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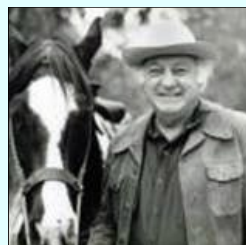


‘Write the vision

and make it plain ... that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time ... it will surely come.’ - Habakkuk 2: 2, 3.

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The Fulfilment of a **Vision**

By Demos Shakarian

THE original idea for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International came to me in 1951. At that time, the words of the late **Dr Charles Price**, the English-born healing evangelist, given to me seven years before in 1944, began to sear deeply in my mind. (*See details below about Dr Price*).

Dr Price had prophesied: "Demos, I shall not be here to see it, but you will witness one of the major events foretold in the Bible.

"Just before Jesus returns to the earth, God's Spirit is going to descend on all flesh, and laymen will be the most important channel through which He will work."



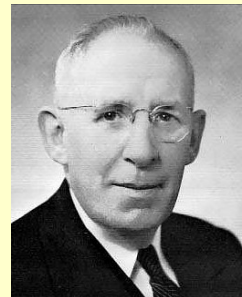
Demos Shakarian,
founder of the Full Gospel
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Men who listened to God

Demos Shakarian (1913 - 1993), founder of the FGBMFI, was a Christian businessman of Armenian origin from Los Angeles. It is said that the worldwide Fellowship has probably done more to bring revival to the church at large than any other laymen's movement in the last 50 years.

But it is sometimes forgotten that the vision for the Fellowship was preceded by a prophecy given to Demos by the remarkable **English-born evangelist Dr Charles Price**. *To read more about Charles Price, see the story on Page Eight.*



Dr Charles Price

How it all began

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In the autumn of that same year, I helped the evangelist **Oral Roberts** set up his Los Angeles campaign, the largest mission yet seen in the city, with more than 200,000 people attending during the 16 days. “This is rewarding ministry,” I said to Oral one evening as we enjoyed fruit pie and coffee after the service. “Even so, I keep getting the feeling that 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 who will listen to a plumber, a dentist or a salesman because they themselves are plumbers, dentists and salesmen.”



Oral Roberts in younger years

Oral’s reply was quick and positive: “Demos, this is real. Is there anything I can do to get it started?”

“Yes, Oral,” I replied. “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. And for a meeting place we chose the second floor of Clifton’s Cafeteria. Then I phoned to every Spirit-filled businessman I knew, announcing the first meeting.

At the breakfast 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.”

However, months of frustration followed that 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.



The first breakfast venue

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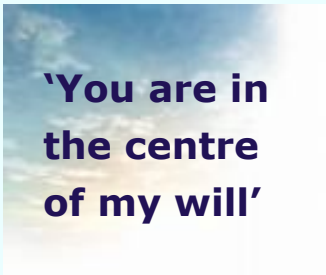
A global vision is born

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Then on the Friday night before what was to be our last meeting, I suggested to Rose, my wife, around midnight – and to our house guest, the evangelist **Tommy Hicks** – that they shouldn't wait up for me, since I intended to pray in the living room and wouldn't leave there until I had heard from God.

I felt dazed and bewildered as I entered the living room. I wanted to quit – but couldn't. I fell to my knees then stretched full-length on the patterned red rug, weeping until three in the morning. Finally, I managed to get to my knees. Rose, unable to sleep, came to join me.

She sat at the Hammond organ in the corner of the room and began to play. As the 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 gently in tongues, then gave the interpretation: ***“My son, you are in the centre of My will. I am leading you by your hand. Look not to the left nor the right, but continue in the way in which you are going.”***

As Rose spoke, something remarkable happened. Although I was still on my knees, I felt as if I was rising – leaving my body – moving up, away from the living room, and was soon high above the earth, able to see the entire country from west to east.

What I saw next startled me. My eyes focused on millions and millions of men standing shoulder to shoulder, their faces set, lifeless, miserable, their eyes staring straight ahead, unblinking, unseeing.

Then the vision changed. The world seem to turn beneath me until I saw the continent of South America, then Africa, Europe and Asia. Once more the



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Hands were lifted towards heaven

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startling close-ups appeared, and everywhere it was the same: brown faces, black faces, white faces – everyone rigid and wretched.



