

TERRY ECKERSLEY

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# TERRY & JILL ECKERSLEY

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One of the UK's most loved and popular evangelists, Terry has been described as a tonic: humorous, high energy, yet still vulnerable and relational. Using the strong gift of encouragement placed in him, Terry shares the full Gospel message that has so radically changed him: a miraculous testimony of healing and total redemption from brokenness, severe drug addiction & crime.

This transformation has seen him become a graduate of two and speaker at many bible colleges, further rising to become a CEO within the Christian charity and media sector, influencing and helping thousands worldwide.

Terry is a creative communicator with an instant appeal that transcends all cultures, people groups & denominations. His much-appreciated art of motivational faith, coupled with deep insight, helps people to discover spiritual vitality. His manner is at once humorous, friendly and deeply impacting – and opens the door to life, salvation and healing, in a demonstration of the incredible power of the Spirit. Jill is a worship leader, singer, song-writer and author.

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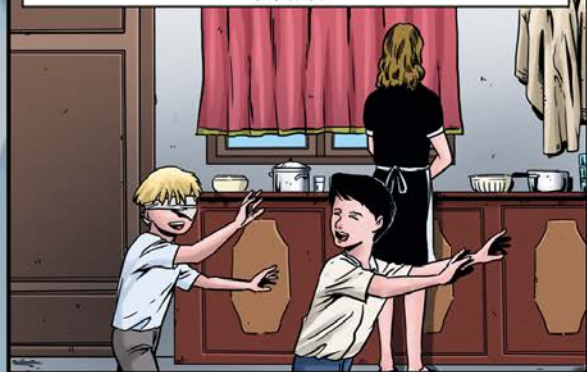
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## THE TERRY ECKERSLEY STORY

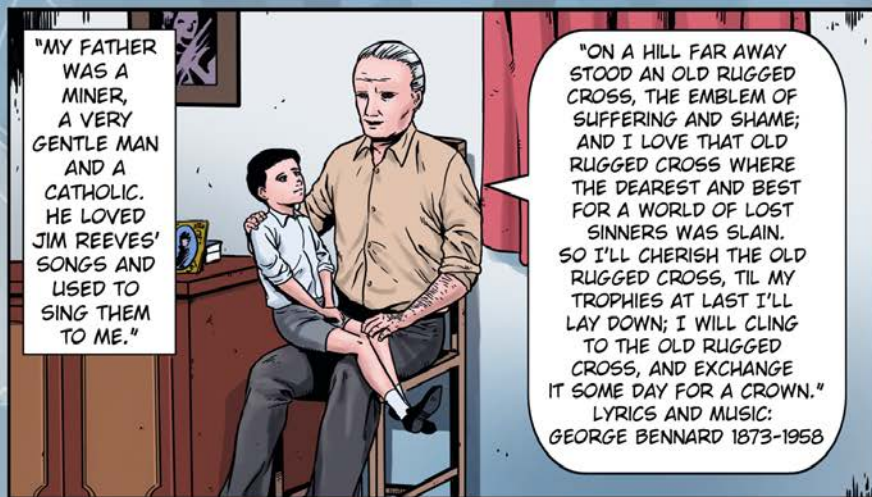
"I WAS BORN ( AT AN EARLY AGE) AT A PLACE CALLED LEIGH JUST OUTSIDE GREATER MANCHESTER, A PLACE FULL OF WOODS TREES AND SLAG HEAPS WHERE WE USED TO PLAY."



"MY MOTHER WAS A REAL CHARACTER. SHE WORKED ON A BREAD VAN AND SOLD FRUIT AND VEG IN THE MARKET AND SHE BROUGHT UP 5 KIDS!"



