

# Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International



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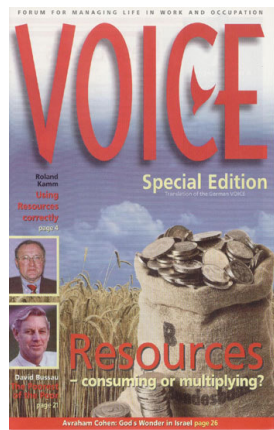
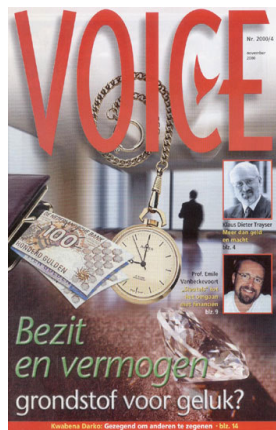
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'Anointed literature has no bad days. It can stay for months or years, speaking over and over until the Holy Spirit penetrates the heart of the reader.'" (Bill Bright, CCfC)



available. Thousands of men and women receive one or more copies each issue to help tell others that Jesus is the only answer. How effective is this? Read the following testimonies.

'One morning as I was standing on the platform of a New York subway, I began to walk towards the tracks ready to throw myself in front of a train. Just before I reached the edge of the platform God intervened. A christian lady walked up and handed me a Voice Magazine. I was so caught off guard that instead of jumping in front of the train I boarded it and began to read the magazine, and received my salvation.'

A new reader reports: 'I'm just sick that a publication such as this has been around, and I didn't know about it! I have been missing so much'.

**Voice Magazine** is anointed literature and one of the most powerful witnessing tools

These are a couple of the hundreds of reports we have received from around the world.

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International **Voice magazine** is an outstanding witnessing tool . Through the 50+ years the magazine has been in existence we have received literally thousands of testimonies like the following: A business man writes

"My wife was a wonderful christian, but I would have no part of it. I drank heavily and smoked five packets of cigarettes a day. One morning, after I had made my usual excuses for not going to church my wife said, 'well, while I'm gone I would like you to read this.' And laid a small magazine on the kitchen table. 'It's just a magazine the caretaker of the church gave me,' she explained as she walked out."

"That was the first time I had seen a copy of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship VOICE. I read it, and when she got home I suppose she thought I was having a heart attack. While reading that magazine something had swelled up inside me and I was hurting so badly. Tears were flowing down my face as I asked her, 'where did you say you got this magazine?' She replied, 'from the caretaker of the church.' I said, 'we have got to see that man today!'"

"We found his home, knelt down and prayed together and for the first time in my life I asked Jesus to come into my heart. I have never forgotten the sweetness of God's presence at that time."

Voice magazine is a challenge for you to share your testimony and a constant encouragement as you read what God has done for others, knowing that He can do the same for you.

These convincing stories of sinners snatched from hell, of chains of alcohol and drugs snapped, broken homes bonded and empty lives filled with love and joy will provide the only ray of hope to some. Many in whose hands you place a Voice magazine will be desperate, at the end of their rope.

**Voice magazine can help you make a life or death difference.**

### **Experiences on the train.**

John Wright, EC Director, never goes out before making sure he has Voice magazines in his pockets. John calls himself a 'fisherman', he fishes for people to win them for Jesus. Fishermen need bait to catch the fish, so he always carries top quality 'bait' with him (Voice magazines). John never passes an opportunity to give a Voice magazine to someone with whom he has had a conversation. He has brought hundreds of people to Christ through his witnessing and Voice magazine. John says 'This is a recent email from a man to whom I recently gave a Voice magazine whilst en route to Cyprus. The man had a girlfriend and her sister was a christian; she had been praying for him, and God arranged for me to talk to him!

Dear John,

I can't quite believe our meeting this morning. Shortly afterwards I got an email confirming payment of a long outstanding large invoice.

A female teacher sat next to me on the train and we talked. She read two stories from that magazine (Voice) you gave me and was deeply touched. Am I spreading your word already? The sun is shining and my heart is uplifted.

