



**FGB** *Full Gospel Businessmen*  
UK & Ireland

# *Vision*



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We've seen great blessing in previous Conventions (see pictures below) but we cannot just *presume* that blessing is 'automatic!' - "*prayer is where the ACTION is.*"



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## Let's pray - and 'take the spiritual ground' in advance

As we look ahead to our National Convention in October, 2014, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit will be released to the extent that we pray and take the spiritual ground in advance.



That's the timely reminder from **Peter**

**Spreckley**, (*pictured left*), chairman of the FGB National Council, who is challenging every member "to come to the Convention and allow the Lord to impact every life afresh."

He adds: "During my 30 years in the Fellowship, I have experienced so many inspirational conventions which have encouraged, built up, inspired and often transformed the lives of those who attended them. "

In the Fellowship as a whole, we desperately need to recapture the excitement of moving in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is God's gift to us, not just for our personal benefit,

### **Ideal Convention venue**

The Village Hotel, Chilwell, near Nottingham,



but also for our families, neighbours, our nation and beyond!

That is the Vision given to Demos for our Fellowship.

Indeed, it is the only way we will fulfil our calling in the Fellowship.

Peter asks: "When did you last get excited? Excitement is contagious! This year's Convention theme, *'Walking under an Open Heaven – to be more effective in Ministry'* is, I dare to suggest, what we all need because we all need to be more effective, don't we?"

**'From me to you' : Peter Spreckley's letter to every member - see Page 12**

The directors have watched a DVD of our speaker **John Abraham** (*pictured above*) recounting how God had taken his ministry from one limited to the western world to a new one in the Far East, which was to be in the power of the Holy Spirit - and so it has been!

He shared some of the amazing Holy Spirit miracles that he and his wife have experienced during their



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ministry over 25 years. The directors, having seen the DVD and heard John's account, unanimously agreed to invite him to be our speaker.

John, with his wife Shirley, was the keynote speaker last year at the All Ireland Convention. Those of us who have watched the DVD of John's ministry are reminded that it's easy to invite a speaker and expect him to bring the anointing to the meeting, which is true to a point - but the Lord reminds us that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit *is released to the extent that we pray* and take the spiritual ground in advance.

In addition to this year's convention, there is a **Training Day on the Friday, Oct. 10th** (10am-4pm).

Training days used to be regularly held, but we haven't organised one for some time. Therefore, this is an important day not only for Chapter Officers, but also for every member.

Peter says: "I want to impress on you the need to be there to hear how

other chapters are working and how your chapter can be revived and become even more effective.

He adds: "Remember, this convention is being organised for YOU - and any others you wish to invite. I look forward to seeing you there."

## Key topics for the Training Day

Among the practical themes will be:

- **How to reach your community - and "launch new boats."**
- **How to run effective meetings and chapters.**
- **How to minister in the sovereign power of the Holy Spirit.**
- **How to be fishers of men.**
- **How to communicate effectively.**

*The sessions will be interactive and led by those with practical experience of the subject, not only directors.*

### More Convention Brochures

**Extra copies** of the Convention brochure for FGB members and friends and your local church information desk are now available from the FGB National Office. *Free on request.*