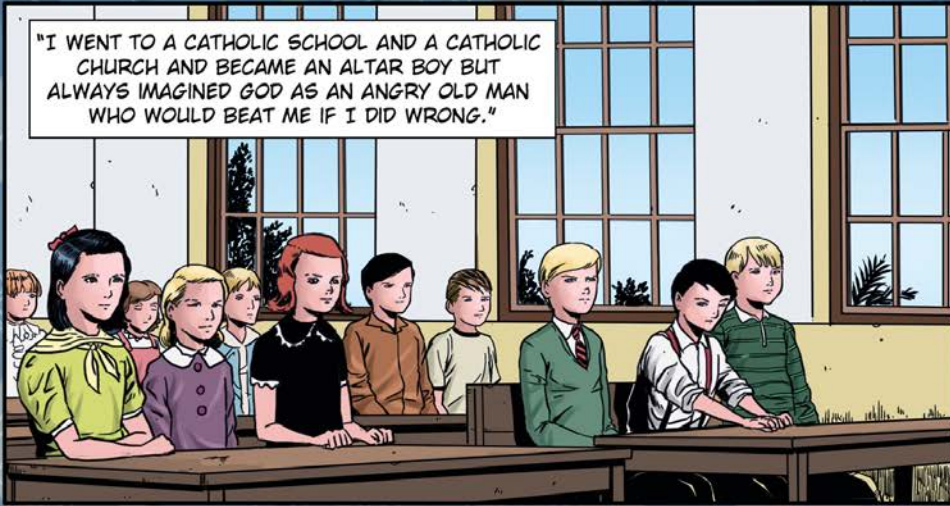
"MY FATHER WAS A MINER, A VERY GENTLE MAN AND A CATHOLIC. HE LOVED JIM REEVES' SONGS AND USED TO SING THEM TO ME."



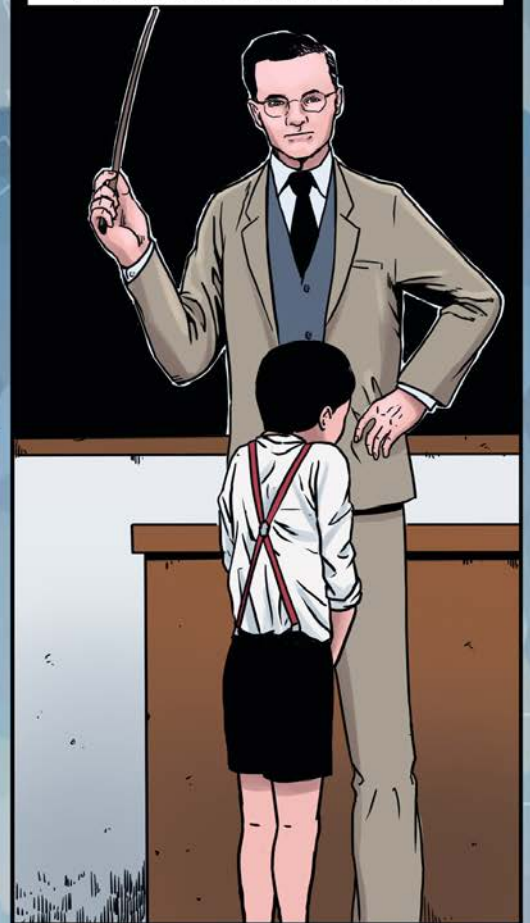
"ON A HILL FAR AWAY STOOD AN OLD RUGGED CROSS, THE EMBLEM OF SUFFERING AND SHAME; AND I LOVE THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS WHERE THE DEAREST AND BEST FOR A WORLD OF LOST SINNERS WAS SLAIN. SO I'LL CHERISH THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, TIL MY TROPHIES AT LAST I'LL LAY DOWN; I WILL CLING TO THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, AND EXCHANGE IT SOME DAY FOR A CROWN." LYRICS AND MUSIC: GEORGE BENNARD 1873-1958



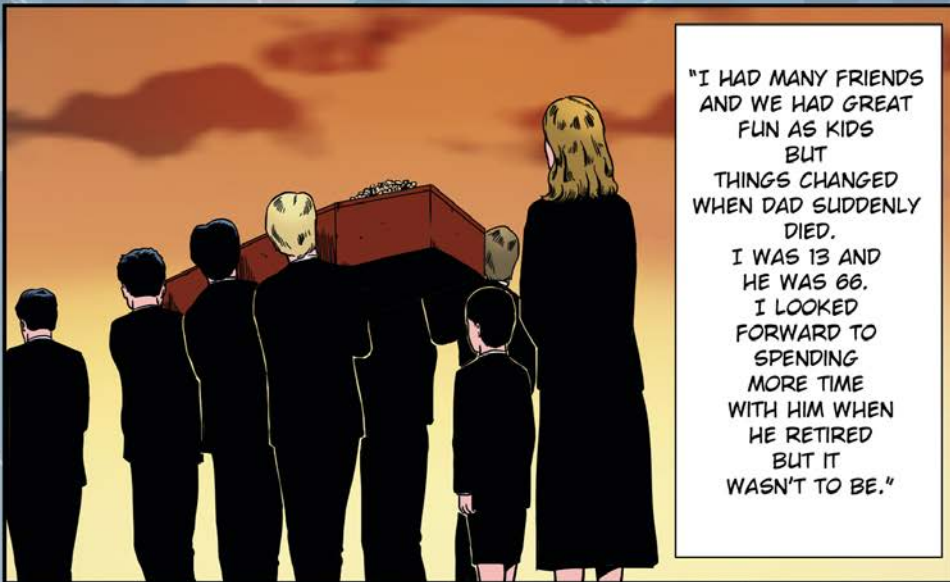
"I WENT TO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND A CATHOLIC CHURCH AND BECAME AN ALTAR BOY BUT ALWAYS IMAGINED GOD AS AN ANGRY OLD MAN WHO WOULD BEAT ME IF I DID WRONG."



