



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**The challenge of courage:**

Well gentlemen, what wonderful times we are living in, they are definitely times of challenge and change as we continue to enter into this new phase of reconstruction of this great Fellowship. Let me say from the outset that I'm so pleased to be standing in the President's office at this time and to be so brilliantly supported by a team of strong committed Christian men who make up the national board; yes a board of men standing shoulder to shoulder in unity, for it's where the brethren stand in unity that God commands His blessing.

I have just returned from a most exciting trip down through the Southern States, I didn't cover as many Chapters as I would have liked due mainly to time restraints, but the ones I did catch up with signed on with us and are only too happy to come on board in preparation for an out pouring of the Holy Spirit. Praise God, the real feeling throughout the Nation is that it's a new day in the life of FGBMFI, a day, a joy and gladness, days of putting knees to the ground and shoulders to the wheel as we all work together as one body of true believers extending Demos' God given vision.

I think what's really exciting is that on my travels I have been meeting people that have been on the edges of chapters for years, but not completely committed. Almost as if they have been waiting for something to happen that they can get involved with. Some door to open that leads them further forward in the deeper things of God and gives them opportunities to personally develop their God given Ministries.

Have there been challenges? Yes there have and there will be many more to come. When we least

expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back, we must remember that the devil does not like what we are doing, for he knows that the power of the Holy Spirit will again be released through our collective ministries as we put behind the things of the past and press on seeking God's fresh anointing for the work that is set before us. Truly, is it work or is it the sheer pleasure of serving God in that anointing, that God and God only, releases in our meeting when we have our individual and corporate lives in order and therefore are able to contribute freely into FGBMFI as we should.

This trip has been a real eye opener for me personally and I want to encourage each of you whether you have joined us yet or not. Everywhere I went I had the privilege of meeting some of the most enthusiastic people God has ever put breath into. Some of these folk have had contact with the FGBMFI here or overseas and know what it is to see people saved, baptised in the Holy Spirit, and gloriously healed by the mighty power of God in our FGBMFI functions.

In my personal conversations with some of these people all sorts of things came to the surface, things that will in themselves challenge us as we go forward. Let me share just one that it might whet your appetite and get us all thinking outside the square as we develop new strategies to reach the lost.

On Sunday the 3rd April I was in a Church held under a hotel in the city of Melbourne, a church that has been built wholly from market-place ministries. The first service had about 170 attending and the second service was fully Korean and would have had similar numbers, the majority being under 30 years old. What was the secret of building these congregations? Just like God gave to Demos, go get the people; find them on farms; in industries on the highways and byways; invite them in and make them comfortable; feed them and then share the good news with them.

In speaking to the young Pastor, he put me straight on the wood so to speak with this question. "What is FGBMFI doing that is different than the old model they had years ago? What are you doing to get the young into the meetings? We the young church need you to be out in the market-place doing what we have had to do because you weren't there doing it. We now need to be taking this harvest on in the things of God and therefore need the FGBMFI out in the market-place in the void we have left. Well there is the challenge for us.

What are we going to do to fill our meetings with young men? As our membership is growing and more and more people are coming on board, we need to get our collective thinking caps on and come up with the right answers to such probing questions. Please let the National Board know what you are thinking or better still seek God and let us know what He is saying to you. Remember you are one of a team, so let's work together and get it right.

Please pray for Michael Welch and his very supportive wife Josephine as they are stepping out in faith and starting a new chapter in Batemans Bay NSW. Their inspiration is inspiring to say the least. They want to get all the Clergy of the local churches involved, to the point that they see FGBMFI as their outreach arm into the market-place. Love you heaps Len.

