



**Full Gospel Business  
Men's Fellowship  
International**

# ***Vision***

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**Plus: news and testimonies  
from around the world**

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***Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*** - 1 Corinthians 15:57

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# Change is in the air

*In times of change, it's important to ask the right questions, writes **Peter Spreckley**, (right), chairman of the UK Council of FGBMFI*

**D**ear Friends,

Sometimes in our lives we may find ourselves asking, “What on earth is going on?” - when the proper question should be: “What *in heaven* is going on?” It is then that we have to recognise that God’s plans are so much greater than ours, and that we are but an infinitely small, but significant, part of His plans. So the next and only question is: “Am I, at this moment, in the centre of God’s will for me?”

This is the question which we were asking ourselves at the recent National Council meeting in the light of current developments in the Fellowship, of which you are aware. In the light of the strong and extraordinary confirmations we have received, we strongly believe that we are indeed where the Lord wants us, albeit that there is something in the air which we do not fully understand. In the meantime, in that confidence we “stand firm.”



# Change is in the air

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We were disappointed that Andrew Pearkes felt he had to withdraw as our speaker at the forthcoming **National Convention** at Nottingham in October, but at the same time we are excited that international speakers **Kul Bal** and **Garry Rucci** are available and willing to step into the gap. Those who have heard them and experienced their powerful ministry will confirm that we are in for an exciting time. (See panel below, plus pages 11-15).

Demos Shakarian, in his book, *The Happiest People of Earth*, (page 40), writes that God had been whispering to him: **“Demos, power is the birthright of every Christian. Accept power, Demos.”**

The theme of the coming convention is “Fulfil your destiny in the power of the Holy Spirit.” Need I say more, except, “Be there!” You see, change is in the air, and it has to start with us, both individually and collectively.

I wish you all a blessed summer and look forward to being with you in Nottingham in October.

- **Peter Spreckley**



## Key speakers at the next **National Convention**

**P**astor **Garry Rucci**, *right*, has spoken in 40 nations and was also executive pastor of one of the largest churches in Australia. Gary and his wife, Nikki, have recently moved to Nottingham to work alongside the national leadership of the AOG churches. Gary is known for his passionate and articulate communication and will be the keynote speaker at our Friday night dinner.



**Kul Bal** is a dynamic internationally-known healing evangelist who was born in Malaysia, educated in Scotland and is now based in Australia. Kul is ‘tremendously excited’ about being with us at the Convention where the focus is to facilitate ‘every-delegate ministry’ in the power of the Holy Spirit. For details, see the centre pages of this issue of Vision.



## European and Finnish National Convention in Helsinki



# A transforming experience in Northern Europe

Report by **Rodney Radcliffe**, FGBMFI European Secretary

**M**en and wives came from the eleven nations of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Malta, Russia, Sweden and the UK to share in the recent European Council meeting and the European and Finnish National Convention, held near the capital city of Helsinki .

Update reports and greetings were also received from Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy and Spain. Don Latham from the UK was the main speaker at the Saturday evening banquet, attended by around 90 people. During the weekend, Audrey Pratt, of 'Women of the Fellowship,' led two encouraging sessions for the ladies.

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**The Finnish flag and scenes from the Helsinki convention**



**Helsinki, a city where western and eastern European cultures meet**



# First-ever European Convention in Finland

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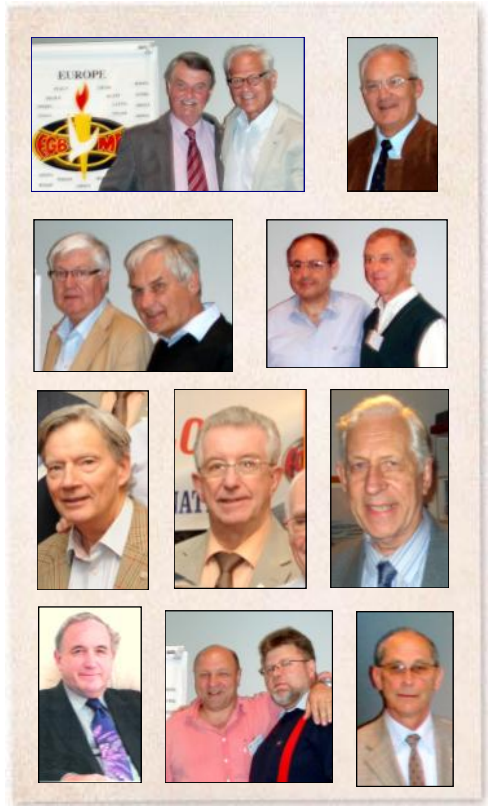
The Finns are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> FGBMFI anniversary this year. They expressed deep appreciation to all present for coming, representing their nations, to share fellowship in the northern-most part of Europe. This was the first European Convention to be held in Finland, 'land of the Northern Lights', and it followed recent outreach visits to Finnish chapters by **John Wright** and **Peter Spreckley**.