"AFTER THAT I JUST DIDN'T CARE ANY MORE, I WAS ANGRY. MY FAMILY USED TO BEAT ME AND THE SCHOOL USED TO CANE ME BUT I RECKON IT WAS MY FAULT. IN MY ANGER I PUSHED EVERYONE AS FAR AS I COULD."



"I HAD MANY FRIENDS AND WE HAD GREAT FUN AS KIDS BUT THINGS CHANGED WHEN DAD SUDDENLY DIED. I WAS 13 AND HE WAS 66. I LOOKED FORWARD TO SPENDING MORE TIME WITH HIM WHEN HE RETIRED BUT IT WASN'T TO BE."





"I STARTED PLAYING TRUANT, STEALING FROM MUM AND OTHERS AND, YOU CAN GUESS THE REST...I GOT INTO TROUBLE A LOT AND ENDED UP IN AN ASSESSMENT CENTRE FULL OF UNRULY BOYS FROM THE NORTH OF ENGLAND."



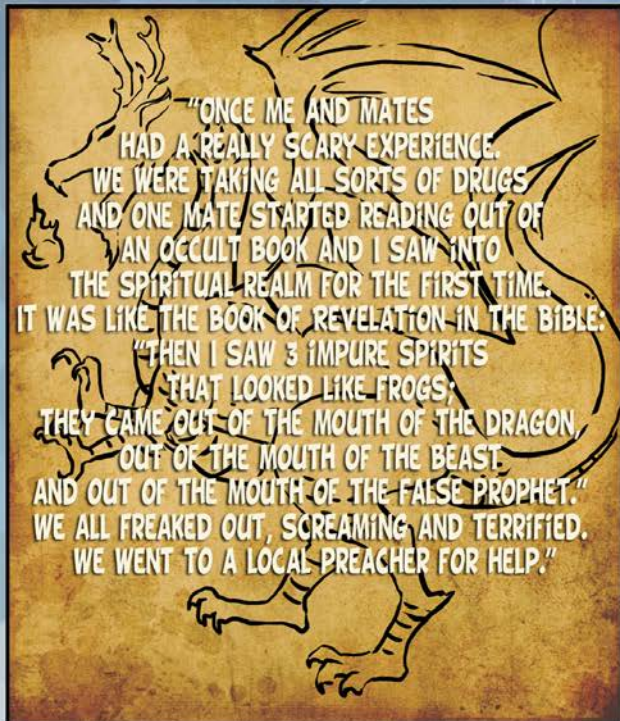
"I LEFT SCHOOL AT 16 AND WORKED AS A WINDOW CLEANER BUT I REALLY GOT INTO THE PUNK SCENE AND WENT ON THE DOLE. I LOVED BANDS LIKE THE DAMNED, THE RAMONES, IGGY POP. I'D LEFT HOME AND WAS SLEEPING WHEREVER."



"I GOT INTO DRUGS, ANYTHING THAT WOULD GIVE ME A WARM 'LOVED' FEELING AND, GUESS WHAT, YES IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I ENDED UP IN A DETENTION CENTRE AGAIN. THIS WAS TO BE MY ROUTE TO PRISON ON AND OFF FOR A FEW YEARS."



