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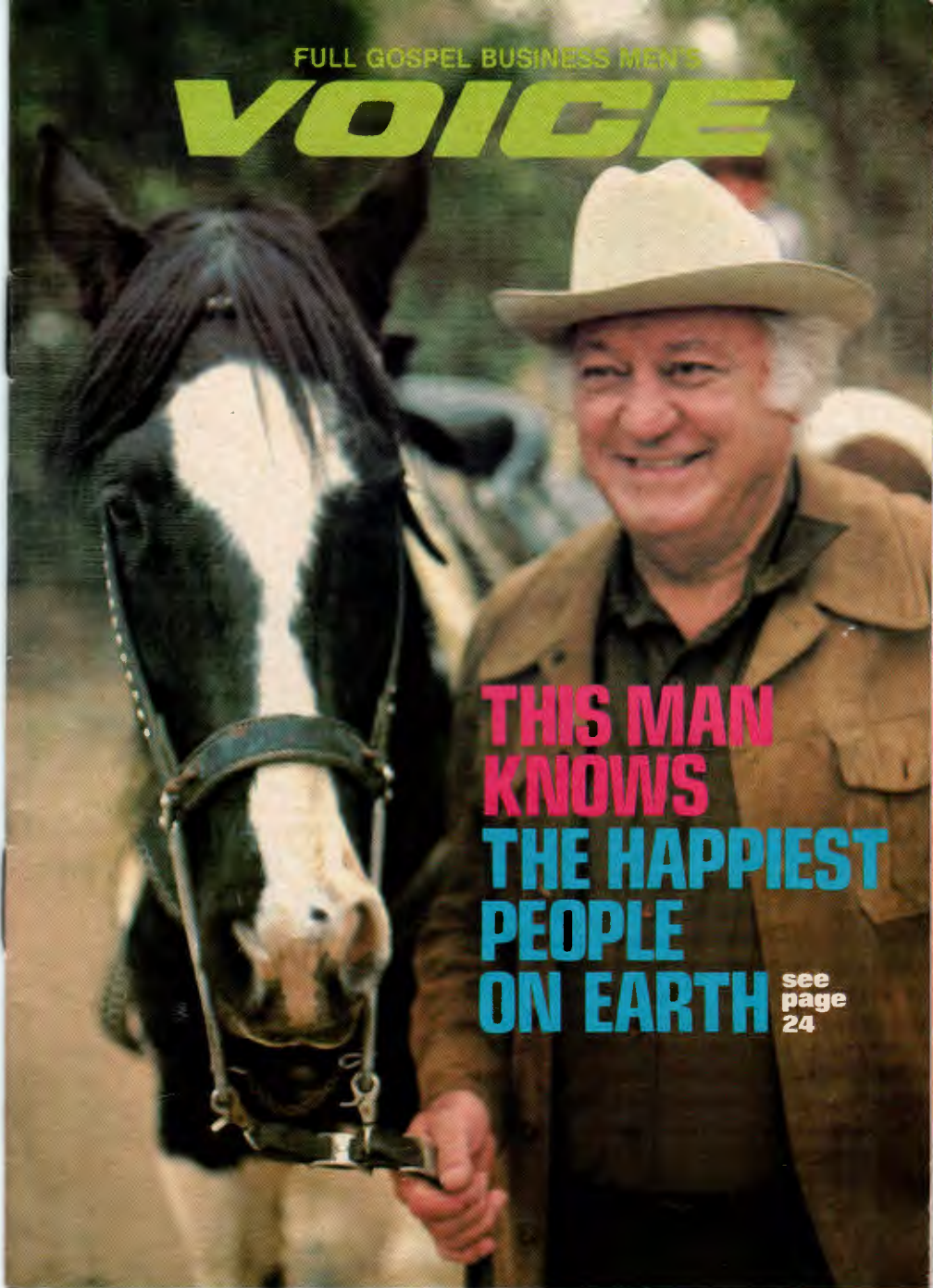
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VOICE



**THIS MAN
KNOWS
THE HAPPIEST
PEOPLE
ON EARTH**

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HOLLAND

...the flaming bomber headed straight for us.



Joe J. Van Giels

I was scarcely 19, but as a member of the Dutch resistance movement against the Nazis I'd already had my share of near-fatal scrapes. It never occurred to me that God and not good luck had kept me alive. Until one dark night on the Rhine . . .

I'd been strolling the shore with Rene, skipper of a barge plying the canals between Germany, Holland and Belgium. Recently, after receiving word from my father that in our hometown 15 members of the resistance movement had been arrested, I'd been forced to flee Amsterdam where I had attended Merchant Navy College. After my escape through an elaborate underground route, first to the harbor, then on to Antwerp, Belgium, the Resistance had put me in contact with Rene.

Rene lived aboard a 500-ton Rhine barge with his wife Yvonne and their one-year-old baby boy. I soon learned that his was no ordinary shipping vessel.

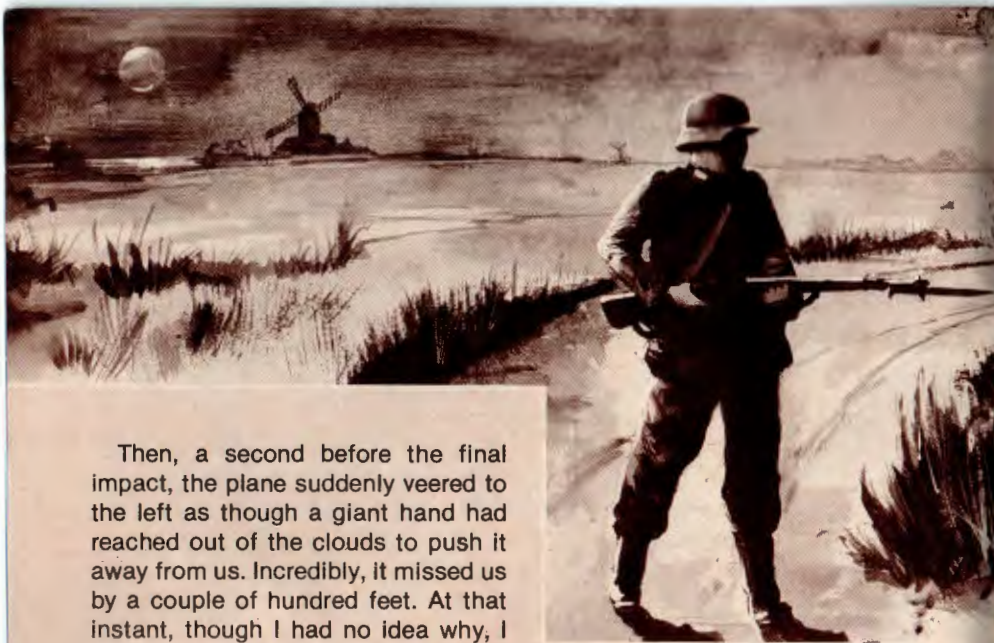
The destination of our first voyage together was to be the very heart of Germany. On a remote canal north of Belgium and under cover of darkness, we rendezvoused with local black-market chiefs. The hatches, carefully sealed by German officials, were opened and the valuable cargo spirited ashore.

Machinery left on board was scrupulously sabotaged. One cargo of



lathes destined for the armament factories in the Ruhr was stripped of its electric motors. Then we thoughtfully lubricated every grease-nipple and oil hole with sulphuric acid. After doing all we could to help the Nazis in this way, we meticulously resealed the hatches with the German seals, of which we had a generous supply.

On this particular night we were tied up near the German border when we heard the familiar drone of Allied bombers returning from a mission, and the faraway rumble of anti-aircraft guns trying to bring them down. Suddenly there was a red glow in the clouds, and a moment later a burning bomber came hurtling out of the sky, headed straight for us. Seeing that there was no possible escape for us, we simply stood, locked in our tracks.



Then, a second before the final impact, the plane suddenly veered to the left as though a giant hand had reached out of the clouds to push it away from us. Incredibly, it missed us by a couple of hundred feet. At that instant, though I had no idea why, I could not deny the fact that it was God, not luck, who had stepped in to save me.

The war went on for four more years. Time and again I was caught in situations that should have brought death or at least imprisonment in a slave labor camp. Once while on a smuggling mission between Germany and Belgium I was detected by a border guard. He demanded my papers, but all I had was my Naval College identification pass, which was in Dutch. After considerable bluffing on my part, the guard miraculously let me go on my way with a warning. Later I learned that news of my purported capture had reached my parents and

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my mother had been praying for me. Several times I was on dangerous missions with fighting all around me. Once I recall three shelters in succession being blown away from behind me as I raced from house to house for cover.

Toward the end of the war I was flown to London where I was to be rigorously trained to parachute back into occupied territory. The training was abruptly ended after only two weeks. Again God had intervened on my behalf, for I later found out that the Nazis had somehow penetrated that part of the British War Department and knew all the codes used for



The border guard demanded to see my papers.

successful business as boat builder and designer. I met a beautiful girl named Pat and we were married in the Anglican Church in South Perth. Pat joined me in my search for God. We read together many Christian-based books, particularly those of Lloyd Douglas (*The Big Fisherman, The Robe*). His fictional book, *Doctor Hudson's Secret Journal*, on the prayer life of a man of God, made a deep impression on me. It showed me the significance of meditation and concentration and the importance of a healthy thought-life. Meantime, we could see God at work in our lives in small ways. Although our business was not outrageously prosperous, time after time we saw needed finances come in right on schedule. We struggled but we were happy.

It was at this time that I developed an intellectual approach to God. Without much formal religious training, I couldn't readily see the pitfalls of that sort of approach. It was then that God began sending me the dreams.

They were not nightmares, but dreams which placed me in situations out of which I couldn't think my way.

the airdrops into Holland. Most of the agents who attempted to 'chute into the country were killed.

