

***FROM
WALKING WOUNDED
TO
WALKING MIRACLE***

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**VICTORIOUS MINISTRY
THROUGH CHRIST, INC.**

It was 2:00 a.m. as my child was gasping for breath and I was alone with my fears! My husband was on his Navy ship thousands of miles away from home there was no medication that I could give for this traumatic attack of asthma. That day our pediatrician had told me there was no medical cure -- and that, if our son ever outgrew the asthma; it would be seven more years. I was desperate mother engulfed in hopelessness. The Lord in His mercy spoke to me with His still, small Voice and told me to kneel down and pray. To my amazement, He told me that it was not His will for an innocent child to suffer – that it was the result of my resentment against my mother-in-law and that I must forgive her. What I had not wanted to do for three years became a reality through His mercy and grace as I found myself saying, “I forgive her, Lord” – and really meaning it. Then the still, small Voice continued: “If you really have faith, you will thank Me before you see the answer.” By His grace I said, “Thank you, Lord” – and our son took one deep, peaceful breath – and has never had asthma since! Years later, Dick had orders to Navy duty in Japan, the worst climate for asthmatics. Praying as Abraham about Isaac, we made our decision to go instead of requesting a change of orders. The Lord honored our faith and Richard had the healthiest year of his life in a climate where many grown servicemen had to be sent home because they were suffering such damaging asthmatic attacks.

The Lord had impressed two things on me at the time of this first healing: a) He was not punishing our child for my sin, but rather my own resentment, fear and self-pity were creating a suffocating, spiritual climate. Though we had changed physical climates, the tensions I had caused in my home had moved with us! I was a “resentment-holic”, a “fear-holic” and a “self-pity-holic”; b) I would need to write a letter of apology to my mother-in-law (regardless of what she had said or done to me in the past) inviting her to visit us. I did – and she did! God honored this change of heart and taught me that my healing in this broken relationship was as important as the physical healing of our son.

After this dramatic healing experience, I committed myself to the Lord “to do whatever He asked me to do to help restore the healing ministry to His Church”. We moved often – so my “spiritual pilgrimage” was constantly being interrupted, but God used each of those moves to further my healing ministry. From setting up a double Sunday School in our Church in Texas and praying with the sick at Healing Services, the Lord led me to assist my Rector in starting a new Church, which grew from mission status to a parish in about six months! At that time he commented that I had “the enthusiasm of St. Peter and the faith of St. Paul!” Late in the spring 1953, I attended a Retreat in preparation for my impending move to Japan and the “missionary call” that the Lord had put on my life shortly before Dick received his Navy order. In the prayer room the Lord reminded me through my tears that I had accepted Him as Healer and Savior but not as my Lord and Master. This was just before I experienced a third milestone in my “spiritual adventure”.

Two months later, kneeling alone in the cabin of the ship sailing for Japan, the Lord convicted me of my need to repent of my sins of thoughts, words, and deeds as

well as of omission. As I began to pray for Him to give me the power to fulfill the missionary call He had placed on my life, heaven came down and glory filled my soul with joy unspeakable! My life changed dramatically because in His Sovereign Majesty, Jesus had baptized me in His Holy Spirit – and with a new power! Suddenly, everything seemed to be done through me in a way I had never before experienced. Unexpectedly, because I had thought that was only for the early Church, God gave me words of wisdom, knowledge and discerning of spirits to minister. As we disembarked from the ship, wives who had desperately feared their husbands' probable infidelity owing to lengthy separations said that I had become "The Lady Chaplain".

