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"When the going gets tough..."



We are living in extraordinary times, writes **Peter Spreckley**, Chairman of the National Council.

Amid the economic downturn, secularism is on the march, and so are the radicals and Islamic extremists. Meanwhile, under the banner of "human rights and equality," the standards which most of us have grown up with (based on our Christian heritage), are now in tatters.

So what is our response? It is surely time to remind ourselves of the original vision given to Demos Shakarian for this worldwide Fellowship. The first part of that extraordinary vision terrified him.

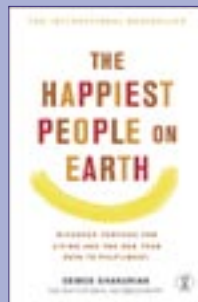
He saw multitudes of men who were "unseeing, lifeless...dead!" But then the world turned and Demos saw millions of men who had been transformed from death to "life," their eyes shining with joy. **Read it again:** it is on page 145 of *The Happiest People on Earth*. And while you are at it, read the rest of the book, because it is both the inspiration for the existence of the Fellowship and for encouraging others to join it.

Our God is the only hope for our world, and we are one of His instruments for reaching out to our nation, but if we are honest, the vision is far from being fulfilled.

We know that when God speaks his Word, He will see it performed. We pray so regularly, "Thy Kingdom come," which for us the members of the Fellowship is translated "Your Vision be fulfilled." It is up to us, no one else, to see that brought about, so that our hurting nation may be healed.

We cannot do this alone - we need each other - and, of course, above all, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. If ever there was a time for us to rise up it is now. "When the going gets tough - the tough get going!"

The forthcoming **National Convention** at Telford in October is the opportunity for us all to show our commitment to the great commission which we have accepted, to hold up each others arms, and experience a time of refreshing and empowering to take us onward and upward. Don't let anything or anyone keep you away from this great gathering, and rob you of all that the Lord has in store for you at Telford.



NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

Rates have been reduced! • New Family facilities added!

Full details overleaf → → → → → → → → → →

To keep down costs, delegate fees for the FGB National Convention at the International Centre, Telford, Shropshire (October 9-11) have been reduced.



Furthermore, facilities have been added for families, teenagers, children and even grandchildren! Please bring the family and enjoy a great weekend of fellowship, anointed Christian ministry and a range of leisure activities and top quality hotel services; all are part of the full delegate package now on offer. See Convention Brochure in the centre of this booklet for full details. Please book in early - to guarantee your choice of hotel rooms, including family rooms.

Additional copies of the booking form/information leaflet is available from the office or via the FGB website www.fgbmfi.org.uk

Developing Full Gospel in UK & Ireland



Stuart Cripps
National Executive Officer

How we can all be involved?

Has your Director or Field Representative shared the Development Plan with you yet? We do have a plan to see the 'greater glory of God in this present house,' as the Lord has promised through prophetic messages given to the Fellowship.

This documented plan is now available to all members on the Resources section of the FGB website. The plan reflects our response to God's words to us at the National Council Meeting to get the structures and organisation right so that we can be more effective in Spirit-led outreach by starting new chapters and seeing the Kingdom of God extended.

God is certainly on the move in the **Midlands Region**: under the leadership **Tom Bramble**, the interim Director, pictured here, two new Chapters have started in the last quarter – **Burton-on-Trent and Lichfield & District**. Work is under way towards establishing Chapters at **North Leicester/Melton Mowbray, Loughborough University/Loughborough, and Banbury and Gloucester**.

Please support these developments in prayer and if you are in the Midlands Region, please pray for the Lord's leading at the Regional AGM on June 20 at 8.30 am for 9.00 am breakfast at The Ramada Hotel, Tamworth.

Tom is willing to continue in his role and Chapters in the Region are asked to pray about nominations for important leadership positions.

Throughout the country, the holding of regional AGM's and appointing God's choice of men for leadership roles is vital for getting the right structures in place for our outreach to the nation. Please play your part and be involved in what God is doing in these last days – to the glory of God.



Tom Bramble

Full Gospel Website Services

New ways of staying in touch



Our national website, www.fgbmfi.org.uk is steadily being developed and updated by the office staff and members with news items, true life stories (testimonies) and upcoming events in every region.

