



# FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA)

His banner over me is love - Song of Solomon 2:4

## February 2019 Newsletter

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### From the National President's Desk

We have here in Australia the Great Dividing Range, which can be clearly seen from high altitude separating the East Coast from practically all the rest of our nation's land mass. There are many such separations in scripture; some of which have been obscured by teaching of false doctrine and/or our own misunderstanding of scripture and personal desires.

All the redeemed of the Lord must understand this one vital reality; that Christ Jesus died for all sin once to put it away. Therefore redemption has been accomplished, the debt paid in full, wrath of God appeased, requirements of the law fulfilled, and forgiveness granted. We who are in Christ Jesus have this one common salvation that separates us from the world; and we, like Jesus should be living our lives for God.

As I have lived my life, some outside the Kingdom of God but thankfully most of it as a new creation in Christ Jesus, I have struggled with the question of the call of God on my life. Are all called to be in the ministry as pastors separated unto the gospel, to stand as the Apostle Paul did? **Romans 1:1** "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God".

Such a clear statement without any doubt, he was separated to the gospel, a man compelled by his love of Christ to live his life as an example to others. Preaching in season and out of season, but always concerned for the spiritual welfare of others; yes a true minister of the gospel.

What of the rest of us, who also know the love of Christ and have the prompting of the Holy Spirit to move out into the world and become instruments of blessings in the mighty hand of God? If we aren't in the ministry what and who are we? I asked this same question in Bible College, maybe in a different way, that being "why at our graduation is there only one credential offered, that being a Pastor's Credential," when in Ephesians 4:11-12 it clearly states that God "gave some **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some **pastors and teachers**. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." The answer given, "well that's just the way it is." My second question then was: "what about operation of the nine spiritual gifts as in **1 Corinthians 12: 8-11** "For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit; to another **faith** by the same

*Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: Verse 11 is the cliff-hanger - But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. Their teaching; a person can have audible gifts or faith gifts, such as faith, healing and working of miracles and so on. My next question was then "how come I operate in all the Spiritual gifts?" Their answer was: "Yes but you are different."*

Right there I knew that I had been separated by God and not by man to be about our Heavenly Father's business; therefore it became clear to me that we can all operate in any of the spiritual gifts as and when required as we are working for the edifying of the body of Christ, extending the Kingdom of God. Knowledge is power, so armed with this revelation I got about the greatest adventure a man can have, living out Acts 29 with signs and wonders following my ministry.

During the next thirty years the Lord has taken me into some of the darkest places where witches and warlocks operate, demons manifest and all manner of evil and ungodly atrocities occur, but I can honestly say in all these exciting experiences I have never known true fear. **1 John 4:4** For He that is within me is greater than he that is in the world. **Isaiah 54:17** No weapon formed against me shall prosper. **Romans 8:31** If God is for us who can stand against us. When confronted or attacked in the spirit realm our confidence is not in our own strength, but in the mighty power of God and the authority of the name of Jesus as in Acts 16:18 Paul greatly annoyed turned and said to the spirit "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

Do you want excitement in your Christian walk or are you happy just going along to meetings and hearing other people's testimonies, how God is moving in their lives? You see the starting point of any real adventure is the first step. Once taken you are on your way, when you realize that God has separated you from the world and enrolled you in His earthly army, placing you under the Captain of the host Jesus to take your daily orders from Him. He will lead you from victory to victory; sometimes it gets rough, sometimes you wonder what's going to hit you next, but always your confidence builds in Him for He becomes your life. It's great being a member of FGBMFI, but it's even greater being an active member of God's earthly army, marching to His commands. Give it a try and build for Him. Len.



### Coffee & Conversation with James

Another true story from the experiences of a long-time member and friend.

*Submitted by Ron Oastler*

The Whale Watch season was in full swing. Several operators had cruises scheduled for the morning, some doing the dolphin watch cruise on the Port before heading out through the heads to 'whale territory'.

Well, we had been asked to pick up a couple from a particular whale watch cruise. They were known to friends of ours who wanted to meet-up, but the only problem was – we had never met this couple before and they did not know that we were going to meet them (!) So, it was a case of moving around amongst the people and asking whether they knew the friends who had asked us to meet them.

