

More miracles of healing

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Over Easter, FGB member **Bob Humphries**, *below right*, and his wife **Linda**, (pastoral leaders of the Kadesh Drop-in Centre, in Norwich tel 0772 926 3650) met a couple of good friends in the paint aisle at the B & Q superstore. The lady asked for prayer for her husband who was unwell, so right there in the paint aisle Bob prayed: "Lord, we pull heaven down on us!"



The following Sunday, the couple came to the Norfolk church that Bob helps to pastor, and the lady stood to testify to *her* healing after a lifetime of memory-blocks, following a painful childhood. In the night, after the prayer at B&Q, God brought back to her good memories and gave her release over difficult experiences recalled from early life.

Transformation

A few weeks ago, a 20-year-old man from **London** who was a new Christian, was also bothered by his past and longed for his life to be cleaned up. So he travelled over 100 miles to meet Bob and Linda for prayer at the **Kadesh Centre**, 100 miles away in Norfolk.

At the Centre, after a prayer of deliverance, the young man leapt with joy, declaring he was totally free. Within two days he was baptised at his London church — and his family says he is "completely changed."

Elsewhere, FGB member and evangelist **Des Pilling** from **Wigan** prayed for a 17-year-old girl who had been blind in one eye from birth. She was among a group of teenagers attending a tent meeting where Des was ministering.

Des, right, admits he only went to the FGB dinner for a free meal, but it changed his life



As Des Pilling laid hands on the young lady's blind eye, she began to cry as blurred vision first appeared, followed by full sight. Her young friends were in awe and many surrendered their lives to Christ.

Des Pilling's own story is something of a miracle: as the son of a miner, he was invited to an FGB meeting at the age of 21 but "only went for the free meal — but I quickly realised that God was there!"

Later, he wept his way to the Cross and within two years felt called by God to be an evangelist.

Today, he preaches and sings the Gospel, and also offers a one-day course on how to reach your community for Christ. For details, call 07787 513 235 or email despilling@yahoo.co.uk



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Much encouragement at the Midlands convention



NEWS IN BRIEF

FGB members from various regions supported the recent much-blessed Midlands Revival Fire Convention (above), with guest speakers **Dan and Nori Chesney**. A longer report will appear in our next issue.



Pray for Tom Bramble (pictured left): the success of the event (above) was a personal blessing for Tom, director of our Midlands region, because after months of work he was finally unable to attend, due to illness, which must also have been hugely disappointing for him. God bless you, Tom!



Pray also for Len Brookes, who by this September will have completed 25 years of stalwart service at the **FGBMFI European Office** (in Belgium) but is now ill in hospital, after going for tests a few weeks ago. "It's a spiritual battle," says Len. Pray also for **Lydia**, Len's wife and the family.



Tom Rice, left, was jubilant after "an absolutely fantastic" South-West Convention, and is now looking forward to a ministry trip to **Kenya, East Africa**, with **Peter Spreckley**, UK chairman, from June 11-18, where new FGBMFI chapters have been started following previous ministry tours.



John Gates, Ireland director, and his colleagues are excited about the forthcoming 32nd **All-Ireland Convention** to be held this year in **Dublin**, combined with the **European Convention in November** — see special 4-page insert in this issue. Pray for John and his co-workers.



Jacob John, director for London, is aware of many troubling issues facing the UK's largest and most diverse business community, amidst this Election year. He and his colleagues are seeking relevant ways to introduce Kingdom of God perspectives to various sectors in the marketplace.



Clive Addison, director for Wales and its Borders, will meet with men from across the region for breakfast at **Brecon**, mid-Wales on Saturday, May 8 at 9 for 9.30am to 1pm. Newcomers welcome. For details, call 01492 5729924 or email cliveaddison7@uwclub.net



Ray Graham and other FGB men from across the Wales and Border region have pioneered a "Churches Together" prayer event in **Ludlow**, as they recently "prayer-walked" the walls of this historic Shropshire town. They are encouraged by specific prophecies that the area has great potential for spreading the Gospel. Ludlow is a former capital of the Principality.

More healing miracles

While personal salvation through Jesus Christ is by far the greatest miracle, we are all encouraged to experience God's healing power, both in mind and body. Here, in brief, are a few testimonies . . .

Newton Abbot FGB member **Mike Purbrick**, who was diagnosed with clinical depression 20 years ago, had almost lost hope as normal medical treatment failed.

