



IMPACT INTERVIEWS

Summer Family Bible Conference 2017

The 2017 *Summer Family Bible Conference* drew people and families from all over the U.S. and from places like the Netherlands, Hong Kong, and Scotland. During this popular event, we interviewed youth, Charis Bible College students and directors, and other conference attendees. Their stories testify that God is still in the business of mending hearts and bodies and restoring vision and purpose. Meet a few of them, and be convinced afresh in your own heart of the love and faithfulness of God!



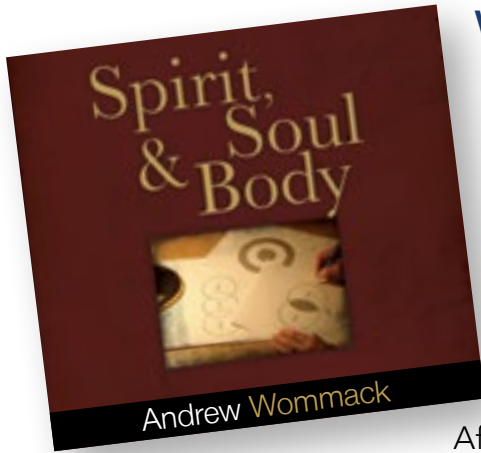
Holli Roberts – Director of Charis Little Rock, AR

Where are you from? Tell us a little about yourself.

I am currently the director of Charis Little Rock. I was on a church's staff for about fifteen years, and I had a women's ministry. I also did all the marketing and bookkeeping for my husband's business.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

During my years with the church, we had a parting of the ways that was really traumatic for me. I didn't understand why it happened, so I was kind of going through a depressing time. I was watching a lot of Christian television and stumbled onto Andrew in between some other Christian programs. At first, I wasn't really impressed. I was used to a lot of yelling, spitting, and hankie-waving, and Andrew seemed a little boring. I had to get used to his voice, but the things he said impacted me. I got angry too because he was kicking over some of my sacred cows. I would keep coming back because he had truths that I wanted to hear, especially when he talked about the sovereignty of God and what that really meant. That impacted me greatly.



What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's, and how has it impacted you?

Spirit, Soul & Body really impacted me. I had taught on spirit, soul, and body, and I thought I knew what that meant, but I didn't know how to apply it. I didn't know how to get what was in my spirit to really work in my soul and in my everyday life. How do I get that to be practical? Andrew showed me how to do that, and it just changed and revolutionized my whole life.

How did being a Charis Bible College student impact your life?

After my husband passed away in 2012, I really knew that I needed to make sure my broken heart was healed. I stood on the scripture that says Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted. You've got to find your place in the Lord to be healed, and I also found a place at Charis to make sure my broken heart was healed. When my husband passed away, the Enemy would tell me that I wasn't qualified and didn't deserve to go out and share the Good News. I had to work through that and stand on the Word, stand on the truth, and tell the Enemy that whether my husband was healed or not, Jesus still paid for it. I was still qualified because the blood qualified me, the Word qualified me. I worked through that.

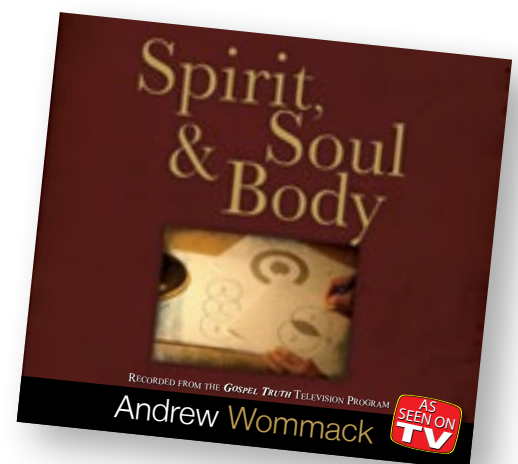
By the time I got to my third year, I was pretty sure that I wanted to be a Charis director. In April of my third year, I was in Ministry School. Greg Mohr asked if I would consider going to Arkansas. Charis Little Rock is the first school in the state of Arkansas. I had to find everything we needed to cause a school to come about. We had a vision to get the school going by January 2017, and we accomplished that. When it gets tough and I feel the pressure, I think of stuff that I've already walked through, and the Lord was there. I've already walked through the valley of the shadow of death, and He didn't leave me. He's not going to leave me now. He taught me how to stay in perfect peace, and He's taught me how to keep my mind stayed on Him.

What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

I really wanted to join with what Andrew is doing because, to me, partnership means you're a partner with whatever that ministry is doing. Way before I ever even had an idea that I would be at Charis, I wanted to be a part of what his ministry was doing, not only at Charis, but also worldwide. When we give of our substance, we get to join in the victories, in the fruit. We're a part of all those people coming to the Lord and finding out how to live and getting healed. We're a part of that when we partner with an incredible ministry like Andrew's.

Is there anything you would like to say to Andrew?

