

# 2016 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

## IMPACT INTERVIEWS *Ministers' Conference 2016*



At the 2016 *Ministers' Conference*, we heard firsthand accounts of God's power at work in people's lives. He healed bodies, mended families, set captives free through inmate Bible studies, raised up ministries to heal the brokenhearted, and much more. Enjoy!



**Richard Waller – Surrey, England**

### **Where are you from, and what is your occupation?**

I'm a carpenter. We do property refurbishment. I pastor a church with my wife. We are the first church plant from Tree of Life Church in Dagenham. There are six churches in the network.

### **How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?**

I came home one day and, miraculously, the God Channel appeared on our TV. We hadn't subscribed to it. My wife tuned in to the God Channel to watch Joyce Meyer, and there was this strange-talking Texan. He just sat there and very calmly spoke the Word of God to my wife. She listened to him, and she told me, "You need to listen to this guy." We started being ministered to by Andrew via the television. He was just speaking Scripture. We heard the truth, and the truth was slowly setting us free.

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

I saw the *Healing Journeys* story of Hannah Terradez. The *Healing Journeys* DVD was the thing that absolutely made us aware that we could receive from God. It may come in different packages, but it's all wrapped in Jesus. That whole series of DVDs has got so many different stories. It's like the book of Acts in DVD form but with real people today that you can see.

I'd been sick for years. I was taking a lot of painkillers and anything else I could take to avoid feeling the pain. I was going to church very diligently, going to Bible studies,

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and having a lot of well-meaning people pray some really bad prayers. After coming across Andrew on TV, we went to the 2008 *Grace and Faith Conference*. I arrived with my wife, my crutches, and my body corset. Andrew came out, shared the Word of God with us, and I just got built up hearing that God wanted me well. I knew I was going to receive my healing right there and then. Andrew did an altar call, and I walked up, stood in line, and waited for him to pray for me. I knew he was going to be the one to lay hands on me, and I was going to receive my healing. I got to the front of the line, and Andrew was right there. Then a gentleman asked me to go to one of the prayer ministry people. I thought, *It's Andrew who needs to pray for me!* Being British, I diligently went where I was directed to go, and I ended up with Charlie LeBlanc. I thought, *How could he possibly heal someone? He's just a musician. Musicians can't do that sort of thing.* I stood in front of Charlie and told him what was going on. He said, "No problem. Let's just stand in agreement, and we're going to receive healing right now." He put his hand on my shoulder and said, "Father, we thank You that Your Word is true. We believe it. And we receive, in the name of Jesus, complete healing for my brother, complete restoration." Everything physically was exactly the same, but in my spirit, I absolutely knew that I was healed. I knew that what Andrew was saying was the truth. That night I went home and went to bed as usual. I used to have to sleep on my back. For eight years I'd had pillows on either side that kept me rigid. The next morning I woke up on my side, sat up, put my legs around, and got up out of bed. Praise the Lord, I was healed! My knees weren't swollen up. My back wasn't hurting. My heart wasn't fluttering. I was completely healed. I felt a little bit like the fig tree. No one saw anything happen at the time I received prayer, but the next day, the deal was done.

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

I'd say that one of the most powerful teachings that I've discovered is *The True Nature of God*. It's an important one because that's what's missing in society today. People don't know how to have a relationship with Him. They don't understand how much He loves them and how much He wants to have a personal relationship with them.

### **How are you enjoying the conference? What do you like about it?**

The 2016 *Ministers' Conference* has been everything that I could've possibly needed and then some. Being in this environment and being surrounded by people who are in agreement and also understand where you're at as a pastor—this is a great place to be. Any pastor who doesn't come here is missing out. That's all I can say. As we heard today, "If this doesn't light your fire, your wood is wet!"

### **What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?**

We give to this ministry because we understand that it's good ground, and we have reaped the harvest over and over again. If you want the Word of God to impact the world, you plant your seeds in a ministry that is impacting the world. You have to be a steward of what God has given to you. We truly believe that if God can get it through you, He'll get it to you. If Andrew and Jamie hadn't had a heart for Jesus and for changing lives, we wouldn't be here. My daughter might not have a dad.

