



### From the National President's Desk



In reading 2 Samuel, Chapter 5 I find great inspiration because I see parallels in it with what God is doing in our FGBMFI fellowship today. I note that David was thirty years old when he began to reign over what was once a divided kingdom and that there were still those who resisted him, such as the Jebusites who dwelt in Zion (then named Jebus after the defiant Jebusites who opposed King David). These people were like unwanted alien thorns in the side of the nation, those whom the men of Israel had never been able to dislodge. The Jebusites considered the natural defences of their citadel impregnable. They didn't allow for God's anointing on King David as the true leader of His people, equipping him with the ability to strategise and plan his way forward. Verse seven tells us that David took the stronghold of Zion, but it is what happened next that must catch our attention. David immediately started a program of reconstruction, development and beneficial improvements for all.

It is not enough for us to read what blessings are happening around the world as a result of the Ministry Teams of FGBMFI in operation. It's time for us here in the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit to stand as one man under the Kingship of Jesus Christ, to stand in the fresh anointing He so desires to pour out upon us and lead this nation back to its roots.

Yes, back to the foundation of Christian beliefs as set down by our founding fathers. Too much have we let the politically correct humanists dictate the terms and conditions we are forced to live under, too much have we walked in the flesh and not in God's Spirit. Now gentlemen, it

is time to put discord behind us and look to God to rise up the Davids among us that will lead the battle in the Spirit, winning back this Nation. King David of old took Zion by force of arms. We under King Jesus will take this nation not by power nor by might but by God's Holy Spirit. If we are prepared to lay down our weapons of warfare, fight the good fight of faith, pray without ceasing, lift up the name of Jesus and make soul winning our first priority, we will be successful in the Kingdom.

Each one of us men has a God anointed role to play out in the fellowship that has been set by God before the foundation of the world, but must be completed in our life span. We, the National Board, have set the infrastructure in place and it is up to the membership to move it forward. Pray to God over who is going to represent you on the National Board; our AGM will come up faster than you think. We have a good thing going in God and I believe it is going to get stronger and stronger as souls are won for the Lord. In closing let's get this old chorus into our hearts.

Now is the time to take the Kingdom  
Rise up ye strong, tis Christ's command  
For every power and dominion  
Is given now into your hand

Ye that have ears to hear the trumpet  
Ye that have heart to understand  
Now is the time to take the Kingdom  
Rise up ye strong, possess the land.

**Two New Chapters opened - I will tell about them next month. Keep pushing on the rock. Love you all Len.**

#### Membership

Our membership is growing and it is very exciting to see men put their flag in the ground and look to the vision God gave Demos. As Len mentioned we will need to give consideration to holding our inaugural AGM early next year and we are expecting representation right across Australia. We have said from the outset that the current Board is a foundation board to facilitate the transition to a young robust organisation in Australia that is relevant to the younger generation. Where you see young potential members, encourage them to look at FGBMFI (Australia) and ask them to seek the Lord in being part of this vibrant movement of GOD. Remember that one of the most important roles in your chapters is the Membership Convener!

### From Ron Oastler

#### Witnessing



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

It had been quite a few weeks since James and I had been together, so it was no surprise to have him call my mobile and suggest that we meet the next day for coffee. So the next morning we got together at an up-market café on the Promenade, looking out at the passing parade of locals and holiday-makers. Nice...and the coffee was nice too.

'So, what has the Lord been saying to you since we last met?' He casually asked (casual, yes, but with intent!).

'Well...' I began, 'I have been troubled by the question of 'why some people seem to be reluctant to share their faith'. It seems that nobody knows that they have committed their lives to Christ, that they are born-again, even that they go to church. There is a huge potential for the Gospel if we can release them from whatever is holding them back.'

'Yes,' James readily acknowledged, 'there are a lot of 'invisible Christians' – and you are quite right about the impact if these folk could be energised to share their faith. There must be answers. Yes? To what conclusions have you come so far?'