### *For those arriving early ...*

Here are the hotel rates for early birds who would



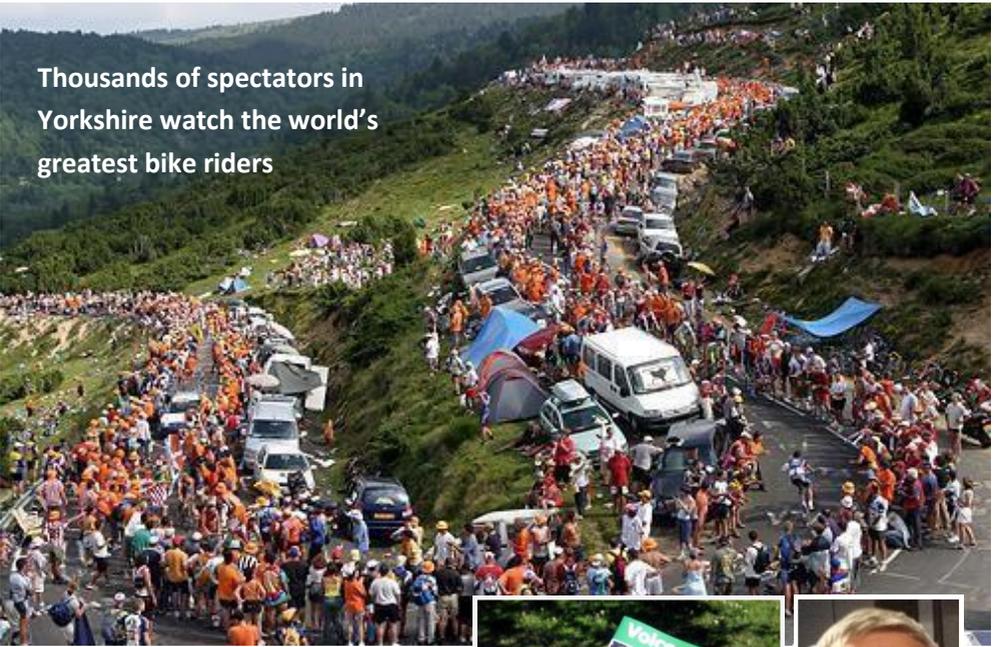
like to unwind on Thursday and enjoy a comfortable overnight stay before the **Friday Training Day on October 10th**, at The Village Hotel (above) at Chilwell, near Nottingham. The rates: single room, £79 for the night with full English breakfast and all the usual hotel facilities; twin/double room, £86. *Simply book through Clare at the FGB Office, tel. 01565 632 667. (Some cheaper alternative local B&B accommodation may also be found on the web).*

## 'A major blessing'

FIRST-TIME visitors to the 2013 FGB Convention, **Barry and Elaine Verroken** were so impressed, they "can't wait for the next Convention in Nottingham ... we met men and women who knew who they were, what the

call was on their lives and better still how to work it out in the modern world...the leadership should be congratulated for the inspirational choice of speakers and worship leaders. The Convention was a time of major blessing, encouraging and preparing us for the next stage of our journey with the Lord."

Thousands of spectators in Yorkshire watch the world's greatest bike riders



## Many receive Voice magazine during the Tour de France

Thousands of copies of the new-look *Voice* magazine were distributed among the huge crowds that flocked to the Yorkshire Dales to see the world's greatest cycle race.

At times the crowds were 10-deep as the cyclists sped through the Dales under blue skies as **Trevor Bendrien**, FGB Regional Director, (*pictured above*), led a hard-working outreach team using the new *Voice* magazines which, incidentally have a topical cycling-theme cover. The new *Voice* has a sports theme appearance, but is also intended for wider, general use long after the Tour de France.



Although Trevor's team had hoped to work together as one group, the roads prior to the Tour de France were closed from 5.30am, so Trevor had to race around to different locations to get the magazines to Voice distributors along the route.

**Bill Pratt** took a lot of magazines for the Ripon event centre. There was a large viewing screen set up in the town square - people could walk to the ring road, watch the race pass, then go back to the square and watch for the rest of the race on the big screen.

**Dave and Yvonne Novak** distributed 3,800 magazines round Huddersfield with a little help from family and friends. **Sean Benny** found himself stranded in one place, so he went round the car park and prayerfully placed magazines on the windscreens of 1,000 cars, praying God would intervene, while **David Benny and his mother** distributed magazines in Hebden Bridge.

Trevor adds: “**Helen** and I went to the race-finish at Harrogate but we had to park the vehicle and carry the magazines in back packs - with 400 magazines in each box! The straps on the back-pack started to dig in quickly, so we found a place next to the station and people cheerfully took magazines from us as they walked past!

## Aching shoulders

“Learning from the aching shoulders escapade, the next morning we were up at 5a.m. to make sure we could get next to the route in Haworth.

“There, with the help of local friends we were able to distribute the rest of our magazines to people who sat at the side of the road, simply waiting around till the race passed. With so many *Voice* magazines being distributed, we were very encouraged to see only two magazines which had been discarded.

“Altogether, we think we distributed about 8,000 magazines,” says Trevor, who wishes of course there were many more helpers - “the seeds were sown, so now please ‘water them with prayer’ because we look to the Lord for the harvest.”

The pocket-size testimony magazine

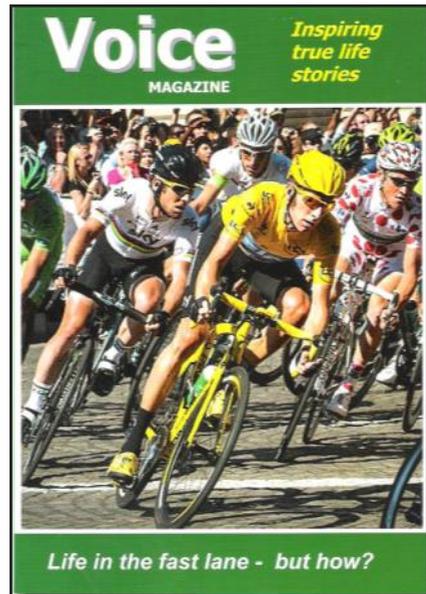
has a fresh look and includes a reader-friendly page on the inside front cover to briefly introduce the reader to these true-life stories and to explain what *Voice* is about.

