



Suzanne giving gospel to 160,000

# Healing Touch...

By Karen Dugdale

*Writing this article has given me a small glimpse as to how essence's own columnist Grant Shanks must feel when he puts his thoughts out in his 'One View' column. Well, now it's my turn to put a 'one view' across and due to the very nature of this piece I must stress that this is just my view and not necessarily the view of the team at essence magazine.*

In February this year, Christian and non Christian members of the North Canterbury community enjoyed over nineteen unique services and prayer groups hosted by Suzanne Pillans.

Suzanne's life over the last twenty five years has been nothing short of incredible, a story which is interesting whether you are a believer or not! She started her Christian life as a regular churchgoer, but really committed herself to God through the miraculous healing of her beloved horse Jacky Boy in 1974, who had broken his leg in two places and was instantly healed. Since then she has dedicated her life to God with the support of her husband and daughter.

Having been to Bible college Suzanne realised there was still something more out there and somewhere she was missing the truth. Suzanne turned to the scriptures and now only reads the Bible. In 2002 Suzanne went on an organised Christian trip called Eurovision, headed by David Hathaway, where she believed the Lord anointed her with a healing ministry. Since then she has been invited to speak in many different countries, conferences and churches as an evangelist focussing on healing, working under the submission of the pastor, within the boundaries of that church. In the early days of preaching Suzanne said that she would have a multitude of notes on hand, now she allows God to speak through her and just jots down the odd verse as a reference.

Suzanne has seen and witnessed many healings, especially physical ones. "I was preaching in Latvia a few years ago when I experienced the most amazing miracle. In the morning service we had prayed for healing of a young lady who had been born with a deformed jaw. We continued to pray and towards the end

of the day this young lady came back to the church shouting "my face, my face". We were all overjoyed and praised God as during the day he had gradually aligned her face and teeth so that she had no deformity at all."

During her recent trip to New Zealand, Suzanne has been greatly encouraged by many healings, especially those of young people. I had the opportunity to attend two of her services at the Rangiora Baptist Church, and witnessed some healings for myself. One teenager, who had used crutches for the previous 5 years, was healed instantly being able to walk and run without any aids. I was told that the next day at school, everyone

days, weeks, months and maybe even years. I personally went up for healing for a chronic condition and Suzanne prayed for me. During the prayer I fell down backwards (no one had touched me, although I was grateful to whoever caught me!). I have no idea how long I stayed on the floor and I can't tell you that I felt anything significant. On 'getting up' I didn't feel any different, my condition doesn't have a pain that I can rationally equate to being there or not. However, since that point, and not straight away I should add, my illness has changed. I don't really feel better but things are definitely changing and my tests results have altered. Coincidence? You decide!

following a message she received from God telling her to reach remote villages in India with evangelists on bicycles. These evangelists need bicycles, as many villages have no roads to them.. Her first thought was "how an earth am I going to do this? Not one to give up easily, she turned to her skill as a riding instructor and ran horse shows at first to raise money for 22 bicycles.

Those 22 bicycles helped to establish 54 Churches. In 2008, evangelists with 1,012 bicycles helped to establish over 10,000 churches with around 500,000 new believers. Suzanne's strategy has been simple, "it was God's idea", she says, "who would have thought of reaching thousands of people with just a bicycle?". It is important to point out that Suzanne does not charge anyone to hear her speak or for any of the work that she undertakes; she puts her faith and trust that God will provide for her!

Does she ever feel exhausted? "No" she simply replies, "God has never pushed me too far and he has always refreshed me and given me energy to carry on". Does she get much time to herself? She laughs and says that normally on Christmas Day she is free! Intrigued, I ask her how she felt about the journey her life has taken. She smiles saying "I often ask God - why me? I'm just a riding instructor from the UK" and then she jokes saying "probably because he couldn't find anyone else to do the job!"

If you would like to find out more information on Suzanne's Ministries please e-mail her at [wpillans@aol.com](mailto:wpillans@aol.com) or visit her website [www.suzanneministries.co.uk](http://www.suzanneministries.co.uk). Joy Johnson of Rangiora looks after Suzanne's ministry here in New Zealand and she can be contacted on 03 313 8885.



who knew her was so amazed with what had happened, she was invited to speak in assembly about what God had done for her. Another man who, for the last 3 years, had experienced pain and was unable to bend his ankle - due to housing two pins following an accident, was also instantly healed and able to run without any pain and had a much greater degree of movement.

Not everyone gets an 'instant healing', for some it will be over the course of

Suzanne not only assists with God's healing work but she has also set up a ministry 'Step out In Faith'. Last year she returned from a three day crusade to India, where she was encouraged, seeing thousands of people healed as they listened to the gospel, 20,000 people attending the first day, 85,000 on the second and 160,000 on the third day. The news of the number of healings was shown on National TV.

In 2005 Suzanne began another ministry,