Thank you John, it's been a great day already, and it's only 10.30am. Best wishes, Martin Kentish , MD, The Customer Feedback Company.

### **Does your God love you?**

Thousands of Asian immigrants live in Montreal. Ni Qu is a missionary there, bringing the Gospel to the city's Asians. She reports: "one day, I wanted to give a man on the street a New Testament. He was extremely rude to me. Shocked, I said 'Jesus loves you'. He told me that he was a Muslim, and didn't have much understanding of Jesus, so we started talking. I asked him whether his God loved

him, and we spoke about Jesus for a long time. In the end, he took the New Testament and said goodbye. Days later our pastor received a letter from the man, telling how he had come to believe in Jesus by reading John's Gospel. That clearly demonstrated God's ability to change people," she says. Ni Qu. (source:[www.Jesus.org.uk/dawn](http://www.Jesus.org.uk/dawn))

### **Indian man healed of leprosy**

For weeks, Bhenara had been rising early to worship the sun god at dawn. However much he prayed for his strange disease, it just became worse. Eventually, he was admitted to hospital in Madhya Pradesh, his home state. The diagnosis was that he was suffering from leprosy in an early stage. Bhenara was heartbroken, discouraged and afraid. He then read a christian magazine which someone had left in the room, and was astonished by the reports of people whom Jesus had healed of all sorts of terrible illnesses. He called on Jesus for help. "I could hardly believe it - I was completely healed. My joy was boundless, and I have now gratefully decided to follow Jesus," he says. He is now training to be a missionary in a Bible study centre, Gospel for Asia (Source: [www.bufton.net/fridayfax](http://www.bufton.net/fridayfax))

### **Telling others - evangelism**

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

People who have not yet realised that Jesus came to die for them do not yet belong to the family of God. They are still in darkness. God loves all the people in the world (John 3:16). He wants to become their father. The only way He can become their father is if they join his family. We are supposed to invite people to join the family of God.

Have you ever met someone wearing a bright red suit ? Its hard not to notice, it stands out very clearly. The same should be true of us as christians and members of the family of God. Jesus called us 'the light of the world'. Our good works - the way we conduct ourselves, should so reflect the life of Christ in us that people will notice the difference. It's not just what we say, but also the things we do that will tell others about Jesus.

We are to be a light to the world. The world in which we live is under the power of darkness (Colossians 1:12-14). There are numerous people in the world today who do not have a clue about what life is about. Without Jesus they are walking in darkness. If we do not tell them about Jesus they will never know about his love. A person who dies without knowing the Lord Jesus Christ faces an eternity separated from God. Read the parable of Jesus in Matthew 22:1-14. It is vital that we tell people about the love of Christ; without the preaching of the gospel souls will not be saved.

The number one reason why so many of us christians shy away from telling others about Jesus is fear. We often shudder at the thought that they will mock and ridicule us. Jesus was mocked (Matthew 27:27-31), nevertheless his love for us brought him through all the mockery, hatred and the evil that men did to him. Ignorance is the main reason people make a mockery of the gospel of Jesus. Christians need to appreciate the fact that the gospel is being resisted by the Devil. People's minds have been blinded by his deception.

Do not take it personally when people do not immediately accept the love of Jesus but rather mock you. Remember that you yourself were once like them, walking in darkness, totally ignorant of the love of Jesus and the wonderful family of God. The key to continuously sharing the gospel is to keep our focus on Jesus. Imagine the joy these people will receive when they finally understand and accept Jesus. You

will have been instrumental in saving a soul, and you will be fulfilling what Jesus expects of us (Matthew 28: 18-20).

When Demos Shakarian received a vision from God to establish the Full Gospel Business Mens Fellowship International some of the early pioneers with Demos, Thomas Nickel and Miner Arganbright were used of God to get the Voice ministry started. Over the years thousands of people have been saved or touched by God in some way through the stories of healed bodies, finances restored and changed lives. Today most nations have the Voice magazine printed in their own language. If the message in this Newsletter has touched your heart contact your local FGBMFI chapter and ask for some copies for you to give to family members, friends, colleagues at work and wherever God has put you in touch with someone in need. Remember, when you give out anointed literature -Voice magazine - you are sowing seed for the Kingdom of God.

