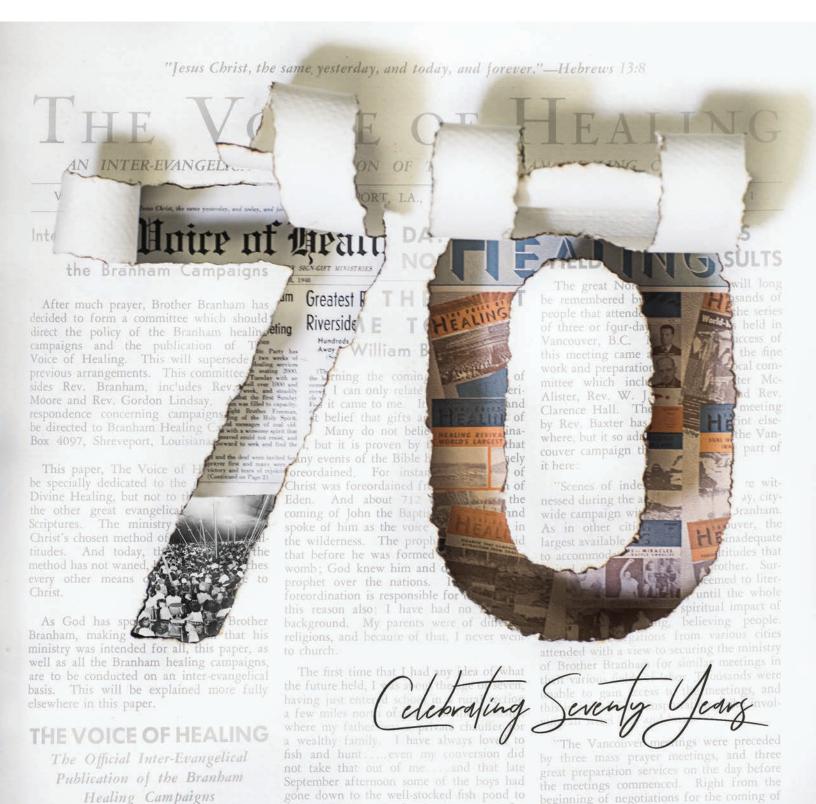
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#### CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS



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#### **COVER DESIGN STORY:**

Our graphic designer created the '70' by hand and then photographed it. Peeling the '70' back represents the layers of CFN's history.

# A Letter From The Managing Editor



Kiplin Batchelor CFN Board Vice Chair Exec. Assistant Alumni Assistant Director CFN Magazine Managing Editor

As I read previous Voice Of Healing magazine articles, and heard stories about CFN from older staff members, it became even clearer that throughout our 70-year-history, CFN has been a major blessing, not only to Christians, but the world in general. The fact that the

ministry has not only survived, but grown through all the various social, economic, political and financial ups and downs of the 20th century, including many movements in Christianity, is a testimony of God's faithfulness. It's also a testimony of the ministry's resilience, dynamic adaptability, focused purpose and spiritual leadership. To God be all the glory as we celebrate this milestone!

Throughout this year, our magazine will highlight the rich past, anointed present and emerging future of CFN, essentially sharing our faith-filled journey from a small, make-shift office above a garage in Shreveport, Louisiana, to a global, multi-faceted missions and educational organization in Dallas, Texas. The ministry, established by Gordon and Freda Lindsay, has impacted millions of lives and transformed thousands for Jesus around the world in ways that only eternity will be able to tell.

Aside from our reunion in August, we will be celebrating for one week on our CFNI campus on September 10-15. You are invited to come and experience the rich anointing and fellowship with hundreds from near and far.

Please put the events and dates below on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you, and we don't want you to miss out! Visit our website www.cfn.org for more information.

- **1. CFNI Reunion (August 20-21)**—more details to follow online.
- 2. The Association of Bible School Directors (Sept. 10-11) This is an informal gathering of leaders from overseas who will be fellowshipping and sharing with us on campus.
- 3. Voice Of Healing Conference (Sept. 12-15) with <u>Todd White, Heidi Baker and Nathan Morris</u>, along with other gifted and anointed breakout session <u>speakers</u>. Online registration! cfn.org/vohc2018
- 4. Healing Seminar (Sept. 12-13), 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 5. Envision Banquet (Sept. 15), 6:30 p.m. This is our big, formal banquet to celebrate our 70th anniversary and honor donors who have supported us along the way.—more details to follow online.

On behalf of our President, the founding Lindsay family and all the staff here at CFN, we would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all who have been a part of CFN's story, directly or indirectly, whether an intercessor, a faithful donor, a conference/camp attendee, a student, or a partnering organization. We could not have reached this far without your faithfulness and generosity!