"ONCE ME AND MATES HAD A REALLY SCARY EXPERIENCE. WE WERE TAKING ALL SORTS OF DRUGS AND ONE MATE STARTED READING OUT OF AN OCCULT BOOK AND I SAW INTO THE SPIRITUAL REALM FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT WAS LIKE THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN THE BIBLE: 'THEN I SAW 3 IMPURE SPIRITS THAT LOOKED LIKE FROGS; THEY CAME OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE DRAGON, OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE BEAST AND OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE FALSE PROPHET.' WE ALL FREAKED OUT, SCREAMING AND TERRIFIED. WE WENT TO A LOCAL PREACHER FOR HELP."





"HE USED TO HANG AROUND OUTSIDE THE PUNK CLUBS TELLING ANYONE WHO WOULD LISTEN THAT JESUS LOVED THEM. WE CALLED HIM STAN, STAN THE PREACHER MAN, BUT THIS NIGHT HE REALLY HELPED US. HE TOLD US WE WERE MESSING AROUND WITH THE DEVIL AND ONLY SURRENDERING OUR LIVES TO JESUS COULD HELP US, SO WE DID."



"NEEDLESS TO SAY I HADN'T LEARNED MY LESSONS YET BUT MY MATE WENT STRAIGHT, GOT A JOB AND SETTLED DOWN. ME, I ENDED UP IN PRISON AGAIN AND AGAIN: FORGING PRESCRIPTIONS, STEALING, DECEPTION. AT 28 I ENDED UP IN THE MIDDLE OF GANG WARFARE AND HAD MY LIFE GONE A DIFFERENT WAY I WOULD HAVE ENDED UP SHOOTING SOMEONE OR BEING SHOT DEAD."



"BY NOW I WAS 28 AND WANTED TO STOP MY 'OUT OF CONTROL' LIFESTYLE. WITH A FRIEND, DAVID SHOVELTON, I STARTED TO TAKE THE BIBLE SERIOUSLY AND READ AND STUDIED IT WITH HIM."

"Therefore I tell you,  
do not worry about your life  
what you will eat or drink...  
Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will worry about itself.  
Each day has enough trouble  
of its own."  
Matthew 6:25-34

"I RECOMMENDED MY LIFE  
TO JESUS  
(REMEMBER I HAD MADE  
A CONFESSION OF FAITH  
AT 21)  
AND THIS TIME  
THINGS REALLY  
DID CHANGE FOR ME.  
AS I READ THE BIBLE  
I STARTED TO CRY,  
AND CRY."

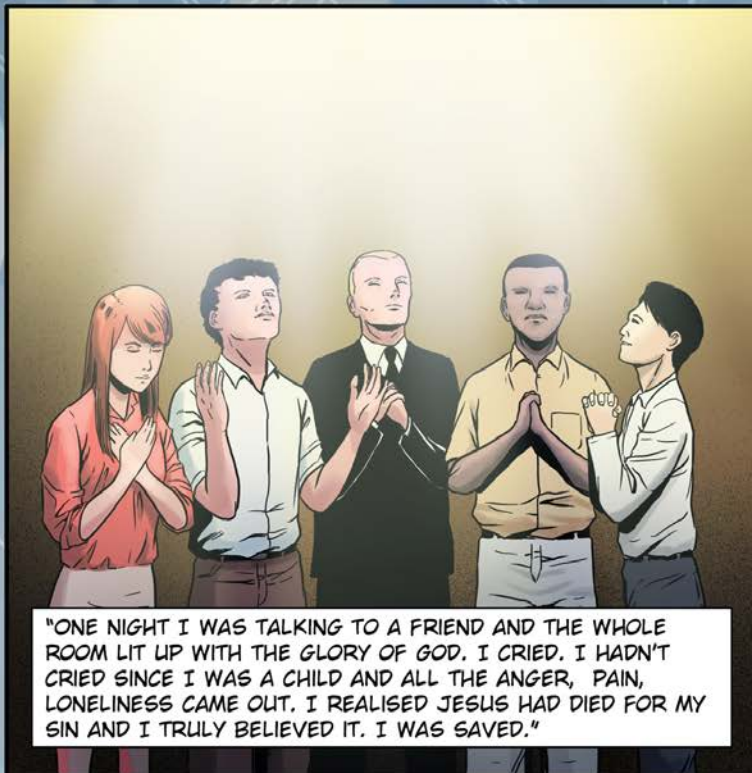


"AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.  
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."  
1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1 - 13





"HOWEVER I STILL HAD CHARGES HANGING OVER ME FOR DRUGS BUT I NEEDED TO GET INTO A REHAB. I WAS SEEN AS A DANGEROUS PRISONER AND I WAS SENTENCED TO 21 MONTHS. HOWEVER I KEPT READING MY BIBLE, GETTING FIT IN THE GYM AND I ENDED UP TAKING PART IN PRISONERS' WEEK, A WALK ROUND THE COUNTRY STAYING IN CHURCHES. A GREAT EXPERIENCE."



