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A personal word from Peter Spreckley *Chairman of the National Council*

Dear Brothers

Enclosed with this Vision are details of the **2008 Men's Advance** to be held at The Quality Hotel, Penkridge, on October 17-19 (Friday evening, to Sunday lunchtime).

Those who attended last October's Advance will need no further encouragement to go, because we all came away from that event truly inspired by an encounter with the Living God in the teaching, testimony, ministry and fellowship. Yes, we were so blessed.

Once again the Lord has provided us with an inspirational speaker in **Dan Chesney**, *pictured below*, who many of you will know. Dan has been a friend and supporter of the Fellowship over many years, and recently ministered at the All Ireland Convention.



Dan Chesney

The cost is the same as last year, and represents very good value. The venue is situated conveniently just off the M6 north of Birmingham, the hotel facilities are

So this letter is addressed to those who, for whatever reason, did not attend the last year's Advance. You cannot afford to miss this one. Why? Because an Advance is just that, and you cannot afford to be left behind!

excellent, but above all, we are expecting an even greater move of the wonderful Holy Spirit. That's why we should be there.

Don't leave it too late to book. We expect to be oversubscribed.

Peter Spreckley Chairman National Council

Welcome to our new Executive Officer

It gave me great pleasure to hand the baton to **Stuart Cripps** as my successor as the National Executive Officer. Stuart has served the Fellowship as the National Director for the North West for many years with dedication and a tireless commitment to the work.

One of Stuart's great strengths is the way that he has built a team in the North West and has the largest number of men involved in leadership roles.

Stuart is able to give at least one day a week at present but hopes to give more time as he reduces his hours of work in the coming years.

I am sure you will all give him your full support in this important leadership role within the Fellowship as he seeks to implement the decisions of the National Council.

Terry Waters



Terry & Stuart

We have a Plan !

God is on the move and I believe we as a Fellowship need to be closely in tune with Him in these days: that we might be led of His Spirit and see the 'Greater Glory of God in the latter house' (from Haggai 1&2). Those prophetic words spoken over the Fellowship, by three independent men of God in recent times, are already starting to be fulfilled in some areas and Chapters of the FGB. We have certainly seen more first-time prayers for salvation in the last year, more baptised in the Holy Spirit and more miraculous healings, than in recent years, but there is much more to come - if we pray and seek His guidance and continue to walk in His anointing.

God has been speaking to us as a Fellowship, in Council Meetings, Regional Meetings, Chapter Meetings and as individuals - His words give us faith to obey His leading and respond to His call to serve Him. One word received in a National Council Meeting was to write down the vision: that men may run with it (from Habakkuk 2v2). As a consequence, we have documented 'The Plan for 2008 - a development strategy towards seeing the Greater Glory of God', which has been accepted by all the Directors of the Fellowship and distributed to Field Representatives for the message to be passed onto the full membership. Our strategy is basically to pray for God's leading in all that we do - Spirit led outreach, using our God-given authority, speaking out in faith the locations for growth and 'launching new boats' - being prepared to change our approach as led by the Spirit.

I have recently responded to a personal call from God to go part-time in my employment in the UK nuclear industry: to enable me to take up the part-time role of Executive Officer for FGB. I am currently spending 1 to 2 days per week helping to ensure that we are as efficient and effective as possible, in fulfilling the calling on all of our lives to extend God's Kingdom through FGB. I believe the Lord is calling us all as members to be led by His

Spirit and work together in unity in these latter days and we will see the fulfilment of the vision of Demos Shekarian in our experience. These are exciting days we are living in.

Stuart Cripps - National Executive Officer

East African opportunities



The Fellowship once thrived in Central and East Africa and then almost disappeared. But now the Lord is beginning to revive it.

The Chichester chapter has been supporting our brothers in FGB in Tanzania. Peter Spreckley says: "I have recently been in contact with men in Lusaka, Zambia, and Nairobi, Kenya, who are keen to restart the Fellowship. They need encouragement and support, particularly with chapter supplies, and I believe that before the end of this year men will need to go out to these countries to see FGB properly established". Peter adds: "If any men, or chapters feel that they would like to be involved in these outreaches, would they please contact me".

Convention blessings in Spain



A great Convention was held in Benalmadena on the Costa del Sol in southern Spain during the weekend of March 14-16,

2008, organised by National Director, Bruce Wick and his wife Caroline. Fifteen nations were represented and the conference was held in conjunction with PRIME (Partnerships in International Medical Education).

The principle speaker was **Dr Peter Gammons**, a great supporter

of FGBMFI, who shared his amazing testimony and then powerfully ministered under a tremendous anointing.