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## CALENDAR

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3/9

Night of Worship



4/11-13

Worship & Leadership Conference / Night of Worship

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5/7

Advanced Showcase Art Exhibit/Recital

5/11

Commencement / Night of Worship

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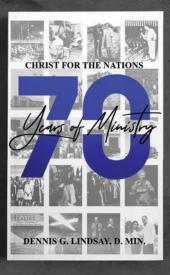
#### **CFNI GUEST SPEAKERS SPRING 2018**

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C hrist For The Nations is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, 2018. Gordon and Freda Lindsay learned it was essential to have a secure foundation.

As you read about our exciting journey over these past 70 years, you will be encouraged and inspired to fulfill all that God is calling you to do for His Kingdom.

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## CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS CELEBRATES ITS **70™ANNIVERSARY**

#### By Dennis Lindsay

his year, Christ For The Nations is celebrating its 70th anniversary. It is also Israel's 70th birthday since its rebirth in 1948, which is the same year that Dad stepped out of his boat of comfort and took a step of faith in starting the Voice of Healing Ministry.

Christ For The Nations is unique. The reason for our success is simply that we have always chosen to rely on faith and trust in the Lord and have continually stepped out of our boat of comfort, as the Lord leads, taking our example from the Apostle Peter's walk on water.

Several years ago, while I was finishing my Doctoral dissertation from ORU, I had an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

I came across the passage where Moses instructed Joshua about what he must do after crossing the Iordan River.

"Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you ... These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever" (Joshua 4:4-7).

After reading this, I thought for a moment, "Does CFN have 12 such stones?" Well, we emphasize the Word of God, faith and the supernatural. We also emphasize prayer, worship, and discipleship. We emphasize missions, Israel and giving. We

are also all about relationships with other ministries, integrity and legacy in passing the torch to the next generation. I quickly counted 12 pillars that CFN is built upon. As I studied the roots of CFN, the Holy Spirit revealed the twelve foundational pillars He had instructed Dad and Mom to build the CFN ministry upon—which stand as a permanent memorial among the students, staff, friends and guests of the ministry.

We want to thank all of you for being a part of our history. It was my honor to write Christ For The Nations 70 Years of Ministry book to record God's faithfulness. May our story encourage you to step out of your comfort zone to achieve all that God has called you to do, as well.

# CONGRAT

## ON 70 POWERFUL YEARS OF



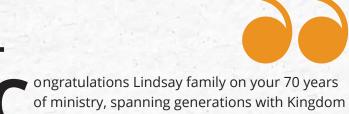
first met the Lindsays when Gordon was active in a ministry called the "Voice of Healing." He was a powerful evangelist and a gifted writer; his work was greatly admired. Only later did I recognize how gifted his widow, Freda Lindsay, was in education. Freda was a powerful leader of Christ For The Nations Institute, and it was my privilege to bless Freda and that wonderful work. She was an amazing leader, and year after year, her influence radiated throughout the campus of CFNI.

I attended many conferences with her and was always inspired by her faith and powerful personality.

I congratulate CFNI on the occasion of their 70th anniversary and pray that our Lord will continue to bless this school with the inspiration that was evident in my friends, Gordon and Freda Lindsay.

#### M.G. "Pat" Robertson

Broadcaster, Humanitarian, Author, Businessman, Statesman Virginia Beach, Virginia





of ministry, spanning generations with Kingdom faithfulness, integrity, and godly sacrifice! Starting with Gordon and Freda and continuing with Dennis and Ginger, Christ For The Nations has always been a wellspring of Spirit-filled leadership, teaching, and influence in the Body of Christ. Gateway Church has benefitted from your leadership through many of your alumni who have come to serve with us. For this, we are eternally grateful. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and are grateful for your ongoing contributions to the Kingdom.

#### **Robert and Debbie Morris**

Author, Teacher, Senior Pastor-Gateway Church South Lake, Texas

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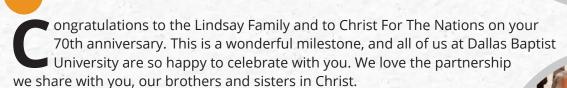
## MINISTERING GOD'S WORD

hen you think of an exceptional, educational experience and a passion to empower future generations to carry the Gospel, one name comes to mind—Christ For The Nations Institute. For many years, Christ For The Nations has been a life-changing Bible school, and my family has been a part of that honored tradition. A few years later, after moving to Dallas to build a Christian television station, Channel 29, we had the opportunity to meet Freda Lindsay and begin a long-time relationship with her and the school. We were honored to have her as a frequent guest with us, and we've also broadcast from CFNI and aired many services highlighting different anointed speakers. It's apparent the hand of God is on Christ For The Nations.

We applaud their 70-year anniversary as we celebrate their students who have made an impact worldwide. Only eternity will tell just how many have been touched by this amazing ministry.