## Great unity

There was heartfelt unity in the Lord throughout the European Council meeting and the Convention. All shared their strong desire to overcome every challenge, while focusing on Jesus as our leader in the outworking of the global vision of FGBMFI that was revealed to **Demos Shakarian**.

The Convention was held in an attractive location by the sea, 15km outside Helsinki. Visitors much enjoyed the warm hospitality provided by the Finns, including trips to the harbour and the beautiful city of Helsinki. Hosts and visitors alike found the Convention highly encouraging, as unity was strengthened in European relationships,

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**Pictured, top, left: Roland Benz**, European Outreach Director, Germany, with **Ulrich von Schnurbein**, European Council (EC) Director, Germany; top

right, **Francois de Beauchene**, European Outreach Director, France; second row, **Alf Liljehall**, National Director, Sweden, with **Hugo Martinussen**, EC Director, Denmark; second row, right, **Albert Azzopardy**, Malta, with **Len Brookes**, Belgium, European Co-ordinator; third row, l-r, **Peter Spreckley**, UK Council Chairman and EC Director for UK and Ireland; **John Walker**, President, Europe; and **Rodney Radcliffe**, Secretary, Europe; bottom row, l-r, Don Latham, main speaker; **Yuri Smirnov** with **Andrey Klementyev**, National Vice Presidents, Russia, and **Alain Jorel**, EC Director, France.

# Encouragement for the Women of the Fellowship

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and through healing and an impartation of even greater vision for global outreach through FGBMFI.

At the Helsinki event there was also great encouragement for the **Women of the Fellowship**. While the men attended their own meetings, there were separate sessions available for the ladies with times allotted for personal testimonies, prayer, worship and encouragement, led by **Audrey Pratt**, (*top right*), the co-ordinator for the Women of the Fellowship in the UK.



There was wonderful unity among women from Finland, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, the UK and other regions —“we had fun sharing with each other and learning how we can support the men in the Fellowship, and lift them up in prayer.”

Cheryl Thomas and Trish Revill from the Hitchin Chapter in the UK, agreed: “The European Conference was such a blessing to us, meeting people from different countries and hearing their stories. People the world over are discovering that the love and grace of Jesus is truly life-changing.”



## FGB Belgium Conference November 18-20, 2011



Anointed leaders at the next Belgium Conference will include Rolland Baker, pictured here, plus Correy Russell and Brice and Reshuna Allan. All are welcome at this event taking place at the coastal town of Blankenberge.

For details: email **Rik Van Neste**, Belgium national director, at: **vanneste.rik@telenet.be** and the website **www.FGBMFI-Europe.com**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Two brothers in recovery — who will value our prayers:

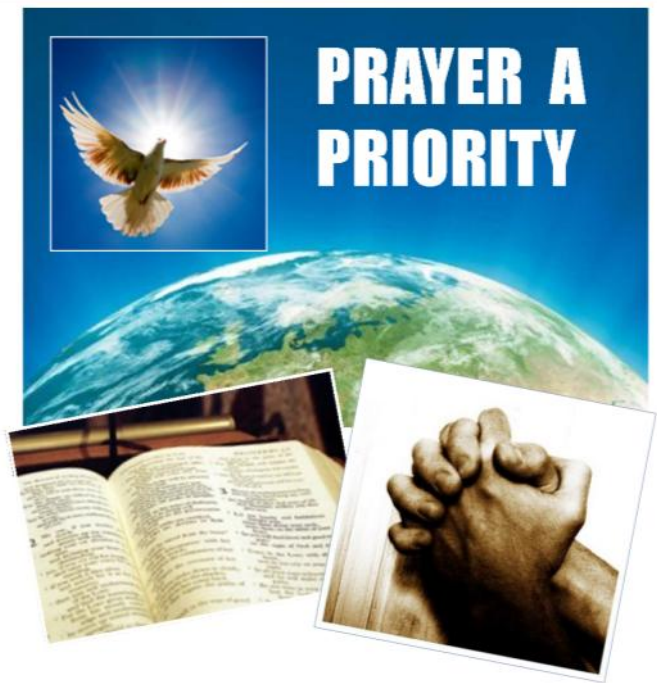
**Bob Waters**, gifted UK worship leader, musician and singer, (also Field Rep in East Anglia) is making steady progress after a heart operation. Bob is pictured, *right*, giving a thumbs up in hospital, but is now home and planning more FGB events.



