

FREEDOM CHRISTIAN CENTER CAMP MEETING 2016



IMPACT INTERVIEWS //////////////////////////////////

The friendly and helpful staff of Freedom Christian Center hosted the Andrew Wommack Ministries crew during their 2016 camp meeting. On the first day, Troy and Gloria Akins were interviewed about the miraculous healing of their young son Colt. In another interview, Craig Holmes shared his journey of supernatural recovery as a former quadriplegic. And the testimonies continued. May your faith soar as you read!



Troy and Gloria Akins – Denver, NC

Tell us about the struggles you faced with your son's health.

Gloria: Our son, Colt, was born four years ago. We were told the day he was born that he had complete kidney failure. Within two weeks, he was on dialysis. We were also told that he would need a kidney transplant, and after a long two months, we brought him home. This began an awful journey of doing dialysis every single night with a newborn baby. He had a feeding tube and a dialysis catheter in his stomach. He'd throw up at night and cry. We were devastated. Even though we still believed that God healed, we didn't really understand the principles of the authority that we have in Jesus. We struggled through those first months. We prayed and held on to Scripture.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

Gloria: It was a turning point when someone came to me and said that we ought to listen to Andrew Wommack's teachings and see the healing testimonies. I began watching some of the healing testimonies at **awmi.net**, and we both were inspired that if God would do it for them, He would do it for us.

What was life like before and after receiving Andrew's teachings?

Gloria: We began listening to Andrew's teachings, blocking out the world, turning off



all media, getting into God's Word, and testing some of the truths that Andrew taught. Little by little, we found them to be true. There were some difficult times along the way where we just thought, *We're praying for this, but it's not happening. We're applying truths that we're learning, but it's not happening.* Each time God would say, "Keep believing and trusting Me." Little by little, our confidence increased. Colt was getting better and better, and he was healthy. Finally, there was a night where Troy just said, "You know what, let's go in there, lay hands on him, speak healing into his body, and rebuke the Enemy."

Troy: I took off to the bedroom and laid hands on him. He was sleeping, and I knew it would wake him up. But I didn't care. I said, "In Jesus's name, I get rid of the negative, bad things going on in your body." After that, his numbers began to normalize, and the doctors said that he was a miracle.

Gloria: After Troy laid hands on Colt and spoke over him, the healing was fast. We asked the doctors if we could take him off dialysis once a week, and they were agreeable. At this point, we had to see whether or not he even needed dialysis, which is unheard of. We had been told there was no hope for him.

Troy: For three and a half years, we were told by nephrologists and specialists that there was a zero percent chance that his kidneys could ever function at all. They said that he had to get a kidney transplant. I'd ask the nephrologist what the chances were, and he'd always shake his head. Those last several months, everything changed, and they started calling Colt an enigma. They didn't understand what was happening, and at the very end, the medical people said, "This was a miracle."

Gloria: We chose by an act of our will to believe what God's Word said and to put our hope in Him. Within three weeks of taking him off dialysis, he went in for surgery and had his dialysis catheter removed. He's been happy and healthy ever since. That was a month ago, and he has started preschool. Colt has been able to take his first bath, which is something he could not do with a dialysis catheter. He's been playing in the water and enjoying his freedom. We have also enjoyed our freedom as a family, and we look back at those dark times and can really see how God showed us the truth. He revealed Himself each step of the way despite the difficulty and the pain.

This journey is definitely not over. We are still learning how to victoriously walk in health and keep our healing and to share his story. I was introduced to Andrew's teachings when Colt was about eight months old. Within about three months after being introduced to Andrew, we came here. I met Andrew, and I remember leaving and thinking, *All right, when I come back here, Colt is not going to be on dialysis anymore.* That was hard. There was a lot of perseverance and a lot of choosing to believe when there was only God's Word to stand on.



