



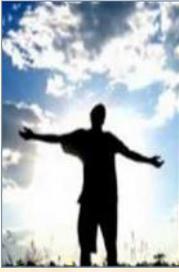
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# *Vision*

## *Reaping the harvest*

**INSIDE:** Report from the 2013 **Global Leadership Prayer Summit** in London — plus news, testimonies and coming events in the UK and Europe; and a focus on ‘how to become a carrier of God’s glory’



**God's promise:** *'Write down the vision [or 'the revelation'] . . . for it awaits the appointed time . . . it will certainly come . . . for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge [or an awareness] of*

*the glory of the Lord,*

*as the waters cover the sea.'* - Habakkuk 2: 2, 3 and 14



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**CLOSELY KNIT TOGETHER UNDER THE VISION, LOOSELY ASSOCIATED**

# Uniting in faith for a new day

At the second FGB-BMF **Global Leadership Prayer Summit**, held in London in January 2013, God spoke to the men in many different ways through times of fellowship and sharing testimonies together, through heartfelt prayer and fasting, prophecy, thanksgiving and worship. There was a tremendous sense of joy and unity among brothers from the nations.

In essence, we heard that this really is a new day to move forward in the freedom of God . . . not living in the past, ‘remembering not the former things,’ though we nevertheless praise God for all He has done.

## A God-given Vision

“It’s time for us to get our eyes off the past, prayerfully seeking God about what He wants us to do now,” said Blake Morris, National Director for FGBMF Canada. The honesty, depth and quality of the corporate prayer times were unforgettable, said another leader.

Men from many nations were

reminded that God had given us the **Full Gospel Global Forum (FGGF)** in trust, following last year’s Global Leadership Prayer Summit. This Forum is a network of like-minded national groups, helping to restore and rebuild relationships to more fully achieve God’s global Vision as given to Demos Shakarian.



**Blake Morris from Canada:**  
“It’s time to get our eyes off the past.”

In the Forum, we are “closely knit together, and loosely associated.” We were reminded that the leaders present represented 100,000 members across the nations – it was “not just about *us*, gathered here in London,” but that the Holy Spirit would use those present to help transport the message of unity in the God-given Vision, in all its variety of expressions, to countless other men, as accurately as possible.

God has given us the Full Gospel Global Forum which aims to provide a platform for networking, mutual support, encouragement and co-operation on common projects both nationally and globally. As one African leader declared: “Remember one thing, simply

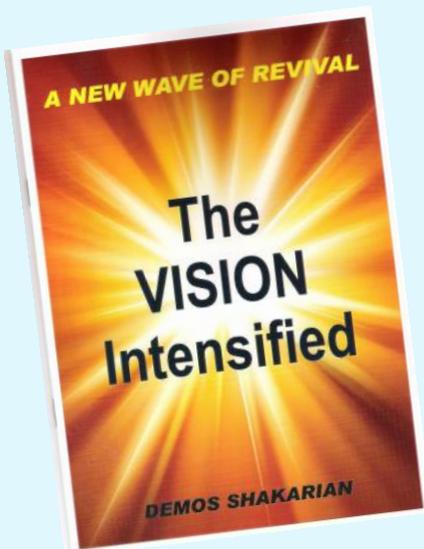
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this – that the Vision we share in this global fellowship is God’s own project and nothing can stop it . . . no matter what your situation, or what you face, God sees it all . . . He knows, and He is faithful who has called you. Nothing is impossible for Him.”

We were also reminded that “God did not *give* Demos the Fellowship,” because it belongs to the Lord. Demos, a true servant-leader, knew there was so much that the Holy Spirit wanted to do to accomplish His end-time purposes.

Back in 1952, Demos was given the initial Vision as he desperately sought God’s will while praying in his living room in the early hours of a Saturday night. At that point, he had come to the end of his own exhaustive efforts . . . and then God showed him the glorious Vision of what lay ahead.



As the years went by, God gave that same revelation – to see ordinary laymen reach out with the life-giving Gospel to multitudes of others across the nations. And as Demos long ago said to Bob Bignold (who is today President of FGMB-FA): “Bob, encourage the men in the Vision.”