**Dr Richard Kent**, left, is making a remarkable recovery in hospital after a very serious road accident in the UK. Richard's website offering Christian teaching attracts half a million visitors a month. Meanwhile, he is distributing free DVD's in hospital !



**Stuart Cripps,**  
*National Executive  
Officer, highlights  
keys to greater  
effectiveness in  
fulfilling the vision  
of the Fellowship*



**J**esus is Lord — and He is leading us by His Spirit in these days towards seeing His Greater Glory, as we continue as FGBMFI (UK & Ireland) to reach out and remain faithful to our calling from God and to the vision given through **Demos Shakarian**.

Please continue to use the members' resources, and particularly the **Development Plan**, available from the National Office ( [office@fgbmf.org.uk](mailto:office@fgbmf.org.uk) ) or on-line through the website ( [www.fgbmf.org.uk](http://www.fgbmf.org.uk) ).

May I just highlight a few of the most significant recommendations from the Development Plan, as agreed by all the Directors:

- **Prayer and Fasting** is to be encouraged at personal, Chapter, Regional and National levels ! Effective and fervent prayer is so important and is still the key to our intimate personal relationships with the Lord Jesus and the effectiveness of our Chapter outreach initiatives.
- **Outreach events** should be held regularly, but as led by the Holy Spirit, with flexibility, variety of venues and 'the launching of new boats', such as the use of Costa Coffee Shops in Hitchin and Halifax recently, and even street or open air outreach, such 'Healing on the Streets' (power evangelism) or the recent distribution of **Voice** magazines at the Grand National.

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- **Local Churches** should be contacted personally by Chapter Officers to ensure a clear understanding of our vision and ministry, with FGB operating as an 'arm of the Church', seeking the active support of the Churches and feedback to the Churches for nurture and discipleship of new Christians.

- **Members** should all be encouraged to be **actively involved in ministry** in their respective roles: using their talents and gifts of the Spirit, witnessing and inviting guests, giving testimony and ministering/ praying at outreach events.

All members should also encourage their wives and other Christian women to be fully involved in supporting the ministry of FGB and if called of God to become formal members of Women of the Fellowship.

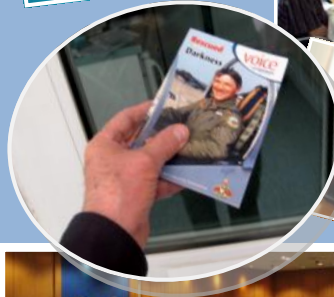
- Communications, including the **National Website** ([www.fgbmfi.org.uk](http://www.fgbmfi.org.uk)) are being continually updated in terms of presentation, content (general information and event publicity), members' resources and email communication facilities.

Please use the website Regional and Chapter pages for general information as well as advertising specific events. A national FGBMFI (UK & Ireland) Facebook page has also recently been opened for social networking with friends of FGB, so please check it out and send us a message !

Every blessing in your continued ministry in FGBMFI (UK & Ireland),

*Stuart Cripps, National Executive Officer*

## EVERY-MEMBER MINISTRY



## Greetings from our Nigerian brothers to us in Europe

*There are more than 2,600 FGB chapters in Nigeria, reports **Azike Diribe**, international director.*

One of the best things that happened to us in **Nigeria** has been the sharing of the God-given FGBMFI vision in the early 1980s. A previous attempt to establish the fellowship here in the 1970s, failed. But in 1984, a group of men in the city of **Port Harcourt**, led by **Sam Mbata** caught the vision, and enthusiastically moved beyond their city to plant chapters in other Nigerian cities.

Today, there are over 2,600 chapters all over Nigeria. In almost every hotel in Nigerian cities, FGB chapters meet each week for fellowship, reaching out to other men with the love of Jesus. FGB is now the largest laymen's Christian fellowship in Nigeria, touching lives at practically every level of Nigerian life, including the palaces of over 40 traditional rulers in many parts of the nation.

### **Committed to the Vision**

The Fellowship has also spear-headed airlift outreaches to **West, East and Southern African Regions**. In West Africa, Nigerian chapters have organised airlifts to

**Togo, Benin, Mali, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cote D'Ivoire, Senegal and Burkina Faso.**

Many new chapters have started in these nations as a result of these outreaches.