**Tom Monaghan – Domino's Pizza**



Tom Monaghan, a devout Roman Catholic, founded Domino's Pizza in 1960. After selling the company in 1998, he dedicated his time, talent and several hundreds of millions of dollars to Catholic causes, including the pro-life movement and the founding of Ave Maria University. His active opposition to abortion first made headlines in 1989 when the National Organization for Women called for a boycott of Domino's, and more recently, in 2013, Monaghan won a court battle to stop the federal government from requiring him to provide mandatory contraception coverage to the employees of his Domino's Farms management company. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, their heart will be also." For the past three decades, Tom's aversion to living lavishly, despite having the financial wherewithal to have or buy whatever he wants, and instead to use his fortune to save souls, reveals where his heart is. Tom Monaghan has been extremely successful in business while sticking to his Biblical values and using his influence to further the Gospel.

A wonderful example of a Giant for God.



**FGBMFI Business Tips**

It is important to have a Business Plan

**What is a business plan?**

A business plan is simply a written document that describes the future path of a business. A good business plan explains the business concept, summarises the objectives of the business, identifies the resources (both in terms of money and people) that will be needed by the business, describes how those resources will be obtained, and tells the reader why the business will succeed.

**Recruiting**

Select carefully as this is where your greatest investment should be. Most organisations and businesses are about people and in most cases this is where the highest cost structure lies. When recruiting and selecting new staff never take the best of a bad bunch. It is much better to wait and get the right person or head hunt from another source. A bad employment decision can wreck your whole enterprise.

**Values**

Your values will determine your culture. Staff and peers alike watch to see how you live and how you conduct yourself at work. If your leadership is value based you are more likely to create a positive caring culture over your workplace and colleagues.

If you are different at work than you are at home your value base needs checking. There should be alignment between your work and home life.

**Vision:**

Without a vision the people perish (Proverbs 29:18). Do you have vision for your business – your business will not grow beyond your vision. Your vision needs to be compelling, driving you forward.

Have **Protocols and policies**, as they will save you grief later on.

If you have time complete a **Strategic Plan**.

**Finance**

Follow your budgets because at the very least they become your plan for the current financial year.

Remember that **Cash-Flow** is the life blood of the business.



**My Precious Prodigal**

By Lowell Lundstrom

**Part 2**

I purchased newspapers in every major town and searched obituary columns for news about unidentified bodies found by railroad tracks or by rivers. I knew that Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd, was the only One who could find my precious girl. I concluded each evangelistic meeting with an appeal, "Please pray for Lisa," without giving details. I didn't care what anyone thought. I only knew that I loved my precious prodigal and wanted her back. For some 8 years I asked nearly every group to pray for Lisa.

I was a prodigal parent. I found myself repeating: "If only I....," "I should have...." Things were building up within me. I thought, maybe I should quit the ministry. Maybe I'm unfit. One dark day, when the demons of hell must have expected me to throw in the towel, the Holy Spirit spoke: "Lowell, what did God do wrong that the devil went bad?"

Suddenly a ray of hope burst through the darkness. The condemnation that tormented my soul lifted as I realised that God hadn't done anything wrong. Even though I had made mistakes, I wasn't totally responsible for Lisa's actions. We had not abandoned her. This revealing moment helped steady me. I began to see how I could be a father again for Lisa. I determined I would attempt to reach every prodigal young person with whom I came in contact. This gave me an added incentive to preach, pray, and encourage youth. I began to view every troubled teen girl as if she were someone else's Lisa. I did the same for the rebellious young men. This greater compassion, along with stronger words of warning, came through in my messages.

Finally, after 8 years, Lisa came home for Christmas. It was a good time of laughter and reminiscing. But she returned to her lifestyle. The day she drove away from our home, Connie slumped down on the front steps and cried so hard I thought she would die.

Soon Lisa's life began to fall apart. She separated from the pimp who was controlling her. Her kidneys began to fail and her health was in jeopardy.

Then one night Lisa made a call on a customer. She soon discovered he was a serial killer who had murdered 18 women. Lisa was to be number 19. He put a knife to her throat and stretched her out on a plastic garbage bag. He ran knives up and down her body, preparing to kill her. Lisa silently cried, "O, God, don't let me die like this. I don't want my family to learn it ended this way." She felt the Holy Spirit push back the black demon of death radiating from this crazed killer. Then an amazing turn of events - the serial killer set her free and then he committed suicide.

