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OCTOBER

10/10
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10/26-27
Campus Days

NOVEMBER

11/14
Night of Worship

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MORNING SPEAKERS

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9/13-15	Tom Inglis
9/19	Benny Yount
9/26-28	Ashley Bell
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10/9-11	Dr. Michael Brown
10/17-19	Keir and Callie Taylor
10/24-25	TBA
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7:00 PM

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9/12	Encounter One Day of Worship
9/19	Dr. Don and Mary Colbert
9/26	Reward Sibanda
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10/10	Night of Worship—Klaus
10/17	Ana Paula Valadão Bessa
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THE *MIRACULOUS* FAITH OF FREDA LINDSAY

● Polly Harder

As powerful and anointed as Gordon Lindsay was, his co-founder and wife, Freda, was just as powerful. When Gordon heard the Lord telling him the way he should go, Freda was right there with him—not only supporting the call, but many times actually stepping in to manage the vision God had given Gordon. When God called Gordon to go alongside William Branham healing crusades in California, Freda stayed with their three children and ministered in the church they were pastoring in Oregon.

Years later, on May 30, 1952, they moved their ministry to Dallas, Texas. When God told Gordon, in 1970, to start the Institute, initially, Freda and his children thought he was too old, but Gordon didn't listen to them. Instead, he obeyed God and started Christ For The Nations Institute. However, his role was short lived when he went to Heaven just three years later. Once again, it was Freda who managed the ministry and ministered at the school for another 30+ years.

This was no easy task. Women did not hold those kinds of positions in those days. When I worked with her in my beginning years at CFN, she talked about this. I remember her telling me about a letter she had received from a man who was extremely upset that she was the head of CFN. He explicitly reminded her that women were to be submissive to men, and more ... need I go on? Freda's eyes lit up when she told me she had answered this man's letter. In her response she said, "Thank you for your kind interest for the CFN ministry's leadership. I would like to confirm that I totally agree with you that women should submit to men. That's why when the 10-MAN Board of Directors told me that I should be the leader, I gladly accepted. So thank you, again, for your letter."

Freda knew how to get the job done. Her faith and beliefs were great. Freda always said, **"Nothing was too big for God!"** She had

not only experienced God's power in her own life when she received her miracle of being healed of tuberculosis in both of her lungs, but she had witnessed these healing miracles over and over through the tent crusades Gordon ministered in.

In fact, Freda wrote a book that was titled, *A Book of Miracles*. In it, she gives testimony to the many times she was a part of the miracle-working power of God.



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Yes, healings were powerful miracles she witnessed many, many times, but there was another area Freda had faith for like none other. That faith was for building the CFN campus that still stands today. From the miracle of CFN buying the bankrupt night club to the acquisition of the other buildings that make up the campus, she would pray and call in the finances for the buildings, land, apartments, and even the furniture for these facilities to meet the needs—and—God always provided.



Former bankrupt nightclub

In her book, *A Book of Miracles*, she tells the story when Ginger Lindsay, her daughter-in-law, came to her requesting new furniture for the upper rooms in Gordon Lindsay Tower to house the women who came to their annual women's conference. Freda explains, "We have no money for furniture. If you really want furniture that badly, you better start praying—maybe another hotel or motel will be going out of business." Two weeks later Ginger came to her all excited. A new motel near the airport had closed. Out front was a big sign that said, "Furniture For Sale." Freda, Ginger and their maintenance supervisor jumped in the car and sped to the motel. The furniture was beautiful—solid wood—most of it had never been used before. Freda contacted the manager and offered to buy the 26 rooms of furniture for \$10,000. Then CFN gave him a tax receipt for the balance of its worth.

Immediately, the manager said, "I have no authority to do anything but receive cash for everything." Freda asked, "Who does have the authority?" He said, "My boss in Chicago." She said, "Call him." When his boss came on the phone, Freda offered him the same deal. He didn't respond immediately, but within a few minutes he said, "Yes, it's a deal." Freda had the CFN truck pick up the merchandise within the hour. Freda said, "Ginger's prayers had been answered! God has provided for us again!"

This is only one example of the countless times Freda believed for buildings and apartments and God came through. She tells the story of "Our Greatest Financial Miracle" in her book. This involved God leading them in the beginning of what has become the Christ For The Nations campus. There were several apartment houses in close proximity to the first building they purchased.