Despite the differences we are experiencing at the International Office of the Fellowship, we in Nigeria are unwavering in our commitment to *the original vision of the fellowship*. Daily, new chapters are springing up in Nigeria, and we see the Lord doing many mighty works among us. The future of the fellowship remains very bright in Africa

A new generation of Spirit-filled men are being raised all over Nigeria and West Africa whose vocations cover many types of business, the professions, the academia and in government. We are setting new standards of integrity in our national life, that will change the outlook of our nations and give our continent a new image and respect around the world.

***God bless all of you in Europe – and in the regions beyond!***



**Azike says: 'The future is bright'**



# Fulfil your destiny

IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Your invitation to the FGBMFI

**National Convention, Nottingham**

**The Village Hotel, October 14-16, 2011**

*Be 'The Happiest People on Earth' - find your gift and use it!*



All are welcome to this life-changing weekend — families included — with inspirational speakers and facilitators including KUL BAL, pictured *left* with his wife, Elaine; and GARRY RUCCI, *right*.



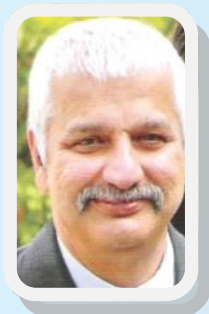
Unlike previous Conventions, be prepared for challenge and active involvement



**Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International**

# Inspiring programme and an ideal venue

Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime: October 14—16



**D**ynamic speakers will include the international teacher and healing evangelist **Kul Bal**, pictured here, who was born in Malaysia, educated in Scotland and is now based in Australia.

The speakers' main role at this 2011 Convention is to motivate and facilitate 'every-delegate ministry' in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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
- Special activities for children and young people.
- Times to relax at the hotel's leisure club (use of this is included in hotel package deals).

## Ideal convention venue: The Village Hotel, Nottingham

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, internet access and satellite TV.



# Great hotel package deals

Please reserve your places as soon as possible because room availability is only guaranteed until **August 31**.

Please book through the FGB National Office — using the detachable Booking Form below.



**The Village Hotel** is located at Brailsford Way, Chilwell, near Nottingham, **NG9 6DL**. More detailed 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 £144; or for **single occupancy**, £194.
- **Third or fourth person**, (child under 12) sharing in a family room (as above), at £60.
- **Day Visitor**: fees as below for all meetings including meals, teas, coffees, etc.



## ADVANCE BOOKING FORM for the 2011 National Convention

**Booking Fee: £10 per person, 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** at the time of booking, to be used to guarantee your reservation).

Name of person booking.....  
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 Name of fourth person (child) sharing room.....  
 Name of day visitor(s).....

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

Friday Banquet Meeting £25  Saturday (incl. Lunch) £12   
 Saturday Banquet Meeting £25  Sunday Morning & Lunch £15

Address of person booking .....

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

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

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## Programme outline

**Friday October 14th:** 4pm-7pm, registration with tea or coffee; 7-10pm, welcome and Evening Banquet with keynote speaker Garry Rucci.

**Saturday October 15th:** 9am: prayer, praise, worship and ministry; 11am: coffee, tea and fellowship; 11.30-1pm: ministry with Kul Bal; 1-2pm lunch; 2-4pm workshops; 4-7pm leisure time; 7-10.30pm Convention Banquet with testimonies and Saturday keynote speaker Kul Bal.

**Sunday October 16th:** 9am: prayer, praise, worship and ministry; 11am: coffee, tea and fellowship; 11.30-1pm, ministry with Kul Bal; 1pm: Sunday Carvery Lunch and convention close.

## 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 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) • By air: East Midlands Airport, (10 miles).

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### **Book now!**

Contact the FGB Office directly and reserve your place today.

Remember, the availability of rooms at the Village Hotel, Nottingham, can only be guaranteed until August 31. So please complete this Booking Form and send it to us at FGBMFI with your £10 booking fee per person, as soon as possible. *Thanks!*



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

### **FGBMFI Office**

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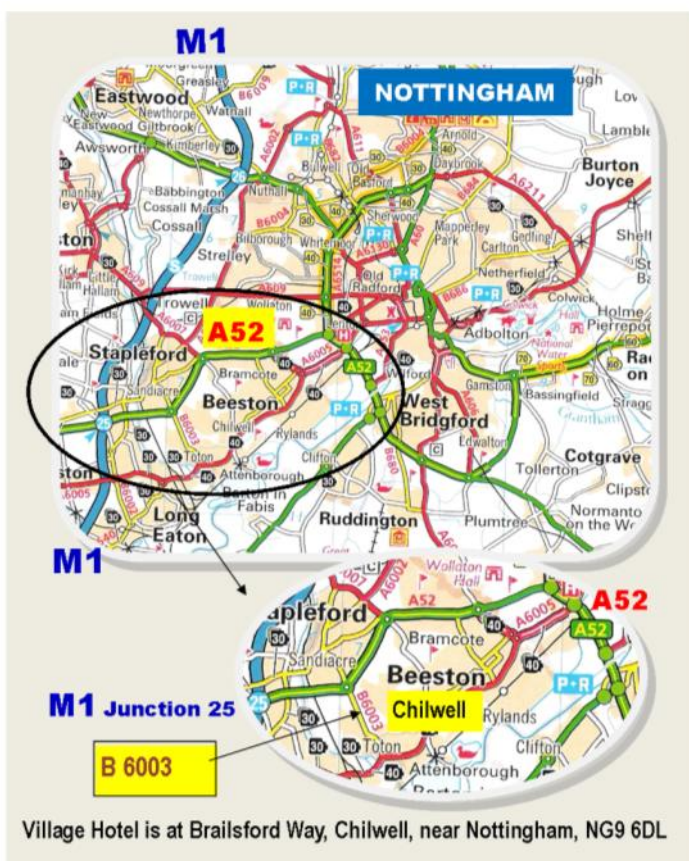
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Welcome . . . to the  
Village Hotel

### Detailed directions for map lovers!

Simple directions to the Convention venue, the Village Hotel (above) at Chilwell, near Nottingham, are outlined on the previous page, but for those delegates who want a regional map, here are visual details. The nearest rail station is at Beeston, two miles from the hotel.



### MEDIA NEWS

## FGB testimonies shown regularly on Christian TV

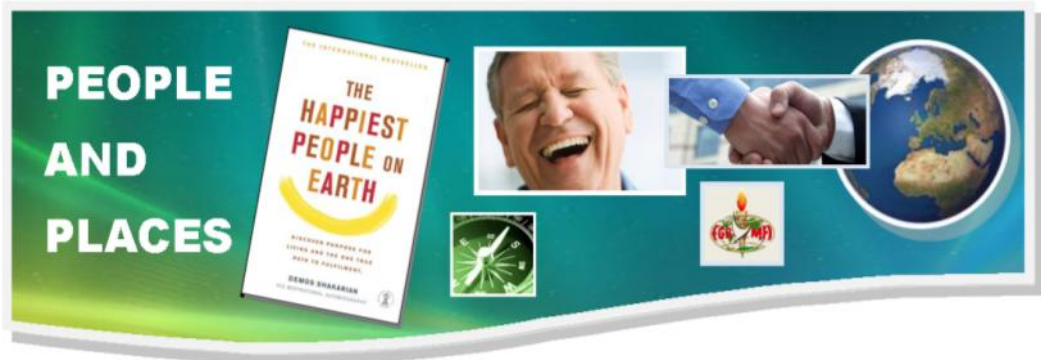
Please pray for the continued broadcast of FGB testimonies (the 'Brief Encounters' series, as well as excellent half-hour programmes originating from our European Convention in Dublin) on UCB TV on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — that the Lord will use these programmes for His glory.



You can tune into UCB TV via **Sky 586** or online at [ucbmedia.co.uk/tv](http://ucbmedia.co.uk/tv)

Please pray also for the increased use of the national website

( [www.fgbmfi.org.uk](http://www.fgbmfi.org.uk) ), particularly for advertised outreach events, accessing members' resources and viewing the large range of testimony and teaching videos.



## To Russia . . . with love

*Helen and Trevor Bendrien report on their latest trip to Russia*

**W**e were excited when the invitation came to go back to Russia — we’d enjoyed our time there very much in January last year but the temperature had been minus-25C and we had not been able to look around as much as we had wanted to. This time the weather was beautiful.

We had had a stream of bad news and problems on every front while we were preparing to go and I was beginning to think that I’d done something to bring these problems upon us; should I repent? I felt as if I was praying to a metal ceiling. I came to the conclusion that this trip would be the guide to whether God had withdrawn a little or whether the enemy has attacked so much he had got me believing that I could no longer be effective.

We landed in **Moscow** and were met by Gary, for a brilliant start. It was early evening so we were whisked away in a big black car to the Kremlin, well at least to look at it. We spent some time in the Red Square area - and then off to Gary’s house for food and to meet the family.

The next morning we were on a plane to **Saratov** (in the south, near Kurdistan). I spoke at a Friday night meeting, and then next in a city called **Marx** - after Karl of course, I spoke at lunch there and saw the Spirit of God working in the people.



**Trevor, Helen and Gary in Red Square, Moscow**

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Sunday we went to the Church for the African medical students studying in the area - another great meeting.

By now I was starting to feel more comfortable about everything and had totally forgotten what was happening at home. On Monday we had a eight-hour ride North in the back of a smallish car with guitar and bags on our knee's over roads which went from British B-road standard to dirt tracks; no motorways here, I'm afraid. Eventually we arrived in **Nizhny Novgorod**, a very picturesque city on the banks of the Volga. Here we had a terrific meeting in a Japanese restaurant; "Sushi and God," you might say. Next day we went westwards by train to Moscow, four hours, and then north to **St. Petersburg**, another four hours.

By now I had forgotten what day it was but had seen God do many things and we were excited to see what would come next. We were met at the station by a young man with whom we had spent a lot of time 16 months earlier. He was excited to remind us we had prayed for him and his wife that they would have another child, as they had been trying for a long time. Their second daughter is now six months old!

We spoke at a church meeting the next night to about 150 people and had a great



**Top picture: typical Russian home. Middle: Nicky Cruz, Uri and the TV repair man.**



**Trevor Bendrien and a view of the city of Nizhny Novgorod**

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time of ministry at the end with many people ministering and more being touched. The next day we were taken for lunch - and 30 minutes later we were sat with **Nicky Cruz** (whose amazing story is told in the best-selling books, *Cross and Switchblade* and *Run Baby Run*), and the producer from the TV station where I'd earlier given an interview. On the way to the dinner meeting we heard that the numbers had doubled and the restaurant 'couldn't fit everyone in'. But we all did fit in, *just!*

**H**ere are some of the stories: **Andre**, who'd invited us, had met a university friend he'd not seen for 25 years. The friend had studied English and when he heard Andre 'was not an orthodox priest or a Jehovah's witness', he agreed to come to the meeting.

During the ministry time, Andre prayed for healing. The first word of knowledge was for someone with a problem in the back of their left hand. This old friend was the first one to go forward, since he couldn't move his left hand properly and it was very painful. Andre led him to the Lord and he was healed.

Helen and I were praying for a big Jewish man, 6ft 4ins., and Helen had a vision of a bouncing ball which was never still. Everywhere it bounced it brought

joy, and implied that he would never be still. This picture meant a lot to him and was confirmation of his life travelling between Israel and Russia, but as we were finishing praying, someone handed me a bright red bouncing ball in its wrapper - the man broke into floods of tears. How did God arrange for all these things to come together, on cue ?!

The translator's wife had once worked with a colleague for three years, but hadn't seen him for another two years — yet they bumped into each other and he agreed to come to the meeting. I had a 'word' for someone with problems in the lower back and neck areas. This same man came forward and asked if the 'medium' would pray for him. So I prayed and left the 'explaining' to the translators wife!

The next day, as we travelled by car to **Helsinki**, we had a joyous phone call to report a healing. I'd had word for a man with a loose bone in the back of his neck, someone had come forward for prayer and, now, as we travelled to our next location, he was calling to say that the day before he'd come to the meeting by bus and taxi as he'd been too ill to drive. But after prayer he felt better, and the next day was totally healed, able to drive and play in the park with his son.

I came home refreshed and in the knowledge that we were still walking in the centre of God's will and with the confidence to square up to the problems I knew were facing me on my return.

### Lord Elton speaks at packed VIP Dinner in Norwich



**Civic dinner:** VIPs and community leaders attended a three-course dinner in Norwich to hear special music and the testimonies of two strongly contrasting speakers who are both totally committed to Jesus Christ - ‘The Peer and the ex-Pusher’ - **Lord Elton**, and the former gangster and mafia boss **Davey Falcus**, whose remarkable story is told in the book ‘*Gangland to God.*’ Guests at the overflow event, hosted by FGB director **John Wright**, included the **Lord Mayor**, business people and chairmen of regional councils.



**‘Voice’ distribution** — 600 Voice magazines were given away at **Aintree** (pictured left) on the day of the **Grand National**. Large numbers are also being distributed at various other summer events in the UK and Ireland.