One sign of "the changed life" was that the Lord gave me an overwhelming Love for the Japanese people whom I had hated during World War II. I taught the Bible for the first time ever as a full credit course in the English Department of Japan Women's University. It was most rewarding to see God's prophecy fulfilled as my students were drawn by the Love of Jesus there as well as in other teaching opportunities He made available to me. As a Red Cross Gray lady, I prayed for the sick whom I visited and saw many dramatic healings. My prayer "Lord, teach me that I may teach" was answered in a series of meditations given to me in early morning "Quiet Time". They were translated into Japanese – and subsequently became chapters of my first book, **THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF GOD**. My shyness was suddenly gone – and it has even been said (lovingly) "When the Lord healed Anne of her shyness, He did too good a job!" For me, "preaching the kingdom and healing the sick" were linked together – whether in a formal service or in a time of prayer and/or ministry with the sick. Teaching (whether spoken or in writing) was really a matter of my surrendering my mind and heart and voice to the Lord so that He could speak through me!

When we returned home in 1954, I heard of others who had also experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit – but we were a very small group! I became active in the prayer and healing ministry of several churches in Texas and Virginia and later led a few Healing Missions before we moved to England. A year later doctors diagnosed that our son had a malignant tumor on the thyroid gland. Before the operation, our Rector anointed him with oil following the Holy Communion Service at which Richard had served as an acolyte. The doctors removed not only the egg-sized tumor but also three quarters of the thyroid gland -- but they assured us that thyroid supplements would be adequate. Richard recovered quickly from this delicate operation, and to the doctors' amazement he never needed thyroid supplements. Five years later, tests confirmed that the one-quarter of his thyroid gland had grown into a necessary perfect half. Thanks be to God for this miracle of healing and restoration.

In 1961, I led a few Healing Missions before we moved to London where I was involved in the English healing ministry. A door opened to co-lead in Sweden a "Christian Ashram" with Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the well-known Methodist missionary to India; but he had to cancel, so the Lord empowered me, much to my amazement, to lead it in his place! This led to further "Ashram" leadership in Norway, Denmark, and England. In 1970 and '71, I led the Seminar on Healing for clergy and their wives at the Eatonton, GA. "CFO" – but curfew and other schedule limitations prevented the four

hour ministry sessions needed for my “in-depth” ministry to be effective. Clergy working with us realized that this specialized work of the Holy Spirit could no longer be an incidental part of some other type of ministry, but needed to become in itself a “Para-Church” ministry – known as “Victorious Ministry Through Christ, Inc.” – on a firm legal foundation of its own.

In VMTC Prayer Ministry in each country, our trained, Spirit-filled ministers have seen over and over again wonderful healings of broken marriages and parent/child relationships. Lives of those ministered to have been so transformed that often they have later made the commitment to be trained in VMTC’s Schools so that God can use them to bring His blessings to others. Drug addicts and homosexuals have been released to lead Spirit-filled lives after being healed and baptized in the Holy Spirit with the power to overcome their pasts. Many types of physical healings have also resulted from this Scriptural, balanced, effective ministry of the Holy Spirit through those who have, themselves, been Prayer Ministered and trained in VMTC’s Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry – in order to keep the “creative conformity” of this ministry.

VMTC Prayer Ministry has never been “inner healing”. It is not “creative imagination therapy” or “healing of the memories” or “visualization”. Instead of “creative imagination therapy”, in our ecumenical ministry VMTC stresses only “creative conformity” to the principles of prayer set forth in the Word of God. Instead of using imagination, which is unreality, we stress the need to use “the Sword of the Spirit” to bring the healing reality of Jesus’ freedom from life-long relationship bondages and oppressing spirits “to set the captives free”. Scripture speaks of “casting down vain imaginations” – not creating them. God’s Word tells us that He “heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds”. (Ps. 147:3) There is no reference in the Word to the “healing of memories” or “inner healing”. It does say: “The inward thoughts of the mind and heart are deep” (Ps. 64:6) but that is a description of what the medical profession calls the deep “subconscious mind” today. Episcopal clergy, in pronouncing absolution, have for years said: “pardon and deliver”. The Lord’s Prayer says “Deliver us from evil”. In Luke 9:1-2, we read Jesus’ twin commands: “preach the kingdom and heal the sick” – so VMTC ministry calls us not only to repentance and forgiveness but also to commit our lives more fully to Jesus Christ! It is a commitment ministry – not just to solve problems, but also to change people!