Suddenly, Rose began to speak again – without, of course, knowing what I was seeing. **“My son, what you see next is going to happen very soon.”**

The earth was turning a second time. Below me again were millions upon millions of men. But what a difference! This time, hands were raised. Eyes shone with joy. Hands were lifted towards heaven. These men who had been so isolated – each in his prison of self – were now linked in a community of love and adoration.

The vision was over. I felt myself returning to earth. Below 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 stood slowly to my meet and looked at my watch. It was 3.30am. “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!”

And so it *did* go on. Money began to come in; **‘Voice’** magazine was born; and other chapters began to spring up like mushrooms. Within seven months, by the summer of 1953 we had nine chapters and were planning a National Convention in October – exactly two years from the first meeting at Clifton’s Cafeteria.

Six hundred people showed up for that autumn weekend at the Clark Hotel, Los Angeles. Eventually, a convention could draw 20,000 people, so that first national meeting seemed small indeed. But to us it was enormous – and so was

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Worldwide ministry

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

Men from all walks of life, including business executives, corporation leaders, doctors, lawyers, scientists, pilots, farmers, contractors, car dealers – they've all become part of the Fellowship.

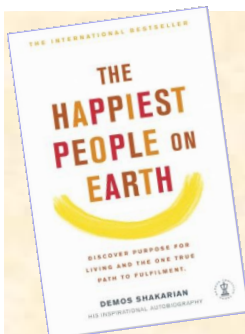
Today, there are thousands of Chapters around the world and I am deeply moved as I see the fulfilling of the vision that God gave me at 3 a.m. that Saturday morning. Conventions, regional 'Advances' and local Chapter meetings reach hundreds of thousands of people. Our 'Voice' testimony magazine appears regularly in many different languages and members' testimonies are featured on Christian TV in many parts of the world.

Airlifts have opened doors in China, India, Egypt, Central America and many other nations where Full Gospel Business Men have had the privilege of sharing their message of hope with national leaders.

I invite every Christian man to prayerfully consider having a significant role in this dynamic worldwide ministry.



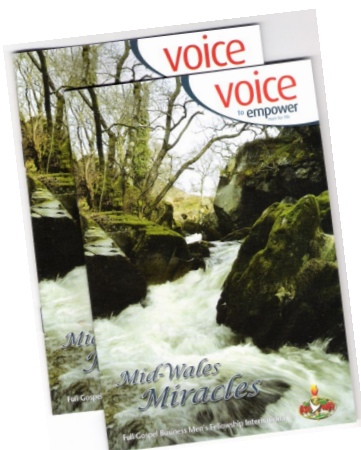
Demos and Rose Shakarian



*The inspiring paperback, **The Happiest People on Earth** gives a much more detailed account of the Demos Shakarian story. Copies can be purchased from the FGBMFI at P.O.Box 11, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 6QP, tel 01565 632 667, email: fgbmfi.uk@ntlbusiness.com*

You can also download more of the story via the website at www.fgbmfi.org.uk

Your new Autumn issue of Voice magazine



Our latest pocket-sized issue of VOICE has four powerful testimonies.

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Vital last-days role of Christian laymen

*The prophecy of UK-born **Charles Price** made a lasting impression on **Demos Shakarian** prior to his vision of a worldwide fellowship*



Born in England in 1887, Charles Price was educated at **Oxford** and emigrated to **Canada** and then the **US** to find work. While in Washington, he attended a Methodist church and was converted. Dr Price eventually became a pastor in California where his members told him about a revival in 1921 that was led by the evangelist **Aimee Semple McPherson** in San Jose, California.

Charles Price (*above*) was initially disturbed by enthusiastic reports of people being filled with the Holy Spirit. He went to the meetings to gather evidence to teach against this doctrine, but was convicted of his own emptiness. He was then filled with the Holy Spirit and a revival began in his church as he shared his testimony – and 1,000 members of his church started evangelistic outreaches.

Dr Charles Price eventually became a prolific writer, Bible teacher, broadcaster and an international healing evangelist, preaching to thousands in huge tent meetings and seeing many healed. In 1928, he saw 35,000 conversions. He used radio extensively and wrote many books. Dr Price died on March 8, 1947.

