



**From the President's Desk -**



The days that we are living in are very interesting times indeed. As your National President, I get to hear a lot of comments from a range of people and on many different subjects, some positive and some negative. The majority of these comments centre around church life and the future of Christianity in a seemingly Christless world. I'm therefore motivated to write this article to encourage you to remain positive in your Christian faith, in the knowledge that not only have we been saved from the day of the wrath of Almighty God, but we have been conscripted into the Army of the Lord. Now if we are true soldiers of the Cross of Christ, we will do all in our power to defend our Christian heritage, our Christian way of life and the fellowship of the saints who are under attack.

When a military man stands on the line in any conflict, his whole purpose is to defend that line even to the point of his demise. It is his determination of self-preservation that renders unto him courage beyond that which he believes he has, therefore giving him the ability to overcome his enemy. In our physical warfare today, we have such an arsenal of weapons to choose from and men and women that are well-trained specialists in the deployment of them, but no military campaign is over until the victors have boots on the ground.

Yes! We can have all the weapons of military might, all the best and most up to date equipment available, but it's not until our foot soldiers are on the ground doing the mopping up that we can say with accuracy, that the battle has been won. Let us, therefore, draw some parallels from our knowledge of physical warfare and apply it to our spiritual warfare.

Physical Soldiers	Spiritual Soldiers
Well trained	Little to no training
Knows his weapons	Knows of his weapons, but never tested them
Understands authority	Wants to be the Leader
Knows his commander's voice	Some have never heard our Commanders voice
Are committed unto death	Lack commitment
Bring their wounded home	Shoot their wounded

As a vibrant Marketplace ministry, we the members of FGBMFI need to have some training camps, for things aren't going to improve until we prepare for battle, readying ourselves to take our enemy on, knowing that we can win in any spiritual conflict. **2 Corinthians 10:1-**

**5b** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

What then, are the weapons supplied by God for our use as we fight the good fight of faith defeating the principalities and powers of darkness that are doing Satan's bidding here on earth? I will name three of them for you: simply prayer, the Word of God, and worship. As good soldiers of the Cross of Christ, we must be thoroughly immersed in these if we are going to be successful in any spiritual battle.

**Ephesians 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The truth is, we are spiritual people living in physical bodies. According to Ephesians 1:3 we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Spiritual people, yes! Born again, born from above, born spiritually. Therefore, not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. It is no longer the size of the mountain we face, but rather the power of the Spirit of God we have within us that counts in any spiritual conflict. A physical soldier trains until he becomes obedient to his commander's voice, thereby giving himself the best chance of victory and survival. We also must train to become obedient to the voice of the Holy Spirit, that we might be successful in any mission that our commander the Lord Jesus sends us on.

**Deuteronomy 1:6-8.** The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying; "You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. 7. Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to the neighbouring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. 8. See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers - to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - to give to them and their descendants after them. Did they hear the Word of God given by Moses? Were they obedient to that Word? No, and it cost them their lives and forty years in the wilderness. Friends, we have as an organisation been facing this mountain far too long; it's time to turn and take our journey on to its fulfilment, by planning, training, and moving forward in the power of the Holy Spirit. God has great and mighty victories for us to win and triumph in as we listen intently to His Holy Spirit. The lost souls of the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit have been laid out before us, waiting for us to harvest them for the greater glory of Almighty God. God Bless each and every one of you as we go forward



*"Every morning in Africa, a Gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest Lion or it will be killed.*

*Every morning a Lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest Gazelle or it will starve to death.*

*It doesn't matter whether you are a Lion or a Gazelle... when the sun comes up, you'd better be running."*

**What about you, are you up and running every morning for the Lord!**

**Mike Hedley – Missionary At Large**



**Mike & Anna Headley**

**Taiwan**

My wife and I were fairly new Christians whilst running a business. I decided to travel to Taiwan to look at their products for resale. Because I was a member of FGBMFI in Brisbane, I touched base with the president of the Taipei chapter who arranged accommodation for me. The Hotel was dirty, so I rang my president friend who took me to the YMCA and gave me the best room because he was a director of YMCA.

**Philippians 4: 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.** I felt truly blessed and thankful for my new friend. After attending a computer show, I was invited to an FGBMFI prayer meeting where all the men were hungry for God. I was sitting in a corner and quietly praying in tongues when I heard my voice. I looked up to see a microphone in my face. I was told that the members were interpreting my tongues. This event was the beginning of an amazing mission in Taiwan.

On the Sunday I attended a church named 'Bread of Life Christian Church' in the centre of Taipei. After the service, they began to water baptise more than 60 people. I struck up a conversation with an English-speaking pastor and asked if the people being baptised received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the same time. He answered no, why, should they? The church had just started to accept the baptism of the Holy Spirit and this conversation was an opportunity to share and pray with the pastor. I made friends with a few young people and we all went for lunch nearby. Just as I was finishing lunch, there was a tap on my shoulder.