A new header has recently been introduced depicting the varied backgrounds of 'the happiest people on earth' and the fader section now features changing photographs of members from around the country with different backgrounds and professions – including a group photo with the caption: 'United for one cause!!'.

Stuart Cripps, National Executive Officer, writes: "Would all members please consider emailing us at the office with a photo of themselves (with confirmation of their occupation and home town). This picture could go on the fader section of the website, with a short testimony appearing in the Real Life Stories section."

New email service: We now have an email service on the FGB Website server, located in the National Office. Email addresses of the form name@fgbmf.org.uk are available to members applying to the National Office.

Stuart adds: "Just send an email or telephone the Office to open an fgbmf.org.uk account and receive your new email address. You will then be able to log on to your email account (via the 'Email' button below your User Name in the navigation menu: you can then send and receive emails from the FGB Website."

Get connected: If you have access to the internet, but do not yet have an email address, why not start emailing from the FGB website?

You could also take out a further alternative email address, which can be forwarded to your primary email address (with some minor additions to your current email account details: to include the fgbmf.org.uk account details (Server Name mail.fgbmf.org.uk).

Online newsletters: A new mass mailer system is also now available to Office staff and Directors to send out electronic newsletters to members.

So if you receive emails with the following header they are important emails from us for your attention.



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Newsletter
empower men for life

This is the type of heading that now appears on our email Newsletters.

Stuart adds: "We will not be abusing the mass email system and bombarding you with numerous emails, but would really appreciate being able to use electronic communications to all members: this will only be possible of course if all members are on email, so please log on to the website and make sure your email address is up-to-date.

Your news: Please remember that news items or events, or even your own real life stories can be added by members. These items will be moderated (approved in the FGBMFI National Office) and then uploaded onto the website.

How to log in: If you are a member of the Fellowship, please log in (User Name: surname followed by first initial) and send us your proposed articles or reports of what is happening in your area - to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Event details: Our office staff constantly update event details as notified to them through the website, email or even by snail-mail. Please follow the Navigation links or use the Search facility (on the left) and check out the latest entries

INTRODUCING New Directors



New London Director – Jacob John

Jacob John, pictured here, has succeeded **Rodney Radcliffe** as the new director of the FGB's London region.

Born in Singapore in 1955, Jacob later served with the Missile Gun Boat Squadron during his National Service, before coming to the UK to train as a chartered accountant. He also has a degree in business administration. He later went on to run a software business that implemented systems for leading companies. Later he became vice-president of a financial services company and is now setting up an EU-based Carbon Trading Exchange, based in London.

Jacob was born into a Syrian Orthodox Christian family, but at the age of 13, he made a commitment to firm Christ at a Billy Graham Crusade in Singapore. Jacob and his wife, Ethel, have been married for 28 years, and they have two sons, both committed Christians and a heart for leading worship – Daniel, 23, a Cambridge law graduate, and Joshua, 20, who is at Reading University.

In recent years, Jacob has been given prophetic words that as he prays for people, he will see many released into new ministries and giftings. He believes there are many signs that point to the end times – and time is short. Jacob says "it is vital that every Christian is

aware of the authority they have in Christ, knowing their destiny and the calling on their life." An appreciation of former London Director, Rodney Radcliffe, appears below.



New South West Director – Tom Rice

Tom Rice, who lives in Bridgewater, Somerset, recalls a life-changing time in Canada when he first attended an FGB meeting. It was led by the gifted evangelist, **Bill Subritsky**, a former New Zealand lawyer.

Tom recalls: "I was delivered from a spirit of death and had what seemed like chains removed from my heart. I was finally baptised in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Then I was covered head to foot in a perfume and heard God talk to me for the first time." Tom and Julie lived just south of Seattle in those days, and he returned home a non-smoker, overwhelmed by God's peace. "I awoke during that night to feel a ball of fire passing around my body - Julie touched me and jumped out of bed, asking me what it was. I just replied: God."

Tom says those vivid memories have carried him through deep rejection and dark and difficult times that followed, as he learned to depend totally on the Lord. "I wouldn't have asked for this way of suffering, yet I would not have been happy without it. I've experienced God's healing in many areas of life."

