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## **A Tale of Two Countries - and Two Prisoners Within**

Tony and David have both spent time behind bars. They have both counted the days in their dark and dreary cells, waiting and hoping that their release would come both soon and suddenly. David was imprisoned in what was then called Czechoslovakia. Tony's incarceration was in Cyprus. His arrest could have been as a result of any of the murders, thefts and intimidations which he had committed as a 3 times Kung Fu world champion and bodyguard to the rich and influential. David's crime was of possessing Bibles and of Christian materials underneath his tour bus to give to Christians behind what was then called "The Iron Curtain". Their pasts and paths could not have been more different. Yet Tony and David have both met the Jesus of Nazareth that another prisoner, Paul of Tarsus, met on the road to Damascus almost 2,000 years ago. While in prison Tony was befriended by a minister in Cyprus. From those weekly chats during visiting time Tony laid down his old life and its fame, notoriety and wealth and decided to follow a new Master - Jesus Christ. David Hathaway, on the other hand, grew up in a Christian home and became a Christian, himself, at the age of eight. By the time he was 18 years old he had been preaching for over 5 years and was Pastoring a church. At the same time he was attending Bible college.

Tony Anthony has written his life changing story in his book "Taming the Tiger" and has been working full time as an evangelist as well as training others to fill his shoes. David Hathaway's remarkable story is chronicled in the book "Czech Mate" which has circled the globe. He also travels the world sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of God's Word. Much of his ministry is centred in Russia, The Ukraine and the CIS countries (formerly the U. S. S. R.) where he broadcasts his packed meetings live. It is not uncommon for him to have thousands of people at his meetings with, afterwards, hundreds of people experiencing dramatic healings from trusting the promises of the Bible.

Both of these men have been special guests recently in the filming of two programmes in the "Principles of Leadership" television and DVD series produced by a UK charity - Harvest Fields Commissioning International and its media production arm, OLI Productions. Other guests in the series, airing worldwide on many independent TV and satellite networks, are some of Christianity's most well known and loved leaders and authors - from "God's Smuggler" Brother Andrew to NY Times best selling author Joyce Meyer, from Hong Kong's Jackie Pullinger MBE to Roy Castle's widow author Fiona Castle MBE to author and House Church leader Brother Yun (author of the best selling book "The Heavenly Man") . When completed the 52 programmes / interviews which include authors and politicians, preachers and evangelists will be of great assistance to individuals, churches and charities in training their leadership.

HFC International's leadership series are currently being broadcast on 15 Christian and independent television networks around the world including SAT 7 (the Middle East), CNL (Russia and worldwide), Gospel Channel (Scandinavia), The Australian Christian Channel, the Alfa and Omega Network (Romania and worldwide), Premier TV (U.K.), Shine TV (New Zealand), U Channel (Indonesia), the Family 7 Network (Holland) and IFBN (Israel).

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