Another of the differences between VMTC Prayer Ministry and some of these other ministries is that ours has always been initiated and carried out under appropriate, responsible Church authority – not only in the U.S.A. but also in each of the many countries where it has been established. From the very beginning, the Lord guided my husband and me to place my God-given healing ministry not only under His authority, but also that of our Church. I was authorized by my Rector and my Bishop for this traveling ministry, which became progressively more extensive.

In December, 1970 a very small “pilot school” in Florida prepared the way for the first Clergy School of Prayer Ministry held the next month in Atlanta, Georgia. On January 13, 1971, “Victorious Ministry Through Christ” was legally established as a non-

profit, religious, educational corporation in the State of Florida to receive all income from my books, honoraria and missions – so that Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry could be held wherever needed in various parts of the U.S.A. and abroad. This financial undergirding over the years has paid for transportation, accommodations, and meals of team members (averaging about 10) for each U.S. Clergy School. None of the team receives remunerations. At Dick's request, the first Board of Directors consisted of two Presbyterian pastors, one Episcopal priest, my husband (as Vice-President and Treasurer) and myself as President. Two key laywomen as prayer ministers helped the three clergy and me in training others at the Schools – four being held in West Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and elsewhere in Georgia. From this early beginning, VMTC Ministry has, by God's provision, expanded across the U.S.A. so that for many years (with the magnificent help of our clergy Board of Directors and teams), I have coordinated the Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry from New Jersey to Florida and across the country to Michigan, Illinois, New Mexico, and California. Thus, cumulatively, many thousands of clergy and lay people have received the blessing of being healed – set free from their bondages to people, places, experiences and things – and from the results of their own sins of alienation from others as well as often from themselves and from God! Their wounds have been healed by the Lord Jesus in a strictly Scriptural, balanced, and effective ministry – based on the authority of God's Word, claiming specifically the Victory of Calvary in the power and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit! The Lord led me over the formative years in the early 60's to develop a specific Scriptural, balanced pattern of prayer called "VMTC Prayer Ministry". In the 70's and 80's He led me "to give the ministry to the Church" as VMTC Schools trained clergy and lay people to Prayer Minister in their local congregations.

In 1974, during a time of intensive spiritual warfare, my husband had suffered two successive coronaries – after which he lingered in a coma for nineteen days! While I was praying to know how to pray, the Lord told me to release Dick: that he had "fought the good fight and finished the race". (II Timothy 4:7) Then I received from Jesus the Scriptural call: "Endure suffering, fulfill your ministry, do the work of an evangelist." (vs. 5) It was a blessing for me to place myself in a special prayer (as a widow) under the authority of my Rector (now Bishop of Dallas). At this sad time of Dick's death, the Board rallied immediately to cover my ministry. With the approval of their wives and Churches, they have traveled with me in the "travelogue" which followed. The Lord over these 14 years has opened doors successively in an amazing fashion! A startling prophecy given me by one Board member and his wife when I called to tell them of Dick's homecoming to the Lord, echoed my first interpretation of tongues: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel in My love – and fear not any man." DAYSPRING, a collection of many prophecies with Scriptural bases, over the years had foretold this international ministry which has involved nine trips around the world and seventeen to Australia. When this booklet was written, VMTC's eleven member ecumenical Board of Directors includes four Episcopal priests as well as two United Methodists, one Presbyterian, one Lutheran, one United Church of Christ, one Disciples of Christ and one non-denominational pastor. In June 1986, I was directed by the Lord in prayer to move my membership to Christ Church, Longwood, where my Rector is a VMTC team member.