He had earlier taught on God's Ark of Safety.

Also speaking was **Baroness Cox**, and member of the UK's House of Lords - a true woman of God who is seeking to help persecuted people in many nations of the world. She shared amazing testimonies from her work in Nigeria, Burma and other lands where believers are facing trials. Baroness Cox was supported by **Dr John Greater** MBE, a representative of PRIME. Men of many nations shared testimonies of what the Lord was doing in their countries. The European Council of FGBMFI met during the Conference, a meeting marked with a great sense of love and unity in the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit.

John Walker

International Vice-President, Europe

Memorable moments

North East Region report



We have experienced a variety of blessings in the region - for example, the Street Angels programme received a National Faith Works award (from Prince Andrew) for serving the community. Elsewhere in

the region, the **Doncaster** Chapter was thrilled and even surprised, when some original members (who had not been attending) reappeared at the next meeting after the chapter prayed earnestly for them!

Hull have found a new venue and numbers have increased significantly with the hand of God moving in healings and salvation.

Ripon are outgrowing their venue, needing more space for the ministry that takes place at their meetings.

Selby are doing well after the unexpected death of David Hare, the former President. It is Selby's 25th year and they are planning special meetings, just as David would have wished.

Halifax put on a special outreach conference at a local social club, delivering 7,000 leaflets in glorious February sunshine. The club were excited to have a Christian meeting: they closed the bar and did not charge for the three-day event. Later, as many as 150 people attended - there were ministry times each day with at least 60 per cent of the people attending were prayed for. There was also a civic reception for speakers.

Trevor Bendrien, National Director North East



On Parade

North West report
Young cadets attend FGB Dinner in force and uniform

Two Air Training Corps (ATC) battalions sent cadets to represent them at the Dinner Meeting, where Ian Ferguson (former RAF fighter jet pilot and training officer) was the guest speaker. There were 32 ATC cadets (13 - 20 year olds) and 8 other first time adult guests at the event.

The speaker was amazed to see the Cadets march in carrying their colours and he responded with really anointed testimony that gripped the attention of all the guests, giving graphic technical details of jet fighter incidents and the lowest ever ejection on record, plus testimony of the power of God to change lives and make the impossible possible.

This was a night to remember not only for all those young cadets, but also for two people that committed their lives to Christ and for one who received a touch of healing power from the Lord. Glory to His name!

Dave Riley, Vice-President Warrington Chapter



Powerful meetings

Severnside report

Plans are in hand to hold Regional Praise and Prayer meetings on the first Saturday morning of the month, close to the Fellowships national day of prayer and fasting (on the first day of the month). As a relatively small region, we are able to bring most members together - and so far, each chapter has been represented. The meetings have been very powerful both as spiritual encouragement and prayerful communication with each other and listening for God's will. Already, several potentially difficult situations have been quickly resolved.

We start at 8.30 a.m. and meetings last about two and a half hours; we are also considering introducing an element of training

Richard Cordy - National Director

Miracles in the North

God is a God of miracles! He is the same yesterday today and forever. Jesus is still the Healer. There are signs that the glory of the latter house is starting to be 'greater than the former house'. We have witnessed three amazing healings in recent months that can only be described as miracles. Each defying the medical prognosis and giving glory to God in Jesus name.

A young man, suffering from multiple sclerosis, came forward for prayer at the end of an FGB dinner meeting and immediately straightened up and walked more easily. He returned to the next dinner meeting a month later and shared that his physiotherapist could not understand how he could be walking with a straight back. Medically he still has MS, but the symptoms are not evident.

A woman was diagnosed with secondary cancer in her hip, which had cracked and she couldn't walk. This was after having previously undergone a double

mastectomy operation for cancer. She had had radiation treatment, but had been told that they could not operate on her hip and she might even lose her leg. After prayer, however, she started to walk and the doctor's eventually decided they could operate and give her a false hip. This they did, but also removed samples of tissue and declared there was no longer any trace of cancer or evidence that there had ever been any cancer!

A member of the Christian Motorcycle Association suffered horrendous injuries in a near fatal accident. He was not given much hope of survival, with broken bones, internal bleeding and expected brain damage. After 3 months of sustained prayer by many Christians across this nation, this man, not only recovered consciousness, but slowly over many weeks he started to move his limbs, began to speak and communicate rationally, and is even now taking a few steps unaided.

Let's give God all the glory for these miracles of healing against all the odds, in Jesus name.

Colin Pownall - Field Officer North West Region.