#### **Marcus and Joni Lamb**

Founders Daystar TV Network, Bedford, Texas



Over 25 years ago, Mrs. Freda Lindsay and I began talking about a partnership between the two institutions. We both knew the Lord had asked us to do this.

What a joy it has been to have many CFNI graduates come to DBU to continue their degrees and their master's degrees. They have been among our finest students, and they have always been such great Christian examples to all of us at DBU.

I personally have been blessed by being friends with the Lindsay family— Mom, Dennis and Ginger, Missy, Hawni, and Golan. I know the future is bright as we cling to Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

#### Dr. Gary Cook

Chancellor, Dallas Baptist University. Dallas, Texas

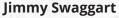
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he 1950s and early 60's saw the greatest worldwide move of the Holy Spirit in human history. These Divine healing meetings touched the world. Giant tents, the largest ever, were packed to capacity, as millions saw the power of God in operation. Engineered by the Holy Spirit, what made this possible was the monthly publication, *THE VOICE OF HEALING*. In this magazine, Gordon Lindsay masterminded all of this. Whether recognized or not, this man was

one of the most influential men in the world when it comes to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Great preachers of the past, men such as Gordon Lindsay, who through their writings and their ministry, contributed much to me and to others. I hope that as I have learned from them and Brother Lindsay, that now others can learn from me.

Congratulations on continuing his legacy, carrying the Gospel to the world.



Pastor of Family Worship Center and
President of Jimmy Swaggart Ministry
Evangelist, Teacher, Preacher, Musician, Baton Rouge, Louisiana



hrist For The Nations is one of the most extraordinary
Bible schools that I know of in the world. There are a number of reasons I feel that way. One is that they really believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. One encounters God on powerful levels while attending the school. Another is relationships. People that attend make friends for life. In fact, the ones you make are almost always there when you need

Yet another is the deep, character development. However,

this is not to say that one doesn't also have a lot of fun while you are a student.

The last, but one of the best, is the love for the lost and the nations that you gain. CFNI truly embodies its name!

**Dr. Cindy Jacobs** 

them.

Prophet, Author, Founder Generals International, Dallas, Texas

## 2017 CFN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## INSTITUTE



CFN ENROLLMENT: **1785** 

SPANISH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: **79** 

ONLINE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 341

KFN SUMMER CAMP: **526** 

PRETEEN IMPACT: **260** 

YFN SUMMER CAMP: 3,054

SPANISH YFN SUMMER CAMP: **813**SUMMER OUTREACHES: **12** NATIONS

**■ 169** STUDENT MISSIONARIES

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 12,767 CHURCH ROOFS COMPLETED IN 118 COUNTRIES

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9 ORPHANAGES IN7 COUNTRIES

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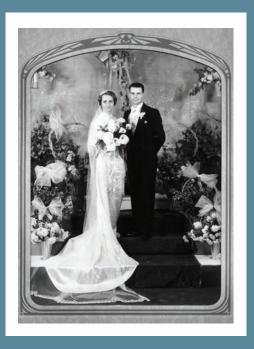
# **70** YEARS

# THE VOICE OF HEALING LEGACY

How does one describe the powerful, lasting impact a ministry has demonstrated for 70 years on just a few pages of a magazine? The truth is, "We can't!" So for that very reason, we have divided this amazing journey into several time periods, which will appear in each of our magazines throughout this year.

For this issue, we will focus on Gordon and Freda Lindsay who initiated the beginnings of CFN and truly laid a lasting foundation.

As we reflect on God's goodness and the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives, may your faith arise, knowing that God is no respecter of persons. They accomplished their "Well done ..." and you can also accomplish God's plan for your life!



## 1937

#### WEDDING

Gordon Lindsay was born in Zion, Illinois, in 1906 and was raised under John Alexander Dowie's ministry. He received Christ at a John G. Lake revival meeting where Charles Parham was the speaker. Freda Schimpf was born in 1914 in Canada. They first met at a John G. Lake Revival meeting where Gordon was ministering and she received Christ. Five years later, in 1937, they were married.



1940's

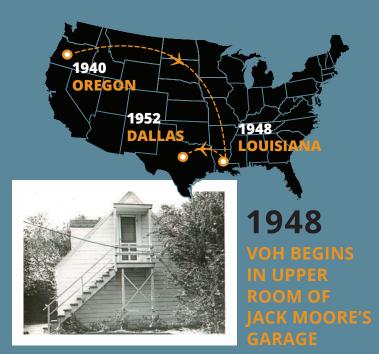
#### **FAMILY**

Gordon continued to travel, and they started churches in California, Montana and Oregon. They had three children, Shira (1940), Gilbert (1943) and Dennis (1946). Gordon officially resigned his role as pastor from the Oregon church in 1948, to focus on his traveling ministry.