**Ifeanyi Odedo from Nigeria gave a strong call for servant leadership**

Aware that God had so much more to show us, Demos — towards the end of his life — wrote in *The Vision Intensified*, his last most prophetic booklet: “We haven’t seen anything yet! God’s Vision will intensify in an increasingly powerful wave of His glory!”

*The Vision Intensified* had been largely unread for years, but has now gained timely significance for those who cherish the original God-given Vision. Demos felt that “the Spirit seemed to say, I DO NOT WANT A BIG CENTRALISED ORGANISATION . . . I want you *small, local and sensitive to Me* . . . give me outlets for my infinite variety.”

In recent years, the Lord has again reminded us of His prophetic words to Demos because there will come a great wave of revival across the world, a vast outpouring until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of God.

At the London Summit, the leaders were reminded that Demos, in his final prayer in *The Vision Intensified*, wrote: “Lord, help to FOCUS ONLY ON YOU.”

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# Glimpses of the second Global Prayer Summit in London



**Above:** the Holiday Inn at Heathrow, venue of the London Prayer Summit.

**Left:** united in the Vision — just some of the FGB and BMF leaders who attended the inspiring event.  
*Pictures by David Riley.*



Welcome to London . . . leaders share fellowship and testimonies at the Prayer Summit

## THE FULL GOSPEL GLOBAL FORUM

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In London this year, FGB Nigerian national leader **Ifeanyi Odedo**, reminded us that there is no alternative to servant leadership, if the work is to be directed by the Holy Spirit; leaders must lay aside their pride, ambition and self-will if they have sought to raise themselves up, rather than exalting Jesus, thinking that they ‘own’ the fellowships of which they are members.

### Hunger for God

There was a strong call to forgive those who have hurt us, and to repent of prayerlessness.

Hunger for God and spending time in His presence is vital if we are to see greater spiritual victories and the glory of God manifest in our meetings and in the market place. One African leader reminded us: “As men became prayerless, the enemy sought to hijack the fellowship of the nations . . . the problem is never with God, but with us. In some cases, we have trusted our bank accounts, our organisations, or our eloquence. Prayerlessness is idolatry, because it is trusting in self.”

Under the Holy Spirit’s control there is freedom, said **Rodney Radcliffe**. “We will be motivated and led to more fully recognise and understand our national preferences and cultures. We will no longer be put off by being too quiet or too loud. The Holy Spirit will enable us to fellowship in

greater unity and a more excellent way.”

In moving forward together, today’s challenge is greater than ever and we have to admit we are cast on the Lord as never before. The battle is the Lord’s.

**Peter Spreckley**, chairman of FGB in the UK and Ireland, reminded us of the victory of courageous King Jehoshaphat as revealed in 2 Chronicles 20. The king looked at his own limitations and then looked to the Lord as the only Source for help: “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon *the Lord*.”

### Be encouraged!

Something happened after Jehoshaphat’s plea to the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord came on someone in the crowd — Jahaziel — who declared: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow, march down against them . . . you will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you . . . do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.’” (2 *Chronicles*. 20:15-18).

Peter also reminded us that we need to stand firm, trusting God and thanking Him for answered prayer. And we, too, will see the deliverance of the Lord.

The website of the Full Gospel Global Forum is **www.fg-gf.net**

***Your personal invitation to . . .***  
the **FGB** 2013 National Convention

Join us for an envisioning weekend on the theme of . . .



# ***Reaping the Harvest***

**Date:** Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime, **October 18-20, 2013**

**Venue:** The Village Hotel, Chilwell, **Nottingham, NG9 6DL.**

**Inspiring guest speakers:** **Graham Jones and Allan Jones**



Evangelist **Graham Jones**, left, and BMF leader **Allan Jones** will focus on the importance of a supernatural walk with God to effectively 'reap the harvest.'



**The Village Hotel, near Nottingham:** excellent accommodation package deals are available: see *full details overleaf.*



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# An inspiring programme . . . an ideal venue

## More about our main speakers



Originally from England, evangelist **Graham Jones** divides his time between ministry in Europe and the USA. Graham's heart and passion is for revival and to see the presence and power of God released back into the church. Incidentally, Graham is one of the few people ever invited to preach inside the United Nations in New York city resulting in many giving their lives to Jesus and people healed there.