"ONE NIGHT I WAS TALKING TO A FRIEND AND THE WHOLE ROOM LIT UP WITH THE GLORY OF GOD. I CRIED. I HADN'T CRIED SINCE I WAS A CHILD AND ALL THE ANGER, PAIN, LONELINESS CAME OUT. I REALISED JESUS HAD DIED FOR MY SIN AND I TRULY BELIEVED IT. I WAS SAVED."

"I STARTED TO WORK AT THE YMCA. THIS WAS TO PLAY A BIG PART IN MY FUTURE LIFE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. FIRST I STARTED USING THE GYM THEN I GOT A SECURITY OFFICER'S JOB THERE. I STUDIED HARD AND EARNED A POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND BIBLE COLLEGE. ME WHO HAD LEFT SCHOOL WITH NO QUALIFICATIONS."

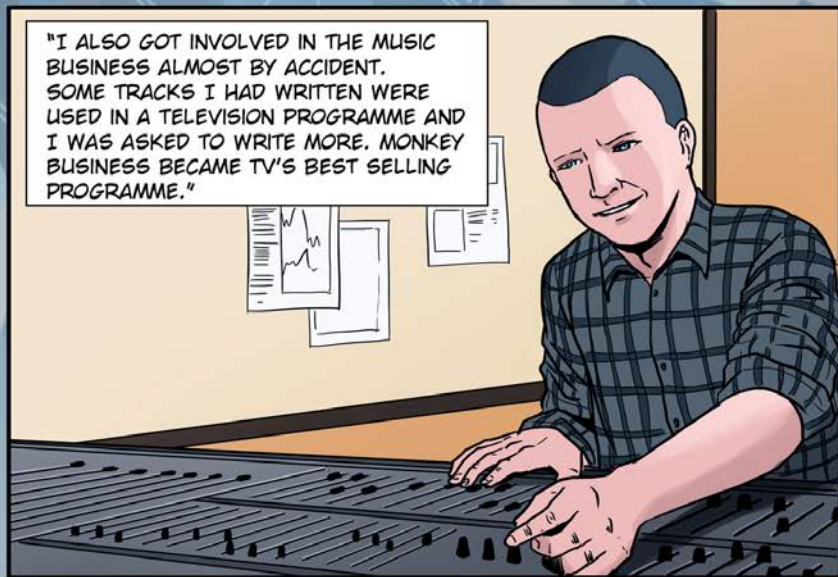




"BEFORE LONG I WAS IN CHARGE OF MANY STAFF AND BUILDING PROJECTS. I HAD MADE A CONSCIOUS DECISION NOT TO WORRY BUT TO TRUST GOD IN ALL THINGS AND HE HAS NEVER LET ME DOWN."



"I ALSO GOT INVOLVED IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS ALMOST BY ACCIDENT. SOME TRACKS I HAD WRITTEN WERE USED IN A TELEVISION PROGRAMME AND I WAS ASKED TO WRITE MORE. MONKEY BUSINESS BECAME TV'S BEST SELLING PROGRAMME."