Great ambassador for Christ



More than 200 people attended an unforgettable evening in March when the **Bournemouth** Chapter hosted (together with others), a visit of **George Hamilton IV** - who is not only a famous ambassador for country

music but also a great witness for Jesus Christ.

George entertained us with excellent songs and stories, but most of all gave a wonderful testimony of his love for our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The evening also made the FGB more widely known in the area. Many visitors who admired George's music also heard the Gospel in a loving but powerful way.

Prayer focus this month

Please pray for:



All National Directors, Field Representatives as they share the National Plan for 2008 and that we will all move forward in what the Lord is doing these days.

That the Lord will raise up 1,000 members **on fire** for God, for a 10-fold increase in membership by 2010, especially young men joining the Fellowship.

That every Chapter will continue to "Consider our ways" following the prophetic word, based on Haggai.

That men will be inspired and committed to attend this year's **National Advance** on October 17-19, and for the planned **National Convention** in October, 2009.

Young men to plan to attend the special one day meeting at the Peartree Hotel in a few months' time, (date to be announced).

All Chapter meetings, Fellowship meetings and Spirit-led Special Outreach meetings to launch new initiatives in different venues, approaches or area of the community to target.

That we will have a greater number of those who do not yet know Christ at our meetings, that we will invite more of our friends and colleagues.

South West and Severnside Men's Advance



A full house gathered for the weekend advance at St Ives at the end of January to have wonderful fellowship, learning and outreach.

Worship was lead by Tom Rice, Terry Lavery and Bob

Waters who were a real blessing

Barry Woodward our guest speaker was an inspiration with his testimony and teaching. He led us into a "Spiritual

M.O.T". Following the teaching, many went on a witnessing walk on the Saturday afternoon to talk and share the good news with whoever they met.

Another team went to a local Methodist Church on the Saturday evening to share their faith. On the Sunday morning teams went to 11 different churches to share in their testimonies, and where the churches were open to the moving of the Holy Spirit, there was some wonderful ministry. At lunch there was a great time of sharing what had happened in the various churches. God is awesome!

Keith Sholl, President Helston & West Cornwall Chapter

Spread a little love and laughter

Another member writes: 'I was walking through Battersea Park when a man of about forty came towards me with a smile on his face. This was so weird that I stopped him and asked: "Excuse me, but you look so happy - what is your secret?" "Jesus," he replied. We shared a hug and rejoiced together. This is a reminder to stagger people with a smile in these days of credit crunch!

On another occasion in Battersea, I had Sunday lunch with my children - and afterwards we all went for a stroll in the park. There were crowds of people enjoying the sunshine in this most beautiful of the London Parks. A lady approached alone with an empty buggy. She seemed to be unattached. "Madam," I cried, "May I help you find your lost child?" She roared with laughter. The child was not lost, after all. She went off happily with a **Voice** magazine of Christian testimonies.

Then a couple came down the path with a daughter of perhaps 18 months, dancing along in a harness with the reins firmly held by father. The child was gurgling with delight and incandescent with joy. I stopped them and said, "Excuse me, but seeing your daughter so full of joy and innocence in the midst of this dark, chaotic world is the most wonderful

sight." They were, of course, charmed to hear compliments about their child and went off with **Voice**.

Another couple appeared, the man wearing a dark blue French beret. "How wonderful to see a beret," I said. "Monsieur Renoir, I presume?" We had a good laugh and it transpired that the lady was a churchgoer. I gave my testimony - and they went off with **Voice**.

Another couple in their sixties walked by, holding hands. Such a beautiful sight. I walked by on the other side and regretted it bitterly a moment later. So many opportunities are given by the Holy Spirit to start a conversation - if we make ourselves available and say: "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Exercising our faith

At our **Norwich** Chapter, we were excited about the visit of healing evangelist, Ash Kotecha, a former Hindu who came to Christ in London.

He was due to speak at two events: we asked the Lord for 80 people to attend the Friday night dinner - and 30 to attend the breakfast seminar the next morning. That was *exactly* the number that attended each event.



That was encouraging, but should we have aimed far higher? "According to your faith be it unto you," said Jesus, as he healed the blind men in Matthew 9:27. Praise God that a good number were

healed in our meetings along with strong prophetic words of encouragement.

Incidentally, Ash's healing ministry began soon after his conversion as he faced tremendous persecution from family and friends. One by one they all received dramatic healings and turned to Christ.

A vision for younger members

In the last week of January 2008, Britain was hit by storms and floods, and during this time I felt as though I was also experiencing a personal spiritual storm - the most intense in my 18 years as a Christian.