It was the young pastor. He told the senior pastor about our conversation and I was invited to return to the church and teach 20 people who were baptised and wanted to know about the Holy Spirit. I was beginning to realise that this trip was not just about business, but God had a plan for me. As a new Christian, I knew the word of God pertaining to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit but had never been called to teach.

**Acts 1: 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.** The end of the earth on this occasion was Taipei. I shared the word of God for 20 minutes and then called them to come up on the stage to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Everyone came up and they were all filled and speaking in tongues and weeping. I stood there in the presence of God, amazed and overcome. After laying hands on everyone, I heard the Lord tell me to teach them how to worship in the Spirit. By now my knees were trembling under God's power and I was nervous to obey, so I said to God, "If the pastor asks me then I will do it"

As I write this testament, I can tell you that we can never pull the wool over God's eyes. You guessed it, the pastor asked me. I stood there for a while, calling out to God for help and the answer came... **You do not need help because you are in a worship team and remember that my Holy Spirit will hold your hand.** I divided the people in half and began to sing a

'c' and they followed, then I sang an 'e' for the other side and asked them to sing together. I then led in the Spirit and suddenly God filled the room with his presence and every person began to worship in the Spirit. I dropped to my knees and continued to worship for a long time. Suddenly the singing became loud and so perfect to listen to. Everyone stopped worshipping, but I told them not to stop because God is in the room with his Angels. The Angels sang notes that we could not possibly sing, and the harmony was heavenly.

**Revelation 5: 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many Angels, numbering myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands.** After the experience, I have never been the same again. A friend of mine also has experienced the same Angelic choir in his church after he led them into high praise.

There is no human choir that can come anywhere near as such an experience. It was hard to settle back into routine and even today, I long for more of his wonderful presence.

**HOW TO NEGOTIATE WELL**

Written by Bob & Debby Gass



**'There is...a time for every purpose under Heaven.' Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV**

In order to negotiate well, it helps to understand what's happening on both sides of the table. People seldom buy a product for the reason you want to sell it. If you show more interest in making a profit than meeting their need, you'll fail.

So here are a few things to keep in mind when negotiating with someone: (1) *The right attitude.* Nobody likes being taken for granted, coerced or pressured. (2) *The cost involved for others.* There's a world of difference between negotiating with someone who has so much money that whatever the cost they can afford it, and someone who is sacrificing because they really need your product.

If you want a long-term customer rather than a short-term sale, practise the Golden Rule: 'Whatever you want others to do for you, do for them' (see Matthew 7:12). (3) *The proper timing.* Solomon tells us there's 'A time to gain, and a time to lose' (Ecclesiastes 3:6 NKJV). Whether you're asking for a raise or trying to sell a product to a customer, timing is all-important. When someone is hungry, lonely, angry, tired, stressed or in a crisis, you risk losing out, whereas if you'd waited for the right time, chances are you'd have won.

Does God really care about stuff like that? Yes. 'The Lord wants weights and measures to be honest and every sale to be fair' (Proverbs 16:11 GNT). As a follower of Christ, you want both sides to walk away feeling they were treated fairly.

**"No people of faith face *greater* hostility or hatred than followers of Christ."**



Speaking at the first ever *Help The Persecuted* Summit in Washington, D.C., U.S. Vice President Mike Pence highlighted the vital importance of standing with Christians in the Middle East, and beyond, who are suffering for their faith.

He added: "In more than 100 countries, from Iran to Eritrea, over 245 million Christians confront intimidation, imprisonment, forced conversion, abuse, assault or worse simply for holding onto the truths of the gospel. In Iraq, we see monasteries demolished, priests and monks beheaded, and the 2-millenia-old Christian tradition in Mosul clinging for survival.

In Syria, we see ancient communities burned to the ground and believers tortured for confessing the name of Christ. It's heart-breaking to think that the Christian population in Syria has been cut in half in just the past six years, and many of those who remain have been displaced from their ancient homes. In Iraq, the followers of Christ have fallen by 80 percent in the past decade and a half."

The Vice President went on to highlight the impact of the ministry of *Help The Persecuted*, which is helping many of these believers who are now returning to their communities in the Middle East, having been driven from their homes by ISIS: "We couldn't be more grateful for the heroic efforts of the men and women who work with, and invest in, this organization, because *Help The Persecuted*, each and every day, puts hands and feet on our faith. You provide physical and spiritual support to those who are literally standing outside the gates because of their faith and who they are."

*Help The Persecuted* has supported over 30,000 Christians since 2011. Our President, Joshua Youssef, said he was deeply humbled to have Vice President Pence join them for this significant gathering: "It was one of those pinch yourself moments to have Vice President Pence address our Inaugural Summit. From the very beginning of this administration, the Vice President has been a passionate champion for the cause of the persecuted Church and for religious freedom around the world. To have him get behind our organization was very humbling, and I just feel honoured."