Freda claimed this was a huge blessing for them because they could purchase them one at a time as opposed to having to build or raise funds for all of them. She said, "**When they came available we prayed, bought them, and believed for the rest of the money to come in.** After it did, we bought another one."

At the southern end of the campus was another apartment complex with 152 units—one, two and three bedrooms. It was also nicely landscaped. Now, the owner had just declared bankruptcy and the government repossessed the apartments, which allowed low income families to move in. Gangs began to terrorize the area. Every Saturday night you would have thought fireworks were being released, but it was gunfire. *The Dallas Morning News* called this, "The worst crime area in Dallas."

Several years passed, and then they offered the apartments to CFN to buy. Since they were located adjacent to the campus, Freda said, "It seems logical for us to purchase them." However, there was one problem—CFN didn't have the money, so she declined the offer. However, in 1995, the government approached CFN again, and after meeting with their officials, Dr. Lindsay offered them \$10.00 for the purchase. A few weeks later they received word that their offer had been accepted, even though the property was worth millions. The apartments were renamed, Courts of Praise. She declared, "Surely, this is our greatest financial miracle, and we give God all the glory." In 2020, during the Covid pandemic, CFN sold the property.



When the Board of Directors asked Freda to lead the ministry, \$450,000 was still owed on the Institute building. In a 1980 letter to CFN supporters she wrote, *"I have been left to edit the CFN magazine, raise funds for one overseas church a day, give away a million free books a year, as well as teaching tapes and many other items that CFN provides, host a weekly telecast, manage the CFN Institute, and finish the process of buying seven apartment buildings with hardly any down payment."* What was I to do?"

She went on to explain after Gordon's death, how weak she felt with this heavy load, but through prayer and her daughter, Carole's, (Shira's) words to "Ask God for enough strength—one day at a time," Freda got through it all. The Lord was truly with her and that Fall, CFNI had a large number of students enroll.



Not many years later the enrollment had grown to 1,500 collectively in both the Dallas and Long Island, NY, campuses. As the year 1984 began, CFN had also assisted with 6,500 native church roofs in third world countries and was receiving requests for help from one church a day.

In 1993, through Freda's leadership and fundraising, CFN was also involved with helping to establish other Associated Bible Schools in different areas around the world: Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Plus, CFN helped pastors build their first church buildings—Dr. David Yonggi Cho in Seoul, Korea, and the late Benson Idahosa from Africa are just two of the many, whose churches reached literally millions

of believers. In fact, CFN has helped provide over 12,050 churches in their roofing projects in over 120 countries.

There were also renovations provided to a rundown Jewish temple in Yugoslavia, the Associated Bible Schools in Glaubenszentrum, Bad Gandersheim, Germany, Chile, and others.



Associated Bible School in Glaubenszentrum, Germany

Dr. David du Plessis of South Africa, who was active in the Protestant and Catholic churches crossing over into the flow of the Spirit, had his office on the CFN Dallas campus for three years, and CFN also assisted him financially.

Missy Lindsay, Freda's granddaughter, recently visited the alumni ministers in Chile that CFN helped financially many years ago. Her amazing story of their testimony is on page 14. CFN's generosity is still reaping rewards in this city today.

Freda believed in the power of the Word of God and prayer. She was known for reading through her Bible every year. Her motto was "3 and 5." This meant you were to read 3 chapters in the Bible every day and 5 chapters on Sundays to finish reading it in one year.



Her prayers, as she laid hands on the buildings around campus and had the students march with her around the former Sheraton Hotel, now the Gordon Lindsay Tower, were rewarded.

