

I left behind a very successful career as a classical musician (conductor and flautist) when I left Austria in 1983. On a round the world trip (on sabbatical leave) I discovered New Zealand and here I found a love and passion for nature and what I now call "The Inner Game". I started my "Journey Towards Optimum Wellbeing" which includes ALL aspects of life – Physical – Mental – Emotional – Spiritual – Financial & Social with the key word being BALANCE!

This involved a lot of CHANGE on every level. As a travelling musician for 7 years, I developed a keen passion for growing organic food and the ideal of self sufficiency and eventually decided to live a very remote hermit like life. First I needed to spend a couple of years by myself before being ready to meet my wife Ana and we lived in this very remote place on the west coast of the South Island for 10 years.

This idyllic lifestyle had to CHANGE again when at the age of 40 I became a father to my beautiful daughter Maniana. I did not want to go back to my past skills for making money, as that would have involved living a city lifestyle again and I was not willing to compromise that far away from what I had been living for so long. I wanted to share what I had learned in my deeply spiritual and very FREEDOM oriented lifestyle and had no idea how to turn this into income ... until I was introduced to the ultimate FREE Enterprise business model called Network Marketing. Once I knew this new paradigm of business existed, where someone like me can come out of the 'bush' (woods/forrest) with nothing – I was 42 by then and had no money no assets and no inheritance waiting for me – and start a cooperative business, I was up and running in no time! I took this opportunity very seriously and with utter gratitude built this business successfully, with no prior experience, into an abundant (six figure) residual income for my family, within 2 years!

By helping other people get what they want, I got much more than I ever could imagine! There are so many values, kind of hidden, within this business model that one could not buy with money! The personal growth that comes with the success – the business education leading to financial literacy at the highest level, which some people pay thousands of dollars for IF they can find it at all...and the leadership development, public speaking skills and the amazing lifelong, deep and meaningful friendships that are built by default, as you can not succeed without all the above. The global cooperation and support is unheard of in the old paradigm of competitive business. In this NEW PARADIGM it's all about Love and Service and I just love being of service and making a difference!

Our life has been unfolding like a dream, a miracle it seems to the old conditioned mind. We now live in our chosen 'Paradise' in Golden Bay, the top of the South Island of New Zealand, on a freehold property near the beach where I can see the ocean on one side and the mountain peaks (snowy in winter) on the other side from my home-office windows, yet no neighbors in sight and we have a large food garden and orchard, chickens, ducks and two cats. I choose what I want to do with my time as well as my money and I am supporting the local community in many ways...

I conduct the local orchestra, support local artists and have been passionately involved in The Rites Of Passage Foundation as the vice chairperson and as an Elder at events for 10 years. Also, thanks to my residual income, I had the time & money to study Yuan Tze Ren Xue ® (Chinese Wisdom Culture) and Yuan Gong ® (Qigong/Chi Kung) since 2003 and continue to learn about Optimum Wellbeing. My daughter and I have traveled the world many times to visit family and friends in Austria, USA and Asia and we are free to go wherever we want whenever we want to, while my wife Ana is happy to stay at home in her garden – we all get to do what we enjoy the most. Ana and I together study everything we can find on the latest nutritional research and longevity.

I sure had a lot of growing to do and I am a living example of this business working for people who actually 'work it', which mostly is on the 'Inner Game' level, as this business will only grow as fast as you do!

I am forever grateful to my friend Brendon who introduced me to the concept and to Christa who got me into it and Michael Jude her husband who is my business mentor, Zvone and Lisa, as well as so many other people who have become friends and mentors, in fact everyone I am working with. We celebrate this gratitude as our family grows and expands globally, when we get together for our big events which we call our 'Family Reunion'.

My VISION is of a peaceful planet that is full of natural abundance, and naturally creative people, no longer held back by misinformation, nutritionally starved cells and financial pressure, who are supporting each other on their journey through this amazing LIFE!

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