# **IMPACT INTERVIEWS**

Charis Bible College Campus Days 2016

At Charis Bible College's *Campus Days* 2016, prospective and current students were interviewed. Those who attended this event were of different ages and came from various walks of life. Andrew Wommack's team discovered from the interviews that as the guests decided to focus on their relationship with God, old habits and ways of living began to drop off.

We hope you are blessed by reading their testimonies!





#### Mark and Cindy Thompson – Muskegon, Michigan

#### What is your occupation?

Mark: I am part of the armed security in a hospital.

**Cindy**: I worked as an accountant.

# How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

**Mark**: My wife and I were reflecting on our lives. We literally stopped and held the Bible between us and said, "Lord, what are we missing?" Our lives were so contrary to what the Word says.

**Cindy**: We lived in Wisconsin at the time and had met a couple at a Youth With A Mission meeting who said that we needed a better walk with the Lord. They shared a teaching called *A Better Way to Pray*.

**Mark**: So, we were introduced to Andrew. And the first message we heard, A Better Way to Pray, changed everything.

## How did that teaching impact you?

**Mark**: In studying A Better Way to Pray, I recognized that I needed to use the authority I already had and wasn't using instead of asking God to do everything. Just that paradigm shift in my thinking changed my relationship with God and started the catalyst to understanding who I am in Christ. I understand now that we are not asking God to do things that He has already done. I used to be constantly medicated. But now I have been delivered from acute panic disorder and from neuropathy in my feet. I have stopped wondering if God was ever going to do something. Now I know that He wants to deliver me and that deliverance comes by grace.

## How did you get connected with this ministry?

**Mark**: It does get lonely, and you need to know that there are other people standing with you. We are ARMI members, and what we were looking for was support. We were

associate pastors, and I jumped on it. Continuing education brings Charis to you when you can't come to a Charis location. There are other benefits, like discounts on products, but the heart of it is that we are all in this together. We need to encourage one another.

## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

**Cindy**: My favorite teaching would be *Spirit, Soul & Body.* It's such an impact. What I learned was that my spirit is new; I am a new person in Christ.

## How has this Campus Days conference impacted you?

**Cindy**: This has been a phenomenal experience, and everyone is so friendly. You can watch the teachings on video, but when you actually see these people teach and [you] worship in person, it is amazing. Then when you turn and see Pikes Peak...? Mm-hmm!

## Billy Hughes – Florissant, Colorado

## What is your occupation?

I have been in sales and service for almost thirty years.

## How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

I caught him on television. I really liked what he had to say. I came from another denomination that was really into teaching Law. He covered some material I really needed. The grace message came in really clear. It has grown in me, and now, here we are at Charis Bible College.



## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

[Andrew's teaching on] the book of Romans had one of the most profound effects on me because it really teaches the grace message. We are not living under the Law. It's not a ticket to sin. He covers it very well. I would recommend it and every other teaching! I try to go through Andrew's teaching How to Find, Follow, and Fulfill God's Will again and again. It's all important, and it all works together!

## What are your thoughts on partnership?

Being a partner means giving offerings to this ministry. Andrew needs to fulfill this ministry. This is an important ministry, and we all need to take care of it. If you're a first-time watcher, look at his ministry and website. He is not in this for himself. He is in this for Christ and bringing people to Christ. He is educating people so they can go out and do what he does. He is such a wonderful, humble, sweet man.

## How has this ministry impacted you?

Before, I believed more in the Law, and I was always falling short. I never felt like I was good enough. Andrew steps you through the Bible. His teaching doesn't give me a license to sin, but it is freedom. Christ did not die for nothing. It gave me a lot of freedom to experience and love God.

#### How has Campus Days impacted you?

It's been very informative. Just [by] being here, you get a blessing from it. They cover the material very clearly. All the information is here about the college.

## Have you attended other events?

I attended the 2016 Men's Advance. I have never seen 900-1,000 men congregate together and have such a blessed time. It was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I can't wait! I am buying tickets next for other people—as many people as I can get to come.