His condition deteriorated badly just before the Fellowship's recent South-West Advance, but Mike found the strength to attend as a day visitor.

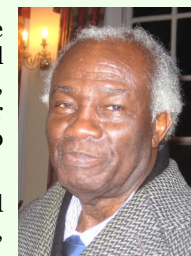
There, the main speaker, **Malcolm Reeve**, right, had a word of knowledge that someone had a severe depressive illness and chronic fatigue syndrome — "come and be set free!" he declared. Mike went forward for prayer and then fell in the power of the Holy Spirit.



By 11pm, Mike then back at home, realised he'd been awake for 18 hours (normally impossible for him!). Finally, he went to bed, and slept for five days which he believes was part of the healing process. When he got up, his daily devotional reading was headed: "The battle is over!" His FGB colleague **Keith Green** says Mike is now on a sunshine holiday in Thailand — an overseas adventure that would have been impossible before!

In **Norwich** recently, a lady visitor, **Kate**, who had been treated for a lump in her breast, came forward for prayer (with

her husband) where the speaker, **Dr Bill Isaacs-Sodeye**, right, prayed for Kate — and the lump disappeared.



At a **Southend** FGB chapter dinner, a young man, **Ben**, who had years of serious headaches after a head fall while pole-vaulting, was healed after prayer. He went on to win a new athletic award.

Tony, a fork-lift truck driver at **Greenford**, had a knee injury but was sceptical about divine healing, but became a believer after being prayed for by the healing evangelist **Ash Kotecha**, pictured below. Later, the hospital could find no trace of a previous operation on Tony's knee.

In **Middlesbrough**, last September, a friend took **Patrick**, a mental patient, to a healing service — "he didn't know who or where he was" — but as Ash Kotecha continued to lead the meeting, Patrick suddenly woke up and came into his rightful mind. He has been on fire for the Lord ever since!



Ash Kotecha, healing evangelist

New course, online

Incidentally, Ash Kotecha's new (free) online Healing School is now up and running. "Anyone can learn to pray for sick — it's easier than you think!" says Ash. To sign up the **International Healing School**, which is a nine-month, online course, with 36 individual lessons, just visit the website:

www.healingschoolonline.org

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The healing power of forgiveness

At the most recent FGBMFI directors' meeting, there was a recurring picture of **drops of rain falling on hard ground**. "Each drop is very small, but each one spreads out, and as they do so, so the water is very gradually being absorbed into the hard ground which is becoming softer."

"The key for us is forgiveness. When we forgive, it releases God's rain, softening us. We need to be softened like clay, so it can be moulded. Then as soft soil, it is also good soil for the seed to germinate."

"Lord, help us to forgive, so that we may be softened and moulded— help us to be obedient to that rain of your Spirit."

As someone has said, the true level of our faith is measured by the level of our forgiveness, as both are directly linked.

As Hugh prayed for the blind lady, her sight was restored

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him to be being obedient and resigning from the family business to serve the Lord Jesus Christ more fully.

Later, Hugh heard about some local men who wanted to start an FGB chapter. Hugh went to their first meeting and was promptly elected vice-president of the **Uckfield Chapter** (East Sussex), for 12 years, then president for seven years.

In all, Hugh has so far achieved 24 years service with FGBMFI and is still going strong. He has been very active in various FGB roles, (FGB founder **Demos Shakarian** even signed Hugh's form to be a Field Rep). Hugh has attended numerous Conventions in the UK and supported ministry trips to the **Ukraine, Egypt, Israel and France**.

In Ukraine, 500 people in one meeting surged forward for healing. Hugh prayed for a blind lady whose eyes were as white as snow. Then, Hugh received a simple word from God - "tears . . . pray for tears" - and as the lady cried, her eyesight began to return, at first blurry, then clearly.

Ricky's ministry tour of Wales in May

International evangelist and Bible teacher, **Ricky Leonard**, who also has a healing ministry, will be speaking at FGB chapters in the Wales and Border region in the first half of May. For details, call Clive Addison on 01492 572924 or email: cliveaddison7@uwclub.net

A call to us all

Dear Brothers,

Our National Council meetings always begin on a Friday afternoon, when we spend the time worshipping the Lord and listening to Him. Then we 'start the business' on Saturday morning.