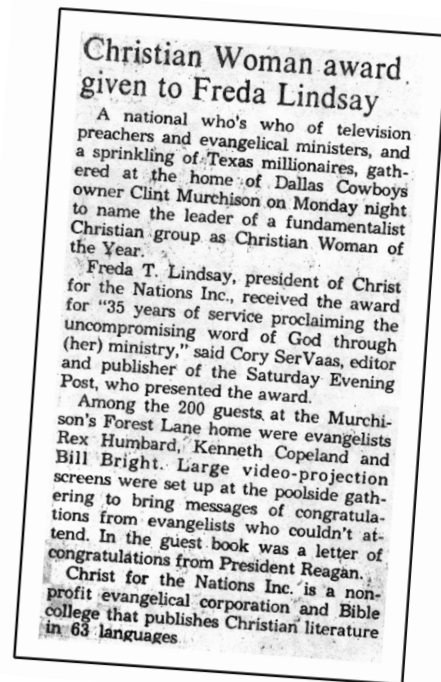
In July of 1983, Freda had her prayers answered in another “bigger than life” way when the Siberian Seven from Russia were finally released after five long years—living in the basement of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow—and they arrived on the Dallas campus. Who were the Siberian Seven? They were two families, the Vashchenko family and the Chmykhalov family from Siberia, who had suffered under the communist rule to the point they were willing to risk it all to leave the country. Their full story and Mom Lindsay’s involvement in getting them to CFNI is on page 17, but it was a world-wide national story that every newspaper printed.



Dr. Cory SerVaas and Anne Murchison presenting Freda with the Christian Woman of the Year Award

Freda also received many honors. She was awarded The Christian Woman of the Year Award in 1983. The celebration began with a dinner and was followed by the award ceremony at the home of Clint Murchison, former owner of the Dallas Cowboys, on the Murchison’s 25-acre estate with the CBN network filming it for airing on the 700 Club program.

That evening Freda received two awards. Dr. Cory SerVaas, editor and publisher of *The Saturday Evening Post*, read a proclamation recognizing Freda as the “Christian Woman of the Year.” Mrs. Murchison then presented Freda with an ornate trophy in honor of her achievement.



Robert Walker, president of *Christian Life* magazine, also presented her with a plaque for her “outstanding contribution to Christian education.” Mr. Walker called her “an intrepid Christian leader and a devout woman of God.” The “Who’s Who” of Charismatic leaders were there that evening, and congratulation letters were read from Mrs. Ronald Reagan, Pat Boone, and others.

However, even with all of the honors Freda received, she stated that her greatest honor was being asked to speak at the Washington For Jesus Rally with a half a million people present.



She was also asked to speak at the Signs and Wonders Conference for the Assemblies of God with about 1,800 pastors and workers present.

She was a guest on many national Christian TV stations, as well as in Canada. She was also a guest on local TV and radio stations.



She was honored with a Doctorate of Divinity from her alma mater, LIFE College of the Foursquare Gospel, and Oral Roberts University honored her with a Doctorate of Humane Letters.

In 1990, Freda recognized how crucial it was to transform the coming generations. It was out of her daring “Yes” to heaven’s strategy that Youth For The Nations was established. She contacted Bobby Bogard and expressed her vision to him. That summer was the first time the YFN event was held. The response was immediate, and the youth came in large numbers. Now, for more than 33 years, YFN has literally challenged more than 100,000 young people. The goal from the very beginning was to influence the culture—today’s generation—with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Freda traveled around the world, with numerous opportunities to speak in many nations for very important events. She met many world leaders, such as, President Ronald Reagan, Israel’s Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, India’s Prime Minister Indira Ghandi, the President of Guatemala Efrin Rios-Montt, President George Bush, Sr., many senators, congressmen, and foreign diplomats, plus thousands of ministers.



There is no question that this woman, who was born in Canada, one of twelve siblings in a mud hut with a thatched roof, endured some very difficult times. Yet, God’s hand was on her. Her persistence and willingness to not “give up” kept her moving forward. She was determined ... she would live for God and be obedient to walk by faith. She truly believed He not only could do the impossible, BUT GOD would do the impossible.

Today, God has anointed her three children and their families to carry on the vision—Shira in Israel, Gilbert, printing Bibles and books in Belarus, and Dennis at CFNI in Dallas, Texas.



2023 CFNI SPRING

CAMPUS DAYS

- Ally Curtin—recruitment coordinator

Christ For The Nations Institute hosts an event called Campus Days each semester! The purpose of this event is for individuals who are considering Christ For The Nations Institute to experience what it is like to be a student.

In April, we had our Spring 2023 Campus Days. Lives were touched by the hospitality of our staff and students. Aside from experiencing CFNI, we were excited to read the many testimonies of guests who encountered Jesus, received healing, and found purpose. Many of the guests we had the honor to host at Campus Days will be CFNI students this Fall!

When we asked, “What did Jesus show you while you were here for Campus Days?”
they said ...