#### Rosemarie and Matthias Lapp – Colorado Springs, Colorado

#### What is your occupation?

**Rosemarie**: I am a wife, blogger, writer, and first-year Charis Bible College student.

**Matthias**: I have worked in carpentry and construction most of my life.

## How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

**Rosemarie**: My family started watching Andrew eight years ago on the *Gospel Truth*. His teaching

called God Wants You Well really impacted our family in a huge way.

**Matthias**: I became acquainted with Andrew through my wife's grandparents. I learned a lot through them.

## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

Rosemarie: The teachings *The Believer's Authority* and *God Wants You Well* saved my mom's life and my life. When we learned about the authority we had, we knew it wasn't God's will for her to die. I was thirteen years old. My mom choked one morning, and I was on the phone with the 911 dispatcher. I was also commanding the blockage to disappear and air to come. She turned purple and fell to the ground. All of a sudden she got up, and there was no blockage. She was taken to the emergency, but they couldn't find anything wrong. *The Believer's Authority* also helped me. I was going through a rough time as a teenager—family issues. Knowing that I didn't have to be depressed and that I was in control of my emotions helped me to reject those negative emotions. I started to have a more positive outlook on life.

**Matthias**: The Believer's Authority helped me the most. It helped me to understand the power the Christian has over their circumstances. I was struggling with some physical ailments in my life, and once I understood I had authority, it was gone. I realized we didn't have to put up with this.

## Tell us how you came to Charis.

**Rosemarie**: We came out to the first Healing Is Here Conference. [God] gave me a vision: I have put two paths in front of you. You can stay at home with your family after

you get married and have an ordinary life, or you can go up the mountain and have an extraordinary life. With both paths you will be blessed, but there will be greater blessings in going up the mountain. That sealed the deal with me! God has come through. He provided a place to stay. The deeper teaching on healing has caused me to feel like I have a healing ministry. We have seen the results of planting those seeds. People should come to Charis because they will see God work in their lives in extraordinary ways that they could never anticipate. They will see growth in their finances. They're going to see healings.

**Matthias**: My wife and I decided to come to Charis because we wanted to get grounded in the Word. My first year meeting new friends and meeting people who encourage you to go all the way is awesome!

## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

**Matthias**: I would like to thank the partners who make this ministry possible. You have no idea how much this blesses people to go to a place like this and what God has in store for them.

#### Julianne Harris - Circle, Montana

## What is your occupation?

My dad is a crop-duster, and I load airplanes and help in my dad's business crop-dusting and in cattle ranching. I am also a Third-Year ministry student at Charis.

# How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

At a dark time in my life, I pushed away from God and was living in Louisiana. My mom invited me to come back home to eastern Montana. My brother had a huge life change and told me about a Bible study he was doing. He was teaching *Spirit, Soul & Body*.



This was the first time I had heard this teaching or the grace message, at the age of thirty-three. My head said that this was not true, but my heart wondered if it was.

## Tell us how you came to Charis.

I became a Christian at seven, but I was led into sin. My identity was as a party girl. I rode on an internal roller coaster of legalism: If I did the right thing, I felt I was okay; if I did the wrong thing, I wasn't okay. I kept going to Bible studies to make me feel better but then partied afterward. I finally quit trying. My heart was broken, and I confessed to God that I was sorry for everything I had done. One Sunday the pastor said to me, "Julie, I was in my prayer closet when God put you on my heart. I saw you lying on your bed, crying out to Him. He has a word for you, and He took me to Joel 2. God wants me to tell you that He's not ashamed of you."

That set forth this idea that God knew where I was. I had a desire for more of what I was learning from the Bible study. I got online and looked up Charis. Andrew was hard to listen to at first, but he is so balanced. The first page I went to was rules and regulations,

and I couldn't picture myself in Bible college. I was born again, but everyone I hung out with wasn't. I was involved in drugs and alcohol, and I had two failed marriages. Sin brings death, and I experienced death in every area of my life.