'Not easy!' I muttered, as we waited for the vessel to enter the harbour and come alongside the dock.

'No, but not impossible with some prayer and some initiative – it is not a unique situation you know' was James' rejoinder.

'No, I suppose not ...' I trailed off as James, true to form, continued ...

'It frequently happens at the conclusion of an outreach meeting – or at least it should. This is when we should be looking for folk whom we have possibly never met before and asking whether they know the one who has asked us to meet them.'

Immediately I knew where James was headed in this conversation, and it did not take long for him to recount an episode from his past experience.

'I recall a very special Christmas outreach dinner at the big Tattersalls Club in Sydney, where we had a grand event with a wonderful speaker, but few responses when given opportunity to respond to the Gospel. It was my privilege to be chairing this particular function and I was taken aback somewhat by this lack of response.' James' brow was furrowed with disbelief as he described the scene.

'As was my custom I immediately asked a number of the committee men to move among the people and talk with them about the meeting, the message and their



situation, and prayerfully follow up on 'the invitation'. Then I set about doing the same.'

'The first to whom I spoke was a young lady, who quickly told me that she was a committed Christian and had come with her father who was a Baptist minister. "God bless you" said I, and moved on to meet a couple who were looking a little lost in the crowd. They too were committed Christians who were waiting for friends to join them for a ride home. And then ...'

With a smile of satisfaction, James said: 'It was then, that I came across a couple just moving from one of the dining tables. "Hello" I said, "nice to see you here tonight. Did you enjoy the evening?"'

"Oh yes" the couple assured me.

'And what did you think of our speaker?'

'He is a very nice man and certainly has a very interesting personal story' was their quite candid comment.

'Yes, he certainly did have an interesting experience – and his coming to know God personally was a rich personal episode in life. May I ask whether you have had this experience of knowing God personally?'

'No, but the friends that we came with tonight have talked with us about it before' they readily admitted.

'With that, another couple who were very dear Christian friends, joined us and provided a more formal introduction. They had indeed been witnessing to the couple for some time and were delighted to join the current discussion. It was then my privilege and joy to put the case to our "new found" friends: that they had heard the testimonies of our mutual friends, as well as that of our speaker, and it was now time for them to commit their lives to Christ and be reconciled to the Father.'

'This they did quite readily, being assured from the Scripture "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself (2Cor 5:17-18 ESV)".

'So,' James concluded, 'we found a couple that we did not know and put them in touch ... Yes!'

**FGBMFI Malaysia 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

Please keep all our FGBMFI Brothers in prayer as they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Pray also for those visitors who will be attending from other countries especially those in the Asian region. We would also pray that the mighty fire of God that is burning in Malaysia will continue and produce even more fruit.

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International Malaysia

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His banner over us is love



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*Your Personal Invitation.....*

to attend the

**Fellowship Dinner**

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International  
Toowoomba Chapter

**Guest Speaker:  
ROLAND SONDERGELD (Roly)**



**ROLAND (ROLY) & BETTY SONDERGELD**

Roly & Betty have both experienced miracles in their lives and have served together in ministering to others for many years. Roly retired in late 2008 but continues to minister in various capacities. They have been blessed with 4 adult children and 15 grandchildren. **Come and hear Roly share some of his life's story. You will be blessed!**

*Bring a Friend!*

Roly was born and raised on the Darling Downs, before then heading to Gatton for his high school education. During his high school years, he was challenged by a religious instruction teacher as to why he and his friend didn't go to church. This prompted both boys to commence attending a local church. The message Roly heard gave him a deep hunger to know more. At that time he lived in a dysfunctional environment. In his late teens, the message he heard, drew him to Christ. Roly's early working days were spent in the National Bank. Towards the end of his twelve years in the bank, his wife, Betty, gave premature birth to twin girls. The doctor's words to him were: "Do not expect them to live." This led to God working His powerful healing hand and revealing His presence to him with His audible voice that said, "They are in My hands." This miracle of God led them to commence full-time ministry. Throughout the following thirty-six-and-a-half years, together with his wife they saw God's blessing and faithfulness. His last sixteen-and-a-half years of full-time ministry were spent in Toowoomba. In his final calendar year of full-time ministry, having been greatly impacted by the writings of Brennan Manning, he preached much on the topic "Intimacy with God". This led Roly deeper into the richness of the intimacy within the Trinity. He believes that the reality of this journey means we don't make Christ a part of our lives; but that He has made us part of His life.