I'd like to thank you, Andrew, for all the things you've walked through, all the things you've learned, all the things that you have accomplished to allow all of us to do what we do. You've shared your life and your ministry with people and have allowed so many ministries to go forth, and we are taking that to another level. I believe in your vision, your calling, and I'm so proud to be a part of it. Thank you, Andrew.





Ruben Zendejas – Colorado Springs, CO

Where are you from? What is your occupation?

I'm originally from Dallas, Texas. I am a pesticide applicator.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I became acquainted with Andrew during a very tough time in my life. I was actually incarcerated for ten years in Michigan, and I became a Christian. I cried out to the Lord, and then I came across Andrew's teaching through a chaplain. He kept sending free cassettes and teachings. Andrew's teaching has impacted me the most in knowing that no matter what goes on in my life, God's not mad at me. He loves me unconditionally. I'm always going to belong to God.

What is Andrew teaching on at the conference, and how are you being helped by this teaching?

Andrew has been teaching on discipleship, and it has kind of basically prodded me to get out of the complacency and comfort zone and really make Jesus Lord. Andrew did a really good job explaining what it means to make Him Lord. When God says to do something, you actually do it, no matter what it costs you.

How has being a Charis student impacted your life?

In 2001, I was released from prison. The Lord blessed me with a new Christian wife, a godly wife. I had a previous marriage and previous children, so I missed out on their lives, and God just restored it all back. I want to give God glory because he put it on my wife's heart and my heart years ago, when we first got married, to come to Colorado for Charis. We didn't have a whole lot, but we came here by faith, and God graciously paid my first year's tuition. I had a job waiting for me, and I actually got a raise. I was nervous about applying to come to Bible college because of my felony record. When they approved my application and gave it back to me, it said, "Welcome to Charis!" I felt like, *Wow, I'm not a second-class Christian anymore.*

The impact of Charis on my life right now is completely life-changing. I'm learning how to break mindset-type stuff. People go to the gym, they pay money, and they go get buffed up. That's what Charis is for me. It's like a spiritual gym.

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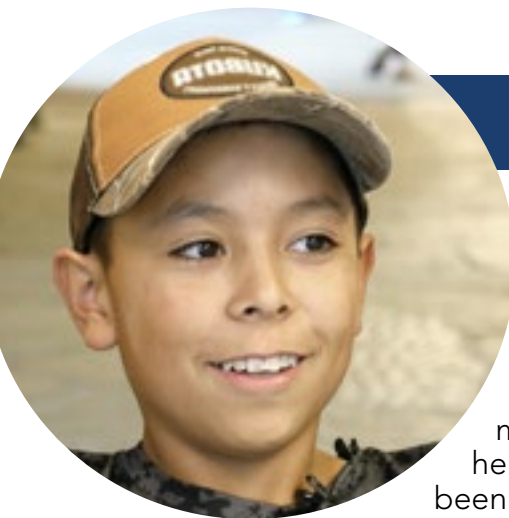
Andrew, thank you for obeying God and listening to God. You are a world changer. I'm glad I'm on your team, and I'm blessed by you.

Is there anything else you would like to say?

I want to thank Andrew's partners from the bottom of my heart. You sowed a seed in my heart through the materials that I received while I was incarcerated. It's forever changed me. I'm a student at Charis in Woodland Park because of your partnership. God bless you.

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Brandon Mock – Williams, AZ

What do you like about the youth ministry at the conference?

When this whole conference started, I was hesitant about whether I should go with the youth or stay with my parents or go with the children. I'm at the age where I can go with the children or the youth. I felt like God told me to go with the youth because I'd be helping minister to people there. I felt like doing that. Before everyone gets here for the day, they let us play ball, basketball, and stuff like that. I've been ministering to this boy while we play basketball, and I think I'm doing what God told me, and it's good.

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My favorite things are the games, the worship, and the atmosphere—just everything. It's great. What's special about worship is that I can talk to God by myself. It's just me and Him, and I can worship Him. It makes me happy when I worship Him.

Would you like to say anything to other youth about attending the conference?

You should come to *Summer Family Bible Conference* because there are good families here, and you'll be involved in things for your age. You'll be happy here, and it's fun. I'm having a great time.

Suzi Rider – Beaumont, CA

What is your occupation?

I own a glass and mirror business. We install commercial and residential glass.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

My church promoted some of his videos and teachings, and my pastor is actually acquainted with Andrew.

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What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's, and how has it impacted you?

One that comes to mind is about how to find, follow, and fulfill God's will. Just over a year ago, my husband died. My daughter, a friend, and I came to the *Summer Family Bible Conference*. It was the beginning of our healing journey after such a big loss. I'd been married for twenty-six years. We came here believing that God was going to start the healing process. We left different. We left knowing that God was healing us. Those videos really helped us and helped me personally. After my husband died, I thought that my purpose died with him, that my hope died with him. I know now that that's not true. I know that God has a purpose for me, and it's going to be great. I put in my application for Charis this year, and I was accepted. I'll be starting in the fall. So, on September 5, I'll be here.

Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

I just want to thank you, Andrew, for helping me on my healing journey, helping me know that I have a purpose for the future. I'm excited to come here, to go to school, and to learn from the best teachers. Thank you so much.





Sheri and Tracy Yates – Edmond, OK

What is your occupation?

Sheri: I am a certified public accountant. I currently own a business with my husband, a consulting business. I'm also the pastor of a small para-ministry. It's called Influence Kingdoms and Nations, from Jeremiah 1:10. It's our family vision.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

Sheri: I became acquainted with Andrew in a very silly way. I was getting ready for work one morning and thought I was going to be watching Joyce Meyer. I came out of the bathroom, and I heard Andrew's voice. I'm like, *That's not Joyce. What's going on?* I heard Andrew say that God wants every person well. I just sat down and couldn't stop watching, and I grabbed my husband. I said, "Do you hear what he's saying?" This was water to my soul. I haven't stopped following Andrew since. I want to know the Author of what he knows. I think that Andrew is set apart. He drives me to want more intimacy with my Father.



What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's, and how has it impacted you?

Sheri: One of my favorites is *You've Already Got It!* I've heard the Lord speak that into my heart many times, that I already have what I'm searching for. You don't have to pray for what you already have. You just have to access it. The Holy Spirit, the same power that raised Christ from the dead, lives in and for us. If we don't acknowledge it and know it, we can't access it.

Tracy: All of Andrew's teachings—I mean, all of them—are amazing. *A Better Way to Pray* has impacted me really a ton. You're not begging God; you're taking the power and authority of Jesus and using it and applying it. We operate a prayer room, and we're involved in our community in prayer. We noticed that when people from the church were in the hospital, no one would be there to pray for them. We just decided that we were going to be first responders and use Andrew's teaching. I've just absorbed it so much from the Word that it's become my own.

There are lots of examples of how we've used Andrew's *A Better Way to Pray* teaching, but I can remember one specific example. A friend of ours was in the emergency room and in a lot of pain with gallstones. I had every confidence that he was going to be completely healed. I got to the hospital room just in time for the doctor to come out and say to him, "You're going to be in pain for quite a while until you pass this thing." I said to my friend, "That's not true. That's not going to happen. This is going to go right now. We're going to speak to your body. We're going to tell your body to get in line and tell these gallstones to get out in the name of Jesus." So, we did. I didn't hang around to check out the results. We got a call later. My friend left the hospital and never had any more pain, never passed any sort of gallstone. That's exactly what I expected to happen.



What has been your experience with the Continuing Education for Ministers Program?

Sheri: Continuing Education teaches you things that you're kind of ignorant of unless you take the classes. Jesus overcame already. It's important to keep that sharp in your heart, constantly ready for any trial or trouble that comes your way.



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In 2015, I was dancing at my young daughter's party. I fell and landed on my head and injured my C1 and C2 [neck vertebrae]. I knew who God was, and I knew that He wanted to heal me. When I woke up the next morning, the room was spinning a million miles an hour, and it wouldn't stop. I really struggled. Andrew's teaching helped me along the way. God said, "You've stopped having a place of expectancy for Me to heal." So, I just began laying a daily expectation. It had to be small because fear was so big. I was listening to *God Wants You Well* and the Continuing Education class with Barry Bennett on healing. I listened to those all day and all night. I said, "Lord, this is what I expect in my body." I heard the Lord say, "Are you done?" I said, "What?" He said, "Are you done working for it?" He gave me a picture of the Wizard of Oz and the ruby red shoes. He said, "What you've been praying for and working so hard for through this process, you've had all along." Almost immediately there was a huge shift. I was 90 percent better, but I got all the way up to 99 percent. I came to *Summer Family Bible Conference* last year. I bolted down there the first second the prayer ministers opened up, and I bawled my eyes out. I said, "I'm discouraged." And that's all I got out. The prayer minister put her hand on my head, and it left immediately. I don't even know what she prayed. The minute she touched me, it was like surrendering the discouragement that I had over that last 1 percent.

What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

Sheri: Partnership with Andrew Wommack is such a gift. When you think about how much Andrew has impacted your own life, and then to be able to give that away to people—it's a gift, even when you're silent and no one will ever know. What a treasure to be able to pour back out what you've been given. Andrew always says to sow into where you've been fed. I will be a partner forever. Forever.

Tracy: Through our contribution, whatever is happening around the world, I feel like we're there with it. We're part of it. We'll never not be partners with the ministry, because of what the ministry's done for us.

Would you like to say anything to Andrew and Jamie?

Sheri: Andrew and Jamie, I'm so thankful for you. I'm thankful that you said yes to God when it was hard. When you didn't have food to eat or money to pay the bills, you said yes. I'm thankful for your ministry because it's been fruitful in my life, because I know God better. I want to be in the Word, and you make me want to know Him better. You make me want to get on my knees and know the goodness of the Father. He is my Father. I am His daughter, and I am so thankful for your ministry and for the fifteen years that I've been a part of it. Thank you for saying yes.



Verbal testimonies have been transcribed and edited for length and clarity.