#### HEALING TENT REVIVALS

In 1948, Jack Moore asked Gordon to attend the powerful evangelistic, healing tent revivals that were happening across the U.S. Afterwards, Gordon began a monthly magazine that focused primarily on Willliam Branham's ministry. Eventually, the magazine reported ministry testimonies and schedules of almost 100 healing evangelists.



In 1948, Gordon and Jack Moore became ministry partners after Gordon spoke at Moore's church in Louisiana. He met Moore's daughter, Anna Jeanne Moore (Price), who was instrumental in assisting with the *VOH* magazine and the Voice of Healing Ministry in its early years.

1950

By 1950, the VOH magazine's circulation reached 100,000. Later, in 1967, because of the growing worldwide audience, the name was changed from VOH to Christ For The Nations.



1952 Gordon moved the Voice of Healing ministry headquarters to Texas. The move was mainly because Dallas had an international airport.



First VOH office on Bonnie View Rd., Lancaster, Texas.

#### PRINTING PRESS

In 1954, Gordon established his own printing company, purchasing an offset press, which he used to print the magazine and many of the over 200 books/booklets he wrote.

1954



#### **NATIVE CHURCH**

Gordon and Freda traveled extensively to witness and carry the 'good news' of the Gospel. On one of their many trips to Central and South America, the Native Church Program was established. This program allows donors the opportunity to provide funding for the roofs to help

1961

native churches finish their new church buildings. Today, over 12,767 roofs have been provided in 118 countries.







1966, the Alpine nightclub was purchased to become the ministry's Christian Center.

Seminars and evangelistic meetings with Brother Kenneth Hagin, R. W. Shambach, Wayne Myers, Charles Dumcomb and others were held regularly. Freda also held a monthly women's luncheon. The campus continued to expand with the Int'l. Headquarters building in 1969; the Student Center in 1977; the Jack Moore Library Chapel in 1982 and the Gordon Lindsay Tower (formerly the Sheraton Hotel) was purchased in 1983. During that time and after, many apartment complexes were also purchased, and through several large donations, were completely paid off.

tours



1967

Gordon and Freda led the first CFN Israel tour in 1967. Over 50 tours have taken place. Today, Dennis and Ginger Lindsay lead the tours annually.



In 1970, Gordon started CFNI Bible School. The first year 50 students enrolled. It was not only designed to train ministry leaders in America by teaching them how to have a strong foundation in faith through the Word of God, but the international program

was established through work-scholarships to bring foreign students in for a 1-year advanced training program. Then they were sent back out to impact their own nations. Many great leaders have passed through our doors. In 1991, there were 7 third-year majors added to enhance the practical ministry application for the students. In 1998, Instituto Cristo Para Las Naciones was also established.

## 1973





#### GORDON LINDSAY GOES TO HEAVEN

While sitting in the Sunday afternoon service on April 1, 1973, celebrating the dedication of the new IB auditorium, Gordon graduated to Heaven and Freda Lindsay became the new President of CFN until 1985 when Dennis Lindsay became the third President.



#### EARLY CFN WORSHIP LEADERS: Back row: Bryan Peterson, Kevin Jonas, Keith Hulen Front row: David





Butterbaugh, Freda, Mike Massa









Over
42
Worship
Recordings

1974

## CFN WORSHIP ESTABLISHED

CFNI produced its first worship recording in 1974. However, it wasn't until Kevin Jonas' time working at CFN that CFN Music was officially established on September 21, 1995.

## 1976



#### ASSOCIATED BIBLE SCHOOLS

The first Associated Bible School was opened in Germany in 1976. Several other locations followed. However, it wasn't until 1993 that the Association of Bible Schools was officially established. Today, we have 67 Associated Bible Schools around the world.

## 2010





#### MOM LINDSAY GOES TO HEAVEN

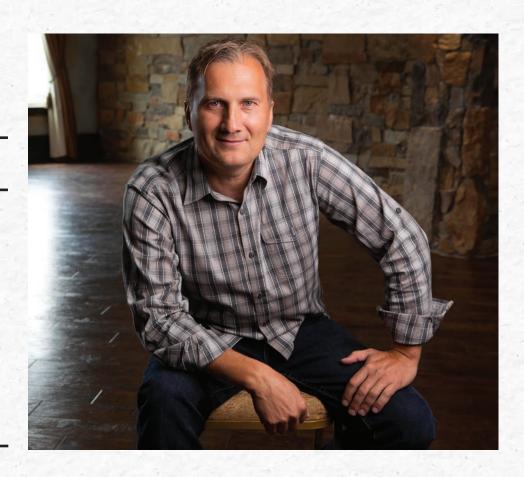
March 25, 2010, Freda joined Gordon and her Lord as she graduated to Heaven. We are certain she has everyone in Heaven reading through the Bible every year as she gives them her 3 and 5 example.