### Honoured by Malaysian brothers

Pictured left is our **FGB Wales Director Clive Addison**, who was presented with a banner and certificate during one of his visits to FGB chapters in Malaysia — Clive also has family members in that nation. Clive also travels to 12 European nations as a judge at international events linked with the Royal Horticultural Society, over the past 18 years.



## FGB men of vision in Asia

**C**live Addison's visit to Malaysia (see report on previous page) and London director **Jacob John's** recent visit to Singapore reminds us of the phenomenal growth of the Fellowship in that region. There are 99 chapters in Malaysia and new chapters are being birthed in **Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan** and the **Asia-Pacific region**.

**Pictured above** is a recent training group of regional leaders in **Northern Malaysia**. Men from 13 Asian nations attended the most recent Asian Convention. They are strongly committed to the original global vision that was given to FGB founder **Demos Shakarian**.

Malaysian FGB president **Tan Tek**



**Seng, left**, speaking of the FGB vision, says: "Everything is birthed with a dream, but it's the prayer of the righteous that avails much. Unless

the Lord builds the house, we, the builders, labour in vain. In Zechariah 4:6, the Lord of Hosts said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit". So the Lord impressed upon my heart to involve our spouses to be active prayer partners at the chapters. Our chapters need to be real power houses of prayer.

"Yes, the Chinese proverb says that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Are you prepared to take the first step of faith in obedience into what God has called all of us to do? Time is crucial! Let us press on!

**Pictured below** are Malaysian leaders taking part in a recent training event—just some of the *'happiest people on earth.'*





## From the UK to Romania . . . in a 44-ton aid truck

The first time that FGB member **John Dawson** went on a ministry trip to Eastern Europe, his heart was touched by the needs of the people.

So a few weeks ago, John, a member of **Northwich chapter**, set off on a ‘miracle trip’ in a massive truck loaded to the roof with clothing, furniture, toys, carpets, household items, food, including two tons of flour from ‘Save the Children’ fund — and even wheelchairs!



In answer to prayer, John, pictured here, was able to use a ‘MAN’ tractor unit from Glasgow and an International Aid trailer from Preston,

Lancashire. His travelling companion was **Ray Fisher**, a fellow member of Hollybush Christian Fellowship. Ray is a retired driver of concrete-mixer trucks.

The journey across Europe, via the port of Dunkerque was a battle all the way with border officials, paperwork problems, hairpin bends, potholes, carts on narrow roads . . . and sheer hard work.

John phoned a prayer alert back to FGB brothers in the UK to pray — and

they saw miracle breakthroughs. In Hungary, they were just waived across the border to Romania. Within six days, they were able to begin deliveries en route to the city of **Cluj**, pictured below, a city of 300,00 in Transylvania in north-west Romania.



On day nine, Ray fell sick on the journey home, so John spent the night in the truck outside the hospital. But by day 12, they were back home in the UK, much to

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### A day to remember

“It was an amazing day . . . lives were changed,” says Terry Lowe, south-east director, following the recent SE Advance at Leigh on Sea, Essex.

Pictured above are delegates at the event where the speakers included Ian James, former South London solicitor, plus Jim Dooler and John Middleton. The theme was “Let God arise and His enemies be scattered.”

Cliff Hall and team from the Southend Chapter stewarded the meeting. Great times of praise and worship were led by David and Pauline Fellowes from New Life Christian Centre, Croydon.

### Training in Wales

‘Faith in action’ was the theme of an inspiring Training Day led by evangelist Ricky Leonard at Old Colwyn, North Wales., writes Conrad Williams.

Delegates came from across North Wales, plus Newtown, Hereford, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Swansea and Llanelli.

Included were the national director, Clive Addison, plus three field reps and three chapter presidents.



Ricky, *pictured here*, emphasised the importance of action in obedience to God’s Word, as led by the Holy Spirit. At the close of the day, Ricky prayed for each delegate.

Incidentally, Conrad Williams, the energetic FGB regional secretary and treasurer in Wales, is 80 years young. He is a former chartered engineer and managing director. He served in the Apostolic Church for 47 years.

## Outreach to Romania

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the relief of their families. John says: “My thanks go to Andrew Malcolm, Chief Executive of the Malcolm Group, as without his help and intervention this trip would not have gone ahead, and also to David Patrick and his team from MAN Truck UK who provided the vehicle and went the extra mile to help.