**Allan Jones** has ministered in more than 70 countries. A former research physicist, Allan is a full-time evangelist who has brought thousands to Christ and seen many healed by the power of God. Allan is European Co-ordinator and Director of Outreach for the Business Men's Fellowship (BMF). He has a passion to see more men equipped to reap the harvest, for, as Jesus said, 'Look around you! Vast fields are ripening all around us and are ready now for the harvest,' (John 4:35)

**The weekend programme will include:** Anointed praise and worship led by **Trevor Bendrien and the Power Praise Band** • Inspiring testimonies • Practical teaching and encouragement • Good hotel package deals plus family rooms and special rates for day visitors • Convention banquets on Friday and Saturday • Times to relax at the hotel's leisure club (use of this facility is included in hotel package.deals).

**Venue: The Village Hotel**, Chilwell, Nottingham, NG9 6DL



Easily located, the comfortable Village Hotel is a large, friendly venue with leisure club, heated swimming pool, sauna, plus a choice of dining areas. All rooms feature tea and coffee-making facilities, free WiFi service and satellite TV.



# Great hotel package deals

Please reserve your places as soon as possible. Room availability is only guaranteed until August 31. Please book through the FGB National Office — using the detachable Booking Form below.



The comfortable Village Hotel, is located at Brailsford Way, Chilwell, near Nottingham, NG9 6DL. More route directions are shown overleaf.

- **Full Convention Delegate**, sharing a twin or double room, including two nights Bed and Breakfast, Saturday and Sunday Lunches, Friday and Saturday Banquet Dinners, teas/coffees, etc, for just £156; or for **single occupancy**, £216, both inclusive of booking fee.
- **Third or fourth person**, (child under 12) sharing in a family room (as above), at £60.
- **Day Visitors**: fees as below for all meetings including meals, teas, coffees, etc.



## ADVANCE BOOKING FORM for the 2013 National Convention

**Booking Fee: £5 per person per day, payable to the FGB Office** (details overleaf): the balance of delegate fee may be made by credit card direct to the hotel at check-out time, provided that your credit card details have been **'phoned through to the FGB Office on 01565 632 667** [Mon.-Thur.], at the time of booking, to be used to guarantee your reservation.

Name of person booking.....

Name of person sharing room.....

Name of third person (child) sharing room.....

Name of fourth person (child) sharing room.....

Name of day visitor(s).....

For **day visitors**, please tick boxes below, as appropriate:

Friday Banquet Meeting £20  Saturday (incl. Lunch / Registration) £20

Saturday Banquet Meeting £20  Sunday Morning (incl. Lunch / Regist'n.) £20

Address of person booking .....

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Post code.....Tel.....Email.....

Member of an FGB chapter ? If so, please state.....

Cost

Total .....

# A vital and timely event



**All men and women are welcome** to the FGB October Convention which has a vital theme to help us further impact our nation with the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**How to get the Village Hotel:** The hotel is located at Brailsford Way, Chilwell, near Nottingham, NG9 6DL. By road: exit the M1 at Junction 25; from M1 turn right off A52 at first roundabout into the B6003 Toton Lane, then left into A6005 Nottingham Road. The hotel is in the trading estate on the right. • By rail: Nottingham City Centre, (6 miles); nearest local rail station, Beeston. • By air: East Midlands Airport, (10 miles).

## The provisional programme is as follows:

**Friday October 18:** 4pm-7pm, Registration, with tea/coffee; 7-10pm, Welcome and Evening Banquet.

**Saturday October 19:** 9am: prayer, praise, worship and ministry; 11am: coffee, tea and fellowship; 11.30-1pm: ministry; 1-2pm lunch; 2-4pm, special workshops with Graham and Allan; 4-7pm leisure time; 7-10.30pm Convention Banquet with testimonies, plus speakers.

**Sunday October 20:** 9am: prayer, praise, worship and ministry; 11am: coffee, tea and fellowship; 11.30-1pm, ministry; 1pm: Sunday Carvery Lunch and convention close.