“**THAT I CAN STEP
OUT OF SIN AND
INTO HIM WITHOUT
ANY CONDEMNATION.**”

“**CAMPUS DAYS SHOWED
ME THAT JESUS IS
CALLING ME BACK TO
HIM, AND I SHOULDN'T
BE AFRAID TO RETURN.**”



Fall Campus Days — Thursday/Friday, Oct 26/27, 2023

**COME AND JOIN US!
GOD WILL DO GREAT THINGS IN YOUR LIFE!**

CELEBRATING FOUNDERS' DAY AND THE FREDA LINDSAY AWARD



For 75 years CFNI has celebrated the cofounders of the ministry, Gordon and Freda Lindsay. They both served faithfully in the many roles God placed upon them to spread the Gospel and to “GO” and make disciples.



Gordon and Freda had pastored several churches in their early years of marriage, and in the late 40s and early 50s Gordon became involved again in evangelism, assisting in the great healing crusades of William Branham. Gordon wrote about all of the wondrous works of the Holy Spirit in the miracles, signs and wonders of many of the healing evangelists at that time through the *Voice of Healing* magazine.



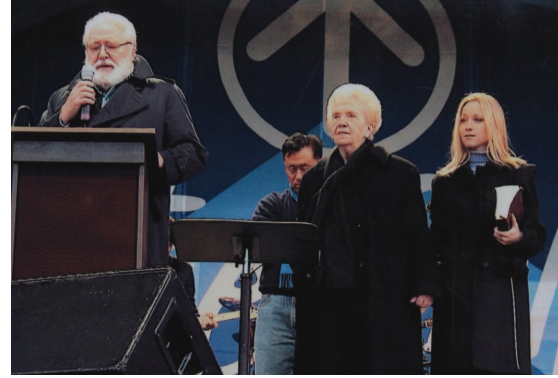
They both were people of prayer, praying together every morning. Gordon loved to write, and this passion resulted in 250 books/booklets being written, which are still being sold and distributed around the world today. Freda also wrote five books and three worship songs that were on some of the earliest CFNI recordings. To view or to purchase their books, go to:

<https://store.cfni.org>.



This year, after worship, Gordon and Freda’s grandson, Golan Lindsay, started the ceremony by introducing their video and leading us in prayer. Dr. Lindsay joined him. After that, many gifted and anointed speakers—Dr. Rod Groomer, Nickie Geldenhuys, Hawni and Missy Lindsay—relayed the global impact their grandparents had.

Freda Lindsay was actively involved in several political arenas. In this photo, she is with her granddaughter, Missy Lindsay and Paul Cain, who was speaking at “The Call” hosted by Lou Engle in the Cotton Bowl stadium in Dallas, Texas, with thousands in attendance. “The Call” focused on fasting and praying for the rights of the unborn and the overturning of the US Supreme Court ruling, Roe v. Wade. Paul Cain was a prophet and advisor to U.S. Presidents and the youngest healing evangelist to serve under William Branham and other healing evangelists.



In 2010, Ginger Lindsay felt “Mom” Freda Lindsay’s legacy should be honored, so she established the annual Freda Lindsay Award to be held on her birthday.

A committee was formed. Current committee members are: Anna Kendall, Vice President of Life Languages International, Cindy Jacobs, Cofounder of Generals International, Joni Lamb, President of Daystar TV Network, Judy Radachy, founder/co-director of Oasis Of Hollywood, and Dr. Missy Lindsay, CFNI professor and Board member.



This year the honoree was Abby Johnson, founder of
AND THEN THERE WERE NONE.

For eight years Abby worked with Planned Parenthood, becoming a clinic director. In the beginning, she believed they wanted to help women. However, she began to see the truth that abortion was a product that Planned Parenthood was selling, not something they were trying to decrease.

On September 26, 2009, when Abby was asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion, she watched a 13-week-old baby fight for its life—and die. She knew she could no longer be a part of this and resigned.

It wasn’t until Planned Parenthood sued her and tried to get a gag order against her in court that she realized she now had to speak out against this atrocity. Thank God the case was thrown out of court and Abby has helped literally hundreds of other workers leave PP as well.

Today, Abby travels the globe, sharing the impact and devastation of having an abortion.

