



From the National President's Desk

As most of you would be well aware, I have just spent the last six weeks going through my own private hell health-wise, with an attack of shingles down my right leg and under my foot after a bone marrow extraction procedure that went wrong. This left me with nerve damage down the leg and over my foot. The pain of this was most excruciating, in fact the worst I have ever experienced in my life. I was transformed from being a seventy three year old fit man to an invalid, not been able to walk or fend for myself. Thank God for my great wife who nursed me back to good health and for all of you who prayed for my complete healing. God Bless each one of you and thanks.

There are so many exciting things happening around the FGBMF Fellowship that it is no wonder Satan has come out against me and the Leadership team, as we progress this God-inspired ministry forward in the power of the Holy Spirit. Since my return from the International Convention in the USA and my ministering around New Zealand and Victoria, not forgetting our own first class Convention in Albury, there has been a significant stirring in the spirit realm stimulated by the Holy Spirit. Men are awakening to what God is doing in their lives and feeling a fresh call on their lives to serve Him in a new dimension of ministry. This is not the season for lying back gentlemen, but rather the time to be standing up for what we as Christian families believe.

During the period of my convalescence, not being able to comprehend the written word due to the pain I was suffering, I was led by God in the spirit to open my heart and mind to Him, enabling me to receive comfort and encouragement directly from Him in this time of need. It was early Thursday morning, 1 November about 2.30am as I lay in bed that God took me back to the words Mario Garcia our International President, had spoken at the International Directors' meeting in Las Vegas: "This is the time for order, time for bringing this fellowship back into Godly order and my good friend Len Donaldson from Australia is here to make sure we do." Now I had never spoken to Mario about this issue, but he was right – that was exactly why I was there. Even then when He spoke those words, I was rejoicing that the fellowship was in good hands, knowing that now God would move through our fellowship worldwide as we glorify His Wonderful Name.

Godly order can be a corporate issue or an individual issue, but as I lay in my bed thinking through this subject it became obvious that we can't have corporate Godly order without first

obtaining individual Godly order; therefore before we go forward there must be a time of examination of each individual's standing before God. During this season God has taken me back through my whole life, looking at different aspects and situations examining and turning them over in my mind; looking at them now from a Christian viewpoint and how differently I would have handled them as a man of God instead of how I did as a worldly man. The main issue that separates us from God and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit is sin. Unconfessed sin, is still sin and remains on the Divine Heavenly Records, I know! I know Jesus died for all sin once to put them away that He might bring us to God, but that's not a licence to sin; the might stands out, and we must respond to His call.

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Beloved, loved of the Lord, no house cleaning is a joyful task, but the end results far outweigh any discomfort we might experience during the cleaning process. God allowed me to be laid on my back, so that He could minister to my heart and direct my future path. I now know that I know that God is not only calling this fellowship to Godly order, but He is preparing us to fulfil the original God given vision as He revealed it to Demos Shakarian, our movement's founder. I quote from Page 10 of 'The Vision Intensified'. The words spoken, by Rose during the time of the vision: "My son, what you see next is going to happen very soon". It was then that Demos received the second part of the vision. THE ICE HAD MELTED, THE CHAINS HAD BEEN BROKEN! Eyes shone with joy. The once-bound hands, NOW FREE, were lifted towards heaven! These men who had been so isolated, each in his prison of self, were NO LONGER ALONE, but were now linked in a community of love and adoration.

We have all seen the negative building up, but I believe with a passion that the coming wave of the Holy Spirit will be through organisations such as ours, that have done their self-examination, confessed their sin, made right their relationship with God, and prepared themselves for the coming wave of the Holy Spirit over all the lands. This organisation was great in the hands of God once and has been derailed for a time and a season, but now growing step by step, little by little until now. Today is the day of salvation. God is about to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that is going to change the way people view the Kingdom of Heaven, and those of us with our hands to the plough ready and willing to serve God in this new move. Our call is still, to link men to God.

Len.



Coffee & Conversation with James

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

Submitted by Ron Oastler

A balmy autumn had come to an end and we were experiencing the chill of early winter. We had decided to meet a little later than usual and have a light lunch at the Marina and, being blessed with choices, we selected a little café that served a variety of delicious pasta dishes ... should be good ...

Sipping Espresso coffees – what else with pasta - while waiting for our order, we observed the enthusiasm with which a couple of the patrons were eating their meal. We noted too, that some experienced diners were deftly twirling the pasta around their forks, while others, less experienced, were having some difficulty ...

'You can tell a lot about folk by the way they eat, by the way they handle cutlery, by their general demeanour at a meal table' James commented. 'Ah, a little of your Sherlock Holmes traits coming to light?' I kidded.

'Oh the concept is neither new nor a secret' was James swift response. 'You can find most of it on the internet if you wish to invest the time ...'