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

Gloria: *God Wants You Well* helped convince me of God's will to heal, and that's big. I've heard Andrew say that if you can move the devil an inch, you can move him a mile one inch at a time. And that really is our story! Colt's healing took one inch at a time, one truth at a time, and one choice at a time to choose to believe when the only reason to believe was God's Word. It also helped me to recognize the laws of faith and that there are spiritual laws.

Note from Karen Bereit with AWM:

I called Gloria Akins on July 26, 2017, to check on her son's healing. They have had an awesome year since we saw them last September at the Freedom Christian Center Camp Meeting. She told me that they are learning how to be free. Before, Colt had never really eaten food because he was on feeding therapy. Now he is learning how to eat, and he is eating really well. At the time I talked to her, he was eating macaroni and cheese! They have also been able to do some travel this year with their older kids, which they had not done since Colt was born. Colt's kidney function has steadily continued to improve. It started out as the most severe, which is a level five, and now has gone from a five to a four to a three. His stats continue to improve.



Craig Holmes – Hilton Head Island, SC

What is your occupation?

I work as a bookkeeper and an accountant at the Island Recreation Center.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

In about the year 2000, I was flipping through the channels one day, and all of a sudden, I came across this man sitting in a chair and sharing the Word of God. I was attracted to him right away—the way he was teaching, his calmness, his attitude, and just the way he was ministering the Word.

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

It's called *Discover the Keys to Staying Full of God*. It got me to focus on the Word of God much more. In Romans, the first chapter, there's a scripture that Andrew uses to talk about our imagination. I took from it that I needed to keep my imagination focused on what I wanted to do in life, especially with my healing. I imagine myself being healed all the time.

Have you been healed or had a significant life change through one of Andrew's teachings?

I was in an accident on October 2, 1988. The driver of the car I was in was going too fast along the highway that night. The car ran off the road, hit a ditch, and flew into some trees. I became a quadriplegic as a result of the accident. I had a closed head injury and was in a coma for fourteen days. After the accident, my doctor told my family that I would never walk again. And if I woke up from the coma, I'd be in a vegetable state for the rest of my life.



I have no recollection of parts of that year. When I woke up from the coma, I thought I had woken up into a nightmare because I was in the hospital surrounded by new people, doctors, and nurses. I was a prolific athlete in baseball, soccer, and a little bit of football, but now I couldn't move. So, I thought to myself, *This must be a nightmare or a dream! I have to wake up from this sometime in the future.* It was a gradual healing. December of that same year, I took my first steps. I walked about fifteen or twenty yards with a lot of assistance at the time. That allowed me to know that I had a chance of walking again. From that, I continued with my therapy every day. My church was sponsoring a benefit event one year, and they asked people to go out into the community and find someone to sponsor them based on the number of laps they walked around the track. I couldn't find a sponsor. As a matter of fact, I sponsored myself! I donated an amount of money to the church for my sponsoring to walk around the track. I walked thirty-two laps that day around the track—equivalent to eight miles. I do a little bit of landscaping also, and it's just a blessing in what God has allowed me to do. I believe that I'm 85 percent healed right now from my accident, and I'm sure that God will fully complete the healing of my body.



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When I heard Andrew speak about healing, it just enhanced my enthusiasm for learning more about the Word of God and what he was teaching. It attracted me more to his teachings, and it allowed me to focus myself much more. Every night when I go to bed and every morning while I'm waking up, I'm thanking God for allowing me to walk that day. I thank God also for allowing me to wake up to see another day. I am a walking testimony to the blessing of God.

What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

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Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

Andrew Wommack, I am so glad that the Lord allowed you to come into my life at the time that you did. You've been a very big blessing to me, and I love you. Thank you so much for your teaching! December of last year, I was invited to go on a missions trip to Nicaragua with the missions crew here. God blessed me on that trip to where I had courage and strength to endure through everything. It is something that I never thought I would ever do, but it happened. I'm so thankful to God for allowing me to be alive, to travel to another country, and to share God's love with the people there.

Bobby Ray – Dallas, NC



What is your occupation?

