



From the National President's Desk



Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus, to all FGBMFI Members and to those who are interested in the progress of this world wide God anointed, Spiritual movement re-established here in Australia as FGBMFI Australia Limited.

Spring is here and with it comes all the new growth in the garden, those old pot plants that have been re-potted start sending out their new shoots, flowers bloom as trees take on their new summer coverings, bees are busy collecting nectar and birds are hatching out their chicks. I just love this time of the year, it seems to set something off on the inside of me, making me more appreciative of the creating power of God, putting all this wonderful world in place and in order by His spoken word. Praise the Lord for it is so good to be alive. Amen.

My thought as we started out on this new adventure, was that God had cut us back till almost only a stump remained of the former glories vine. The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International here in Australia had been, but if God had dressed the vine then He was going to be expecting fruit from the now newly formed fellowship.

As this year of 2014 draws to a close, it is a time of reflection for people to take stock as to where they are spiritually, whether they are in the right place in God or not, are they putting their effort into the right movements, is their ministry being effective to the extension of the Kingdom of God, what more can each individual contribute, for the Kingdom of God is not what we can take but more about what we can give.

Let me please encourage all of you by taking you back to the spring time we are in. The Scripture says clearly, first the natural and then the spiritual; well the natural spring has come and from all reports coming to the National Board, so has the spiritual spring.

We are now entering into a new move of God, one that many have been praying for. The spade work has been done, the garden prepared, the fellowship is healthy and God is starting to send

His fire into the hearts of like-minded men and women over the nation of Australia,

Adelaide North Chapter are experiencing phenomenal growth; Ferny Creek (New Chapter) is open for business and report that the anointing is like the old days only fresher, and with the fire of the Holy Spirit, Gold Coast Chapter under the hands of our first young executives team mentored by Charles King, have reset the whole meeting with a new venue and are seeing Salvations, Baptisms in the Holy Spirit and healings. Brisbane City Chapter team are running first class FGBMFI meetings with the Anointing of God, salvations, the answer to prayer on their prayer lines.

Yes Brothers the move of God is on. From the pruned vine comes an abundance of new grapes and from new grapes come the new wine. God said you can't put new wine into old wine skins. I believe we are entering into a new day with a whole new anointing, yes an anointing that will surpass anything we have ever experienced in our Christian walk so far.

Are you praying about next year, getting yourself in line with the Holy Spirit for His Will to be done? Well then let me encourage you to put the past behind, join the new fellowship and come with us as we experience the new dimensions of God and His Holy Spirit outpouring on our land. Isaiah 43:19 says: "*Behold, I will do a new thing, now it will spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert*" look what the eighteenth verse says. "*do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old*".

Have you been in the dry place spiritually? Wondering what's gone wrong with your walk with the Lord? Then cut loose from the former things that are shackling you. God wants us free to serve Him in His new move. Come on, make it your New Year resolution to join a Chapter by January 2015.

Blessings Len.
National President



From Ron Oastler



'My coffee & conversations with James:' ... from Ron Oastler.

I enjoy meeting with my friend James ... what a blessing it is to talk together of the things of our Lord.

The Prophet Malachi has an interesting statement for us to ponder: "*Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other and the LORD listened to what they said and a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared Him and always thought about the honour of His name.*" Wow!

Last week, just as the coffee and friends arrived at our table, James opened our discussion with an almost rhetorical question: 'You were a recruiting agent at one stage? Yes?'

'Yes I was'. Then I elaborated: 'I actually taught the subject of Recruiting & Selection' in Client Management Sessions, but I was also a registered recruiting agent during the time that our State regulated the industry.'

'Right' said James, '... then I would be interested to know which of the Apostles you would have hired to serve The Master.'

'A good question'.

'Well' I suggested tentatively, 'I have thought about that ... and I have heard a few sermons in my time on that very topic as well. Let me answer your question from a 'natural' standpoint – the sort of approach one of the top agencies may take.

'The real starting point in recruiting is the 'job specification'. 'Then,' I continued, 'assuming that the job spec was for men who would be Ambassadors for 'The Kingdom' that Jesus was preaching, then you would be looking for men with characteristics that included being reasonably well educated, had communication skills, personal charisma, were endowed with appropriate social graces and who were probably well regarded in the



community'. 'In fact James, you and I both know that none of the apostles would have been recruited against that set of requirements. For instance, the first candidate is big and blustery, impulsive, rough in appearance with no real education, and no apparent communication or presentation skills – Peter would not have passed the first interview.'