At the most recent meeting, we received a powerful word from the Lord, which I know was not just for those present, but for every member. The Word was quite long, so I can only give you a brief outline.

The thrust of the Word, which confirmed earlier Words, was not that we need to work harder or be more committed, but rather that **we need to seek Him more**. "Too often you seek the spectacular without getting to know the One who is spectacular, too often you seek the miracle before you seek out the One who works the miracle."

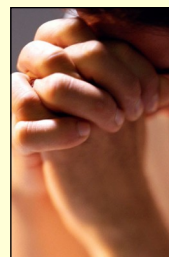
Then He talked about **forgiving everyone who had ever hurt us** and living with a heart of forgiveness (*see further details on page 18*), and about us being **a loving ministry to others**, having the same relationship with Jesus as he has with the Father, "because out of this relationship he was able to do miracles..." - implying that so will we.

I hope I have said enough for you to want to read the whole Word. If so, please contact the Office who will be able to send you a printed copy or an electronic version. Praise God that He cares enough about us to want to talk to us, and let us respond with all our heart, so that as we do so, we will see an increase in the harvest we so eagerly desire.



Let each of us heed this call, says Peter Spreckley, chairman of the FGBMFI National Council

Peter Spreckley



'Anyone who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those **who earnestly seek Him**.

Look to the Lord and His strength; **seek His face always**. Remember the wonders He has done.'

- Hebrews 11: 6; 1 Chronicles 16:11, 12

Paul Blakey honoured by the Queen

Halifax FGB member **Paul Blakey**, founder of **Street Angels**, has received an MBE at Buckingham Palace, for services to community safety.

Paul, aged 35, founded Street Angels in 2005 – “it was an idea from God, born out of the Full Gospel’s youth outreach in Halifax on a Saturday night in 2004,” he says. The vision was prompted by the needs of large numbers of young men and women on the streets.

Now Street Angels have spread to many towns in the UK, with inquiries coming in from Europe, Brazil, America and even China.

Crime has fallen

Even the police admit that crime has fallen significantly in areas where the Street Angels operate. The pioneering project began in Halifax as a ministry of Churches Together in Halifax and the local YMCA. The initiative provides a safe place for people on the streets on Friday and Saturday between 9pm and 3am.

Based at a safe place, the Fairtrade Café, the volunteer-based project sees Street Angels visiting the streets of the town-centre looking out for people who have become vulnerable. They offer help and assistance, from directing lost people to hotels or coaches to calling for medical assistance to those who have had drinks spiked or become ill.



Paul, founder of Street Angels — the vision was born through FGBMFI youth outreach work

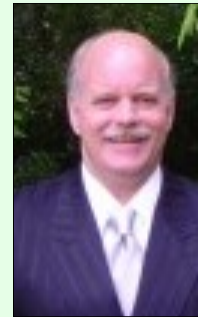


Street Angels’ board: Trevor Bendrien, left, and Paul Blakey, right



North West Area **Men’s Advance**

Friday April 30 to Sunday May 2, 2010



Ricky Leonard Guest Speaker

Ricky is an international evangelist and Bible teacher and lives in North Carolina, but spends several months each year ministering in the anointing of the Holy Spirit around the world, and particularly in Africa and the UK. He has seen hundreds of people entering the kingdom of God and growing under his teaching and leadership training. He has witnessed many miraculous healings.

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Abbot Hall Hotel, Cumbria, LA11 7BG, (tel. 015395 32896) has accommodation for 100 guests, in the hotel and 22 in the lodges. The hotel is located near the Victorian resort of Grange-over-Sands and overlooks Morecambe Bay. Note for rail travellers: trains run to Kent’s Bank Station.

Prophecy for Terry at a World Convention

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Terry went to the FGB World Convention in **Orlando**, USA, 19 years ago when the speaker **Dick Mills**, the evangelist and author, suddenly spoke to Terry from the platform with a prophetic word. "You're in holding pattern right now . . . God is grooming you, conditioning you, preparing you for something special."

He urged Terry to stand his ground and exercise patience. Since then, his many areas of ministry have included prison chaplaincy work, Alpha, Kairos, outreaches to **Hungary**, and holding every official role within FGB at chapter level.

Then, in 2008, **Dick Mills spoke strongly into Terry's Lowe's life** being a strategic "gateway to Europe".

