



# CBC BELFAST

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## You have a destiny

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus.

September is the beginning of our 5th year at Charis Bible College. We have many students enrolled for the year from Belfast, N. Ireland, Ireland, Scotland, England and Europe. It is very exciting to see the college filled with people of all ages and walks of life come together to sit under the teaching of the grace and faith message knowing that it will transform their lives.

Yvonne and I have always wanted to reach people and share God's love with them in a practical way. When we met Andrew Wommack at a meeting in Dallas in 2000 we shared our heart with him. He asked us this question: "Are you waiting on God?". We enthusiastically

answered, "Yes". Then he said something that pierced my heart, "Maybe God is waiting on you"

In 2001 we moved with our family 800 miles away to attend Charis Bible College in Colorado Springs. Yvonne did the correspondence course for the first year while continuing to home school our three young children while I attended college full time. We then moved to England where I did my apprenticeship at the CBC in Coventry while Yvonne, pregnant with our youngest son Aidan, attended CBC for her 2nd year. Meanwhile our other 3 children attended a local primary school in a small English village just outside Coventry. I worked evenings at a restaurant to cover our living expenses.

Aidan was born in March 2004 and Yvonne graduated in May, holding our newborn. It was a busy but wonderful time in our lives. Now we were ready to go impact the world!

We decided we would live in Galway on the west coast of Ireland. Yvonne and I had been there on our honeymoon and loved the area. We knew we were called to Ireland, and Galway seemed as good a place as any to set up a ministry. We spent a year there, loving every moment, there was so much opportunity to minister to people. Even though we were enjoying being blessed and being a blessing we were not getting any response as far as opening a Bible college in the area. We both knew we would have to be willing to move again.



## The next step Being open to change

Andrew Wommack came to Dublin and Belfast in the Spring of 2005 holding meetings in both cities. We went to both meetings excited about the opportunity of starting a Bible college. Yvonne had never been to Belfast, as a Dubliner she was quite happy to move back there, but after both meetings it became very apparent to us all that Belfast would be a better location for the first CBC.

Andrew asked us 3 times, "Are you sure you want to do this?". We told him, "Yes we are committed". Andrew made the announcement at the meeting. Two months later we were driving with our family and all our belongings north to Co. Antrim in Northern Ireland.

Our first location was in the town of Antrim, we were there for for 2 years until we moved to Belfast in 2006 where we are currently located.

You may be wondering why I am sharing all this with you.

Yvonne and I both knew that God made us for a purpose, with a destiny to fulfill. While you may not be called to

start a Bible college somewhere, I know that all of us are called to show people His love while we are here on this earth. Charis Bible College is a sure foundation to everyone who wants to get a good understanding of who they are in Christ so that they may not only benefit personally, but impact others.

### *11 Timothy 2:2*

***And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same shall commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.***

There were many obstacles in the way when we decided to leave Dallas and go to Colorado to attend college. I was in business with my sister, running a restaurant, Yvonne was making excellent money as a stylist. Life was pretty comfortable, we had a wonderful home with lots of friends and family around. We hosted Bible studies in our home every week as we were very involved in our church. Life was really good! In the natural it just seemed crazy to leave all this behind and go off with our children without a solid plan in place, that's why it's called faith. We

knew God had a call on our lives we just had to put all our trust and confidence in Him.

## If you have faith and don't doubt Delivered from debt

### *Mark 10:27*

***And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.***

I had a very good reason not to go to college. The business that I ran with my sister had some serious debt, \$650,000 to be exact. There was no way I was going to go off and follow my heart, leaving my sister to deal with this problem all by herself. But looking at the problem it just looked impossible.

We had seen how God had helped us get our own finances in order but this problem just looked so beyond help.

Yvonne and I prayed, asking the Lord to show us what to do. We made a decision to put all of our trust in God and the Lord supernaturally delivered us from the debt. It really was an

impossible situation but our God is the God of impossible situations.

**Matthew 21:21**

***If you have the faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say to this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.***

That is exactly what we did. We put all of our faith, trust and confidence in the Lord and within a very short time we ended up being completely debt free. Now there was no reason not to go for it!

Yvonne and I both feel very privileged to be a part of what God is doing through this ministry here in Belfast. We love sharing the good news with people. It has not always been easy but like I said before that's why it's called faith. We have met many people since we have moved here that have told us how they have been praying for many years for God to place a Bible college here that would teach the grace and faith message.

When we left the United States of America the Lord led us to this scripture as our plane was taking off,

**Hebrews 11:15**

***And truly if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.***

When life was good it would have been very easy to hold on to it-but we knew God had a bigger plan. He gives us the freedom to make our own choices, and as we commit ourselves to his will we can know that the things he puts into our hearts are for our very best.

**It's not too late  
You have a destiny**

I don't know what your destiny is but I do know that God made you for a purpose. He is faithful to equip you for what He has called you to do.

**Ephesians 4:11,12**

***And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some pastors and teachers;***

***For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.***

If you have ever considered coming to Bible college but have seen too many obstacles in front of you, we encourage you to trust God in your situation and believe Him more than the mountains you see in front of you. As His word promises you, if you have a mustard seed of faith all of your mountains will be cast into the sea.

We encourage you to give us a call, there are still a few places available. Don't let any thing stop you from fulfilling God's plan for your life!

Thank you for taking time to read our testimony. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our up-coming meetings in October at CBC Belfast.

Blessings,

*Grady and Yvonne*

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Charis Bible College Belfast

Students enjoy live teaching five days a week



Ashley Terradez and his wife Carlie are graduates from CBC England and have moved to Colorado Springs, where they serve at Andrew Wommack Ministries. Ashley has managed several successful business ventures, and is currently involved in online market investment trading as well as being the sole proprietor of several different small businesses in the UK. Ashley has a passion to see God's people prosper in every area of their lives especially financially.

During this special evening you will be impacted by the powerful biblical truths of the True Financial Prosperity that God has for your life, You will learn practical "dos" and "don'ts" that will change the way you view your finances forever.

**TRUE FINANCIAL PROSPERITY**  
Thursday 15th October, 7.30pm

**SPECIAL MEETINGS AT CBC BELFAST**  
242 WOODSTOCK ROAD, BT6 9DL



Leland is a 2004 graduate of Charis Bible College, Colorado. Leland moved to Uganda in 2006, where he began teaching Discipleship Evangelism, graduating over 800 pastors throughout the nation in the first year. Today, thousands have been disciplined as a result of this ongoing program. In addition, the ministry has expanded with a bookshop in Kampala, and will open a Bible college in January 2010. Leland lives with his wife Carol in Kampala, Uganda.

You are invited to join us for this special "one night only meeting" where you will discover your Spiritual position and How living in the moment can impact you in a way that will get you positive results in every area of your life

**HOW TO ENJOY LIFE ... NOW**  
Tuesday 27th October, 7.30pm

