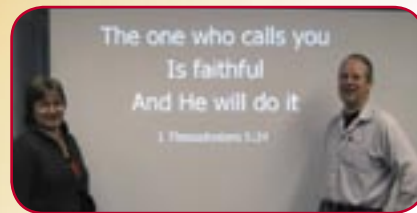


## New Offices

Freedom In Christ UK is currently working to support and establish offices in two other countries. This is your opportunity to meet those involved. Imagine the impact they could have.

### France

Tim and Monique Baynes Clarke are pictured here at a recent meeting of FIC's international directors and representatives with one of their favourite verses projected onto the screen.



It's a highly appropriate verse for where they are right now. Having heard a clear call to establish an FIC office in France, they are waiting for the Lord to open the door. Specifically they are waiting for the right property to use as a small conference centre to train leaders and as a B&B business to provide an income. We sense that the Lord will prompt someone to make available a property (or funds to buy a property) for a period of 5 to 10 years to get the ministry established after which we will give the property (or money) back. It's a case of saying, as the disciples once said to a person who owned a donkey, "The Master needs it."

While they have been waiting, the Lord has used them magnificently. Tim has revamped our "Helping Others" course and they have helped many churches get up and running. But the Church in France is desperate for them to come and get started. Like the Psalmist we say "How long?" But God is faithful – He will do it. And what a story it will make!

### South Africa

When Jonothan Christie first came across FIC, he and his wife Gloria were pastoring seven Zulu speaking congregations and one English speaking congregation. In September 2000, Gloria was diagnosed with epilepsy. She died little under three months later after two successive seizures.



That was a bitter blow for Jonothan and daughters Sandy (25) and Michelle (24). You might think that it would have put paid to any thoughts he had of starting a FIC office. However, the God of all comfort stepped in. Several miracles later, the Lord led Jonothan to Sandy, a lady who had been on her own journey of healing with the Lord's help. They were married and daughter Sarah was born in September 2006.

Jonothan is currently the full-time pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Durban. He is already promoting FIC. He says, "I have been receiving numerous e-mails and phone calls concerning FIC, but being attached to the church restricts how much I can do." The UK office has oversight of South Africa and we are praying that the Lord will release funds to enable Jonothan to devote more time to establishing FIC. Could you help? We will happily forward gifts on to Jonothan and Sandy.

## Setting Your Marriage Free 16-18 October 2007, S. Yorkshire For couples in leadership – come for yourselves and take it back to your church

This special event is an opportunity for church leaders and spouses to fine-tune their marriage and (if desired) to be equipped to run a similar retreat in their own church. Compassionate instruction and direction will help you make sure that Christ is right at the centre of your relationship. You will be given the opportunity to renew your marriage vows and go through the Steps To Setting Your Marriage Free, a process that will help you deal with footholds of the enemy that may have held your marriage back. There will be time and space for each couple to work privately and confidentially, prompted by the Holy Spirit. It's a life-changing experience!

### Topics covered include:

- Establishing God's priority for marriage
- Balancing rights and responsibilities
- Releasing old hurts
- Breaking cycles of abuse
- Breaking sexual bondage
- Unmasking Satan's deception
- Taking it back to your church

### Venue and cost

The venue is Bawtry Hall near Doncaster. The event costs £270 per couple (including meals) for two nights in a twin en suite room. **SAVE 10% by booking on-line.**

### Timings

The conference begins with lunch at 1pm (arrive from 12.30pm) on the first day. It ends with afternoon tea (around 4:00pm) on the final day.

### Booking

Limited availability – book early! To book, see [www.ficm.org.uk](http://www.ficm.org.uk), call 0845 230 2677 or send a cheque to the office. A similar event is planned for 8-10 February 2008 – please call for details.

### This conference is for main church leaders only:

- Couples who are committed to making a good marriage even better
- Couples who repeatedly struggle with the same troublesome issues
- Couples who want to learn how to encourage other married couples and take the principles back to run in their own church

Please note: It is essential that participants have already been through the Steps to Freedom individually.