Few real patriots were left alive after the war. And many of those who were—like my father—had become even more disillusioned than I. Deciding there was little future for me in Europe, I left my home country to seek my fortune in Australia.

All along the way I was haunted by the question, "Why me?" Why had I survived the awful conflict when so many of my friends had not? I spoke with ministers and priests, but none of them seemed particularly interested. Perhaps the war had produced so much emotional and spiritual turmoil that my quest did not seem unusual to them.

In Australia I struggled to build a

For instance, I would be flying a light aircraft in my dream and, suddenly enveloped in a black cloud, would try every method I knew to escape as the fuel gauges dropped steadily toward empty. I woke from this particular dream deeply impressed that I should have prayed for help.

I had many dreams of a similar nature and a hunger began to grow within me to penetrate beyond my intellectual barriers into the realm of faith. The only path I knew was the Bible and I confined my reading, at least temporarily, to Christian literature.

One night before going to bed I prayed that somehow I could be a help to Bill, a friend of ours who had had a mental breakdown. During the night in a vision I was taken to a beautiful garden and seated next to an angel/teacher in a white robe.

"In your world," he told me, "your horizon is limited by physical factors. Here your horizon is a spiritual one. As you grow in the Spirit your horizon widens and your vision becomes clearer."

He took my hands and I felt a warm surge of power go all through my body. All the colors of the garden intensified, and there were colors I had never seen before. Every color touched an emotion within me. I discovered that even though we were seated on a stone seat, on apparently solid ground, I could see clearly below ground. It was as though a totally new dimension were involved about which I knew nothing.

Eventually the angel took me to a room flooded with blue light and containing a telescope-like instrument, telling me to use it to focus upon my friend Bill. I sat at the instrument for a long time. Then the blue light faded and I awoke in bed. It was 2:30 a.m.

The next Saturday Bill came to our door. He had a strange story to tell.

"Wednesday morning I woke up in bed in the middle of the night and there was this beam of beautiful blue light that came down on me and sort of went right through me. It warmed me right through. I haven't felt so good in a long time."

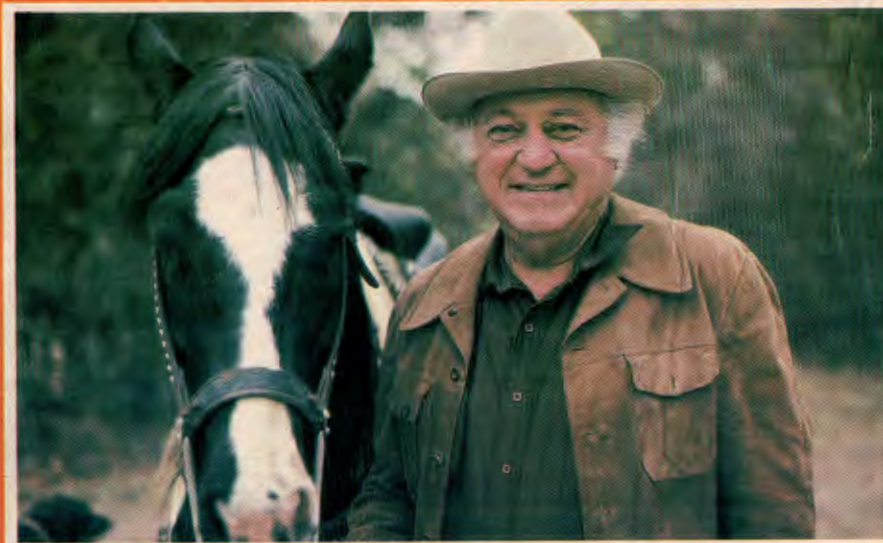
Bill told us that it was 2:30 a.m. when the blue light faded and left him alone. Knowingly, Pat and I smiled at one another.

From that point on Bill recovered. I continued to have similar experiences which took me into a dimension of the supernatural beyond my intellectual understanding. I also received assurances from the Lord during my waking hours. When our first daughter, Fiona, was born, there were complications which the doctors said would take her life. But a voice spoke to me: "Your daughter will be well and will grow up into a beautiful woman. Both your wife and your daughter will be home with you in 10 days' time." It all came about just as that inner voice had said.

One of the most significant experiences came at a time when we were in the midst of a financial and legal

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Bill Subritzky

Dad, I want to get as far away from you as I can!"

My son Paul had just told me he was planning to study law, but instead of enrolling at a university at Auckland, where we lived, he would be leaving for Dunedin on the South Island of New Zealand, 700 miles away.

The scene reminded me of my own rebellious youth and the contempt with which I treated my parents. Although I was now a successful lawyer and land developer, even a respected

member of our Anglican church, it seemed that the bitter seeds I had sown in my past had finally grown and were being harvested.

Reared in a strict religious environment in the middle of the depression, I grew up hating three things: God, poverty, and my parents. I went to university as early as I could, and immediately joined an atheist society and a leftist political organization.

One good thing that happened in my university years, though, was that I met the girl I was going to marry. The

only problem was that she insisted on going to church every Sunday. I went along with her long enough to satisfy the vicar who married us; after the wedding I settled down to my old ways.

Shortly afterward, at the ripe old age of 21, I set up shop as an attorney. Since lawyers are not allowed to advertise in New Zealand, I began to join every organization I could to get myself known. So when my wife came home one morning from church (now that we were married I didn't need to pursue that foolishness anymore) and said there was to be an election of the local vestry the following week, I agreed with her that it might be a good idea if I tried out for it.

When I presented myself to the vicar he looked me up and down but couldn't recall seeing me before. I thought to myself, "And you won't see me often again, either." I planned to take advantage of any loophole the vestry might present. Despite my lack of genuine commitment, I was actually elected to that post, and as time went on was placed on more and more important committees. For 20 years I was on the synod (the governing board of the church), and was also chairman of the stewardship council and eventually a member of the bishop's advisory committee, often traveling with the bishop to important meetings.

Over a period of time, the religiosity of it all ingrained itself in me. I even started going to a Friday morning

communion that started at 6:00 a.m. I was so faithful that they kept that thing going for years even though often I was the only one there. I believe I was really searching for God at that time, but my Depression-bred pride would never let me really humble myself before God. Billy Graham came to our country twice and I went to every meeting because of my standing in the church, but even though I felt a tugging at my heart each time the invitation came, I just couldn't let those people think I was less religious than they.

Our business prospered, and Pat and I were in the midst of raising four children when our eldest, Paul, began giving us trouble. Pat told me one day, "If you can keep this boy out of jail till he's 20 you deserve a medal." I worked him hard, and by 16 he had passed his exams to enter university. By that time his rebellion was so strong he could barely talk at times. One day in my office lounge he fronted up to me and delivered me such a blow that I thought every tooth must be gone from my head. Not long after that he told me of his decision to attend university as far away from me as possible.

Then one day while I was on business out of town, Pat called me and told me we had trouble with our youngest daughter, Maria.

It seemed she'd gone to a local church to hear a group of men, called the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, give their testimonies. They



(Seated:) Bill Subritzky, Jan Bekesi, Pat Subritzky; (standing, from left:) David and Maria Curle, John Subritzky, Colin Bekesi, and Lynette and Paul Subritzky.

had come as an airlift team to New Zealand. When she came home she said she'd met a "turkey millionaire" named Enoch Christoffersen who had told her about Jesus and about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This was at a good Anglican church, too, mind you.

Now Maria was telling her mother she spoke in tongues.

When I heard that, I first planned what I would say to the bishop when I reported to the vicar of the church. Then I told Pat over the phone, "Keep calm, watch her closely, and if she does anything strange, take her to the doctor."

But when I returned home I found a daughter who though certainly not ill was decidedly different. She was suddenly obedient and kind and wanted to attend church all the time.

Not long afterward the vicar of the church brought in an Englishman who he said had a ministry of healing. I told Pat that with all the tax burden of hospitalization under our country's social security system, that was just

the sort of man we needed. However, we went to the meeting and when it was over found ourselves both in the healing line.

The minister asked me, "What can I do for you, brother?"

"I have a problem with my knees," I replied.

"If you spent more time *on* your knees you would have fewer problems," he said, as he laid hands on me. "You cheeky pom," I thought. (*Pom* is what we New Zealanders call an Englishman.)

But within a month my knee problem was completely cleared up.

There was something in that man I liked, so I followed him to another meeting. At the invitation I waited till he was looking the other way, then slipped up my hand for salvation. The whole family was there, and they all raised their hands, even Paul.

Afterward, Maria came and told me the preacher was praying for people to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I went forward but switched my

mind off, since my intellect couldn't figure what was going on. As he laid hands on me, I suddenly began speaking in another tongue and God's sweet peace enveloped me. The preacher shouted "Hallelujah!" and nearly went through the ceiling. He knew God had finally gotten through.

That day I gave up religion and took up Jesus.

At work the next day I confronted one of my attorney peers in the elevator. "Ron, Jesus is alive!" I said. He just went out of the lift shaking his head. Then I called my law partners in and told them, "Jesus is alive!" (They left and had their own conference after that. Eventually however, they all accepted Christ.)

Before I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit I had been asked to participate in an important Anglican conference. On the way the bishop asked me not to mention my "strange experiences" at the meeting and I agreed. During the conference a question was raised concerning the virgin birth of Christ and I felt impressed to answer it, because the "official" reply seemed to be more a dissertation on chemistry. I rose and told the group something I had said in church for more than 20 years. But this time it came from my heart: "I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, that He died on the cross, and that He rose the third day."

As I made that statement of faith, in accordance with Romans 10:8-10, I felt a new dimension of freedom, a

definite assurance of Christ living within me.

Our family was reunited because of our common bond in Jesus. We began a little prayer meeting in our home, and week by week neighbors I'd never known began pouring into our house. It got so big that people actually had to call to reserve seats. We even installed a closed-circuit television and seated people in the basement.

