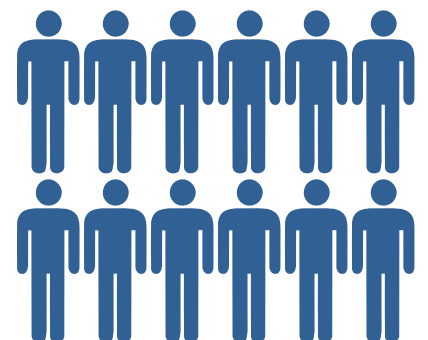
<p>Religious situation:</p>	<p>Poland is the most strongly Roman Catholic country in Europe. It is officially about 98% Roman Catholic and 2% Protestant, of which less than 1% are Evangelicals. Regular church attendance is more or less 100% among the elderly, dropping to about 25% among young people, and overall to about 42%. There is a fair amount of superstition, folk customs and cults mixed in with this. In the more conservative south and east of the country, Marianism is very strong.</p>
<p>Resources available:</p>	<p>In Polish: The Freedom In Christ Course; The 2017 version of the Steps to Freedom book.</p>
<p>Resources under development:</p>	<p>The Grace Course, Transform, and a two-hour evening presentation of the work of Freedom In Christ.</p>
<p>Highlights in last 12 months:</p>	<p>The Freedom In Christ Course and the 2017 version of the Steps booklet have been printed and a draft translation of the Leader's Guide for the Grace Course is also now complete. I have walked through Transform 2020 as a hub leader and Polish materials for the T21 Reposition Stage of Transform are now translated. We have ongoing discussions on setting up a Polish website. Completing the Freedom In Christ Course on-line; training others to teach the Freedom In Christ Course and then seeing them leading their own groups through it.</p>
<p>Biggest challenges for 2022:</p>	<p>Getting a team together; leading a Polish Transform 2021 cohort through the Reposition Stage of Transform; Getting the Freed To Lead course translated, and setting up a Polish web site.</p>
<p>Greatest opportunities for 2022:</p>	<p>Seeing the Freedom In Christ Course spreading through Poland through online courses. Training others to lead it.</p>

PORTUGAL



Population

10
MILLION



Samuel Paulo Santos



Religious situation:

A strong tradition of conservative Catholicism, more so in the north than in the south of the country, deeply linked to national identity. Fatima is an international centre of pilgrimage to Mary. There's increasing secularization amongst youth and in the big cities. Evangelical church growth is slow and is often seen as something foreign, compounded by the fact that a large proportion of church members are from ex-Portuguese colonies in Africa and from Brazil.

Resources available:

The Freedom In Christ Course (13 week version), Steps to Freedom In Christ, the Grace Course, Freed To Lead, Freedom In Christ for Young People and the Freedom In Christ Course Africa version.

Resources under development:

Transform and the new ten-week version of the Freedom In Christ Course.

Highlights in last 12 months:

The official registration of Freedom In Christ Ministries in Portugal and the election of a board. We were able to run various online courses with pastors and leaders. The introduction of Transform in Portugal in English and the translation of the new ten-week version of the Freedom In Christ Course.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

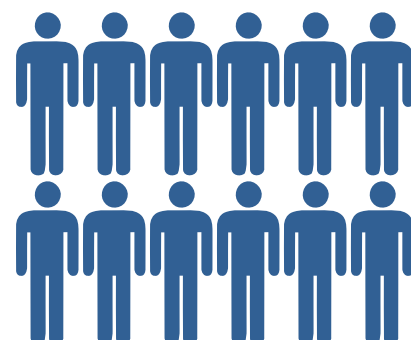
The publication of the new ten week version of the Freedom In Christ Course; implementing Transform in Portuguese; more churches involved in the courses; visits to Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa to introduce Freedom In Christ.

ROMANIA



Population

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MILLION

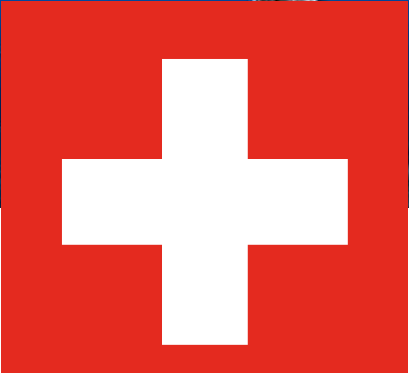




Daniel & Mirela Lavric

Religious situation:	89.45 % Orthodox, 4.62% Catholics, 3.19% Reformed, 1.92% Pentecostals, 0.8% Greek Orthodox, 0.6% Baptist, 0.34% Islam, 0.11% Atheist, 0.1% Agnostics.
Resources available:	The Freedom In Christ Course (Leader's and Participant's Guides and the Steps book), Daily In Christ, Victory Over the Darkness, The Bondage Breaker, Breaking the Bondage of Legalism, Finding Freedom in a Sex-Obsessed World, The Seduction of Our Children, Who I Am In Christ, How To Help Others Find Freedom In Christ, Making Fruitful Disciples.
Resources under development:	Setting Your Marriage Free, Setting Your Church Free, Freed To Lead.
Highlights in last 12 months:	Certainly the most transformative event of 2021 was the Setting Your Church Free event in which we were supported online by Steve Goss and Tim Baynes Clarke, February-March 2021. Another exciting event was a Freedom In Christ Course group with Romanian pastors from Greece and Italy. Last but not least, Transform.
Biggest challenges for 2022:	Publishing the most recent translated materials.
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	Completing the printing process of translated materials and adapting the development strategy to the current Covid conditions.

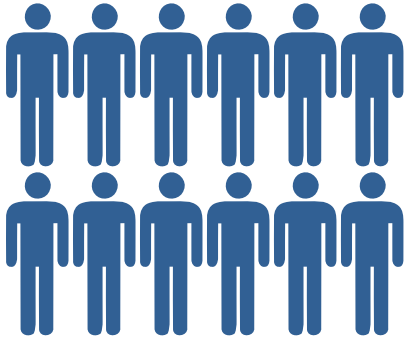
SWITZERLAND



Population

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MILLION





Philip Bagdasarianz

Religious situation:

Switzerland is a post modern society through and through. There is no biblical concept of 'truth'. Faith in science is strong, but dwindling. People build their own faith in a mixed bag of beliefs. Whatever 'works' is trusted. Over half of the people have not stepped into a religious building in the last year. Agnostics are growing.

4% born again believers, 55% nominal Christians, 28% non-denominational, 7% Muslim.

Resources available:

In German:
Transform, the Freedom In Christ Course and the Grace Course.
Printed: Victory Over The Darkness, The Bondage Breaker, Restored, Daily In Christ, Discipleship Counselling, The Biblical Guide to Alternative Medicine.

Resources under development:

Freed To Lead and Disciple.

Highlights in last 12 months:

We presented Freedom In Christ to two church leaderships. We also started our second Transform completely in German this summer with 11 participants. This is all supported by a great prayer team that meets regularly, as well as our association as a whole with valued and active members, three of them leading a Transform hub. Publication of identity-centred articles in two magazines.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Staff. More shoulders to spread the responsibilities and the work and to harvest. To reach church leaders and the next generation.

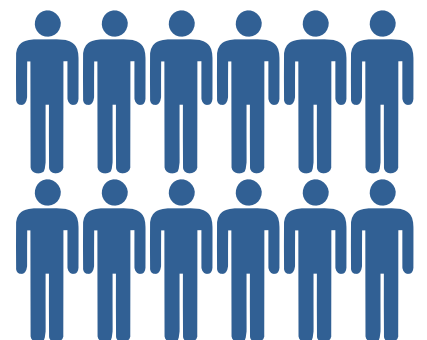
Greatest opportunities for 2022:

Publish Freed To Lead and *disciple*.