The True Nature of God revolutionized my life. I grew up in church and knew God wouldn't commune with sinful man. That's how we relate to each other, but God doesn't relate to us that way. Two years later my brother said, "Where do you see yourself in five years?" He said, "Have you ever thought of Bible school?" That was a confirmation for me. My friends thought it was great because I was getting out of Montana!

When I started school, my main goal was to not get kicked out because my habits had not changed. Andrew talked about *Effortless Change*, and I thought, *Whatever! You can't tell me there is "effortless change."* But I determined to take my eyes off myself and behold Jesus. As I beheld Him, my desires changed. I was in a bar, and someone asked me, "What are you doing here?" I told her I was going to Bible school, and the look on her face was what changed me. In off times, I did not have to work, and I was at home reading the Word. It has changed my life forever. This school is amazing! If you choose to go ahead and do what Charis instructors and the Word tell you to do, guess what? It works!

Charis has changed my life forever. The Word of God and the power of God flowing through each instructor here will change your life. I am never going to disconnect from this school. Get connected with Charis Bible College!

#### What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

Your imagination will make or break you. I never used my imagination before, but God has created us to have a positive imagination so we can imagine where He wants us to go. Imagination is the key to you walking in the fullness of what God has for you. The True Nature of God revolutionized my life. I learned that God is love. He couldn't possibly fall out of love with you. The True Nature of God will set you free. Discover the Keys to Staying Full of God is one teaching from Andrew I listen to every single month. It is from one verse in the Bible—Romans 1:21. This teaching gives you the steps for how to stay full of God. First, be thankful; pretty soon your imagination works for you. When you give God the glory, then your imagination kicks in. I hang out with prophetic people, and everything has God in it. The automatic response is to be thankful. It will set you free!

## What are your thoughts on partnership?

Partnership with this ministry is investing in thousands of people's lives being changed and taking the grace message to other broken and hurting people. There is no way you can do that other than through partnering. It is impacting millions, if not billions, of people who are being set free.



## Javier Macias - Divide, Colorado

#### How has this ministry impacted you?

I am a first-year Charis student. The impact is the foundation that Charis gives you. They are teaching us who we are in Christ. It used to be information, and now it is revelation. At first it was hard to pay the rent, and now it is simple. Now I know who I am in Christ. I know that I can lay hands on the sick and they will recover. Sometimes we have strongholds, and Charis teaches us the truth. So, we teach the truth, and the truth sets us free.

## What particular ministry has impacted you?

Prayer ministry. They train you first; they give you the weapons first. Then you know it is your battle, and you know you are 100 percent sure that people will be healed. It is amazing to see how people's lives are changed. God showed me where people had problems. One lady had pain in her back. God showed me where the pain was located in her back. I prayed for her, and she was instantly healed. You know, I am just one of the prayer ministers who can tell you about these healings.

## Lance Williams - Woodland Park, Colorado

## What is your occupation?

I work at McDonald's and am a first-year Charis student.

## How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

When I started school here, I had never heard of Andrew, but when I got here, I found out who he was. His teachings have and are continuing to change my life.

## Tell us how you came to Charis.

My Nana Kay had invited me to Charis. I had a lot of excuses. I was doing meth and cocaine. One day I was smoking outside, and I had a change of heart and called her up and said, "I want to go to school with you." The timing was perfect. Around that time, Charis had a prayer walk, and I found out that they were praying for me. I watched Andrew's teaching Effortless Change about how the Word is a seed. I read 2 Corinthians 5:17, and I planted that seed in me. The prayer walk is what brought that seed out and bloomed. I am now a new creation in Christ, and that is how that came about. I actually got high on meth right before I got on the plane to come here, and then I came down from that after I got here. I am now a changed man, and it has been an effortless change.



#### What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

I got on YouTube, and I was led to watch *Effortless Change*. Andrew talked about how the Word is a container to seeds of the kingdom. He said everything grows by seed. That's how I got the revelation about how the seed becomes a part of me, and that's how I became a new creation. November 27 is when the new creation took effect. I went back to Arkansas and was around meth and cocaine the first night. When they asked me if I wanted a line of cocaine, I envisioned myself doing the Heisman pose on Satan, and I said, "Nope, I want none of that." I picked up a meth foil and said, "I have defeated you!"