To contact Abby go to: <https://abbyj.com>

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Ginger Lindsay

*COME . . .
EXPERIENCE
A MIRACLE*

We will also be featuring breakout sessions covering the topics of Healings and Miracles, Deliverance/Inner Healing, and the operation of the Prophetic Gifting. We are here to stand and believe with you for your total restoration.

GUEST SPEAKERS



**MARIO
MURILLO**

Evangelistic and healing minister with a powerful anointing to see God's Word come alive and present to transform lives. Thousands have received and millions have heard his teachings from around the world.

Co-founder/co-director of Global Prophetic Alliance; prophet, leader, teacher and author, ministering to thousands worldwide, to hear God, receive freedom and be activated in prophecy, revelation, and spiritual warfare.



**EMMA
STARK**



**DR. DON &
MARY COLBERT**

CFNI alumnus, practicing medicine for 25+ years, specializing in anti-aging and integrative medicine. His walk with God and his unique insights have helped thousands improve their lives. He and his wife, Mary, offer seminars to overcome major health issues. He is a New York Times best-selling author.

***"Go into all the world and preach the good news
who believe ... place their hands on the sick,***

PROPHETIC CONFERENCE



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YODER**

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PRAKASH**

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**DR. PAULA
BURT**

Co-pastor Agape Church. International speaker at conferences and churches globally. CFNI Advisory Council member.



**STEVEN
SPRINGER**

Emerging, next generation, apostolic and prophetic leader of Global Presence Ministries.



**ANDREW
BROWN**

CFNI instructor and minister of God's Word for healing and operating in the gifts of prophecy.



**CRISTIANE
PEIXOTO**

CFNI's Restoration Center Director, providing prayer, coaching, deliverance, and prophetic insight for healing and wholeness.



**KLAUS
KUEHN**

Former CFNI worship leader, whose passion for 30+ years has been to lead people into the presence of God through powerful worship.



**CONNIE
MCKENZIE**

CFNI Director of Children's and Family Ministry; KFN and Preteen Director. She will teach the children how to receive the Holy Spirit and pray for others.

*... these miraculous signs will accompany those
and they will be healed” (Mark 16:15-18, NLT).*

“GRANDMOTHER DOES IT AGAIN!”

● Missy Lindsay



Mom Lindsay with pastor's wife, Paulina, at CFNI graduation

My grandmother, Freda Lindsay, loved ministering to internationals. Whether individually, or to the churches in different nations, through the Native Church roofing program, orphanages, Associated Bible schools, or evangelistic efforts, she definitely believed in spreading the Gospel—in every opportunity.

When I think about grandmother, I think of the word visionary. I think of the word pioneer. I think of the word risk-taker. She was a woman of great faith. It was estimated by one of our former board members that in the 90s, grandmother raised \$10 million within 10 years for missions.

Recently, I was invited to a church in Chile where grandmother had been involved financing its construction. Pastor Tomás and his wife, Paulina, CFNI graduates, were celebrating their 40th year of ministry. My parents were not able to go. They said, “It will be a quick trip. You won’t need to speak. You just need to represent us.” I said, “OK.” However, with all the trips I used to take with my grandmother, I should have known otherwise. So, I got my Covid-19 test, packed my suitcase, and took off.

After I arrived in Chile, Pastor Tomás and Paulina began to share with me how they had been students at Christ For The Nations and

lived nextdoor to my parents on campus. Grandmother Lindsay got to know them and adopted them as her own children. They shared with me how grandmother was concerned about the needs the internationals were experiencing, and she always wanted to make sure they were being taken care of. Pastor Paulina said, “Once, when it was chilly outside, your grandmother noticed I didn’t have a sweater on, so she asked me if I owned a sweater. When I told her I did not have one, she went to her closet and picked out one of her own sweaters and gave it to me, so that I would not be cold.”



Pastor Tomás and his wife, Paulina

Internationals call grandmother their “Mom” away from home, and now I understand why. Grandmother had a big heart for all the internationals that came to CFNI. She got to know them. She would go to their apartments, eat with them ... pray for them, counsel them and would encourage them. I would often hear her say to many international students, “How is your English?” She would call them by name, and even after they graduated, she kept in touch with many of them.