Population

68
MILLION



Rob Davies



Religious situation:

The latest British Social Attitudes Survey has shown that the share of the population belonging to no religion has continued to grow, now standing at 53%. More than that, it also shows that the share of non-religious people will continue to rise over the coming decades, with some 68% of 18-24 year olds saying they belong to no religion, versus just 18% saying they are Christians. Covid has thrown up some interesting anomalies to that, with various research projects showing interest in praying and attending online services running at over 50% for 18-30s.

Resources available:

We are very thankful to have all the Freedom In Christ courses in English including the Freedom In Christ Course, *disciple*, Freedom In Christ For Young People, the Grace Course, Freed To Lead, Keys To Health, Wholeness & Fruitfulness, and Lightbringers.

Resources under development:

We are continuing to translate the Freedom In Christ resource into Welsh and working on a “simplified” version for those from more challenging backgrounds. We are also in discussions with the Chinese Church in London to produce Mandarin and Cantonese translations of the Freedom In Christ Course and the Grace Course, and supporting an Estonian Translation of the Freedom In Christ Course. We have embarked on a major overhaul of all our training material and designed a new, modular, approach which is in production.

Highlights in last 12 months:

We welcomed a Communications Manager to our team, Bex, and are excited that we are now sharing the Freedom In Christ message on social media regularly and engagingly. It was another year of uncertainty for church leaders. We responded by offering online courses to 400 leaders to discover their own freedom in Christ, before equipping them to take our resources to their own churches. A main highlight was the response to Transform, with 40 people involved this year. We continued to develop our website to include Keys To Health, Wholeness & Fruitfulness and Lightbringers, as well as creating a “template” National Website for other national ministries to use and help make the most of the web. We ran one “in-person” event in Cambridge with six local churches and their leadership teams, which was wonderful!

Biggest challenges and opportunities for 2022:

Continuing to support and help church leaders to disciple every generation in these really uncertain times, helping them to run our courses both in-person and online, is our number one challenge. Within that, ensuring we are passing the message on to the next generation is a top priority. We’re looking forward to the completion of our new training and a re-launch of our “Freedom Fellowship”. We are seeking God’s provision so that we can continue to develop our communications work, help support the development of the new Youth Course, and bring our experience and expertise to bear on the new “Quantum Leap Platform”.

FRUITFULNESS IN A CHALLENGING YEAR

HELPING WOMEN IN RECOVERY

BrightCourse resources pregnancy centres across the USA by offering a subscription-based video streaming service for those who are helping clients to learn about pre-natal care, parenting, relationships and life skills. It serves 2,000 pregnancy centres with over 50,000 clients each year and 22,000 views of their videos each week! We're excited to hear that the clients will now be encouraged to go through the Freedom In Christ *disciple* course.

Women in difficult life circumstances can stream messages on Finding Identity in Christ, Finding Freedom through Forgiveness, How to Receive Jesus as Savior, and more! In addition, clinic staff across the nation have access to a series of training videos on how to lead a client to Christ and how to use Freedom In Christ resources like Restored, *disciple* and The Steps to Freedom In Christ. The videos are presented by Sheryl Giesbrecht Turner (South West Region Director of Care & Training for Freedom In Christ USA), who says "What joy for Freedom In Christ to partner with BrightCourse to bring light and life into the dark situation of an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy."

The BrightCourse team take a break from filming (right). Sheryl with Hanna Kane (Relationship Manager), Brandon Monihan (President), Garrett Moldrem (Videographer) and Pam Robinette (Freedom In Christ Prayer Leader and Sheryl's prayer partner).



AMBASSADORS TO THE ARAB-SPEAKING WORLD

In 2021 we were delighted to appoint Nabil and Hayat Haj as Freedom In Christ ambassadors to Arab speakers around the world. Originally from Syria they now live in the USA and have years of experience of working in the Middle East. Nabil is making good progress on translating the main Freedom In Christ courses and has a group of leaders interested from Lebanon, Syria, Morocco and Jordan. They are waiting for the subtitle translation samples which they hope will be good quality so that they can then set dates to launch the Arabic versions of the courses. Nabil says, "The words God has been putting on my heart recently is 'I can do nothing unless I plug into the Vine'."



INDIVIDUAL LIVES TRANSFORMED AROUND THE WORLD!

Grace Lim from Singapore (pictured with her family) led a Freedom In Christ course on Zoom for 50 friends. From that course friends told friends, often after attending just one session. Numbers increased and ten months later Grace, together with an international team of encouragers, facilitated sessions for more than 500 participants from some 30 nations. By the end of the year Grace had run 11 courses via Zoom for more than 3,000 participants from 41 countries with more than 400 churches represented!

Grace says, “Story after story popped up on the Zoom chat. Heartfelt, real-life accounts of freedom from depression, fear and betrayal. The testimonies of hope and healing shared by the course participants still fill me with wonder.”



PODCASTS - LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!



In 2021 we released many of our resources as podcasts. This means that you can listen to Freedom In Christ teaching wherever you are! There’s been fantastic feedback with some people listening to our material for the first time while others are loving the opportunity to supplement the course they are attending by listening to the session again at their leisure.

What a great way to connect with the Freedom In Christ resources. You can find the podcasts at:

<https://anchor.fm/freedom-in-christ6> Spotify, Apple, Google or your usual podcast provider.

LATIN AMERICA



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: ROBERTO REED (& NANCY MALDONADO REED)

- After going through our National Leader training and interviews, a total of eight national leaders and assistant leaders were appointed in our four new countries: Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador.
- Working together with Freedom In Christ USA, we have someone who has gone through our various training and is now my Assistant Co-ordinator for Latinos USA.
- The amazing Colombian team hosted our first ever Latin American Freedom In Christ gathering in June. Although we had been meeting online for a year, some met face to face for the first time! Those country leaders unable to attend in person joined us via Zoom for three days of vision casting and strategic planning. We had close to 30 in attendance in Bogotá representing Colombia, Costa Rica and Ecuador.
- We appointed Gonzalo Jimenez as Deputy Area Director.
- STREAMLIBERTAD (www.libertadencristo.org) was launched. This is our on-line streaming of the Freedom In Christ Course, Grace Course, and Freed To Lead dubbed into Spanish.
- Countries with Pioneer Leaders in place: El Salvador, Guatemala, and Chile.
- We are currently working on Spanish versions of the Lightbringers, called “Luceros” in Spanish, as well as working in parallel with Freedom In Christ International to launch the new Freedom In Christ Course for teens in Spanish in 2022.
- We have over 40 leaders participating in our national and regional leader training that will conclude in May 2022.

Potential new countries



ARGENTINA



CHILE



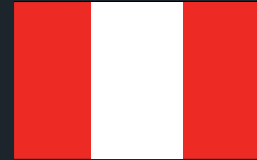
CUBA



GUATEMALA



PARAGUAY



PERU

CASA SOBRE LA ROCA

An influential church in Bogotá and Colombia, invited us to share the Freedom In Christ training workshop with their leadership. As the dates drew near and Covid cases rose in the city, the workshop was planned to take place fully online and be broadcast nationwide. Turns out this church has a media pastor and the team registered close to 20,000 pastors and leaders for the full day workshop across Colombia and beyond. Neil Anderson visited this same church over two decades before.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST LATINOS USA

Things are coming together in a way that only God could have orchestrated! He has brought together a fabulous team of experienced, committed and enthusiastic people to promote the freedom message among Spanish speakers in the US. In early October, a core group of leaders met in person to get to know each other, for prayer, and strategic planning (pictured below).



PERU, SWITZERLAND, UNITED NATIONS TO FREEDOM IN CHRIST YOUTH

Mónica Portocarrero originally from Peru, lives in Switzerland and works for the United Nations. She sought us out by email with a burden and heart for the youth in her native Peru. We met via Zoom, and she went through the Freedom In Christ Course and the Steps to Freedom. As project manager, she now helps Roberto and Nancy with the new youth course.

