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*Richard, Vangie Shakarian and Bruno Berthon (France) at the World Convention*

**Clinic confirms healing from Cancer and Leukaemia.** After many examinations in specialised clinics following her infection with Hepatitis A,

Christina Roth from Dresden was diagnosed as suffering from Hodgkin's Lymphoma (lymph node cancer). Only 20 years old, the diagnosis was a deep shock. She went through chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Many Christians prayed for her, but she was not supernaturally healed; the therapy was effective, and the tumour disappeared. The next shock came only four weeks later during a check-up: she had leukaemia, perhaps as a result of the radiotherapy. In November 1999 she started her second chemotherapy. Weeks passed in which she was sometimes close to death. Her doctors later suggested a stem cell transplantation, which Christina refused, much to their concern, because they thought she wanted to die. (The stem cell transplantation had a 50% chance of success, chemotherapy 10-20%.) Christina, though, decided to trust God, "who is above all chances of success". Whenever she spoke with her doctors about God they listened without paying any real attention. A check-up at the Carl Gustav Carus University Clinic in November 2004 finally delivered the long hoped-for result: "complete remission of both Hodgkin's Lymphoma and the secondary Acute Myelitic Leukaemia..." "I can now declare you healed" the doctor said, a statement which is very seldom made of cancer patients.

Source: Christina Roth, Dresden, in Josua Bote. source [www.bufton.net/fridayfax](http://www.bufton.net/fridayfax)

### **Arab/Christian Conference in Bielefeld, Germany 11-15 Aug.2006**

The conference was blessed and anointed, and we thank the FGBMFI members for their support.

Some 200 people came to the conference. After the second meeting 26 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ. We had one meeting for the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus healed many people from sicknesses (deafness, backproblems, diabetes, etc.) Also many people were delivered from spiritual problems.

All the conference members prayed for reconciliation, and representatives of all hostile ethnic groups in the Middle East prayed together. Because there was no one to represent the Jewish people I went forward myself and prayed with a Palestinian brother.

We took my wife's sister (who is Arabic) to this conference, and she gave her life to Jesus Christ. God opened her eyes to see Jesus Christ deliver her, and she felt the hand of God upon her. She felt someone touching her back, but when she looked behind no one was there (it must have been God). Then she began to sing in tongues. The next day she came forward in the meeting and shared her testimony and sang before the people a new song praising God in the Arabic language. She has told us that now she wakes up early in the mornings to pray to God and has felt God's presence with her, and seen the light of Jesus in her room. She prayed for her three year old son and one morning he woke up crying 'mama bahro, bahro' that means in Aramaic 'Mother, light, light'.

God is working intensively with the Arab nations. Many people are coming to know Jesus Christ as Saviour through satellite TV and the internet.

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Renate Sperl from the Germany Office writes 'our brothers in **Senegal** and **Madagascar** have been asking for materials in French. For Senegal, Alexander Schott is working there,

together with John Wright (UK). There are 2 active chapters. Alexander is back in Germany for a few weeks.

Our Berlin chapter president Jean-Pierre Witzmann is working in Madagascar. He plans to travel there in October/ November this year.

Also a small team from Germany under the leadership of Klaus Viehmann plan to go to **Thailand** and **Cambodia** in October'.

**Germany** has approx. 100 chapters and the national president is Ulrich von Schnurbein, based in Regen, Bavaria.

### **Baker prays - healing in Bavaria**

Baker Erwin Fillafer and his wife Johanna came to know Christ at the end of a crisis in their lives. "My life has been dramatically changed," he said in recent seminars organized by the Catholic society "Life in the light". During the seminars he and his wife offered to pray with attendees. One such attendee was Ludwig Hagl, from Edlhausen. Since breaking his leg he had only been able to walk with a supporting brace over his knee, and suffered from intense pain. "After receiving prayer in Jesus' name, I was suddenly able to walk without pain," he says. "Since then, I have suffered no pain, and need no painkillers or supports. Jesus Christ healed me on that evening."

Source: CE information service ([www.bufton.net/fridayfax](http://www.bufton.net/fridayfax))

### **Spain**

UK expatriate relaunches FGBMFI in Spain to reach the huge foreign population.

'God seems to have ploughed the ground and gone before us', says Bruce Wick, Field Representative of Expatriate Chapters Spain and President of the newly formed Benalmadena Costa chapter. "The response is amazing'

'Every church I have spoken to so far is interested and excited; pastors are open and men everywhere are hungry and keen to join. The timing is perfect and we look forward to a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit and great things happening in Spain with thousands being saved'.