### A CFNI Worship Leader

Klaus Kuehn is a graduate of CFNI.

He returned in 2003-2005 as the
worship leader, bringing students
into God's presence. During that
time, he recorded and produced
CFN's Glorious and Overtaken CD's.

Klaus, recently partnered with Integrity Music, releasing a new recording *Glory*. He is the Director of Pure Worship Ministries and travels extensively.



## Spirit-Filled Worship At CFNI

#### By Klaus Kuehn

still remember the first time I walked onto the campus of Christ For The Nations. As a new student in an unfamiliar environment, I was just trying to find my way, feeling the apprehension that comes with the new season. My uncle and aunt

had recommended I come for a year or two, as I was trying to find my way in the world. Music had been a big part of my life growing up, and I knew worship was a part of my future—I just didn't know how. It became clear almost immediately that the

chapels we attended first thing every morning were the highlight of all of our days. Encountering God in this place and feeling the touch of His presence changed us forever. It was as if God stepped into that place every morning and met with us there.

Of course, CFNI had been recording annual worship projects from early on. A pioneer in what was to become one of the greatest tools in the years to come—letting people hear and feel the presence of God on an audio recording that could be used over and over again. I heard them before I came to the school as most of you have. Songs like "I Worship You" by Sondra Corbet and "As the Deer" by Marty Nystrom and later "Revelation Song" were first recorded in this place and used to touch people the world over.

What happened here at CFNI? It seems Mrs. Freda Lindsay, who with her husband, Gordon, founded the school, felt impressed

to make this a place where students were not only taught the Word, but also would encounter His presence. Mrs. Lindsay would later cement the daily chapels as a staple in the education process when others thought it was better to use the time for more instruction. The reality is, as most of us have come to understand, that God can do in a mere few moments by His presence, what years of teaching could not. Mrs. Lindsay seemed to get that part.

I have often said that there is an inherent anointing on the CFN campus. When 1,000 students gather every morning with no agenda but to seek the face of God, what could one expect? I am certain over the years with dozens of different worship leaders, diverse student bodies, changing leadership, and all the other moving parts, one thing remains the same. God delights in a people of worship, in a place where He is wanted, and that is what has consistently marked this place. He knows that it's in worship that our hearts are repositioned. He knows that He can change the world through worshippers.

Whether you came early or are just now getting here, or maybe coming to revisit a place where God met you, come to spend some time with Jesus. He's here as always ... waiting. There's a place reserved for you.

# ReBuild

## **April 10-13**



Ana Paula



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**Zach Neese** 



**Ed Young** 



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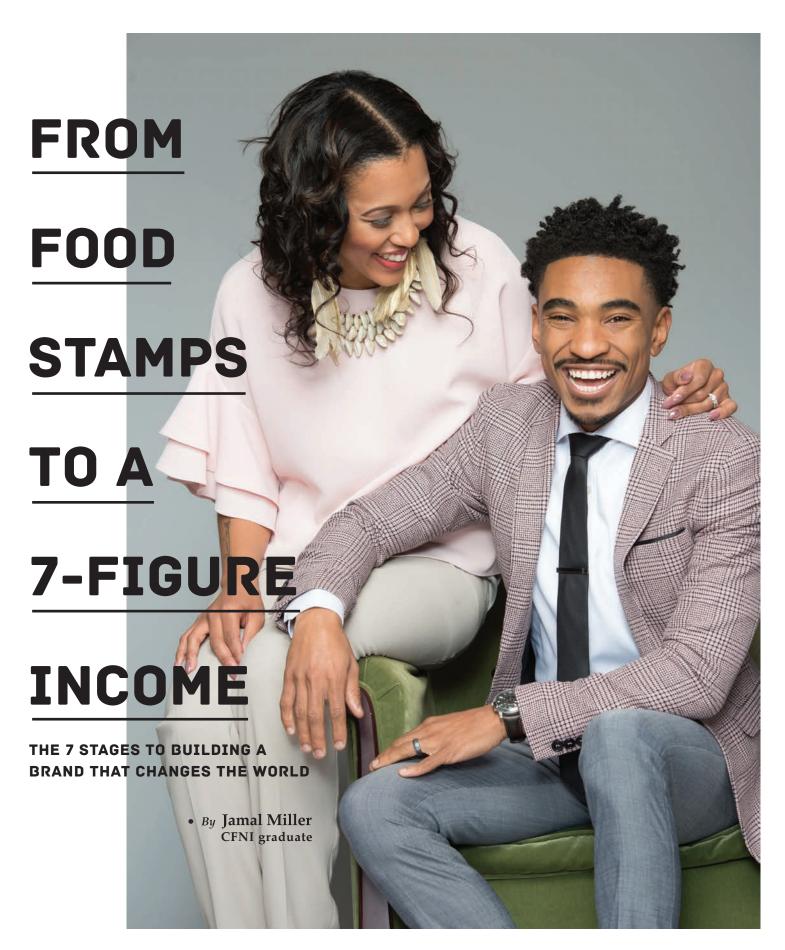




**Thomas Miller** 

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had no idea that a moment of scrolling my newsfeed on Facebook, and seeing a girl I didn't recognize and eventually sliding in her direct message (DM) to learn more about her would result in us a few years later creating a 7-figure relationship empire that's changing the world.