VISION FOR LATIN AMERICA

As we gathered in Colombia in June and prayed, several had a prophetic sense to believe that “now is the time for Latin America” - to capture in words the dream and vision we sense the Lord has for us for the next ten years. We drafted a tagline and vision very much in-line with our international vision and then revised it over the following months after Zoom calls with all of our countries. We came up with the tagline: *We serve and equip the Latin American church to transform the nations*; and the vision: *United with the church we dream of reaching every generation, tribe, people, language and nation of Latin America with the transforming discipleship message of Freedom In Christ.*

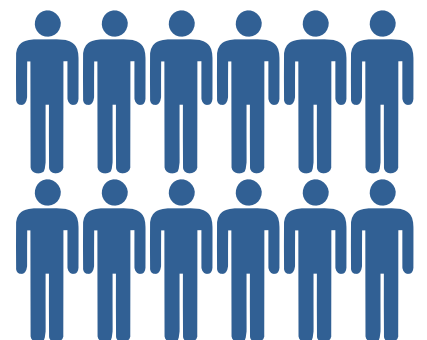
Each country has come up with or is in the process of finishing their particular vision and goals based on this common vision. Here's what Ecuador has for their specific vision: “By 2031 we dream of a leader and team working to spearhead each of the regions in Ecuador, nine leaders in total, with several cities and areas under their responsibility to promote, implement, and develop Freedom In Christ in the 221 departments of Ecuador. We dream of a generation of disciples that live in freedom and bear witness to their nation, cities, towns, ethnic groups and the younger generations.”

BRAZIL



Population

212
MILLION



Ana Alice & Nivaldo Coelho



Religious situation:

The Brazilian population is mostly Christian (87%), most of them Roman Catholic (64.4%). Heritage of Portuguese colonization, Catholicism was the official state religion until the Republican Constitution of 1891, which instituted the secular state. Also present are the basic movements of Protestantism: Adventism, Baptists, Evangelicalism, Lutherans, Methodism, and Presbyterianism. However, there are many other religious denominations in Brazil, some of these churches are: Pentecostals, Episcopalians, and Restorationists, among others. There are more than three and a half million Spiritists (or Kardecists) who follow the Spiritist doctrine, codified by Allan Kardec. Animism is also strong, dividing into candomblé, umbanda, esoterism, santo daime and indigenous traditions. There is also a minority of Muslims, Buddhists, Jews and neo-pagans. 8% of the population (about 15 million people) declared themselves without religion in the last census, and could be agnostics, atheists or deists. In recent decades, there has been a large increase in neo-Pentecostal churches, which has decreased membership in both the Catholic Church and Afro-Brazilian religions. About ninety percent of Brazilians declared some type of religious affiliation in the last census carried out (2010).

Resources available:

Freedom In Christ Course and Steps to Freedom In Christ, both in Brazilian Portuguese.

Resources under development:

The Grace Course and Setting Your Church Free workbook.

Highlights in last 12 months:

We had two groups of the Freedom In Christ Course by Zoom with leaders and pastors, including some Brazilian and Portuguese pastors that live in Canada. Ana Alice gave support to a women's group including Brazilian women that live in Canada. Nivaldo visited a city near Campo Grande called Rio Verde and ministered to them with the Fruitful Disciples Seminar, and they started a group in Comunidade Elo. 3 new groups started the Freedom In Christ Course last semester (Rio Verde, Campo Grande and São João da Boa Vista) and there is a possibility to start other groups in at least 2 more cities in 2022. We started a monthly prayer group for Freedom In Christ in March 2021.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Translation of the Grace Course and Freed To Lead.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

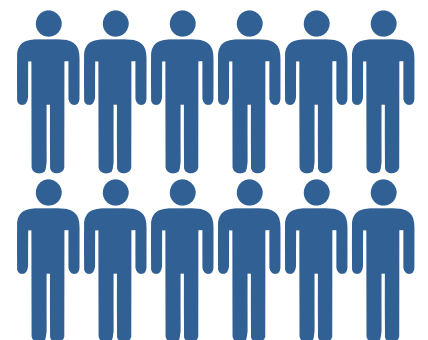
Reaching other pastors and churches in different states of Brazil.

COLOMBIA



Population

51
MILLION





Rubén Gutiérrez

Assistant Leader: Gonzalo Jiménez

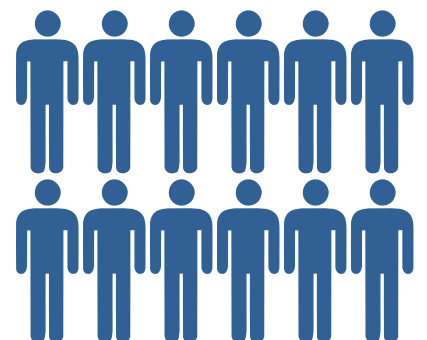
<p>Religious situation:</p>	<p>Christianity is professed by about 80% of the population. Catholics went from 70.9% to 57.2% in 2019. Evangelical Christian churches are the fastest growing religious group and currently represent 19.5% of the population. The group of those who consider themselves believers, but who do not belong to any religion, represent 13.2% of the population. Atheists and agnostics increased, from 4.7% to 6.3%. The population over 60 years of age tends to be more Catholic (72.7%). Young people between 18 and 25 years old have the highest rate of agnosticism and atheism (10.8%).</p>
<p>Resources available:</p>	<p>In Spanish: Freedom In Christ Course, Grace Course, Freed To Lead, Restored, Walking In Freedom and Setting Your Church Free Steps.</p>
<p>Resources under development:</p>	<p>Freedom In Christ Course for youth and children. Setting Your Marriage Free Steps. Setting Your Church Free Leader's Guide.</p>
<p>Highlights in last 12 months:</p>	<p>In June Rubén Gutiérrez was commissioned as National leader and Gonzalo Jiménez as Assistant leader for Colombia. The 'Making Fruitful Disciples' workshop was broadcast nationwide from Casa Sobre La Roca Bogotá on Facebook and YouTube, attended by more than twenty thousand people. Also in June the first Latin American Freedom In Christ gathering took place.</p>
<p>Biggest challenges for 2022:</p>	<p>Legally establish the National Office of Freedom In Christ, Colombia. Consolidate regional teams, and establish prayer teams in all regions of Colombia. Establish the criteria and strategies for the autonomous support of the team at a national level. Establish a team that will be in charge of managing communications and social networks. Train a team of young people who are in charge of leading the training processes for young people within the churches.</p>
<p>Greatest opportunities for 2022:</p>	<p>Online we can reach unexpected places. A special move of God within the ministry, we received many calls for orientations, workshops and discipleship. The web page that facilitates the work with the online store and access to the Freedom In Christ courses dubbed into Spanish.</p>

COSTA RICA



Population

5
MILLION



Evelyn Turner

Assistant Leader: Randall Alfaro



Religious situation:

Evangelicals in Costa Rica grew to 15% of the population, and established one of Latin America's most effective mission movements. But the Church needs prayer. Most Costa Rican churches are good at winning "converts", but they fail to disciple them well. Pastors survive on minimal incomes and have little help, so they struggle to provide consistent pastoral care. Christians often fall away in difficult times or move to different churches. Pray for effective and sustainable models of doing church and making disciples in Costa Rica.

Resources available:

We can order the materials through the website www.libertadencristo.org as this is the only way we have to receive resources.

Resources under development:

Youth Freedom In Christ Course (Jóvenes libres en Cristo), Lightbringers (Luceros), Setting Your Church Free Leaders' Guide and The Marriage Course.