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY - 6:30 for 7:00 p.m.**

**ALL SEASONS FUNCTION CENTRE**

**Cnr North & Tor Sts Toowoomba**

**(Sacred Heart Complex) – parking available in grounds**

**Dinner Cost:- \$28:00 p.p. RSVP 20<sup>th</sup>**

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**A CHRISTIAN SUCCESS STORY: STICK TO GOD'S PLAN!**

Can a Christian business leader walk the talk and still end up on top? Yes, says Ray Dalton, President of international medical equipment supplier PartsSource in Aurora, Ohio. If you stick to the plan – God's plan – you can get ahead in the world. That is the story from Dalton, whose faith-based approach to the corporate jungle has taken him from x-ray technician to top spots in the medical equipment industry. He has started and managed seven successful health care companies - three in Ohio - that have gone on to make \$120 million or more.



Rising from street kid to become an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year, Dalton is also a Weatherhead Award winner who makes a humanitarian difference in the world. He has also been able to navigate the minefields of corporate America and still hold fast to principles of Christian life. Dalton spoke this month at Church on the Rise in Westlake, sharing his Christian approach to both living and business ethics at COR's "Running with the Giants" monthly men's breakfast series.

"The Bible," said Dalton to an audience of about 100 guests, "Is reserved for those who know Him and accept His gift. "AND – it is available to everyone!" By making use of that availability, you can find answers to questions that challenge



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you in life. And walking the talk is central to his success. “Everyone knows the Bible verses quoted in Ephesians 2:8 (“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works....”). But, he adds, the message that follows in Ephesians 2:10 (“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works....”) is the rallying cry to walk the talk. Dalton began as a street kid in L.A. pumping gas and simply surviving. He started in life with plenty of “bad” and worked his way into lots of “good” by choosing a Christian path that isn’t always so easy on the surface. Today, PartsSource is a multi-million dollar company that ranks 179th nationally in the healthcare industry sector. PartsSource offers replacement part support for over 2,500 separate makes, models and modalities of hospital equipment in the market today.

His story begins when he walked into an Air Force recruiting station as a young man looking for an answer to poverty and street life. “You are a smart guy,” the recruiter told him. Dalton saw an opportunity. “I had never, ever had anyone say anything encouraging to me. I wasn’t stupid. I just wanted to be educated,” he said. He parlayed his military service into a 52-month education that brought him five certifications in health care. Curiously, he was also assisted along that path by an older lady who got to know him and stayed on his case about church and developing faith. She would ask him questions like, “Are you done doing it by yourself?”

The challenge led Dalton to Biblical insights that put a rough and tumble childhood that included neglect and beatings into perspective. By having his faith encouraged, he was brought to a life-changing realization from the Lord: “I have not done this to you. I have done this for you,” was the message. Dalton began to realize something about tribulation: It toughened him to walk on a narrow path to success. The message: “The Lord plucked you out and prepared you in advance.” The realization gave Dalton the strength he needed to make right decisions in the corporate world. Those decisions meant tough calls: losing a prestigious job for refusing to misrepresent billings, resisting unsavory business practices, and staying true to a Christian code.