Renewal in the South-West



Andrew Pearkes

The vital importance in the Christian life of knowing the fellowship of the Holy Spirit was a key theme in the ministry of **Andrew Pearkes** at the recent **South-West Fellowship Day** at Brunel Manor, Torquay.

“In faith, we need to welcome the Holy Spirit’s presence daily . . . learning to be intimate with Him and treasuring the anointing. With his Presence comes his power. And as you trust Him for the impossible, you’ll reach out in the love of Jesus, relying on the Holy Spirit to touch the lives of individual people out there,” said Andrew, the founder and leader of **Maranatha Ministries**.

In 25 years, Andrew has spoken in more than 20 countries across Africa, Europe, the Middle East, in the US and even the Arctic. He spoke of extraordinary miracles, including many people having the metal in their bodies dissolve and new bones created, internal organs recreated, cancers healed, as well as the blind and deaf healed in the name of Jesus.



Chris Cole

Also speaking at the Fellowship Day was broadcaster **Chris Cole**, well-known as the founder of **Cross Rhythms** media group and also in his work as regional director of **God TV**.

Chris encouraged members to move in the ‘super simplicity’ of Andrew’s teaching. He also noted that the average age of those attending was about 55 and we need to press on in faith and see a new generation raised up within the Fellowship.’

There were also prophetic words reminding listeners that God “has raised up FGBMFI for the end-time harvest — and promising a fresh anointing of God’s love for the unsaved, the sick and the dying . . . minds will be renewed, lives transformed with fresh understanding, and God’s glory will be revealed.”

Everyone found encouragement through the worship times led by **Jimmy Darius**. Visitors came from many areas of the South-West, including Bournemouth, Swindon and the Isle of Wight, and they also enjoyed an excellent three-course lunch.

Commenting on the event, **Keith Green** said: “I encourage you brothers: don’t miss great days like this! I’ve come away refreshed and re-empowered . . . ready for action to do God’s will.”

New Year diary date: book early for the 20th **South-West Advance** at Brunel Manor, Torquay, TQ1 4SF, on January 28-30, 2011. Keynote speaker: **Jacob John**, FGB London director. All welcome. Email: kei7val3green@tesco.net



Jimmy Darius

Roll-call of amazing testimonies

Hull Chapter is among those celebrating three decades of ministry

A number of UK Chapters have celebrated 30 years (or more) of ministry. Now, a new booklet celebrating the recent 30th anniversary of the **Hull Chapter** reads like a roll-call of FGB speakers from all over the world who have shared their testimonies at outreach events over the years. Speakers have ranged from FGB international president **Richard Shakarian** to **General Charles Duke** of the Apollo 16 Mission to the moon – “discovering Jesus as my Saviour was better than walking on the moon,” he said.

Members first met as the ‘North Humber-side’ chapter in 1980 at the Cave Castle Hotel. FGB men from Bradford, led by **Bert Sture** came across to lend support. **Jack Snowden** led the first meeting and the speaker was **John McCann** from Canada.

In a special anniversary report, **David and Val Fotherby** recall the testimonies of men such as **Bob Trench** from South Africa; **Rev. Eric Townson**, (‘Eric the Cleric’); **Marvin Ford** from the US and **Dr Ron McCatty** from Bristol. **Tony Bell**, formerly with Radio Humber-side, recorded many testimonies from men such as **US Marine Colonel Myrl Allynder** and **Gen. Charles Duke**, the pioneering astronaut.

Other testimonies in past years have been shared by **Professor Roy Peacock**; **Canon Dr James Wong** from Singapore, a leader in the charismatic renewal in that country and Asian Adviser to FGBMFI; **Father Serafino Falvo** from Italy, a wonderful man of God, the first charismatic priest in Italy; **Dan and Carol Fernandez** (US); **David Gomez**, the chief of police from Oregon, US; **Ray Brooks**, a French-Canadian; **Richard Maiden** (US); **John Carrette** from Guatemala; **Mike Rabbolini** from South Africa; **James Moody** from Raleigh, in the US, who had been healed from cancer, and many more.