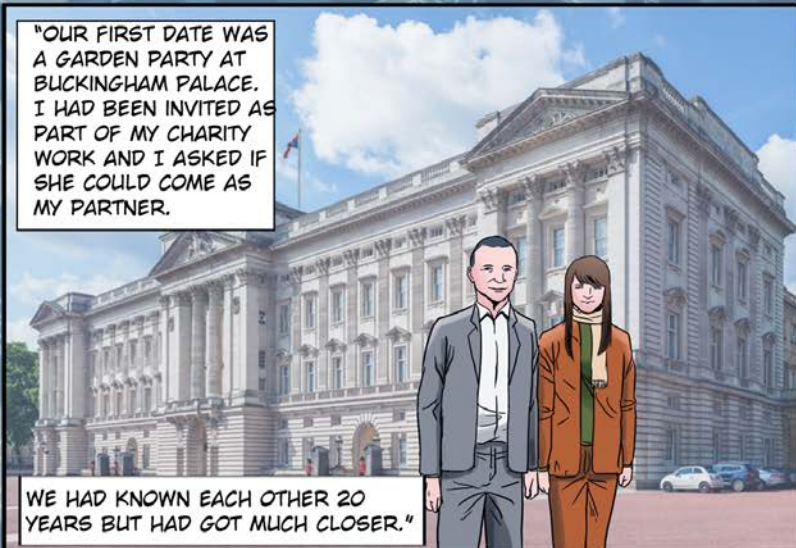
"I HAD MADE MANY GOOD FRIENDS AND WAS IN THE COMPANY OF MANY STRONG CHRISTIANS. CLAIRE WAS MY SPIRITUAL MUM AND I BECAME PART OF HER FAMILY. LATER I WAS 'ADOPTED' BY THE WEBB FAMILY AND BECAME AN EVEN CLOSER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WHEN I MARRIED THEIR DAUGHTER JILL, AN ANGELIC WORSHIP LEADER WHOM ALL THE BLOKES FANCED."





"OUR FIRST DATE WAS A GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE. I HAD BEEN INVITED AS PART OF MY CHARITY WORK AND I ASKED IF SHE COULD COME AS MY PARTNER.

WE HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER 20 YEARS BUT HAD GOT MUCH CLOSER."

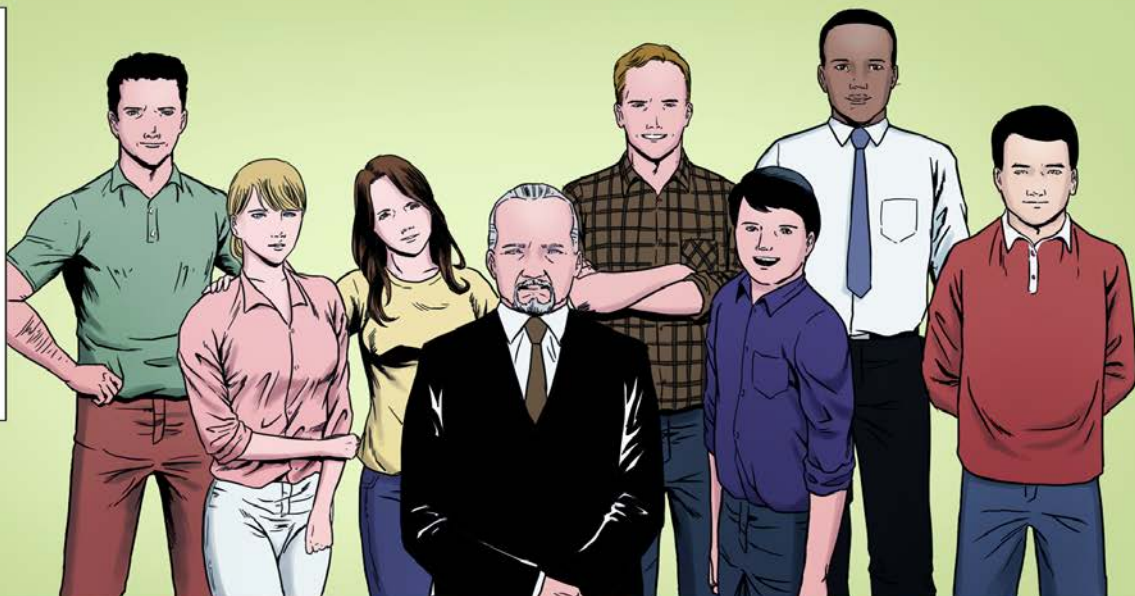


I WAS ASKED TO UNDERTAKE A BRAND NEW JOB, START A YMCA PROJECT IN SURREY WITH NO MONEY AND NO TEAM. I CONTINUED TO RELY ON GOD. HE PROVIDED ALL I NEEDED AND I JUST TRIED TO KEEP IN STEP WITH HIM."