“I will be bold in Your word!” That is the challenge Dalton took to heart as he refused to roll over to unethical corporate policy-makers. More than once, that commitment put Dalton in tough spots. It cost him jobs, and it also put him in a place to understand his own weaknesses. “Everyone has lusts,” he said. “Money, greed, love, materialism. These are the important things we learn about ourselves – if something makes your vulnerability come into question again, just stay away from it! “My prayer is this,” he said: “Where I go, I will be strong.” The sharpening of his ethical senses brought Dalton to management leadership in several successful medical equipment companies, like National MD, OneSource, TRW and GE. Today, he heads PartsSource in Aurora. It is a medical equipment company with a ministry that recycles and places used medical devices for third world countries. PartsSource fills an incredible world-wide need for viable health equipment rotated out of upgraded American hospital service. The opportunity fits Dalton’s mission of success through service perfectly. It is a business leadership mode that looks to serve the community and world through Christian principles. ‘God will reject me if I am just moving with a situation and waiting for something to happen to me. We are part of an army of men built to serve when service is required,’ said Dalton. Dalton says his approach to life’s challenges is valid for anyone. Just look at it from a Biblical perspective. “What has God prepared you to do, through bad or good, and what are the things you can do to bring balance into your life?” asked Dalton. For Dalton, that message holds true as time goes on and also influences his personal life. Sharing an anecdote about a time when he spent too many hours at work, his wife joking suggested that, ‘Someday you will come home and find out your wife is dating somebody else.’ I had to be prepared to be a better man, have better faith and be a better husband. When I figured that out, my career just rocketed,” said Dalton. His book, “Proceed with Confidence,” is a memoir of lessons learned by this serial entrepreneur. You can find it on line at [www.proceedwithconfidence.com/books/pwcll.htm](http://www.proceedwithconfidence.com/books/pwcll.htm).



***“His Banner Over Us is Love”***

**Membership**



Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International (Australia) is open to all men who wish to be part of this vibrant organisation, who have a heart to reach others and bring them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. You must read and understand our Doctrinal Statement and be willing to serve as a chapter member giving of your time and expertise.

Please return your completed membership application (along with our doctrinal statement) form our **Membership** Director, Daniel Wright - PO Box 129 Taigum Qld 4018. Telephone: 0404 004 946. Membership forms can be printed from our website: [fgbfiaustralia.com](http://fgbfiaustralia.com)

Membership fees are \$100.00 per annum. To have an effective Fellowship we need all members to pay their dues to fund the ongoing expenses of the Fellowship as per the budget approved by the National Board. Being paid up members of the Fellowship is important and all personnel should hold their membership as significant and of value. Being members allows you to experience all the benefits that are associated with the organisation including being able to vote and have your say at the appropriate time. If you have no chapter in your area or it is not functioning your membership will be held as a National member. Those already in an active chapter will also be National Members and then chapter members. This way all members are included and not overlooked when information is being passed on.



## INTERNATIONAL Our Mission

FGBMFI is one of the largest Christian business organizations in the world. Founded in 1953, we are in 142 nations - meeting in over 7,000 chapters. Our members and leaders include every race, culture, social status and language.

**By God's grace, we connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life and work together to build better communities.**

We do this by:

**Calling people back to God...**

*There is a better life by following Jesus Christ.*

**Promoting integrity and good character...**

*Being a reflection of God to our world.*

**Participating in God's good work...**

*Releasing gifts, talents and resources to help others.*

**Working together to build better cities & nations...**

*Impacting our leaders and our culture.*

**Taking the message of God's love to every family...**

*A true grass roots effort that is changing the world.*

"The mandate from God is that we break the chains of despair in the world. Our mandate is to destroy the isolation of loneliness, and link the world to God!"

**Demos Shakarian, Founder**



"It is our destiny to lift up God in every business center, every marketplace, every government center and university... every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. People of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of God's power... reaching out, helping, encouraging and lifting. Today, through our efforts, we believe that over 2 million people come to God each year."



International President Mario Garcia



## **FGBMFI (Australia) Convention 9th – 11th August 2019 NORTHLAKES – Queensland**



Hi men, save the dates and look forward to our upcoming convention.

We are expecting international visitors and we will also be hosting international speakers that will motivate and move you to a higher calling in the Lord.

This is the time to notify your friends and families so that you do not miss out on the National event where you will be inspired and encouraged out of your socks with fellowship and guests that will be attending.

And yes, we are hopeful that our International President, **Mario Garcia** and his wife will also be attending this great time of Australian chapters coming together for this special occasion.

