

APPENDICES

THE BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR OF NICK VUJICIC



Nick Vujicic was born on December 4, 1982 in Melbourne, Australia. He has one brother and one sister Michelle and Aaron. Although he was an otherwise healthy baby, Nick was born without arms and legs. He had no legs, but two small feet, one of which had two toes. Initially, a Victoria state law prevented Nick from attending a mainstream school due to his physical disability in spite of a lack of mental impairment. However, Nick Vujicic became one of the first physically disabled students integrated into a mainstream school once those laws changed. However, his lack of limbs made him a target for school bullies, and he fell into a

severe depression. At age eight, he contemplated suicide and even tried to drown himself in his bathtub at age ten. His love for his parents prevented him from following through. He also stated in his music video "Something More" that God had a plan for his life and he could not bring himself to drown because of this.

Nick Vujicic speaking during the session "Inspired for a Lifetime" at the Annual Meeting 2011 of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on 30 January 2011. Vujicic graduated from Griffith University at the age of 21 with a double major in accountancy and financial planning. Subsequently he became a motivational speaker, travelling internationally and focusing on teen issues. Having addressed over three million people in over 24 countries on five continents, he speaks to corporate audiences, congregations, and schools.

Nick Vujicic promotes his work through television shows and through his writing. His first book, *Life Without Limbs: Inspiration for a Ridiculously Good Life* (Random House, 2010) was published in 2010. He markets a motivational DVD, *Life's Greater Purpose*, a short documentary filmed in 2005 highlighting his home life and regular activities. The second part of the DVD was filmed at his local church in Brisbane – one of his first professional motivational speeches. He markets a DVD for young people titled: *No Arms, No Legs, No Worries: Youth Version*.

He starred in the short film *The Butterfly Circus*, which won the Doorpost Film Project's top prize of 2009 and the Best Short Film award at the Method Fest

Film Festival, where Vujicic was also awarded Best Actor in a short film. Butterfly Circus also won the best short film award at The Feel Good Film Festival in Hollywood in 2010.

Vujicic wrote that he keeps a pair of shoes in his closet due to his belief in miracles. In 2005 Vujicic was nominated for the Young Australian of the Year Award.

Vujicic currently lives in Los Angeles, California, United States. On 12 February 2012, he married his fiancée, Kanae Miyahara, and on 13 February 2013, their son Kiyoshi James Vujicic was born weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces.