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## **Moses' Rod**

Demos Shakarian founded FGBMFI in 1951 as a vehicle for the fulfillment of the prophecies given to him by Dr. Charles Price. These prophecies spoke of a vast, worldwide, laymen movement that God would raise up for the purpose of bringing in the Great Harvest. These laymen would be known for doing their evangelistic work with great miracles and

using their personal testimonies of Jesus in their lives.



Rose & Demos Shakarian

The meetings in Clifton's Cafeteria were characterised by love, power and laymen excited about Jesus. The meetings grew because they would tell others about the laymen gathering. Soon the original chapter grew to two, then four, then eight. Each chapter had its own personality, but the ingredients were always the same.

The Holy Spirit was free to reveal God to the men and they would tell others.

In 1955, Dr. Mordecai Ham, a powerful Baptist preacher, came to visit Demos in Houston for 3 days. Billy Graham had given his heart to Jesus under Dr. Ham's ministry. As Mordecai Ham spoke he told Demos that ever since he had entered the ministry he knew that God was going to raise up a laymen movement. "Demos," Dr. Price said, "God has sent me here to tell you that FGBMFI is His instrument to awaken laymen - the sleeping giant of evangelism!"

During its first 30 years, FGBMFI grew to 1800 chapters in the USA and even more overseas. Then in 1982 Demos had an experience that was so important he called the leaders from around the world to Missouri, USA, to tell them about it. He told the men that God had shown him that there were to be 1 million members in FGBMFI. When Demos asked the Lord when the prophecies were going to be fulfilled so this rapid growth could take place, God said:  
"I'm waiting on you."



Demos, somewhat surprised, replied that everyone was waiting on God. The Heavenly Father replied, saying "I've given you My Son; I've given you His Name; I've given you His authority." "I can't give you anything more!" "For you to see the laymen revival, you must take what I've given you and go

with it. As you go with it the revival will appear around you!"

This was so important to Demos that he invited the leaders from all the FGBMFI nations, and all the leaders of FGBMFI USA to come to Missouri. There he reminded them of the story of Moses and his rod.

"It only worked when he used it."  
"When he didn't use it, it was just a rod"  
"But when he used it, miracles would happen"

Demos showed them that this was how the Name of Jesus worked.

When you use it to minister to another person miracles happen.

Demos likened the men in our chapters to Moses' rod.

They love the Lord.

They know how to share their testimony.

They know how to heal the sick cast out devils and prophesy.

Now it's the chapter leader's job to use them- to send them out into the community with their personal testimonies and Holy Spirit power.

When the leaders do this- the prophesied revival will appear.

So here is the key to chapter growth:

- **Equip your members for the work of the ministry of evangelism**

How to give their personal testimony of Jesus in their lives

How to minister miracles

How to help their friends be 'born again'

How to minister the baptism of the Holy Spirit

How to invite the new believers to their chapters to be trained as 'Fishers of Men'

- **Send your members into the harvest field**

Send them to their families to ask forgiveness

Send them to their workplace

Send them to their neighbours

Send them to their teammates

Organize Fire Teams, Outreaches, Airlifts, Godmobiles.

Send them to hospitals, senior citizens homes, prisons, businesses, grocery stores, etc...



- **Train the new believers**

Train the new believers that our members have evangelised and brought into the chapters as new members. Every new member is the 'door' to his family and friends, for us to help him take Jesus to many more. We then help the new believer go to his personal world. But there is one thing that every member needs before he goes out: - **THE FIRE !**

***FGBMFI leaders have the responsibility to make sure that every member receives the' baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire'. God is releasing a new impartation of His Fire to our nations today. We need to pass on this fire to our members so they can become effective' Fishers of Men'.***

Our FGBMFI Europe website has some excellent teaching materials that can be downloaded and used in the chapters.

See: [www.fgbmfi-europe.com](http://www.fgbmfi-europe.com)

-Teaching Tools

- Equipping the Chapters

### **Nigeria**

Some 400 new FGBMFI chapters have been started this year in Nigeria.

By the end of this year Nigeria will have 2000 chapters and is still growing.

### **UK**

John Walker writes: 'As I was leaving our last European Convention in Malta one of the European leaders spoke to me and said he believed this Convention marked a new beginning for the work of FGBMFI in Europe, so blessed had he and his team been at the Convention.

Why don't you consider joining us? The next European gathering at the U.K National Convention will be held at Telford in the centre of England between 9th-11th October 2009

Guest speakers are Rick and Kathy Gilles from Texas, USA. Rick ministers prophetically and teaches on 'realising your potential in Christ'.

During this weekend the European Directors will be meeting together to plan the way forward in our nations under the direction of the Holy Spirit. The time of 'breakthrough' in our nations is now'.

Trevor Bendrien and his Power Praise Band will be leading the worship and there are special programmes for teeners and children.

If you wish to come to this convention, which is open for men and wives from all nations, then please contact the UK Office for more information.

[FGBMFI.UK@ntlbusiness.com](mailto:FGBMFI.UK@ntlbusiness.com)

You can be certain of a warm welcome.

In recent days the Lord has highlighted two things to me:

1. With each passing day the coming of the Lord draws ever closer. Time is getting short.

Let us be active, building the Kingdom of God. Let us endeavour, wherever possible, to witness to those in darkness and win them to Christ

2. We are all familiar with John 3v16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that

whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life'.

But how often have we considered the next verse, 17.

'For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn it, but that the world through him might be saved'

Let us not fall into the trap of judging those in the world, but let us with the love of Christ win them into the Kingdom of God whilst there is still time.

My warmest greetings to you all in the bonds of Christ,

John Walker, Vice President - European Region

### **FGBMFI London**

Jacob John has become London FGBMFI Director taking over from Rodney Radcliffe, who had been twelve years in that role. Rodney knows the Fellowship from the earliest conventions in Europe and has been a member for many years. He continues as secretary to the board of FGBMFI Europe.

Jacob John is from a Syrian Orthodox Christian family and grew up in Singapore. He is married and has two sons. He currently works in his own computer software business.

### **Moving into Leeds – a letter from Regional Director Trevor Bendrien**

At a recent National Directors meeting a prophecy came that God would move in Liverpool, Llanethly, London and Leeds. When Leeds was mentioned I thought I should wait on God for leading of what actions should be taken. Liverpool chapter started through the University, Llanethly was started and a 'word' came to say that 'Leeds was on God's heart'. Whilst praying about this, I heard 'North, South, East and West'. It dawned on me that 40 minutes drive from Leeds to the North is the Ripon chapter, east is Selby chapter, south is Sheffield chapter and west is Halifax chapter. I contacted the 4 chapters and they were all keen to work

together. We waited for the next instruction from God.

A few weeks later I attended a business conference in the Civic Centre of Leeds and as I sat looking at the pictures of the past and present Lord Mayors God said we were to hold a prayer meeting there – the place where the local government decisions affecting the city were made. The building was available one Friday so with just a week's notice we called a prayer meeting. Over 20 attended from the FGBMFI chapters around the area and as the men arrived in Leeds God had prepared a welcome. One group got lost, so they asked a taxi driver for directions; he asked what they would be doing in the Civic Hall on a Friday. They told him they were Christians coming to pray for the city. He got them into the taxi and gave them a free ride to the door. Another group met a young man and asked directions, he was a Christian and walked with them to the door.

At the prayer meeting, very direct instructions were received:

'we should hold a series of meal meetings focusing on people who have been declared bankrupt and whom God has restored. This was specifically to reach business men, as at this moment their world is being shaken. These meetings were to be advertised in a local magazine and other business magazines such as Chamber of Commerce, etc.

We should set up a working committee representing the local chapters.'



Representatives of 13 churches and ministries gathered in Leeds Civic Centre, to pray  
At the meeting we had the ex Mayor of Ripon, who spent some time explaining

what went on in their meetings. After praying for the city we felt led by God to meet with the Bishop of Leeds and Ripon, Rt. Rev. John Packer, as part of the strategy.

A member of our committee has since met with the Bishop. He is in favour of FGBMFI and our aim to reach the business community, as this links in with the Bishop's vision for the city. The Bishop is praying for us and offers his support. The Bishop has also appointed a chaplain for the Business Community, so we hope to work with this person.

The meeting finished with a time of prayer for members. It became apparent that most of us had wives who were suffering physical attacks at this time – we were able to pray specifically into those situations.

The following Sunday I was preaching in a church in Leeds and I found myself scrapping my planned sermon and talking about what had happened on the Friday night in the Civic Hall. After a while a lady from Aglow spoke and said they had been told to take the city of Leeds from the North, South, East and West. At the moment they have groups meeting in the East, South and West with plans to open the North group in the next year. On Tuesday the same week we were running a 'barn dance' for a youth outreach group in Leeds, which draws from all the different churches and sends young people out on missions. I feel God is leading us to try to call some of these groups together and to hold another prayer meeting in the Civic Hall. Meanwhile the Stokesly, Selby and Ripon chapters have had joint prayer meetings for the region and we hope to get other chapters to join together in this way in the future. We hope to have the new Leeds chapter starting soon.

This is an exciting time for FGBMFI and I hope you will support us in prayer as we move forward with this challenge God has given us!

Trevor Bendrien

### **News from UK - North West**

David Riley, Colin Pownall, Ernie Meadows (USA) have just returned from Poland. David reports: 'We were together in one car and had a busy week. We did a lot of traveling and the days were long. We saw a lot of salvations; over seventy people made first time commitments. We went into prisons, help centres, churches, and we saw a great harvest of souls. We give all the glory to Jesus; we were just obedient to the calling of the Lord.

A quote from a handout read 'one can be a giver without love, but cannot love without giving'.

Give them food according to the gospels: the Help Centre was doing exactly that. They were giving people food, and every day at about 4 pm there would be a line of people outside queuing up to get the basics. It was a sight to see. There are still a lot of people in need. It was great for us to be able to sow into that work. We all took money with us but none of us brought anything back, it was all given away.

We went to a rehab centre for those who had addictions. Their motto is - 'Life is a gift from the few to many, from those who know and have, to ones who don't know and don't have'. It very much summed up our trip because we did have, and we do know, and we were able to share with people who didn't know and didn't have. I will treasure that for a long time. Colin and I (I am a police man) went to a 'bikers club house'. The leader of the bikers met us and we were able to share our testimonies with him and several others. We were also able to make a business connection whilst we were there.

The people of Poland really appreciate FGBMFI. We plan to go back in October and if you wish to join us contact ColinPownall at –

[Colin.pownall@ntlworld.com](mailto:Colin.pownall@ntlworld.com)

### **FGBMFI France**

The theme for the next National Convention, in Vichy, is 'Faith and light for a new soul'. The convention takes place on October 2 to 4 and all meetings will focus on 'testimonies'. The main speaker is Philippe Decourroux from Switzerland, a committed evangelist and singer. Members from all nations are welcome.

For more information contact: [beauchen@club-internet.fr](mailto:beauchen@club-internet.fr)

Alain Jorel, FGBMFI National President France writes 'the FGBMFI National Convention of **Congo** took place in Kinshasa from June 10 to 13. It was the 20th anniversary of FGBMFI in Congo and the 'year of jubilee', a very important year from a Biblical point of view.

Bruno Berthon from France, FGBMFI Director for French speaking Africa, represented the International President. There were many delegations from French speaking African countries; we were a group of nine from France (including wives) attending this great event.



Prior to the convention we had a three day forum for business opportunities and investments. Many businessmen and people from the economic, legal and political world attended this forum. The speakers systematically denounced the plagues that led the country into such a spiritual, economic and human disaster.

Congo is one of the richest countries in the world in terms of natural resources but has one of the poorest economies.

The theme of this convention was drawn from Psalm 11.3: 'When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do'?

This theme deeply marked all the course of the convention.

About 4,500 people attended the evening meetings and the Holy Spirit powerfully worked. A spirit of repentance covered the people and we could see many committing their lives to God and asking Him to help them rebuild the foundations of the nation of Congo.

We believe the year 2010 will be a time of great spiritual breakthrough and renewal.

During the convention we had 'fire teams' in Kinshasa and we were very encouraged by many people who were interested in the Gospel and the convention.

We also had meetings with the leaders of other nations and could share about the great move of the Holy Spirit in Africa.

**FGBMFI Belgium** are organising their National Convention in Blankenberge, (on the coast) during November 13 to 15. Speakers include Tom & Jane Hamon who are leading preachers at the International Family Church in Santa Rosa, Florida. They will be joined by Kul Bal an international evangelist who lives in Australia.

Everyone is welcome to attend: for more information contact Rik van Neste, Natl. Vice president Belgium  
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### **Healing of tumors**

In our FGBMFI Dallas chapter an 11-year-old boy suffering with several tumors all over his body laid across his mother's lap. He couldn't sit up like a normal child, because there were tumors

on his backside, his legs and on the rest of his body.

Each tumor was several centimeters in diameter and had popped up with a bloody, crusty centre.

As Neil Nelles and John Carrette, FGBMFI Directors, were praying for the people, Neil cursed the tumors and commanded healing in 'the name that is above all names' - the name of Jesus!

An air of confidence and expectation came upon our men. Just as when Peter and John spoke healing to the lame man and he began to walk (Acts chapter 3). As soon as the prayer was finished the young lad went into the bathroom and pulled up his shirt. The tumors that had been above his waistline fell off into his hand.