The pastors told me that when they were about to graduate, grandmother asked them, “So what do you plan to do when you return home to Chile?” Pastor Tomás said, “We are going to start our first church.” He showed her the plans that he had already designed and where all the buildings would be positioned. Grandmother gave them advice, and then came back with a \$31,000 check for them to begin building. Later, she sent a second check for \$30,000 to help them continue to build their church from the ground up—floors, walls, and roof. Now, when I look at this church, and I am standing inside, it was overwhelming to know that my grandmother had played such a huge part in bringing this to fruition.



Today, Pastor Tomás and Paulina have 10 churches in northern and southern Chile, Haiti, and Spain. They also support orphanages, which was another very important role my grandmother had a part in. They have a seminary, where students are required to read and study my grandfather’s books. When they do evangelism on the streets, they also hand out my grandfather’s books.

The pastors, like my grandmother, understood how important it is for us as the church and the Body of Christ to stay involved in the political arena, especially as it applies to our public school systems. It is still our responsibility, even in the school systems,



“to train up a child in the way he/she should go.” And now, because the homosexual agenda has infiltrated the public school system in an attempt to re-educate the youth of Chile, the pastors have now built four Christian schools in northern and southern Chile, grades 1-12. They also plan to build more schools all over the nation. Pastor Paulina, with the help of a few other individuals, has written her own curriculum for these schools.

The day came for the actual 40-year celebration. Leaders, pastors, and congregants from the various churches came from all over the nation of Chile and packed into the 1,000 seat auditorium. (This was the mother church that grandmother had helped them build.) The pastors asked me if I would open the celebration and share about my grandmother, her relationship with them and whatever God had placed on my heart for this event. The pastors really honored grandmother for all that she had done for them—her belief and investment in them, and the impact she had made upon both their lives and ministry.



When they called me to the platform, they presented me with a framed certificate of recognition for CFN's invaluable support, friendship and prayers over their ministry since 1982. They also remembered the gracious counsel and timely donations that had been given by Mrs. Gordon Lindsay for their church building in Providencia.

I must acknowledge that it was all very surreal—very sobering—to be standing on a platform of one of the churches grandmother had invested in. I saw the impact of one seed sown into this nation.

However, what also really impacted me was hearing the personal stories that the different leaders and pastors shared ... how their lives had been changed and impacted! How they had gotten saved in that church, healed, and delivered, and how they had been trained and sent out. What I heard from their testimonies was incredible. The influence the pastors now have in that nation from just one seed grandmother planted and invested is beyond amazing. Glory be to God!

The power of one seed invested into these two pastors in obedience to God has paid great dividends! None of us truly know the extent of what our seed will do when we invest in the Kingdom of God!

Today, Pastor Tomás and Paulina are in the process of starting the very first spirit-filled University in the nation of Chile, which will be like the Oral Roberts University here in America.

They are now passing the ministry and legacy to their nephew, Mauricio, who has a Masters in Clinical Counseling and his wife, Paula, who also graduated from Christ For The Nations Institute.



Pastor Mauricio and his wife, Paula



The Chmykhalov Family

THE SIBERIAN SEVEN...

- Polly Harder
- Timothy Chmykhalov

On June 27, 1978, the Vaschenko and the Chmykhalov family arrived at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. They were all looking to immigrate from the Soviet Union to live in a country where they could obey the laws of God without breaking the laws of the state. In the Vaschenko family, all of the adults had memories of being persecuted—three had been imprisoned for their faith and one had been sent to a psychiatric hospital, even though she was sane. Two of the younger daughters had been abducted and forced to attend a school that tried to indoctrinate them into atheism. They had been to the embassy several times before, with many others, but were denied assistance and sent home.

They took the 2,000-mile journey from Siberia to Moscow by train with the letter from the U.S. Embassy granting them permission to apply for exit visas. Once they arrived, Peter Vaschenko presented their formal emigration paperwork. By Soviet law, a citizen has the right to enter a foreign country on business, but by Soviet practice, no one may enter without this document from their country's authorities permitting them to do so. None of them had this document. So when the guards said, "Nyet—NO!" Peter had another plan. He began to protest, they grabbed his son and started to beat him, throwing him to the ground. They got on top of him and began to choke him. The others, during the fight, ran for the U.S. Embassy and rushed inside.