'The next would have been two brothers. They ran a successful business between them but were highly competitive. They and their family were known for their aggressive behaviour and came to be named 'Sons of Thunder.'

'Another candidate was a rebel. He was anti Rome and would support anyone who would lead a rebellion against Rome and set up an alternative Kingdom. He was a risk taker, a loner and was more than just canny with money, he was dishonest – Judas would not have made the cut.'

'One more example would be a man who was ultra-cautious, slow to be convinced, he would slow everyone down because he did not accept anything without proof; 'seeing is believing' was his theme. Thomas would be culled from the list.

I ended with the statement, 'I could go on ... but by 'natural standards' none of them would have made it onto the recommended list.'

'I agree' James nodded, 'but interesting, is it not, that all of them made it through, except Judas of course, with significance and with varying degrees of prominence. What was the secret? ... Was it the impact of the Crucifixion?'

'Hardly,' I said, 'the apostles absented themselves and hid behind closed doors for fear of the Jews'.

'Was it the power of the resurrection then?' James prompted.

'Well no', I observed, 'because the evidence is that while they were impacted by seeing the resurrected Jesus, and encouraged by His interaction with him, they were still bewildered about the future and the Kingdom and their ability to follow Jesus command to 'go therefore and make disciples of all nations...'. That was too tall an order under the circumstances'.

'Then the only other significant event in which they all participated was at the Feast of Pentecost. Yes?' ... said James, with a knowing smile.

'You have to be one hundred percent right' I acknowledged. 'It was the turning point for all of them ... in fact all one hundred and twenty of them in the upper room that day.'

'Yes' James added, 'the fuel had been placed in their lives through three years of following Jesus, hearing Him teach, seeing the miracles, seeing Him crucified, being with Him in His resurrection and seeing His ascension. But the fuel had not been lit. Yes? At Pentecost they were baptised with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit ignited the fuel and set them on fire!'

'Now, our Fellowship is 'Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship' – Yes? An essential of the 'Full Gospel' is the baptism of the Holy Spirit and this includes an initial baptism in the Holy Spirit as well as a continual 'being filled with the Spirit'. This is an essential for all of us ... for Officers for Members and for those whom we disciple.'

'We need to make sure that this is well and truly in the DNA of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.' With this powerful counsel, James concluded his comments - before ordering another cappuccino.

FGBMFI Business Tips
Success is an Iceberg

Most people only see the top of the iceberg - the visible part. Below are some ingredients that may occur to reach the top of the iceberg.

(What really happens, see below)



- Risks**
- Focus**
- Goals**
- Persistence**
- Failure**
- Sacrifice**
- Good Habits**
- Hard Work**

Essential to any business success is the vision required to see the end product and the steps required to reach your goal. A compelling vision gives you energy and direction so critical in ensuring the end result. There are many obstacles that can be encountered but asking the Lord Jesus Christ to be the Head of your business will give you a considerable start over your competitors, if you do the hard work required and remain prayerful through the good times and any storms.

Isaiah 58:12 - Foundations Restored.



Howard Willard addressing the meeting

The Lord blessed the first meeting of FGBMFI Australia Mountain Districts (Victoria). Our guest speaker Howard Willard who is well known in FGBMFI circles and in many nations provided a tremendous night of powerful testimony and ministry.

The meal was advertised at \$20 per head. Prior to the meeting I was handed \$400 to cover 20 meals. Howard told of his changed life for an Alaskan Bar Owner and Boxer to be set free from alcohol never to have to drink again. He has seen 1000's healed from cancer, blindness and many sicknesses worldwide. Howard flowed in words of Knowledge and men responded to let Jesus set them free from illnesses.

I was with Howard for another 3 meetings in Bendigo and Melton as healings and encouragement flowed. It was like the FGBMFI 20 years ago when anointed speakers did the circuit. The fire has been lit in Victoria and in the hearts of many former members.
Larry Norman

Testimony DVD's

The National Board has been viewing some of the testimony DVD's produced by the North Adelaide Chapter. These testimonies are very professional and well presented, being a potent weapon in bringing people to the reality of Jesus Christ. Well done North Adelaide Chapter for your foresight and professionalism in creating a successful evangelism tool. Other chapters may wish to contact Adelaide North Chapter for copies.