Not to be distracted, James continued: '... a person's manners and methods that we observe are usually the product of such things as their *culture* (ethnic, family, etc.) – their *personality* (from nature or nurture) – *emotional state* (stressed, excited, etc.).'

'Thank you for the psychology tutorial' I said with a smile.

'Well, I was just recalling a very interesting luncheon experience I had one time' (I knew it, I just knew that James would be joining some dots in his memory). 'It was a little Italian Café on the Parramatta Road in Leichhardt, and I was meeting Peter for the first time. I had the privilege of leading his fiancée to Christ and she asked me to similarly share the Gospel with Peter. It was particularly important as Bobbie, his fiancée, had already noted that the Scripture taught "*Do not be yoked together with unbelievers*" [2 Corinthians 6:14](#). She loved Peter and had told him that she



could only marry him if he was also a born-again believer.'

'So here we were, meeting for the first time and sharing pasta. He was a nice young man, intelligent, well presented and articulate - but the atmosphere was bitterly cold! It quickly became evident that he saw me as the villain; the fellow who had disrupted/ruined his relationship with his fiancée. Peter was quite angry. It certainly was a tense meeting.'

'... and to make matters worse' James continued, 'I noted Peter's handling of his cutlery. He used his fork, supported by his spoon, as you would with a pasta dish, but he also picked up his knife between-times and held it in the manner one would were they stressed and contemplating stabbing someone.'

'I was therefore quite circumspect in my handling of our discussion, reassuring Peter (who was brought up as a Catholic) of the Grace of God, His plan of Redemption and the opportunity he had to make a decision for his eternal future. This was as much as could be accomplished in this face-to-face meeting, with safety.'

'So, that put an end to your endeavours with Peter' I exclaimed. 'Well, yes, to my endeavours' James acknowledged 'but not to what The Lord had in mind for Peter and Bobbie though.'

As a lead-in to the finale, James continued: 'You may recall me telling you about Bill, the industrial salesman? He went out for the evening while his wife Jo had an evangelist from Campus Crusades teach her Home Group how to lead a person to Christ. Bill arrived home just as the evangelist was about to do a role play and Bill agreed to take part, in the process of which he saw the plan of Salvation, was convicted and committed his life to Christ.'

'Providentially' James proclaimed with a gentle nod of his head, 'Bill and Jo as well as Bobbie and Peter all had Catholic backgrounds. All four were guests at a Christmas Outreach Breakfast at which Bill invited Peter and Bobbie to dinner at their home the following week. After dining that night, Bill and Peter drew aside and discussed their backgrounds and experiences, their previous 'church' affiliations and the Scriptural presentation of the Gospel.'

'Then,' James stated, with a sense of wonderment in his voice, 'using the same little tract that had been instrumental in his own conversion, Bill again clearly identified the commitment Peter needed to make and put the case to him that "we can kneel here together by the lounge and you can receive Christ as Lord and Saviour right now". Peter was ready right now - and they knelt and prayed together as Peter confessed faith in Christ.'

'I am always amazed,' James concluded, 'at the Holy Spirit's varying strategies for an individual's salvation. We need to be sensitive in playing our part, regardless of how it appears at the time.'

'We are just the Ambassadors in "winning and discipling folk to Christ"'.

The Exit Centre Founder - Moses Tay

You will recall the testimony of Raymond Tay last month from Malaysia where I mentioned that his brother Moses also had a very interesting testimony which is featured below.



May the grace and peace from God our heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My name is Moses Tay Kock Yew and I am fifty-five years old. I am married. My wife is a pastor and we have a seven-year-old daughter. We currently live in Muar, Johor.

I grew up in the little-known village of Central Paloh. I have nine other siblings and I am the eighth child in the family. The family that I grew up in was that of the Buddhism faith, so were the neighbours in my village. My mother was a devout Buddhist, while my father on the other hand seemed to be an atheist.

Since young, I had followed my mother's faith. I would pray to idols which my mother prayed to. On top of that, I would also follow others in worshipping idols. I did not know who Jesus Christ was. I also did not know that He had known me since the very beginning.

During those trying times, my beloved mother needed a steady source of income to raise the ten of us. There was a coffee shop that was on sale then and she bought it. Though she was unfamiliar with the nitty-gritty of operating a traditional coffee shop, she managed to raise us from the earnings of the coffee shop business through her unwavering grit and hard work.

"A Fallen Life"

Faced with such complicated circumstances during my adolescence, I fell into bad company and joined a secret society at the tender age of thirteen. I quit schooling at the age of fifteen in 1978. From then on, my life began to change drastically. I got bolder as I felt I had the backing of my secret society.