Other prominent FGB speakers included the late **Jim Sepulveda** from Modesto in California who saw many people come to the Lord after he spoke about his near-death experience; body-builder **John De Jacomo**, a former ‘Mr America’; many remember the opera singers **Joe Dalton** from Dun Laoghaire and **Chris Holloway** from the US; and the **Tornado Fighter Pilot Ian Ferguson**. Other speakers have ranged from **ex-convicts** to **prison chaplains**. The Hull chapter was the first in the UK to hold a dinner inside a prison and



Top row (l-r): General Charles Duke; singer song-writer John Gaughan; Canon Dr James Wong; and below: opera singer Joe Dalton, Professor Roy Peacock; and Fr Serafino Falvo

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later a Home Office Report by prison visitors commended the Fellowship for the beneficial effects on the inmates at the **Wolds Prison**.

Many other events have been organised through the chapter, such as men's weekends at **Bawtry Hall** and **Mattersey Bible College**, women's teaching days and, in the late '90s, a quarterly coffee evening for women. Members were also involved in helping set up other chapters in the region such as **Grimsby, Skegness, Scunthorpe, Selby and Driffield**.

Sportsmen have also been speakers, most notably **Phil Starbuck** from **Christians in Sport** who had played for Nottingham Forest, Sheffield United and Huddersfield, and also, whilst playing for Hull City, **Stuart Elliot** from Northern Ireland.

Out of all the men and women who have shared testimony in the chapter, here are two more names: **Jim Sky**, a native American Indian from Minneapolis shared a most powerful story of having been thrown, as a baby, onto a rubbish dump and how his life was spared. In his youth he was involved with drugs, drink and violent crime, was stabbed and shot. But then, when it seemed he was at the end of the road, he walked into a Gospel Hall and his life was completely changed. He, too, shared testimony in the Wolds prison. Singer song-writer **John Gaughan**, formerly of **Herman's Hermits** was another miracle, having being delivered from alcoholism and now has a heart-warming ministry in music and testimony.

Hull Chapter is now led by president **Bill Kirby** and his wife **Edie**; **Chris Fleming** (vice-president); **Tony Bell** (secretary); and the much-loved and second longest-serving member, treasurer **Barrie Thompson**. The guest speaker at the anniversary dinner was **Michael Cant**, the award-winning Norwich architect. *For an online copy of Val Fotherby's celebration report, email: valfotherby@hotmail.com*

Ian Mackie shares vision at Selby Chapter



UCB is a UK-based media group with five radio stations and a TV channel and is also the publisher of *The Word For Today* and many other print and web resources to help individuals and

the church, to become a '24/7' ministry.

In December, UCB UK went national on DAB radio, which was the fulfilment of a 23-year-long vision for UK founder, **Ian Mackie**, (right). Ian spoke at an FGB Selby Chapter dinner in September and said there were many times when he was ready to give up on the vision, but a significant word from the Lord kept him going.



"Ian gave a fantastic testimony of God's grace," says **Mike Scorgie**, chapter secretary, after the dinner at The Owl Hotel, Hambleton, attended by 70 people. The chapter is seeing

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2012 Olympic outreaches planned

FGB chapters and members along with 300 churches and Christian groups in the UK are being invited to take part in 'More than Gold' projects in the build-up to the 2012 Olympic Games.



This is not just a London event, since coverage of the Games through the media will touch young and old everywhere. There are 600 pre-Olympic sports training camps being set up across the UK. Around 15,000 athletes and their families from 200 nations, plus 14,000 Games officials will be involved in the event. There will also be 100 big screen festivals across the UK.

All this presents endless opportunities for sporting outreaches, hospitality and so on. FGB chapters and members may want to link up for sports-themed events. A large proportion of the 5,000 volunteer officials are likely to be Christians.

Please visit the 'More than Gold' website regularly to see what is developing and how you might be involved: www.morethangold.org.uk

Good support at Selby

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good support across Yorkshire and beyond, and is looking forward to a Christmas dinner meeting on December 14 with award-winning country music artist **Dan Wesley**.