In his new role as a Director, he is "looking forward so much to serving the men of the South West and to see men coming to Christ through the FGBMFI." During a recent tour of New Zealand he experienced a deeper sense of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. "This power is available to us all as we press forward together in the Father's Love, believing Him for miracles," he says. "We must continue to move forward together, trusting the Lord, for He will never ever forsake us! We only have one life down here - and we take nothing with us except the eternal changes we allow God to make in us, and those things we have done through love."



Well done and thanks, Rodney!

The Fellowship has expresses great appreciation to veteran FGB leader, Rodney Radcliffe, who feels – after 12 years - that it time for him to step down as London director. In all, Rodney has served the Fellowship in London for 33 years. His first main contact with FGB was at the New York Convention in 1974, when the speaker was the famous Kathryn Kuhlman.

Rodney is the secretary to the FGB's European Council he also works with the UK Communications Media/Focus Group. He will work with Jacob in support of the Networking and Marketplace evenings in London, plus the central London November 9 outreach dinner and the South London Lambeth & Southwark outreaches. Rodney says he is delighted to hand the London baton to Jacob John - "we recognise God's anointing upon him."

SEVERNSIDE MEN'S ADVANCE



Roy Peacock

Inspiring weekend

Great ministry, good hotel – a great weekend. That sums up the Severnside Advance in Somerset. With the theme, “Jesus, the Holy Spirit and me,” almost 50 men from the regions of Severnside and the South West met in mid-March at the Wessex Hotel in the village of Street, just south of Glastonbury.

Professor Roy Peacock was the main speaker, with **Maldwyn Holland**, a lively Welsh pastor, speaking at the opening meeting on the Friday night. Worship was very ably led by **Bob Waters** and **Terry Lavery**.

During the weekend there were times of ministry where men were set free from fear, refilled with the Holy Spirit and experiencing physical healing, some without even asking for it.

The hotel accommodation, food and service were first class, so those attending wished that more men could have experienced it! Plans for future Advances run jointly by South West and Severnside are in hand. Richard Cordy, Severnside director, says: “Please pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we make plans - and come with expectancy next year!”

Speaking in the first meeting, Maldwyn Holland emphasised that to move without God was presumption, but not to move when he calls us is rebellion. Tough times are ahead and God is looking for men who are obedient and who move under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Bringing great encouragement, Roy Peacock spoke of the challenges that God brings to each of us – and how to find freedom from the fear as we step out in faith.

On Saturday night, Roy developed the theme of Jesus’ healing ministry. Roy spoke of wonderful testimonies of healing in his own life. On Sunday morning, he emphasised our God-given destiny. The Bible tells of Abraham, the man of faith and destiny, who obeyed God – “he went out, not knowing where he was going” - yet trusting that Almighty God had an inheritance for him. As with Abraham, age is no barrier for us.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Dinner with a difference

It was a dinner with a difference after FGB member Colin Paterson encouraged his church – the Vineyard at Ascot – to host an outreach evening.

In all, 79 people came to the excellently planned dinner at the Hilton Hotel, where the speaker was healing evangelist Ash Kotecha. Many people asked for prayer for healing and eleven people made commitments to Christ.

The church was so encouraged, they want to put on more dinners with the help of FGB. As this magazine went to press, Colin was on a mission trip, taking Bibles to a 'closed' country.

Miracle on a country lane

An FGB member was walking down a country lane just before Easter. A couple of ladies, mother and daughter, came towards him, the younger limping with a stick.

He stopped to talk, apparently Diana's daughter, Hannah, had experienced two unsuccessful operations on her knee which was swollen and painful.

He asked Hannah if she would like him to ask Jesus to heal her knee. She looked at her mother and then said, 'OK, have a go! He knelt down, laid his hands around the knee. After prayer, he asked Hannah to try her knee. She bent it back and forwards and then said in some astonishment, 'The pain has gone!'

This demonstration of the love and the power of Jesus resulted in mother and daughter praying to receive Jesus as their Saviour. They then went off joyfully with a Voice magazine.