Encouraged to give him my thoughts, I went on: 'Quite some time ago I had the privilege of running a few 'Soul Winning' seminars with FGBMFI in New Zealand. At that time we talked about three things that stop people from witnessing: i) Indifference, ii) Inhibition and iii) Inability – with the answers being





*Look for 3 things in a person- intelligence, energy & integrity. If they don't have the last one, don't even bother with the first two. ~W. Buffet*



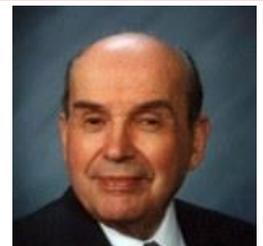
## I THINK THIS SAYS IT ALL! WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT YOUR GOOD NAME

**PROVERBS 22:1 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)**

*22.1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.*

### **STANLEY TAM – US PLASTIC**

Stanley Tam, founder of US Plastic Corp, legally gave his entire business to God and the profits that have been generated ever since have gone to the spread of the Gospel across the world. To date, the business Stanley Tam built (which is wholly owned by a non-profit organisation) has generated more than \$140 Million towards the work of the Lord. In particular, much of the resources have been poured into world evangelism and just one of the ministries it supports is in over 42 counties with 1,600 men going door to door sharing the gospel. Dr. Tam considers giving his business to the Lord as simply an act of obedience, but to so many who have heard the Stanley Tam US Plastic story, it is incredibly inspirational and an extraordinary example of what one man can accomplish for the Lord when he puts God first place in his life. Another giant of God



*"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 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."

**Richard Shakarian, International President**



Richard & Vangie Shakarian



## Former Mafia Captain Works for a New Boss by Kevin Miller



According to the Fed's, Michael Franzese, son of N.Y.'s legendary Colombo Family Underboss John "Sonny" Franzese, was the biggest money earner for the Mafia since Al Capone. A 1986 Fortune Magazine cover story titled, "The 50 Wealthiest and Most Powerful Mafia Bosses," ranked Franzese number 18. At 34, he was by far the youngest on the list.

Referred to by the media as, "The Prince of the Mafia" and the "Yuppie Don," he was reputed to be a "rising star" in the family, destined to become boss one day. At the height of his career, he was generating \$6-8 million a week masterminding legal and illegal activities that included a gasoline distribution network that sold a half-billion gallons a month, a gambling operation that impacted athletes, union racketeering, auto dealerships and feature film production. His holdings included millions of dollars, several homes, a helicopter, lear jet, and luxury boats.

So intricate were his activities, the justice department organized a 15 man multi-agency task force comprised of federal, state and local officials, with the sole purpose of bringing down the mob's most prolific young star. Famed Manhattan U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani led one of five prosecutions of Franzese, none of which after lengthy trials resulted in convictions.

Law enforcement remained undaunted, however, and was determined to bring him down.

The mob life is a turbulent one, filled with treachery and deceit. At a relatively young age, Franzese appeared to be very adept at navigating the often dangerous waters of La Cosa Nostra, and insulating himself from law enforcements ever expanding web while increasing his power and influence along the way. But, God had another plan for Franzese. And it began on the set of a movie Franzese was producing in south Florida titled, "Knights of the City." The cast included Sammy Davis Jr., Smokey Robinson and a beautiful, 19 year old dancer from Anaheim, California --- Cammy Garcia.

*"I was relaxing by the hotel pool when I saw this beautiful young woman emerge from the water."*

All of a sudden, I was watching her in slow motion. Like Rene Zellweger's line from the movie, **Jerry Maguire**, "You had me at hello," this young beauty had me as she exited the pool slowly, shaking the water from her hair.

"I was captivated!" Michael invited Cammy to join him for a cup of coffee. Five times she would accept his offer, yet never appear. She would very politely reschedule.

*"One night, we were leaving a cast meeting and I noticed she appeared to be upset. I approached her, thinking this would be my opportunity to be a hero. We talked. She told me she was a Christian and that some things happening on the set did not sit well with her. She was planning to return home." She eventually would return home, accompanied by Michael.* **CONTINUED.....**