In the last few years I have seen God move in a startling way in Singapore, the Philippines, Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. Leaders everywhere are being converted and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Even "religious" folks like me are getting saved and filled! In our diocese, 110 of 150 clergy have been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

And in the midst of a seven-year depression in our country—during which 19 out of 22 development enterprises the size of ours have gone bankrupt—God has increased our business by 30 percent!

But something that means the most of all to me is a letter I received from my son Paul:

"Dear Dad: This is just a little note of gratitude. I finally waked up to how much you've done for me . . . and it makes me feel most humble to think how ungrateful I've been. . . I think this is through the Lord's work, and I hope you'll keep that in mind if we ever have another argument."

You know, that letter's worth all the money I've ever earned. □

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3. To bring about a greater measure of unity and spirit of harmony in the body of Christ, where members are united in a common effort for the good of the whole body.

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DUTCH WEST INDIES

Sir Charles T. Vlaun

I was such a notorious drunkard in the Dutch West Indies that when I finally sobered up, they were so impressed they made me an acting governor.

Well, that's something of an oversimplification, but not as much as one might think. I was a successful businessman and a lot of people looked up to me. Except, that is, when they had to look down to find me in the gutter on Saturday night.

I was successful almost from the time I started out in business at 18 as owner of a kind of supermarket.

Friendship with the governor and the local priest led to a lot of good business contacts. Soon I was making friends with everyone, and the way we made friends was to have a drink together. I'd meet one friend at 9:00 in the morning and we'd have a drink. Then I'd make someone else's acquaintance at 10:00, seal another friendship at 11:00, and so on. I was the friendliest young man you'd ever imagine.

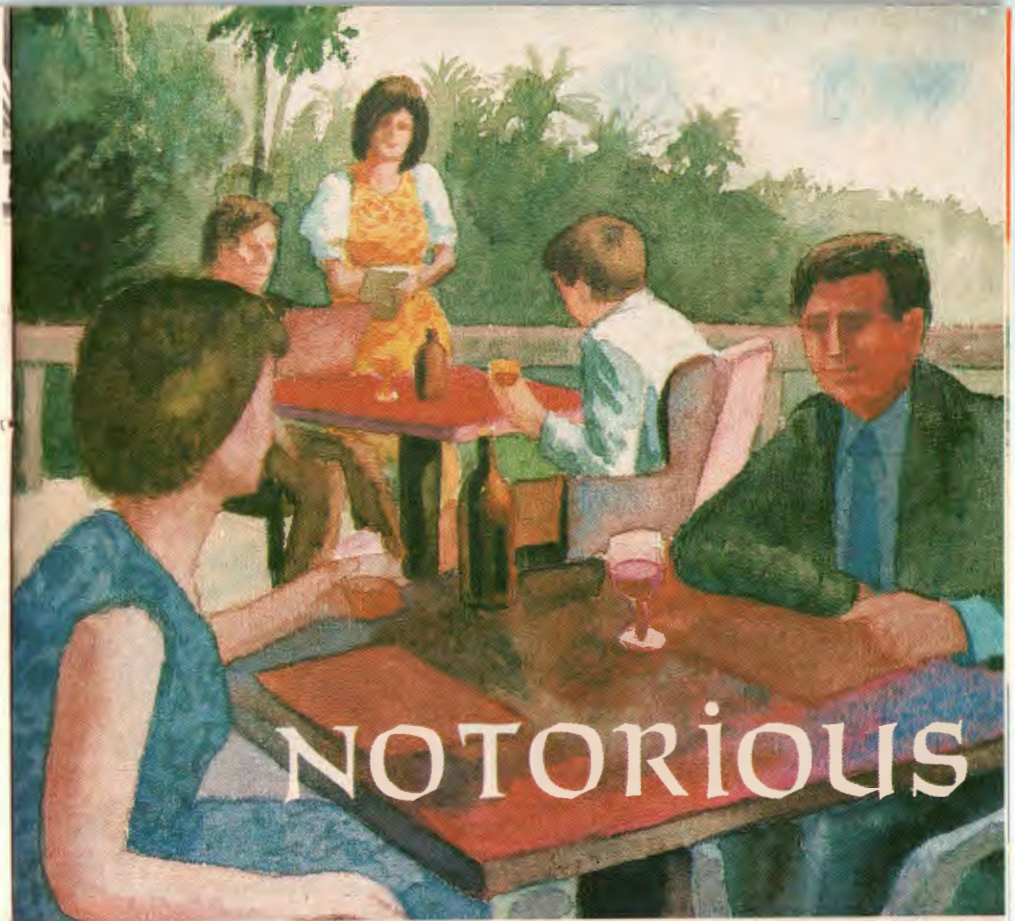
When I was 19 I met the girl I was going to marry. Before going to see her each time, I'd kill the odor of liquor on my breath by throwing a handful of cornmeal down my throat. Not until Dorothy and I were actually married did she discover that her husband lived in a bottle.

My wife would sometimes try to hide the liquor from me. But if I awoke in the middle of the night craving a drink and she wouldn't give it to me, I'd beat her until she did.

My eyesight started going before I was 24 years old. Then my legs began to give out. I was in such poor condition from drinking that if I got out of bed to go to the bathroom my wife had to come and help me back. There were horrible hallucinations that evil spirits or unseen enemies were after me. Finally one night I blacked out completely. When my frantic wife could detect no pulse she summoned an ambulance to take me to the hospital.

The priest came, gave me Extreme Unction and heard my last confession. But even after receiving the Sacraments I was conscious of a deep sense of guilt still weighing on my heart—a heaviness I could almost feel in my breast. At this point the doctors gave me only a few hours to live, but when I was still breathing three weeks later they let me go, with the ominous warning that a single drink could kill me. I went home and had several.

Now, there was a Spirit-filled Baptist preacher from St. Thomas who had come to St. Maarten to begin a new work. The moment he came to



town he began witnessing. Later he told me that practically everyone he met told him, "Go see Charlie Vlaun." I was the personification of hopelessness and they figured the preacher would wear himself out on me and go away.

But he didn't. In fact, he became determined to minister to me—he simply wouldn't give up, no matter what I did to him. Time and time again

he would make appointments to see me and each time I would stand him up.

One particular Sunday I had promised faithfully to wait for him at my store and to let him in. But when I heard his car approach I locked myself in with a bottle of liquor and hid in a corner. Repeatedly he pounded on the door. "Mr. Vlaun, open up! I've got something to tell you. Mr. Vlaun, open

"Mr. Vlaun, don't do it!" he begged.



the door!" Whenever I hear Revelation 3:20 I think of that day: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." God was knocking at my door, but I refused to open it to Him.

It was just before Christmas, 1956 and I was planning to have what I thought of as a "good Christmas"—drinking and carousing with the boys. I did have that kind of Christmas, too—and my celebrations continued on to New Year's Eve.

The first day of the new year found

me parked in front of my house, too drunk to get out of the car. There I sat, slumped over the wheel in a stupor, until my wife finally found me. Opening the car door, she stared at the bundle of misery squinting back at her through bloodshot eyes. Then, weeping in desperation, she grabbed the liquor bottle I had tucked into my trouser waistband and smashed it against the windshield. "I will never again go through another year like this," she pledged, then turned on her heels and walked resolutely back into the house.

Her words had a hollow sound that

seemed to reverberate through my mental fog; their finality had shaken something deep within me.

The next morning, January 2, 1957, I opened my store and, though I had become acutely aware that I was drowning my very life in its amber liquid, I began to drink my way to the bottom of the first bottle of the day. I had formulated no plan, but when the door opened and the preacher walked in I grabbed the bottle by its neck and prepared to throw it.

"Mr. Vlaun, don't do it, don't do it," the preacher begged. Thinking I intended to strike him with it, he grabbed for my arm.

"No! Let me go!" I shouted. "Today is the day." And with that I threw the bottle through the window to crash against the wall of the building next door.

Then we knelt together as I prayed a prayer of repentance and commitment to Jesus Christ. Yes, I was half-drunk. Nevertheless, I meant every word. Asking the preacher to close the store for me, I went home to suffer through five days of painful, frightening withdrawal without the use of any medication whatsoever.

When I was able to get out of bed the preacher asked me if I'd like to go to an open-air meeting and tell people what Jesus had done for me. I did, and at the end of the service a woman came forward and declared, "If God can stop *you* from drinking, He can change my life too." And He did. Today that lady is sober and serving the Lord.



Married now for 30 years and the parents of eight children, Sir Charles and Dorothy Vlaun have many good reasons to smile.

To illustrate the great changes Christ had made in me, there was a young woman who once had worked as saleslady in my store and who had known me when I was drinking. She moved away to Aruba, but when her husband died she returned to St. Maarten looking for work. (I had since moved my business to another location.) One day in a chance meeting, and assuming she knew who I was, I

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THREE DECADES

of

president. And they are anticipating the powerful testimonies and inspiring music which are always an important part of each convention.

The celebration of three decades of ministry make this event an extra-special time to "give unto God the glory due His name" and to "remember His marvelous works." We will recall how God began with only 21 men in Clifton's Cafeteria, Los Angeles, and how from that tiny acorn a giant-oak ministry grew which has spread the Good News worldwide.

The 30th Anniversary is an occasion to remember—but not a time for nostalgia. It calls for spiritual renewal and total commitment to the unfinished task of reaching men for Jesus.

Full Gospel Business Men have established a beachhead in 77 countries, and in many of those lands the subsequent growth has been phenomenal. In others, much land needs to be possessed, and 103 countries remain totally untouched to date.

You may be part of one of the mightiest moves of God in these closing days of time. The 1982 World Convention will provide opportunities for excellent training to equip believers for effective ministry.

Plan now to rejoice with us as we remember the marvelous works of God, and join us as we prepare to declare His glory among the nations! The back cover of this issue tells how you may obtain important details. □

MINISTRY

One of the greatest events in the history of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International will take place July 6-10, when thousands of members and friends pack the Anaheim Convention Center to celebrate its 30th anniversary at the 1982 World Convention.

Excitement and enthusiasm are building in anticipation of this historic event. As always, believers are looking forward to receiving ministry through anointed spiritual leaders such as Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho, pastor of the world's largest congregation, Seoul, Korea; Kenneth Copeland, one of the most gifted and sought-after teachers today; and Demos Shakarian, FGBMFI founder and



Don't reject the genuine on account of the counterfeit!

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asked if she would like to work for me. She agreed.

One day, after working for me for three years, she asked the lady with whom she stayed, "Whatever happened to that guy that used to drink so much? The one who had his store close to the church?"

"Why, that's the man you're working for!" came the lady's delighted reply.

Once I was saved, people began to watch me very closely. First my business began to grow more and more successful. Then after two years as a Christian I was given the glorious opportunity of an appointment as acting governor. Later on when election time came around I saw no harm in presenting myself as a candidate, and was elected to serve two four-year terms as counsel member. At the end of the last term I decided to return to business.

By this time my wife had also been saved, and with the baptism in the Holy Spirit her life was completely revolutionized. I would get home to find her singing and worshiping joyfully in the Spirit. I wanted no part of it. I believed that the time for miracles

was past. When my preacher friend would try to talk to me about it, I would grow angry. "No! I don't want that. I've seen too many fakes." Then I warned him, "If you want to remain friends with me, you'll have to cut that out."

Then one day a friend said to me, "Charlie, if I give you two one-dollar bills, one real and one counterfeit, what would you do?"

"I'd keep the real and throw the fake away," I said.

"That's the way with the Baptism, Charlie," he said. "The devil has some counterfeits running around, but God has the genuine article for you. Don't reject the genuine on account of the counterfeit."

My friend's wisdom registered. Before long I was praying to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Although I'd been living a decent Christian life since my conversion, I didn't have the pluck to witness much. But after my baptism I became a firebrand for the Lord, just like the preacher who had come pounding on my door years before.

In 1977 I started getting chest pains. Doctors said I would have to have

major heart surgery. I was forbidden to drive my car and advised to retire and turn my business over to my son. Arrangements were made for me to travel to Houston, Texas for bypass surgery, and I began to get my affairs in order.

Then I started thinking. Wasn't God able? Didn't He desire for me to be well in body as well as soul? I opened my Bible and there, in the Third Epistle of John, verse 2, I read: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." I began to examine my conscience. Once assured that there was nothing to hinder God from healing me, I made plans to go to a miracle meeting in Barbados at a church where a good friend and brother in the Lord pastored.

You could feel the presence of the Spirit of God the moment you entered the auditorium. During the service I was called to the front and, as I was prayed for, the power of God fell on me. Right then and there I knew I'd been healed. But when I phoned my wife to tell her the news she said, "You wait until you go to Houston and let the doctors decide if you still need the operation." Out of consideration for her feelings I decided to fly on to St. Luke's Hospital in Houston and allow them to run the tests.

In evaluating the preliminary lab tests the first day I checked in, the young doctor who examined me said, "Tell me, sir, what are you here for—a routine checkup?"

I said, "No, according to the doctor

in San Juan I'm supposed to have heart-bypass surgery."

"I don't think so," he said.

The following morning I was scheduled for a CAT scan. Those hours were the longest of my life, but when the two doctors came walking into my room that evening they were smiling.

"Mr. Vlaun, the tests you had made in San Juan and those we have run here are completely opposite. But to further satisfy our curiosity we would like you to have a treadmill test tomorrow morning."

"Sure, Dr. Garcia. Praise the Lord. No problem. No problem."

"You understand there is an element of risk—"

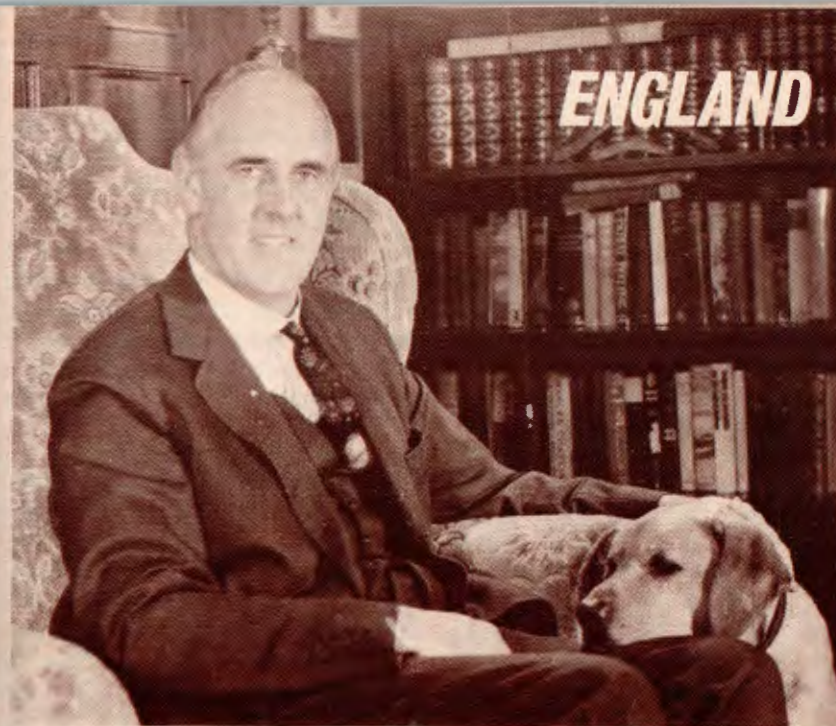
"Doctor, God healed me in Barbados. I'm afraid of nothing."

The following morning on the treadmill I ran and ran and ran. And I have been going full speed ever since.

In 1978 I was knighted by the Queen of Holland for my religious contribution to the Island of St. Maarten. In our 30 years together my wife and I have raised eight children, and one of them has been called to preach.

Ephesians 5:18 says, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." And Romans 14:17,18 says, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men."

Ask just about anyone on St. Maarten and they'll say, "It worked for Charlie Vlaun." □



Packing It In

Buzz Dulley

Mr. Dulley, I'm afraid the X-rays confirm what we suspected," the doctor said somberly. "Your wife's cancer has spread terribly. It is beyond treatment."

A wave of self-pity swept over me as I hung up the phone. What would happen to me without Rosalind, my life partner for 23 years? We had thought her operation in 1969, two years earlier, had halted the cancer beast. Now it was back again, and this time there was no stopping it.

For a time I walked the streets of London battling my selfish thoughts,

but when I reached home I was on top of things again. When I told Rosalind there was no hope, she took it wonderfully as I knew she would, and during those last five months of her life she was full of great courage and much peace.

Our lives to that point had been ordinary and untumultuous. As sales director of a pharmaceutical and perfume company, I was drifting steadily towards retirement without any great plans for the future; perhaps some golf and a little more involvement in church life at Stoke Poges, where I had been church warden for 12 years.

As a youngster I had been confirmed in the Church of England, but fell away as I grew older. I was a conventional sinner, doing all the things my friends were doing, and saw nothing wrong with that. I married after the war, and we had three lovely girls. Rosalind led the family back to church so the girls could grow up with a religious background. I was happy to go along, and even became involved with church business. But none of it meant much to me. A Bible lay beside my bed—which was appropriate, for I was as likely to read it asleep as I was to read it at all.

Rosalind's tragic battle with cancer shook the foundations of our secure little world. Yet it strengthened us as a family, and when she died the girls and I felt able to give God thanks at the memorial service, and to rejoice that she was no longer suffering.

A year later my 20-year-old Sarah came to me to announce she had accepted Jesus as her Saviour. I said that was good, then forgot pretty much all about it. Then, seven months after Sarah's conversion, 15-year-old Lulu made the same commitment. I was somewhat attracted to their new life, and even began attending meetings with them. I thought vaguely about "accepting" Jesus (whatever that meant) but had a nagging reservation that I would be shipped off as a missionary to Nepal, or in some other way lose control of my life.

In 1975 I attended three days of a Christian holiday week to which

Sarah and Lulu and I had been invited. I accepted the invitation reluctantly, packing four bottles of good liquor in my suitcase, next to my dormant bedside Bible. I was surprised to actually enjoy myself. Although I experienced no measurable spiritual awakening, the bottles came home unopened.

The following year I attended the holiday once again. This time I heard John Collins, vicar of Canford Magna in Dorset, speak of the resurrection of Christ. But they weren't just words. They leaped to life within me, and I knew they were just for *me*. Deep within my soul I knew the only thing for me to do was to commit my life wholly to the Lord, and I did so, irrevocably, forever.

As I did, I felt a sack of sin that I'd been carrying for 60 years just drop off my shoulders. I never noticed the load till it was gone, and I still didn't understand it, but I knew unquestionably that I was a different person.

Later in the day, with the lightheartedness of the newly reborn, I grabbed someone, asking for prayer. I also asked if I was "ready" yet. I didn't know what I needed to be "ready" for—but when we prayed, the Holy Spirit came all over me and filled me up from top to bottom with a tingling warmth and I overflowed with a flood of praise in a new language.

The man praying with me asked if I would like to be alone to contemplate and I shouted, "No! I want to get out and tell the world!" I felt as though I had 50 years of work to do for the Lord, and as I was already 60 I would

have to pack it in a bit to finish in time.

I tried to go to bed that night but I couldn't, for the presence of God was overwhelming and the room seemed to be so full of angels there was hardly space left for me. I danced about all night, laughing, singing and praying.

I went back to my office in London the next day, feeling like a space traveler. I knew I had changed, but I didn't realize the world around me was different, too. My secretary, Grace, responded to my cheerful greeting with a grunt through the handkerchief clutched to her face. "Hay fever!" she snuffled. As I went through to my office it seemed the Lord's voice said to me, "Is Grace your first challenge?"

"What? Me?" I blustered. "If she is, I don't know what to do about it!"

Later in the day I interviewed a young man for a sales position, and he revealed that he was a committed Christian. No one had ever said that to me before. I joyfully replied that I was one, too—but I didn't tell him I was fewer than two days old.

As I went back through Grace's office I told myself I would do something about her situation. I called her into my office and asked her if she believed the Lord could heal a blocked nose.

"Yes," she responded. "I'm a Christian!" Suddenly I was surrounded by believers I'd never known existed. We prayed for her ailment, and by week's end she was well and ready to enjoy a fine holiday. I believe the Lord used

Grace and that young man to open my eyes to a whole new way of life.

Soon afterward, through a small group of Christian business friends, I began hearing about Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. The seven of us began praying for God's direction, and a year later we were led to step out and do something. Deciding to host a dinner, we sent out invitations to everyone we knew—Christian or not. Demos Shakarian was to be the main speaker. I had perfect peace in my heart that God would not let us down.

A week before the dinner we had 77 acceptances and 34 refusals, and were waiting for replies from 600 more. The seven of us had to lay out cash in advance for 50 percent of the dinners, so we stood to eat a great many dinners if no one showed. Still, the peace in my heart persisted. On the night of the dinner 540 people came through the door to hear businessmen talk about Jesus.

That was the beginning of an exciting full-gospel move in Great Britain. The year before there had been just four FGBMFI chapters. Now, five years later, there are well over 100. Our London chapter has some 40 members, and there are seven other chapters in the city as well.

Recently I felt God wanted me to go to work fulltime for FGBMFI during my retirement. The Lord has blessed our efforts tremendously, and I do feel that I may be able to get that 50 years' worth of work done in time after all! □



THE HAPPIEST

PEOPLE ON EARTH



Demos Shakarian
President/Founder, Full Gospel
Business Men's Fellowship
International

The concept for all that has transpired in Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship came to me in 1951, when the words Dr. Charles Price had spoken to me seven years earlier began to sear deeply into my consciousness: *"Demos, I will not be here to see it, but you will witness one of the major events foretold in the Bible. Just before Jesus returns to earth God's Spirit is going to descend on all flesh, and laymen will be the most important channel through which He will work."*

That fall I helped to set up Oral Roberts' Los Angeles campaign, the largest seen there up to that time, with more than 200,000 attending during the 16 days.

"This is rewarding," I said to Oral one night as we sat eating pie and coffee after the service. "Still, I keep getting the feeling God is leading me into a different, a unique kind of ministry."

"What's that, Demos?"

"I picture a group of businessmen who tell what they've experienced of

God to other men like themselves—men who might not be interested in what a preacher says but will listen to a plumber, a dentist, or a salesman because they themselves are plumbers, dentists and salesmen."

Oral's response was quick and positive. "Demos, this is real. Is there anything I can do to help get it started?"

"Yes. Oral, if I were to invite businessmen from all over Los Angeles to a Saturday morning meeting, would you come and help launch this thing?" He agreed.

As a meeting place we chose the second floor of Clifton's Cafeteria. Then I got on the phone to every Spirit-filled businessman I knew, announcing the first meeting.

Oral spoke for about 20 minutes, then closed with a prayer: "Lord Jesus, let this Fellowship grow in Your strength alone. Send it marching in Your power across the nation and around the world."

Months of frustration followed the first meeting. Nothing seemed to be happening. I spent thousands of dollars, but no other contributions were made, no other chapters started. Finally I decided to terminate the chapter and dissolve the Fellowship on Saturday morning, December 29, 1952.

Friday at midnight before what was to be our last meeting, I suggested to my wife Rose and to our house guest that week, evangelist Tommy Hicks, that they not wait up for me since I intended to go into the living room to pray and would not leave there until I had heard from God.

I felt dazed and bewildered as I entered the room. I wanted to quit—but could not. Falling prostrate on the floor, I wept until three in the morning. Finally I managed to get to my knees. Rose, unable to sleep, came in to join me.

She sat at the organ and began to play. As music swelled through the room the atmosphere grew bright, and to my amazement the ceiling seemed to recede, then disappear. I

found myself staring up into the sky—a daytime sky, although outside it must have been pitch dark. Then all at once Rose stopped playing, her fingers still resting on the keys. She began speaking in tongues, then interpreted: "*My son, you are in the center of My will. I am leading you by your hand. Look not to the left nor to the right, but continue in the way in which you are going.*"

As she spoke, a remarkable thing began to happen. Although still on my knees, I felt as if I were rising—leaving my body—moving high above the earth, able to see the entire country from west to east.

What I saw was startling. My sight focused in on millions and millions of men standing shoulder to shoulder, lifeless, miserable, faces set, eyes staring straight ahead, unblinking, unseeing.

Then the vision changed. The world seemed to turn slowly beneath my gaze. I saw the continents of South America, Africa, Europe, Asia. Once more those startling closeups, and everywhere the same: brown faces, black faces, white faces—every one of them rigid and wretched.

Suddenly Rose began to speak again, not knowing what I was seeing. "*My son, what you see next is going to happen very soon.*"

The earth was turning a second time. Beneath me again were those millions upon millions of men. But what a difference this time! Heads were raised. Eyes shone with joy.

Hands were lifted towards heaven. These men who had been so isolated—each in his prison of self—now were linked in a community of love and adoration.

The vision was over. I felt myself returning to earth. Below me was our house and I could see myself kneeling, with Rose seated at the organ. Then the familiar objects of the room closed around me, and I was aware of an ache in my knees, a stiffness in my neck. I got slowly to my feet and looked at my watch. It was 3:30.

"What happened, Demos?" Rose asked. "Did you hear something from the Lord?"

"Honey, I not only *heard*, I *saw*." And I described the vision. Rose listened with tears in her eyes. "Oh, Demos, don't you see? He's showing us that the Fellowship is to go on!"

*First meeting,
Los Angeles chapter,
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.*

Throughout the years of W.W. II, Demos and Rose sponsored tent meetings following the pattern they had established in 1940 while holding Sunday-afternoon meetings in a vacant lot in East Los Angeles.



And it did go on. Money began to come in, *Voice* magazine was born, and other chapters began springing up like mushrooms. By the summer of 1953 there were nine chapters, and we were planning a national convention in October, exactly two years after the first meeting in Clifton's Cafeteria.

Six hundred people showed up for that fall weekend at the Clark Hotel, Los Angeles. Today a convention can draw 20,000; by comparison, that first national meeting seems small indeed. But to us it was enormous. So was the enthusiasm.

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship has always been in the vanguard of the charismatic movement. We were the first to hold meetings in hotel ballrooms around the world, providing a place where Catholics, Jews, Protestants, and those of no faith at all could gather freely to hear the good news that God loves them and that Jesus Christ died to save, heal, and endue them with His power.

Business executives, corporation leaders, doctors, lawyers, scientists, pilots, farmers, prisoners, contractors, car dealers—they're all part of the Fellowship.

As I sit in the new International Headquarters at Costa Mesa, California, I am deeply moved as I see the fulfilling of the vision God gave me that Saturday morning.

More than 150 conventions and advances together with chapter meetings in 77 countries, reach hundreds of thousands. *Voice* magazine in

seven languages, the book ministry, and *Set Free* (a publication for prisoners) greatly enlarge the number touched by the Fellowship; and "Good News!" television and radio programs impact millions of homes.

Airlifts have opened doors in China, India, Egypt, Central America, and in many other countries where Full Gospel Business Men have been privileged to share their message of hope with national leaders.

And God isn't through. Chapters are constructing 100-watt (low-power) transmitter stations licensed by FCC to provide communities with 24-hour gospel programs. We have the exciting potential of beaming the message of "Good News!" simultaneously all over the world.

Advanced Leadership Seminars at the World Laymen's Headquarters and global seminars in other nations are preparing chapter leaders to be used of God to complete fulfillment of the vision. I invite every Christian man to prayerfully consider the challenge of having a significant part in this dynamic worldwide ministry. □

There is much more to the Demos Shakarian story. Full details of his life and his work through Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International may be found in his autobiography *The Happiest People on Earth*, paperback published by Chosen Books.

The book may be ordered at \$4.95 per copy, plus 50¢ for handling and mailing. (California residents, please add 6% sales tax.) Send check or money order to FGBMFI, P.O. Box 5050, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

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JOURNEY

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crisis. By bribing the necessary attorneys and officials, a man cheated me of a boat which I had custom-made to his specifications—a great loss. In the aftermath of this devastating event I had a vision in which Jesus appeared to me and escorted me to a tree made of ugly thorns.

"Do you recognize that tree, son?" Jesus asked.

"Yes, Lord," I replied. "Your crown was made out of it when You were crucified."

Jesus said I was wearing that crown now. I realized that while I was dealing with only one man, Jesus had been betrayed by *all* of mankind.

From that insight, I believe, came the strength I needed to go on. Pat and I persevered to build a business that was almost more prosperous than we could handle. We finally were able to sell out and move to New Zealand, where we lived in material and emotional prosperity.

Still I sensed there was a void in my life. We went through a difficult time with our three children, and even after the greatest crises had passed, I had an unexplainable emptiness inside.

Then a friend invited me to a meeting of Full Gospel Business Men. Most of my life I had avoided contact and fellowship with other folks who called themselves Christians because I had seen so much hypocrisy in the religion of the church. Here, though, was genuine fellowship and, I sensed, worship.