## Tell us how Charis has impacted you.

There is a group of us, and we are all from different countries. It's like God has brought together a group and all the different cultures. I am learning so much from them. We are best friends. The teachings are just awesome! I am meditating on some of these things, and it is reinforcing the Word is the seed. I think there is an army rising up here at Charis—an army for the kingdom. Sometimes I picture that I am the pin in the grenade. What's going to blow up when that happens is the Word of God, because that's what I am filling myself up with.

I had two surgeries, and the doctors said I have to have a surgery periodically. Since I have come here, the burning has gone away. I know there is no sickness in the body of Christ. That's what I've learned, and I am experiencing it.

I would like to go into the most hostile places and spread the Gospel. I want to go into the roughest of the roughest places, like North Korea, go into the demons' den, and punch the devil in the mouth. I was living a rough lifestyle, and I was drinking, doing meth and cocaine. I liked it, and that was the gunpowder being put in me. I was getting pumped up on the wrong things. Here's the thing: I left my hometown in tears and stepped out of my comfort zone that the devil had me in. Now I am getting pumped up on the right things. Satan had me isolated and had somebody close to me in witchcraft and voodoo. I still love them. I went from believing in God to *knowing* God. I am now experiencing all of God's blessings.

Take a step out of your comfort zone, and see what God has for you. If you want to experience the new creation as I have, come to Charis Bible College because it will prepare you to go out and fight in God's army on the battlefield. Come to Charis because you will start growing in Christ, and as you grow in Christ, it will sever everything that Satan has on you and is trying to have on you.



Mildred "Kay" Williams – Woodland Park, Colorado

## What is your occupation?

I am a student at Charis and will be graduating in 2016. I was a resource person with handicapped students and a counselor in the Arkansas public school system for fortynine years. I would still be there except that the Holy Spirit brought me here.

#### How has this ministry impacted you?

My grandson is Lance Williams; he was in total darkness three months ago. He was in the drug culture and hooked on crystal meth and cocaine. I always loved Lance, but he wouldn't listen to anybody. I asked a lot of people here to pray for my grandson. I told his father, "Son, if you get a phone call that Lance is dead, I want to prepare you now for what may happen." Lance and I have always been close, but I had almost totally given up on him.

We have a walkathon twice a year, and I was the leader. In my heart, I believe God handpicked those thirteen prayer warriors. We prayed for everyone, and afterward, I asked if they would pray for Lance. Those people cut loose! We had two or three former drug addicts. I have never experienced a prayer group like this. I told them that Satan does not have a chance! That was November 2, 2015.

My grandson told me, "When you come home, I'm going to go back with you to Charis," but I never saw him the whole time. About thirty minutes before I was leaving to come back, he shows up and says, "Nana, when are we leaving?" I said, "I don't have a ticket for you." He said, "Why?" I said, "You have told me a lot of things over the last eight years, and it hasn't been true." Well, I got a ticket for him for \$95. He had shot up with a lot of drugs, and I didn't know it or I wouldn't have let him come with me.

The first night I heard this noise like hell was coming out of him. The Enemy had him so bound, he couldn't speak. I let that pass and didn't say anything. I told Jesus, "This is a Christian house, and I don't have room in my house for this type of behavior with drugs." I spoke again, and Lance was delivered. Holy Spirit told me that I moved here for me and also to prepare a way for my grandson in God's timing. I am now seeing my grandson, who was three months ago in total darkness, say, "Nana, if I hadn't come to Charis, I would be dead." The Holy Spirit had told him that he couldn't continue like this. After he saw the Third-Year Charis curriculum, he said he might be here for several more years. He wants to be an evangelist!

## How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

For two years, a lady told me to listen to Andrew. I just wanted to cry; he was so boring! I told her that I just couldn't listen to him. She said, "You get some paper and a pencil. He grows on you." I let two years pass before I ever listened to him again. So, I started listening and took notes. After six years, I realized we were 99.9 percent on the same page!

## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

I was brought up in the Baptist church but was never told that the Holy Spirit was my Friend and Helper. I learned that on my Charis missions trip to Ecuador. Five minutes before my talk at a church in that country, my leader told me that I needed to change my talk because the audience I was speaking to was 95 percent children (ninety-eight children and five adults). So, I called on the Holy Spirit, and He downloaded everything I needed. My leader said the next morning, "You really shucked corn last night, girl. You did an awesome job." I like all of his teachings, but this school is built on *Spirit, Soul & Body*. That is not taught in the churches, and trying to learn the difference between your spirit, soul, and body.

## Tell us how you came to Charis.

The Holy Spirit spoke to me every day about coming to Charis. I was a public school teacher, and I felt there was no way I could come. One day I wanted a classroom of my

own for counseling. But when I got the room, the furniture was removed. I felt this was a sign to leave. I had asked the Lord about me coming here. God helped me get my ducks in a row. My children were so surprised that I was going to Charis. They thought I was in a cult. Now they are not so upset with me, because that is how Lance got here. Charis Bible College has really impacted me. It has changed my whole life. I thought I knew a lot about the Bible, but I found I didn't. Now I have an in-depth understanding. All of my questions have been answered. Questions I have had for years I now have answers to.

## What are your thoughts on partnership?

I really love Andrew and have respect for him. It breaks my heart because of his vision, and he had to stop [construction] for a while. Lord, I wish I could give him millions of dollars because he truly has a vision for discipleship.

## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Andrew, I would like to say thank you for what you have done for me and my grandson's life, and now my granddaughter is being highly affected by *Spirit, Soul & Body*. I want to say that I am so thankful you are starting the Practical Government School, and I believe with all my heart—with a leader like you and what you are doing in this college—that we not only can but also are going to take our nation back! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

# Salena and Terry Nichols – Woodland Park, Colorado

## What is your occupation?

**Salena**: I am originally from Portland, Oregon. I am a Charis student and also on the Charis care team. I was an administrative assistant.

**Terry**: I am from Portland, Oregon. I am a second-year Charis student, part of the Charis care team, and a truck driver.

# How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

**Salena**: I wanted truth from the Word. Three years ago I was watching Andrew, and the Holy Spirit said, "Listen to what he is saying." By the end of the program, I said, "That's truth. That's what I've been looking for!"

**Terry**: I was retired and felt my life was over. I had stopped dreaming, but then I started watching Andrew and got my vision back to the point we needed to come to the school. Andrew helped me to see my purpose again and dream again.

## What teaching(s) have impacted you the most?

**Salena**: When Andrew talked about the Old Testament believers, they looked forward to what God was going to do. Believers today look back to what God has already done



through Jesus on the cross. That is big to me; actually, that's freedom! I had hepatitis C many years ago. I knew God was going to heal me. I have a better revelation now, knowing that I've already got my healing.

**Terry**: Spirit, Soul & Body just really opened my eyes. I was raised in an Assembly of God church where I was taught that I could lose my salvation. Andrew really cleared that up for me. The biggest thing that has helped me is to realize who I am in Christ and the authority I have.

#### Tell us how you came to Charis.

**Salena**: We knew we were going to come to Charis, but I didn't know when. My husband said one day, "You need to give your notice today." I did, and it was the best decision we have ever made! We are not the same people spiritually or emotionally, and we have discovered so many people from all over the world meeting here to learn the foundational truths of the Gospel and the unconditional love of the Father. Andrew Wommack is Charis Bible College all the way!

**Terry**: Charis Bible College has had an incredible impact on my life. [You] come to this place with a small vision, but you can't leave this place without having a large vision. You need to look at that now and not wait until you're my age. I believe God has called me to the nations and to be a pioneer. I want to go to Spain and lay groundwork for a Charis Bible College.