Then, at the back at the magazine there is a new and larger section about the greatest miracle of all - salvation - with an invitation response that offers our new free booklet *Finding God*, plus other free information.

This issue of *Voice* is designed for a long life, with a broad range of testimonies that will appeal to people far beyond the recent Tour de France or the Commonwealth Games.

Our *Voice*-sized follow-up booklet, *Finding God*, is also offered free to *Voice* readers who write in for it.

The booklet is ideal to give to enquirers at FGB dinners and other outreach events. *Please see details, back page.*



# Bold initiative brings great encouragement

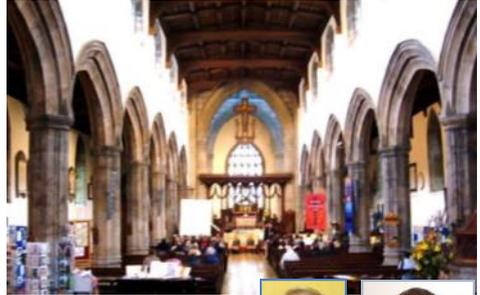
CLIVE ADDISON, our FGB national director for Wales, is always inspired by his contacts with vibrant FGB men in **Malaysia** - since he and Heather make frequent visits to their family there.

Clive has seen how the Malaysian brothers operate at a higher level of society and culture than most of us in Europe. They also aim for excellence, using their skills as “an arm of the church.”

With this in mind, Clive and two FGB chapters in North Wales (Anglesey and Conwyn Valley) prayed hard and - with the support of Bishop Andrew, local pastors and other Christian leaders - set about hosting ‘**The Good News Gathering**’ at the centrally-located Bangor Cathedral, pictured right.

Clive networked with local ministers as well as Christian groups such as ‘Heart Cry for Wales’ and New Wine Cymru. Quality publicity for the event was in both Welsh and English, as was the praise and worship, led by **Trevor Bendrien** from FGB and **James Goodman**, from a Baptist Church in Bangor.

Twenty people from among the visitors made commitments to Christ. The main speaker was the UK evangelist **Graham Jones**, who brought with him 13 friends from the US. They did a great job in outreach, inviting people to the event and also



Bangor Cathedral, and above, two flags of Wales. Right: director Clive Addison and evangelist Graham Jones



assisted at a ministry time after the meeting when people came forward for prayer and healing.

As part of the day’s programme, **Jeff Hughes** of the Conwy Valley chapter co-ordinated the presentation of Christian films. There was also an excellent free buffet prepared by the women of the fellowship.

Clive adds: “One of the girl singers brought by James was wonderfully baptised in the Holy Spirit, and a few days later testimonies were received of healing that had occurred that evening through the ministry. An amazing end to an amazing day!”

A similar event at Bangor Cathedral is being planned for November 2015 with speaker **Maldwyn Holland** from South Wales.

*More news from Wales, see page 11: West Wales Businessmen’s Outreach.*

## Ian's faith has kept him strong

IAN MILLER, our FGB director for the South-West Region, recalls the struggles he once faced on his journey to faith in Jesus Christ.

His lovely wife, **Diane**, had already become a believer, and Ian had seen “tremendous changes in her life.” Then, Diane felt that her next step was to be baptised - which upset Ian no end, who “created quite a fuss - in my own way I thought I *was* a Christian, but in fact I had no real understanding of personal salvation through Christ.”



Ian (*left*) met several of his wife's new Christian friends and eventually made a visit to the Vineyard church in Tavistock.

He spoke with the leader who offered to pray with Ian - who eventually made a heartfelt commitment

of his life to Christ. His personal faith since then has carried him through all manner of challenges.

For example, Diane and Ian had to cope the tragic loss of their baby son, John, but in the midst of their pain, they both knew the supernatural comfort and peace that only Christ can bring.

Ian and Diane, who today have four children and five grandchildren, have also known severe financial pressures - and also seen God's miraculous provision.

Ian, who has a building business with his son, Michael, is President of the FGB chapter in the ancient Cornish Borough of Launceston - “we simply exist to bring other people to know Christ,” he says.