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#### **AGM 2020**

Our AGM was held on Saturday 19 September 2020 via a Zoom connection to the membership. This was a totally new experience in the history of our organisation but ran well enough to satisfy ASIC requirements. Clearly, we are looking for new direction going forward, with the major emphasis being recruiting younger men on fire for God that will grow into chapter presidents and office bearers.

Among these men we will also be looking for leadership ability to propel the organisation into the future, where we stay relevant to the people and the times we are in. Praise God because he has the answer to every problem. Also, it has been hard for the Board to meet and Zoom meetings do not have the same Christian unity and intimacy in meeting together under God's anointing.

To that end and until we grow a greater network, most of the Board members will reside in Queensland to help the meeting process. Kevin Quick is happy to stay on until a Secretary can be found in Queensland. Men, we have a great President in Len Donaldson and I would encourage you to find time to thank him for his efforts over the past year despite many health issues. Len is always supported by his wife Carolyn and we can all thank God for the lovely ladies we are married to. A new member to the Board is Bill Wilcock who takes up the role of Membership and Communications Director. Part of Bill's role is to contact you all on a regular basis and get your thoughts and ideas at ground level; we think this will be a good way to garnish regular feedback. New Board for 2020 is:

National President –	Len Donaldson
National Vice President –	Tony Vaughan
National Treasurer –	Daniel Wright
National Secretary –	Kevin Quick
National Membership & Communication Director –	Bill Wilcock

**[EVENTS – See webpage for details](#)**



**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**



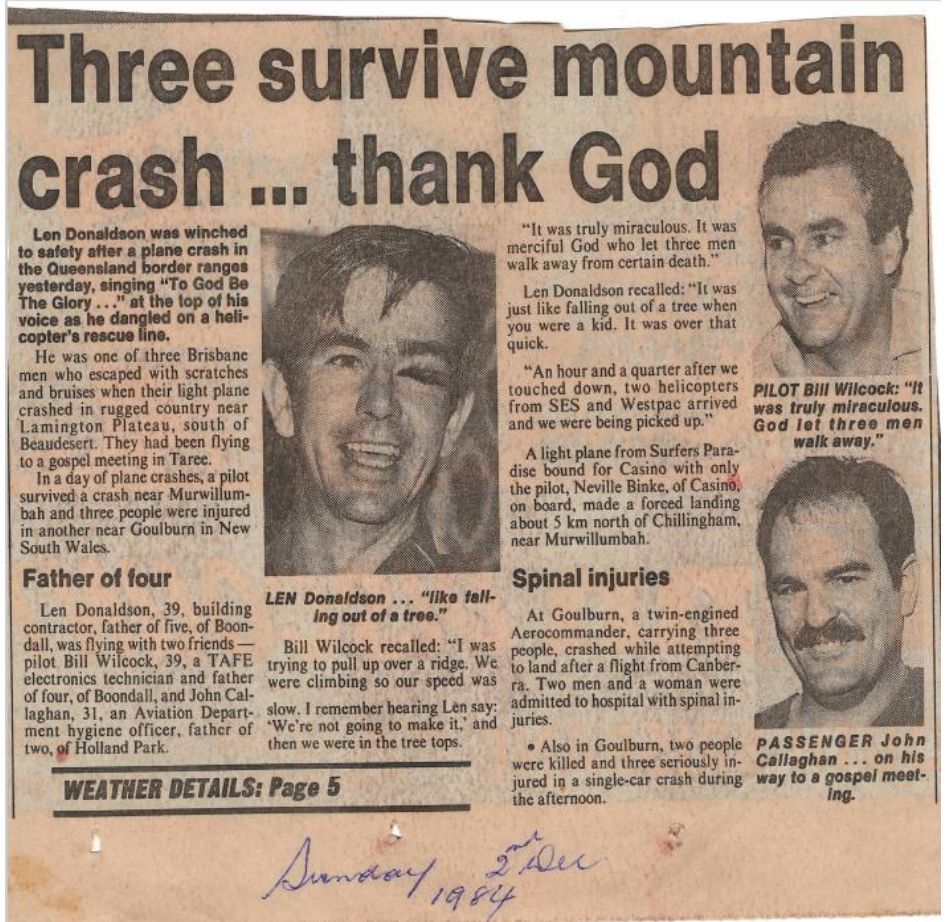
"It is our destiny to lift up God in every business center, every marketplace, every government center and university... every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. People of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of God's power... reaching out, helping, encouraging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



International President Mario Garcia



**Praise God they are still here today!**



**REMEMBER**

**It's not what we have already done in Christ but rather, what we keep on doing in Christ.**