Plans are now under way to start a 'Gateway to Europe' chapter on June 12, in the Folkestone area, where the Channel Tunnel links the UK to Europe. Malcolm Reeve will be the first speaker at that chapter.

Hugh Saunders (right) becomes the SE region's very first Assistant National Director, having supported at least three National Directors, including **Ray Buckingham**, whose service is warmly appreciated by the National Council.

Medway Advance: There is a one-day Regional Advance at the Langley Hotel, Tonbridge, on Saturday, May 22: see details on page 14.



Dick Mills spoke strongly into Terry's Lowe's life

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Hugh loves to witness God's healing power

Hugh Saunders, the new assistant director for the South-East region, was born in **Heathfield**, East Sussex - where he still lives.

Among his greatest joys in life has been the healing ministry when he has seen the power of God at work.

Born into a Christian home, his parents were filled with the Spirit from the time of the ministry of the healing evangelist, **Smith Wigglesworth**. Hugh gave his heart to the Lord on his 17th birthday, and was baptised two months later.

After demob from National Service in the RAF, he and his wife, started a Children's and Young Peoples' work - this they did for 25 years.

Hugh, *pictured below*, worked in the successful family business with his father and two Christian brothers. The diverse company was a retail and contract house furnishers, printing and (later) a Christian publishing in London - out of which **Spring Harvest** was started. Hugh was company secretary.

In 1973, he and his wife, **Mau-reen**, were baptised with the Holy Spirit after a chat with a Christian friend over afternoon tea. It was a life-changing experience. In 1985, the Lord gave a prophetic word for Hugh which led



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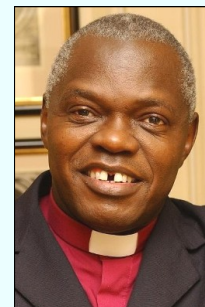
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The project has the full support of a wide range of agencies including the police, local authorities, churches and business groups. In Halifax, Street Angels give more than 8,000 hours of voluntary service a year.

Towns and cities in the UK with Street Angels include York, Guildford, Bradford, Watford, Camberley, Scarborough and Wakefield. Paul, who is married to Jean, is the full time project leader for the Halifax project and **Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network** in the UK.

Street Angels also help demonstrate the reality of the Kingdom of God, and the project has become a model that is being copied by outreach groups around the world.

A tributes to Street Angels' night-time initiatives comes from the **Archbishop of York, the Rev Dr John Sentamu**, who says: "You are working hard to help communities where you live by making the streets safer and I am extremely grateful to you for that. I pray that these initiatives continue to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Keep up the good work!"



Dr Sentamu: 'Keep up the good work'



Steve Clifford: July speaker

In the press, the New Year's honours' story was headlined: "Paul the angel is an MBE."

Another report described the team's work as "angels descending on city-centre streets."

• Paul invites FGB members to attend the national **Street Angels' Day Conference** on Wednesday, July 7 at Bedford Salvation Army. Speakers will include **Steve Clifford**, the General Director of the Evangelical Alliance.

For details, visit the website www.streetangels.org.uk or phone Paul on 07725 501 465.



Paul's investiture



Relaxing off duty: Paul and Jean

The promised 'Greater Glory'

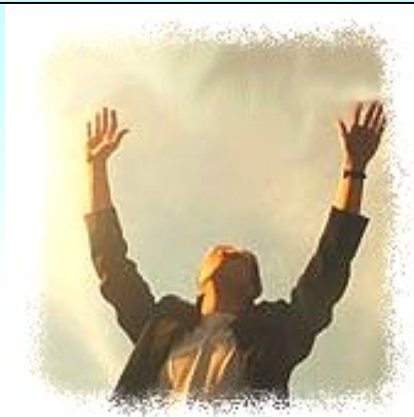
By **Stuart Cripps**
National Executive Officer

Do you believe that FGBMFI is in decline? Or have you seen signs of the 'Greater Glory' promised through several independent prophetic words spoken over the Fellowship in recent years? Well, be encouraged – God is definitely at work through FGBMFI !

He is still anointing the Vision towards fulfilment in these latter days. God's Kingdom is being extended !

Recent reports from other nations, particularly in South America and Africa, of what God is doing through FGB, are truly exciting. Literally thousands of people committing their lives to Christ and hundreds of new FGB Chapters being formed in the last year in Nigeria, is just one example.