Ian, whose dad, Cecil, was once a rancher in Canada, was born in the tiny village of Peter Tavy, on the edge of Dartmoor.

The family today live in the west Devon market town of Tavistock, famous for being the birthplace of Sir Frances Drake.

## A bold testimony from day one

ROGER HUGHES, pictured here, is the associate director for the FGB Midlands region, working alongside fellow director Bob Hudson, who is making a remarkable recovery after difficult health issues.

In his secular work, Roger moved from the metal industry to become a technology teacher. He had become a Christian after making a life-changing decision at a Billy Graham meeting at Villa Park in 1948. The man who counselled Roger after his decision told him he needed to tell people at work the very next day that he'd given his life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Roger did it “and got a bit of stick” but is glad now that he made that step of faith

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## The moving story of Finlay Seaton, FGB director for Scotland

FINLAY SEATON's testimony is a story to touch the heart - he was born into a troubled home in the small town of Pitlochry, which today is a popular centre for hillwalking in Perth and Kinross.

Finlay's dad was a baker, overly fond of drink which led to much family sadness. Then the death of Finlay's little brother, through illness, at the age of seven, only added to their sorrows.

At school, Finlay was known as 'a good talker' who talked too much. He ran away from home at 15, joining the RAF Boys' Service for a 12-year term, despite asthmatic problems - and then managed to talk his way out after a year and a half!

**A**fter RAF service, Finlay became a Sheriff's Officer, rather like a High Court Bailiff, often involved in tough confrontations with debtors and needing to evict people from their homes.

Finlay was married for 49 years to his late wife **Wilma**, a lovely Christian, born in Dundee. They had two daughters who, in turn each have two daughters!

Finlay, who today lives in Fife, came to faith in Christ in his 50s, in a surprising way, quite unaware then that Christians in his family had been praying for him. He came to faith partly as a result of a family problem when Wilma - normally a joyful Christian - became sad and weighed down after her mother died.

There had been a family dispute and Finlay thought it would help Wilma if a local minister came for a visit. After the minister left, Wilma emerged from the room visibly changed - her joy once more restored.



**Finlay Seaton**

Puzzled by the sudden change, Finland asked: "What sort of mumbo-jumbo did he tell you?" Wilma replied: "Well, we looked at Matthew 5, verse 9, where Jesus said: *'Blessed are the peacemakers . . .'*

Finlay grabbed a Bible, but had no idea where 'Matthew' was - and quickly thumbed through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus before he found the famous passage in the Sermon on the Mount.

Finlay, so happy to find Wilma happy again, asked: "Would you like to go to church, sweetheart?" And it was there that he, too, came to faith in Christ, eventually becoming an elder and Sunday School Superintendent.

He discovered that Christians such as his cousin, Dr Ed McGuiness, an FGB Chapter President, had prayed for him for years. Finlay eventually became a member of both the Glasgow and Belfast Chapters, and spoke at all the chapters in Ireland.

Finlay, who once had to evict people from their homes, now has a great heart for the homeless. He is also a strong supporter of "Christians Against Poverty," (see video on the CAP website at: <https://capuk.org/> ).

## A ‘new boat’ to reach out to business leaders



The hotel venue for the Swansea dinner

The red carpet was rolled out at the Marriott Hotel, Swansea, when FGB in West Wales hosted an evening with a Christian businessman who heads up a national federation of thousands of small and medium-sized businesses.

Long ago, Jesus unexpectedly told his followers to cast their nets ‘on the other side’ - and, in a way, the initiative was ‘a new boat enabling us to cast new nets into the sea of business.’ The event was born in prayer, says John Richards, *left*, FGB field representative for S-W Wales, following a prophetic word from the late Steve Morgan



and others. There was good feedback after the well-organised event when close to 70 listeners from Cardiff to Carmarthen came to hear the federation leader, Iestyn Davies, *right*, speak on “Ethics, entrepreneurs and the role of small business in the community.”



The organising team included Brian Morgan, chairman and treasurer; John Richards, leader; Bob Gardiner and Alun Lewis, prayer co-ordinators; with John Philips and Geraint Jenkins. There were donations from other chapters and FGB friends.

## Roger Hughes

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as he later faced some severe tests in the workplace and on the home front. He has experienced God’s peace and protection many times - “I’ve had good Christian friends and seen God’s power in my life over and over again.”