#### **FGBMFI men taking the gospel to distant nations –**

Hans-Petter Thue, National President Norway writes 'a christian brother, named Rajendra, recently invited us to come to **Nepal**. We understand there are 2 FGBMFI chapters in that nation. We are now supporting FGBMFI Nepal to print 1000 copies of H.P.O.E in Nepali and hope these will be printed before Christmas.

My wife Kari and I look forward to go there from 24 March to 9 April 2007. We shall travel together with Rajendra to different cities in eastern Nepal close to the border with Bhutan. The communist maoists are also strong, as is the Hindu religion. Nepal is a kingdom with a military king. There has been a civil war for 15 year but it stopped in April of this year. Nepal is about four times the size of Belgium with a population of about 12 million people, and ofcourse very mountainous terrain.

Now it's time for Jesus, but it is not allowed to practice christianity in Nepal. The pastors are attacked all the time by the maoists. We need a lot of prayer, please remember us before the Lord.

#### **Airlift FGBMFI Germany to South East Asia.**

Klaus Viehmann Outreach Director Cambodia writes -

'The purpose of the outreach was to support the new chapters in **Cambodia** and neighbouring nations. For security reasons we cannot give details, but this effort was a combined FGBMFI Germany, France and Thailand work.

In the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh there are now 30 active chapters, and in the surrounding provinces another 30 chapters.

A national group of five men has been established to lead this work. Together with FGBMFI Thailand we will sponsor the purchase of Cambodian passports to allow the members to have contact with those of surrounding nations. Also we have provided a computer so that documents can be translated more easily, and it will help them in the production of Voice magazine.

At a meeting in the 'culturehall' in Phnom Penh 15 people got saved, many were baptised with the Holy Spirit and healed. There was a French missionary in the meeting who spoke fluent Cambodian and has lived there for the last 6 years. He said that it was the first time in his life that he saw a christian meeting in this area of this size and quality. He was very impressed with the short testimonies from the Cambodian brothers.

It is now 6 years that we have laboured together in S.E. Asia and we plan to go again in the Spring next year.

Through this time in Phnom Penh we have made stronger friendships with our brothers from FGBMFI France who have been working for some years in **Vietnam** and started 4 chapters there. We have invited them to Stuttgart for our Men's Camp and hope to renew our friendship.

In Bangkok, **Thailand**, we took time off to relax on the beach of Bang Sean. In the evening we shared testimony at a local chapter meeting (care group). Some men were so touched by our ministry that they wanted to join a future airlift to a neighbouring country.

The idea of translating the book *Happiest People on Earth* and *Voice Magazine* into the national languages of this region is being considered.

We feel that God still has bigger plans for the FGBMFI and for our work in Asia. We ask you to treat this report confidentially. We do not want give Satan the opportunity to hinder the work.

If you want more information or you feel led by God to join a future outreach contact Klaus Viehmann

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Peter Spreckley, chairman FGBMFI UK, writes 'I have just come back from **Tanzania** having travelled with Kevin Durban Jackson, a UK Field Rep. from Chichester. We had an amazing time. The Lord was truly with us. The problem is that one cannot really explain adequately how things were in the Spirit. Kevin and I were completely blessed. It started in a surprising way. We were on our way from the airport in Tanzania when I asked the brother who met us "who is the main speaker at the Convention?" He replied "you are!". I had no idea of this as we had only been invited three weeks before.

If nothing else, I learned to trust God a lot more.

Our visit was timely as the Fellowship there was rather wobbly, but not now!

In 1983 a **Madagascan** student named Jeannot was at Humboldt University in former East Germany. He became a christian through the testimony of a Berlin woman named Irmgard Schorn. With a friend he was invited to attend a local FGBMFI chapter meeting. Jeannot was so impressed that he made a decision that one

day he would start such chapter meetings in his own country of Madagascar. Many years passed and Jeannot back in Madagascar got a job in a large brewery.