Eventually, I picked up the habits of smoking, drinking, gambling night-clubbing and sexual immorality. I also rose in rank as the gang leader of my secret society when I was eighteen years old in 1980. I even got in contact with gangs from a neighbouring country where I recruited some members to be initiated into my secret society, from there, I met people of different trades involved in dubious activities. Callous and naïve as I was as a robust young man, I did everything I could for my secret society. I got involved in gang fights, collecting "protection monies" and operating clandestine gambling dens.

I felt I was on top of the world then. Little did I know that danger was awaiting me just around the corner - Death! Owing to a failed relationship, I went on a destructive path of drinking and partying to numb myself from the pain of being mentally distraught.

At the age of twenty, I made my first contact with drug dealers and drug addict friends. I did not know then that I had begun my dangerous journey bordering on the edge of death. In order to earn more money, I began to push drugs to others. My journey of drug abuse started from then on. I started experimenting with hallucinogens, super glue, marijuana, opium, heroin and intravenous drug use.

I eventually got addicted to heroin. I tried using my own willpower to kick the habit, but I failed miserably. I tried using many different methods to kick the addiction but to no avail. I even considered committing suicide several times; but I did not have the guts to do so each time I harboured such thought. As such, fifteen years of my life were bound by drug abuse and addiction. During that fifteen years, not only did I hurt myself physically and mentally but I also hurt my own family members and friends emotionally and psychologically. In order to satisfy my addiction, I resorted to stealing, lying and even robbing. I even started selling drugs to help feed my nearly RM300 per day addiction needs.

Eventually in 1994, the arm of the law finally caught up with me and I was arrested by the police from the Kluang Johor Police Department. I was sentenced to two years in prison and three strokes of the rotan (cane). *Continued.....*



November 2018 Newsletter

Goulburn Valley Chapter News

An exciting story about the reforming of the Goulburn Valley Chapter. It happened this way, after the Albury Convention: Ray Hungerford organised a testimony and preaching itinerary for Len and Carolyn Donaldson, stopping at different venues from Albury to Melbourne, staying at motels and private homes, one of which was the home of Philip and Fiona Stone – hard working dairy farms just outside Kyabram. After arriving at about 4.00pm and settling in, the men went off to a BBQ men's meeting and the ladies shared a pot-luck dinner hosted by Fiona, followed by a ladies fellowship meeting. Carolyn was the speaker and a relaxed, friendly, testimony and sharing time with much laughter was followed by a real country style supper.

The next morning Phil had a lot of farm work to attend to and was apologetic that he couldn't spare the time for more fellowship, but the work had to be done. That's farm life. Not wanting to miss out, Len asked if they had a spare pair of boots so he could come and lend a hand with the farm chores, having been brought up on farms. The boots were soon found and off the two men went, working with calves, feeding the stock and more importantly, having a great time of fellowship. By the time the work was complete, Phil and Len had discovered that they were kindred spirits and had a lot in common. Len says of Phil "he's a real live wire, a man of God that could accomplish anything he turned his had to do, knowing how to walk and operate in the Holy Spirit, one that God will use for the extension of the Kingdom yes! A real man with a mission".

That evening Len was the speaker at a dinner held in a Working Man's Club and was able to share his testimony and the future of FGBMFI Fellowship, and encourage the gathering to consider building up the ministry helping the churches in the area. A good night was had by all. Next morning in the Stone's Kitchen just before breakfast, Phil said to Len "I suppose you want me to join the FGBMFI". Len replied: "No I just want you to pray about it and if God says join then do so". Phil then said "I have already prayed and got my answer, give me the application form and I will fill it out straightaway". Two weeks later he was elected in as the new Goulburn Valley President and Ray Hungerford as the Treasurer. They have held two meetings so far; the first one had 25 attending and the second one had 45 attending. That's some increase which would make them the fastest growing chapter in Australia.

Please pray for Phil and Ray, that God keeps His mighty hand on them both and brings good speakers to share their testimonies, building up the chapter. Remember this is a rural area and it's not like being in the city where there are plenty of speakers to draw from.

100 Years Anniversary of Armistice Day

At 11am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.



We also remember that sacrifice that our Lord and Saviour made on the Cross for all of His creation

"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: 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."



International President Mario Garcia



Brisbane Chapter News

On 27th October 2018 at the regular Monthly Outreach Dinner, **Trey Johnson**, Cowboy from Texas USA shared his very powerful testimony.

As a young man, **Trey** was lost and living recklessly....doing drugs, self-abuse and the list goes on.

Then he had a God encounter and his life was transformed. Now he is a happily married man with children.

Trey travels across USA as a true Texan Cowboy Preacher and has started many Cowboy Churches. He is also a Professional Roper and involved in Championship Military Team Roping School.

These Outreach Dinners are organised to help rescue lost souls. To be part of this Fellowship means we must have the same heart's desire as our Father in Heaven - that is winning souls. *Romans 10:1*



Trey Johnson
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