

## God reinforces His Word to the Fellowship!

*Peter Spreckley - Chairman of the National Council*

When God spoke the same message to us *twice*, we sat up and took notice. He said (as reported in the previous issue of Vision): "The latter glory of the Fellowship will be greater than the former."

That first message was exciting! **But now he has said it again.** This time it was to the Canadian National Convention, when he spoke exactly the same word through Alan O'Soup, a Canadian Indian, again, that "the latter glory will be greater than the former glory".

Alan powerfully unpacked the message from Haggai, chapter 2. CDs of his message have been sent to each Local Group President. Here, in summary, are the main points of the message, which we all need to heed:

- We must take our eyes off the natural, *i.e.* what we often see now, which may be *small* groups, *small* dinners and *small* conventions, and start to build by faith, because . . .
- God's covenant with Demos still stands, and the vision, the anointing on that vision and the calling are still the same. The vision was birthed in the Holy Spirit and in power.
- Thus, the Lord watches over His Word to perform it.
- God holds the Full Gospel Business Men responsible for carrying it out. It will not

happen on its own - it is up to us to be pro-active and to bring it about. Jesus said: "As long as it is day we must do the work . . . because the night is coming," (John 9:4). We must act *now* - and not look for excuses to put things off.

- We must "**Be strong . . . and work,**" (verse 4). This is not the time to quit, or close down groups. Rather, we must take back that which the devil has stolen. It's time to go forward in faith and open new groups.
- For God says: "I am with you". (see Haggai 1: 6, 7). Yes, the Government of Heaven, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and even the Angels are all on our side saying: "Go for it, we are with you."

Men, we urge you to listen to this CD message yourselves to receive its full impact, because there is much more to it than this brief summary. Make sure you hear it at your next Fellowship meeting - then ask yourself whether you want to be a part of this great move of God. And don't forget it all starts with his command to "consider your ways."

We must not miss this great opportunity and challenge.



## Call to Prayer! Consider our ways

Call on God for a fresh anointing and a breaking of the bondages and barriers that are spoiling God's plan for FGBMFI.

The prophecy from Haggai 2:9 has now been given independently three times.

Let each of us "**consider our ways**" and pray about:

- Our personal relationship with Jesus and re-dedicate ourselves to Him.
- For each of us to know more of the "Father's Heart" and to pass that love on to the next person we meet.
- Pray that each one of us will wait on God and receive the Holy Spirit's power.
- For new boldness in evangelism, as the Spirit leads.
- A fresh willingness to review of our operating practices in line with the guidelines.
- To see 1,000 men in FGBMFI-UK, on fire for God.
- To see that power manifest in all our meetings through signs and wonders.

## Please pray against

- A spirit of apathy. Instead, we should have a fresh hunger to see men saved.
- A spirit of independence - when we need unity among ourselves.
- A spirit of luke-warmness - when we need the fire of the Holy Spirit.
- A spirit of poverty - when God wants to fund and bless the work.
- A spirit of fear - when we need to be fired up with boldness.

# Introducing - Three N

## Trevor Bendrien

North East Region



Trevor and his wife Helen have two children, Mark and Emma, who were responsible for the FGBMFI Youth chapter in Halifax. Both have their own ministries now - Mark has recently returned from Africa and Emma has been preaching in Brazil, as well as having full time employment.

Trevor has been involved with FGBMFI more than 25 years and has travelled widely with the Fellowship, with many trips into Eastern Europe while it was still under communist rule. He has been to most of the western European nations, as well as Canada, America, South Africa, and more recently Brazil and China. Trevor and his family are accomplished worship leaders and musicians and have led the music at many of the U.K. conferences over the years.

At one time, Trevor had a family business involved in interior design and contract furniture, with a large manufacturing unit based in West Yorkshire area with more than 70 employees. But due to changing circumstances, this closed after 30 years.

Since 1986, Trevor and Helen spent much time befriending

foreign students at Bradford University. In 2002, Trevor and a Chinese student prayerfully put together a business plan - "we've been running to keep up with what God is doing ever since".

The family are also looking forward to leading worship at the Central European Convention in Hungary in March. Then in April they will return Brazil. Visits to Thailand and the Philippines are also being planned.

## Ray Buckingham

South East Region



I was born south of the River Thames - "a Mouthy Southy" as they called those of us from south-east London. My father was a master printer and my mother a housewife. From the age of five, my sister and I were sent to Sunday school, though my parents didn't go to church. But it was there that I began to learn about the things of God.