Highlights in last 12 months:

2021 has been an exciting year here in Costa Rica! Freedom Friends are finding each other and we are very encouraged to be represented in several churches around Costa Rica. Betsy and Orlando have been leading the Freedom In Christ Course in their church, Linda Vista Monte Sinai. Fifty people finished the course, most of them in person in two groups who met each week and then one group met by Zoom. Grettel and Danny have been hosting the Freedom In Christ Course online for members of their church, Centro Misionero Pentecostes. Randall, Assistant Leader, set up a Making Fruitful Disciples training day with Lirio de los Valles church in Miramar Puntarenas. This was the first training we have officially done as representatives in Costa Rica. Forty people attended which was exciting and several pastors asked for a follow up.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

One of our biggest challenges for this upcoming season in 2022 is to wait on the Lord as we walk in faith. We have plans to share the Making Fruitful Disciples training in churches where we get an invitation. One of the biggest challenges is getting the pastor to sit through the training. Please pray for this and that they would make personal growth in freedom a priority.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

We have the opportunity to host a freedom talk in a local group called Project Life (Proyecto Vidda). This is a group of young adults with disabilities, but they love Jesus and want to know more about their Savior. We have been invited to share Making Fruitful Disciples in two churches which is an exciting opportunity.

Exponential Training in Latin America

Roberto Reed is excited and encouraged to share how training has developed and grown throughout Latin America:

“On one particular weekend we had training events taking place online at the same time in three countries across the continent. We produced a number of new resources including a one hour orientation to Freedom In Christ; a short introduction, and a full one day training event that can be done online or in person. In Colombia, two of our regional leaders travelled to train pastors and 70 pastoral leaders of a large church that is taking the Freedom In Christ Course churchwide. The pastor had read Neil’s books but when he discovered that the content was packaged and so well organized into a course, he jumped at the opportunity to first learn, go through the Steps to Freedom, and then use it with his whole church.”

Gonzalo Jimenez, the Deputy Director for Latin America (pictured right with Roberto) has put together a team of five assistant National Leaders from Ecuador, Venezuela, and a leader from Spain to train a group of pastors in Argentina. We filmed this very effective way to train (below left) and are making it available online.

In Colombia we have over 6 regional leaders and 5 other pioneer leaders in training that are beginning to orient and train area church pastors and leaders.

From Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica to Latinos USA and everything in between, more and more of our national and regional leaders, with guidance from us, are using our training packages. (Below right is the team in Venezuela).





Happy faces at a regional training day in Colombia. Below, flags are united at the first Latin America Freedom In Christ gathering

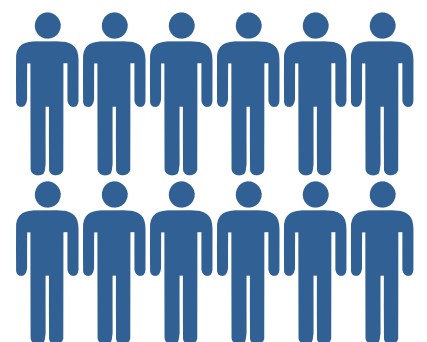


ECUADOR



Population

18
MILLION



Lirio Martínez

Assistant Leader: Francisco Quinde



Religious situation:

In the last six decades, Ecuador has had significant growth in terms of knowledge of Christianity, even in rural areas, despite the persecutions and death of five missionaries in 1956 in the community of the Aucas. The work carried out by both the Avant evangelistic ministry and the Christian radio stations HCJB and BBN has been an incredible blessing through the dissemination of Christian messages and programs that have blessed thousands of people, not only in Ecuador but also outside of it, and also because of the evangelistic work carried out by the different Christian communities, using programs such as Alpha. Now we are becoming involved with Freedom In Christ, and more focused on discipleship.

Resources available:

I think that Covid taught us many things, one of them is to handle technology, with which you can acquire materials, both those that are in our country and those that are outside of it. But for today, we have available the Freedom In Christ Course, the Grace Course, Restored, and Freed To Lead.

Highlights in last 12 months:

It has been a time of spiritual refreshment, of assimilating the Word of God and seeing the amazing changes. First with individuals and then the community. It has been a new practical, simple, and motivating move, through which many brothers and sisters from different Christian communities have had the privilege of experiencing freedom from complex issues, and traumas and have been healed from wounds of the soul. As a team, we are training a group of leaders and pastors from ten Christian communities in the four regions of the country: Costa, Sierra, Oriente, and Insular. It has been a fabulous experience.

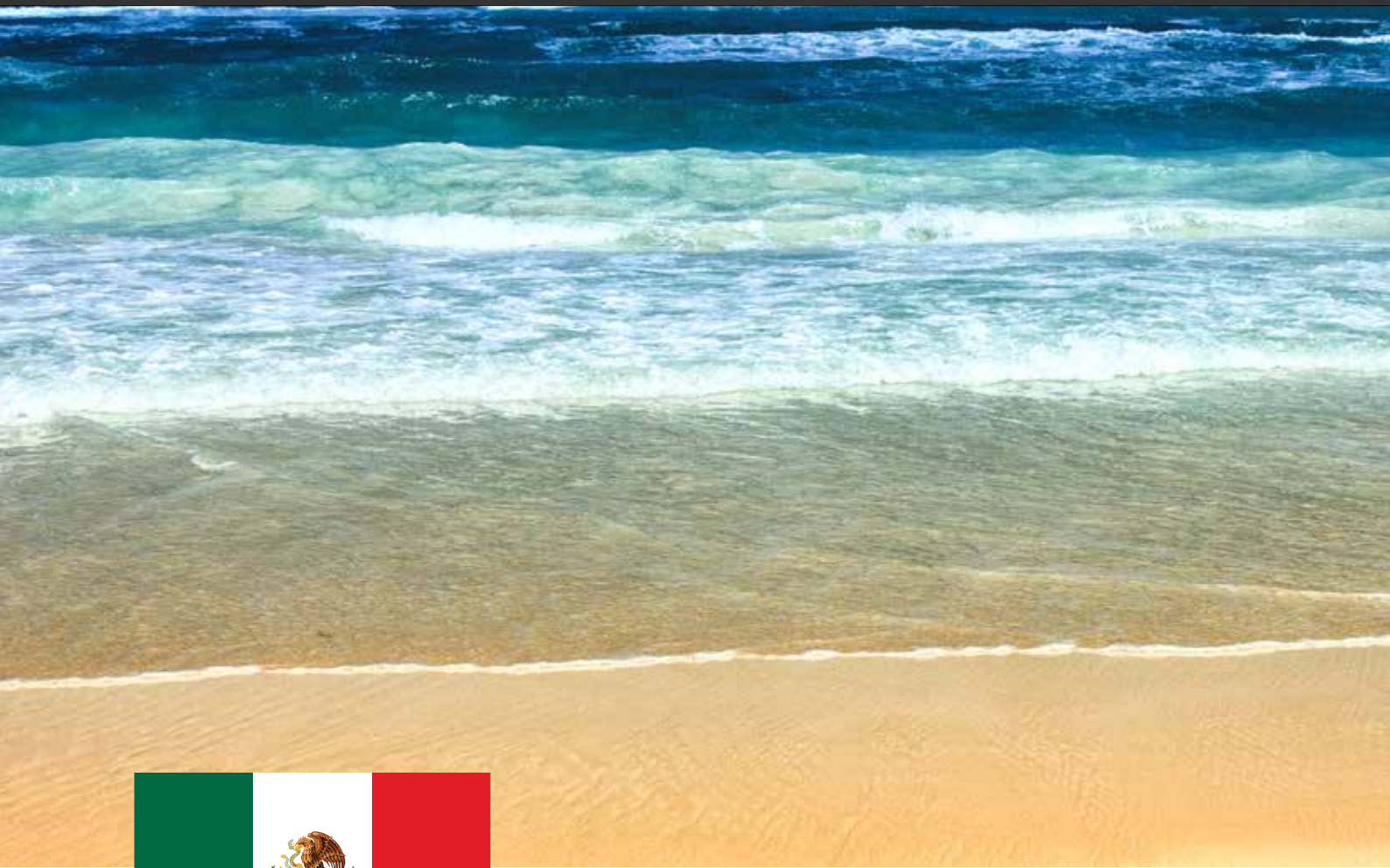
Biggest challenges for 2022:

One of the biggest challenges for 2022 is to show testimonies to the different denominations that the message of Freedom In Christ works, not because it is another gospel, but because it has tools that help connect Biblical truths with their daily lives.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

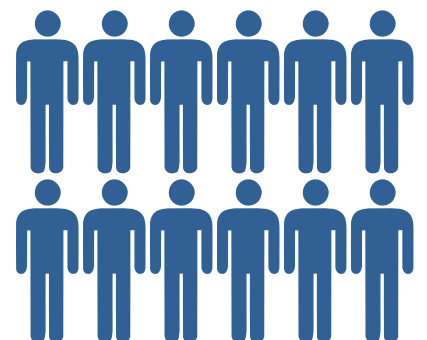
I am optimistic that by consolidating as a team, continuing to grow as a ministry and, being guided by the Holy Spirit, we will have the opportunity to show God's love poured into our hearts and thus bring much fruit of transformed lives for the glory of God.

MEXICO



Population

129
MILLION



William & Lourdes Gallardo



Religious situation:

According to the population census 2020: Catholics 77.7%; Christians 5.4%; Evangelical 1.9%; Jehovah Witnesses 1.2%; Pentecostals 0.9%.

Resources available:

In Spanish:
 Freedom In Christ Course (Leader's and Participant's Guide), Grace Course (Leader's and Participant's Guide), Freed To Lead Participant's Guide, Walking In Freedom, The Steps To Freedom In Christ, Steps to Setting Your Church Free, Letting Go Of Fear, Anger Under Control, Victory Over the Darkness, The Bondage Breaker, The Bondage Breaker For Young People, Extreme Church Makeover, Busting Free, Discipleship Counselling, Letting Go Of Fear and Managing Your Anger.

Resources under development:

40 days of Grace, a devotional by Rich Miller. Busting Free, translated into Spanish and ready to print, has already been sent to the Director of Latin America.

Highlights in last 12 months:

2020 was a year of good opportunities for Freedom In Christ Mexico. We reached many more pastors and leaders (via Zoom) than ever before! A year of continuous teaching and training the body of Christ. Due to the big opportunity of streaming free for three months, pastors were encouraged to start a plan where we offered to go through The Freedom In Christ Course, the Grace Course and finally, in 2021, Freed To Lead, for the first time in Mexico. From this experience, many pastors started sharing the Freedom In Christ Course in different states of Mexico.
 Four courses in two different versions of the Freedom In Christ Course: one for high school students (Busting Free), and the other three for university students in different locations. These courses were led by pastors we had trained in 2020.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Reaching new pastors, reorganizing the office because during Covid, some of the staff members moved to other cities in the country. Finding new candidates for regional co-ordinators in our country. Poor internet in many places over the country. Pray for someone who can help us to organise the office.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

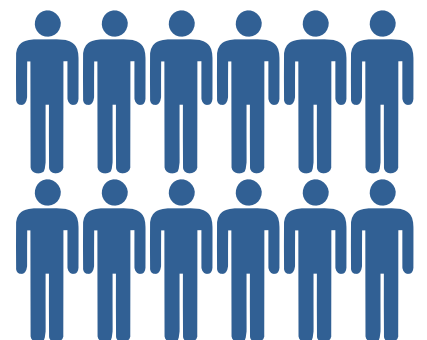
Organizing another tour through Freedom In Christ resources with new pastors.

VENEZUELA



Population

28
MILLION



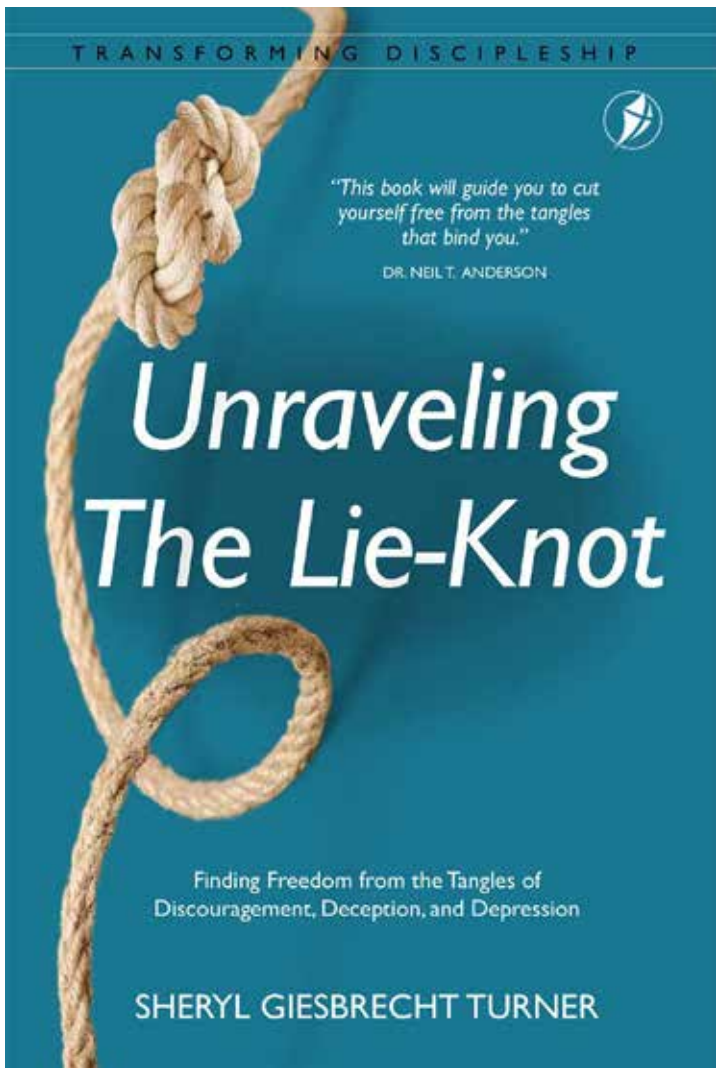
Adrián Arreaza

Assistant Leader: Rafael Martínez Quinde



Religious situation:	<p>Catholicism is the official religion, but only 10% of Catholics attend mass every Sunday. The Evangelical Church has been growing more in rural and poor populations but it does not have much influence in society. Some government officials have introduced African religions which has led to many Catholics practising animism, especially to receive “prosperity”. During Covid, thousands of churches closed and Christians stayed home. Many believers have fallen into apathy and discouragement, while a few churches have stayed connected via the internet or meet in secret. The evangelical church has little spiritual maturity and is not very effective in discipleship. Pastors make a great effort to achieve unity but they do not always succeed.</p>
Resources available:	<p>Currently only virtual resources are available. Manufacturing printed materials is extremely expensive so many churches would not be able to purchase them. We are praying to find inexpensive digital printers to print resources, especially the Steps To Freedom. We have a small batch of books that were printed in Colombia. The books took two months to reach us. We pray for innovative ways to share resources and to be self-sustaining.</p>
Highlights in last 12 months:	<p>My family and I fell ill with Covid and received a lot of help from all over the world. God did a great miracle in us! We managed to motivate 30+ pastors/leaders to participate in Transform. It’s a great blessing.</p>
Biggest challenges for 2022:	<p>To work with an economically and emotionally depressed Church to help it grow and mature in Christ; to find ways to replicate and commercialize resources at low costs; to develop a team with few financial resources; to raise finances in a nation with the highest hyperinflation in the world, and to pray fervently to break down the strongholds of mental poverty and victimization in which the vast majority of the population is stuck.</p>
Greatest opportunities for 2022:	<p>There is a great need for encouragement and support, which we can provide through the courses and materials. We have effective tools to break down strongholds of poverty and victimization, to help the population progress in all areas of society. We will take advantage of the openness that there is in pastors/leaders who do not know how to help their churches to overcome the economic and social crisis that the country is suffering and help them grow. Economic needs have caused many people to put their faith in Christ, we can use this opportunity to deliver our life-transforming message.</p>

PUBLISHING



FIRST IN A NEW SERIES WINS AWARD!