Simultaneously with this initial growth of my ministry in the U.S.A., the Lord opened doors for me in England – building on the fact that my second book, HEALING ADVENTURE, was first published there and also upon the clergy contacts made during our three year Navy tour of duty there. I had attended their first “Conference on the Holy Spirit” and other meetings sponsored by the Rev. Michael Harper. It was no accident that the itinerary planned by him as a result of reading my new book included speaking at three of his Fountain Trust Conferences as well as leading Seminars for clergy and parish workers. I led Weekend Missions on the “Healing of the Whole Person” in Methodist, Baptist, Anglican and Congregational Churches – with the laying-on of hands ministry concluding each service. Returning the spring of 1971 at his invitation, I spoke at a major conference where Michael Harper had asked me to lead a group of about 60 clergy in the basic teaching of Prayer Ministry with a team being trained between the larger meetings. In 1972, this led to the establishment of the first two Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry co-led by me with a small American team and these key English clergy and their wives. In the next two years the ministry became established under the leadership of the Board of Directors of VMTC-Great Britain, and I became a member of their Trust.

At the same time that our American clergy and lay teams were helping me set up the schools in England, I was traveling to Sweden to lead Retreats and Teaching Missions in Churches near Stockholm. The Lord had also opened this door for a deeper work in the Spirit because of my previous ministry in the early 60’s in Sweden. Now I was being called by Him to set up the Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry with their Lutheran State and “Free” Church leadership. HEALING ADVENTURE was translated by the pastor of the largest “Free Church” in Stockholm and published by the Methodist Publishing House there – and later my books DAYSPRING and TRIAL BY FIRE followed. This was a significant aspect of their charismatic renewal ministry.

With the help of two of our American Clergy Board members and a few lay people, we trained Swedish leadership. In 1980, their work met with the standards the Lord had given us – so that VMTC-Sweden was set up under their ecumenical Board of Directors. During this time, a few Finnish pastors and lay people called for our help as they saw the need in Finland for the Lord’s ministry through VMTC Prayer Ministry. With the help of some Swedish Board members, the Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry were set up near Helsinki – after the Lord had used me to lay the ground work through leading VMTC Retreats and Missions at the invitation of Finnish State Church and Pentecostal clergy. HEALING ADVENTURE was translated into Finnish – after VMTC-Finland was officially set up in 1980 having met our International Standards for this ministry. We joyously presided over the signing of the International Covenant Agreement with Finland’s Official Board of Directors. (See JESUS, ALL IN ALL pp. 94-96 for a crisis overcome.) Our VMTC International Teaching Outlines and approved Prayer Ministry procedures have been translated into Swedish and Finnish so that the “creative conformity” the Lord had impressed on us could be maintained. In Sweden, the ministry grew much stronger after they began to hold VMTC Training Schools in their own language. In Finland, their difficulties were greater as they have both Swedish and Finnish speaking Churches. In 1987, Fr. Clifford Horvath and I spoke in several

Churches in Stockholm and Uppsala before attending the Nordic Countries' Conference chaired by the President of VMTC-Finland with the help of the Swedish Vice-President of "Helhet Genom Kristus". It was agreed that under this joint leadership, VMTC Prayer Ministry Schools could begin training Norwegian clergy and lay people. Ultimately I will return to Norway – where in 1985 I had led a VMTC Retreat and a Mission in a Lutheran Church.

The Lord's wisdom and timing has been awesome in this expansion of VMTC ministry! In 1975, a year after my husband's death, God called me to begin the work in Australia when the Rev. Alan Langstaff invited me to speak at the large Temple Trust Annual Charismatic Conference in Melbourne – and the next year, in Brisbane and Adelaide. Under this "umbrella of authority", the Australian VMTC Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry were founded and spread across their continent as I made two annual trips to strengthen their work in each capital city. The Revs. Alva Brock (Methodist) and Clifford Horvath (Episcopal) directed Clergy Schools and led Retreats with me. The commitment of Australian clergy and their wives was a blessing on each of my seventeen trips. When in 1980 they met our International Board Standards, their Board was set up as VMTC-Australia – with the rev. Milton Brown as their first President. Some years later he was succeeded ably by the Rev. John Davies. The Holy Spirit through me established the International Board of Directors of which I am the Coordinator with two representatives from each country – meeting every other year to maintain standards as agreed upon by Board members.