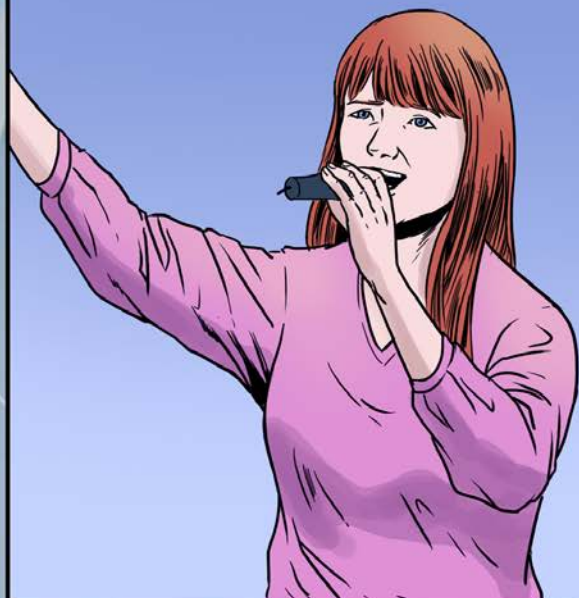




"I HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE TO BE THANKFUL FOR IN MY LIFE: STAN THE PREACHER MAN, DAVE GILPIN, A MENTOR TO ME, BARRY AND CHRIS WITH WHOM I SET UP THINK TELEVISION TO PRODUCE MUSIC, ANDY ELMES AND HUGHES BOTH CHURCH LEADERS, CLAIRE AND JANET BOTH WONDERFUL WOMEN OF GOD AND J. JOHN, FELLOW EVANGELIST."



"I HAD BEEN SINGLE FOR MANY YEARS, OVERCOMING DEPRESSION AND DEALING WITH PERSONAL ISSUES, SO WHEN JILL AND I GOT MARRIED THINGS CHANGED FOR ME AGAIN."



"THROUGH A FRIEND WE WERE INVITED TO HELP THE GYPSY CHURCH IN BULGARIA AND WE WENT ALONG GIVING OUT PRESENTS SUPPLIED BY SUPPORTERS TO CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES THERE. I PREACHED AND JILL SANG ON MANY OCCASIONS. IT IS AWE INSPIRING TO BE PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING."





"SOMEONE ASKED ME HOW I HAVE MANAGED TO DO ALL THAT I DO. TRUST IN GOD, FOLLOW HIM AND HE WILL GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART. I HAVE COME A LONG WAY AND EVEN NOW AM STARTING NEW THINGS. I HAVE LEFT THE YMCA AFTER 20 YEARS, SEVERAL PROJECTS AND BEING IN CHARGE OF 100'S OF STAFF."



"WE NOW HELP EQUIP, TRAIN AND MINISTER TO CHRISTIANS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD. WE ARE INVOLVED IN MINISTRIES IN THE UK, EUROPE, USA, AFRICA ASIA, AND INDEED ALL AROUND THE WORLD."



"WHAT WE DO QUITE SIMPLY, WE ARE EVANGELISTS. OUR LIFE'S PURPOSE IS TO SEE PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING AND LOST TO FIND AND BE FOUND BY JESUS AND EMBRACE HIM AS LORD AND SAVIOUR OF THEIR LIVES, BECAUSE WE KNOW THE POWER OF A LIFE TRANSFORMED BY HIS UNFATHOMABLE GRACE. AS COMMITTED COMMUNICATORS AND TRAINERS, WE WORK ALONGSIDE CHURCHES, CHARITIES, MINISTRIES, AND ALL MANNER OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TO REACH THE LOST AND EMPOWER PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR WONDERFUL, GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL IN LIFE. WE ESPECIALLY HAVE A HEART FOR MARGINALIZED, WORKING WITH PRISONS, DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN, THE HOMELESS, THOSE WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS, SINGLE MOTHERS AND OTHERS ON SOCIETY'S FRINGE."

LUKE 15:10 (NIV)

"IN THE SAME WAY, I TELL YOU, THERE IS REJOICING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGELS OF GOD OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS"





**GOD LOVES ME**



**I HAVE SINNED**



**JESUS DIED FOR ME**



**I NEED TO DECIDE TO LIVE  
FOR GOD**

**PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you that you love me and have a good plan and purpose for my life. I'm sorry for ignoring you and doing things my way.

I realise now that my sin has hurt you and the people around me, and for this I'm truly sorry. Thank you Jesus that you gave your life for me and took the punishment for my sin. Please forgive me and help me now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, as I decide to live only for you.

Amen.

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