But what about here in the UK & Ireland? Some Chapters are indeed struggling to hold regular effective outreach meetings – with membership ageing and declining. However, we do have a **Development Plan** (recently updated on the website: www.fgbmfi.org.uk), which emphasises the need for regular prayer towards Spirit-led outreach. This means launching 'new boats' under God's direction to effectively reach men and women from different areas of society, young



Young people listen to God's word. Also, speaking (above, left) is scientist Stuart Cripps with students.



Terry is the new SE regional director

Terry Lowe (*right*) who lives in Walderslade, Kent, became the FGBMFI regional director for the South-East in February this year.

He first became a member of the Dartford Fellowship in 1988 after hearing the remarkable testimony of **Noel Fellowes**, a young ex-police constable wrongly convicted of murder, who finally received a royal pardon. (His story is told in the book, *Killing Time*).

Terry, the eldest of nine children, born into a poor family in 1935, also has a story of considerable pain, as regards affairs of the heart.

Engineering degree

During more than 12 years' service with the Royal Engineers, he saw success as a military Clerk of Works and gained an honours degree in engineering. He also escaped unhurt on many occasions – once, when he and his young family were injured in a very serious road accident after a large Rover car ran into their hired vehicle in 1961 – and a few years later in 1967 when a hand-grenade was hurled into the door of their hangar in South Arabia.

Terry first married in 1955, just weeks after he joined the army but it ended in divorce after more than 18 years and the gift of six children. Although professionally he was successful as a senior lecturer in a technical college with letters after his name, "it counted for nothing," he says.

At the age of 40, he married his lovely new wife **Anne** in 1975.

Later, a trainee doctor friend, aware of Terry's hurts that were emerging again after nine years into his second marriage, gently told Terry that "God is the only person who will never let you down." And Terry also knew instinctively that his friend spoke the truth.



Eventually, Terry *did* pray the Lord's prayer which he remembered from schooldays. But nothing seemed to happen. Finally, as though complaining, he asked God for a sign. Then, the next morning in a shop (which he ran as a hobby on his time off from college) he fought with a gunman who was later caught through TV's *Crime Watch*, along with his gang.

Eventually, while on holiday in the US with Anne, then pregnant with **Stephanie**, they were invited by his eldest daughter, **Susan**, then 30, to attend a large church. Susan and her husband's own lives had been transformed there in the US through faith in Christ, two years before.

The greatest miracle

When the invitation was given, Terry went to the altar with his daughter, and found the greatest miracle – salvation through Jesus Christ. He realised that God had already revealed his reality by delivering him during the armed robbery. "Susan's scripture references on oaths also persuaded me to give up freemasonry," he adds. "And Stephanie had a brand new father, two months before she was born in October, 1986."

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We must let the Holy Spirit lead us, says Peter

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where he pioneered a chapter with **Bob Boler** (now FGB Office Co-ordinator) and **Colin Pownall**, who today is a prison chaplain and also chaplain to the **Christian Motorcyclists' Association**.

Eventually, Peter made ministry trips with others to **Romania** where there was "fantastic blessing" as they prayed with men and women in prison and saw God's healing and restoring power. One observer said it "was like a bomb going off, because the men of God had been there."

Today, Peter is full of praise for Kathleen who gave up a promising career in accountancy to bring up their large family. Peter works as a Project Manager in the water industry and would like to have more time for God's work, but his company won't let him go yet.

There are 16 chapters in Peter's region – and the 17th is about to start at the Auctioneer's Restaurant in **Carlisle** on May 7. Peter succeeds **Stuart Cripps** as regional director, (while Stuart remains the National Executive Officer). Meanwhile, Peter's vision is to see a chapter born in every town of 10,000 or more. But he knows there is a spiritual cost – "I'm passionate about surrender . . . about trusting God with all our hearts. None of us can do His work in our own strength. We must let the Holy Spirit lead us."



Your invitation to the South-East Regional Advance

Saturday May 22, 2010 at the Langley Hotel, Tonbridge, Kent, TN10 3DA

with guest speakers

Trevor Bendrien and Malcolm Reeve



Trevor, left, is a gifted musician and entrepreneur from Halifax. Malcolm, a former police officer, now ministers prophetically in the power of the Holy Spirit

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and old, business and social, in places of work and on the streets.

If we are led by the Spirit, we will see new life and a greater measure of God's Glory through our God-given ministry.