After a domestic crisis, he found himself a single dad, bringing up two teenagers. God brought them through this and Roger is happily married to his

dear wife, **Sue**, who is a retired director. Sue had earlier worked in the childcare sector which took her to many countries, including New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

Roger, who was born in Birmingham, is an elder in his home church which he also helped to found.

In quieter moments, he is a “thinker” who loves solving tricky puzzles and crosswords - a useful quality when working through the bigger complexities of everyday life.



***Dear Fellow Members,***

First, I must record what a blessing we have in Mike Wiltshire, the editor of *Vision*, other publications and from now on editor of *Voice*, having taken over from John Wright, who also has been a huge blessing to us. Thank you both on behalf of us all.

**So to matters in hand. As you will have read on Pages 3-5, the directors' plans and prayers are now focussing strongly on the next national convention in October (12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) and particularly the training day on Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

It has been too long since we had an in-depth training day, and it is clear from reports from around the chapters that many have developed their own ideas for their outreaches, both good and less good.

The common feature however is the difficulty in attracting unsaved to the chapter meetings, which become predominately, as speakers report, Christian gatherings.

The function of the training day is to seek to reverse this trend by examining "best practice," to share experiences of what has, or has not, worked, to understand and make use of the many tools available to us and to come away with ideas for making our own chapters more effective.

We know however that strategies and

good practice alone are not enough without the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Regarding the recent call for prayer for the Fellowship and the national convention: I know we have many praying men in the Fellowship but the directors feel

that the call now is for co-ordinated prayer, so that we come to the throne room with one heart and one voice (Acts 2;1). We don't have to be physically in the same place to be in "one place" if we are of one mind and one spirit.

To facilitate this, the Office is now emailing you on a regular basis an inspirational word submitted by members plus specific prayer topics

If together we can do that over a period of time we truly believe we will see a radical change in terms of new workers in the harvest field and a greater harvest. Can you see it? Without a vision the people perish.

I look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an invaluable training day and a dynamic, Holy Spirit led, convention.

***Rich blessings!***

Chairman of the UK Council



**Peter: 'I look forward to seeing you'**



Waterfront at Cork

## Preparing for big blessings in Ireland

Anticipation is already building for the forthcoming **36th All-Ireland FGB Convention in Cork**, the seaport in south-west Ireland, on November 12, 13 and 14, 2014. Cork is Ireland's third city, after Dublin and Belfast.

The main speakers at the Park Inn will be **Paul and Nuala O'Higgins**, originally from Ireland but now living in Florida, the base of their international prophetic teaching ministry - Reconciliation Outreach. They have been in full time ministry for more than 25 years. Paul holds a



doctorate in Biblical Theology. They travel extensively, and have ministered in thirty nations.

Before they were married, Paul and Nuala served with the Catholic Church and, like many others, eventually came into the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The inspiration for an FGB convention in Cork was sparked by an inquiry from a Christian lecturer, **James Dougherty**, who is keen to see start an

FGB chapter in his area. A team of 14 FGB brothers from **Belfast, Craigavon and Limerick** recently visited Cork, along with US visitor,



John Gates

**Douglas Raine** who is the national director for outreach for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in America, FGBMFA.

The team did outreach work with *Voice* magazine and also had a 20-minute live broadcast on Cork Christian radio. Douglas shared news from the US, **Harry Magee** spoke for FGB Ireland, and there was a testimony from **Stuart Watson**, 19, a student from Queen's University, Belfast.

**John Gates**, FGB director, pictured above, is also encouraged by the many 'open doors' for the ministry of the Holy Spirit, all over Ireland, (*see report overleaf*).

**Convention details:** registration and all bookings are direct with the hotel on: +353 (0)21 494 7500 and via email at: [parkinn.com/airporthotel-cork](http://parkinn.com/airporthotel-cork)

Package deals (prices in euros) are: three nights B&B with two dinners; two sharing, €132 each; two nights B&B with one dinner; two sharing, €84 each; three nights (children up to 12 years), €75 each; two nights (children up to 12 years), €49 each. Single supplement: as above: three nights €202; as above, two nights, €124; day visitors: choice of three-course carvery €18.95; or convention dinner, €26.

**For more details**, call James on 00353 87236 5582; Harry on 07702 7861 38; John on +44(0)28 3884 1165.

# Remarkable story of renewal on a worldwide scale

All of us who are called into this global fellowship are grateful for the way God has worked through the lives of ordinary Chapter members to release a wave of spiritual renewal right across Christendom.

It's a spiritual heritage that must also encourage each us today *to seek God for an even greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit*, as envisioned by our founder Demos Shakarian in his prophetic book, *The Vision Intensified*.

