

I Found Peace!

My journey so far has taken me so far to 52 countries on all 5 continents. Born illegitimate and reared in an Orphanage in Scotland I am surprised and truly grateful to have made it to this point in time and to have eventually found peace and a tranquility with God. It is truly a blessing and a miracle.



Not knowing my mother or father and in the knowledge that I was badly treated in the orphanage, one could compare it to the plight of a "Leper". Rejection and Scoldings were the order of the day!!

You must understand, even though it was difficult for me growing up with this legacy, especially attending boarding school for 10 years, but in that era of the early fifties it was virtually considered a crime to be born out of wedlock and especially by a mother who abandoned me and was also considered wrongly then a "woman of ill repute"!!!

I was adopted by my Grand Father, who sent me off to boarding school in England at the tender age of 6 and was grateful to be able to fly, when flying was a privilege, 3 times a year back and forth between the United Kingdom and South Africa where my Grand Father lived. Traveling alone, stopping and refueling in wonderful places, being chaperoned by the airline staff to scout about when there were problems or delays with the plane. Visited Kenya (safari), Uganda (safari), Egypt (toured the Pyramids and The Nile), Sudan, Canary Islands, Italy, Switzerland, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal and the Middle East all before leaving school at the tender age of 17!!!

Then served my 5 years military in Angola, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), Mozambique, Tanzania and South Africa with the British Special Armed Forces. Awarded and received the Distinguished Service Order with 3 commendations, Combat Service Medal and Rhodesia Service Medal.

Discovering that I had a half sister, Diane, 10 years ago was truly a miracle as she had taken 6 years to locate me and the story was so amazing that the BBC showed interest in doing a documentary on this incredible story. My spiritual awakening unbeknown to me at the time came about with my lovely sister entering my life. Being a highly recognized Genealogist and

Writer or should I say an investigative journalist of repute had done all the background work and with the copious amount of documentation that has now become open to the public, it was truly an amazing spiritual moment of forgiveness to have discovered that my mother was a victim of circumstances.

I fell into the publishing world by good chance by meeting an old school friend who started a magazine, the first of its kind, in London and was given the responsibility of being the Advertising Director. I learnt the trade on my feet and was fortunate enough to have seen the publication sold after 3 years for an undisclosed multi-million dollar sum which I was given a portion for my efforts. This obviously catapulted/launched my career in Magazine Publishing for the next 33 years.

Coming to the United States of America was truly a gift which at the time I didn't see or know really how to handle success, but one could say that I rode on the crest of a financial wave, successfully **obtaining major contracts like The Goodwill Games for Time Warner, Wimbledon Tennis Tournament, The G8 Summit and The Winter Olympics 2002 and 2010 in Salt Lake City and Vancouver, Canada respectively.**

I got married, all for the wrong reasons, was basking in the glory of having everything that financial success could bring, however, with my ego and own self importance running rife, I inadvertently went away from the loving God I once attempted to know, which ultimately over the years brought me to my knees as I lost all that was dear to me, my wife, two lovely boys, Christian and Gabriel, a beautiful home with all the perks but more importantly I lost myself and any form of spirituality!!!

Once I had got sick and tired of being sick and tired, being homeless and a ship without a keel, through divine intervention I was introduced to the Salt Lake City Mission, a Christian Mission and have been a regular fixture for the past 10 months, staying most of my night time at the "Road Home", whilst I was able to get back to basics finding what is important in life reinvigorate and invite the Holy Spirit back into my life by letting go, letting God and prayer!!!

I believe very strongly that God comes to us through people and that the Salt Lake Mission Disciples and Pastor Wayne and Monica Wilson through their true spiritual devotion to God and his works have allowed me to trust not only in Him but with others and most importantly in myself. I have found true peace, a personal relationship with God and an unshakeable belief system that once experienced is something I never want to take for granted, it is a gift that needs to be nurtured, loved and passed forward!!!

Thank you for allowing me to share my testimony.

God Bless you,

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The Christian's Declaration Of Independence

*"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth".
John 17:17*

In Jesus Christ:

I am free from failure for "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Phil.4:13

I am free from want for "my God shall supply all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" Phil:4:19

I am free from fear for "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2Tim1:7

I am free from doubt for "God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Rom. 12:3

I am free from weakness, "the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Ps.27:1

I am free from the power of Satan "because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1Jn.4:4

I am free from defeat "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." 2Cor.2:14

I am free from ignorance, "for Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God." 1Cor.1:30

I am free from sin "for the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth me from all sin." 1Jn.1:7

I am free from worry "for I am to cast all my cares upon Him." 1Pet.5:7

I am free from bondage "for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2Cor.3:17

I am free from condemnation, "for there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1

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