In the last year, several new Chapters have been established, particularly in the Midlands, and are operating effectively.

Several potential Chapters are under development or re-development, such as Carlisle, where the first dinner meeting in over 10 years is being held in May.

The first re-established FGBMFI Chapter in Scotland is being planned with several new members in Glasgow. Several Chapters have also been refreshed by new members called into the work and many are seeing regular responses to the prayer of Salvation and the call for Baptism in the Spirit, as well as answers to prayer for healing.

Three young Chapter presidents, still in their twenties, with a freshness and openness to following the Lord's direction, are seeing God's Kingdom extended in the North West, North East and South Central Regions.



Stuart urges every member to press on in the power of the Holy Spirit



God's power in Paraguay

Thousands came to Christ on the streets after the national president, **Fernando Samudio** urged his small team of FGB 'foot-soldiers' to go out and break the mould—'just go, and let the Holy Spirit lead you. Talk to everyone about Jesus, give your testimony and pray for the people.'

New initiatives to reach younger people have included 'free lunch' meetings for university students at **Liverpool University**, and subsidised 'hot buffet' meals for youth with a youth-focussed speaker in **Warrington**, (see pictures on facing page).

More than 30 teenagers, with six invited leaders of the local Youth for Christ group, attended a recent Warrington Chapter outreach dinner meeting, with a professional footballer and his professional singer wife as the speakers, and 10 of them responded to the prayer of salvation. Inviting the leaders of the local group of **Youth for Christ** to work with us, and to pray with us beforehand

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New issue of **Voice**

The latest issue has four powerful testimonies - the personal stories of an Army Air Corps captain in Afghanistan, a medical doctor, a media expert, and a young man who was nearly murdered by a street gang.

The magazine is available at £16 for 50, but if you can collect them from the Office or your region, they are only £16 for 100.

Voice is ideal for giving away the at every opportunity - always keep a copy or two with you or in the car, or by the front door... the opportunities are endless!

The Greater Glory

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was a key to the success of this particular event.

Be encouraged, even if you have not personally yet seen much evidence of the coming 'Greater Glory of God' in your area or Chapter.

God is on the move and if we stay in tune with Him, we will all be a part of what He is doing. Stay faithful to His calling and give thanks in all circumstances. God is good !!

Every blessing in your continued ministry!

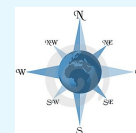
Stuart.

Dr ORAL ROBERTS: MAN OF FAITH

Oral Roberts, the famous healing evangelist, who has recently been promoted to Glory at the age of 91, played a pivotal role in the early days of FGBMFI.

"Doc Roberts" was a great friend of **Demos Shakarian** and the speaker at the world's first FGBMFI breakfast meeting. Without his personal encouragement, the Fellowship may never have expanded as it did.

He was a bold visionary. Prominent Christian leaders, including **Dr Billy Graham** (also 91), **Rev Jack Hayford** and **Pastor Benny Hinn** have heaped praise on him, describing Oral as "a man of God" and "a great hero of the faith". Oral, who also founded the largest charismatic university in the world, was joyful to the end, full of faith and trust in Jesus.



PEOPLE AND PLACES



Peter is the new NW regional director

Chartered civil engineer and project manager **Peter Hunt** (above) is the new director of the North-West Region which covers an area of seven million people living in Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire and the Isle of Man.

Born into a good Catholic family in Halifax on a snowy day in 1953, Peter was educated in Manchester and at Bradford University where, at 18, he first met **Kathleen**, who would eventually become his devoted wife.

Tragically, Peter's dad, **Frank**, died in a road accident at 49 when Peter was only 19 - and his mum, **Anne**, died of cancer less than three years later, a week before Peter was due to take his final exams in 1975.

Bravely, his mum had kept the news of her serious illness from Peter so he could press on with his studies.

Peter went on to study for a PhD in marine dynamics. He recalls: "I was also seeking God at that time. I was a believer in my head, but not in my heart." Meanwhile, Kathleen "had been praying for a

man of God to come into her life," and thought it would be good to invite Peter, then 25, to a day of spiritual renewal in Manchester.

It was a vital step in his redemptive journey. "The light came on, spiritually, as the speaker revealed the reality of Jesus and a life in the Holy Spirit."