### **Is there anything else you would like to say?**

It's hard to measure the impact that Andrew's ministry has had on our lives. I've got so much respect for that man. Hearing the testimony about Vietnam and him sitting in his bunker reading his Bible—every little story and every hardship he's gone through has built us up. He's an example of what God can do through a man who gives his life to God, who becomes a living sacrifice. I received my healing because that man told us that healing was ours and that God wanted us well. Jamie Wommack is the woman behind the man. We thank God for Andrew and Jamie all the time because without

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them, life wouldn't be what it is. My mom said a funny thing. I heard her talking to one of my other family members about Andrew. She said, "They follow this Andrew Wommack guy. He's like their pope." He's not our pope; he's our brother, mentor, and father in the faith. He's everything that God has for us in a family member rolled into one. He's changed our lives forever.



## Ben Conway – Dagenham, England

### What is your occupation?

I'm a pastor. My wife and I run a network of six churches. We started in a house six years ago, put up a website, and now we've progressed and grown.

### How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

We saw him at a conference in 1998. I actually went to hear another preacher.

Andrew was preaching, and I turned to my wife and said, "I don't know who Andrew Wommack is, but he'd better be good, or we're not going to have a good conference." I was from a Pentecostal background, and I thought a good "preach" was one that made people upset and feel like rubbish about themselves. I'm sitting there in this conference, and Andrew gets up and says, "I'm here to talk to people today who can see in the Bible that they're righteous but look at their lives and think, I'm not. I'm going to solve this for you today." I'm like, *You've got me*. He preached on *Spirit, Soul & Body*, and it just changed our lives completely. My wife asked Andrew some questions on what he taught, and he went off and gave us some cassette tapes and some free stuff from the table. There were 2,000 people there, and to have somebody come and speak to you and help you with your kids, it was just something we'd never seen before. That was just wonderful. I walked out of that meeting ten feet tall. I'm the righteousness of God. I'm right with God.

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

They're all powerful, but the one that I think changed me more than any is *Spirit, Soul & Body*. Suddenly the whole Bible makes sense to me. When we first started our church, the very first thing we taught in our midweek meetings was *Spirit, Soul & Body*. It took us well over six months to do this as a weekly course. At the end, I sat down with the whole group and said, "Which one do you want to do next?" The whole group said, "We want to do this one again!" That's the foundation our church and ministry has been built on.



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### **What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?**

It's an opportunity for us to help get the Gospel out there. Whenever Andrew's teaching on TV, we're invested in it. Second, we know we're sowing into good ground, and we've always seen a return on our giving. Third, there's a joining. We've just been at the partnership conference [Sower Seminar] this week. Jesse Duplantis taught that there is a joining when you partner with someone. We've seen miracles and things happen in our church that I do not believe would happen if we were not partners.

### **How has membership in A.R.M.I. impacted your ministry?**

My wife and I joined A.R.M.I. [Association of Related Ministries International] because we want to be part of something larger than ourselves. When I first heard about it, I thought, *That's what we want to be part of.* We were one of the first people in the UK to sign up. There was a broadcast for A.R.M.I. members recently about building a worship team. We got our worship people in, and we just sat there and watched it. You can't put a price on that; we're really blessed by it. No man's an island. You cannot do what God's called you to do on your own; you need like-minded people who can talk to you and fellowship with you. That's just such a wonderful benefit, just invaluable. We don't have to reinvent the wheel. We don't have to fight and make our own road map. We can get somewhere by following people who have already been there, and that just makes things so much easier. The journey is so much more fun when there are other people on it with you. I love being part of A.R.M.I. I love the benefits of it, and I recommend it to anybody.

### **Would you like to say anything to Andrew?**

Our church and ministry would not look the way it does without the impact you, Jamie, and the ministry have made in our lives. We're not the same. Our ministry is not the same. There are people today walking who would be in wheelchairs if it weren't for this ministry. There are people I know who would be divorced if it weren't for what this ministry has done. It's just phenomenal. There are babies who would not be born, would not exist, if it weren't for teachings we've been able to pass on to others. So, we're eternally grateful, very grateful. Thank you.



**James and Lori Goebel – Loveland, CO**

### **Where are you from, and what is your occupation?**

**James:** I'm on the pastoral staff at New Freedom Church in Berthoud, Colorado. I'm also the owner of a professional window-cleaning business.

### **How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?**

**James:** I became acquainted with Andrew's ministry on the radio years ago. In 2007 we began to listen to him on his TV program. Through that program, we just hooked up with his vision.

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

**James:** One of the great teachings that we studied through Andrew's ministry was *Grace, the Power of the Gospel*. Through that teaching, one of the things that was really solidified in my life was that grace took my sin, purchased my sin, and gave me a different identity. I was no longer identified with sin and was no longer a sinner. I was the righteousness of God in Christ through that grace message. It was profound, and I got such revelation. It just changed my relationship with God. It changed the way I

looked at myself. It was just an incredible experience. The book *Hardness of Heart* also changed my life. I began to see how things crept into my life. I didn't realize that there was a hardening of heart in my life. When I began to read, I saw that Jesus walked in such humility and power. As Christians, we need to walk that same way.

