



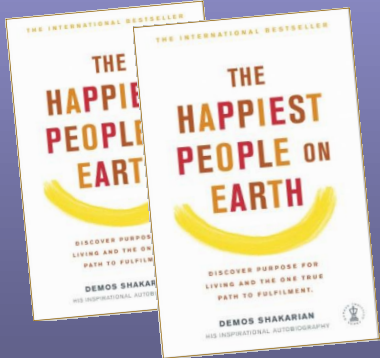
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Highlights from this year's National Convention with guest speakers Rick and Kathy Gillis from the US



Coming events, new resources including Convention DVDs

Pictured below: the convention banquet at Telford, Shropshire





The Saturday Banquet at the 2009 National Convention at Telford

From me to you . . .

Dear Brothers,

The memories of the wonderful National Convention may be fading with the passage of time, but I trust they will be rekindled for those who had the privilege of being there.

The reports in this Convention special edition of **Vision** will speak for themselves.

The only sadness was that so many more members and their wives were not with us to share in the worship, fellowship, teaching and above all the real encounter with the Living God, that brought us closer to fulfilling our potential in Christ, and which, in turn, will bring a harvest for the Kingdom and the Glory of God. Without fail you should get hold of the DVDs. For details see pages 13 and 14.

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Peter Spreckley,
chairman of the
National Council



Meet the national office staff



Pictured here (top row, left to right) at the Knutsford office in Cheshire are **Bob Boler**, the Office Co-ordinator; with **Clare Wilkinson**, Membership Administrator; and **Liz Wathen**, the Accounts, Voice and Chapter Resources Administrator.



Warm tributes were made at the National Conference to **June Milburn**, (left) who retired in July 2009 as Membership Administrator – June was described as a much-missed mainstay of the office since 1989. Also pictured here at his desk is **Stuart Cripps**, National Executive Officer.



NEWS IN BRIEF

■ **Next year** will be a busy one for European FGBMFI conventions. There will be a combined All-Ireland and European Convention in **Dublin** for October. Meanwhile, **Richard Shakarian**, international president, (pictured right, with his wife, Vangie) will be speaking at a largely East European Convention in **Vienna** from April 30 to May 2.



■ **Six hundred** Voice magazine were distributed on the streets to students and other people during Freshers' Week by members of the **Manchester University Chapter**.

■ **Liverpool City Chapter** and the **Liverpool University Chapter** both continue to have anointed meetings with God's Kingdom extended at each gathering. There has been great interest shown by the students. Hundreds of Voice magazines were distributed during Fresher's week.

■ **More than** 800 gospel packs containing Voice magazines were distributed during a united outreach in the **Weymouth** and **Portland** area.

■ **Email your news and pictures** for the next issue of **Vision** to Michael Wiltshire at mwiltshire4@aol.com — *many thanks*.

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We want to thank so many of you who helped in the smooth running of the convention, and in particular we are all so grateful to **Stuart Cripps**, who shouldered the main burden of planning and organising the convention, and **Trevor Bendrien** (pictured below) who led the worship with his band in their inimitable and anointed way, so as to release a mighty flow of the Holy Spirit.



There will be no National Men's Advance in the UK next year as we will be supporting the **European Convention in Dublin** in October, but we are already thinking about a national convention in two years' time.

Peter Spreckley

Rick's verdict

This is an extract from an email sent by **Rick Gillis**, the main speaker at the 2009 National Convention in Telford:

"I just wanted to drop you a note and let you know how absolutely wonderful the Convention was this year.

"I have to say it was one of the best and smoothest I have ever attended."

Every-member Ministry !?

God's call on all our lives is to be involved in ministry, writes **Stuart Cripps**, National Executive Officer

I believe that every member of the Fellowship is called to be actively involved in utilising the gifts and talents God has given us to reach others for Christ and build up the body of Christ (see Ephesians chapter 4, verse 16).

This was the central aim of our recent National Convention to 'fulfil your potential in Christ': for every

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Emmanuel, a member of the FGBMFI's Manchester University Chapter, distributing Voice magazines on the street outsider the Chaplaincy

Encouragement for every-member ministry

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member to be a channel of blessing and power from the Holy Spirit to empower others for Life.

Praise God for the many blessings at this year's National Convention at Telford. This Convention proved to be a special time of anointed ministry, particularly from **Rick and Kathy Gillis**, and encouragement for every member ministry in moving towards fulfilling our true potential in Christ.

Practical teaching

Many delegates expressed their appreciation of the practical teaching and encouragement, with many experiencing a new level of hearing the voice of God and moving in the gifts of the Holy Spirit with words of knowledge and prophecy.

