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***This Issue:*** *Miracles of Faith, Moslems find Christ and Reports from around Europe*

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'There are two ways to live your life,  
One is as though nothing is a miracle,  
The other is as though everything is a miracle.'

Albert Einstein – 1879-1955



## **Miracles of Faith**

Imagine being told you have melanoma cancer throughout your body, and in your brain. The doctors from the hospital tell you there is nothing they can do for you, because even experimental chemotherapy will not kill the cancer in the brain. To most people this would be devastating; however when David Sumrell was given the news he looked up and said "Thank You Lord, now You and I can work this out together."

David had been all over the world helping others and while in Africa in 2003, he discovered he couldn't see out of his left eye. After being sent to the eye doctor the diagnosis was that he had a melanoma tumor in his eye. David had a radioactive plaque attached to his eye for five days with the prognosis being the tumor would die without removing the eye.

While recovering from the surgery David noticed a spot on the right side of his head, just beneath his ear, like a piece of sand. During his next examination he pointed it out to the doctors. He went into emergency surgery immediately and the biopsy was

diagnosed as melanoma cancer in the lymphnode system. After many tests were run David's only hope was aggressive chemotherapy.

He was sent back to the hospital only to be told by the leading cancer doctors that there was nothing that could be done for him. While he and his sister were driving back to Virginia, David started thanking the Lord for all the blessings He had bestowed upon him throughout his life. He thanked the Lord for allowing him an opportunity to see his children grow up.

David told the Lord if it was His will for him to die, then he was ready for His will to be done; however if the Lord would give him the opportunity, then David would write three books in His honour. David completed his third book at the end of last year and now has no cancer anywhere in his body, almost 18 months after he was supposed to be dead. His third book is about his Faith and the many miracles he has been blessed with. David has completed his promise to the Lord. What has happened to him is being called a miracle, even by his doctors. With faith, miracles do happen. Source: Christian Newswire.

### **Moslems find Christ through dreams and visions**

"In the last days," says God, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28)

We are being confronted almost on a daily basis with the increase of the Moslem populations in our nations and the rise of Islam. What should be our response as Christians ? Well it is important that we continue to maintain a Christian witness in our daily lives, and pray for the Moslems. Stories are surfacing of God intervening directly in the lives of Moslems in many nations.

Throughout the Moslem world men and women without knowledge of the Gospel or having contact with Christians have experienced dreams and visions of Jesus Christ. The reports of these supernatural occurrences often come from 'closed countries' where there is no preaching of the good news and where converting to Christianity can invoke the death sentence. But these are more than just ordinary dreams. What makes them different is the intense reality of the experiences, and the surrender of one's heart and mind to Christ. A common denominator appears to be that the dreams come to those who are seeking - as best they can - to know and please God.

### **Five impacting stories**

**Khalil**, a radical Egyptian terrorist, changed from a murderous 'Saul' to a forgiving 'Paul'. He set out to discredit the Bible but could not; although he despised Christians and Jews, his heart was changed forever when Jesus appeared to him in a dream that penetrated his soul.

**Khosrow**, a teenager in Iran, despaired of life itself. That is, until he experienced a vision of Jesus Christ. In the vision, Christ extended his hand toward Khosrow, inviting him to take hold and promising him that his "life would change forever." Khosrow took Jesus' hand and, as he describes it, "waves of electricity flowed through my body over and over again. I wept for the first time since I was a child and joy filled my heart."

**Dini** also came to faith in Christ as a teenager in her native Indonesia. Feeling let down by her family, friends and society and drifting into rebellion, Dini nonetheless yearned to know God and please him. On the night when Moslems around the world make individualized prayers to Allah, Dini experienced a vision of Jesus Christ, who appeared before her and told her to follow him. Dini was hesitant. As a Moslem, she realized that following Christ would make her a Christian. But she overcame her fear and committed her life to Christ that same

night. Peace filled her heart, even as persecution began.

**Mohammed** in northern Nigeria did not have just one dream of Jesus Christ - he had seven! Son of a prominent Fulani herdsman, Mohammed had studied the Qur'an in depth at several Moslem schools. He was preparing to leave for advanced studies in Saudi Arabia when he experienced the series of dreams that convinced him of the deep love and lordship of Jesus Christ. Although his father tried to kill him because of his conversion, Mohammed survived the various attempts on his life and persevered in his Christian walk, eventually leading his father to faith in Christ.