The formation of the first chapter took place on Friday 5th of May with 10 men from different churches attending this inaugural meeting, to hear and to see the vision of the FGBMFI explained through testimony and a showing of the excellent video 'Challenge to Reach 21st Century Men'. There was a beautiful anointing during the meeting and all 10 men signed up. A number of other men who were not able to attend have expressed their desire to join. The first dinner outreach was held on June 17th in Malaga, with guest speaker John Wright, Director of the Mediterranean nations. Over one hundred guests came to the dinner and God did great things, as John Wright tells in his report (below).

The chapter will be looking for speakers for their monthly outreach dinners and weekly meetings and look forward to working closely with the UK and Europe, so if you have plans to come to the Costa del Sol please contact Bruce and give him your details. He can be contacted on Tel: +34 952 575 794, +34 652 626 125, email FGBMFISpain@gmail.com

John and Susan Wright in Malaga.

An email went to Bruce Wick, former Newmarket Chapter President (UK), now resident in Spain, in April. This led to the first dinner outreach of the Malaga chapter on Saturday 17 June with nineteen members. A capacity crowd of over 100 turned up with spectacular results. Amongst those saved were two television director colleagues of Bruce, which will no doubt have an effect on their tv programmes. Several received the gift of tongues which was followed by 'five words of knowledge'. One or more responded to each word and by Tuesday healing was confirmed from a lady with kidney problems and a man with strained leg muscles.

The previous evening we had met with the chapter members, heard their brief testimonies, given them their lapel badges and taught about witnessing to strangers, with signs and wonders following.

Preaching at a Pentecostal Church on Sunday on 'walking as Jesus walked'; an

English builder living in Malaga whose wife had left him was 'born again'.

Teaching on Tuesday evening on 'trusting God' a local man named John, the son of a local Methodist preacher, who had been a Buddhist for forty years, came back to the faith in Jesus Christ and has since been transformed.

There were many divine appointments. In the check-in queue at the airport as we left we were next to Thomas, a church going Freemason from near Lowestoft, England, whose wife had died. In his distress during his wife's illness, as he prayed, he felt the physical hand of God on his shoulder. After that he was able to cope. He has been put in touch with the Waveney Valley Chapter.

Then as we were about to enter the bus I spoke to a couple from Luton. Yvonne had had Multiple Sclerosis for thirty years. She and her husband David received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour; they were like ripe apples waiting to be picked'. I also prayed for their healing and believe the Lord has done this.

We stayed with Esteban and Erika Antonio and their 3 month old son Giannini. Esteban is rated by many as the greatest living Flamenco guitarist and Erika is a concert violinist, daughter of Hungary's greatest living composer and violinist Janos Rajta. Esteban was involved with the London Mafia until he broke his back. Paralysed on his bed, God sent a woman to lead him to Christ. His back was instantly healed! He is recognised by the Spanish Government, and has got me an invitation to meet the Archbishop of Badajos.

All credit must go to Bruce and Caroline Wick who have laboured in prayer and on the telephone and have been amazed and blessed to get such a positive response from so many churches. They have a strong group of officers including a former Lloyds Bank Manager and a former Diplomat. They anticipate 6-10 more chapters starting along the coast including Spanish speaking chapters with the first National Convention within a year.

## **World Convention 2006**

John and Margaret Walker, European Vice President, and Peter and Mary Spreckley, Chairman UK Board, attended the recent World Convention in Florida.

Here is an excerpt from their reports:

'A number of leaders from the European nations attended the World Convention held in the Marriott Hotel, Fort Lauderdale between the 4th and 8th of August. There were a number of excellent speakers, and the standard of the praise and worship was outstanding. No one group led this, but several exceptionally talented musicians and singers had been invited, bringing much variety.

There were two meetings of International Directors prior to the start of the convention, to discuss the organisation and finances. The directors restated that 'the primary work of the Fellowship is to embrace God's strategy to fulfill the vision, by the use of testimonies of laymen as the principal tool, using different methods of outreach, including chapter meetings and fire teams, as well as other methods of outreach, as the Spirit of God directs, in order to reach people for Jesus Christ'. Also 'the Fellowship is not in competition with any church or denominational church group'.

