

SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS !

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ROOFTOP MINISTRIES TURNS TWENTY-FIVE !

I could have never imagined where God would bring me after I founded Rooftop Ministries twenty-five years ago.

What is Rooftop Ministries? Founded by myself in 1989, Rooftop Ministries is a unique evangelical organization specially geared towards all persons associated with any women's or children's order affiliated with Freemasonry (i.e., Eastern Star, Amaranth, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, etc.). I seek to help prevent, intervene in and recover from cult participation. I also assist concerned others with same by providing a website, literature, consultations and lectures to the public. My mission is 'Showing people the way and telling them the truth; that only through Jesus Christ may we have eternal life.'

Why the name "Rooftop"? "ROOFTOP" is an acronym for "Rescued Out Of Freemasonry: Testimony of Prayer". It refers to how God rescued me out of a junior Masonic order as a testimony of someone's prayers for me.

Many people have asked how I become involved in ministry countering the cults. The story begins when I joined a secret society at age twelve. This group is called the International Order of Rainbow for Girls (Rainbow), and is a junior Masonic order for teenage girls. My membership spanned nine years and I excelled in all areas of the ritual work. At age 15, I was installed into the position of Worthy Advisor, the member who presides over the local Rainbow assembly. At age 16, I was installed as a Grand Representative on the state level of Rainbow.

1985 - When I was 18 and still living in Iowa, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. It was a pivotal point in my life. At the advice of trusted friends, I began to reconsider my Rainbow membership. In July of 1986, after much prayer, I felt led of the Lord to petition for a withdrawal from Rainbow. By this point, I had spent six years, my entire teenage years, one-third of my life as a member of Rainbow.

1986 - During my morning devotions I came upon Ephesians 5:11 in the Bible. ***"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."*** In short, after reading this verse, I came to believe God calling me to leave the 'fruitless deeds of darkness' (of Rainbow and Freemasonry) and to 'expose' them. God was calling me into ministry!

After submitting my Rainbow withdrawal letter, I became very curious as to the true nature of Rainbow and of its parent organization, Freemasonry (Ancient Free and Accepted Masons – the Masons). Although finding information about Masonry was easy, finding information specifically about Rainbow Girls was nearly impossible. It seemed that what I learned about the disturbing nature of the initiations, blood oaths and hazing of Masonry couldn't be compared to what I thought was the beautiful nature of Rainbow. My research later revealed some very astonishing parallels between Masonry and its 50-plus affiliated orders for women and children.

1987, August - I moved to Kansas City to attend Christ Unlimited Bible Institute (CUBI), an accelerated learning program of Kansas City Youth For Christ. Now defunct, CUBI was an unaccredited year-long program to educate people who were interested in evangelizing teenagers. The late Dr. L. Dale Potratz was my beloved Bible professor. As an area of specialty, I chose "Cult Evangelism". Upon completing those studies, I received certificates in Bible and in Teen Evangelism.

1988, March - My request for withdrawal from Rainbow was never honored. Instead, the assembly mailed me a letter containing a Majority Card which is the equivalent of an honorary life-time membership in Rainbow. I rejected the offer for this status.

1998, August - I moved to Indiana and became a live-in youth worker at a Christian boarding school.

1989, July - While on staff at the school's wilderness survival camp in Missanabie, Ontario, I sat on Blueberry Point on Dog Lake with co-worker and friend, Karen. We discussed my burden for helping teens caught in the clutches of various cults. I answered God's call to ministry that December of by founding Rooftop Ministries. My friend Diane designed the logo.

1990 - While sharing my testimony with an associate pastor of a church, I was asked to speak to their congregation one Sunday evening. This was my first of 19 speeches. In May, Rooftop Ministries was listed in the Directory of Cult Research Organizations by Keith Tolbert and Eric Pement, along with several hundred other 'Cult Research Organizations' throughout the USA and abroad. This listing gave Rooftop some much needed exposure.

1990, September - I transferred jobs to the boarding school's "sister" school in the Dominican Republic, West Indies. In 1991, I returned state-side and moved to Kansas City, MO to work as a live-in housemother and birthing coach at a maternity home for unwed teenage girls in crisis pregnancies who were at risk for abortion.