However, at 21, I was "grown up", and, for various reasons, was initiated as a Freemason. By the age of 29 I was even installed as the youngest Worshipful Master of the Lodge - it seemed I had "arrived" as "doors were opened"

to meet influential contacts. For example, senior men in the electrical industry became my friends.

Though outwardly confident - I was able to carry out all the ritualistic ceremonies from memory - I struggled inwardly with high anxiety. I knew how it felt to walk into a room and have to immediately walk out. In time, I became hopelessly "hooked" on tranquillisers. Yet despite this, I moved on through the world of freemasonry, becoming a member of my electrical trade lodge, as well the president in the Royal Arch degree of freemasonry.

Then, one year, a cousin invited us to attend a family camping holiday during Downs Bible Week. We were unsure about going, but my cousin was praying hard - and we finally did go. After all, it was a relatively low-cost holiday.

So I packed my tranquillisers, my book on yoga meditation - and of course a Bible, since it was, after all, a Bible Camp!

For the first time we met people who had a personal relationship with Jesus. They seemed to know God. It was the first time we had heard people speaking in tongues - I thought they'd all learned Hebrew!

It was also the first time we had witnessed God's healing power at work. Suddenly, the gospel began to make sense: God is real and He is supernatural.

In simple faith, I went to my bedroom, knelt down and repented of my sins and asked

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Jesus to come into my life and take control. Nothing outwardly dramatic happened - no blinding flash, but rather a reassurance that things were changing and that Jesus was alive and had heard my prayer.

Later, as I thumbed through a Christian magazine, I noticed that the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International held monthly dinner meetings in many towns, and both men and women were very welcome to attend. Right then, I felt these meetings would be ideal for me.

They proved to be a great encouragement: And like Demos Shakarian who had said, years before: "I had started out on an adventure - an adventure with the Holy Spirit. And it keeps getting better!"

## Michael Wiltshire

East Anglia Region



After many years of work in the news media, I am convinced today that the Bible is far more up-to-date than tomorrow's headlines.

The Bible is timeless. And I'm honoured also to be an ambassador for the Good News of Jesus Christ. My adventures have taken me around the world.

Nothing compares with the joy of sharing the gospel. Praise God for the FGBMFI, a ministry birthed by the Holy Spirit.

My wife, Lois, and I are blessed with a lovely family: four grown-up children and eight grandchildren.

I came to Christ at the age of 17. Then in my 20's I began a career in journalism and publishing, but this took an unusual twist when I felt called to go to the nations with the gospel.

We drove overland to India where - in faith - we started a publishing programme with Operation Mobilisation that eventually produced more than 100 million pieces of literature in 12 languages.

In my early 30's I was asked by my OM friends to look for an ocean-going ship that would host training conferences and be a launching point for evangelism in many nations. The vessel we bought as renamed 'Logos' (meaning the Word), which carried more than 250 tons of literature and medical aid. I flew ahead, lining up the international outreach programme. Eventually, the ship visited ports around the world for 14 years. So far, the various OM ships have attracted more than 33 million visitors.

Returning to the UK with a young family, I resumed my career in journalism, moving from regional and evening and daily papers to the Financial Times in London - at a time when the FT was expanding rapidly into international editions. I also

became founding editor of a regular review that introduced the business community to new technologies.

But as a Christian I've been a slow learner: it was years before I grasped the fact that God not only saves, but he also heals by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the past decade I also came to better understand the Father heart of God and our call to walk in true sonship - a vital message for a world full of spiritual "orphans."

I especially thank God for the promise is Hebrews 7:25 that says "Jesus is able to save completely - to the uttermost - the one comes to God through him".

Yes, saved daily from "self" (perhaps our worst enemy?), so that we can know Him - and make Him known through word and deed.

## Please dig a little deeper!!

The budget for 2007 is estimated to be £77,850 to run the Fellowship providing support to all members which includes copies of Voice, Vision and the running of the National Office in Knutsford.

The income to the end of November 2006 was £72,572 which means we trust God for the extra needed.

Can I prayerfully ask you to reconsider your giving, so that the work of the Fellowship may increase and not go into decline?

**Geoff Haresceugh - National Treasurer**

# God's anointing on Full Gos

## Cyprus begins to Bubble

John and Susan Wright were on a mission to Cyprus in November where they saw a similar move of God to the extraordinary and ongoing revival on the Costa del Sol in Spain.