## Reply Form

### ***Book now!***

*Contact the FGB Office directly and reserve your place.*

Remember, the availability of rooms at the Village Hotel, Nottingham, can only be guaranteed until August 31, 2013. So please complete this Booking Form and send it to us at the FGB Office (with your £5 per person per day booking fee), as soon as possible. *Many thanks!*

*Simply fill in the Booking Form overleaf, clip and post in an envelope to:*

## **FGB National Office**

P.O.Box 11,  
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# Outreach to the business world

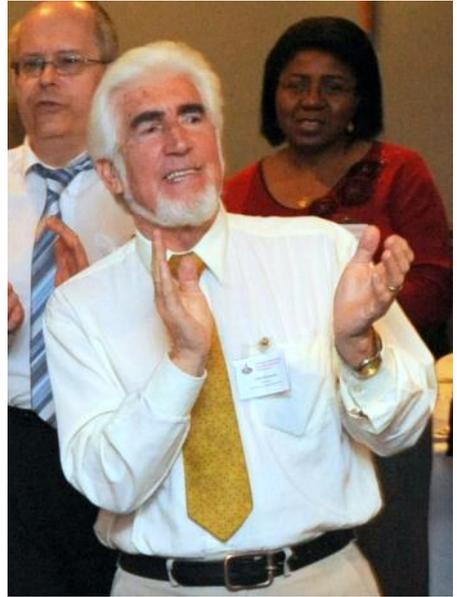
*The outcome of a local prayer meeting sparks a fresh initiative in Wales with key implications for other regions.*

When it comes to reaching men with the Gospel, FGB brothers in Wales are very exercised about casting their nets in the right places – not in dead places, but ‘where the fish will really bite’.

In December, four men from the **Swansea Chapter** were praying together. They included **Steve Morgan** who had a word about “casting our net in the business world” in line with the original Vision given to Demos Shakarian. Others in the local prayer meeting were Chapter President **Obi Anyadike**, **Dr Kunle Adesina**, and **John Richards**, Field Representative for South-West Wales.

Later, at a Field Reps’ meeting in **Rhyader** in February, **Clive Addison**, Wales Director, asked John Richards to share a paper he had prepared on the way the Lord was directing as He instructed His disciples to cast the net on the right side where there is an abundance of fish waiting to be caught, (*see Matt. 4: 18-22; Luke 5:4; John 21: 3-6*).

At the meeting, **Brian Morgan** (from the **Llanelli Chapter**), who has a prophetic ministry, gave a confirming word: “You have heard the detail, you have heard the ‘casting of the nets’ will vary from place to place, now hear that small voice . . . rely on the Holy Spirit . . . My net is ready to be cast.”



**John Richards in jubilant mood**

During a morning quiet time, John Richards was also reminded in March of the word in Amos 3:7 - “Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”

John Richards, during a time of reflection, suddenly remembered a key business leader in Wales, whom he had not seen in years. This influential Christian friend now has regular contact with 7,000 small businesses. Later, John phoned him and they met in a local hotel for lunch with three other FGB men. They were greatly encouraged by the support from John’s business friend who is willing to speak at FGB outreach meetings.

Later in March, at the Wales FGB members’ breakfast meeting in **Brecon**, **Paul Saville** from the **Cardiff Chapter** prophesied after John Richards had spoken about the vision of ‘casting the nets.’ Paul

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felt that that the Lord was saying: “My people, the nets are open and they are full . . . you need to reach out and bring to pass my purposes.”

Now it’s worth mentioning that John Richards is a retired Company Director, and the current Financial and Operation Director for the Council of the Christian Voluntary Sector in Wales. He is also a Cardiff City supporter (he was on their playing staff in the 1950s). Now as a lively 83-year-old he firmly believes that by God’s grace “you don’t get retired, you just get re-fired.”

Following the meeting with the business leader, the brothers in Wales are looking for a venue large enough to have a significant outreach dinner for the market place community.

“All these developments came out of a prayer meeting,” says John. This outreach is not merely a single chapter initiative, but has strategic implications for the whole region and, indeed, for other regions across the UK and Ireland.

Incidentally, John, (born in Cardiff),

has also recently made “an amazing recovery” from a cancer operation. He and his wife, **Sheila**, also passionately believe that our God is a God who heals, as Sheila, too, has had a remarkable healing lately. Sheila was told by doctors that she clearly needed an operation on her left knee. John looked for a Scripture “to stand on” and found Hebrews 12:12 which speaks about “strengthening feeble knees.”

Then a few weeks ago, after they had prayed, the surgeon ordered an X-ray and discovered that Sheila’s knee was completely healed. The operation was cancelled.

“I always look for a Scripture to stand on,” says John. “You have to believe God’s Word. You speak it out and exercise your faith, even if your faith seems small like a mustard seed. What we *say* has great power to release the power of God into our lives. We must also guard our hearts and let the peace and rest of God rule in our lives.”

John specially loves God’s promise in Exodus 23:25: “So you shall serve the Lord your God, and he will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.”

## SIXTY REMARKABLE YEARS

This year, members and friends of the Fellowship are recalling the 60 years since the Christian businessman **Demos Shakarian** (1913-1993) founded FGBMFI in 1952.

By December 26, Demos (*pictured here*) was discouraged and ready to close the Fellowship after a faltering start — then he received an amazing God-given vision in the early hours of Saturday morning. This vision confirmed that the Fellowship should continue. It expanded rapidly and grew to become the



largest laymen’s fellowship in the world — and ultimately *millions of lives* were impacted with the Gospel. But the world in 1953 was very different from today with a population of 2.6 billion. Now it has risen to 7.1 billion. The challenges and opportunities for the Gospel are greater than ever.

In his last booklet, *The Vision Intensified*, Demos predicted a day when a new wave of end-time revival would explode among God’s people — “the Vision is not complete . . . we haven’t seen anything yet! God is seeking a prepared people to serve Him in power . . . I admonish you not to take these words lightly.”

# FGB Wales & Borders' Convention, 2013

## Inspiring Guest Speakers Evangelists Ash Kotecha and John Lawson

All welcome: Friday evening,  
June 28, and Saturday June 29  
(ends 5.30pm)



**Event Location: The Elephant & Castle Hotel, Broad Street, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2BQ**

The Convention theme is **Power Through Unity**. The event will start with registration between 4pm-5.30pm on Friday June 28. The Convention ends at 5.30pm on Saturday, June 29. **The costs are:** Full Convention Delegate (sharing a twin or double room) on June 28 and including all meals, £65 per person; or for single occupancy, £75). **For Day Visitors:** Friday evening dinner and Saturday including all meals, £35; Friday dinner only, £15; Saturday breakfast and lunch, £23; Saturday morning lunch only, £15.



**John Lawson and Ash Kotecha**

**Both our speakers have outstanding testimonies:**

**John Lawson**, born in Glasgow, was once a feared gangland enforcer who had a dramatic conversion to Christ while in prison, where to his surprise he met once hardened criminals who sang gospel songs! Today John is an evangelist with Avanti Ministries.

**Ash Kotecha** was born into a Hindu family and studied engineering in the UK. After his remarkable conversion to Christ in 1979, he was called into fulltime evangelistic ministry in the UK and Europe.

**Convention contact details:**

**Roger Saunders** on 01686 650545 or **Les Jones** on 01686 628385.

Postal bookings with a cheque to FGBMFI c/o Les Jones: 38, Crescent Gardens, Newtown, Powys SY162HQ.

## ASIA REPORT

FGB members pictured here sing their 'Happy Men's Song' after a city banquet. Some of these pictures also appeared in a 2013 online newsletter which you may not have seen.



## My fantastic time with FGB in Malaysia

*Clive Addison spent a month in the capital city of Kuala Lumpur*

**P**ictured here are some of the 500 people who attended an anniversary banquet when FGB men sang their 'Happy Men's Song' - the words on the screen (see above) were in phonetic Chinese and English, so European visitors such as me could join in!

At another event, 38 people came to Christ, and another 30 asked for more information.

Yes, FGB is alive and well in Kuala Lumpur. For the past seven years, I have regularly visited my family there. In Malaysia there are around 115 Chapters, with 60 located in and around Kuala Lumpur.

There are weekly lunchtime prayer and fellowship meetings at various market place venues — for members who can find time to attend. The meetings include praise and worship with a short “workplace testimony” from the previous week, followed by a 30-minute main testimony, plus prayer ministry. Members conclude the gathering with a free take-away lunch. As well as weekly market-place meetings by local chapters, groups also join together to put on



**Clive Addison,  
FGB Director  
for Wales**

outreach banquets. Their work is an excellent example of “fishing with new boats.” Prayer is vital and these local chapters meet *daily* for early morning prayer.