## Share with us your experiences being a part of a Charis care team.

**Salena**: The Charis care teams involve connecting with the local community between Woodland Park and Colorado Springs. We represent God, Charis, and Andrew in the community. We helped the city manager with community projects like painting the underpass. It gets you out communicating with vendors and the community. We're involved with the Chamber expos in the fall and spring. There is another caring touch portion of the care teams, which involves visiting the sick in the hospital and greeting at the front door at Charis. People really like that and comment about how they feel loved!



## David Hay - Woodland Park, Colorado

## Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am a first-year Charis international student. My wife, mother-in-law, and I came to Charis. I was in a telecommunications business until 2006. My son was covered in eczema, and every morning the sheets were covered with blood. My wife had a word from God to take him to southeast Spain to Mojácar, and he would be healed. So, we moved there from the business of our lives, and he was healed.

#### How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

In 2008 in Spain, we were part of a community church. We were looking after our two kids. An English friend sent me an Andrew Wommack CD and a letter. He said, "You know I'm not into American preachers, but I think you'll like this guy." After getting through the accent, I listened to the words coming out of him. Soon I was saying out loud "Yes" to the CD player, in agreement with him.

We started watching Andrew on television for two to three months. Rachel's mom and dad identified Andrew's teaching with the grace message that they had heard in the '60s. I knew Jesus at seven years old, but Andrew turned me on to loving the Word, and that just changed everything! People there in Spain had heard of Andrew. Andrew's teachings are impacting people all over the world, and that's why I am at Charis. One guy in a café said, "I am a partner with Andrew." One lady at a Full Gospel Business Men's breakfast said, "I know you are going to Charis in Colorado, but I have twenty CDs if you want to listen to them before you go." Andrew's teachings are going all over the world, as we know, but it is impacting people's lives.

## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

When I heard *Spirit*, *Soul & Body* for the first time, I just had to re-listen to it. I came from a Catholic background, but my parents were charismatic. When I heard my spirit was vacuum-packed, totally pure, and beautiful, I used that teaching, and the Lord got me on radio in Spain with a minute-and-a-half show. It was a secular radio station with a Christian thought for the day. I used what I learned from Andrew on that teaching because it was so simple, so real, but profound. Then we opened Manna from Heaven, a pastry café. People would come to our café, where my wife baked and I served. I invited people on the radio to the café, and it was a place of ministry for five years. It was a holiday and vacation spot in Spain, and we had a multi-European clientele who all spoke perfect English. It was all God, and it was all Andrew's influence!

## Tell us how you came to Charis.

I am fifty-five years old, and I want to know what my purpose is in life. God said, "Now is your time." My heart is to evangelize. I want that man and that woman who don't know Jesus to at least get introduced to Him and make a choice. I was excited that Steve Bartlett is starting an evangelism track in my third year. My wife and I are together on this destiny. I want the same for my children. Colorado Springs Christian School has helped us to put them in there. It is a mini-Charis.

From the moment we stepped into *The Barn* last year, I just knew the firehose of information was going to start, and it did. There is a cake in Spain that they say has a million layers. Every half hour of Charis is another layer. When I walk in and hear the worship, I take the children to school, and it is like a tsunami of Jesus, wave after wave after wave. It has been very personal—love, love, love! The teachers like Barry Bennett, Wendell Parr, and Greg Mohr are amazing, but when Andrew Wommack teaches, it is so powerful but simple. He spoke on prayer the other day, and my nephew, who had not come from this background, said that he understands every word. The teaching is fantastic. It gets better and better. It's pointing you to the Word, the Messiah. It's just pointing you to Jesus and completeness in Him. It is love. The students here are full of Jesus, so they are full of love. It is Jesus that comes out of the fabric of this building, and that fabric is the people. When people hug you here, it is Jesus hugging you.

## What are your thoughts on partnership?

Andrew said something that touched my heart. He said, "Partner where you are fed." Partnership with Andrew has meant a lot to me. This is a place God has ordained for the nations of the world for many decades to come. It is a privilege to me, and my boys are going to benefit from Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College wherever we are in the world.

## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

I am very privileged to thank Andrew and Jamie. When Andrew came into my life, it transformed my life and my wife's life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

#### Faith Kennedy – Woodland Park, Colorado

#### Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am a student at Charis and will be graduating in 2016. I am originally from Kansas City.