## How has AWM's inmate Bible studies program impacted you and your family?

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**James:** Our son was incarcerated, and through several visits, we began to speak to him about the Lord and that God had a plan for his life. We mentioned Andrew Wommack Ministries and how they offered free materials. He began to receive those materials. He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit through the book *The New You & The Holy Spirit*. It just changed his life. Now he's transitioning, and we're seeing great changes.

**Lori:** The resources that are provided by Andrew's partners are made available to inmates—not only Bible studies, but also resource books. Our son totally got his life back on track, bringing a restoration to our family. He's reading *The War Is Over and Spirit, Soul & Body* with a highlighter and a notepad. It has literally obliterated the religion that was part of his life. The reality of how much God loves you permeates every one of Andrew's teachings. It's not about keeping a set of rules, but realizing the depth of God's love and grace. It gave my son the power to say, "Here I am, God, and I'm all Yours now."

While he was incarcerated, they would take the Bible studies and discuss the materials that they were able to obtain from AWM. Some of them would get together to talk about various studies or books. A lot of times, items got passed along from one inmate to another. A lot of books were used and reused many times over, so it's a great investment. I'd just like to say thank you to those who are involved with the inmate Bible studies. For some of the inmates, that may be the only piece of correspondence they get. The mail is very, very precious to them.

## How are you enjoying the conference? What do you like about it?

**Lori:** Here at the *Ministers' Conference*, it has just been a really great time to reconnect with other pastors and ministers that we have come to know as friends. I'm speechless because there is just so much that is imparted to each and every person here. It doesn't matter if you're serving in a children's ministry or if you're a senior pastor at a church; there's something here for everyone.

## What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

**James:** When we started being more involved with Andrew's ministry, the Lord began to speak to us that partnering with a ministry is very serious and important. We began to see the vision that God has placed in Andrew's life. God began to speak to us about being part of that. Partnering with Andrew's ministry is a joy for us. We want to be a part of everything that he's doing. You can't really put a price on the value of Andrew's ministry. The teaching of Andrew and the love that he has for all of us come through his life and his ministry, and he pours that into our lives. Through our lives, we pour that into our family, so it affects everyone that we touch.





## How has membership in A.R.M.I. impacted your ministry?

**James:** I became a member of A.R.M.I. when I first heard about it. We came to the very first conference that Andrew held for it, and through that ministry, we found out that Andrew is so selfless. He doesn't care if you graduated from Charis. He doesn't care what type of ministry you're in. He just wants to help you in your ministry.

**Lori:** What's phenomenal about A.R.M.I. is that you don't have to be a pastor, and what they're able to plant inside you is going to help you immensely. *Ministers' Conferences* are great for building you up and giving you the inspiration, whereas A.R.M.I. is going to give you the nuts and bolts and help you with more of the business aspect of ministry. I would just encourage anybody who is not yet a part of A.R.M.I. to check it out. There are a lot of resources available to A.R.M.I. members that you won't find anywhere else.

## Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

**James:** Thank you so much for what you have done in my life, in my wife's life, and for my family. Most of all, because of your obedience to the Lord, you've changed the lives of thousands of people. By acting on the plan of God for your life, you have changed my life, and I'm so grateful that you and Jamie continue the work that God has called you to do.

**Lori:** Andrew and Jamie, thank you so much for what your ministry has done by providing free materials. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you to reach literally millions of people around the globe. Thank you for the *Ministers' Conference* and for putting together A.R.M.I. First and foremost, I want to say thank you for the materials that you provide that have touched our son's life. It has touched our family, and we just want to say thank you. Thank you for giving us the tools to be effective in our ministry.

## Is there anything else you would like to say?

**Lori:** My husband and I have Faith Now Ministries, which reaches inside the prison walls. We've been going to prisons for about ten years. What we have learned through Andrew's teachings definitely permeates every area. We tell them that they are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, that God's grace is for them as well, and that He loves them. When you can look at an inmate square in the eye and say, "God loves you," and allow God's love to flow through you, you see the light bulb go on. You see lives being touched. They come to the realization that they are not their past mistakes. They are not who people say they are. They are not who *they* say they are. They get hold of their identity in Christ. It is such a huge step in the transformation of a life changed by God's love.



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