Which is a timely moment to also mention that another handy pocket-sized issue of Voice is now available. It has four powerful testimonies – award-winning architect Michael Cant; police officer David Gilbey; singer and musician Liam Moore; and Oxford professor, Dr 'Chuks' Okereke.



God meets our needs.

Full Gospel member Bob Humphries, who was a chaplain in London's Wandsworth Prison before opening the Kedesh Christian Healing Centre in Norwich, says: "As the credit crunch tightens, more people are coming into the centre seeking help and hope for their financial problems. "

Bob says he is often reminded of the inspiring words of George Muller (1805-1898), a great evangelist and man of faith, who also cared for more than 10,000 orphans at his orphanage in Bristol. Muller often said:

"It is better to trust in God's bounty of heavenly abundance and wealth, than the dry husks of the world or man's meagre pittances."



God's perfect timing

As **John Walker**, FGB director-at-large, was finishing his coffee at a busy service station on the A34 near Winchester, a stranger with a heavy bag came up, asking for a lift.

Normally, John would have been reluctant to agree, but the man, whose name was Steve, explained that he was an unemployed scaffolder who had been offered a job in Winchester. But when the company found out he had no fixed address, they turned down the job offer.

"Now I'm on my way back to Reading to get lodging with the 'Shelter' charity to get some form of address, said Steve, adding that he'd also stayed at Christians hostels. He even produced a fish-symbol badge which he'd been given.

"But I'm not a religious man - I think the badge has something to do with Jesus feeding the 5,000," he said. So John explained the real meaning. "How do you know that?" asked Steve. John explained he was a Christian, who, incidentally, had spoken at three meetings in two days. Steve said it surprising that of all the people at the busy service station, he should have bumped into a Christian. "It's not an accident," replied John. "Do you think Jesus cares about me?" asked Steve. "Yes, he does - he cares passionately," replied John, who explained that God had only good plans for Steve's life.

Steve said he wanted a whole new start and asked how he could become a Christian. John explained the way of salvation - and right there on the A34, Steve prayed to ask Jesus into his life.

Later, John dropped Steve off as he requested - and as he did, he handed him the fish symbol badge "John, this is for you to remind you of our conversation and me." Yes, God's timing was perfect. Please pray for Steve.



Joy under pressure

Two Russian Christians who are helping homeless orphans in Russia shared their challenging testimonies at a recent FGB dinner in Stokesley, the market town in North Yorkshire. Mike Stewart, chapter president, said : "Christians in Russia are facing problems because of anti-Christian attitudes, but we were impressed by their deep joy and faith."

Great evening at Ludlow

Five church leaders and people from six local churches were among 53 guests who heard Don Latham at the inaugural dinner at Ludlow, the market town near the Welsh border. Contacting local churches with the FGB brochure, "What Christian Leaders say about FGBMFI" is vital when starting new chapters, says Ray Graham

EAST AFRICA REPORT

Lives changed in Kenya

There was an almost overwhelming response to the Gospel message when Peter Spreckley made his return trip to Kenya in February.

In 10 days, Peter spoke at eight chapters, which were exclusively men's meetings and run strictly in accordance with the FGB vision. Because of the general poverty in the nation, no meal could be afforded, but there was always a cup of tea, or a soft drink and something simple to eat, such as a slice of bread.



Mud Track journey through African bush to a local FGB meeting

Peter first sent to Kenya last June, when a chapter was started in Nairobi under the leadership of David Musunza, who had read about the Fellowship on the Web.

After that, David was instrumental in seeing another seven chapters started in areas where he had connections through his church. Now, since February, three more chapters have started!

In Peter's meetings, up to four testimonies were given by local men, telling of powerfully changed lives since they received Jesus. "I hardly needed to give my story, except I was the speaker!" says Peter.

"Men told of being set free from drink, drugs and dishonesty, and of marriages being restored. In other words, the usual failings of the unredeemed!"

"What was also significant was that men told of how they had only come to a meeting because it was a men's meeting, they would never have gone to church. Others said they came because they had been invited by someone whose life they had witnessed being transformed. Isn't that the FGB vision?"

The response to the invitation to salvation was in some cases overwhelming. During the week, around 40 men gave their lives to Jesus.