1992 - Dr. L. Dale Potratz invited me to speak to the current Christ Unlimited Bible Institute classes about general cult awareness and the occult. I believe I was the only non-staff, female and former student to be invited back to teach classes at CUBI.

1993 – The National Leadership Conference on Ministry to Masons was held in Knoxville, TN. From Kansas City, it was a 13 hour drive each way for me. It would be the first of 40 such national apologetics conferences I would attend. There, I gave my Rainbow testimony and spoke on women and children in Freemasonry. While driving home I got the idea to write a book I wanted to call, "Renounce Your Rainbow Promises". That book would come to fruition in 2011.

1994 - Dr. Cathy Burns used a quote from one of my speeches in her book titled, "Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star", in her chapter on Rainbow Girls. Martyn, a gentleman from Malta, asked my assistance in assembling a library on apologetics for his church there.

1998 - Rev. Kevin Ekert of Australian Christian Ministries in New South Wales wrote, "Bondages of Freemasonry: A Biblical Perspective of Australian Women's Orders". He asked me to help edit the book, write the foreword and write out my testimony to include as one of his chapters.

2000 – I moved to Montgomery, AL where I currently reside with my husband of five years, James. I work as a full-time secretary for the Alabama Department of Transportation. This is where I earn the money to do the work of Rooftop.

2004 – Hurricane Ivan hit Montgomery hard and heavy while I was away attending a Ministry to Masons conference in Little Rock, AR. My apartment flooded and several boxes of ministry books were ruined.

2011 - Long-time friend and author Tom McKenney of Words for Living Ministries finished researching and writing on the topic of Freemasonry. He published his third and final book on Masonry titled, "Thirty-Three Degrees of Deception". He then began looking for a home for his books on Freemasonry. In 2013, Tom generously donated his entire pro-Masonic and anti-Masonic library to Rooftop Ministries. These books filled more than three bookcases. I am honored to receive such a collection and appreciate Tom's trust in me.

In the capacity of director of Rooftop Ministries, I accepted offers to speak at a large variety of venues including national conferences, church services, one two-hour class at a university, summer camps, Bible institutes, ex-cult member support groups and at Bible studies. A cult survivor advocate interviewed me during three one-hour videos. In 2013, I was a guest on two different radio shows. From junior high to doctorate level, I've provided students with documentation and helped them research various cults. For two years I was a member of Lion Strike Ministries, a "Power Team" that performed feats of strength demonstrations at churches and high schools. I participated in approximately 23 performances as a steel bar-bender and brick-breaker. I even set the group record for most bricks broken with the forearm in one strike: nine two-inch thick patio bricks!

My speaking engagements have been in 17 states, at such apologetics organizations as Christian Liberty Outreach (CLO), National Leadership Conference on Ministry to Masons, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions and Ex-Masons for Jesus. Rooftop co-sponsored an apologetics conference with CLO in Kansas City. I've attended conferences all across the country such as Personal Freedom Outreach, Watchman Fellowship, Midwest Christian Outreach and International Cultic Studies Association.

I speak on the 50-plus affiliated Masonic orders for women and children specifically and on Freemasonry in general. Other subjects of my workshops and papers have included my testimony; general cult awareness; secret societies; Dungeons and Dragons (fantasy role playing game); cults; the occult and false teachings. Such titles include: Secret Societies: A Look From the Inside Out; Renounce Your Rainbow Promises; Not-So-Secret Societies; Liars & False Prophets: Miracles, Tricks & Magic; A Masonic Primer; Freemasonry 101 and Rainbow Symbolism with Commentary. I've also written biographical sketches on Job's Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow Girls.

1992 - I was using a word-processor to create all my ministry documents. At a conference in 1994, friends donated money for a new computer and printer. Using those, I indexed my large multi-media counter-cult library which totaled 144 pages of indexes. In 2001, I received a newer computer. It was then that I wrote 80 pages of articles for my brother to put up on Rooftop Ministries' website. In 2013, I upgraded my computer and bought a 5-in-1 printer which I currently use.

2001 - My brother Bryan offered his help as "web servant" in creating a website for Rooftop Ministries. It was terrific! Unfortunately, I lost the domain in 2004. However, a long-time friend, Eric offered to resurrect the website in 2005 as part of a school project. He put in much more time and effort than the school required. Eric re-worked the website and made it user friendly to the visually impaired. In 2012, I overhauled the website and my friend Kenya redesigned it. I updated, revised and added documents this past summer. In 2015, Kenya will be working to upload these 38 documents and then make the web site mobile and tablet friendly.

