

Introducing Denis V Smith

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Denis Smith came to know Jesus Christ in 1958 after something of a *'Damascus Road conversion'* whilst serving in the Royal Australian Air Force. Years later, he was able to trace his family roots and found he had a praying mother who died when he was only 8 years old. Although with family connections in Mormonism in the U.S.A. he testifies *'God answers the prayers of a praying mother.'* His testimony thrills young and old alike and is a real and unique story of God's sovereign ways.



After graduation from AOG Commonwealth Bible College and training with Wycliffe Bible Translators, he began his ministry in a stone-age culture in Papua New Guinea where he pioneered churches on the Sepik River. Upon his return to Australia he pastored several churches and lectured on Bible College faculties. He served on District, State and National Executives and was appointed National Royal Rangers Chaplain. From 1980 - 1998, he built a large multi-cultural church in Melbourne Australia. There he worked with a full and part-time staff of around 40 people at the Church and an accompanying Christian school. Northside Christian Centre became a church with a strong and active missionary vision, which reflected his leadership.

In 1998 he handed over the leadership of this growing multicultural church to his Associate Pastor. The church after recognising him and his wife as Founding Pastors of the work in Bundoora released them to *apostolic* and *missions* ministry. For two years, he continued as overseer of a network of eight international churches in Melbourne that had been pioneered during his time as Senior Minister. Denis is one of the senior ministers of the Australian Christian Churches [Assemblies of God in Australia] and in 2005 retired from 30 years of involvement with the national leadership of the Fellowship. Following that time, he was involved in training "Back to Jerusalem" missionaries inside China, working with a house church movement of ten million believers.

He has completed a B.A., M.R.E. and a Ph.D. in ecclesiastical development with emphasis in cross-cultural ministries. He served as Chairman of Directors of Southern Cross Bible College [formally Commonwealth Bible College – Now Alpha Crucis]; was an active member of the Assemblies of God World Missions Council for 20 years; Regional Director for China [with around 50 personnel] and as Executive Director of Links Professional Services Inc.

Denis Smith has an outstanding pulpit ministry and is respected as an excellent Bible Teacher with an evangelistic ministry that reaps souls. *'Rev. Denis Smith is one of the Senior Ministers of the Assemblies of God in Australia and I have no hesitation in recommending his ministry.'* writes Dr. Andrew Evans, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Australia.

Denis takes his ministry to the cutting edge of church life by conducting seminars, coaching clinics and mentoring relationships with Christian leaders. His "Church Growth by Design" Seminars cover areas such as "The Power of Vision, Power of Change and the Power of the Team"; "Motivation for Ministry Performance, Managing your Ministry and Improving your Preaching"; "Reaching Multicultural Society, Sharing the Gospel and Cross-Cultural communication"; "Biblical Perspectives of the Supernatural, Spiritual Warfare and Church Alive."



Coupled with multi-media "Family Life Seminars", "Life after Death" and "Amazing Prophecies?" seminars, a wide spectrum of vital biblical truth is shared with the audience. Ministering in over 20 nations, he is respected nationally and internationally as a leader and 'change agent' in modern mission. Using professional evaluation tools, he and his wife Gwen provide objective assessments of minister/missionary candidates and personal coaching/mentoring to ensure quality personnel are released into service in the Kingdom of God. He uses a program he has written – *E-mentoring by Design*.

He is a historian, author and still committed to the Kingdom of God in its many international expressions. He has facilitated *tentmakers* into many emerging nations; trained and released *career missionaries* into their destiny. He has served as a consultant to churches and missions' societies and an advisor to drug rehabilitation organisations, counselling centres, non-government international organisations such as Global Development Group and community groups in Australia.