“ All the glory goes to the Lord of hosts, for it was Him, and Him alone who made the trip possible in the first place. Despite the setbacks, we knew that God was fighting for us and that we *would* make it, which we did, just in the Lord’s time.”

### Riverside hotel venue



The next **All Ireland Convention** (the 33rd) is planned for **November 17-19, 2011** at the Limerick Strand Hotel, pictured above.

The cost of the three-night event in Limerick City, Ireland: for B&B plus dinner and banquet (for two sharing) is 230 euros; the single occupancy package rate is 347 euros. **Reservations:** direct to the hotel on +61 421800 or email to: [reservationsmanager@strandlimerick.ie](mailto:reservationsmanager@strandlimerick.ie)

**S**aturday Healing Schools: Evangelist **Ash Kotecha**, a former Hindu businessman who came to Christ in 1979, has a vision for teaching and training believers to pray for the sick and raise up healing teams.



Now Ash is launching a series of Saturday Healing Schools, at local venues, based on the theme of Ephesians 4:12 —

“Equipping the saints for the work of the ministry.” This development follows his Healing School Online programme. For details, call 01908 501643 or mobile 0777 022 5583 or see website [www.healingschoolonline.org](http://www.healingschoolonline.org)

**M**ore than Gold: excitement is building for the many outreach possibilities presented by the Olympic Games in 2012 — the ‘More than Gold’ website gives you the latest news on how local chapters and churches across the UK can get involved in sports-related outreach events. See the **website: [www. morethangold.uk](http://www.morethangold.uk)**



**P**romoted to glory: we give thanks to God for a lifetime of Christian service by **Frank Brookes**, who has died aged 61. Frank, *pictured here*, did evangelism with Operation Mobilisation in India and other nations in his early years and later led a church in Brixton, South London. He and his wife, **Vandrine**, also had a powerful ministry in helping former offenders in the UK.



We also give thanks to God for **Roger Stedman**, who has died aged 67 after years of service with FGB in London where he joined the Westminster Chapter in 1989 and became the energetic Field Rep for Central London — where, incidentally, he also ran the London Marathon. Roger spoke at many FGB chapters and also ministered in Nigeria, Kenya, Brazil and other nations. He also supported work to combat world hunger. In 1997 he launched the **Clapham Christian Fellowship** and eventually retired to his boyhood town of Hythe in Kent.

# Faith that moves mountains

Faith and love are both ‘doing’ words—they demand *action*. Through faith, born out of love, we remain steadfast and pro-active, not passive, in our walk with God.

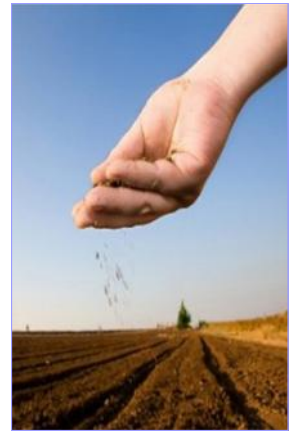
For without faith it is impossible to please God, (Hebrews 11:6). Someone has said that God is not moved by our need, but by our faith. God’s greatest need is to be *believed*. His greatest pain is to be doubted. “God is not a man, that He should lie,” (Numbers 23:19).

Faith is more than mere ‘feelings’ which come and go with the weather — faith is obedience in action, as we are moved by the Holy Spirit. Faith is like a seed, which we sow in expectation — such as our time, our love, our patience, our thankfulness, our forgiveness or our money. It might be as small as a tiny mustard seed, but we must act promptly in obedience, in faith.

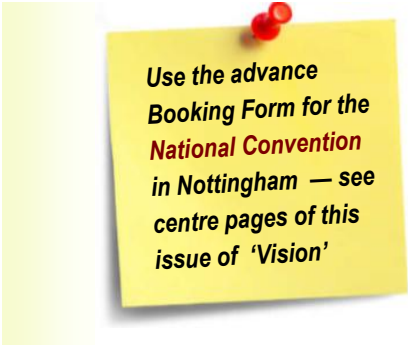
For you and I, this could mean sowing a costly financial seed into the good soil of the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship, knowing that God will surely bring in a harvest in due season.

It could be a decision to attend the next National Convention in October, or to bring a friend — or even bring a car-load with you. It could be also be a

financial seed, such as an increased membership donation, because this ministry depends upon the gifts of its members, as we each sow our seeds of faith.



Whatever He says — do it now, don’t delay. And you’ll surely be blessed!



Use the advance Booking Form for the National Convention in Nottingham — see centre pages of this issue of ‘Vision’



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