Incidentally, UCB TV broadcasts FGBMFI testimony programmes and is available on **Sky 586** - and has also become the world's first Christian TV channel to be launched on a mobile network. You can watch UCB TV on nearly every web-enabled mobile phone at www.yamgo.mobi. For more information about UCBs broadcasts, please visit www.ucbmedia.co.uk

To receive your *free* copy of *The Word For Today* daily devotional booklet, call 0845 60 40 401 or visit ucb.co.uk/wft.

Sub-zero outreach in Russia

After facing very severe difficulties in **China**, FGB director and musician **Trevor Bendrien** arrived in **Russia** ten days later for meetings in temperatures of minus 25C.

"We had an amazing week," says Trevor who with his family also made a highly eventful mission to the **Philippines** last year.

- **In the next issue** of Vision magazine in January, we'll have a more news and pictures from Trevor. There will also be more reports from the UK regions, including the University chapters; plus testimonies and outreach reports, including an update from the European Convention in Dublin.

- **Don't forget** to send your news and pictures to the Vision editor as early as possible, to **Mike Wiltshire** (tel 01603 503 274), email: mwiltshire4@aol.com

'Every Christian should watch this DVD'

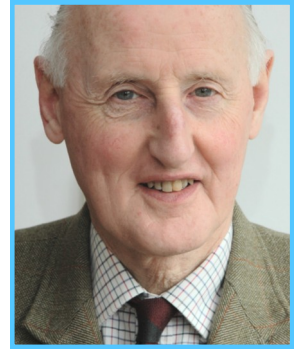
Christian leaders across the UK are recommending a new DVD on **'How to witness to strangers.'**



Rev. Mark Stibbe:
'It's dynamite'

Since the first review in the previous issue of Vision magazine, **Rev Dr Mark Stibbe** – author of 'Prophetic Evangelism, writes: "Every Christian in the Body of Christ should watch this DVD. John Wright's teaching – laced with moving and often humorous stories – should inspire us all to have a go at witnessing to strangers.

"I don't know anyone who has a greater gift for this than John. He is the real deal – an extraordinarily fruitful soul-winner and a mightily anointed prophetic evangelist. You will want to step out of the boat once you've watched this. It's dynamite!"



John Wright: his 50-minute seminar was recorded this summer

Buy a DVD for use in your Chapter, church house group or fellowship meeting. The DVDs cost £10 (postage free). To order, call 01508 494 366 or email: wrights@bedon.freeserve.co.uk

Here's what other leaders are saying about the new DVD

- 'This is typical John Wright. He talks about what most of us are frightened of doing with humour and a fund of stories. These show how God can open up opportunities to speak for Him in all sorts of situations.' - **Rt Rev Gavin Reid**, former Bishop of Maidstone and Director of Mission England.

- 'This DVD is full of helpful tips and advice and encouragement on speaking about Christ to those we meet who are strangers. I commend it to you.' - **Canon Roger Simpson**, Archbishop's Evangelist to the Northern Province.

- 'I urge you to get a copy immediately. There is no time to lose.' - **Peter Spreckley**, UK Council Chairman, FGBMFI.

- 'So many Christians seemed to have taken literally what Jesus said to three disciples "see that you don't tell no one"! Well, my friend John Wright is *not* one of those. John Wright is an original and watching this DVD will make you feel uncomfortable. But I hope it will inspire you to see your responsibility in conveying and communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ to others, regardless of how inconvenient it may feel.' - **Evangelist J. John**.

Story of divine connections

ANDREI, a **Russian** leader with the Fellowship emailed **John Walker, European president**, (*right*) in the **UK** to say that he was in **China** sharing his testimony plus the FGB vision among **the underground Churches**. The Russian didn't say exactly *where* in China he was located — a vast nation of 665 cities, (and where 22 cities have populations of over 2 million each).



John in the UK immediately e-mailed the Russian brother, wishing him God's blessing. Then, within 48 hours, John had a call from another FGB member in **Birmingham** — a UK businessman who does many transactions in China.

He rang to say that he'd just led one of his Chinese clients to Christ and asked if John Walker knew of a suitable Church in one of China's largest cities where he was visiting. "I knew of no Churches in China which is the world's largest nation with 1.3 billion people — let alone the particular city he was asking about," says John, who nevertheless emailed the Russian leader to ask if he'd make enquiries in China.

