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It was an exciting day in Honduras. Dennis (21 years of age) had just left his life of gambling and drugs and was completely dedicated to Christ. The businesses he owned as a young businessman began to turn around, and his faith caused his businesses to increase.

He and Kiki, his close friend, began to work together. Arm in arm, these two young men remembered the prophecy that had been given to them at the World Convention. Even before they had fully committed their lives to Christ, the prophet had told them that they would lead a vast army of on-fire young men and women, bringing the nations to Christ. They began to form FGBMFI youth chapters. All over their nation revival swept the universities. Post graduates began joining the youth chapters. That was the beginning of a great spiritual renewal of the youth.

I will never forget the young college graduate who stood on the stage after receiving the Lord. She began to weep as she said, "I never knew I could know God like this." Or how could we forget the young 15-year-old girl, who stood on the stage, her face beaming. When I asked her how it could be that her face was beaming and tears were coming down her cheeks, she buried her head in my shoulder and began to weep.

Overnight hundreds of young people received



OPPORTUNITIES LATIN AMERICA

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Jesus Christ as their Savior. Buildings were so jammed that people were standing out in the street.

When I showed these videos to the top 100 leaders of the Fellowship in Central America, the fire of God exploded in their hearts. Prophecy came forward and people began to receive strategy and heavenly plans came forward. The Lord seemed to be targeting Nicaragua.

Nicaragua, one of the poorest of all Central American nations. It has sixty percent unemployed. Hunger, lack of education, and bondage abound. With the leaders of the nations we prayed together. Could God break this bondage?

When the President of the Fellowship in Nicaragua got home he was told of a dream that was given to one of our chapter president's. He dreamed of a great field filled with golden grain. The letters 20 were on that field. The voice said that in 4 months will begin the harvest of 20 centuries.

It seemed that we were answered out of the experience of Moses, when God said, "I have heard their cry. I have seen their affliction. I have heard their suffering and seen their bondage. I have come to deliver. Now you, Moses, go and bring them all of the miracles that I put into your hand."

Men, women and young people from the

Fellowship of all nations are coming to little Nicaragua. We will have a great week of *Festival for Christ*, beginning with the worldwide day of fasting and prayer for Nicaragua. Throughout the world we are asking everyone to fast on Monday, May 3. This is the very first day of this week-long event.

During this week in Nicaragua we will be giving toys to the children, food to the homeless, and reaching out to young men and women who want to be successful in their careers. We'll be encouraging the government and the business community, visiting ordinary people throughout the land with prayers and helps for those that are sick and needy.

The week will begin with meetings with the president and government leaders to ask one question: "How can we help?"

During the week some of

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our men, wives and youth will be on radio broadcasts, covering the entire nation every morning and every afternoon. They will be telling their own personal stories of changed and reclaimed lives.

A FGBMFI newspaper will be published. We're planning on printing one million copies of a newspaper with encouragement for every family in this nation. In this paper they will not only find practical helps for their everyday lives, but also knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior, as Healer, and as the One who can answer their prayers.

I'll never forget one night in Brazil. A blind baby boy was healed. The child was about a year old. He had been born to a wealthy business couple. They had gone to all of the doctors, even in other nations. The doctors had told them that their child would never see, but that night, because of their faith, God touched the eyes of their little baby boy. He began looking at everything. His eyes were following our hands. The mother and father were weeping. The mother blurted out, "I thought it was impossible, but God is a God of impossible things."

Fire Teams are forming. The first Fire Team in the world was formed in Honduras by a man who owns more shoe stores than any other person in that nation. These Fire Teams will be conducting many special outreaches during our week of *Festival for Christ*. Every Christian is invited to join a Fire Team, whether you can attend or not, and you may do so by writing our International Headquarters.

At least one thousand Fire Teams will scatter across Nicaragua for the week. Some of us will meet the President. Others will go to businesses, to the military, to the market places, to the fac-

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*The Jimmy
Hughes Story*



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Godfollower**

Jimmy Hughes - Honduras

After a six year hitch in the military, I became a professional hit man for the Mafia. I collected money, hurt a lot of people and saw a lot of blood. I know what it's like to cut the throat of a man, see a man die or throw a man in the trunk of a car and take him to his death. I did so many horrible things. Satan brought so much deception to my life, and this bad stuff was filling the emptiness in my life with all the wrong things.

To be very blunt, I sold myself as a prostitute of Satan when I got out of the military, and he used me to do all kinds of evil things. I was totally gullible and manipulated by evil. I allowed myself to do whatever was necessary. But God is really faithful. I still had a praying mother, and He was faithful to her prayers. My sisters also came into the picture - they were good Christian girls, strong women of God, and they prayed for me. God was faithful to their prayers.

One day I had a contract on a man. They had paid me a lot of money to kill this person. I traveled over many states, and walked into the man's house one day, pulled out my pistol, and put a bullet in everybody's

head. There were many people there because he was having a party. They were doing drugs, cocaine, marijuana and drinking. I shot everybody, half a dozen people. As I stood there with a gun in my hand, I suddenly realized that all those people were dead. They had died instantly. I had been paid to kill one man, and I killed a half a dozen people. The rest had just been in the wrong place at the wrong time. Satan has no mercy. He has no mercy whatsoever.

The Mafia had a contract of \$30,000 out on my life. The FBI wanted to make deals with me because of all the information I had after so many years of working for organized crime. I didn't know from one day to the next if I would go to prison or if I would die. That's the way I lived, but like with the nation of Israel, when God brought them out of Egypt and He opened up the Red Sea before them, God opened up my Red Sea and I crossed over, and He closed up the past. So now I won't fear the past; I only look forward to the future with God. At that time, though, there was still turmoil in my life. My \$30,000-a-month cocaine habit, along with the gallon of liquor I drank everyday, meant I needed money.