At this time, the New Zealand Good News '80 crusade was being planned. During a preliminary rally for that event a young Anglican priest asked me if I were a Christian.

"I wish I had the guts to call myself a real Christian," I replied. I'd seen so many halfway Christians, I knew I only wanted to be one if I had the courage to be one all the way.

"You know," the priest replied, "when you talk like that I think you must be more than halfway there."

What he said was true, for during Good News '80 I made that total commitment to the Lord. The second night I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and my daughter Fiona and her husband went forward for salvation.

I was overjoyed. Not only were we born again but Pat and I started a new era in our life. All the bitterness of past experiences was wiped away, and I truly felt as though I were starting life all over again.

Since then we have begun fellowshiping in a Spirit-filled church where we can worship Jesus with other believers. Although I don't believe man's spiritual quest is ever finished in this life, I can say that the void has been filled in my heart.

I thank God that He watched over me and instructed me for all those years, even as He does today. I still don't understand all that has taken place in my life, and perhaps I never will. God doesn't always do things as we think He should.

And I for one will always be grateful for that. □

SIX SCRIPTURAL STEPS TO SALVATION

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

1. ACKNOWLEDGE: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

2. REPENT: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. CONFESS: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. FORSAKE: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord... for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

5. BELIEVE: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

6. RECEIVE: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11,12).

Why not make your eternal decision right now:

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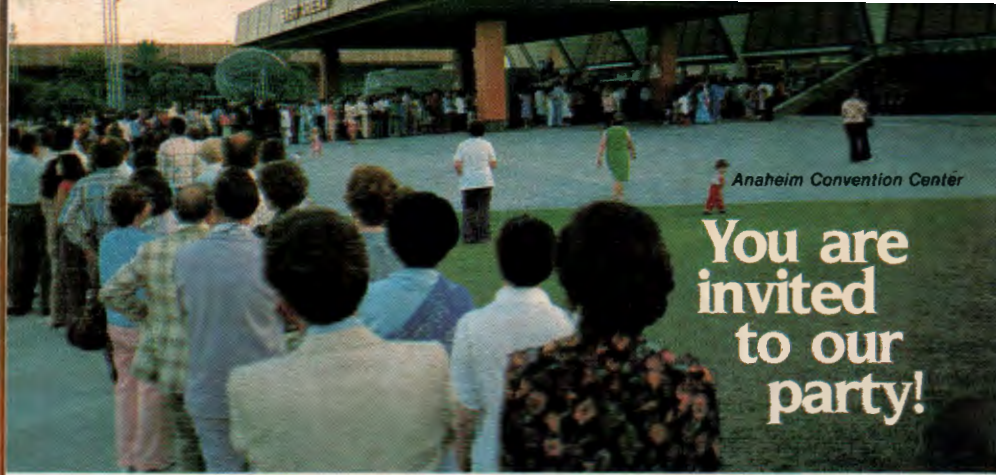
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I feel strongly that we should continue to move forward. God has shown me we have His blessing and He will pour out the Holy Spirit and He will do great things, and He also showed me there is nothing more He can do—it is up to us, His people.

As I was praying God said, "I am waiting for you." He is saying to each one of us, "I am waiting for you." God will set our hearts to move. God will bless us as we move ahead.

I know we will enjoy this week of teaching, fellowship and praising Him together. Men will be sharing their exciting, life-changing testimonies and messages of salvation and healing. Come expecting God's Word to anoint your life, meet your needs and give you a greater thirst for an effective ministry in the Spirit. I believe you will return home spiritually refreshed because you have heard and received from His Word. Let's enjoy God's gift of the Spirit during these days together as we Celebrate the Risen Christ . . . then go into the world Rejoicing and Proclaiming the Good News of Easter!



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7:30 P.M.	*Evening Rally CHAPLAIN JAMES BRENN	-----	International Ballroom
7:30 P.M.	Children's Meeting (5-11 yrs.)	-----	Conservatory
7:30 P.M.	Youth Meeting (12-25) Bob Weiner, Youth Minister	-----	Crystal Ballroom

Friday, April 9, 1982

7:00 A.M.	Prayer Meeting	-----	Lincoln & Jefferson
8:00-9:45 AM	Congressional- Ambassador Breakfast CONGRESSMAN MARK SILJANDER	-----	International Ballroom
9:45-10:00	INTERMISSION		
10:00-11:30	Chapter Presidents' Meeting	-----	International Ballroom
2:00-4:00 PM	Ladies' Meeting ROSE SHAKARIAN	-----	International Ballroom
2:00-4:00	Men's Meeting DEMOS SHAKARIAN	-----	Jefferson & Lincoln International Ballroom
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7:30 P.M.	Children's Meeting	-----	Conservatory
7:30 P.M.	Youth Meeting Chaplain Jim Brenn, Rosey Grier, Charlie Duke	-----	Crystal Ballroom

Saturday, April 10

7:00 A.M.	Prayer Meeting	-----	Lincoln & Jefferson
8:00-11:30 AM	Military Breakfast CHARLES DUKE, JR.	-----	International Ballroom
1:00 P.M.	Luncheon Banquet	-----	International Ballroom
1:00 P.M.	Children's Luncheon	-----	Conservatory
1:00 P.M.	Youth Lunch-Fest	-----	Crystal Ballroom
2:00-5:00 PM	Miracle Service FATHER PHILIP ZAMPINO	-----	International Ballroom

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tion of "unconditional love" that the universe has ever seen or will ever see. "... God
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Romans 5:8. "... love ye therefore the stranger; for ye were strangers in the Land of
Egypt." Deuteronomy 10:19. I love you! And God bless you.



H. E. (ED) GOINGS

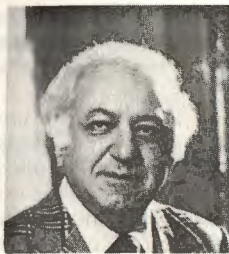
H. E. (Ed) Goings is a businessman, who in
prior years was active as a real estate and insurance
broker. Presently, he is active in real estate devel-
opment, real estate investments and management,
and as a charitable estate counselor.

Ed first accepted Christ into his heart in 1938--
renewed in the Holy Spirit in 1952, he has been ac-
tive ever since in church as teacher, Bible School
Superintendent, church board councilman, member
of Lee College President's Council and member
of FGBMFI since the late 1950's.

As an International Director of FGBMFI he
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tions in bringing souls into His Kingdom.

Ed and his lovely wife, the former Miss Betty Worth, have two children and four beau-
tiful grandchildren. They love our Lord Jesus and as His witnesses are thrilled to testify
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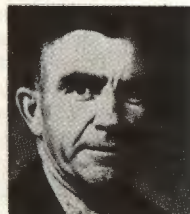
Demos Shakarian

Demos is the Founder/President of the FGBMFI, a very successful dairy farmer from California, milking herds of 3,000 cows—the largest private dairy farmer in the world at the time of this writing.

He is a man of growing vision and now travels throughout the world encouraging the development of Christian ministries. He has a special concern for developing and oppressed countries.

God has worked a sweet, selfless gentleness in Demos and he is bringing the love of God to leaders and their people world-wide.

It is his fondest wish that Full Gospel Business Men's Conventions will bring together families, friends and neighbors in the Spirit of unity that reflects the true Body of Christ, recognizing that He is Lord, the Head of the Church, and that we are indeed one in the Spirit—coming to know Him, to serve Him, and to make Him known in the world.



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Jack Davis

Jack retired from the Army in 1974. Now President of a Company dealing in radiation safety and hazardous waste management. Jack had his rebirth in 1976 and is in his first year as President of the Alexandria Chapter.

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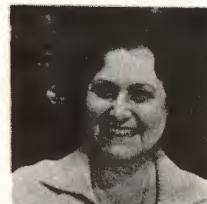
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Rose is the wife of Demos Shakarian, Founder/President of the FGBMFI, a renowned musician, a successful wife and mother, who enjoys sharing the power of Jesus expressed through His love.

The granddaughter of Armenian Immigrants to America, she visits many nations with her husband. Together Demos and Rose have committed their thrilling life story to print, released in their book, "The Happiest People on Earth." Theirs is a story to make you laugh, to make you cry, to build your faith. It's a story of prophecies that "make no sense", tragic personal loss of a sister and a child and business crises—all while seeking God's will for their lives.



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ARLIE BRAGG

Arlie has a great love for the FGBMFI. A member for eighteen years, he has served his chapter as Secretary for nine years and Vice President for three years. In the Assembly of God Church he served as Deacon, Royal Ranger, Commander and Usher. He is retired as a Credit Manager for the Gas Company.

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FATHER ZAMPINO

Father Zampino ministers Christ's healing in spirit, soul, and body to all in need; to proclaim the Gospel, and to teach Christians how to use God's Word in their daily lives; to strengthen believers and enable them to reach out more effectively to others; to reach out to the lost with the Word of God, the Sacraments, and the signs and wonders, which follow the proclamation of His Word.

He was commissioned as a fulltime Evangelist in October, 1980. Prior to that time, he spent 13 years in the parish ministry, ten of which were as Rector of St. Timothy's in Catonsville, Maryland, where the church experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit bringing about profound renewal. The Tuesday night Healing Services at St. Timothy's brought tens of thousands to the church where many came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. God worked thousands of miracles in healing bodies, souls, and spirits. Healings of cancer, heart disease, arthritis, depression, alcohol, drugs, and

many other areas have been witnessed. Fr. Zampino is now located in Lakeland, Florida, and this new ministry will enable him to travel more broadly to share the Gospel through teaching, preaching, and the healing ministry, as well as by radio and television.

His ministry has taken him to many parts of the United States, Liberia, and South Africa. He preaches an uncompromised Gospel, believing the Bible to be the undisputed Word of God, containing promises which are just as real today as when they were written.