Chapters also arrange pre-meetings with local pastors who are encouraged to ask their churches to bring along non-Christians friends and relatives to the outreach

venue, such as a large Chinese restaurant. Pastors, members and guests come free. Meetings of at least 250 people are not unusual.

One recent meeting I attended was primarily for **Filipino construction workers** as well as **Filipino women** working in the domestic sector. The entire meeting was in the Bahasa Malay language which they understand. Nine pastors attended with around 30 guests each. Around 18 guests accepted Christ as their Saviour and many more asked for more information.

I also attended an outreach meeting mainly for those from an **Indian** background, such as **Tamil-speaking** people. There was a huge response—it seemed the whole room surged forward. Some 38 people made first-time decisions for Christ and others asked

for further details so they could attend a follow-up meeting — what they call an ‘After-Saved Meeting.’

Another type of outreach event took place in the Tropicana Shopping Mall, a major retail centre. FGB men hired a restaurant at lunchtime on Saturdays, Members invited friends, shoppers and store staff to hear music and testimonies.

The first time they tried this, the restaurant owner asked for 40 guaranteed places. He sold 100 meals. Local stall holders at first feared they might see their profits go down, but FGB men guaranteed they would make up any losses. Afterwards, however, the stall holders were happy because their Saturday takings had substantially *increased!*



**Above: FGB training meeting in Kuala Lumpur.  
Below: Healing Rally in Kuching, East Malaysia.**



**FGB members singing at a banquet in Kuala Lumpur**

*Picture by Clive Addison*

### **A REVELATION OF GOD’S GLORY**

FGB’s **John Wright** was sitting in the Chapel at his country home in Norfolk, feeling tired and complaining to God about this and that. Then he felt the Lord say: “Ask Me what the glory means.”

John obeyed and into his heart came a definition of God’s glory: “**G**od’s **L**ove **O**utpoured and **R**evealed in **Y**ou!”

John was instantly revived and soon on his way, sharing God’s love with others who received FGB ‘Voice’ magazines.

# Farewell to two FGB champions

Two remarkable FGB brothers in the UK, **John Linden-Cook** and **George ‘Sonnie’ Gibbard**, were both promoted to glory in March this year.

Many will recall their ministries in the London area and beyond – John and Sonnie were also with us for the FGB’s 33rd anniversary in London aboard *HMS President* on the River Thames in 2010, writes **Rodney Radcliffe**.



A gifted international Bible teacher, John, *pictured left*, founded the FGB Croydon Chapter and was President at different times of both the Croydon and City of London chapters, later becoming a Field Representative for some years in South London.

For more than 40 years he ministered on the themes of spiritual deliverance and the Second Coming of Christ. He also became Minister of Norwood Fellowship and often broadcast on Premier Radio and Revelation TV, and also wrote four books, among them, *Jesus the Deliverer*.

John, who was married to Elsa, led many to the Lord through chapter and church meetings. John, 87, died peacefully in May Day Hospital Croydon. FGB men were among those attending his memorial service at Westminster Chapel in April. John was a man of vision with high standards, leadership and fruitfulness in ministry.

**‘Sonnie’**  
Born in a caravan in 1933, George ‘Sonnie’ Gibbard, who has died aged 80,

was a true Romani Gypsy and the grandson of the famous Victorian evangelist, **Rodney ‘Gypsy’ Smith**, MBE, (1860-1947).

Sonnie, (*pictured below*) served with FGB for more than 30 years. He was converted in a caravan meeting at the age of 14 in Epping Forest. Today, there is monument there to his grandfather Gypsy Smith.

Sonnie’s famous grandad was born in a tent, never went to school yet he eventually influenced millions with the Gospel. Gypsy Smith taught himself to read and write and made over 40 overseas mission trips to the US, Australia and South Africa. He met several presidents; Queen Victoria also wrote to him.

At the end of his life, Gypsy Smith said: “I didn’t go through your colleges and seminaries. They wouldn’t have me . . . but

I have been to the feet of Jesus where the only true scholarship is learned.”



Sonnie’s youth was tough and he travelled the world as a circus performer, appearing in the feature film, *Trapeze*. He also served as a regular

soldier in Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Cyprus and Suez. He had war-wounds to prove it.