**Ali** grew up in an area of Turkey heavily influenced by communist ideology. As a boy he talked to a god he surmised must be there, as evidenced by the beauty of the natural world around him. Married at a young age, he became an alcoholic. Desperate for a solution to his addiction, Ali went to Saudi Arabia to work in construction, reasoning that he would have to quit drinking because alcohol was forbidden there. To his dismay friends showed him where to buy alcohol on the night of his arrival. Not willing to give up easily, Ali made the pilgrimage to Mecca in hopes that God would free him of his addiction and lead him in the way of a true and better Moslem. While sleeping a stone's throw from the Ka'aba, Ali experienced a dream of Jesus Christ that changed him forever.

### **More than dreams project**

Christian testimonies of former Moslems are being broadcast by the organisation 'More than Dreams' in Arabic on satellite TV across the Middle East and North Africa. It is also currently airing in Farsi on a satellite channel broadcasting to Iran and the Iranian Diaspora in Europe. Broadcasts are planned for other language versions as they are completed. However, due to the nature of 'More Than Dreams' the producers are putting more emphasis on physical

distribution in DVD format than on broadcast of the series. In fact, they have set a goal of distributing ten million copies directly and through partnerships in the next three to five years.

Source: Lausanne movement  
Video website: [www.morethandreams.tv](http://www.morethandreams.tv) -

Rad Jakob, chapter president FGBMFI Braunschweig, Germany, has a ministry amongst Arabs. Both he and his wife Maha are originally from Syrian orthodox background. Rad writes 'parallel to the chapter work, my wife Maha and I have an Arabic Bible study meeting in our home. We see how brothers and sisters grow in faith and in knowledge and prayer. I have also recently started a men's Bible study meeting, to teach them how to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and be born again. We are also part of a monthly evangelistic Arabic meeting in Hannover. In this meeting many Moslems come and become Christians'.



In June I visited Alf Liljehall and the FGBMFI members in Sweden, we had chapter meetings in Stockholm, and I could speak to many Arabs about Jesus. Gabriel, a man from our chapter was with me to testify how he received Christ. He came with us one day to the prayer meeting in Hannover and during the meeting the Lord Jesus baptised him in the Holy Ghost and healed him from asthma. Now his life is changed and his daughter and son have been 'born again', because they see how their father's life has changed. Now we

continue to pray for Gabriel's wife and the rest of his family to become Christians.

Rad says 'during July 21-25 we are helping to organise an Arabic conference in Bielefeld, near Hannover. It is supported by the Arabic TV channel 'the life.tv'

For more information about the ministry of Rad or about Arabic TV channels, contact Rad Jakob at [G.grigat@t-online.de](mailto:G.grigat@t-online.de)

### **Gaza**

There has been regular news about the BBC kidnap victim Alan Johnston, and we are happy to hear of his recent release. But how many of us are aware of the Christians who live in the Gaza strip? They number some 2000 and are under great pressure by Hamas to follow Islamic law. The Islamist militant leader Sheik Abu Sager has warned the Christian community not to engage in any kind of evangelism or they will be dealt with harshly. Many Christians are now living in hiding, for them there is no release.

Please pray for these Christians that God will give them wisdom to know what to do and that they will not be discouraged by the persecution and violence.

### **Cyprus**

Peter and Mary Spreckley, UK Natl. President, went to Cyprus at the beginning of May at the invitation of the newly formed Fellowship, which had grown out of many years sowing by John Wright, European Council Director, with responsibility for the Mediterranean region.

Peter says 'we spoke at two new chapters. The first inaugural dinner was in Limassol where there were 50 guests. The evening took an unexpected turn when just before Peter was about to speak a group of itinerant musicians walked in and started playing, and then passed a hat around expecting payment! Daniel Ioannides, the National Director quickly dealt with them. The following evening we spoke at the Nicosia inaugural dinner when 100 were present. A number of people responded to the invitation for salvation, and there was

much prayer for healing. The wife of the owner of the restaurant rushed forward for prayer and was instantly healed of a tumor in her throat, which was to have been operated on during the following week. Instead, when she visited the consultant he gave her the 'all clear'.

There were also training sessions in both cities when those present heard of and then experienced the power of the Holy Spirit to heal, as men and women prayed for each other. The Fellowship in Cyprus has started well, with many excellent men as members, but they would welcome men to go out to share with and encourage them'.

Daniel Ioannides adds, 'a brother who has business connections in the city of Larnaca was touched by God during the Nicosia chapter dinner and said he wanted to gather the men together in Larnaca to begin a chapter there. The members are encouraged to meet regularly to pray and to have fellowship. We are believing for a chapter in every town in Cyprus.

Please pray for Daniel Ioannides as he develops this work in Cyprus.