### Comments from people who have attended previous retreats:

- ...A breakthrough for our marriage. We have been married as singles for 23 years. Today we have Christ in our marriage and great hope for the future...
- ...The conference is excellent. It addresses issues that destroy our marriages and then challenges us to deal honestly with each one...
- ...We had tried all kinds of counselling but this process dealt directly with the source of our conflict and brought a life-changing transformation...
- ...Yes, it was difficult. Through honest and vulnerable discussion, the Lord led us through problems, anguish, hurts, fears, all the way to forgiveness, resolution, love and commitment...
- ...This broke the strongholds in our marriage and allowed us to continue...
- ...This was my last resort. But this real, honest, heartfelt, truthful, godly way softened my heart, gave me back my hope, and a desire to truly love my husband...

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## “The Next Level” – A Word From FIC's Trustees

Will you support us as we equip the Church to set the UK on fire?

In its short seven year existence, Freedom In Christ Ministries has made quite an impact in the UK: somewhere near 100,000 people have taken part in our Discipleship Course; and we are in regular touch with thousands of church leaders. Yet as we wait, we hear the Lord saying, “You ain’t seen nothing yet!”

Neil Anderson and Steve Goss recently outlined how churches can take the approach to “the next level”: how they can resolve corporate issues that have been holding them back; and how the one Church in an area can change the spiritual climate through unity and repentance.

That is an exciting prospect. We firmly believe that it can become reality and we are laying plans to resource the Church so that it does.

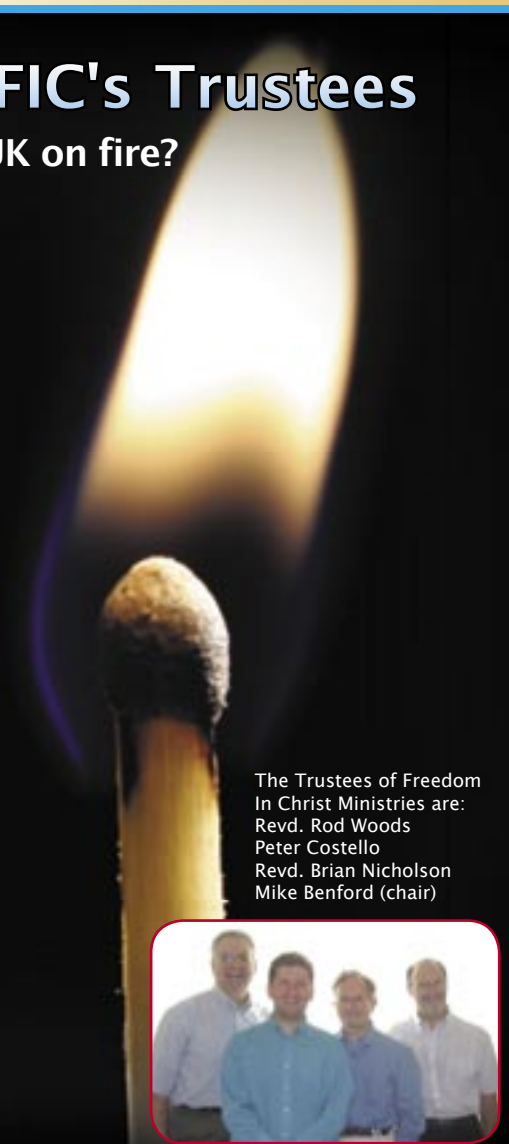
It may surprise you to learn that FIC has no full-time employees. We have a small team of capable and committed part-time office staff but rely heavily on a fantastic team of volunteers.

Steve and Zoë Goss, who lead the ministry, divide their time between FIC and running a business. The Trustees, with Steve and Zoë, have sensed that God is asking Steve and Zoë to lay down their involvement in their business to concentrate fully on FIC. This they have agreed to do. Steve will become FIC's first full-time employee. We are privileged to have in Steve a visionary leader with wonderful support from Zoë.

Over the years we have not asked for specific financial support. However, we wanted to make you aware of the need to support those whom God has called to serve Him in FIC.