They spoke at church and outreach meetings in Polis, Paphos, Limassol and Nicosia, helped by former FGB members Ken Beesley, Nick Jackson and Tony Davis. At a dinner for 80 at a Paphos Beach Hotel, ten people came forward for salvation, and 20 for the baptism with the Spirit.

In Limassol, a man who had had a leg injury for 12 years from football was healed. In Nicosia, after preaching at St Paul's Cathedral, the 15-year old grandson of an English couple who did a lot to arrange the meetings was born again, filled with the Spirit and the next day was confessing sins to his mother - the fruit of repentance!

A talk on "God in Business" to 40 pastors and business men on the last night in Nicosia was very well received and 12 men expressed an interest in starting a Chapter there. A return visit will be necessary in the new year to start Chapters in Paphos, Limassol and Nicosia - God willing!

**John Wright**  
Director at Large

A fresh anointing and blessing has been experienced by FGB members from the North West Region as they have recently travelled to other countries.

People in greater numbers have been praying to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, there has been physical healing. Many have openly prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to receive the gifts of the Spirit. And members have been encouraged in the Vision of FGBMFI to be effective in reaching men for Christ.

In Belgium, at the Izegem Chapter Dinner meeting, there were eight first-time guests - and nine people responded with prayers for salvation. Some were filled with the Holy Spirit (one of whom spoke in tongues for the first-time) and there was much ministry for healing or deliverance.

Across New Zealand, at 16 FGB Chapters, there was an anointing for sharing the vision. Members are encouraged by what the Lord has been saying to us recently, as

we anticipate a fresh outpouring of blessing in the latter days.

In Poland, speaking at seven outreach events organised by the local churches in the Gorsow region, there were 63 people who came to Christ.

Various breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings were held for different sections of the local community - the events, in turn, are for the unemployed as well as for teachers, business and professional people, senior citizens, youth, the homeless and for local couples.

More than half of those attending were guests and over half of them responded to the message of salvation. As God brought healing, one elderly lady, called Barbara, who had been bent over, with crutches, stood up straight - and rejoiced. Her pain was gone! And with big smiles she thanked us for praying for her.

Yes, praise God: he is moving in power!

**Stuart Cripps - National Director**  
North West Region.

## Visit to East Africa

by Peter Spreckley & Kevin Durban-Jackson



Torrential rain and flooded roads could not dampen the blessings that awaited us in Tanzania, East Africa for the three-day FGB National Convention there in November.

Kevin and Peter attended at the request of John Njau, FGB national president. Peter had previously visited East Africa in 1998.

Although floods hindered some from attending the convention, there was much encouragement in worship, prayer and amazing testimonies.

Kevin adds: "Two former Muslim women spoke of vision of Jesus. Also a man shared how he was delivered from witchcraft. The power of the Holy Spirit was in

# Topical Business Men Travellers

evidence as, at times, people were weeping and wailing before the Lord.”

Surprisingly, a fine Muslim man called Idi, complete with his crochet skull cap, also attended every meeting. Half the delegates were business women in their own right and they were a great support to the men.

The event was full of surprises - Peter and Kevin had not expected to be the main speakers, leading five sessions each, plus testimonies at a Saturday night banquet, as well as praying for sick, personal evangelism and speaking at village churches

On one occasion they were they found themselves as “illegal immigrants” on Zanzibar island due to a mix-up over travel documents. But their tour guide, Eddy, was able to sort it out - and later they also



had the joy of leading him to Christ. “At the village churches there was also such joy and light of Christ on Tanzanian faces,” says Kevin. “The dancing and singing were awesome as they joyfully worshipped God with all of their hearts. Then the power of the Holy Spirit descended and we were simply bystanders as people wept and cried out to God.

“I told them if my brothers and sisters in England could experience what I saw they would call it revival! I felt so close to heaven as I joined in with the praise.”

On Sunday evening, Peter and Kevin hosted the officers and their wives at a dinner in their hotel. “We were able to share the challenges of running a successful FGB group.

“They, like us, are in a spiritual battle and it requires obedience and passion to win the day.”

Kevin adds: “The Lord had given me a prophecy some months earlier at a Fellowship meeting. He said “Open your mouth and I will fill it.” We did just that and watched in awe as he gave us the words for every situation.”