My wife, Natasha, and I launched Married and Young only 6 months after saying, "I do." This resulted from us releasing our Facebook love story on YouTube during our engagement. We received tons of feedback, and people asking us after we got married, "Hey, are you still married; what's life like now?"

Their sincere desire to see how marriage was going for us awakened the idea to bring them along the journey, and to show the world that millennials are still getting married. From there, *marriedandyoung.com* was birthed. We recruited guest bloggers, got a logo, and with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, I began to research other successful online marriage blogs. We officially launched February 4, 2014, and within 30 days we had more than 15,000 readers. We were on to something bigger than us.

Two people played a major role in the beginning stages. Mike Kim was a mentor in my life and had just started in online marketing. He gave me the foundation for how an online business should be run. Then Lamar Tyler, the Co-Founder of Blackandmarriedwithkids.com, took me under his wing and taught me how to scale my brand into a profitable business. I was given the challenge to create a product that we could begin monetizing our business. So, I chose one of my most popular articles, 25 Ways to Prepare for Marriage Other Than Dating, and in three months turned it into a paperback book.

This book was the genesis and catalyst we needed to scale our business into the 7-figure empire it is today, reaching over 1 million people a year with our blogs, online conferences, web shows, and social media platforms.

Over the last 4 years I've seen us go through 7 stages of growth, and I want to walk you through each of them in order for you to see the process to launch, grow, and manage an online business.

#### STAGE 1: DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

Determining your 'why' is the most important decision you will make when you launch your business or brand. God's why for sending His son to Earth to die for us is clear in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave..." God's why was because He loved us so much. Simon Sinek says it best, "Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress, yet working hard for something that we love is called passion." Your why will be the gas that keeps your engine running when you want to quit and give up.

#### STAGE 2: FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Once you discover your purpose, then you find the people who are connected to your why. The last thing as a business you can try to do is help everyone. You have to narrow your target audience down, which will help you stay focused on who you're called to help.

#### STAGE 3: ASSESS THE PROBLEM

This is the heartbeat of your business, as finding the problems is what will draw the people to you. People do not care about your product, they care about their problems. The core goal of every business is to find the problem and create a solution.

#### STAGE 4: CREATE THE PRODUCT

The next stage is creating the product that solves the problem your people have. It is the product that will start the process for your people to view you as a leader in their life and trust you to continue helping them.

#### STAGE 5: LAUNCH THE PRODUCT

Many businesses, when launching the product, do not take the time to plan and execute with momentum. One of my mentors, Jeff Walker, says it like this, "If you want to make your business memorable, then your marketing needs to tell a story." Launching your product is more about the story you're telling than just making an announcement. We have done multiple 6-figure launches by letting people be a part of the story.

#### STAGE 6: SCALE FOR PROFIT

Scaling your business by developing teams and securing multiple streams of income is the key to lasting through any hardship or down economy. Jesus started His earthly ministry by finding others to pour into because a lasting impact depends on others to carry on your legacy. People are going to be one of your most important assets.

#### STAGE 7: MASTER THE PROCESS

To master your business you must be involved in every decision and aspect. The goal is for you to establish a process and system that works; then let your team manage it.

These are the 7 stages of creating, launching, and managing a brand that changes the world. My prayer for you is to find God's heart for His people and their problems, and through revelation go and create the solutions that can change their lives. This is all for His glory, and His glory alone.



#### By Matt Summers

The grace and mercy that Jesus has extended to me in this life is truly astounding. I was a drug addict and an alcoholic for 8 years. From drug overdoses to organ failures to a drunk driving car accident, where I was two inches from being decapitated—for lack of a better word—I am blessed.

I was arrested and thrown in jail. After my release, I entered a Christian discipleship program called Teen Challenge. It was while I was at Teen Challenge that I finally began to let go in the totality of life. I finally declared, "Ok, Father. Here I am. I'm going to do what I didn't have the courage to do before; I'm going to give You everything. No more self-ambition or pride. I'm going to read Your Word and call You out on all Your promises, and I want to see it happen!"

God loved that. I simply gave myself to the raw Word of God with a stout stubbornness—no commentary, no doctrinal hype, just the Fire of the Living Word. Holy Spirit changed me completely; He gave me a new heart and mind, and a fire for missions.