Unraveling The Lie-Knot by Sheryl Giesbrecht Turner is the first title that Freedom In Christ International has published in a new series called 'Transforming Discipleship'. It was published in May and made available on Kindle in October. It won third place in the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association 2021 non-fiction awards. It also made it onto Dr. Michelle Bengtson's top 42 Christmas gift list!



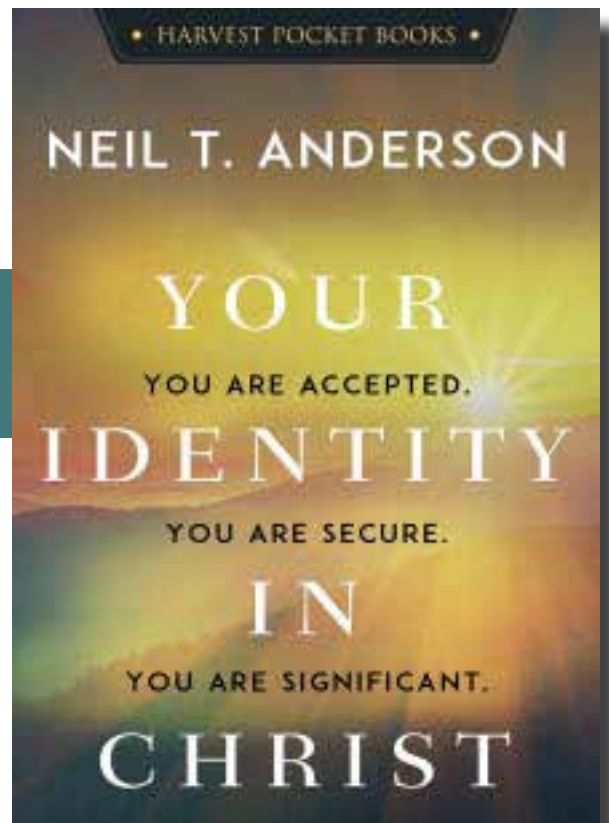
Marianne Becker, New Publications Director, shares: "Sheryl and I have



been taking a group of women from the US, Canada, and the Caribbean through the book as an online study. We had eighteen who stayed with us through the course. Today we took fourteen of them through the Steps To Freedom In Christ. What an encouragement!"

Coming soon...

'Your Identity In Christ' a small pocketbook by Neil Anderson.
Available from April 2022



New Freedom In Christ Youth Course

Freedom In Christ has a vision to equip the Church around the world to build an army of young people who will not just stand but will bring transformation wherever they go.

We are nearing the end of a three-year development project that will result in a brand new discipleship resource for young people (aged 12-19) that will:

- never go out of date;
- reach across cultural and language barriers;
- communicate in the way that young people are used to communicating;
- be accessed on mobile devices via an app;
- equip youth leaders to handle the issues faced by young people (including those we haven't even heard of yet).



It will be produced initially in both English and Spanish versions. Project leaders, Chris Campbell and Mónica Portacarrero (right), have done a great job in recruiting presenters for each version who are just a few years older than our audience but who have incredible stories of freedom and growth in Christ and a passion to share truth with young people. They will be delivering key Biblical truths in ways that make sense and really communicate to young people. Most of the input will be in the form of short, punchy videos.



This new resource will be implemented on our new “Quantum Leap” online learning and publishing platform accessed via internet-connected devices. It’s an incredibly powerful and flexible medium that will:

- allow churches to run courses using a mix of face-to-face meetings and online social media style interaction;
- permit us to make changes to suit different cultures and record new teaching to meet new challenges - in short, to keep this resource at the cutting edge even as time goes on;
- enable different language versions to be created (and we'll have both English and Spanish right from the start).

There will also be sessions to equip youth leaders that will not only help them understand how best to use this new resource but will offer Biblical advice on helping young people with difficult issues such as: stress, anxiety, depression, purity and sexuality, eating disorders, self-harm, addiction, abuse recovery, bullying, ADHD, grief, online safety, and surviving divorce.

Will you partner with us to fund this important new resource? Find out more:

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NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

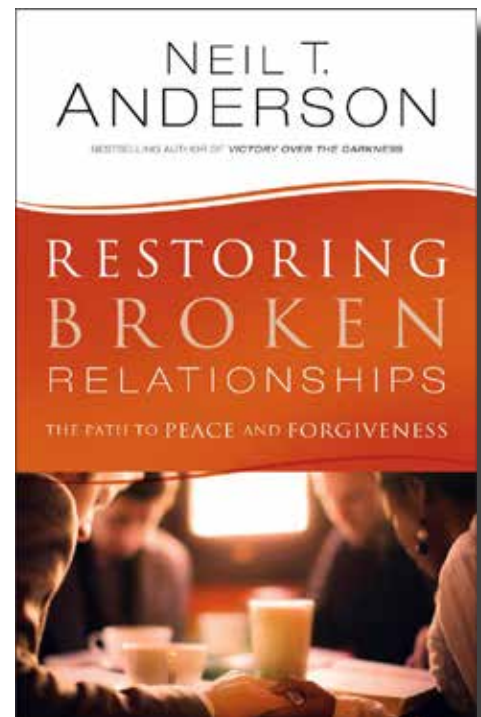


KEY HIGHLIGHTS

AREA DIRECTOR: DAN STUDT

USA

- We have begun a journey with our newest strategic partner, Dr. Jeffrey Marx, Head of Hill Country Christian School. The aim is to develop a curriculum which shepherds Christian school students forward through our current cultural crisis: It all started through an anointed appointment when Dr Jeffrey Marx met our Community Freedom Ministry Associates, Frank and Kathy Childers. Their collaboration, based on Dr. Neil T. Anderson's book Restoring Broken Relationships, has led to a Vertical Reconciliation Curriculum. It is being tested in the Texas school in phases this year. Pray for this endeavor so that someday soon we can share how to achieve true and lasting reconciliation with Christian Schools in every state!





- During the third week of September at the American Association of Christian Counselors’ World Conference, we introduced our ministry to the more than 750 attendees at Neil Anderson’s class on Spiritual Warfare and Counselling. Over 5,500 attended and we ministered to hundreds of them at our booth over the four-day event. Imagine the miracle of hundreds of therapists incorporating our message into their practice! One of those attending said, “My goal used to be to get my patients 60-70% healed, but after finding Freedom In Christ Ministries, I realized that, through Jesus, 100% healing is possible!”
- Dr. Anderson and the US office have followed up with many of these new contacts by providing a monthly Zoom call to encourage them in their counseling practices and to learn how to implement the Freedom In Christ approach into their work.
- We are working alongside Roberto Reed Latin America Director, to expand our outreach to the Hispanic community in the US through our current volunteers and website.

CANADA

- Transform 2021 Canada had 21 Ministry Associates in two hubs using this as a pilot project for Canada. The goal is to have at least 20 hubs next year that will take Transform across our country.
- Ken Cyr who was the National Leader sadly passed and is greatly missed. Clay Bergen is acting as interim National Leader. Cindy Cyr has come on staff as Resource Co-ordinator.