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### **Malta**

The work of the Fellowship in Malta is moving forward under the leadership of the new national president Godwin Mallia. The meetings are held near the main city of Valletta. Although the numbers are small there is wonderfully unity and expectation that new members will join and new chapters started. The island receives many tourists throughout the year and members visiting are welcome to join the Fellowship meetings and share testimony. Godwin Mallia: [godwin@sonsmal.com](mailto:godwin@sonsmal.com)

Please pray for the health of the former president Eddie Zammit. He has diabetes and this is causing loss of sight. Eddie and his wife Doris are still active in the Fellowship.

### **Spain.**

We have already reported in earlier editions of our Networking Newsletter the miraculous

growth of the FGBMFI in the nation of Spain, when for a number of years the Fellowship was dormant. Bruce Wick, Natl. Director Spain says ' a lot is happening every day'. Within a few months six chapters have started and by the middle of July the chapter in Madrid will be restarted mainly with Spanish nationals. Bruce is also planning to target the area of Barcelona and contact former members. Bruce is thankful for the help of Lionel Ferrier, a former diplomat, who speaks Spanish fluently. Caroline Wick, the wife of Bruce, feels called of God to start 'Ladies of the Fellowship' in Spain. Besides building up a fellowship of the ladies she believes this is an important way of getting their husbands saved and committed to following Christ. Please pray for this work.

Bruce says the official registration of FGBMFI in Spain is making good progress and this could be completed within a few weeks.

We are planning a European Convention with international speakers in southern Spain at the Benalmadena Costa, Malaga, March 14 to 16, 2008. Members please note this important event and come with your wives for a time of refreshing in soul and body . For more information contact Bruce Wick at

[FGBMFISpain@gmail.com](mailto:FGBMFISpain@gmail.com)

### **Russia**

Roland Benz, Outreach Director writes ' I have just contacted Andrey Klementyer Chapter President St. Petersburg and National Secretary for Russia and was also able to speak to Rodger Gonzales before the chapter meeting started.

Humberto Arguilla and Roger Gonzalez, Natl. Directors Nicaragua, have already been in Krasnoyarsk, Moscow and tomorrow in St. Petersburg. They are instructing the members in 'fire team outreach'. We trust this will have its impact on FGBMFI Russia in due time'.

**Armenia** "Fire Team Outreach" is planned for September 5 to 20, 2007, under the

leadership Douglas Raine, USA Director, for details: [douglasraine@koyote.com](mailto:douglasraine@koyote.com)  
This is a follow up to their outreach in March 2007

**Bulgaria** "Fire Team Outreach" will take place in the city of Varna on the Black Sea September 13 to 23, 2007. Brad Stine USA Director will be leading and coordinating this outreach. The FGBMFI team, with the support of our Bulgarian National Director Dobri Tonev, will be working with Christian Adventures International. For information about this outreach contact Brad Stine [bstine@harvesthomeland.com](mailto:bstine@harvesthomeland.com)

### **Latvia**

Rodney Radcliffe, Director responsible for Latvia, has been in contact with Guntis Ziverts a former FGBMFI chapter president in Riga, concerning an outreach from October 29 to November 2. In particular it is hoped to reach business leaders. Guntis is planning to ask for help from other christian organisations for this outreach, although it would be under the FGBMFI banner and vision. Members from other nations are welcome to join this outreach and it is hoped that brothers from Finland and Sweden will support Guntis in this work to see the FGBMFI re established in Latvia.

Rodney Radcliffe has family links to Latvia, as his great grandfather was formerly Lord Mayor of Riga.

For more information about this outreach contact Rodney at [FGBLondon@aol.com](mailto:FGBLondon@aol.com)

Rodney Radcliffe who lives in London and is a UK Natl. Director writes:

'On June 20th we had a very encouraging Networking + Marketplace evening at the MLS Business Centre in London. 68 people came to fill the theatre style room. The evening started with refreshments leading into 11 people sharing for 5 minutes each about what God is doing in the christian marketplace, and in business in the City of London and outside. FGBMFI co-ordinated and led the evening supported by Intl. Christian Chamber of Commerce, A Call to

Business, Anointed for Business, Workplace Ministries and West End Light Lunch Ministries. Each of these ministries are Holy Spirit empowered. The evening was chaired by Graham Tromans of FGBMFI and myself, supported by our London FGBMFI men. We meet monthly for prayer and planning at Graham and Margaret Troman's office

Our Vision for the Networking + Marketplace events has been to be an instrument in FGBMFI for bringing Holy Spirit empowered marketplace ministries together to join in reaching out to men for Jesus. Demos prayed that FGBMFI might move forward as a unifying force - this we are doing in the marketplace as well as the local church, and God is providing the means and bringing the blessing. Paul Williams, founder of MLS Business Centres, is letting us use his London offices free of charge in the evenings. I meet with Paul and leaders of the marketplace ministries, participating monthly for prayer and strategy at the invitation of A Call to Business.