Andrei e-mailed back to say he was in an area about 100 km away from the big city in question. Later, Andrei e-mailed John to say he was in touch with **Joseph Wong***, who 10 years previously had been led by the Lord to move from **Taiwan** to mainland China to plant churches. Joseph and his wife both spoke perfect English and pastored a church **in the very city** where the Birmingham business man had visited, and had all the key contacts. Soon the UK businessman was on the phone for 30 minutes to a **local pastor in China** — and the new convert, **David**, was introduced to a good Chinese church.

"That was amazing in itself," says John Walker - but more blessing was to follow. The Birmingham business man had damaged his ribs and felt unable to attend a local FGB dinner, but he was so excited by the divine connections in China that he made the effort to attend the UK dinner and took along a friend (with an alcohol addiction) to hear **John Gaughan**, the singer/song writer who, years before, had been delivered from alcoholism. John Gaughan prayed for the new visitor who received Christ as his Saviour. "God's ways are perfect!" says John Walker.

**Names changed for security reasons.*



*'God's
wonderful ways
are beyond our
understanding'*



A timely reminder



Dear Brothers,

Do you find that the Lord sometimes gives you a "kick in the pants" - and then from an unexpected quarter? It happened to me recently, and since it might speak to others, I'll share it here.

A pastor in a local church was preaching on "Hell". Now, *that's* the first surprise! In the course of his talk, he described how he had been sharing the gospel with a Muslim. During their chat, the question of hell arose, plus the fact that Jesus is the only way of avoiding going there.

Having heard the argument, the Muslim said to the pastor:

"If you believe this Jesus is the only man who can save a person from going to hell, then this news is so urgent and important, and shouldn't you be telling it to as many people as possible . . . ?"

That looks to me to be a "hole in one." It struck home with me, and thinking more about it, in the context of our calling in the Fellowship, it occurred to me that our zeal for witnessing may often be in inverse proportion to our understanding of the significance and threat of hell, and what that means to everyone who dies outside of Christ.

For me that was a timely reminder from an unlikely source, but a reminder nevertheless. Does it touch you? May the Lord make us all more committed than ever in our witness to those who have not yet heard the good news.

Peter Spreckley

Chairman, UK Council



Many thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership of the Fellowship. If you are one those who may have overlooked this — and it's easily done — then do drop a line to the FGBMFI Office at **PO Box 11, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA1 6 QP**. As you know, there is no set membership fee, but a donation by each of us is important. For more details, see Page 19 on sowing into the harvest.



See you in Dublin for the **2010 European Convention**

**Thursday to Sunday,
November 18–21
at the Regency Hotel, Dublin**



Guest Speakers: Carter and Teresa Conlon



Carter Conlon is the Senior Pastor of Times Square Church, New York — he, and his wife, **Teresa**, are gifted international convention speakers.

The Convention theme is **‘Revive us again’** and the inspiring programme will include great testimonies and worship led by **‘Worship Academy Ireland.’**



This event also marks **the 32nd All-Ireland Convention**. Everyone is welcome.

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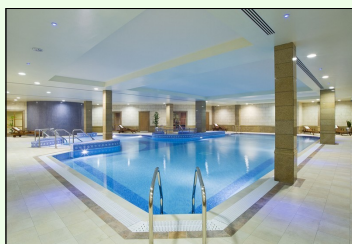
There have been problems with the **Freephone** service, but it's worth a try : from Republic of Ireland, call 1800 930007. From UK, US and Europe: 08000183129.

General information: for single occupancy, add €25 per night. For single breakfast, €10; single lunch €15; evening meal €25; banquet meal €35; for B and B, sharing, €60 per night. Meal tickets will be issued at the Convention Registration Desk.

Currency conversion rate: €100 = £87.31p or \$138.47, at the time of going to press, but please check the rate at your time of payment.



Flights: there are plenty of flights to Dublin from UK airports. Just look on the web, checking with Ryanair, BMI and Easyjet. Early booking is advised, and apart from price, **flight times** are a key deciding factor when making a booking.