The following days were taken up with a series of seminars with some exceptional christian teachers; one of the teachers being Dr. Lance Wallnau, a trainer at both the UN and top corporations: he spoke on 'dynamic christian leadership'

Many of the leaders felt that this convention marked a turning point in the work of the Fellowship. This was confirmed by prophetic words from the Lord that we are now entering a new phase when the Fellowship will be used to bring in a great harvest. Dr. Charles Dixon had a prophetic word for Europe; he emphasised the word 'breakthrough', the same word given to the leaders in Europe last October. We believe a 'breakthrough, to move forward' is coming soon.

There were many exciting and moving reports about the work of the Fellowship in the nations. Those listening became

aware of the significant role the Fellowship has in reaching the unsaved.

We believe that each one who attended this Convention was aware that God is on the move around the world and He wants to use us.

FGBMFI is believing God to reach 2 million souls for Jesus Christ from August 2006 to December 2006 and 5 million souls in 2007'.

**Our European Leaders will be meeting in Leuven, Belgium, on October 13 to 15** for fellowship and to discuss strategy for the region. Some fifteen nations were represented last year and we look forward to a similar number this year. All members in positions of responsibility and wives are welcome to attend. For more information contact the European Office.

## **Africa**

'Africa will be saved'; by singing this popular hymn African christians express their hope and faith for a better future, writes Bruno Berthon, FGBMFI Ambassador to French speaking Africa. Surely God is on the move to save Africa and FGBMFI is part of it.

A new step will take place during the last week of September in Kinshasa (**Democratic Republic of Congo - DRC**). Fire teams from all over Africa will come and testify of the reality of Jesus Christ; private companies, government institutions, schools, prisons... every place will be visited in Kinshasa.

The pattern that God showed our Intl. President Richard Shakarian that has proved so successful in Central America is now spreading over the African continent.

While DRC has known years of civil war and disturbances, peace is now in sight, and presidential elections have recently taken place. The climax of our outreach week will be a large rally at the Martyrs' Stadium; we will pray for reconciliation and the healing of the nation, with the participation of national religious and political leaders.

We are calling on the entire FGBMFI Fellowship to pray and fast. Nothing is done in the natural that is not first accomplished in the spirit world. By praying together around the world God will

push aside the dark forces, and heaven will rejoice with us in this great harvest. It is hoped that our International President Richard Shakarian will be in DRC for these events. Pray for this outreach'.

For more details, contact International or the Democratic Republic Congo leadership (full\_gospel\_rdc@yahoo.fr)

Malcolm Blowes writes '

Greetings from Florida, USA. We have just got back from taking a team of 16 mainly young people to **Cameroon**, Africa. We saw hundreds saved and baptised in the Holy Ghost. We are planning to take two teams to **Nicaragua** in 2007, probably both youth teams. From my brief visit down there in July it seems there is still a lot of evangelism work to be done'.

Malcolm & Phyllis Blowes were for a number of years FGBMFI pioneers in Slovakia.

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### **UK and Ireland**

Life Stories of FGBMFI men in business are being shown on God UK TV every Wednesday morning at 8 am. Twelve life stories are being recorded and will shortly be available on DVD. Churches are showing the programmes at their local fellowship and prayer meetings. These new DVDs can be obtained from the UK Office for £12,00 (euro 18) per set of 3 plus shipping.

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Peter Spreckley, chairman UK & Ireland Board, in a recent article to the members writes 'I believe our response to our call into the Fellowship will determine our eternal destiny. Have we worked with 'all our heart' to reach the unsaved? Have we enthusiastically supported our leaders? What has been our attitude to the prayer meetings and other Fellowship meetings?

I ask these questions not to make anyone feel guilty but because I want us all to be amongst those who hear our Lord say 'well done'. I believe God will bless this Fellowship more when he sees a body of enthusiastic men and women working together, winning souls for Christ'.

Chris Basson of the Salford chapter England, says 'we are getting ready for the Olympic Games of 2012. As a chapter we caught the vision with the Commonwealth Games in England, when members came from other nations including the USA. We gave out Bibles and souls were saved. We have a vision, it may seem a long time away till the Games, but let us pray and listen to God. We can focus on christian sportsmen and their testimonies; we have to be prepared'. Chris welcomes comments and ideas.

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### **France**

Gérard Petit, Natl. Vice President France writes 'our annual meeting in Dijon was a great blessing, and we were encouraged to have some 240 participants, with wives, for this weekend conference.

Guest speakers were Humberto Arguello and Roger Gonzales, Natl. Directors Nicaragua, who are great soul winners for Jesus. Delegates were reminded to –

- be workers for God in his harvest field
- be laypeople, from different churches
- have a personal, intense, prayer life
- avoid having meetings and testimonies that are too religious
- have a God given love for others

The Natl. President, René Agrain, reminded delegates of the ongoing activities; the tv projects, the internet site, the group going to Israel, the Voice magazines and other subjects which should be brought before the Lord in prayer'.

Gérard says he believed the delegates departed with the conviction that God wants each one to be involved and to be part of the 'happiest people on earth'. They were asked to continue to pray for God's favour upon the nation and to reclaim it for Jesus Christ.

Another meeting in Ploermel organised by FGBMFI Bretagne was blessed with conversions, healings and a lot of joy. Over 200 people were present.

We thank God for the way God is using the Fellowship in France

## The Godmobile

Here is a wonderful report sent from the South Bay Chapter to Michael Galleher, USA Director.

'We thank you so much for your direct support in all aspects of our chapter, and especially the Godmobile Ministry.



Godmobile and 3 guys fellowshiping

A few years ago it was your desire to launch a Godmobile Ministry in the Southern California area. I have to say it has spread pretty fast in this area.

We just concluded our 4th annual Godmobile Outreach Ministry at the San Diego County Fair, with 534 people taking the 2 question test, "Do you believe that you will be going to heaven when you die?" and "Why do you believe this?" resulting in 154 coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and being born again. Praise the Lord.

Over the four year period, at least 2,459 people have taken the test with 822 receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. We also had an overall total of 311 workers, co-laborers for the Kingdom of God. Thank you Jesus!

We are looking forward to the coming years of continued ministry or until the Lord comes.

Thank you again for your front-line help that has made this all possible. To God be the Glory! 'The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; he who wins souls is wise' Prov. 11v30.

Bill Stinson, President, South Bay chapter. May this article inspire members of other nations to use this form of evangelism, be it with a trailer, or van or bus; it's a great way to reach people with the gospel.

## Denmark

Hugo Martinussen, Natl. President Denmark has sent us this report of their national convention.' We were blessed to have Nico and Josta Aarnoudse (Natl. Officer, Netherlands) with us as guest speakers

During the general meeting for the members, Josta and Nico taught the women, including the local Aglow groups, about healing and other spiritual gifts.

In the afternoon and evening they continued teaching on God's healing power. They emphasized the importance of forgiveness, which they said was a gift from God. Unforgiveness keeps people in spiritual chains. Many came for prayer and told about pain disappearing.

When Josta called people forward with backproblems, pain in the knees and elbows, and asthma, a man come forward with all these. He had tensions in the back of his neck and in his back for some time. Since that meeting this man says the pains return from time to time, but when praying against them, they disappear. He has also taken medication for asthma for a long time, but for two months now, he has not needed this medicine.

When offering prayer against smoking another man come forward, and he felt a heat come into his body, a heat that made him sweat so much that he had to take of his jersey. We believe God has healed this man and he said that he and his wife will start to attend church regularly.

One man had problems with his feet, having to use supports in his shoes. He could remove these and confirms a month later, that his feet are still much better.

Through Josta and Nico we could feel the love and presence of God, his peace surrounding them, and their visit was very encouraging for the Fellowship.

Hugo adds 'earlier this year the members in Denmark assisted with the Benny Hinn crusade, which was a great blessing for us'.

## Norway.

Our convention on the streets in Fredrikstad was very good. We had a very

good Fire Team training and 3 people gave their lives to Jesus. We also prayed and spoke with many people on the streets. A man with severe back problems was healed and began running around. 23 people from different chapters in Norway attended the Fire Team.

The last weekend of September we have a regional conference in Harstad for north Norway and all of the national board members will attend this conference.

The first week in August Hans-Petter and his wife Kari were in Butuan, in the **Philippines**. Hans-Petter says 'we were invited to be the guestspeakers for a pastors conference. It was planned that 30 to 50 pastors would attend, but many pastors from different cities were calling to attend. More than 100 pastors registered for the conference, and it was a very good opportunity to speak to them about the FGBMFI and the great things God is showing us. After the conference we attended 3 outdoors crusades in 3 different cities.

We have a vision for **Czech Republic** and hope to go there at the end of this year. Czech Republic is an important country and I believe that if we can work for revival there the 'Holy Spirit fire' will go out to the countries around. The Lord has told us that we shall bring the 'fire' from Norway down to Czech Republic and from there to the East, to the former communist countries.

#### **Austria**

FGBMFI Austria is planning a convention on 27 to 29 October, in Innsbruck. This is mainly aimed at the German speaking nations. For more information contact [FGBMFI.kren@aon.at](mailto:FGBMFI.kren@aon.at)

#### **Hungary**

FGBMFI Hungary hosted a Central European Conference of FGBMFI in May 2006; ten different nations were represented with two brothers coming all the way from Nicaragua. Many inspiring testimonies were given from almost all of the nations represented.