WALTER D. LAMPLE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND CHAPTER

Walter works at the National Zoological Park in Washington, D. C. as supervisor of the tree unit. He also has his own tree company called Lample's Tru Life Tree Service. He is President of the Greater Baltimore FGBMFI Chapter.

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Mr. Blackwell is married to the former Helen Reddy of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He has one son, William, 7, and a stepson, Charles, 15. He lives with his family in Arlington, Virginia, where he has been a member of the GOP county committee since 1972. He is 41 years old.

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The Congressman was reared in the Methodist Church and received Jesus as his personal Savior at an early age. In 1977 while attending an Assembly of God church in Vicksburg, Michigan "as a spectator, not as a participant," Mr. Siljander received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit which has brought him to a closer walk with the Lord.

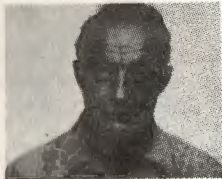
Congressman Siljander will be speaking at the Congressional-Ambassador's breakfast Friday morning. Come share with us as we lift Him up together.



U. S. CONGRESSMAN
MARK SILJANDER

BEL AIR, MARYLAND CHAPTER

Retired Master Sergeant, Army Medical Corps after 27 years' service. Now in the construction business with his son. Henry is 13 years old since his second birth on Easter morning, 1969. Happy Anniversary, Henry!



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CHARLES DUKE, JR.

CHARLES DUKE, JR., Apollo 16 astronaut, experienced disillusionment and feelings of futility after splashdown from his space voyage. Then he met Jesus and found a bright, new life. Today, the man who walked on the moon walks in the Son. He and his thrilling Testimony are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Dukes' son, Charles, III, will be fellowshiping with the Youth at this Convention.



ROSEY GRIER

ROSEY GRIER, professional football player with the New York Giants and Los Angeles Rams, was brought up believing in God, but until recent years didn't read the Bible. The Lord has revealed a whole new life to Rosey; He has healed his marriage and given him new zeal for the things of God.

BETHESDA, MARYLAND CHAPTER



BILL BLANKENSHIP

Bill was born in Abbeville, Alabama in 1936. He grew up on a farm, the oldest of 10 children. He accepted Jesus in 1946, but did not comprehend its full significance until later, after many successes, during which time he turned away from God, to become a millionaire by age 38. The Lord drew him back to Himself in 1976. Bill went from material riches to the only true and lasting riches after losing everything material. He acquired everlasting riches in glory through Jesus. God chose Bill—Bill didn't choose Him!

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BOB WEINER

Bob is founder and director of one of the fastest growing Spirit-filled youth ministries in the nation. The thrust of Bob's ministry is to university students. Last year Bob helped launch 150 young collegians into full-time campus evangelism. He is now directing nearly 300 full-time pastors, evangelists and Christian workers on 60 major university campuses worldwide, serves on the national executive youth committee of Washington for Jesus, helping also to plan the second gigantic gathering of Christians in Washington to repent and pray for their nation, speaks at major university campuses around the world—from Oxford in England to Ohio State in Columbus, making appearances on the 700 Club, Trinity Broadcasting Network, 100 Huntley Street, Canada, and numerous local TV shows.

Bob has ministered at many of the nation's leading churches in America and overseas, including Youth With

A Mission fellowships and Agape Force ministries. He has authored six Bible Study books that are being translated in Spanish and plans to translate the books to eight other languages. He is author of The Forerunner newspaper sent to thousands of Christians around the world. Maranatha Campus Ministries was founded by Bob ten years ago out of a youth revival in a local high school in Kentucky. God showed him what to do and Maranatha Ministries was born.



JOHN R. BROWN

CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND CHAPTER

John has been a member of this Chapter since its beginning six years ago. An advocate of the full gospel now that the Holy Spirit has baptized him. He is active in his local church and community life. He is employed with the consumer cooperative in the Washington-Baltimore area. His wife, Mamie Joy, is active in Westminster, Maryland AGLOW. They are the parents of four children.

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Jim ministers as Team Chaplain for the Washington Redskins. He began a youth-oriented ministry in Alaska with his wife, Carolyn, throughout the interior villages and cities, and in other states speaking at youth rallies, camps and school assemblies over a period of three years. In 1974 he became Pastor of Abbott Loop Christian Center and in addition to serving as a counselor and Bible School teacher, he helped start a K-12 Christian School, did a radio broadcast and hosted a weekly television program. Since June 1981 Jim has been the Team Chaplain of the Washington Redskins. During the two years just prior to that assignment he moved his family to Springfield, Virginia where he and his wife, Carolyn, are assisting in the foundation and development of a new church—one of 45 churches opened as an outgrowth of Abbott Loop Christian Center. Jim

frequently speaks in churches, schools, prisons, at youth meetings and for professional athletes coming to the Washington, D. C. area. Carolyn is a talented vocalist and has just recorded her first album of praise and worship songs.

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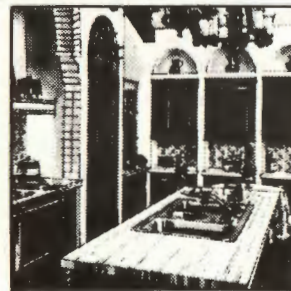
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WASHINGTON (BP)— Saying the United States is a nation "set aside" by God, President Reagan told some 3,000 governmental and religious leaders at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington that the nation has nevertheless "strayed from God, as evidenced by Supreme Court rulings on school prayer and abortion."

Following a brief reference to the unsuccessful attempt on his life last March 31 and his conviction that "whatever days are left to me belong" to God, Reagan declared: "I also believe this blessed land was set apart in a very special way, a country created by men and women who came here not in search of gold, but in search of God. They would be free people, living under the law with faith in their Maker and their futures."

"Sometimes, it seems we've strayed from that noble beginning, from our conviction that standards of right and wrong do exist and must be lived up to. God, the source of our knowledge, has been expelled from the classroom. He gives us His great blessing, life, and yet many would

condone the taking of innocent life. We expect Him to protect us in a crisis but turn away from Him too often in our day-to-day living. I wonder if He isn't waiting for us to wake up."

Reagan recalled his first appearance a year ago at the prayer breakfast, held annually at the Washington Hilton Hotel, and the assassination attempt less than two months later outside the same room where he spoke.

Quoting a Psalm declaring that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning," the President thanked the assembled leaders "for Nancy and myself...for your faith and for all your prayers on our behalf."

He said further, "And now I know that whatever days are left to me belong to Him."

Reagan also appealed to churches and synagogues "to restore our spirit of neighbor caring for neighbor" and to individuals "to get personally involved" in solving human problems.

Referring to Jesus' parable of the Good

Samaritan, he observed that the benevolent traveler "didn't just hurry on by into town and then look up a case worker and tell him there was a fellow back out on the road that looked like he might need help," but tended to his needs himself.

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Wes and Mary make their home in Springfield, Virginia. The Faders have been singing together for 30 years ministering through word and song in revival meetings, conferences, churches, FGBMFI meetings, television and radio.

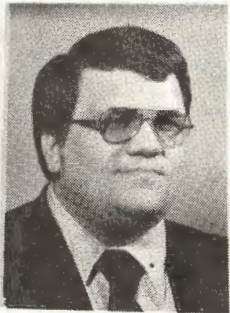
Wes and Mary have a ministry that not only speaks to the unsaved, but encourages the Christian assuring him of God's concern for every aspect of his life. Mary's testimony about God's healing power in her life has blessed many.

Wes works for the Federal government and is active as a Colonel in the U. S. Army reserves. Mary was raised in a parsonage where she was active in her father's church. She is a wife, a mother, a homemaker and grandmother. They have 2 married daughters who, with their husbands, are very active in their churches. With enthusiasm and sincerity they bring the message of total commitment to Jesus Christ and the joy, happiness and peace that comes by making Jesus Lord of all in the life of His people.



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REV. EARL L. COX, JR.

Rodney is a native of Richmond, Virginia. When he was 11 years old, he asked the Lord to come into his life and accepted the call to the Gospel Ministry when he was sixteen. He was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1974 while near death in a Newport News hospital. At present Rodney is a licensed minister and serves as an Associate Minister and organist in residence in Beaver Heights, Maryland, preparing for ordination.

The Bentons have four children, two boys and twin girls. Rodney is the chairman of the music department of his church and has participated in Christian television programs as a soloist and host of his own radio program in Richmond. He and his family are now residents of Washington, D. C.