They tried to get the officials to go out and help their son, but they wouldn't get involved. Later, when they asked the guards about it, they were told they had no idea where the boy was. Unfortunately, he had been beaten badly and put in prison. His kidneys had been severely damaged to the point he could not stand or walk. Meanwhile, five of the Vaschenko family members and two of the Chmykhalov family had arrived safely inside the embassy and planned on staying there until they could get some assistance. Little did they know what all that would entail.

Their story became a long one—five years to be exact. With much torment and many trials, they knew they could not leave the safety of the embassy or they would be imprisoned or killed. They had to depend on Christians who had heard about their plight and brought food to them and other needed supplies on a daily basis.

So how did Freda get involved in this?

It all began for her when two CFNI students spent August, 1978, traveling in Europe, eventually reaching Moscow. One day, they decided to visit the American Embassy. With U.S. passports, they had no trouble getting beyond the tall Russian guards who were stationed at the entrance. Once they were inside, the receptionist asked their profession, to which they replied, "We are students at Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas."

She said, "You must be Christians."

They said, "Yes."

She responded, "So am I."

She went on to say, "Maybe you would like to meet the Siberian Christians who rushed into the embassy on June 28th and have asked for political asylum."

The students said, "We'd be thrilled to meet them."

The receptionist supplied an interpreter and for several hours the students heard the story of what had happened.

After they left the embassy, they immediately called Freda, asking if there was any way CFNI could help these people obtain their visas. Of course, Mom Lindsay wanted to help.

The rest is history, even though it was years later when they were released, and not all of the family came at the same time. They did eventually all arrive on the CFNI campus in 1983. Timothy came to school here, and worked at the ministry. The wives worked in the nursery, which allowed them to learn the basics of the English language. Three of the other men worked in the maintenance department. Anatoli still works for CFN today.



The Chmykhalov family finally arrive on the CFNI campus in 1983.

When I asked Anatoli about their testimony, he said, “You should talk to my brother, Timothy. He is the one who was living in the embassy with my mother for five years. So I contacted his brother, Tim. Below is his story.

“On June 28, 1978, when I was 16 years old, my Mom and I joined another family of four, and got into the American Embassy in Moscow, Russia. We went there due to the religious persecution we were all suffering from in the Soviet Union at that time. We all stayed in the embassy for several years before Mrs. Freda Lindsay and several others came all the way from Christ For The Nations in Dallas, Texas, to the Soviet Union to visit us. They came at great risk to visit, but with their trust in the Lord, they helped us and provided encouragement.

“It was such a blessing and a miracle for us to hear that Mrs. Lindsay and her students at CFNI were all praying for us. Not only did they pray for us, but they also wrote petitions to the American and Russian governments on our behalf to help answer our prayers. We had been told that as just “ordinary Christians” no one really cared about us. We knew this was not true; that we are all valuable, using the verse in Peter 1:2, “You are not forgotten, for you have been chosen and destined by Father God.” It had been years by the time Mrs. Lindsay came into our lives and provided the encouragement we needed—we were not forgotten. Plus, after she left and went back home, she told the students about us. They sent cards and notes to encourage us, as well.

“A few years later, our prayers were answered. My family and I were able to immigrate from Russia to the United States. We were welcomed by Mrs. Lindsay, the CFN staff and many students. Our family was able to stay on the CFN campus, where my family learned English. At that point, as I already spoke English, I enrolled at CFNI. I also worked in the Circulation Department, assisting with the printing of the magazine and Gordon Lindsay’s books.

“When the Soviet Union broke up, Mrs. Lindsay enabled me to send hundreds of packages to Russia that included Christian literature, Bibles, and New Testaments. With the help of Mrs. Lindsay and CFN, I have been able to see how God works and His amazing ability to spread the Gospel world-wide.”

Timothy Chmykhalov

Several months after they had been on campus, Mom Lindsay wanted to help the parents find a permanent home to live in. Again, she prayed and believed God for the funds. Later, she received \$80,000 from an anonymous donor, and through Charisma magazine she received another \$3,100. The rest of the funds came in to give them \$106,000 to purchase a lovely home. The donors also bought furniture for them and set up a trust fund that paid their taxes and insurance yearly.

In *Freda, The Woman Who Picked Up The Mantle*, Freda said, “After their many years of imprisonment, mental anguish, harassment, and abuse of their children, they now could live in peace and comfort. God be praised!” She gave glory to God for His faithfulness, and she thanked the body of Christ for standing together in faith and prayers to see these great results for this family. She added, “All the might of the Soviet Union could no longer hold the SEVEN when God said it was time for their release.”