We see the work of FIC in resourcing the UK Church as strategic kingdom building and have produced a brochure outlining our vision. Would you read it through and consider whether you could offer regular financial support as an individual or as part of your church's giving?

May God bless you in your partnership with us!



The Trustees of Freedom In Christ Ministries are:  
Rev. Rod Woods  
Peter Costello  
Rev. Brian Nicholson  
Mike Benford (chair)



### New International Structure



All national FIC offices (leaders pictured above) now form part of “Freedom In Christ Ministries International”. Each has a seat on the board of FICMI and Neil Anderson as founder has a seat in his own right. Steve Goss says, “This is a great move forward. From now on we will intentionally set up new offices around the world”. The UK has responsibility for helping new offices get up and running in France and South Africa. You can find out more on the back cover or on the new international gateway website at [www.ficminternational.org](http://www.ficminternational.org).

### Recent Events



Over 500 leaders attended the recent Bigger Picture events where Neil Anderson and Steve Goss answered the question “What Next?” Recordings are available (CD/cassette – £15).

Steve Goss (below) spoke at a celebration service at the South African Congregation in London who have taken around 2,000 Afrikaans speakers through the FIC course in around 120 small groups.



Steve also spoke recently at Focusfest in Belfast, a gathering for 2,000 or so Christian women. Pictured below are Gail, Jude and Carolyn from FIC's Irish team who were on hand to advise churches how to take the principles forward.





# Church Leaders – Be Encouraged!

## New Leaders Forums

Are you a church leader? Are you excited at the prospect of leading individuals to freedom and fruitfulness? And seeing the enemy's schemes against your church come to nothing? Do you hope to work as part of the one Church in your area to lead your community into freedom? If so, read on!

At the recent "Bigger Picture" events, we asked leaders whether they would value an opportunity to meet with others to compare notes. The response was a resounding "Yes please!"

Steve Goss will therefore be hosting a number of leaders forums around the country in the Autumn specifically to encourage leaders who are using the FIC approach and working towards setting their community free.

As well as an update from FIC and a look at what it means practically to work towards setting a community free, there will be opportunity to compare notes, share and pray with others and ask questions.

The events are free of charge and include a light lunch. They will be held in:

Edinburgh	7 September 2007
Stockport	25 September 2007
Cardiff	27 September 2007
London	9 October 2007
Birmingham	7 November 2007
N. Ireland	21 November 2007

Each event runs from 10.30am (coffee from 10.00am) to 1pm followed by a light lunch. You can reserve a place on our website (in the events section) or call us on 0845 230 2677.

## Part Of A Leaders Network?

Freedom In Christ is increasingly being invited to address leaders networks to talk about the Biblical principles of freedom and how these can be applied to change the spiritual climate of a city, town or area.

If you are part of a denominational or regional network of leaders, please consider inviting us along to spark discussion. E-mail us on [info@ficm.org.uk](mailto:info@ficm.org.uk) to find out more.

## On-Line Forum

You may not be aware that members of FIC's Freedom Fellowship have access to an on-line forum to ask questions of others and share experiences.

Recent discussions have included: what to do if someone refuses to go through the Steps because they find it too intrusive; the merits of an Away Day versus individual Steps appointments; how soon new Christians can benefit from the Discipleship Course; and shared experiences of spiritual attack when leading the course.

We would encourage you to share your own experiences and ask your questions. There is a huge amount of wisdom out there and others who would love to hear from you.

To access the forum you need to be a member of the Freedom Fellowship. This is our primary way of supporting those who are using the FIC approach – we'd recommend you join if you have not already. It costs £20 a year (full details are on our website).

# Setting Your Community Free

Steve Goss explains FIC's assertion that there is no reason that we should not bring about a change in the "spiritual climate" in our communities.

In our recently published vision document (pictured right) we make the bold claim that there is nothing to stop the Church "setting the UK on fire". But is that true or just some sort of pie in the sky triumphalism?

Let me outline the Biblical principles we have based that assertion on.

## 1. God has already given His Church everything she needs to fulfil the Great Commission

What is the spiritual climate of your area like? Dark probably – but is it darker than the occult environment faced by the early Church?