Our report from Ireland, (on the previous page), is also a timely reminder of remarkable influence of the Fellowship among Roman Catholics, in particular. Observers say that Christianity today is 'being reshaped' with around 600 million Pentecostal and charismatic Christians worldwide. There are an estimated 120 million



**Demos said: 'It was God's perfect timing.'**

Catholic charismatics - and a year on from his inauguration, Pope Francis is also "showing signs of being the most charismatic Pope we've yet seen," reported *Christianity* magazine, recently.

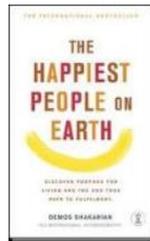
Rodney Radcliffe reminds us that in the book, *The Happiest People on Earth*, (page 156), Demos tells of seven spiritually hungry students from the US Catho-

lic university of Notre Dame in Indiana, who in 1967 visited the home of Ray Bullard, president of a small local chapter in the city of South Bend, Indiana. There the students discovered joy and power in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.

Many people went on to regard Ray as a spiritual father of the Catholic Pentecostal movement. Demos said later that the key to it all was a local chapter that had met regularly, "sometimes in discouragement . . . but in God's perfect timing."

Incidentally, the famous healing evangelist Kathryn Kuhlman became an honorary member of the New York City Chapter in 1968. Kathryn, who used to urge her huge audiences "not to grieve the Holy Spirit - *He's all I've got*," had a great affinity for Catholic clergy and visitors in her healing meetings.

In 1974, Demos was invited to the Vatican to receive an official appreciation "for the role of the Fellowship in reaching millions of Roman Catholic laymen."



God also used Dr Fred Ledenius, a brilliant Dutch-born linguist. Fred, who speaks eight languages fluently, was a Press Secretary to the much-loved Pope John XXIII. Pope John had prayed: "Oh dear Lord, let our Church have a new Pentecost."

In the book, *The Awakening Giant*, Val Fotherby tells how Fred Ledenius, as a leader of the charismatic renewal in Italy, encountered Demos in 1973. The following year, he invited Fred to share his

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## Planning for the **Costa Rica** Prayer Summit in 2015



**Pictured on a ‘flying visit’ to San Diego, (l-r) : Chico Fallas, Costa Rica; Blake Morris, Canada; Azike Diribe, Nigeria; Bill Keith, BMF USA; Peter Spreckley, FGB, UK and Ireland; Steve Turnbull, BMF, UK. Inset, right: Douglas Raine, FGBMF America. See Page 16 -17 for a report on the Full Gospel Global Forum.**

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testimony at the World Convention in Rome. Demos requested Fred (who today lives in Switzerland) to go to Brussels when the new European headquarters opened in 1976 and asked him to start *Voice* magazine in European editions.

In 1979, Demos was invited to the Vatican where he personally gave a copy of *The Happiest People on Earth* to Pope John Paul II.

Many fascinating stories of the renewal in the Holy Spirit could be told, but looking ahead to the next **All-Ireland Convention**, FGB director John Gates reminds us about one of the prominent founding members of the Fellowship in Ireland: the late George Allen, president of Craigavon Chapter. George had attended the World Con-

vention in Rome and heard the testimony of Fred Ladenius, *pictured right*. Greatly challenged, George invited Fred to Ireland - and in order to help ‘open doors’ among the Catholic community, George visited a local house fellowship, where a young Catholic priest was ministering. He arrived in time to discover people being greatly touched by the Holy Spirit. The priest leading that meeting was **Paul O’Higgins** who returns to Ireland this November to be a main speaker at the FGB Convention in Cork!

Fred saw great blessing during that first visit to Ireland, with hundreds of people from a Catholic background coming into a living relationship with Christ through the life-changing work of the Holy Spirit.



# Global Vision call to Central America in January, 2015

After three foundational years in London, the next Global Leadership Prayer Summit of the **Full Gospel Global Forum** will be held in Costa Rica, in Central America.

The Global Forum founded in 2012, was born out of the first London meeting when leaders from 20 nations, representing six world regions, met for prayer and fellowship.

The Global Forum (FGGF) is an expanding 'information hub' between like-minded organisations, such as the FGB (Full Gospel Businessmen) and BMF (Business Men's Fellowship).

Members of the Forum are 'closely knit, but loosely associated' in the vision given by God for the Fellowship through Demos Shakarian, founder of FGBMFI. The Forum (website: [www.fg-gf.net](http://www.fg-gf.net)) does not exercise any spiritual or organisational





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control over national ministries. It aims to provide a platform for networking, mutual support, encouragement and co-operation, both nationally and globally.