Nearly as many men were baptised in the Holy Spirit, and every man who was prayed for indicated that he had received his healing. This included eye problems, legs, breathing, heart conditions as just examples. "Yes, this is Full Gospel - no frills, just the vision of men sharing with men and the power of God to confirm His word with miracles," he says.

Tom Rice and Richard Cordy will be going out to Kenya in June to help expand the Fellowship.

Midlands Training Day

"Midlands on Fire" training day at the Ramada Hotel, Tamworth, covered important areas such as how to start and run a chapter, ministry times and financial issues. The next Midlands region training day, called "Fanning the Flames," will be on Saturday, June 20 at the Ramada, and is open to husbands and wives, and includes breakfast and lunch.



Inspiring European Convention in Malta

Exciting testimonies were shared by delegates from 16 nations - including Russia and Canada - who attended the recent FGB European Convention in Malta.

Archbishop Paul Cremona gave his blessing to the event and also brought a timely message on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. His message was followed by a "stunning tableau" by a dance and mime group to depict God's sovereign plan of salvation, reports John Walker, the FGB's European regional vice-president, who chaired the session.



The convention received great teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit, including healing, in sessions led by Dr John Bonnici Mallia and Pastor Raphael Spiteri.

John Walker adds: "It was a life-changing event. Many wonderful healings took place and the large French group were especially blessed."

Alain Jorel the National President for France said he thought this Convention marked an exciting step forward in for the development of the Fellowship in Europe. "Our Maltese hosts were marvellous and the National President Eddie Zammit and his wife Doris and entire team are to be congratulated for the organisation of the event," he adds. Delegates also visited historic sites on the island which is also the place where the apostle Paul was shipwrecked, (Acts 27).

Great support from United Christian Broadcasters



Battle for the media

There has been an enthusiastic response to a recent series of broadcast interviews of FGB men, interviewed by Terry Waters, and shown recently on UCB TV. Viewers can see UCB TV on Sky Channel 586 and online.

United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) is one of the UK's leading Christian media ministries. Against all the odds, the charity has developed its national radio network over the past 23 years.

**Life Stories of Men in Business can be seen on
UCB during May as follows:**

Monday's at 10.00p.m. - Tuesday's at 9.30a.m. - Sunday's at 4.30p.m.



Digital Radio Challenge

Ian Mackie, UCB's Chief Executive says "God has been faithful and we are now very close to achieving a once in a life time opportunity to bring Christian Radio to the whole nation. Securing DAB licences now is a very important and strategic move as it will ensure a Christian voice in the future fabric of our nation's radio network. If we do not achieve this specific goal this year - it may mean, conversely, Christianity loses another foothold within our secular society.

Only in January 2009 the Minister of Communications Lord Carter stated: '**we are making a public commitment to DAB as the primary distribution medium**'. This statement is bound to intensify the competition for DAB licences amongst national and local commercial radio stations. It is only the current economic climate which is staving off fierce competition"

Pray for Ian Mackie, UCB's visionary chief executive, says: "I can't emphasize enough the power for good or evil that the media has over all our hearts and minds. In such seismic times, we need more than ever to broadcast God's Word."

Visit our website for the upcoming events

Please take careful note!

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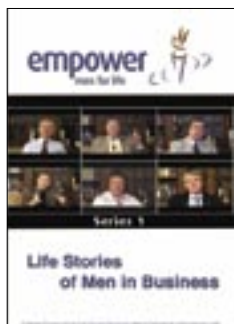
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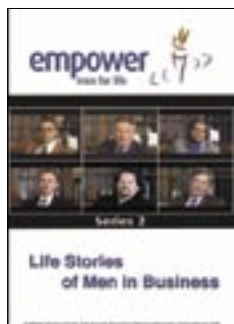


May schedule: Monday's at 22.00
Tuesday's at 09.30 & Sunday's at 16.30

Invite your friends to view the programmes



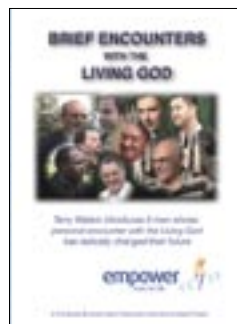
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