THE CARIBBEAN

- We’ve run a series of monthly Zoom ‘Freedom Talks’ led by Freedom In Christ leaders from around the world. We have had many testimonies of the benefits of these talks from across the Caribbean. Some ardent followers have joined Transform 2021.
- Engaging the youth arm of the Missionary Church in Jamaica with the Disciple Course.
- Continued small groups using Freedom In Christ resources.
- We had a good number join Transform 2021, including a Pastor from Suriname on board.
- We have begun limited publication of some Freedom In Christ resources in Jamaica.

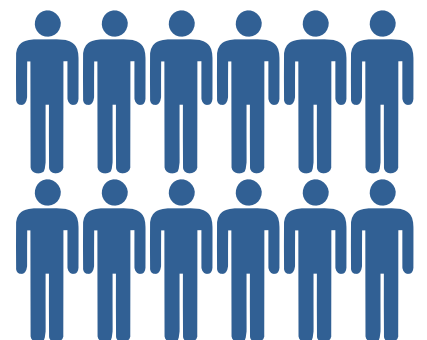


CANADA



Population

38
MILLION



Clay Bergen



Religious situation:

According to the Pew Research Center, a declining share of Canadians identify as Christians, while an increasing share say they have no religion. Relatively few Canadians engage in traditional religious practices such as daily prayer or weekly worship. About 20% attend weekly services and 29% say they pray daily. About a third said they never pray. Still, more than half of Canadians (55%) say religion is important to them and identify themselves as Christian.

Resources available:

All English resources are available as well as translations of The Steps in French, German, and Spanish.

Resources under development:

We are working on a version of Transform that will meet the needs of the Canadian Church.

Highlights in last 12 months:

In Canada we have been blessed with over 100 Ministry Associates and many churches that share the message of freedom across Canada. 2021 has been a year of deep loss and great advancement for the Kingdom of God. Our director Ken Cyr was promoted to glory this past June after four years of battling cancer. It was a time of sorrow but also rejoicing that he was no longer suffering through his many surgeries. Clay Bergen has taken the role of Interim Director on behalf of our board and has begun Transform 21 this past fall training many of our Ministry Associates to teach this platform of freedom in the years to come.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

To see churches transformed by sharing the message of freedom on an ongoing basis. Too many churches have done the Freedom In Christ course and then move on to something else. We hope to create a lasting relationship with them so that they will continue to disciple their entire church.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

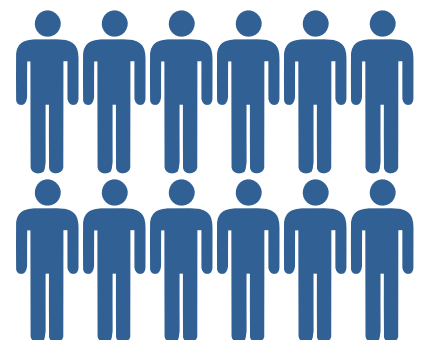
We are excited to see how God is going to expand the influence of Freedom In Christ to many more churches and leaders across Canada using Transform. Our strategy in moving forward is to establish a leadership team in various regions of our country. Please pray with us as we look to God to raise up our next director to lead this team and our country into a greater impact of “transforming discipleship” for His Church.

JAMAICA



Population

3
MILLION



Claudette Bennett



Religious situation:

Protestant (64.8%), Roman Catholic (2.2%), Jehovah's Witness (1.9%), Rastafari (1.1%), None (21.3%), Other (6.5%), Unspecified (2.3%).

Resources available:

We are currently publishing the Freedom In Christ Course - Participant's and Leader's Guides, The Steps To Freedom In Christ, The Grace Course - Participant's and Leader's Guides, and Freed To Lead - Participant's and Leader's Guides.

Highlights in last 12 months:

Transform: We completed the Reposition Retreat and the feedback from the participants has been really great. The weekly hub attendance has been consistent with no falling off of numbers as we progress. The Freedom In Christ Steps appointments are also going well and we have completed more than three quarters of the cohort with some amazing testimonies coming out of many of the appointments. Regular "Freedom Talks" by members of the International Team via Zoom continue to be a great way to engage individuals within the body of Christ. As we deal with areas of our Christian walk where people may be experiencing challenges or are struggling. We ran ten "Freedom Talks" during the year.

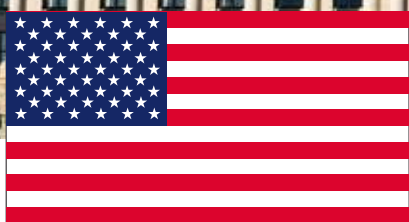
Biggest challenges for 2022:

The National Missionary Youth Ministry has a new president and the focus of using the Freedom In Christ youth material amongst churches across the country has been shifted. Amidst our disappointment however, there is some encouragement as one church has decided to forge ahead with the youth material. We are also in discussion with that church to start the Freedom In Christ course with the entire congregation. Please pray that the new youth president will give consent to the further roll-out of the Freedom In Christ youth material across churches on the island, and that a rich testimony will come from the church that is currently using the material. We are in need of technical support for the Freedom Talks. Please pray that God will lead us to someone who can help us.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

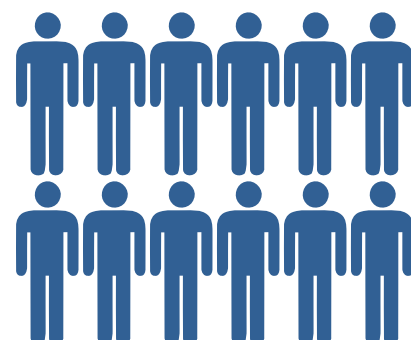
Another large church has begun the Freedom In Christ course within small groups in the church and that has been progressing nicely. We have just begun doing the Grace Course online.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Population

331
MILLION



Dan Studt



Religious situation:

Roughly 48.9% of Americans are Protestants, 23.0% are Catholics, 1.8% are Mormons. The United States has the world's largest Christian population.

Resources available:

All are available.

Resources under development:

Your Identity In Christ by Neil Anderson: Youth Bondage Breaker.

Highlights in last 12 months:

Forming new partnerships and continued expansion in the US. Freedom In Christ Ministries resources are now available to 1,600 pregnancy resource centers. In September, we supported Neil Anderson as he spoke to over 750 pastors, counsellors, and other people-helpers in two sessions at the American Association of Christian Counsellors World Conference in Orlando, Florida.

The South-Central team put on a Refresh event for Community Freedom Ministry Associates and friends of the ministry in Arkansas in November. We opened national online registration for several classes to meet the needs of those who are not able to be in a church at this time and are hungry for teaching and spiritual growth. We added 29 new Community Freedom Ministry Associates to our team of over 350.

40 people started Transform in September from the US and in November we participated in a conference hosted by Discipleship.org that supports discipleship ministries across the US. Neil Anderson and Daryl Fitzgerald presented our materials.

Biggest challenges for 2022:

Caring for the increasing number of inquiries for help. Staying connected with CFMAs as they move, change churches and become disconnected through the other challenges of the past year and a half. Developing a new system to increase the number of people in our network and provide them with a more customized experience while maintaining the integrity of the ministry and those we call associates of the ministry.

Greatest opportunities for 2022:

Over the next year the USA team will be broadening the network to invite/include people from online classes and Transform to multi-track practicum training events and participation in the Freedom In Christ Ministries, USA Network.