After a year of restlessness in our church, I was attending a service elsewhere and suddenly asked myself: "What am I doing here?" Then an inner voice said: "Ray, you need a local church for food and fellowship, *but your ministry* is with FGBMFI." I then received a vision of young FGB members attending a special meeting for sharing their ideas and aspirations for FGBMFI in the UK.

The younger members need facilities which allow them communicate via their blackberries, Ipods and laptops, and perhaps also through members' forums and creating blogs, and so on.

Plans are now in hand, with the endorsement of the National Council, to invite the younger members to a meeting, where they will be encouraged to share their views and God inspired ideas for the future ministry of Fellowship.

Younger members (say, to the mid to late-30s) who want more information can email me on: ray@pixcellence.co.uk

Ray Graham, Newtown Chapter - Wales

Men's Ministries



Together with Jacob John, I represented UK FGBMFI on Thursday 3rd, April at the men's ministry day in London, well co-ordinated by Christian Vision for Men.

The Baptist Men's movement, Christian Men together for Scotland, Echoes of Eternity, Lionhearts, Mandate, Through Faith Mission, Walk of 100 Men, Mighty men of Valour, Men for Jesus, CVM and FGBMFI were ministries represented

on the day. All present seemed to be comfortable moving in the gifts of the Holy Spirit which was encouraging. The Lord seemed to prompt Jacob John and myself particularly to deliver words of prophecy and knowledge during the day for many present which, judging by email feedback, seemed to be greatly appreciated and well received.

Each person present shared updates on their ministries and were prayed for by all present. Sincere appreciation was expressed for the work of the FGBMFI in the UK in leading the way in reaching men for Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Important links were established during the day between men's ministries and all were encouraged through meeting in fellowship and seeing a wider picture of what God is doing.

A focus turned to practical ways of reaching men in their different cultures. CVM, now overseen by Rev Carl Beech with Richard Meryon in support, are thinking of extending their website to include sections of special interest to men. It was decided to build on the initiative and to meet again in the autumn.

Rodney Radcliffe - National Director - London

Surprise on a train



Three of us were on our way back to Kent after a weekend away.

From Birmingham we caught our train connection to London. The train was packed, so Frank Parr, Gordon Paterson and myself, made ourselves 'sort of comfortable' sitting in the corridors, not far from the toilets!

A young woman sat nearby, a student of theatre design, returning home after a week-end away. We told her where we had been, she was intrigued, Frank said "We are just ordinary men on fire for

Jesus" "Not only that," I added: "Frank is a clown!" The young lady asked: "Can you teach me balloon modelling?"

Imagine our amazement, as from Frank's corner a long balloon appeared. Quickly, a poodle dog was created – and she made one next. In the end, four dogs were created amid lots of laughter as people passed by.

As we each shared our testimonies, the lady admitted: "I have never met people like you before = and you've give me something to think about!"

Before we left, I pointed to Frank and said: "He does 'magic'". And as we all laughed, Frank produced a string of colourful silk handkerchiefs'. Saying goodbye in London, the lady left happily with four balloon dogs.

Later, we asked Frank: "Do you normally carry all that clowning equipment?"

"No," replied Frank, who uses clowning as part of his Christian witness. "But I just felt prompted to pack it this weekend."

Maybe there's a lesson there about obeying those inner promptings.

Ray Buckingham - National Director - South East

Pigeons on the peas

I had contracted with Birds Eye to grow 26 acres of peas. The Lord spoke to me one morning and said, '*I will bless you through this field of peas.*'

But when the peas came through they were attacked by a great flock of several hundred pigeons. I went out with my gun and, of course, they flew away. But I knew as soon as my back was turned they would destroy the crop.

So I complained to God: "Lord, you said you were going to bless me but look at what is happening. Soon I will have no peas left."

"*Take authority over the pigeons!*" That did sound really weird, but I knew that the foolishness of God

is wiser than the wisdom of man. I reflected that Jesus had said that we would do the things that He did. I remembered the many miracles of nature in the Bible, when God sent a worm to eat Jonah's gourd, a bear to discipline unruly children, a raven to feed Elijah.

So next morning I went to the field without my gun. As the pigeons flew up I rebuked them in the name of the Lord and commanded them not to return. I did feel a bit silly!

The next morning there were only 12 pigeons on the field. I thought that they had not been there the day before so I rebuked them as well. From then on I had no more trouble from pigeons, which fed on a neighbour's sugar beet instead.

At harvest time I asked the Birds Eye harvester driver what the normal yield from a field of peas should be.

"Three tons an acre," he said. That year we gathered six tons of peas per acre. The Lord had surely watched over His word to perform it!