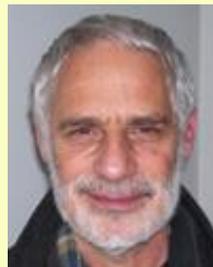
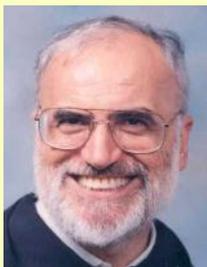
Later, with his wife Rosemary, a former teacher and civil servant, they ministered among gypsy families in Slovakia, Romania and Hungary every autumn for 25 years, working with ‘Gypsies for Christ.’ He was president of the charity from 1993-2003. (The Romani Gypsies trace their roots back 1,500 years to India).

Sonnie’s friends and associates included the late **Fred Lemon**, another well-known evangelist. In earlier years, Sonnie was President of the East London chapter of FGBMFI.

## **600 expected at Vichy European Convention**

At the time of going to press, a large attendance was expected at the convention in the magnificent Sports Centre at the Pont de l'Europe, **Vichy**, the resort and spa town in central France, from May 3-5. The prophetic theme is 'Behold, He Comes !' (*Solomon's Song 2:8*).

The two main speakers are the Italian **Raniero Cantalamessa**, a key leader in the charismatic renewal in the Catholic Church, and **Reuven Berger**, a pioneer in the Jewish



**Raniero Cantalamessa and Reuven Berger**

Messianic movement. All are welcome to this significant event, says FGB French President, **Alain Jorel**.

For details, see the website : **[www.ctm-fgbmfi.fr](http://www.ctm-fgbmfi.fr)**

## **ALL IRELAND CONVENTION November 7-9, 2013**

### **International guest speakers are announced**

Speakers at the 35th All Ireland Convention in November will include international evangelists **John and Shirley Abraham** from Canada and inspirational Christian leader **Paul Scanlon** from the Abundant Life Church in Bradford, UK.

The convention theme is "Living in a New Dimension." Praise and worship will be led by **Trevor and Helen Bendrien**.

All are welcome to this event at the **Fairways Hotel, Dundalk**, Republic of Ireland,; the hotel is located just off the M1 motorway between Dublin and Belfast. There are great hotel package deals: Please book as soon as possible direct with the hotel, call Lynne or Michelle, Fairways Hotel, Dundalk , on **042 9321500** or email the hotel at: **[info@fairways.ie](mailto:info@fairways.ie)**

**Full Convention Package (in euros) :**



**John and Shirley Abraham and Paul Scanlon**

Sharing a twin or double room, including 3 nights B&B, Dinners on Friday & Saturday, for just €125 pps Children sharing up to 16yrs €69pc - Single room price €170 pp

**Part Convention Package:** Sharing a twin or double room, including 2 nights B&B, Dinner on Saturday, for just €77pps. Children sharing up to 16yrs €46pc - Single room price: €107pp

For further information contact either John Gates at **[wjgates@btopenworld.com](mailto:wjgates@btopenworld.com)** or Harry Magee via email at: **[mageeharold8@gmail.com](mailto:mageeharold8@gmail.com)**



# FGB

A LETTER TO MEMBERS FROM PETER SPRECKLEY

*Dear members,*

Many of you will already be aware that the National Council has previously recommended that we use an abbreviated name (FGB or Full Gospel Businessmen) with the flame logo for presentation and publicity purposes, whilst retaining the current full formal name of the Fellowship in the footer of letterheads or somewhere on the document as FGBMFI (UK & Ireland).

The abbreviated logo (*above*) and the ‘footer’ (*below*) illustrate the recommendation for the proposed style. The move to the use of FGB as our abbreviated name does no more than reflect what we have called ourselves over the years, but also brings our public face more in line with modern culture where “snappy” names are the norm and so more acceptable.

However, at the recent National Council Meeting in early March, we considered how we should now present ourselves to the world in our formal full name. This should be in a way which reflects our calling as Full Gospel Businessmen whilst at the same time making it clear that we are no longer under the authority of Richard Shakarian and the International Office.