## Bill and Ann Northmore



### in French-speaking West Africa

Despite having spent eight years in Africa, our visit to Burkina Faso and Mali was quite a culture-shock!

One of our trips took us 300 miles along hazardous, pot-holed roads. We were accompanying our Pastor, Sid Anderson, who had

made six previous visits to help plant churches in isolated areas.

As well as ministering at many churches in November, one of the highlights of our visit was to meet Christophe Ouegraogo who is the mayor of a local town and the regional director of the FGB in Burkina Faso. He has an amazing testimony and we have extended an open invitation for him to visit us in England.

Our first engagement was to speak with 13 young pastors and their wives who had travelled many miles to meet us. We were very humbled by their love and eagerness to hear us.

It was wonderful to see the faces

of these courageous young leaders and their wives as they sang praises to God. Our host and interpreter was Pastor Moise Oubda, director of missions in Burkina Faso.

Before we went to Africa, my wife Ann had prayed that God would show her what gifts to take. Ann was lead to take seven dresses with us. Surprisingly, our tour included a wedding and the bride wore one of the dresses! Ann was invited to be matron of honour.

We also visited two AOG Bible colleges - it was an unforgettable experience meeting the eager young trainees, their wives and children.



We present the Gospel through the testimony of business men, in the setting of a meal. Since 1952, the Fellowship has grown to 4,500 groups in almost 160 countries.

We are an outreach arm, serving the many and varied Christian churches. We are not a new church, and we are not independent of the church.

### What's in it for me?

- A global fellowship, birthed through prophetic Vision - united and for all backgrounds and races.
- Opportunities to reach contacts for Christ through creative, practical, marketplace initiatives
- Empowering men for Witness - identifying and releasing ministries in the UK and international outreach airlifts and conventions.
- Equipping men for business and employment - clinics, seminars and networking

## Up-Coming EVENTS for 2007

### January

**26 - 28 South West/Sevenside Annual Men's Advance, Sidmouth**  
Speaker: Rev Paul Smith - Still time to book today, either for the weekend or for the Saturday. **Contact:** Keith Sholl - 01326 574450  
email: jksholl@aol.com

**24 London Networking Plus Evening**  
At the MLS office, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. With "A Call to Business" and ICCC support. **Contact:** Rodney Radcliffe email: FGBLondon@aol.com

### March/April

**9 - 12 East Anglia Region Outreach Weekend**  
**9** Norwich Dinner, with Esteban Antonio  
**10** One Day Regional Convention  
**12** Banquet for County Towns Initiative, Speaker: Jonathan Aitken  
**Contact:** Michael Wiltshire - email: mwiltshire4@aol.com

**30 - 1 North East Region Men's Weekend**  
Speaker: Miklos Molhar, International Director - Central & East Europe. At Bawtry Hall Nr. Doncaster. Cost £85 for full weekend.  
**Contact:** Barrie Thompson, 144 Goddard Avenue, Hull HU5 2BA  
01482 473489 - email: bmwthompson@hotmail.com

### September

**14 - 16 Northwest Area Advance**  
At Abbot Hall Hotel, Kents Bank, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria  
**Contact:** Geoff Haresceugh 01254 831568  
email: gharesceugh@tiscali.co.uk

### October

**19 - 21 National Advance (Watch this space for details)**  
Speaker: Peter Gammons

## National Executive Officer

The Council resolved to appoint a National Executive Officer, whilst recognising the Spiritual responsibility of the Regions remains with the National Directors, there is a need for an NEO.

It is anticipated that the person will be a gifted administrator, able to implement the decisions of the National Council & co-ordinate the work of the Focus Groups.

It is expected that the appointee would live in the centre of the UK to liaise and work with the Team at the office at Knutsford.

Members are asked to pray that God will guide us to the right person who is in a position to serve the Fellowship in a voluntary capacity, expenses will be paid for travelling and out of pocket expenses.

Please contact: Peter Spreckley, if you have any nominations  
email: peterandmary@woodmansgreen.fsnet.co.uk

# Exciting reports of God's fresh anointing

## All Ireland Convention November 2006 in Killarney

So many reports we heard from the folk who had attended the All Ireland Convention in November were encouraging.

There was great love and unity at the event. A typical view was that it would be "a difficult convention to follow!" Just one indication of the level of enthusiasm was seen by the demand for CD recordings. My brother Eamon and I had brought 500 blank CDs – but we went home with only 30 remaining. Since then, we have sold even these, and more!