Zig Ziglar – Motivational Speaker Author

Zig Ziglar was a motivational speaker, sales trainer, best selling author and faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Zig, real name, Hilary Hinton Ziglar, came from extremely humble beginnings, raised during the Great Depression in rural Mississippi by his widowed mother alongside 10 siblings (his father and 11th sibling younger sister died within two days of each other in 1931). He started his career in sales but at the urging of a mentor, he turned his charismatic speaking as well as inspirational and witty story telling abilities into a full time motivational public speaking and corporate sales training career. In 1975, he organized his thoughts, speeches and stories into his first book, [See You at the Top](#), which went on to sell more than 2 million copies and is still in print today. And, for nearly 40 years, Zig Ziglar remained at the top of the motivational speaking, book and corporate sales training world. Zig went to be with the Lord on November 28, 2012. Another giant for God.



Our National President Len Donaldson with Gold Coast Chapter member Charles King. Charles who is 93 shared his testimony last month at the Gold Coast Chapter where there were 2 salvations. Charles has a vibrancy that you normally associate with new Christians. In short, Charles said there is no retirement in the Lord's service while you still have breath!



"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

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 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



Richard & Vangie Shakarian



HELL RAISER

By

David Anderson

Australia

"Look out, Ando," someone screamed. I spun round in a drunken stupor to see a full bottle of Scotch hurtling towards my head.

Reflexes took over and I flattened the skunk on the other end of the bottle without even recognising who it was. I had my bike boots on and I laid into the body as it hit the floor. In uncontrollable violence I vented my anger.

The party had been going OK. Most people there were drunk out of their heads by the time I hit upon the idea of going out and shooting a cattle beast for the freezer. My girlfriend didn't want me to try anything so stupid. But being pig-headed I ignored her pleas and headed for the door. That's when the warning of my impending meeting with the bottle came my way and I was able to take evasive action.

When the body ceased to move I stormed out the door in a rage, piled into a car and headed out to do battle with the highway. I hit metal and pretty quickly gained the unwelcome attention of a cop. Of course a chase followed as I rounded corners sideways and attempted to run him off the road.

Eventually I ended up back outside my place and the cops slapped handcuffs on me and marched me off to the police station. I got fined for drink-driving and for driving a vehicle without due care and attention.

For the second time in my life I had lost my licence. But it was the next morning that I got the biggest shock. I woke with a sore head and a none-too-clear recollection of the previous night's proceedings. I had to be filled in and discovered to my horror that the body I had so viciously beaten and booted was my girlfriend. She was hurt bad and went away to her sister's place out of town to stay for a few months. I found out the doctors had seriously considered plastic surgery on her face, so badly had it been kicked and beaten.

I felt physically sick when I thought about what I'd done. And I couldn't understand why the guys who were at the party didn't stop me; or at least try to hold me back.

Pills, Booze and Blade

A few months later I saw my girlfriend at the pub and tried to tell her I was sorry. I even had the gall to ask her if she'd like to get back together with me!

You guessed it; she just laughed and told me to get lost. That hurt. In spite of all I'd done to her I was still upset that she wouldn't come back to me. I thought I'd show her a thing or two.

I headed back to my flat and got all the pills and booze I could lay my hands on, and a razor blade too. I intended to cut my wrists and bleed to death. I was already drunk, that being my usual state for most of any day or night. I flicked on the stereo and while the metal music was blaring out I sat down and ate the pills and got properly tanked up with booze.

Before the final slashing of wrists I decided a last smoke would be in order and lit up. But I never got finished. I woke in hospital to learn that I'd passed out before I got a chance to do my wrists. It was fortunate for me that some mates came round when they did because they managed to get me out just before my mattress was about to go up in smoke.

Coincidence? Luck? I wonder. Looking back now, I reckon that God was watching over me. Sounds like an easy answer, I know, but not when you think about how many times I was "lucky".

I recall hooning with some mates in the car one time - 85 miles per hour round a bend with the back wheels raising hell in the dirt shoulder of the road.

It was all pretty high adrenalin stuff - until the passenger panicked and tried to wrench the steering wheel out of the driver's hands. The vehicle careered across the road, hit a drain and proceeded to turn end for end a few times.

The driver was a mess. Eight months off work. Same with the passenger. Six months. Me, I struck out for work the next day with just a few bruises to show for my brush with death. I reckon that night my guardian angel was working overtime to keep up with me!

To be continued.....