**Our Miracle**

One day, while on tour in Canada, I received the happiest call of my life. It was Lisa. She wanted to come home. I dropped everything and headed south on a 2000 mile journey nonstop. Forty hours later, Lisa was in my arms. The terrible 9 year nightmare was over.

My precious prodigal was back. God had been faithful. Satan was defeated. And God continues to do great things in our lives as a result of her devastating detour into darkness. Five years have gone by since Lisa's return. Our Father in heaven is forever faithful. Parents, never give up! God is able to write the last chapter for us.



Last month our National Treasurer John Diamond was seen marching in the Anzac Day parade in Brisbane. John is on the right with blue beret.





**Bio - Michael Terranova – National Director**

Michael has been involved in a number of trades and is presently the sole Director of his own Company involving many facets of Property Development & Management.

Michael is of Italian heritage and was born in Proserpine. He graduated in Marketing, Sales Management, Legal and Ethical and holds a diploma in Social Science and Theology.

From 1978 Michael was involved in the Hospitality and Catering Industry and was soon promoted to Manager in Restaurant and Functions specialising in specific events. The restaurant was the recipient of Multi Plate Award Winner at both the Water Front Restaurant, Sydney near the Opera House and Gambaros in Brisbane.

In 1985 Michael started in sales in General Motors Holden. He graduated to Master Sales Manager for Zupps New General Motors Mt Gravatt – Multi Sales Awards Winner. Michael became a member of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International in 1995 and now serves as President of City Chapter.

Since 1997 Michael has been involved as a voluntary community care worker, currently with the Redlands Family and Community Services (FACS) as Vice President, including welfare programs, and in missions both local and abroad.

Michael's objective in life is to "love God with all his heart, to grow in His love and share His love with his family and neighbours, and spread the Gospel message to cities and countries around the world".



**Comments on Character from Ron Ostler**

Do you know what they teach in the better professional and management courses these days?

They teach that real performance comes from Competence and Commitment - from "Know How" and "Will do".

A lot of times we complain that things don't go right for us in business, family, the Chapter or elsewhere. And all the time it's a lack of either know how or the will to just do it.

What they DON'T teach you in the courses is - there is a third dimension. In addition to Competence and Commitment there is **CHARACTER**. And character is all about attitudes, beliefs and values. It's about the basis of our commitment.

So, being effective isn't just about physical and mental toughness, nor confined to personality and influence. But it is a whole lot about the Spirit. That's - our spirit and God's Spirit.

It is .....'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.



*"His Banner Over Us is Love"*

**Membership**

Full Gospel 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 to our treasurer John Diamond at 43 Knight St Rochedale South QLD 4123. Membership forms can be printed from our website: [fgbmfiustralia.com](http://fgbmfiustralia.com)

Membership fees are \$100.00 per annum. To have a vibrant 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 organisations 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."

**Richard Shakarian, International President**



## 2014 WORLD CONVENTION

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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### HOTEL

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person occupancy. For more details go  
to: <http://www.fgbmfi.org/>

*There are a number of people going from Australia and it will be a great opportunity to meet other FGBMFI members from all over the globe.*

### A quote by Albert Camus

I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live as if there isn't and to die to find out that there is.

## Christian Witnessing

### We're merely called to share

Christian witnessing is merely sharing our heartfelt faith in Christ - what He's personally done to change our individual lives! We're not called to argue or debate anyone into heaven. We're merely called to share! As in the courtroom, we're called to be a witness for the Gospel, not the lawyer, judge or jury... Leave that up to God!

### It's not about intellect or debate skills

In his letter to the Corinthian Church, Paul addresses the heart of Christian witnessing:

*And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ([1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#))*

(All about God)