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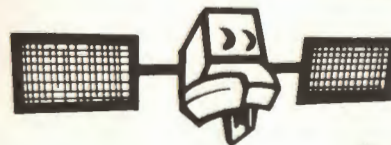


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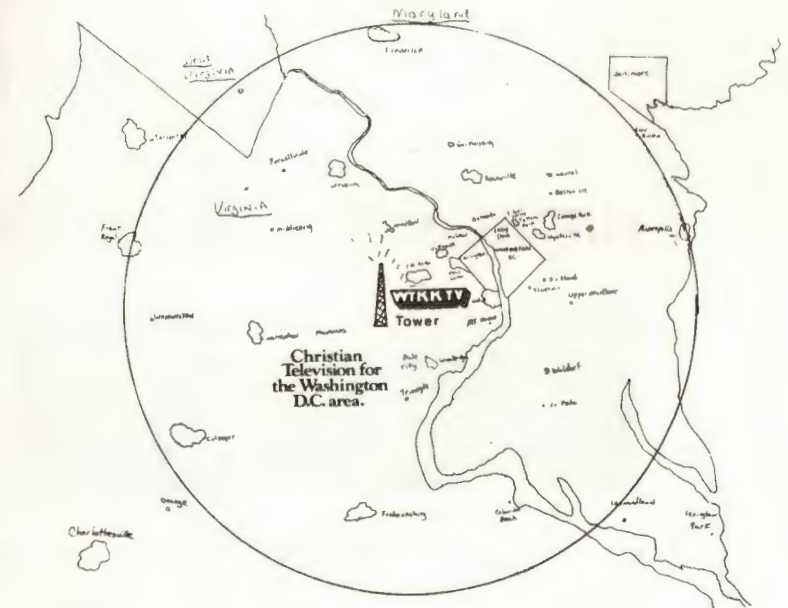
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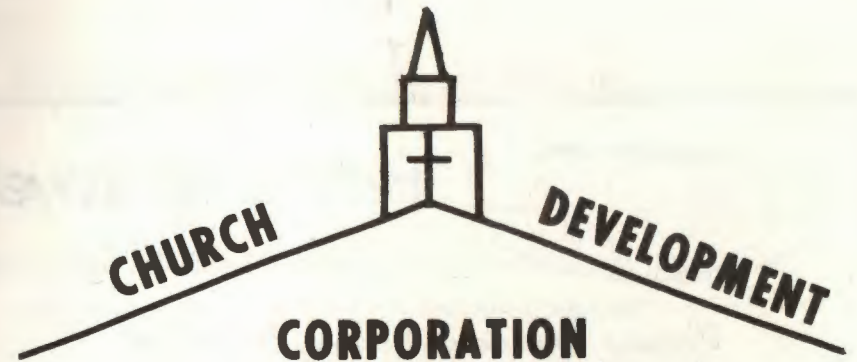
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FREDERICK, MARYLAND CHAPTER



THURSTON MYERS

From a Christian home Thurston became "active" in local church early. He thought he was doing the Lord's work, but realized that he was spinning his religious wheels. In 1972 he found the reality of the Living Lord—Jesus. He became active in Frederick FGBMFI Chapter in 1973. He has had the joy of ministering God's Word to many, through prayer, with signs following.

Chapter meets 2nd Saturdays
6:00 p.m.

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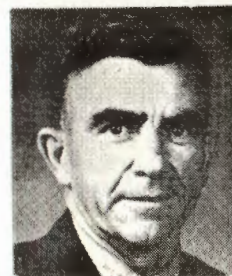
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Member, Highway Assembly of God, Fredericksburg

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GAITHERSBURG-ROCKVILLE CHAPTER



THOMAS W. CONROY

Tom was raised in a Catholic home and faithfully attended Mass and weekly church classes. When he entered college to study engineering, he was impressed with the world of science and gradually lost his faith in God. The prayers of his wife, Linda, and his family were answered when he acknowledged Jesus as Lord and Savior. In 1975, through a Sunday School class, Tom received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He helped to form a home prayer group within his local church and also became an active FGBMFI member.

Chapter meets 2nd Fridays
6:30 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Meeting
Ramada Inn, 1251 West Montgomery Avenue
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Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, 16700 Frederick Rd.
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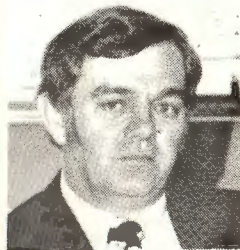
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Meets Fourth Monday of Each Month
7:00 P.M. Dinner Meeting
Empire Towers Building, Glen Burnie, Maryland

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LARRY MICHAEL

Larry grew up in a good home, accepted Christ as Savior when he was 12 years old. As a teenager he did all the right things. He fell into the trap of serving a church and organizations and became discouraged—then something happened!! He is presently employed by the State of Maryland as Regional Materials Engineer.

Chapter meets Fourth Tuesdays
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Meeting
Venice Inn, Rte. 40 East, Hagerstown

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7:00 p.m.
S & W Cafeteria, Landmark
Men's Breakfast, 2nd Saturdays
7:30 a.m.
Valle's Restaurant, Springfield

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7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:45 p.m. Meeting
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Jim is a retired member of the U. S. Air Force and is presently working for the Naval Air System Command, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md. He is married and has three children. He lives in his home town area of Solomons, Md. His life was changed in Tokyo, Japan in 1974 when he turned his life over to Jesus Christ. Jim is in his second year as President of this Chapter.

Chapter meets 3rd Mondays
6:30 p.m.
Solomons Pier Restaurant, Solomons
Men's Prayer Breakfast - 2nd Saturdays
8:00 a.m.



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Chapter Meets 3rd Mondays
6:30 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Manassas Golden Corral Restaurant
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Carroll Bond, Vice President	968-7997
Donald Davie, Secretary-Treasurer	361-5329

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NATION'S CAPITAL CHAPTER



Bill attended Howard University 1951-54, then entered the Service in 1954 as a Private. After graduating from Infantry Officers Candidate School as a Second Lieutenant, he was assigned to Germany. He also served two tours in Korea and two combat tours in Vietnam. He completed his college studies during his busy Army career with a Master of Science in Business Management. Bill retired from active military service in 1980 and went to work in civilian industry. He is presently a member of Friendship Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.

LT. COL. WILLIAM A. JORDAN (RET.)

Chapter meets 3rd Saturdays
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NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND CHAPTER



ANTHONY TROPEA

As a testimony of God's great mercy and faithfulness to answer prayer for unsaved loved ones, Tony turned his life totally over to Jesus Christ in 1974, and began to actively embrace FGBMFI. He joined the New Carrollton Chapter in 1975 and served as Secretary and Treasurer from 1976-77. Tony was elected President of the Chapter in 1978 and is now serving his fifth year in that capacity. In January 1980 he was appointed an area Field Representative and is serving his third year in that position. Tony is a local electrical contractor, and attends Clinton Christian Assembly Church. His earnest desire is to serve God by learning to be a servant of all.

Chapter meets 3rd Mondays
7:00 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Hot Shoppes Cafeteria, Prince Georges Plaza
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Meets Fourth Tuesday of Each Month
6:30 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Johnies Restaurant, Rte. 40, North East, Md.

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John Seward, Vice President	301-398-4473
Ron Harris, Treasurer	301-398-9135

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NOTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER



LUKE H. BLEVINS

Dr. Blevins has a dental practice in Arlington, Va. He was very active in civic affairs, seeking to be known and honored. He was considered a good Christian since he went to church regularly, tithed and served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards and President of the Wesley Men's Class. Since he was miraculously healed and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in 1965, his whole life has been changed and now his "greatest desire in life is to be an obedient servant of his Lord and Savior."

Chapter meets 4th Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Chapter Meeting
S & W Cafeteria, Falls Church, Va.

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POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND CHAPTER



Dorsey, an Agent for the State Farm Insurance Companies, has been a Christian since he was 9 years old. For 30 years he has been active in the Lord's work. He feels strongly that God has raised up laymen to work and assist in ministering among the Body of Christ and in reaching the lost. Dorsey, his wife, Pat, and their two teenage sons are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. They are active members of the Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in Pocomoke City, Maryland.

Chapter Meets 4th Mondays
7:00 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Meeting
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PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND CHAPTER



Walt is employed as an electrician for the Architect of the Capitol and he works in the House Office buildings on Capitol Hill. Also he has his own electrical business that he operates part-time. In 1975 he put Jesus first place in his life and was baptized in the Holy Spirit, joining the FGBMFI the same year. After being healed by the Word of God, Walt has a deep compassion for the sick and ministers to them every opportunity he has.

Chapter meets every 2nd Monday
7:00 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Meeting
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THURMONT, MARYLAND CHAPTER



Bill's Christian father prayed many years for his son's salvation, but it wasn't until Bill's business failed and he lost everything that he turned to Jesus Christ who gave him "new life." Bill calls himself a New Testament minister looking for and seeing the signs that follow those who believe and exercise their faith in God. Bill believes it is a Christian's availability, not his ability, that the Lord desires. His testimony will inspire you to let the Christ that dwells in all believers shine forth with an even greater brightness.

Chapter meets 2nd Fridays
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Warren Rice, Secretary	301-271-4290
Bob Fraley	301-271-7140

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6:30 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Harvest House Cafeteria
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WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER



FRANCIS S. ROBINSON

Francis grew up in a Pentecostal Holiness home and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as a young man. He faithfully serves his church in many capacities. He was associated with the founding of the first FGBMFI Chapter in Washington, D. C. in 1954. He is in a commercial printing business with his two brothers. He served as Coordinator of the Washington, D. C. Convention for 21 years.

Chapter meets 3rd Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Dinner Meetings
(Reservations necessary)

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- Marvin Yoder, Treasurer 953-2448

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Lee Jackson Restaurant (Banquet Room)
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WOODBRIDGE, VIRGINIA CHAPTER



MATT CANTER

Matt has a music ministry that started with singing in church as a small child. He received Christ as his Savior at age 12, but throughout his teen years he strayed from God. Two years after his marriage to Margaret he rededicated his life to Christ and Margaret received Christ as her personal Savior just the week following. They now have a joint music ministry, singing together and speaking when and where called. Matt sings in gospel quartets and trios, but also after studying voice started singing as a soloist. Praising the Lord with the Canters in song is a beautiful and uplifting experience.

Chapter meets 2nd Tuesdays
7:00 p.m. Dinner - 8:00 p.m. Meeting
Holiday Inn, US 234 West I-95, Dumfries, Virginia

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We feel we also speak for all the chapter presidents and officers, present and past, who have been or are presently a working faction of this great FGDMFI Convention, and extend a hearty THANK YOU. May God's abundant blessings be your portion in the days and years ahead from all of us of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

May we also extend our sincere thanks, and pray God's richest blessings, on all who have contributed in any capacity to a successful Washington, D. C. International Regional Convention over the past 21 years.

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Some 25 years ago, Demos Shakarian came to our town. He talked Jack Safford into holding our first convention and organizing the Washington, D. C. Chapter. Jack served as the first president of the original chapter and later became an International Director. From that one chapter, the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in our area has grown to over 35 chapters and is still growing.

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