Colin King - Farmer - Winterton on Sea, Norfolk

The brown paper envelope

The rent demand had arrived the previous week: £2,800 was required and I had an overdraft of £1,700. Where was £4,500 to come from, I wondered.

The only solution was to use up what was left of my pension which was meant to have lasted for the rest of the year. So I sent a fax to the Axa Sun Life to request the draw down.

The following Monday a brown paper envelope arrived in the post. It came from a friend of my daughter who had recently become a Christian. I had written to congratulate and encourage her. Inside was a cheque for £5,000!

When I called Axa Sun Life to see if I could cancel the draw down they had no record

of my fax instruction. When I called my benefactor to hear how God had spoken to her she said, "It was a thought that would not go away".

After the tithe, the Lord had provided exactly for my needs.

Member's testimony of God's provision



"At home" FGBMFI evening breaks barriers!

2 sceptics, one a male ex bank manager, another a housewife, responded to Jesus at a local FGBMFI Lambeth & Southwark chapter "at home" evening at Rodney & Judy Radcliffe's house on Thursday 17th April. A take-away Chinese meal, with trifle and fruit following, was provided for 30 present for £6 each. David and Jan Hilton shared their testimonies and ministered under the anointing and power of God with prophetic words to many deep healing needs. Many helped in different ways to welcome, serve food and drinks and the relaxed environment caused most to seek ministry. Peter Black, the Chapter President led the evening. Two new men joined the chapter and will be signing up as members. This was the second home event with similar results.



The next Lambeth & Southwark outreach will be at the Mexican restaurant Bandinos in Herne Hill on Monday 23rd

June with Ernie Meadows as speaker. Some 50 are expected with all being encouraged to bring an unsaved person. Ernie will also be speaking in North and West London and Croydon that week. A central London "Networking/marketplace" evening is being held on Monday 9th June, for further details contact Rodney.

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17th-19th October 2008

Speaker: Dan Chesney



Dan was born and educated in USA where he trained as a clinical psychologist. After a dramatic conversion to Christ he entered full time ministry which brought him to England. As a conference speaker God has used him to encourage faith, experience miracles of healing, paraplegic instantly healed, blind eyes opened, and cancers disappear through the healing power of God

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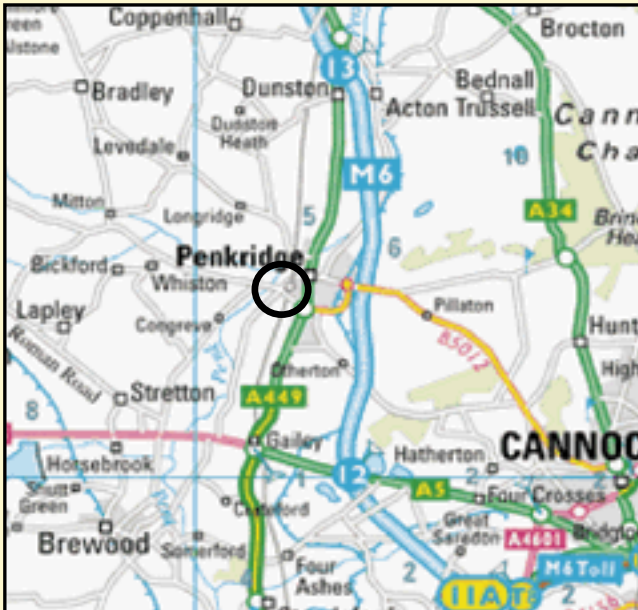
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National Men's Advance **BOOKING FORM**

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Persons attending:

All inclusive weekend rate

£125.00 if willing to share a room.
(Single room supplement £20.00)

Day delegate rate

£25.00, or £40.00 including banquet

Please tick as appropriate

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National Men's Advance

PROGRAMME

Friday October 14th 2008

Registration from 16.00 hrs

7.30p.m. Dinner

Speaker Dan Chesney with young men's testimonies

Saturday October 15th 2008

7.00-8.00a.m. Prayer/Worship

8.00-9.00a.m. Breakfast

9.30a.m. Worship

10.00a.m. Dan Chesney

11.15a.m. Testimonies/Training

12.45p.m. Luncheon

2.00p.m. Dan Chesney

3.45p.m. Leisure time

7.00p.m. Banquet Meeting

Speaker - Dan Chesney

Sunday October 16th 2008

7.00-8.00a.m. Prayer/Worship

8.00-9.00a.m. Breakfast

9.30a.m. Worship

10.00a.m. Dan Chesney

12.30p.m. Luncheon

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