In 2003 FGBMFI Germany held a workshop in Prenzlau (Germany) and Irmgard Schorn was present. She told the FGBMFI German leaders about Jeannot and his desire to have FGBMFI in Madagascar.

Spontaneously Ulrich von Schurbein, Natl. President Germany, said to Jean-Pierre Witzmann 'you speak French, go to Madagascar and help start the work of the Fellowship there!'. A few weeks later Jean-Pierre together with his wife Johanna and Irmgard Schorn flew to Madagascar. Now three years since that visit, Jeannot is the national director of FGBMFI Madagascar. There are 20 chapters and the Fellowship is officially registered. Twice a year Jean-Pierre makes the trip to Madagascar together with a team to help the new chapters. He says ' It is a big job to find in Madagascar speakers and teachers, spiritual fathers and mothers and spirit filled young people'.



Jean-Pierre who lives in Berlin, has become Outreach Director for Madagascar. The nation is about the size of France with a population of about 9 million people; the climate is very humid. Many people live in poverty. He says 'the time is ripe and people are hungry for the gospel. They trust God for their healings as most of them cannot afford to pay for a doctor's visit. The Madagascans

are thankful people and rejoice in the help they get'.

Please pray for this nation; if you want more information about the FGBMFI work in Madagascar or you are interested to join a future airlift team contact Jean-Pierre Witzmann at -

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## Conferences

**The European Council and Leaders Conference** took place in Leuven, **Belgium**, on October 13 to 15.

There were many memorable moments when men and women from 18 nations from all over Europe and beyond, met together, writes Mike Wiltshire, a UK Director.

In the opening session, John Walker, European Council President, told us that he had come back greatly encouraged from the World Convention in the USA.. There had been a prophetic word for Europe from Dr. Charles Dixon: 'it was a coming "breakthrough" in the name of Jesus – and we are in the birth pangs of seeing this come to pass'.



Paul Emans FGBMFI Netherlands President talked of the steps needed to see this breakthrough in Europe, especially in the light of so much blessing being reported in parts of the developing world, such as in Central America. Paul, as a business consultant, said he had often dealt with big companies which simply could not see why they failed – a vital step to recovery. But he was so encouraged by the FGBMFI brothers

in Europe because of their transparency – they could admit their failures and move on. Furthermore, God never promised a blessing on organisations – but only upon anointed men and women who relied totally on God.

The Lord had given a promise to Europe that "whatever had already been before, God would do again".

'The joy of the Lord is our strength', said Miklos Molnar from Budapest, Hungary, who emphasised the importance of "fresh testimonies, not old ones". He added: "We need to go out to a hurting world – so let's get 'fishing for souls', every day reaching out to people one by one."

In Hungary, they'd seen healings among people they first met on the streets – blind eyes and deaf ears opened (one man cried out, "I can now hear in stereo!") - and even cancer healed in the case of a troubled lawyer. "The cream on the cake for the lawyer was that he also fell back in love with his wife. And his business recovered, too!"

"If you talk to someone on the street, always tell them: 'God has a miracle for you!'"

For years, said Miklos, "we felt God's blessing was only released within chapter meetings – now we realise more than ever that it's out there on the streets."

From **Russia**, Andrei Klementyev , whose journey from St Petersburg to the Belgium conference by air and road took over 12 hours, said the Russian brothers were continuing to see new chapters birthed across the nation – in every city of over a million people there are now one or more chapters. There will be a national conference in early December in Moscow – "and I invite you all"

Syrian-born Rad Jacob, who now lives in Germany, spoke of the amazing advances for the Gospel in the Arabic-speaking world – especially via the internet and christian TV ('God's Air Force'). In Egypt, a million people had come to Christ.

On the practical issue of outreach, John Wright, EC Director, reminded us that our

enthusiasm for distributing Voice magazine was “a thermometer of where we are spiritually’.

All of us were challenged by fresh reports from the Central American Republic of **Nicaragua** where God has made it possible to reach multitudes after years of bitter civil war and natural disasters. Brothers from Nicaragua said that 16 years ago they planted one FGBMFI chapter in the nation – “today we have over 600, and all of them are ‘fishing’ chapters.” This huge expansion had only come about through obedience and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, said Humberto Arguello, Natl. President Nicaragua and Roger Gonzalez, Natl. Director.