Szilvia Barabs, a musician, writes 'during worship Miklos Molnar, Natl. President

Hungary testified that he was just about to hand over the role of the host to someone else due to his painful wrist, when God's healing intervened. After this he prayed for the sick, asking them to put their hands on the parts of the body that hurt. I had been struggling with continuous backache, so I asked my husband to put his hand on my back. After the prayer I almost forgot about it, but the next day I realized that the constant pain that had been there for several months eased one side and completely disappeared on the other. Glory to God! During the meeting there were prayers for the needs of a group from Kiskunmajsa, consisting mainly of Roma gypsies who also shared a lot of testimonies. In return they created a real gipsy atmosphere by their unique worship.

John Walker, Vice President Europe, reports 'at the Saturday evening banquet the second major television station RTL videoed the evening for a future television programme. This was the answer to much prayer and will certainly lift the profile of the Fellowship in Hungary.

During the course of the evening Roger Gonzalez from Nicaragua shared on the television interview how mightily the Fellowship was being used in his country to win people for Christ.

I was able to share that 'in spite of the new political freedoms in Hungary the people still had a great need in their lives which could only be filled with the love of Jesus. It was sharing this love through men's testimonies which was the work of the Fellowship'.

'We hope to return to Budapest in Spring 2007 for the European Council Meeting. Thanks must be expressed to Miklós Molnar and his team for organising this wonderful conference, but all the glory goes to the Lord'.

#### **Romania**

Colin Pownall, UK Field Rep. reports

'I have just returned from Romania. We went as a team of 7 people. Myself from Warrington, Tom and Julie Rice from Somerset. Peter Hunt and Richard Towle from Northwich, John Dawson from Cumbria and Tom Aukram from New Zealand, who flew over to join us.

We hosted the Romanian National Convention on 4-7 May. This was a christian convention so we did not expect non christians to be there, however 2 people got wonderfully saved. Praise God. To have fellowship with these Romanian FGBMFI brothers was wonderful.

On the Sunday we split into 3 groups to take 3 services in separate churches. Again the Lord blessed us, with 17 people being saved.

On the Monday night we had an FGBMFI dinner in Arad. Richard Towle prayed for a healing miracle. He had never seen one before, and prayed specifically for this. One of the first people to arrive, before the meeting got started, was immediately and miraculously healed and shared testimony to it. An Orthodox priest from a prison came to the dinner to report that a bomb had exploded in his prison that day; he said it was a big explosion. We had preached at that prison in the morning and 60 men had received Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and told everyone in the prison. Jesus was the only topic of conversation and men were leading other men to Jesus. The FGBMFI dinner that night was not an anti climax, as God continued to touch people and change lives.

Tuesday was a free day, or so we thought, but then came the invitation back to the same prison as the day before. This time to talk to the ladies. Its sad to see so many women in prison but we rejoiced as 40 received Jesus and many were healed. The priest was overcome with emotion and would only let us leave if we promised to return to Romania and his prison. The evening dinner was equally as exciting. God always leaves the best until last. Glory to God for more souls saved at an FGBMFI dinner.

**It was a great mission, praise God for FGBMFI and the opportunities it gives people to minister**. Colin is looking for helpers for his next trip to Romania; please pray about it. Colin can be reached at + 44 1925 492011.

Please pray also for Daniel Nemteanu who leads our work in Romania, and for the three chapters.

## **Armenia**

Douglas Raine Natl. Director, Texas, is leading a small team to Armenia from September 17 to October 2. Douglas writes 'our purpose is to tell business leaders and government officials about Jesus Christ. We want to set up business (evangelism) chapters in the marketplace. We have partnered with Christian Adventures International who, with a team from Russia, will be conducting a tent crusade in Yerevan. They have named the tent after our FGBMFI founder, Demos Shakarian.

We hope some additional team members will be joining us from Europe.

We are trying to get permission to speak at the American University of Armenia. Please pray that the doors open for us.

There are 5 Rotary Clubs in and around Yerevan where we will speaking. We have 64 copies of HPOE in Armenian and the leading and power of the Holy Spirit. Please keep us in your prayers'.

Douglas Raine.

## **Agenda**

13 to 15 October, European Leaders Conference, Leuven, Belgium.

27 to 29 October, Austrian Convention (mainly for German speaking nations)

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