There was a real hunger for God among the men. John Hamilton was still ministering to men at 1.30am, having fasted all day. And by breakfast time was still praying for people before he could enjoy the sandwiches that had been brought to him, hours before.

Your brothers-in-the-faith in Ireland send each of you their love.

*John Gates,  
National Secretary, Ireland*

## Isle of Wight Group's 25th Anniversary

Seventy members and guests attended a dinner in November to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the FGBMFI on the island.

The event was held at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes. Among the guests were the chairman and deputy chairman of the Isle of Wight County Council.

Also attending with his wife Cindy was Clive Rolf who was the first president when the group started in 1981. John Walker was the main speaker.



*Pictured here are: Tony Harding (IOW), Peter Spreckley, John Walker and Keith Mew (president)*

## London Outreach, November 2006

Many non-Christians were among the 109 who attended the FGB Central London marketplace outreach dinner at the Royal National Hotel, near Russell Square.

In the previous issue of Vision we asked readers to pray for a Mr M, an unsaved man, who was invited to the November dinner. He was reluctant to attend, but his wife encouraged him to join her.

However, he was soon made to feel at ease at his table – and as the evening ended he left looking a relaxed and much happier man. Later, his wife wrote to say they collected booklets, books, flyers, a copy of the new testament and a CD.

Mr M's wife says: "My husband listening intently to the speaker, Paul – and like Paul, he too had run in the New York marathon was also involved in helping develop children's charities overseas.

Mr M felt the dinner "was all so different to church" and he found himself at ease with

friendly people similar to himself. He was hesitant in coming because he, a teacher and a football referee, did not see himself as a business man.

But soon after arrival he realised that we welcome men from all backgrounds. Please pray for many others who were touched by God's presence that evening. Thank God, too, for the wives and other women who boldly introduce the FGB to men who might not otherwise attend our events.

It was good welcome Dr Daniel Nkata, the Ugandan FGB national director who was passing through London en route to East Africa. Also with us were Ray Buckingham (FGB South-East National Director), and Chris Richardson, representing the Wessex region.

There were also 22 guests at the London dinner from "A Call to Business" and ICCG, two complementary full gospel marketplace ministries.

There will be further "marketplace networking events" to build contacts between believers and non-Christians for another central London outreach dinner.

These initiatives in our capital city have rich potential among decision-makers: please pray for us and also consider how you might be involved.



# Reports from all over the UK & Ireland

Reports are coming in of Outreach meetings where there has been a fresh anointing of the power of God.

- From Conwy, North Wales almost everyone responded for a fresh touch of God!
- In the South West, as men gathered to "Consider our Ways" in Cornwall and Devon, plans initiated to recommence a North Devon Group, the first Outreach Dinner in February 2007.
- In East Anglia, new fire at Gorlestone Dinners, man came to faith, coming under conviction in a barn as God

moved in his life to receive Christ.

- 148 people gathered at the Callington/Launceston Group for the Christmas Outreach Dinner, over 15 new people. Six people responded for salvation, at least a dozen for re-dedication, many words of knowledge touched those in need as God showed His love for people. Others were filled with the Holy Spirit!

Send your "Good News Reports" to Terry Waters, "Bethany" South Hill Road, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7LG

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## Our Mission Statement

- Reach men of all nations for Jesus Christ
- Reveal the power of Christ to men through the baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Share Christian Fellowship & mentoring
- Bring greater unity to the Christian Church
- Equip men to fulfil the great commission



# Life Stories of Men in Business

The new DVD's relating to series 1, 2 & 3 are available from the Office



David Hare  
Tony Gardiner  
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Norman Campbell  
Stuart Cripps

Series 1



Peter Spreckley  
Des Pilling  
Leslie Gray  
Clive Addison  
Jacob John  
Trevor Bendrien

Series 2



John Walker  
Fadi Hanni  
Malcolm Wood  
Tom McNulty  
Charlie Hale  
Terry Waters

Series 3

Each set of 3 DVD's costs £12.00

Order the 3 sets together the price reduces to £30.00 for the full 3 series

Please continue use and show the Life Stories of Men in Business to your friends and Local Groups.

Where Churches are using them to reach men for Christ they are finding a good way to start discussions on personal faith. Have you made arrangements to have them shown in your church? **Why not make the call today!**



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