**Peter Spreckley** recently made a 'flying visit' to San Diego to attend the Forum's Steering Committee, *see picture page 15*.

The meeting was to plan for the Leadership Prayer Summit to be held from January 29-31, 2015 in San Jose, Costa Rica, which will be followed by an outreach.



## 'Closely knit, but loosely associated'

**The Full Gospel Global Forum this year 'came of age' during the London Prayer Summit, said Bob Bignold, president of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship in America.**

"I sensed that all national and organisational pride and ownership has vanished. Our organisational names such as BMF, FGBMFA, FGBMFI, FGB or FINHEC are merely addresses to locate us geographically as to our nation and culture. We truly flowed together in love and harmony during the three-day summit."

## Widening horizons

The Forum felt strongly led to look well beyond London for the next Summit. In particular, **Steve Turnbull** (UK Chief Executive Officer, BMF) shared that he had received a prophetic word about the next GLPS being in Costa Rica/Central America and then moving to other continents in future years.

**Phil Harrison** from the Nevada, US, also shared that "we need to move to different points around the globe, just as Demos 'saw' love spreading around the globe." **Warner Riviere** (St Croix) reminded us that "just as Jesus rose on the Third Day, "let's rise up after this

third GLPS and go to other regions of the world." And **Armando Cifuentes** (Colombia) said "this is the time for South and Central America. Now we are [working] together in the Lord."

After further discussion, it was unanimously agreed to be God's leading that the next GLPS will be held in Costa Rica and that an outreach, initiated by the **Costa Rican Fellowship**, should be supported by other national organisations linked to the FGGF who are led by the Spirit to send teams to Costa Rica.

## Pray for these leaders

The Forum prayed for **Daniel Gadea** as the proposed national co-ordinator for the next GLPS in Costa Rica. The Forum's Steering Committee and other leaders of participating national organisations were **Blake Morris** (Canada), **Armando Cifuentes** (Colombia), **Chico Fallas** (Costa Rica), **Jari Hytti** (Finland), **Alain Jorel** (France), **Rodrigo Diaz** (Guatemala), **Andreas Schreiber** (Germany), **Bartkus Algimantis** (Lithuania), **Ifeanyi Odedo** (Nigeria), **Andrey Klementyev** (Russia FGB), **Sergey Bauer** (Russia BMF), **Warner Riviere** (St Croix, Caribbean), **Steven Turnbull** (UK BMF), **Clive Addison** (UK FGB), **Douglas Raine** (USA FGB), and **Bill Keith** (USA BMF); **Stuart Cripps**, (FGB UK and Ireland), is the Forum Secretary; **Peter Speckley**, (FGB UK) is the Forum Chairman.



## Meeting new people

FGB chapters in the UK have found innovative ways to meet new people during the summer. For example, at a lamb roast BBQ, held on a glorious afternoon in June, the **Chichester** chapter welcomed many new guests and their families.

Steve Legg, the international magician (*pictured below*) entertained everyone with his amazing tricks whilst at the same time sharing his powerful testimony of his life-long relationship with Jesus.

For the children there was a bouncy castle! Several guests want to come to the next dinner. Fishing in new ponds leads to catching new fish!

## Civic leaders attend dinner

In **Norwich**, Norfolk, the FGB Chapter again took part in the annual ‘Celebrate’ event - a major two-day Christian social action and services exhibition at the Forum (*below*), with live music from choirs and bands, and street entertainment. The Norwich Chapter also held a

VIP Dinner at a local hotel with the City Sheriff and civic leaders attending.



## Smiles from India

A new Chapter is starting in the thriving city of **Ernakulam**, near the large port of Cochin, in southern India. (Cochin is also known by its newer name of Kochi).

The chapter is led by president-designate and auto engineer, Matthew P. Matthew, pictured above with his wife, Susan, and their three lovely daughters, Eyrey Susan, Eyme Ann and Eyne Merrium!

On a visit to the city, Jacob John, FGB London director, shared his testimony with 30 business leaders. Since then, the new group has met regularly for prayer at a corporate office and also has held two successful outreach meetings with non-Christian businessmen. Meanwhile, Jacob is praying for Indian chapters to start in Delhi and Mumbai (Bombay).



Summer outreach barbecue - with ‘magician’ Steve Legg, who also shared his testimony - ‘without doubt, the second funniest comedy magician I know,’ says TV comedy star Joe Pasquale.