Rooftop Ministries has often been #1 in search engines such as Google and Yahoo. Up until December of 2013, the site had the ability to count website visits. Three-fourths of the visitors identified themselves as female.

Comparing trends in hits, I "guess-timate" that most guests are high school and college students, the people I want to minister to most. The website of other ministries listed Rooftop as links, and some have included my testimony. You can email me at **ROOFTOP_MINISTRIES@HOTMAIL.COM** and visit my website at **WWW.ROOFTOPMIN.ORG**.

Although some responsibilities have since been lifted, various mantles have been placed upon my shoulders throughout the years. In 1992, I was invited to be on the Executive Council of Full Armor Ministries founded by Paul Argeropolous. As such, I helped lead Bible studies and participated in almost 25 Lion Strike demonstrations. In 1994, Pastor Steve Felton of Hope Center Church of the Nazarene brought me aboard the church's Vision Committee. In 1995, I began participating in Ex-Masons For Jesus. Paul Weathers, Director of Alpha-Omega Research Institute in Davenport, Iowa, appointed me Director of the Kansas City Branch of Alpha-Omega Research

Institute in 1996. In 1997, Rooftop Ministries became a member of Evangelical Ministries to New Religions. February of 2011, I was elected to serve on the board of Ex-Masons For Jesus.

2014, April – James and I flew to Denver, CO to attend a conference co-sponsored by Evangelical Ministries to New Religions (EMNR) and International Society for Christian Apologetics (ISCA). I led a workshop titled, “Freemasonry: It’s Not Just For Men”. It was well attended and well received. There, Don Veinot of Midwest Christian Outreach asked me to write an article for his widely-circulated newsletter. I submitted a draft titled, “Freemasonry and Families”. Both the workshop and the article address how women and children are affected by having a Freemason in their immediate family or by belonging to an affiliated Masonic order themselves.

I’m excited to see what else the Lord will do in the future and I praise Him for all He has done. I have been greatly blessed over the years and I am deeply grateful to the countless individuals and groups who have made Rooftop Ministries a success. First and foremost, to **God** be all glory, honor and praise! He has done great and mighty things in and through and for me and Rooftop Ministries. Several ‘honorable mentions’ go to:

My husband, **James**, who has stood by me these past five years and supports me in all I do.

Nancy and **Dana** led me to the Lord in 1985. If it weren’t for them, I wouldn’t be where I am today.

It was the late **Rev. Jim Shaw** who initially made me aware of the true nature of Freemasonry and encouraged me to leave Rainbow. Rev. Shaw put me in touch with **Tom McKenney** of Words For Living Ministries who mailed me his book, “Deadly Deception” which reveals Masonry for what it is and alerted me to Masonry’s deceptive beliefs and practices. My beloved Bible professor, the late **Rev. L. Dale Potratz** patiently helped straighten out my Rainbow indoctrination and taught me the truths of the divinely inspired and infallible Word of God, the Holy Bible.

For the last 15 years, my favorite pastor and mentor, **Rev. Larry Burke**, has ministered to me ‘through thick and thin’. **Larry Kunk** of Ephesians 5:11 gave me a platform on which to share my research and testimony at his National Leadership Conferences on Ministry to Masons. **David and Donna Carrico** of Followers of Jesus Christ have encouraged and supported me all along the way. **Duane Washum** of Ex-Masons For Jesus has provided me with a wealth of insight and quotes for my research and a general knowledge of Freemasonry. The participants of **Ex-Masons For Jesus** took me ‘under their wings’ and let me know I was not alone as an ex-member of an affiliated Masonic order. **Evangelical Ministries to New Religions** has provided Rooftop with accountability and many speaking opportunities. My three webmasters; my brother **Bryan**, and friends **Eric** and **Kenya**, have done an excellent job of putting Rooftop ‘in the spotlight’ on the internet. Thank **YOU** for believing in me and for your encouragement and prayers these past 25 years. May God richly bless you!

Like a butterfly, Rooftop Ministries has morphed throughout these past twenty-five years. Even so, my mission remains the same, “Showing people the way and telling them the truth, that only through Jesus Christ may we have eternal life.”

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