In a one-week event 2,400 believers from two regions had come together to share their testimonies, from the many meetings in which 250,000 people had listened and been touched by the power of God. For example, a nine-year-old girl, born paralysed, had got up and walked. Furthermore, the deaf heard and the mute spoke –“and all we did was to be obedient and share our testimonies. Signs and miracles followed.”

In recent years, half of their largely Spanish-speaking population of six million had been touched. On average, ten people per chapter meeting were born again each week, equal to 6,000 new christians each week across the nation. In three years of ‘fire team outreaches’, a million people had received prayer.

Nicaragua’s economy had been destroyed in the civil war, but was now in “supernatural recovery” and growing at 5 per cent a year. Foreign companies “are queuing up to invest in the nation where the entire environment has changed.”

Commenting on the situation in the west, he said: “**The harvest is ready in Europe – we must get ready for a time of reaping.**”

Peruvian-born George Segersbol, National Director USA, told the conference about the remarkable ways the Holy Spirit had led him in the business world through prophetic

dreams. The Lord had also directed him to revisit Lima, **Peru** – a trip that led eventually to the creation of four chapters.

He noted that while there was spiritual inertia and indifference to the gospel in many areas of Europe, George felt optimistic because God was saying “it’s time to reclaim cities for Him.”

In the closing session, John Wright, EC Director, said he had asked the Lord: “Could you not shake the world?”

Then he felt the Lord reply, “I am about to do it!”

Paul Emans says

‘Gratefully we look back to a blessed National Convention in the **Netherlands** with approx. 100 attendees. We received good reports of people who felt this is what FGBMFI is all about, Christ centred and great testimonies, worship and ministry’.

David McDowell writes ‘the **28th All Ireland Convention** took place in Killarney, Co Kerry, from 2-4 November, with convention chairman Jack Looney, former National Director.

It was a great success with much blessing all round. Peter Spreckley, Don Latham and Terry Waters joined with us from FGBMFI UK. John Hamilton was the guest speaker from Scotland; his testimony and ministry was a blessing.

Large numbers attended (several hundred people), and the meetings were full. We can’t wait until 2007 for more anointed blessings.

David adds, ‘here in the North we prayed and acted for some new leaders. Since then new members are arriving and we now meet regularly and have been putting our hearts and heads together. We are making personal contacts on a daily basis and using our new literature and Voice magazines. We thank Terry Waters (a UK Director) who has helped us over the past two years, and we believe that FGBMFI is the instrument that our God is using in these last days to reach many people.

## **Central Europe**

FGBMFI Norway is planning an outreach in Prague, **Czech Republic**, in February 2007. This will be mainly street evangelism. Vaclav Lamr who lives in Prague is still very active for the Fellowship. Recently, two business chapters were started.

FGBMFI Germany have sponsored the printing of 4000 HPOE books in the Czech language. The German President, Ulrich von Schnurbein, plans to take meetings in Prague in January or March 2007. We have six chapters in Czech Republic; please pray for this nation; for the national FGBMFI President Daniel Krejci, and Josef Hofbauer from Germany who often goes to Czech Republic to assist the work of the Fellowship.

Miklos Molnar, Director for Central Europe, has in recent months visited **Romania**, **Bulgaria** and **Serbia** for the Fellowship. There are now 2 chapters in Serbia, near the Hungarian border, and Miklos has contacts in **Croatia** and hopes to start a chapter there soon.

At the recent Leaders Conference in Leuven, Belgium, it was agreed to hold the next European Council Meeting in **Budapest, Hungary**. This meeting will be combined with a **Central European Conference**, and we look forward to many members from the Central European nations joining us for this important event. The dates are **15 to 18 March, 2007**.

**The next FGBMFI World Convention will held in Panama at end July 2007.**

See our European website [www.fgbmfi-europe.com](http://www.fgbmfi-europe.com) click on Conf./outreaches for forthcoming events

May the blessings of the Lord be upon you and your families and may you have a peaceful New Year.