Encouraging Stories



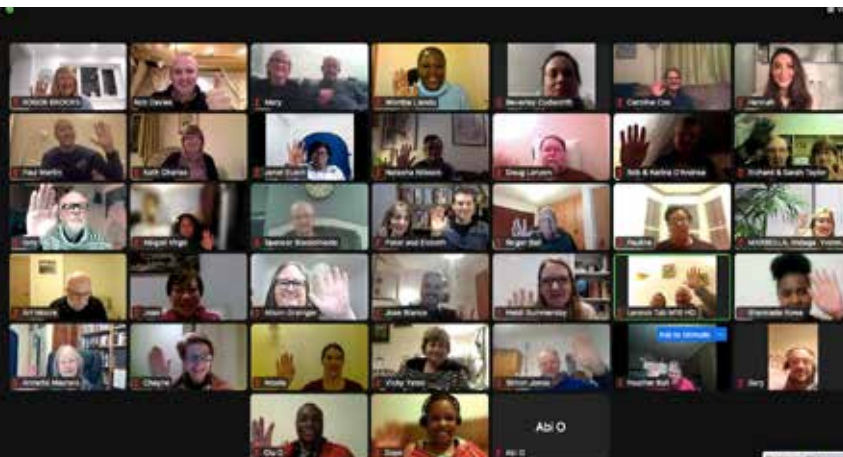
Myanmar

Our two Pioneers are facing a number of very difficult challenges in Myanmar: the dictatorial regime and the Covid situation. Naing Bu (right) says there are always blessings out of tragedy: “Even though we were displaced, we always sensed the Lord’s presence with us. I was able to edit some of the Freedom In Christ materials already translated into Burmese. I was also able to meditate on the attributes of God even though we struggled to go on daily and managed to translate Leviticus into the Daai Chin language. We are finding that people are more receptive to the gospel at this moment due to everyone sharing in the same challenges and difficulties.” Kee Chai in Yangon (above right) continues to pastor his church and support the surrounding communities. A few of the Transform 2021 alumni have been providing financial support for him to continue his ministry to the people there.



United Kingdom

In response to Covid the UK has run free online courses for leaders: Freedom In Christ and Freed To Lead three times, The Grace Course and Keys To Health, Wholeness & Fruitfulness twice and *disciple* once. There’s been a great response with around 550 leaders attending in 2021 supported and prayed for by over 50 members of the UK team. Rob Davies, UK Director says, “Offering online courses for leaders during this difficult time has been a game-changer for us as a ministry. It’s enabled us to walk alongside them, often during their times of greatest need, run ragged by the pressures of pastoring during Covid, and help them connect with and embrace the freedom Jesus has won for them.”





Uganda

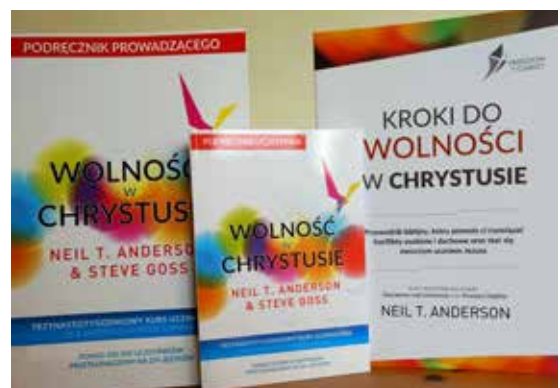
Karamoja is an area of Uganda that is considered unreached by many. Though many of its inhabitants claim to be Catholic, the region has a reputation for armed robberies, violence, witchcraft, alcohol abuse, and polygamy. We have prayed for a way to reach this area for many years.

In March, there was unrest in a prison in Karamoja. Salama (not his real name), the officer in charge of our local prison, was transferred to that prison to try to reduce the unrest. Although Salama is a Muslim, he asked our team to come to the prison in Karamoja also. He had seen the transformation in the lives of inmates in our local prison and wanted inmates in Karamoja to have the same opportunity to taste this life-changing teaching.

Sixty men gave their lives to Christ at our first visit to the Karamoja prison in April. Since that time, we have been going for regular discipleship, helping them grow in the Lord and understand all that Jesus has done for them. Forty of the inmates completed a bible verse memorizing challenge in order to “earn” their own Bible. (There were only three Bibles in the prison of 480 inmates when we began there.)

Poland

National Leader James Harris writes about what it means to him have the Polish version of the Freedom In Christ Course published: “When I first saw the Polish Freedom In Christ Course books, I was really quite emotional! I felt a great sense of relief that the project to get the course translated was finally completed, more than six years after I started it. I felt great gratitude to God (and still do) for leading me step-by-step through the project, which was for me a steep learning curve, as I have never undertaken anything like it before, and during which I must have made pretty well every mistake possible. I felt (and still feel) a sense of joy, that I now have a powerful and effective tool to put into the hands of Polish people who can probably teach it better than I can. And I have a great sense of expectation that Father God will cause this course (and other Freedom In Christ courses which will, I trust, follow) to spread and be used wherever there are Polish-speaking people, throughout Poland and beyond.”



UNSUNG HEROES

In this Annual Report we've introduced you to our Area Directors, National Leaders, and Prayer Coordinators, but there are other key people who ensure that Freedom In Christ Ministries International functions well. Some raise their own support, some are volunteers, some are on loan to us from our national offices. We are so grateful for all of them! And we thought you might like to know a little bit about them.



Marianne Becker (New Publications Director)

Encourages our authors and ensures that all our publications are done to the highest standards.

Clay Bergen (Prayer Catalyst)

Ensures that prayer remains central to everything we do.

Gareth Burgess (IT Manager)

Keeps our website in tip-top shape.

Stephen Cheah (Assistant Executive Director)

Has revolutionized our publishing reach into non-English languages and less economically advantaged areas.

Zoë Goss (Internal Communications Director)

Ensuring that we keep connected with each other across the ministry and join together to pray.

Nigel Gough (Finance Director)

Brings his top-level corporate finance experience to give us up-to-the-minute information on our accounts.

Jacky Henderson (PA To Executive Director)

Keeps Steve in order, makes light work of all sorts of tasks..

Carolyn Jackson (Equipping Director)

Had the vision for TRANSFORM and is now working on similar projects to equip the Church.

Sue Lindsay (Prayer Coordinators Manager)

Assists National Leaders to appoint and encourage Prayer Coordinators and creates our fantastic prayer newsletter.

Nancy Maldonado (Spanish Translations)

Supports husband Rob, our Latin American Director, and has translated many of our resources into Spanish.

Brian Westphalen (Fundraising Advisor)

An incredible encouragement to our National Leaders (and indeed all of us) to raise our faith for God's provision.

Peter Wharrad (Development Director)

Brings top-level experience to strategy, fiscal, and legal matters and helps our offices co-ordinate social media.

MEET THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD



The Freedom In Christ International Board are an excellent team who bring wisdom and a wealth of ministry experience to Freedom In Christ. Each of the Board members represents an area, with Rod Woods acting as Chairman. As well as the regular Board business meetings, they meet with Steve and Zoë each month to pray for the ministry and teams around the world.



Rod Woods - Europe



Mano Daniel - Asia Pacific



Natali Hernandez - Latin America



James Wanje - Africa



Judy King - North America & The Caribbean



Steve & Zoë Goss - International Directors

INSPIRED? GET INVOLVED!

The Church has been growing around the world (with the exception of Western Europe) and there are more Christians alive today than have ever died! The big question is this: will those converts go on to become fruitful disciples? Or will they keep drinking milk long after they should be on spiritual meat? We are looking for partners to join us to equip the global Church to make real, fruitful disciples who go on to change the world. Here are some suggestions of how you can make a difference:

- Make sure you are in touch with your national office and receiving their news – you will find their contact details at freedominchrist.org
- Sign up for our regular international news emails (register for an account or edit your account preferences at freedominchrist.org)
- Consider making a regular donation to support a key member of our team: your national leader, your Area Director, or a member of our central team.
- Sponsor - or talk to your church about sponsoring – a translation, a print run, or the opening of an office in a new nation.
- Join the next cohort who go through Transform, our equipping programme for leaders.



Steve Goss says, “I can’t tell you how important our team of faithful supporters are. Their prayers and their giving make a massive difference. Our promise to you is that we will use all gifts well to further our aim of equipping the Church to transform the nations.”

For more information email us at: office@freedominchrist.org or go to freedominchrist.org/get-involved

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“Therefore go and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”





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