I hope you did not miss out on this great time of blessing and anointing for our ongoing ministry through the Fellowship: but if you did miss it, then look out for the reports and video recordings soon to be available on the website (www.fgbmfi.org.uk), as well as on future 30 -minute broadcasts on UCB television.

We trust you will enjoy the latest issue of **Voice**, our testimony magazine, and make good use of further copies in your outreach: this issue targets business people – so please pray about making the most of this opportunity to reach those who may be feeling the impact of the recession.

Voice is a tremendous resource for use in personal witness as well as through Chapter outreach events. Testimony is still the most powerful weapon each one of us has in breaking down barriers and extending the Kingdom of God.

To be effective in our ministry, I believe we must remain in our calling and move on in using all the gifts of the Holy Spirit (both spiritual and practical) and all the resources available to members.

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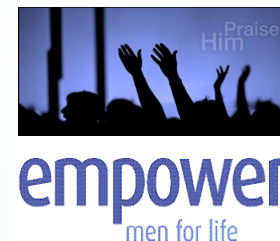


Convention video recordings will soon be available on the FGB website, says Stuart



New television programmes

Powerful new DVDs and CDs on the way



During the challenging 2009 National Convention at Telford, Shropshire, we took the opportunity to film not only the key sessions but also to film six more of our **Brief Encounter** testimonies that will enable us to have a further two half-hour television programmes. **United Christian Broadcasters** have promised that these will be shown on the UCB-TV schedule as soon as the programmes are edited for transmission, writes **Terry Waters**.

We are so grateful to **Claudio Cerritelli** of Quattro Productions, (pictured below), for the invaluable gift he has to edit and produce these programmes to the high standards required for modern TV transmission. The new programmes — and the previous programmes — are available in DVD format and will make great stocking-fillers for your friends and families. On the next page, there is a handy **order form** so that you can send your DEVD/CD orders direct to Quattro. You may also order all video and audio resources via the **FGB Office** at P.O.Box 11, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QP.



Captured on video: testimonies and key sessions at the 2009 National Convention

The man behind the camera

Claudio Cerretelli (right) and his team have recorded many key events over the years. He was born in Italy, but trained in the UK as an engineer. However, 'a powerful encounter with God turned my life completely around', he says. Four years later he was involved in a church-plant, which opened the way to full-time ministry. In 1998, he began a ministry relations role with **God TV** as it grew from a European to a global network. Claudio has also worked with **Benny Hinn Ministries** and filmed events at some of the largest venues in Britain. These TV programmes have been seen around the world.

Claudio and his wife **Anna**, have a daughter and son, **Paola** and **Massimo** and 'two wonderful grandchildren.' In addition to his media ministry, Claudio is on the leadership team of his church in the West Midlands.





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Tony and Jean Gardiner (above) from the UK have faithfully attended the Belgium Convention for the past 20 years. They described this year's international event as 'excellent - one of the very best'. They prayed for many people, including a staff member at the Convention who gave her heart to Christ.

Liam launches a song of hope

Gifted singer **Liam Moore**, an FGB member, (pictured below) took part in a musical presentation with a choir of 350 children and young people in Merseyside in mid-September. This is because Liam is releasing a song, entitled '**You're the Voice**' – a message of hope that has been welcomed by many community leaders, because it denounces gun and knife crime. All proceeds of the song will support local anti-violence community projects as well as



the **Rhys Jones Memorial Fund**. The song's theme is: 'Enough is enough! We are not going to sit in silence; we are not going to live in fear.' Project director Liam is urging friends to download or buy this song - from HMV and elsewhere - 'because every single sale will make a difference to the lives of children. For more information, visit the website www.voiceinthecity.org.uk



The choir of young people helping to launch the CD: 'You're the Voice'

London Dinner

Ghanaian-born business man **Danny Mawuenyega**, international secretary of FGBMFI, shared his remarkable testimony at outreach dinner for 160 guests at the **London's Imperial Hotel** in November. Danny once helped negotiate, with others, the setting aside of an \$8bn national debt. He has also experienced healing, recovery from bankruptcy and business transformation.



Restoring prophetic vision



Rick and Kathy Gillis

Pastors Rick and Kathy Gillis from the US proved to be ideal speakers for this year's convention in the UK – they have an anointed international ministry and know the FGB Fellowship well. Rick has spoken at a previous Convention in Blackpool and at Men's Advances in the North-East of England..

They also came back to the UK with a strong desire to see men reaching their potential in Christ and to teach us more 'in the realm of the prophetic, because we should all have a prophetic vision.'