That's the environment in which Jesus said to a handful of people with no obvious resources, "Go into all the world and make disciples". Because He would not issue a command without also supplying the means to fulfil it, He also said, "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Mt. 28:18), in effect conferring on us the power and authority needed to fulfil that Great Commission.

Paul tells us (Eph. 1) that we have "incomparably great power", and "every spiritual blessing". We are seated with Christ "far above all rule and authority, power and dominion."

That is why Jesus can say, "I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it" (Mt. 16:18). We have everything we need.

## 2. Genuine unity is a prerequisite for wielding power and authority

The big question for us is why the early church saw thousands of people becoming Christians but we do not. There are only a few parameters: God, Satan, people and the Church. Which have changed?

God is the same yesterday, today and for ever. He wants all people everywhere to be saved.

Satan is no more evil or powerful. He has been overpowered and disarmed (Col. 2:15). He is defeated and cannot stop us (unless we let him).

People are much the same as they ever were – spiritual blindness stops them turning to the Lord (2 Cor.4:4).

The one thing that has changed, however, is the Church. One element in particular seems pertinent. In John 17 when Jesus prayed for us who "come after" His disciples, He chose just one thing to pray: that we would be one. Psalm 133:3 says that where there is unity, God "commands a blessing". Unity is clearly of paramount importance. It has a spiritual effect. It is difficult to imagine that the Church can wield the power and authority she has effectively without genuine unity.

## 3. Repentance prevents the enemy from holding us back

We often cry out to God to send revival as if He somehow needs to be persuaded to do it. What more does God need to do to turn this situation around? Nothing!

God has defined clear lines of responsibility and won't do for us things that He has given us to do. I often wonder whether He isn't saying something along the lines of, "I've done my part. You have everything you need. Stop asking me for more. Just do your part!"

Biblically there is just one Church in an area. Is the one Church in your area united? Probably not. Disunity is a sin. Sin gives the enemy a foothold, a base of operations, a means to hold us back.



I have seen dramatic changes as individuals have learned to deal with sin through repentance using the Steps To Freedom. I have seen astonishing turnarounds in churches as leadership teams have repented of corporate sin using our "Setting Your Church Free" process.

Imagine what would happen if the leaders of the one Church in your area came together in genuine unity, asked the Lord to show them any outstanding sin issues in the one Church (including disunity) and then resolved them through repentance.

Would that not return us to the position of the early Church which had no division and no corporate sin (at least to start with)? Would that not remove every foothold of the enemy and enable us to go forward in real spiritual blessing as we continue in obedience to God? Would that not change the spiritual atmosphere so that those who are in spiritual blindness see the truth?

How could it not?

Our role is to help leaders of the one Church light the blue touch paper.

## New Resources

### New Books To Accompany Discipleship Course

Steve Goss is putting the finishing touches to four new books designed to accompany the FIC Discipleship Course. Each book covers one of the four sections of the course. According to Steve, "The books are designed to be an easy read. They do not slavishly follow the order of the course but contain the same basic teaching with some added extras. They will stand on their own but will work especially well to reinforce what participants cover on the course." They are scheduled to be published (by Monarch) around the beginning of 2008.

Titles will be:  
Free To Be Yourself  
Win The Daily Battle  
Break Free, Stay Free  
The You God Planned

### Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)

We have produced a guide to DID, available at £5.

### Revised Marriage Book

"Experiencing Christ Together" (£11.99) is a revised version of our marriage teaching. It will help couples draw on God's promises to break free from old habits and negative behaviour patterns.

### "Restored" – New Book By Neil Anderson

"Restored" is a book that Neil Anderson says he wishes he had written years ago. It is aimed at individual Christians and it leads them through the Steps To Freedom process. It is essentially like the Steps To Freedom itself

but with greatly expanded teaching sections. While not a substitute for going through the Steps in an individual appointment or on an Away Day, many will find its format very helpful (£7.99).

Monarch have also taken the opportunity to release new versions of the core teaching books, "Victory Over The

Darkness" and "The Bondage Breaker" (£8.99 each).