My wife and I pastor the Assembly of Faith World Outreach Center in Dallas, North Carolina. We've had that church for about thirty years.

Tell us about your background.

I was born again when I was eight years old. I went to a denominational church and served the Lord for about seven years. Then I drifted away, and when I was about eighteen years old, I went out into the world. I spent about eight years in the world. It wasn't very nice or pretty. I've been addicted to everything you can imagine. When I got out of the service, my cousin and I started a little business, and two weeks later, I had a wreck in Charlotte, North Carolina. A tractor-trailer dump truck ran into the back of my car, and my head violently hit the back of the windshield over and over. I started having seizures because of that accident and continued to have them for about seven years.

I rededicated my life to the Lord when I was twenty-six years old. My girlfriend, who is my wife now and a powerful woman of God, didn't know then that God was real. Jesus came into her room and spoke to her. She got born again that night. So, we started going to church. I'll never forget the first time I ever experienced the anointing of God. This woman pastor operated in the gifts of the Spirit very powerfully. She put out an invitation, not looking at me, but I realize now that it was for me. She said, "Anybody who wants to know if this is real, come up here right now." I remember thinking in my mind, *I'm going to see if this is real*. She met me about three-fourths of the way down the aisle, and I went out under the power of God. I'm lying on the floor, and all I can think of is *This is real! This is real!* The love of God was just flowing and gushing through me. I got up, and I wanted to hug somebody. I never hugged anyone, but I wanted to hug somebody. She was close, so I went to hug her and went out under the power of God again. This time when I got up, I just went back to my seat. I was totally healed from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

Even though I was healed and stopped taking all my medicine, the devil came back three times and tried to put those seizures on me again. Well, I didn't know the Word of God like I do now, so the first time I felt one coming, I screamed with all my might, "No, I'll not have it!" It left. The second time, a few days later, I did the same thing and screamed with all my might, "No, I'll not have it!" The third time it came on me suddenly, and I couldn't speak. My mind was so fried from drugs that I couldn't understand the Bible, but I just kept reading and studying and listening to men of God. I remember listening to Andrew Wommack every morning on my way to work. I had no idea who he was, and then I got introduced to the Word of Faith movement. Later I got introduced to Andrew personally and began to understand grace and learn how to tie grace and faith together.

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

That would be *Living in the Balance of Grace & Faith* because most people do not understand the balance. For many years, I understood the Word of Faith message. Then I was introduced to the grace message. You are saved by grace *through* faith. I first started hearing Andrew here in Charlotte twenty years ago. I traveled with brother Andrew for about four years locally in the United States, going to the *Gospel Truth Seminars*. I saw the truth about grace, and when you apply it together and have an understanding of it, it works perfectly. So, that's my favorite thing about his teachings.

Another thing I like about brother Andrew is that he's the same person whether you see him on television or in person. The way you see him preaching on television and the way you see him here at the Charlotte camp meeting and at the *Gospel Truth Seminars* is the way he is when you're talking to him. He's not one bit different. I've known him for over twenty years, and I know him on a personal level. He doesn't change at all.

What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

I am a *Grace Partner*. I will always be a partner, praise the Lord. Brother Andrew has always told me that he doesn't ask God for stuff. So, I don't ever ask God for anything. I just thank Him that I have it, and I praise Him and thank Him for the manifestation of it.

Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

I want to give a special thank you to Andrew Wommack. He's been a tremendous help in my life. When I wasn't thinking as I ought to think, he would tell me to expand my thinking. So, I would work on expanding my thinking. He's been a huge blessing to me, and I've received tremendous revelation knowledge from that man. I get the revelation knowledge because I continue to study until I get a full understanding that I can walk in. You can start with somebody else's revelation and get knowledge from it, but revelation knowledge—total enlightenment from God—comes from your *personal* revelation knowledge. When you get that, you can walk in it, and I appreciate that teaching from Andrew. Praise the Lord!

Verbal testimonies have been transcribed and
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