Rick quoted the promise to restoration to God's people in Zech. 9:11 – 'As for you, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from [death in] the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, **O prisoners of hope**; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.'

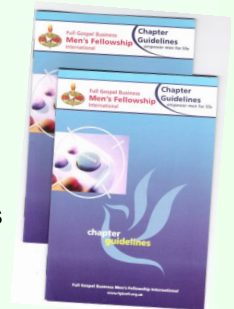
This promise, said Rick, was given to God's people as they were

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These resources include the recently updated issue of the **Chapter Guidelines** (right) which was recently sent to every member. We trust you will find this free booklet helpful in reviewing the functioning of your Chapter: that we might remain close to the vision given to the Fellowship and see more of the promised 'Greater Glory in this latter house'.

Every blessing in your ongoing ministry,
Stuart Cripps



Men of destiny

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being restored from times of captivity. We, too, must become 'prisoners of hope, prisoners of the Gospel and the purposes of God' – men of destiny whom God is recharging for a last great harvest 'push' in these end-times.

God has predestined us to be partners with Him to see His will done and His kingdom come – as we obey Him, 'we become the happiest people of earth, just as Demos Shakarian discovered in his own prophetic ministry.'

The Lord wants to anoint us afresh to flow in the 'river of God.' He does extraordinary things through quite ordinary people, for we have this treasure – the Holy Spirit's Presence – in earthen vessels. 'None of us has the excuse for not being filled with the fullness of God,' said Rick.

He recalled how — in the US, **Demos Shakarian** (1913-1993), a humble Christian businessman of Armenian origin — was bold enough to take a few steps of faith after receiving a prophetic vision in his living room. From this, FGBMFI was born worldwide.

Impact of the Fellowship

He added that FGB has probably done more to bring revival to the church at large than any other laymen's movement in the last 50 years. 'Today, so many ministries and fellowships can trace their origin back to FGBMFI.'

God has a prophetic vision for all of us, said Rick, who urged everyone, young and not so young, to lay their lives upon the altar. 'Remember, Moses didn't get started till his '80s.'

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'Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.' - *Isaiah 40:31.*

Ireland Convention

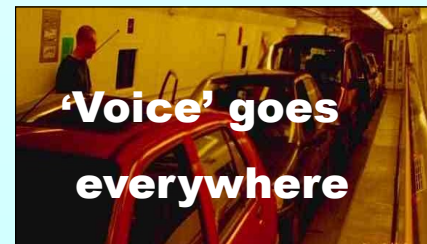
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had been struck down with a debilitating illness for 14 years, following a visit to India. He suffered from chronic fatigue through ME (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis), following a serious bout of hepatitis.

For years, Alan could hardly get out of bed. Then, an Indian pastor in Bangalore, **John Francis**, said he believed Alan would be healed if he came to back to India — a land he loves - to attend a great healing service led by the evangelist **Benny Hinn** in January, 2005.

More than seven million people attended those historic meetings – and Alan and his wife, **Ann**, were on the front row. Alan was healed "and is now as strong as anything," says Ann, joyfully.

So Alan's return to Killarney as worship leader was a double opportunity for thanksgiving.



How many unusual opportunities can you report for distributing **Voice** magazines? One of the most recent was aboard the Eurostar Channel Tunnel train, where international director **John Wright**,

en route to the **FGB Convention in Belgium**, discovered a 'captive audience' seated in cars with nothing much to do but read the latest **Voice** magazine. Other 'captives' just stood in long queues for the loo – where they, too, were given an opportunity to receive a copy of **Voice**.

Dozens of 'Chunnel' travellers had been given complimentary rail tickets because stormy weather in the Channel prevented a normal ferry crossing.

Incidentally, John also found wonderful opportunities to give away **Voice** magazines in France, recently. At the **French National Convention** at Vichy, they were given a word from the Lord that in His sight going out of your house without a **Voice** magazine was the same as going out 'sans pantalons' (i.e. without trousers).



Blessings in Belgium

More than 300 people from 20 countries attended the Belgium Convention in November at Blackenberge, located on west coast. Prophetic speakers included **Dr Bill Hamon**, plus his son **Tom** and wife, **Jane**; there was also a powerful testimony by evangelist and pastor **Kul Bal Singh**, (who also spoke at the All-Ireland Convention – see report on page 10). Guests were welcomed by the FGB national president **André Berges** and worship was led by **Rik and Sabine van Neste**.

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Powerful times at the 31st All-Ireland Convention

The presence of the Holy Spirit was very evident during the sessions of the thirty-first All-Ireland Convention in Killarney, County Kerry, in November.