# How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

My mom listened to Andrew on radio. My brother found out about Charis, and then I decided to go.

## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

I love it when Andrew teaches on imagination and the power of imagination. He always goes into dreaming and imagining. He encourages you to open your mind and your heart. He encourages you that you can accomplish those dreams. Coming here has put into practice the dreams and goals God has put in my heart. I need to trust in the God that is in me.

## How has Charis impacted you?

At Charis, you are surrounded by people who dream big. People who dream big teach you. There is such an atmosphere of love and praise and dreaming that I feel I can do anything through this wonderful God. It is amazing to be on the worship team. People look at you and can enter into worship by your smile. The CD We Come Alive is amazing. I can't wait to get it. I haven't bought the album yet, but I put it on my iPhone and listen to it over and over!

## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Thank you, Andrew and Jamie, for encouraging me to go for my dreams and trust a big God who lives inside me. I know now that I can accomplish anything through Him.





## Wayne Lurch Jr. - Chagrin Falls, Ohio

#### What is your occupation?

I am a street preacher in the streets of Cleveland, Ohio, working with drug addicts and street prostitutes. I am not with a church. The Lord and I had an agreement. About a year into that, He sent me to the streets. My health was such that I didn't think I could get there. I established a beachhead in that area. God gave me the tools I needed as I needed them.

## How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

I had serious health issues in 2010 that necessitated three open-heart surgeries. It was revealed to me that I wasn't going to die, but somehow I didn't know how I was going to live. I had survived longer than anyone else with this disease. I got desperate. I wasn't afraid to die, but I needed to learn something. I screamed out to God, "I need a teacher." I turned on the television in February 2011, and there was Andrew Wommack. I listened to what he had to say and knew it was true. I have been faithful to his programming.

## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

What I learned was that there weren't reasons for me to be sick. I could be well and prosperous. At some point during the first year, I ran into *Spirit, Soul & Body*, and that was a big transforming thing. *The Power of Faith-Filled Words* had a big impact. I knew I was getting better. *Don't Limit God*, which incorporates the teaching on imagination, came out. Both of those things sealed the deal.

I realized I was limiting God. When [Andrew] talked about imagination, this revelation came alive in me. I struggled with the Lord, and I have learned all those things. But I am still not able to work. God said, "Who do you imagine yourself to be?" He said, "You're looking in the wrong mirror, and that is not what I see for you." He said, "You know what to do." There were a lot of differences between the sick guy and the well guy. I started to say the well guy would go fishing and hunting. I went out to where I used to fish and stood there with a fishing pole and imagined myself fishing, even though I couldn't cast. It was picturing who I knew I was supposed to be that got me over that hump. I put pictures around of me looking younger. It really was that teaching on imagination that helped me. Without that, I don't think I could have ever done it.

## How has this ministry impacted you?

I never thought I would be here at a conference. I never would have imagined being a Charis student. I used to be a sick guy who relied on narcotics every day and threw up every day. I was so dependent on them that I couldn't function. It is 100 percent different. I look and feel healthy now. August 5, 2012, is a milestone date. It is the date I walked away from narcotics without the help of any treatment center. I just did it on the Word of God. I use that as the major date, but the truth is that every six months, I am better than I was six months before. I say, "I am getting stronger."

#### Tell us how you came to Charis.

First of all, Charis *Campus Days* has been phenomenal. The staff has been very friendly. It is an incredibly beautiful atmosphere with a lot of love and encouragement, a lot of hope, and a lot of opportunity. It brought me to tears in the first day.

Last year something changed, and I wasn't seeing increase. I decided to give God the first forty-five minutes every day and the last minutes of the day. That went on through October. God said, "I want the house." On December 12, I went up the mountain, and He said, "You have a new identity." The revelation was way cool. I circled back up for another 140 days. In January, He said, "Focus on Abraham." And then He said, "I want you to go to Colorado." A few days later He said, "Move now." A land preserve wanted to buy our property. God put it on my heart to come here in the fall.