At the Australian Conference in 1975, Bishop Ban It Chiu had invited me to hold Retreats and also a Teaching Mission in his Cathedral in Singapore. In subsequent years, Missions in several Churches and Weekend Retreats helped to lay the groundwork for Renewal; and in 1982, a small Clergy School of Prayer Ministry was held in Singapore with the Rev. Barry Skellett, an Australian Board member as Director and Canon James Wong as Coordinator. He arranged for and led with me a Weekend Retreat and a Teaching Mission in Malaysia as well as ministry with the United Bible Society in Manila. The following year the Rev. Dr. Moses Tay (now the Bishop of Singapore) led a Weekend Retreat with me in Kuala Lumpur and I went on to Penang to lead a Teaching Mission with a prominent Christian doctor. Through Bishop Chiu's recommendation, I had also led a Weekend Retreat in Baguio City for the Philippine Episcopal Church. In 1982, the Lord opened the door to lead a Retreat and a Mission in Indonesia with the help of the Rev. Barry Skellett and Dr. Helen Skellett – on our way to VMTC's Second International Board of Directors' Meeting in Sweden!

God's Healing Love has been the Agent which has brought through VMTC ministry the transformation of sick minds, wounded spirits, sin-sick souls and diseased bodies as well as the healing of broken relationships. The Lord has used my seven books (including HEALING DEVOTIONS; JESUS, ALL IN ALL; TRIAL BY FIRE and its STUDY ADVENTURE). With the help of our committed Clergy Board members, He enable me to set up VMTC Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry and train leadership in England, Sweden, Finland, Australia, Canada, and Pakistan. These Training Schools (originally established by me with U. S. Board and team members to train their

leadership) now operate under the authority of the VMTC National Board of Directors in each country maintaining with “creative conformity” the wise standards of teaching and procedures which are set by the International Board of Directors. In Sweden, VMTC Prayer Ministry is done under the authority of “Helhet Genom Kristus”. The Teaching Missions on “The Healing of Relationships” and “Healing of the Whole Person Retreats” in those countries (as well as in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines) have extended the outreach of VMTC ministry abroad. An initial Mission will be held in Mexico IN 1988. All this overseas work involved nine trips of intensive ministry around the world – including seventeen to Australia. This could only have been possible through the power of the Holy Spirit.

VMTC ministry emphasizes the healing of the whole person in a scriptural, balanced way. We believe that reaching Clergy is extremely important, and participation in one of our Schools of Prayer Ministry has been known to transform the life and ministry of many ministers. Our brochure on Clergy Schools of Prayer Ministry for pastors and their spouses says this:

“In addition to your training, you will have your own private, four-hour prayer ministry appointment. Through trained ministers who are ‘two in agreement’ the Holy Spirit releases His gifts of wisdom, knowledge, discerning of spirits, faith, healings, etc. Wounds of the past are healed, relationships are put together, the captive is set free, and ministry looks better than it ever has!” To God be the glory!

In June, 1987, while at a Clergy School of Prayer Ministry, I was given this prophecy from the Lord as a preface to a talk I was about to give on “Total Commitment”. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the leaders of the Church today:

“Repent and come apart from your sins of the spirit and of the flesh – and from the humanism which infiltrates and tarnishes your ministry. Set your heart and your priorities on Me, so that I may strengthen you to turn away from these sins and stand against the deceits and temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Pray in My Spirit for a new call to holiness so that the money-changers can be cast out and My people will be taught to respond to My call to total commitment, to depend on Me and seek to know My voice amid the clamor of false prophets.

When My Church becomes purified to be truly My Bride, I will return and call her to Myself. Glorify Me, your Lord and Master that is who I am – not your ‘cosmic bell-hop’. Turn away from your idolatries and double-mindedness, from your rebellions against Me and My priorities on your lives. Repent and turn away from these wicked ways. Turn and live in the power of My Spirit. The abundant life does not consist of things. In My presence you will know the abundance of My Love.”

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(The Lord called Anne S. White home in January 2000. Her work continues through the leadership of the International Board of Directors of VMTC.)

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