When we focus on the eternal...we will see through the eyes of Jesus. The world saw a boy filled with terrible tumors.

Through the eyes of Jesus, Neil and John saw a boy completely well.

### **Germany**

#### **Action with Voice in the Hannover Trade Fair.**

Voice magazines were distributed at the Hannover Trade Fair from 20-24 April 2009. The initiative came from Christian Scholl, a member of the FGBMFI Voice editorial staff from Munich, with the support of Rad Jacob, chapter president Braunschweig and some local members. Some 300 copies of Voice were handed out after conversations with visitors. Hans-Jürgen Krug gave some vital assistance.

#### **Where the honey is, the bees gather**

On 27 February 2009 a chapter meeting took place in the crowded Brauhaus hall, 170 visitors, mostly young people had come to hear what Jörg and Pia Kohlhepp from Berlin had to say. These two people received a calling from God to

love and care for young people with drug, alcohol and violence problems.

Also they take care of 300 needy street children in Berlin. As proof they brought Olli, a former hooligan, neo-Nazi, drug- and alcohol-addicted young man, and Christina, a former drug-addict who earned money for the drugs through prostitution on the streets.

Both testified how they became totally free from drugs through accepting Jesus Christ into their lives and said they cannot imagine a life now without Jesus. The audience listened spellbound to their testimonies and at the end of the meeting 25 teenagers came forward to make an end to habits of their old life and make a fresh start with Jesus.

Dieter Zimmerman, FGBMFI chapter Schweinfurt.

Rad Jacob, President FGBMFI Braunschweig chapter writes:

I was in Lingen, Germany, there were approx. 200 people at our conference and half of them came from Islamic background or were practicing Moslems. Many of them gave their lives to Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Also many of them left the conference after 1 or 2 days, challenged by the truth of the Gospel, that Jesus is the son of the living God and the only way to heaven. One speaker testified: 'Why I am no longer a Moslem'. After his testimony some Moslems went and spoke with him. He was able to give the right answers concerning the Bible and Islam (he is well known by the local Moslems)

In the conference I spoke with a Moslem woman from Iraq who now lives in Germany. I asked her if she was saved and told her that only Jesus can save her. We prayed together and she received Jesus as her personal Saviour. During the night the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said I have to pray with her the next day for the Baptism in Holy Spirit. The next morning I prayed with her and her son, and with some other people. The

Lord touched them all and some spoke in new tongues.

### **Revival in Europe?**

The Christians are attacked by the media and the Press; this is the general picture in Europe especially in Germany. We hear that hundreds of new chapters have started in other countries of the world but not in Europe. Jesus of Nazareth brought revival in his time to the Jews and the surrounding nations: this happened by preaching the truth and healing the sick and setting the prisoners of sin free. Only the demonstration of the power of God can bring this nation and continent back to God. Godliness will come upon the nations when they see the children of God demonstrate the power of God and act under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Only this will bring the people back to God.

Matthew 4, 23-24:

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

<sup>24</sup>And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

We start a Campaign in Braunschweig <http://www.chapterbraunschweig.de/>  
'Deutschland zurück zu Gott' (Germany back to God) <http://www.dzzg.de/>

### **Men's Camp in Germany:**

We organise each year three Men's camps in Germany and one Family camp.

The Men's Camps have developed into powerful weekend meetings in hotels,

beginning Friday evenings until Sunday midday.

The goal is to train the men in the commission that we have received from God. Also to understand personally and act, so the Lord can use us.

The meetings are, in the north (Braunschweig), South (Stuttgart) and West (Wehingen).

In the weekend 4-6 September 2009 we start in Wehingen (near Luxemburg) one Family Camp with Komo Antakon, from Thailand, who is FGBMFI Intl. Director S.E. Asia. The next Men's Camp will be also in Wehingen 23-25 of October. Members from the nearby countries Benelux and France are welcome to join us. For more information contact: [chapter.stuttgart@fgbmfi.de](mailto:chapter.stuttgart@fgbmfi.de)

A group of FGBMFI men from **Russia** have recently been in **Israel**. They arranged a chapter meeting in an Armenian restaurant in Jerusalem.

65 Russian Jews attended; 30 received Yeshua in their lives.

Please pray for our FGBMFI work in Israel that we can again see some new chapters being established.

### **Events:**

**UK Convention and European Council meeting** - Telford, Central England, **October 9 to 11, 2009.**

**24-25 April 2010, Vienna, Austria - European Convention and European Council Meeting.**

It is hoped that this location will attract members from Central Europe.

**21 – 24 October 2010** European Convention and European Council Meeting (October/November) – Dublin, Ireland