Three weeks later, Peter proposed to Kathleen, who happily said 'yes'. They wondered if God would one day give them a large family - "perhaps even a football team of eleven!" - and as it turned out, they do have "six wonderful children (four boys, two girls), and five other children in heaven, due to miscarriages - making eleven children in all!

It was in 1983, during a Life in the Spirit seminar, where Peter and Kathleen were both baptised in the Holy Spirit, just seven days before their second son was born.

A book about 'the happiest people on earth'

Peter was later diagnosed with sarcoidosis, an illness that inflames the lymph nodes which can affect every organ of the body. But while convalescing, his mum-in-law found a copy of a book, *The Happiest People on Earth*, in a charity shop on the Isle of White.

"It was a brilliant book about the Full Gospel Business Men," recalls Peter, who later, at the age of 37 found his way into an FGBMFI prayer and praise event in Carlisle - "it was so welcoming, just like a family reunion." He soon found himself elected as chapter secretary

Peter's work took him to Warrington, where he was chapter treasurer, and then on to Northwich, Cheshire,

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European Convention: hotel package deals

Please reserve the hotel package that suits you. Prices here are in euros.
(See rough currency conversion details below, but check rates when paying).

Package 1a: Two nights, B and B, with two lunches, one evening meal, one banquet meal: €210 each, based on two sharing.

Package 1b: Two nights as above, but with single occupancy, the cost is €260.

Package 2a: Three nights, B and B, Two lunches, one evening meal and one banquet meal, €240 each, based on two sharing.

Package 2b: Three nights, as above, but with single occupancy: €290.



General information: for single occupancy, add €25 per night.
For single breakfast, €10; single lunch €15; evening meal €25; banquet meal €35; for B and B, sharing, €60 per night.

Meal tickets will be issued at the Convention registration desk.

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Guest Speakers: Carter and Teresa Conlon

Carter Conlon is the Senior
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More details about our gifted speakers

Pastor Carter Conlon (left) comes from Canada but is now senior pastor of the famous **Times Square Church** in New York, which attracts 8,000 people a week, representing 100 different nationalities. This famous church was founded by Pastor David Wilkerson, author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*.

Cross and the Switchblade.

Conlon Carter became senior pastor in 2001. He is loved and respected for his shepherd's heart, his strong leadership and fiery passion for God. He is married to **Teresa Conlon** and they have three children.

Pastor Carter has degrees in law and sociology. He once had a successful career in law enforcement and during his early years in ministry in Canada he also owned and operated a sheep farm. Both Carter and

Teresa (left) are much in demand as Convention speakers around the world. Teresa delivers messages of truth and freedom that cut to the heart of the deepest issues.



The vision for the New York church began "with a cry to God to do something — anything — to help the physically destitute and spiritually dead people" in the heart of New York. Today, the church has dozens of different outreach ministries.



Great testimonies and worship

The **2010 European Convention** programme which also marks the **32nd All-Ireland Convention** will include inspiring testimonies by European FGBMFI members at every meeting — so come prepared to share your story!



Trips around Dublin may be booked during free times each afternoon.



Our times of praise and worship will be led by **Worship Academy Ireland**.

There will also be **Ladies' Meetings**, and a **European Directors' Meeting** during the weekend.



Dublin, Ireland: November 18-21, 2010

Revive us again! This is our **Convention theme**, based on the prayer in Psalm 85:6: 'Will You, Lord, not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?'



The Convention Chairman, **Tom Maguire** and the organising team warmly welcome you to join us for this great gathering. Hotel package deals are shown overleaf. **Please book directly with the hotel**, as soon as possible, using the coupon overleaf. Here is the hotel address and contact details:

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An inspiring programme

• **Thursday, November 18, 2010:** registration from 14.00hrs followed by the opening meeting at 19.30.

• **Friday, November 19:** Praise and prayer at 07.30; breakfast at 09.00; Morning meeting, 10.00; Lunch, 12.30; Afternoon meeting, 14.00; Break at 16.30; Evening meal and meeting at 19.30.

• **Saturday, November 20:** Praise and prayer, 07.30; breakfast, 09.00; morning meeting, 10.00; lunch 12.30; Afternoon meeting, 14.00; break, 16.30; Banquet meal and evening meeting, 19.30.

• **Sunday, November 21:** Praise and prayer at 07.30.

Farewells follow breakfast at 09.00.

Good hotel venue