### **6 Full Gospel Ministers and an FGBMFI Mexican evening!**

Some 50 came to a dinner at Bandinos, a Mexican restaurant in Herne Hill, South East London, to enjoy light Mexican music, juicy barbecued pork chops, ice cream, teas and coffee.

Five local church ministers, representing the Anglican, Baptist, New Frontiers church, and the Brixton prison chaplaincy, each shared 10 minute testimonies with forward vision for the community. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Uwadiae, visiting London, who helped found FGBMFI in West Africa, also shared global vision for ten minutes with his son Michael who is an ordained minister. The evening concluded with a call to be born again, for re-commitments and ministry. Three of the ministers and others shared words of knowledge. The restaurant owners were greatly touched through the evening and requested one local minister to visit them to share more about Jesus.

The evening meeting was a success and helped unite the local church leaders and enabled them to get the vision of FGBMFI.

**John Walker**, European Vice President is encouraged by the growth and blessings at his chapter in the UK Midlands. At one dinner there were seven salvations and a Moslem restaurant owner said 'I am a Moslem, but tonight I want to receive your Jesus'.

**Stuart Cripps**, Natl. Director North West, says the Manchester chapter are now meeting in a restaurant popular with university students and city-centre diners. Three new members were added at their first meeting. Both Manchester and Liverpool chapters are planning to hold meetings at their local universities. Stuart says 'we want to re-start the Blackpool chapter and are working with the christian organisation 'Soul Food Cinema Club' to show christian films and videos after meals in a nearby restaurant.

**Michael Wilshire**, Natl. Director East Anglia, says the regional convention attracted some 170 people and was mentioned on radio and in the local press. FGBMFI members responded to the 'wake up call' to make fresh commitments to Christ and received encouragement, healing and prophesy.

Tom Maguire, former Natl. President **Ireland**, says outreach meetings have been held recently in Toome and Ballymena; reports of answered prayer, healings and new members continue. A new chapter has started in Colrairie and two new chapters are planned for Northern Ireland. An outreach is planned for Dublin later in the year. The 29th All Ireland Convention is planned for 8 to 10 October in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. All members are welcome. For information about this convention contact

Derek Follis: [dfo3872810@btinternet.com](mailto:dfo3872810@btinternet.com)

### **Italy**

Luciano de Pieri writes, 'we are experiencing some persecution against our

Christian Community, but we believe it will stop soon.

We have six chapters and they have regular meetings almost each month with lunch and dinners.

A new Chapter is starting now in Trieste thanks to Professor Jacob O. Adeniyi, Physics Scientist, member of FGBMFI in Kwara State, Nigeria, who came to the University in Trieste for research work. He introduced to us some Italian members of the Pentecostal Church in Trieste and with them we have begun a short training about FGBMFI. We have held already two meetings in the city of Trieste, in November and January. The next meeting we will have in the second half of June to start an FGBMFI chapter.

### **France**

René and Liliane Agrain, National Director France, have been holding a number of seminars around the country to encourage and teach chapter members. These seminars have been well received with a number of positive testimonies, which are on our European website (General Articles).



François de Beauchène, Natl Vice-President France, says that the recent FGBMFI regional conference in Ploërmel, Brittany, reached some 1500 people over several days. There were a number of outreaches to people in the streets. At the conference there were strong manifestations of the Holy Spirit with many testimonies of healing, both

physical and spiritual. Also many children were touched by the Holy Spirit.

A full report is on our European website. (General Articles).

### **Austria**

The members in Austria under the leadership of Franz Kren are organising a European Conference in Innsbruck, October 5 to 7, 2007. Members with wives and friends from all nations are invited. We hope to have our International President, Richard Shakarian, with us for this important event.

### **Zambia**

We have received recent correspondence from Christians in Zambia who want to develop the FGBMFI work in their nation.

A group in Lusaka is interested to start a chapter. They welcome contact with members from other nations. If God puts Zambia on your heart then contact the European Office for more information.

### **Do Not Limit God**

Trevor Bendrien, Natl. Director North East England writes 'truly God has blessed us mightily over the years. But I ask you to expect at least one new miracle of healing or salvation at every meeting. Only God can do this, of course, so that takes the immediate pressure off us, but we must not limit God through unbelief.

Then our vision will be enlarged and our faith strengthened as we boldly obey the Great Commission of Jesus 'to make disciples of all nations'.

### **International Events**

5 - 7 October 2007, European Convention, Innsbruck, Austria

14 - 16 March 2008, European Convention, southern Spain

July 2008, World Convention

Oct/Nov. 2008 European Convention, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

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