

*Terry & Ginny  
Bridle*  
Staying in the Centre

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Dear Friends,

For Ginny and me, 2013 was a year that was pretty much dominated by caring for Ginny's Mom & Dad – Jean and Gus Ambrose. Ginny's Mom went to be with her Lord on Thanksgiving Day – October 14, 2013.

So this past Christmas, Jean spent her first Christmas with the Lord, and Ginny spent her first Christmas without her best friend – her dear Mom.

Ginny is now very busy looking after her Dad, Gus, who is coping very well considering his age – 92 later this year – and the fact that he has just lost his wife of 67 years. They were engaged for 5 years previous.



Ginny with her Mom and Dad, Gus and Jean Ambrose



But life - and ministry - go on.

Ginny continues to serve the Lord at Unionville Oasis Church for 15 hours each week; and she still sings with the Toronto Mass Choir, as well as some other solo singing engagements.

When I first met Ginny one of my first questions to her was "What do you want to do with your life?" Her immediate response was simply, "Sing for Jesus!" So I promised to help her fulfill that calling, and have done so throughout our 35 years of marriage and ministry together. (Our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary is January 27<sup>th</sup> this year.) It is important that we husbands support our wives in whatever ministry giftings the Lord has bestowed upon them.



Ginny singing with the Toronto Mass Choir.

As for me, I continue to be blessed with the 'tentmaking' work that I do for *Living Truth*; editing Charles Price's sermons for TV and writing and producing their radio programs. As of February 4<sup>th</sup> this year, the *Living Truth* radio program will be heard in the UK on Premier radio out of London. Because an 'English voice' was needed for the announcer, I find myself adding "radio announcer" to my

résumé. You just never know what the Lord has planned for you to do!

On the 'missionary' front, we are still very active in Romania requiring 3 visits (Terry) last year helping two ministries that reach out to Gypsies; and this year there may be some very significant developments. I am not at liberty to divulge at this moment what these may be, but 'watch this space' and please be in prayer that the Lord's will be done and that I will not step outside of that.

**Staying in the Centre** of God's will is the only place to be.



Our 1979 wedding!

Since Ginny and I first started going into Romania in 1985, we noticed a unique situation amongst the Romanian Christians that required a unique solution.

Romanian Christians are wonderful people who have lived through, and survived, some terrible situations; but as a means to survive, sometimes traditions evolve that are necessary for survival, but that are not strictly biblical. Let me stress these are not sinful practices, but they do need to be addressed if the church is going to move forward in these new days of religious freedom.

Please do not interpret my comments here as being judgmental; they are factual observations, and absolutely not true of everyone.

For example, some people are against tithing, which they see as a “western” concept of greed, rather than a biblical concept which, when applied correctly, releases God’s provision.

Some churches require men to sit on one side of the church, while women have to sit on the other side. Some require women to have their heads covered and do not allow them to have any pulpit ministry – not even to give any announcements.

In some churches, drums or electric guitars are not allowed (some of you may still agree with this) and men cannot wear any ‘adornments’ when preaching – no rings, neckties or watches.

On one side, this all seems very conservative, but then at the charismatic end of the scale, some enthusiastic Romanians (being a distinctly ‘Latin’ nation, more like Italians than their dour neighbouring countries) are highly susceptible to what I will call ‘charismatic’ excesses that are also not biblical.

Inhabiting both of these extremes, are wonderful sincere groups of people – but how can we graciously help them to ‘re-balance’ their theology – to **Stay in the Centre?**



The teaching ministry of Charles Price, through *Living Truth* TV and radio, is respected as one of the best, most

balanced and biblically accurate Bible-based ministries. I am thrilled to announce that, as of April 6, 2014, *Living Truth* will be seen weekly on TV in Romania.

This is a project I have been working on with some Romanian Pastors for over 10 years (*it was not an initiative of Living Truth*) and this is one of the things that your financial support and prayers have helped to become a reality. **To God be the glory!**

From an existing base of wonderful Christians, biblically accurate, well-balanced theology that **Stays in the Centre** will help the church in Romania to grow strong and flourish.

We value your continued prayers and support, 100 percent of which enables us to continue to help those in Romania to reach out to Gypsy children, orphans, widows and the destitute. To get an idea of the ministry in Romania we have started to work with, please visit this website – [www.thesmilesfoundation.org](http://www.thesmilesfoundation.org) – to see the full extent of what it is accomplishing for the Lord.



Terry at a Gypsy village in Romania

Happy New Year!  
More exciting news will follow this year.

God Bless!

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