

NFSH

Healing in America



Those healers who rely on working with patients to make a living will be aware of the challenges presented and that just being on our spiritual pathway, doesn't always guarantee queues of people outside our front door, waiting for healing.

Imagine then, the situation of starting a healing practice in a country where spiritual healing is not well known, where pharmaceutical companies and the medical profession dismiss anything which is unorthodox, and where television advertisements churn out continual messages of fear about what can happen if you don't take all sorts of medication.

Add this to the fact that you don't know anyone and no one knows you!

That is what happened at the end of 2002 when two NFSH Healers, Roger Ford and Kim Vincent, moved to Ojai in California to set up NFSH Healing in America.

They decided to move from a very successful practice in Bristol, after a patient urged them to move and take their work to Ojai, just north of Los Angeles. After a short trip out there and meditating for guidance, they strongly felt they should move, so they sold their house, bought a house on the internet and moved – all within three months. A true act of faith!

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The first realisation of what they had done came after a few day of arriving there when there were no phone calls, no enquiries, and curt dismissals from doctors when trying to make appointments to explain what spiritual healing is and how they could integrate it into their practices.

It reminded Roger of the story of two shoe salesmen who went to a desert island to sell shoes. The first one soon called his office and said

“get me out of here there is no point in trying to sell shoes here, no one wears them.” The other salesman called his office and requested they send as many shoes as possible – “what an opportunity we have as everyone could be wearing them.”

Same situation, just a different point of view.

So, with determination and an understanding of the enormous opportunities the USA has for spiritual healing, Roger and Kim started planning how they could establish themselves as practitioners and how to set up NFSH Healing in America to run Certified Energy Healer Training and to ‘mirror’ the best bits of the UK operation.

“As we had limited resources, we used a formula which had been effective in England to see what happened,” says Roger. “In America, much is done with networking – so it was important we met as many people as possible, to let everyone know what we did and let them experience healing. Having searched



for the 'right' premises we then decided to run a weekly guided meditation and healing circle.

"We were told that the area we worked in was devoid of anyone spiritual and we were wasting our time.

The first evening 16 people attended and eventually outgrew the capacity of the room."

A web site was developed, talks were given to any group, organisation, chamber of commerce or any gathering that would listen. From these talks came patients and people interested in attending the NFSH Healing courses.

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"The first Part 1 & 2 took place in June 2004 in our front room – with Kim making the lunch for everyone in between presenting 'Sensing



Roger Ford

Energies' and 'Distant Healing'!" As California has a reputation for being a bit weird the main attraction of the NFSH workshops seemed to be the very grounded and normal approach to healing and of course the fact it was formed over 50 years ago. People are still amazed that spiritual healers actually work with doctors, in hospitals and hospices etc in Europe.

After going through yellow pages and telephoning all doctors in the area about a meeting to talk about healing – finally one said, "yes – let's meet for coffee".

The meeting took place in Santa Barbara at 6.15 am, there was instant empathy and understanding and a great friendship ensued. It turned out that the doctor in



Kim Vincent

question, Dr David Cumes, is not only a highly respected surgeon but also a Shaman.

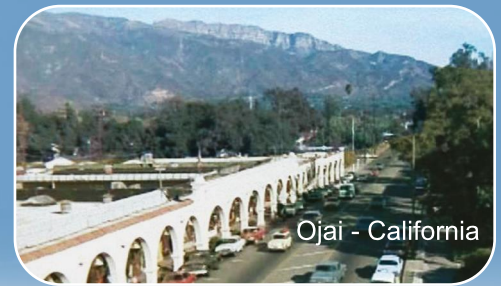
With his support an introduction was made to the Omega programme for adult education in Santa Barbara and Roger and Kim were asked to give a two-hour presentation on spiritual healing, with David Cumes agreeing to introduce and sponsor them.

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At their first talk, over 100 people attended, a little curious about these strange Brits with funny accents talking about spiritual healing. From this group, many



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brought CDs, joined the meditation group and attended the NFSH courses.

They were then asked to appear on local cable TV in a programme called 'Align with the Divine' after which they were asked by another presenter to appear for an hour on 'Let us Connect' where the talk was on spiritual healing, and a live demonstration of healing on two patients was organised.

Healing in America had a stand in Los Angeles at the three day 'Conscious Life Expo', their first major exhibition since arriving in the USA and were able to give a one hour lecture during the afternoon. By offering a free raffle entry – with the prize being a place on the next Part 1 & 2 Healing Workshop – they were created a lot of interest and built up a data base of potential attendees. They also attended a two day exhibition in Pasadena, ran introduction to spiritual healing workshops in Arizona, Seattle, Michigan and Florida.

While people in America think nothing of flying thousands of miles

for the right weekend workshop, it is good to meet the people in their own location.

"We are only scratching the surface," says Kim. "This is a country of 300 million people and we both feel the time is right for spiritual healing to come to the fore.

"We currently have a total of nine trainers based in California, Michigan, Wisconsin and Florida – people with the right skills and empathy who can maintain the high level of integrity and professionalism needed to teach spiritual healing."

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In 2010 they moved and created a beautiful Holistic Healing Center in the heart of Ojai – which is now used for seeing patients and renting space to other complementary therapists. Each week there are talks and workshops by a number of excellent speakers and once a month a Holistic Healing Fair is held. This is creating considerable interest – with 12-15 practitioners offering

20 minute sessions for \$20 (about £13) – with treatments such as Sound Healing, Naturopathic Kinesiology, Cranio-Sacral, Reflexology, Intuitive Readings, Ionic Foot Therapy and of course Spiritual Healing.

"This is a great way of giving people a 'taster' – they then often come back for an hour's session," says Roger, "and many are interested in the healer training we offer.

"In July this year we were honoured to have H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Sarawatiji come to our centre where he spoke of 'Peace in the Chaos'. He is a personal friend of the Dali Lama and has the largest ashram in northern India so the place was overflowing with people wishing to 'be in his energy'".

So, for those who are finding it tough to set up a practice– take heart – the need is there, you have the skills and the NFSH is well established and well known. Just go for it and trust!

Watch this space!

Roger Ford & Kim Vincent