Every member has a key role

Dear co-labourers in Christ,

Thank you, each one, for all your are doing as we advance together in the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone who is called into this Fellowship has a key role in this end-times ministry as we encourage and pray for one another.



Stuart Cripps

However, there may be a few who are reading this letter whose membership is about to lapse? Or has already lapsed! I want to urge you to seek the Lord about that — and then make a step of faith and God will surely bless you.



Holding the fort, our national office staff: Bob Boler with Clare Wilkinson and Liz Wathen

Our faithful Office Team look forward to hearing from you. New resources are also now available to all members directly from the Office or via the on-line shop or to download from the website.

During the summer we sent you a new issue of the website easy-guidance leaflet to help us

all make full use of our website resources. Meanwhile, we are developing and enhancing the FGBMFI website to make it even more useful and interactive.

By now, you may have had a chance to look at the updated **Leadership Manual** which we sent to you this summer. Other new items available include **Welcome Slips** (for use in your Chapter for collecting contact details from guests), and **Decision Cards**, for use in all outreach meetings to confirm commitment to Christ and to provide a way of staying in contact, using the STEPS booklets to encourage them in the next steps as a Christian.

No doubt many Chapters are thinking hard about their Christmas outreach events, so God bless you as you work and pray towards that initiative.

.Meanwhile, we also look forward to seeing as many as possible at the **European Convention** in Dublin, (see details on pages 16 and 17). By the time you read this I'll have returned from a trip to Rumania.

With very best wishes,

Stuart Cripps

National Executive Officer

Sowing seeds of faith into the harvest

Your partnership in the Gospel is very precious indeed! So A BIG, BIG THANK you for all that you do as we move forward together in faith.



Because our members have shared generously in time and money over the years, the miracle that is FGBMFI has continued for decades.

Our national finances depend entirely on donations from members, local Chapters and supporters. As you know, there is no set membership fee to join FGBMFI. Instead, it was decided several years ago to ask each member to pray about how much they should give to support the national administration and outreach work of the Fellowship.



***God loves a trusting heart —
'for without faith it is impossible to please Him,'***

(Hebrews 11:6)

If you are a member of the Fellowship, but have not yet made a contribution, then please pray about sowing a sacrificial seed-gift as an act of faith.

God wants to bless you and has promised: *“Give, and it shall be given unto you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will it poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”* (Luke 6:38)

As you sow into the ‘good soil’ of this united ministry, you can be sure that God will bless you. Most members *do* give regularly, but there is a few who make no donation to the national office. So today, *please* ask the Lord what you should do. And then act! Remember, your obedience is the only proof of your faith. *“For without faith, it is impossible to please Him,”* (Hebrews 11:6).

Of course, these are difficult days, but there is no recession in the Kingdom of Heaven. In fact, God promises to bless us even in time of famine. We

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read: *“Now a severe famine struck the land . . . but that year Isaac sowed in the land. He harvested a hundred times more grain than he planted, for the Lord blessed him.”* (Genesis 26: 1,12).



Amazingly, there are 2,250 scriptures dealing with money – and Bible focuses much on being a good steward over our resources. In a timely reminder, our national treasurer, **Geoff Haresceugh** says that donations to FGBMFI haven’t risen in line with inflation, so perhaps you could consider increasing your standing order, if that is the way you give to the Fellowship?



A few members give very substantially which helps those who don’t give very much. But all members are encouraged to make some financial contribution - in response to God’s calling each of us into membership.

“Can I ask you to consider before the Lord how much you should be giving?” says Geoff. “Since admin costs at least £6 a month per member, (£72 a year) , it is right that these costs should be shared among *all* of us. You can contribute weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly by standing order or by cheque to the office.”

Remember, no step of faith ever goes unrewarded. So, God will bless you as you give! When you send your gift, please include your personal prayer request so we can join our faith with yours in a prayer of agreement. God’s Word promises that ‘if two agree, it shall be done’, (Matthew 18:19).

Phone or email the office today for a Gift Aid Donation Form and/or a Standing Order Mandate Form, (all these are included in the Membership Application Form – so if your membership has lapsed, you can sign-up afresh!).



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