## What are your thoughts on partnership?

Partnership with Andrew is an opportunity to take the resources the Lord has blessed me with and sow them into an organization that is discipling people with the truth about God. I think it makes God immensely pleased. I believe in sowing and giving, and I believe that if we sow into ministries that are doing God's will, I believe the return can be supernaturally greater.

## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Andrew, I know I don't have all the words to say to you, but God bless you and thank you so much for the hard work you have done. I know you have touched many people around the world. Keep up the good work!

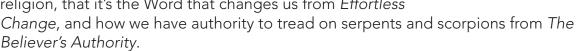
## Kat Mygan – Colorado Springs, Colorado

## What is your occupation?

I am a second-year student at Charis and originally from Boston, Massachusetts. I am retired from the Air Force.

## How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

I was born again on Christmas Eve in 2006. A year later, I found Andrew on television. Now I know it's the Holy Spirit who brought me back. It really rocked my world—everything from learning that we have freedom from religion, that it's the Word that changes us from *Effortless* 



The Believer's Authority helped me so much because of the way Andrew explains how we have the authority on the inside of us. Jesus died to give us that authority. We can use our words to curse the curse. It breaks down what we have as Christians and why



He died. He had to buy back what Adam and Eve gave away. Before I understood that authority, I asked and begged God to bring in finances and heal issues with relationships. I was begging God to help. Then I got the realization that we have the authority to speak. I realized my words are either speaking life or death and that I can speak life. The words we speak are powerful. That really rocked my world. Waking up in the morning, if I haven't slept well, I realize how simple it is to choose how my life will go or how my day is going to go by choosing my words. I determine how my life is going to go and saying this is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice in it.

## How has Charis impacted you?

The impact of Charis Bible College on my life now is sitting underneath the Word for four hours a day, getting that Word on the inside of me. For the first year, it changed my life. The second year was effortless change like Andrew said, getting the Word inside. I still need to spend time with my Daddy to help me be patient with people and listen and learn from people. The more I know, the more I realize I don't know. I know I am blessed to be a blessing.

## What are your thoughts on partnership?

Partnership means that I can be a part of reaching farther and deeper with the Gospel. I have a part to play in that.



## Mark Machen – Birmingham, Alabama

## What is your occupation?

I am the pastor of Life of Faith Church in Birmingham, Alabama. My wife is a student of Charis Birmingham.

# How did you first get introduced to Andrew Wommack Ministries?

Five years ago I started pastoring a church. My wife found Andrew on television, and we started watching. We ended up coming to the *Ministers' Conference* in 2011 and bought everything that was there. It messed our church up in a good way! It has been an amazing journey for the last five years.

## What teaching(s) impacted you the most?

Living in the Balance of Grace & Faith is my favorite because that is what started my journey. Everything in my background was about faith. This Living in the Balance of Grace & Faith rocked my world, and it has impacted me the most.

## How has this ministry impacted you?

I was forty-two before I even went into ministry. I never felt like I measured up, and my wife felt unworthy. As I started getting hold of these truths, I had the job of changing our church and the atmosphere of our church. Now knowing that we are worthy because of

what He has done has transformed us. Our church has tripled in size. Just in the last three weeks we had a guy set free from pornography just because we taught him who he was in Christ. He is completely set free. What we saw were more healings than ever before. We can't believe how we have missed it all these years. The change that happened in us is the most amazing change. It has just been the most amazing time. We are not the same people we were before.

## What are your thoughts on partnership?

We are a part of something much bigger than ourselves. By partnering with Andrew, we are also helping Charis. Charis is the best Bible college out there. This whole ministry can do so much more than we can just in Birmingham. The biggest impact for us is that we did a regional meeting with ARMI in Birmingham. We made some connections there with other ministers that have become really close friendships. It helped us be able to help another church find a pastor. Relationships are the most important thing to us when it comes to ARMI.

## Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Andrew and Jamie, thank you so much for answering the call of God and doing what you do. It has certainly had an impact on our lives and in the Birmingham area. We just really appreciate you.