Liz, (centre), with Clare (left) and Marita

## Farewell to Liz Wathen

On behalf of the entire fellowship in the UK and Ireland, Stuart Cripps, Executive Officer, gave our sincere best wishes to **Liz Wathen**, who has recently retired after 24 years of service at the National Office, especially in the area of financial co-ordination. Thank you, Liz, for all your great work and encouragement - we'll miss you! Please pray God's blessing on Liz and her family - and also upon the Office team, particularly Marita, right, who is taking up Liz's responsibilities.

## Audrey's ongoing vision

A big thank you is also due to the dynamic **Audrey Pratt**, pictured here, who leads **The Women of the Fellowship** in the UK and Ireland.



Before Audrey retires, we would like to see a special testimony booklet, a smaller issue of *Voice*, called *Women's Voice* made available for the ladies of the Fellowship. This outreach booklet would fit into ladies' handbags and be a powerful giveaway weapon in evangelism.

Audrey sees it as having two short testimonies from women and one main testimony. We already have some testimonies in mind which may be used in print or online in our newsletters. If any women of the Fellowship have suggestions, please email Audrey at:

**audreypratt@btconnect.com**

Audrey, who lives in Hertfordshire, would really like to hear from pace-setting women across national regions who would like to link with her team for prayer and action. It would also be good if men in every region prayed for women co-workers to contact Audrey. Some men would never have attended an FGB event unless their faithful wives and partners had not encouraged them, so this is an important request!

## A London pioneer in FGB

**Michael Bretherton**, who had a foundational role in London the early days of the Fellowship, has been promoted to glory at the age of 86.



Born in Malaya in July 1927, Michael was a soldier who served with the Black Watch, the Parachute Regiment and was an SAS Territorial.

In civilian life he pioneered career advice services and founded a housing trust, writes **Rodney Radcliffe**, former director for FGB London. Michael had a powerful conversion to Christ in 1956. He later developed a wide ranging ministry of compassion for people in need. Michael is survived by his wife, Jane, and their three sons.



### New membership booklet

An important free item for not-yet-members of FGB is our newly issued Membership Application booklet, now printed in the same size format as *Voice*.

This has been updated and is intended for use on information tables at our outreach dinners, and for giving to our local FGB friends.

Incidentally, it's all too easy to forget to *renew* FGB membership each year - so if you're not sure *you* are still a member, be sure to contact the national office!

The Membership Application booklets are available free from:

**FGB National Office**

**P.O. Box 11, Knutsford,**

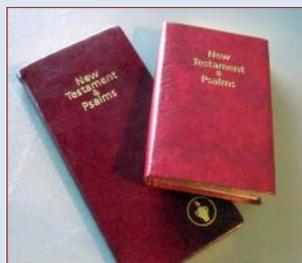
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tel. 01565 632 667, or email [office@fgbmfi.org.uk](mailto:office@fgbmfi.org.uk)



### Other resources

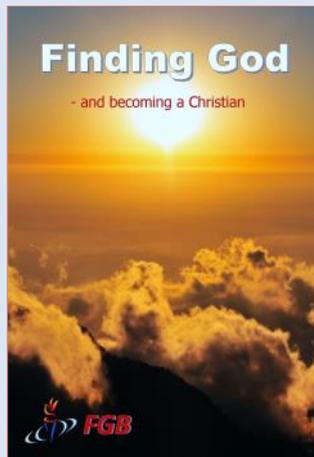
We now have 4GB USB computer 'memory sticks' with the FGB logo and contact details, which are useful promotional gifts, (£4.50 postage free) along with the FGB pen, pictured above. The pens (also with FGB logo) cost only £1 each.



### Pocket Testaments

GIDEONS International have distribution nearly *two billion* copies of the Scriptures, worldwide.

Any FGB member who becomes a 'Friend of the Gideons' or a Gideons' member can obtain copies of the New Testament for under £2 (or less) to give away. For more details about the Gideons, see the website [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org)



### Ideal follow-up booklet for enquirers and new believers

'FINDING GOD' is our new 16-page follow-up booklet which is intended for enquirers and for brand new believers alike.

As a companion booklet to *Voice*, it matches our pocket-sized testimony magazine, in size and is ideal for giving away to anyone who is just starting out in the Christian life - or not yet sure what they believe.

'Finding God,' carefully combines the main pointers from various earlier booklets and suggests 'first steps' in discipleship. It offers updated resources (including Alpha Course details) to anyone wanting to grow in the faith. There is also information on how to find out about FGB.