



Diane Bisson

Reaching Out

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Australia took its toll on Diane Bisson. The now-retired Welland teacher travelled to Sydney with her partner to teach for a year in 1987. It had always been Bisson's dream but the adventure turned out to be far less than she imagined. A serious car accident in Sydney ended her teaching contract early. But Bisson could not return to Canada to heal until five months after the fact when doctors thought her body would finally be able to withstand the journey. Despite her desperation to return to her home in Welland, once she got there, her situation only worsened.

Bisson's book details her downward spiral into depression after the accident, the toll it took on her relationships, her loss of self-esteem, her loss of faith and her rediscovery of it again. Bisson has since healed herself physically, emotionally, and spiritually and has mended her relationships with family and friends because of what she said is God's unconditional love.

"God accepts us as we are and loves us the way we are. If we allow Him to come into our lives, He will help us be the person He wants us to be," Bisson said.