**There was agreement between the National Directors at the meeting as to what our full formal name should be, but we want first to let you the members know what we propose before the changes are fully implemented as we value your input. Please discuss your thoughts with your National Director – we want this to be the Lord’s leading on the way forward recognised by the full membership.**

We propose that the full formal name should become **Full Gospel Businessmen UK & Ireland**, with the standardised abbreviation being **FGB**. At the same time, we feel we need to recognise that we are associated with the Full Gospel Global Forum, rather than the International Office of FGBMFI, so the words **Associated with the Full Gospel Global Forum** will also appear where appropriate. The above heading and the footer, below, show you the overall effect of these proposed changes which have also been included in this issue of ‘Vision’ magazine to give a clearer idea of how they look and work.

We are looking into changing the name registered with the UK Charities Commission to “Full Gospel Businessmen UK & Ireland”, or if we are prevented from including Ireland in the registered name, then

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just “Full Gospel Businessmen UK.”

However, we would still continue including Ireland in our full formal name in our publications, even if the UK Charities registered name excludes it.

Whilst the logo on all our printed matter should be the Flame logo, which we have been using for some time, we feel that if members wish to continue to wear the existing ‘International’ badge there will be no objection to them doing so, and the lapel pin badges will still be available from the National Office.

We believe that these changes, whilst streamlining the name, will nevertheless tell the world who we still are and what we are about.

Every blessing in your continued FGB ministry in UK & Ireland,

**Peter Spreckley**

Chairman of the National Council

## Have you seen our new high quality ‘Vimeo’ programmes?

Our FGB website now features easy-to-access high quality video programmes that use **Vimeo** technology, writes **Stuart Cripps**, our FGB Executive Officer.



Now, free of charge on our website, at [www.fgbmfi.org.uk](http://www.fgbmfi.org.uk) you can watch the excellent talks by **Dr Bruce Allen** at the 2012 National Convention, plus true life stories as told in the ‘**Brief Encounter**’ interviews, as illustrated

in the scene below. The sound and vision quality is very good — and Vimeo allows us to reach a far wider audience with our broadcast-quality programmes,

adds Stuart. “Take a look and encourage your friends to visit the FGB website.”

Vimeo video-sharing services were originally developed in the US and are now watched on computers and mobile devices around the world by more than 65 million visitors a month.



**Stuart Cripps: ‘This new video service is reaching a wider online audience’**



## Be a carrier of God's Glory

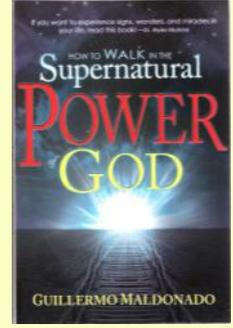
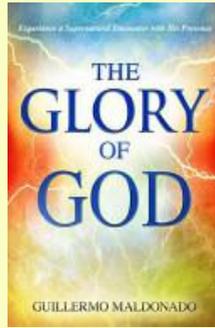
Jesus said: "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one, just as We are one." (John 17:22)

Two powerful and practical teaching books, ***The Glory of God***, and ***How to Walk in the Supernatural Power of God***, recently recommended to us by our FGB brothers in North America, are impacting us in Europe. Other respected Christian leaders are also endorsing the books of **Pastor Guillermo Maldonado**, who in more than 20 years of cutting-edge outreach, has seen God's supernatural power and glory manifested through his ministry.

The writer, *pictured below*, explains that God designed us to dwell in His presence, understand His heart, and experience His divine power — transforming your life and enabling you to do miracles and wonders that reveal His majesty on earth. Dr Maldonado's clear Bible-based teaching will resonate with many FGB men who long to see more of God's transforming power manifest in our outreach meetings. Many Christians believe in miracles but have no idea how to operate in them because they lack revelation, he says.



Reviewers have called



these books 'life-changing' and the author pulls no punches about developing a passion and thirst for God. "Our priority should be to seek His glory; then the signs will follow us."

He says the greatest tragedy in life is to lose the presence of God and not even know it. When Christians cease to be changed, they lose their power and return to mere religion and formality.

"Being aware of our need for the presence of God keeps us hungry and thirsty for it . . . our measure of faith will always be determined by the degree of revelation we have . . . when a person stops worshipping God, he or she also stops knowing Him . . . we cannot see the manifest presence of God if we are not seeking it."

Both titles are available online in the UK from Eden Books (Eden.co.uk), who offer them at a slightly cheaper than Amazon books online.



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