# BELIEUE!

Upon my arrival at Teen Challenge, anxiety pressed against me concerning finances, relationships, and pending court dates. Holy Spirit put His Finger on me and said, "Stop. If you do one thing: pursue Me with all that you are; I will fix everything for you." He did just what He said. Jesus has restored every relationship in my life. My family is stronger than it has ever been, and this is only the beginning.

Subsequent to Teen Challenge, Jesus called me to CFNI where He culminated the fulfillment of desperate prayers that were petitioned for me years prior. (Truly, the Father never forgets, and He lets nothing be wasted.) (John 6:12). Nothing resembles the culture and opportunity presented amidst the leadership and students of Christ For The Nations Institute. I have been changed—more than that—I've been recreated. Holy Spirit has cultivated and sharpened me, for I remain living within the refining fire that is uniquely presented at CFNI.

I am now living a bonus life ... breathing bonus air—it's all Jesus. At CFNI, I completed my Bachelor's Degree in the Global Missions Major. I now sit in an empty apartment in Taiwan, overlooking the North Pacific Ocean with nearly 5,000 miles of vast blue scenery between myself and the Americas.

Jesus' words reverberate within me with hot, faith-building excitement: "Everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23).

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### RE-DIGGING THE WELLS OF HEALING

AT CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS

- By Ginger Lindsay
- Does God heal everyone or just some?
- ♦ Is miraculous healing immediate or does it take a long time?
- What do I have to do to receive healing?
- ♦ Does God want to heal me? Why would He heal me?

hese are just a few of the questions that fueled the VOICE OF HEALING MOVEMENT that began with multiple healing tent crusades after World War II. Eventually, over 100 healing evangelists crisscrossed America and the world in the late 1940's to early 1960's. These modernday healing evangelists went out PREACHING, TEACHING and HEALING thousands who had sicknesses, life-threatening diseases, even raising the dead!

A few of these healing evangelists were: A. A. Allen, F. F. Bosworth, William Branham, Jack Coe, Kenneth Hagin, T. L. Osborn and Gordon Lindsay, who was the founder of the Voice of Healing Ministry, later changed to Christ For the Nations.

Gordon Lindsay was born in Zion, Illinois. His parents understood the anointing for healing because of the powerful teachings of John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion, Illinois. Years later, when Gordon almost died from ptomaine poisoning, he rose up from his bed, healed instantly with the revelation of his God-given authority over the devil. Acts 10:38 says, "... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing

good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." This revelation changed his faith, gaining him new ground in his life and ministry.

After his healing, Gordon taught about two important lessons he learned from this experience:

- 1) Faith is an act after you've prayed or received prayer.
- 2) Divine health, rather than seeking Divine healing, is God's best plan for us.

After his healing, Gordon continued to work alongside these other healing evangelists to organize and publicize the powerful, supernatural healings that were now happening in the tent crusades through the *Voice of Healing* magazine. It became a central advertising bureau for evangelists with proven ministries.

In December 1949, Gordon organized the first convention of Healing Revivalists in Dallas, Texas, that continued into the 1950's. The HEALING WELLS of the supernatural were dug in Dallas through the healing tent crusades and healing conventions.

Now, 70 years have passed from our beginnings. Gordon and



Freda Lindsay were instrumental in digging the wells of healing in the U.S. and in Dallas, Texas. A few years ago the Lord led us to re-dig the healing wells here at Christ For The Nations, offering a new CFN Voice of Healing Conference each September. We also opened the Healing Place, which is designed to teach and pray for those who need healing, and we offer a CFNI healing class on campus. We continually receive testimonies of those who have been healed from hearing and standing on His Word.

May your faith be lifted as you read what God has done in their lives. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He healed all who called on Him then, and He will do the same for you now. You are healed and whole in Jesus' name!

### GOD REACHES YOU WHEREVER YOU ARE

#### By Constancia Viriato

onstancia was raised in Angola. Her father rejected her from birth and she experienced a harsh childhood. At 15, partying filled the void. At 19, she became very depressed and suicidal. However, every time she thought about killing herself, a song she didn't even know would come into her mind. Finally, she researched the song and found it was Ana Paula Valdez's, Aguas Purificadoras.

She began to watch Ana Paula on YouTube, but when Ana Paula started talking about Jesus, Constancia objected, "No, this is not for me. I have to kill myself ... nobody loves me." Then, as if in response, Ana Paula said, "Jesus loves you so much. He paid a high here. God confirmed that she

price for your life, He died for you. You are worthy." She began to preach, and Constancia forgot about killing herself. When Ana Paula invited people to give their lives to Jesus, Constancia received Him as her Lord.

Constancia decided to serve Him with everything. She said, "I don't even want to sing in the clubs. I will never sing anymore." Then He told her, "Yes, you will sing, for My glory. In the same way that I saved your life through worship, I want to use your worship to save a lot of people."