“It was out of this world,” said one delighted visitor as members gathered at the historic Heights Hotel, overlooking the mountains and the beautiful Flesk Valley.

Stephen Monds and his wife, **Marian** brought faith-building ministry. In early years, Stephen had trained for the priesthood and had suffered from depression – until he was miraculously healed.

Many visitors to the convention received prayer for healing and all were encouraged by the powerful testimony of evangelist and pastor



Convention venue in Killarney



Stephen Monds and Kul Bal Singh

Kul Bal Singh – “he was on fire!” said a visitor after hearing Kul Bal’s story which he calls ‘From rogue to revivalist.’

Kul Bal has a warm sense of humour and also moves in prophetic ministry: he was born in Malaysia, but educated in Scotland, where he met his wife, Elaine, while studying engineering.

Other speakers at the convention included **Godfrey Daniels**, a former rock star. Visitors were so encouraged that they ordered hundreds of ministry CDs, reports **John Gates**.

Worship was led by **Alan Pimlott** from Norfolk. Years ago, Alan had led worship before in Killarney. His return visit to Ireland was particularly poignant because in the intervening years, he had become seriously ill.

Alan, a pastor and business man,

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Alan Pimlott

Renewed vision

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Rick reminded us that a major problem with God’s people in the Bible is that they did not really listen to the Lord, or wait upon Him for new strength. In a prophetic act, Rick asked all delegates in the first meeting to seek God for His vision for their lives, ‘for where there is no vision, the people perish’.



As the worship team played the song, *Holy And Anointed One*, it was a profound moment as everyone in the first meeting on the Friday night was asked to quietly move to the four walls of the convention hall, to wait on God and seek His will. Later, as we re-assembled, Rick brought personal words of prophetic encouragement to a number of men and women in the hall.

In their 35 years of ministry, Rick and Kathy Gillis have led many teaching courses called ‘**School of the Spirit**’. Those of us at the Telford Convention were encouraged to pray prophetically, one-on-one and also to gather in what some call ‘prophetic wheels’ – these are small circles of friends who wait upon God for words of encouragement for one person standing in the centre of the circle. Many of the groups found this an exhilarating and affirming exercise.



For inspiring video and audio recordings from the National Convention: cut out and post the handy order form on page 14

Thanks for your news reports

Space does not permit us to include all the testimonies shared at Telford, plus many **local outreach reports** and news of **overseas trips**, but some of them will appear in the next issue of Vision. Our thanks also for pictures sent in by Peter Hunt, Stuart Cripps, Chris Basson, Solomon Cole, Rodney Radcliffe, Keith Green, Roger McColm, Terry Lowe and many others.

Vital factors in starting chapters



Tom Bramble

Speaking at the National Convention, Midlands director **Tom Bramble**, unstoppable at 86 years-young, declared: 'I have a vision for 20 chapters in our region. We had 12, now we have 15, with calls coming in from men who want to start new chapters in areas such as Nottingham and Bridgenorth.'

Tom added: 'I want to encourage you all to reach out – because when you really give your heart to God, you can't retire from His kingdom. I like to quote that classic film with Errol Flynn: it was called *They Died with Their Boots On*. We should never retreat. Ask the Lord to "enlarge the place of your tent" – as it says in Isaiah 54:2. We have nowhere reached the full potential of this Fellowship.'

After the Convention, we asked Tom for more thoughts on planting chapters.

'A man's own vision is a vital element — he must have a vision for planting a chapter and to see it grow,' he said. 'God is looking for standard-bearers — and this calls for patient, brave prayers if we are to overcome the spirit of lethargy and indifference all around us.'

'Sadly, some Christian men really never reach out to those around them. Their restricted vision doesn't extend much beyond entertaining people at a monthly dinner club, but the Holy Spirit is calling us far beyond that narrow view.'

God's timing in a locality is also crucial in seeing a new chapter develop, adds Tom. 'You watch for that trigger-point – some indicator from the Lord: it could begin with an unexpected phone call from a man who asks you for copies of **Voice** magazine. 'That man, with encouragement from you, may well become the standard-bearer around whom a new chapter is formed.'

We need to be open to new ideas. The updated FGB free booklet on **Chapter Guidelines** is packed with practical pointers for starting and maintaining a Chapter.

God knows our hearts

Wise words — from Proverbs 24: 10-12 (Message Version):

'If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place. Rescue the perishing; don't hesitate to step in and help.'

If you say: "Hey, that's none of my business," will that get you off the hook?

Someone [the Lord Himself] is watching you closely, you know – Someone not impressed with weak excuses.'

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