

One speaker Dove Fellowships should not miss is Josie Olsen. This fragile, vulnerable yet tough, beautiful woman walked from Wellington to Auckland with her white cross inscribed with the words REPENT. Her story will touch your heart. It will make you laugh. It will bring tears to your eyes as she tells of praying with young people, hurting people, lonely people, truckies, praying for physical healing and those looking for answers as to why the world is in such a state. Totally God guided the whole way and spreading the good news and speaking of the need for repentance she shared His story and her story both on the street and in churches. Very little had been planned and the going wasn't always easy – this is a must hear speaker.

Now Josie suffers from Chronic Fatigue and in November 2010 could only walk a kilometre and after that, suffered from total exhaustion. So it wasn't going to be easy but she started walking in faith and gradually increased her mileage over the next three months until she ended up doing 25 km one day. Now she had to do this every day on the walk – a huge ask. But as God built up her strength he also built up her confidence until she commenced her walk on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The actual walk took 40 days – his timing not hers.

Josie had taken the call of repentance (2 Chron. 7.14) to cities in New Zealand prior to 2011. However in 2010 she had had a vision of a white cross and sensed the time had come for her to take this message throughout the nation. In 2001 God had placed this call on her life and she had said, "If people don't listen, I will personally walk through the whole country taking the message." God took her at her word. (The South Island is yet to come but may be later this year.)

The stories Josie had to tell held us all spellbound – and underpinning her message is the truth that the Father loves us and above all He wants us to love him and to love our neighbour unconditionally – something the church in this country has fallen short of. And as we repent as a church and as individuals he will bring His renewing refreshing fire back into our churches. Praise the Lord.