When Constancia found out that Ana Paula had been trained at CFNI, she prayed about coming



needed to come to CFNI. She came in January 2017, and is now in her second semester.

Reflecting on her life, Constancia says, "[When] I didn't seek God and I was trying to kill myself, God came to me ... God is able to reach you wherever you are."



### BEHOLD—ALL THINGS BECOME NEW

#### • By Melanie Wilson

B orn in Maryland, living with my parents and my youngest brother, I always desired to have a healthy family. I would read about them in stories at school, so I knew that if someone wrote about them, they had to exist.

Unfortunately, my father was a drug addict, and I would be dropped off at the crack houses where I would see him put needles in his arm and wait—full of fear—for the pain and agony to be over. Not just agony for him, but I was being sexually abused by the other men. I had the ungodly belief that I had no voice to be heard because our life was hidden.

Eventually, my parents separated, and I would have to stay with my father—homeless in a car—and then at my grandmother's where my mom and brother lived. We finally were able to move into an apartment. When I was twelve years old, I fell in love with a guy who ended up being involved in a gang. This led me down a path of crime, stealing, and I began to numb myself with pills and alcohol. I hated my life, I hated my parents, and I wanted to end it all.

I was fifteen when I first overdosed. Afterwards, I was sent to a behavioral center. My biological aunt and uncle came and took me to Florida, so I could be away from everything to try and start something new. It was amazing; I now had everything I had hoped for. However, due to trauma and addiction, I had night terrors. So I began to snort my medication to try and make the pain go away.

My family couldn't handle it! After the third overdose, I was sent to behavioral centers around Florida. After I turned 18, I was sent back to my family, but it didn't work. They kicked me out with the clothes on my back and no shoes on my feet. I had a case manager who found me a shelter to stay in. I lived there for a year.

Then, one Wednesday night, this lady took me to her church. I didn't care about it, but she knew that I couldn't keep living the life I was living—getting high and having sex.

She introduced me to Pastor Dawn Adkins, Founder/President of Radical Restoration Ministries. This ministry helps women who



are coming out of incarceration and addiction. One night while I was desperate and alone in my apartment, I put a knife to my throat. I cried out to God for help, and suddenly Pastor Dawn messaged me, saying, "It's time for you to come Home." I said, "Yes," and started the program. Now, I've been with her for four years.

Pastor Dawn told me about CFNI. I came to the Voice Of Healing Conference and also took the campus tour. As I prayed, I knew I was supposed to come to school here. Currently, I am in my third semester as a scholarship student. CFNI was like coming home. I felt freedom and the peace of God to just be me. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold ALL things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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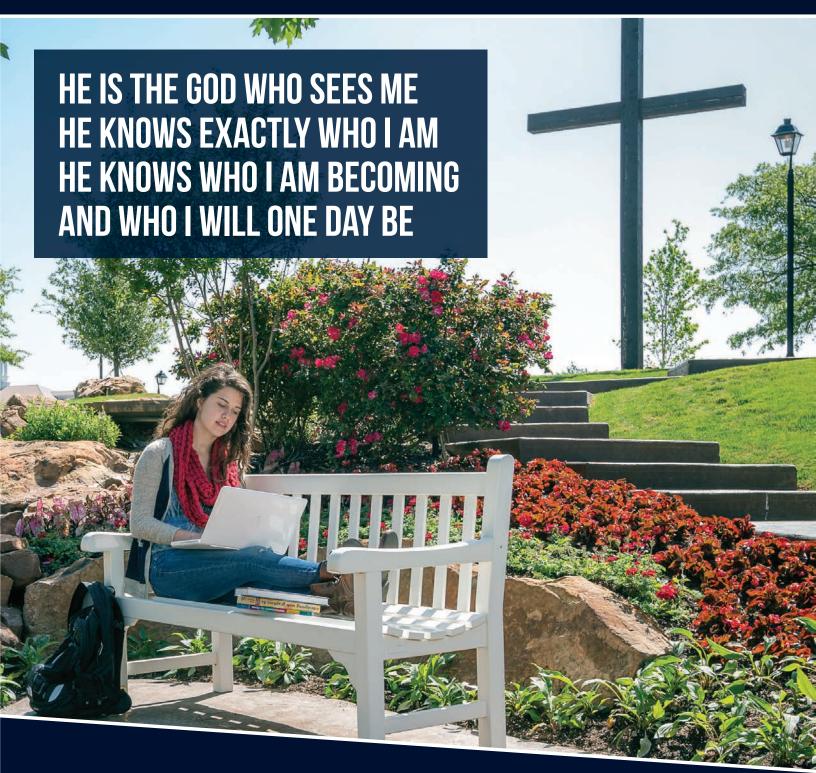


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