*“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring my sons from afar” (Isaiah 43:6).*


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THE ART OF SUCCESSFUL PRAYING

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***“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened,
that it cannot save;
nor His ear heavy,
that it cannot hear.
But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
and your sins have hidden His face from you,
so that He will not hear”***

(Isaiah 59:1-2, KJV).

When Jesus said to “Have faith in God,” He was calling our attention to the fact that to obtain an answer to prayer, we must have a right relationship with God and a right relationship with man. Our love for God and our love for fellow man cannot be separated. Prayer from a heart that is not right with God or with man will not prevail.

Taking this practically, let’s just say you don’t care for someone, you despise them because of something they have done. You have taken an offense. You are holding something against another person.

Why do you think God will answer your prayers?

Until you humble yourself and make that right you may never hear from God.

Why is it important to have a daily set time for prayer like the disciples did?

Because people are creatures of habit. Unless a time is specified “important,” matters will usually push out prayer.

Few understand that God also expects to get something out of your prayers. This is one of the great secrets of prayer. Jesus taught that



**“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you”
(James 4:8).**

when we come to God, we should consider His interests first. He reverses the order. He instructs us to worship His name, to pray that His Kingdom will come, that His will be done. Then we can ask Him to forgive us, to give us, to lead us and deliver us.

Most people spend their prayer time praying for their personal needs and interceding very little for others. But it should be the other way around. We have not fully matured in prayer until we learn this lesson.



To every promise in the Bible there is a condition. We can ask what we want, and it will be done ... but only if we abide in Christ and He abides in us.

God ALWAYS hears Christ, and if we abide in Christ, He will ALWAYS hear us. WE ONLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD, IF WE CONTINUALLY ABIDE IN HIM.

The question is:

What in YOUR mind is abiding in Christ ...?

Today, much is said about faith, but little about obedience. Faith is considered a means of spiritual power. However, faith apart from obedience can only wither and die. True faith requires a conscience, daily submission to the will of God. There must be a constant crucifixion to the cross. Paul said, "I die daily." So we must die to our selfish, personal desires and continually yield ourselves to God's divine will. How strong self-will can be! It stubbornly resists death! Some people are willing to give up anything but self-will. Nothing is more worthless than the fruit of self-will.

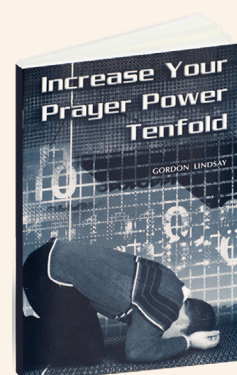
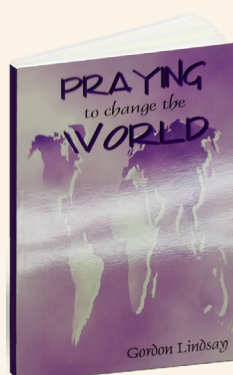
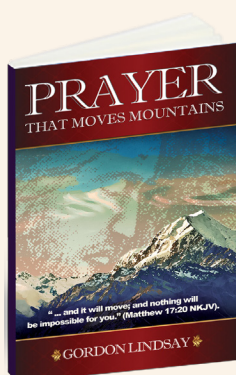
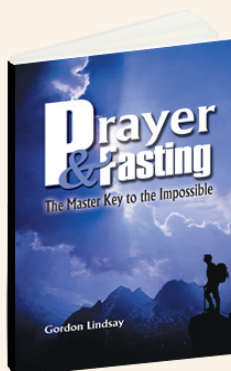
Sometimes, even believers pray too late. They seek God earnestly after tragedy strikes, not realizing that if they had prayed sooner, they might have avoided the disaster. There is a place of safety in God's everlasting arms. He has promised to protect those who,

"Dwell in the Secret Place of the Most High ... from the snare of the fowler" (Psalm 91:1).

The mistake most make is that when everything is going well, they settle into smug complacency and lose the burden to pray. Not until trouble strikes do they call on everyone they know to pray for them.

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A soldier must always be on the alert for the enemy to strike. Put on the full armor of God, keep your heart right, and watch God do what only He can do to answer your prayers.



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