Then one day God sent a Full Gospel Business Man into my life. His name was John Carrette. He was the Executive Vice President of the FGBMFI. He flew from Guatemala to meet me in Los Angeles. My mom was his pastor in Guatemala. He met me at the Hyatt Hotel and began to share with me about the FGBMFI.

There was something neat about this businessman. He had authority in his mouth. He had the presence of God within him. The brightness of Jesus was in his eyes. I saw Jesus in his face. He spoke with power, and said, "Jimmy, God

needs you in Central America. He needs you as the soldier that you were. He needs you in His army. He calls you to ministry." I wanted to do what God told John, but I couldn't because I had to take care of a lot of details, But he prayed for me; that businessman prayed for me. I felt the power of God come over me.

About a year passed and one day I sat down on a chair where my grandmother had died the year before. The best friend I ever had was my grandma. I sat down on the chair where she had died, picked up a .357 magnum and stuck it in my mouth 'till that barrel touched my throat. At that time in my life, I was weak. The drugs, liquor and violence had totally destroyed my life. I was a vegetable, skinny and sick. I had no friends. The drugs and the liquor and the violence and everything had totally destroyed my life. Satan had sucked everything out of me.

I pulled the hammer back, and was ready to pull the trigger. God, looked down at my situation, just shaking His head. "Oh, Jimmy, Jimmy, Jimmy. Satan will take his life today. There's nothing I can do because of his rebellion. I've given him opportunity after opportunity, and he's bound my hands."

Thank God for the Lamb of God! Somewhere in heaven, Jesus was interceding for me, and the Holy Spirit came to Guatemala. My mother was preaching in her service on a Sunday morning. John Carrette was present. Full Gospel Business Men were present in that church service. The Holy Spirit came there and

said, "Pray for Jimmy **now**." My mother stopped the service, and told everybody to pray for Jimmy. She didn't tell them the details. She just said, "Let's pray for my son today.

God gave the command and said, "Save My son's life," even though I was in the United States and my mom and her church were in Guatemala, thousands of miles away.

I pulled that trigger. Boom! The gun went off and the bullet came out of



Jimmy Hughes

the barrel, but before it hit the back of my throat, that bullet disappeared. I heard Jesus say, "I am the same today as I was yesterday, and I will be for you tomorrow, Jimmy, for you are loved." My life was given back to me. I began to weep and to cry, and from that time on, I have been serving the Lord. That was in 1985.

In 1987, John Carrette "godfathered" me into the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, and I have been in the Fellowship ever since. I live in Honduras. I have a wife and two children, and we have a ministry called "Free the Oppressed." We work with gang leaders and gang members. We work with the youth from all of Central America. On the military bases, we have seen the power of God change gang members, and gang leaders - violent men - into God fearing and loving men of God.

I remember one time the guerilla fighters came into my mother's Children's Home in Guatemala, which had about 75 children. The Holy Spirit woke me at one in the morning. The guerillas had surrounded the Children's Home. I took care of the boy's house, which was way in the back of the property. I

went downstairs, and a gunman put a rifle in my face through the window. They had masks on their faces. I could see the hate and violence in their eyes. I could see a man running from the river, and they had surrounded the houses with their machine guns, rifles and pistols. They told me to open the door, that they were the police and they wanted in. I woke up the rest of the adults and all the children. I told them to start praying because these men had come to kill us, rape the women and steal everything. The men began to hit the door with a tree trunk. The door only had a little latch.

As I walked upstairs to go into my bedroom to pick up my Japanese sword, the Lord reminded me that He fought our battles for us. He asked,

*Jimmy speaking at the
1996 FGBMFI World Convention at Miami*



"If I'm with you, who can be against you?" I picked up a little boy in my arms and began to cry out to God, "Oh Lord, tonight I'll give you my life, and let my blood be a sacrifice unto you for these children. If you'll promise me that these children will not be hurt and the women won't be raped, I'll give my life to these men, and they can kill and do whatever they want with me. Let them be satisfied with my blood."

One of the gunmen broke all the windows downstairs with his rifle, and came into the house. I saw his shadow go right by me. I went upstairs to grab my Samurai Sword. He turned on all the lights in the bottom part of the dormitory so he could see the front door to open it. Out of the corner of my eye, I could see big angels holding the door shut. That gunman jumped right back out the window where he came in and they started shooting at the house. Boom, boom, boom, bullets were flying all over. It was a wooden house. One bullet hit me and one of our fifteen-year-old boys had a hole blown through his pant leg. He flew back and knocked five boys over. When he stood up that bullet came out of his pant leg and not a drop of blood came from him and not a bone was broken.

You see, Satan had taken three contracts out on my life. He put wrote my name on three bullets. Satan had saved this bullet for me. The first bullet was when I had tried to commit suicide and pulled the trigger on a .357 Magnum. And there was the third contract - the third bullet with my name on it.

As I walked into my bedroom, I picked up my sword and the Holy Spirit came upon me. I began to break all the glass in the windows with the sword, speaking in tongues as I did. It just flowed from my belly. The men started shooting at me from both sides at point blank range! A man shot his pistol right at my heart, right at my chest. He pulled the trigger and that bullet came right at my chest from about ten feet away.

The angels of the Lord came



down and that bullet was simply diverted in clear view. Instead of hitting my chest, it hit the metal of the window. It just moved in the air. The man started losing his mind, shooting in the air. I grabbed the Bible and opened the door, and chased the man to the river with the Word of God. They ran

“The men started shooting at me from both sides at point blank range!”

away and disappeared in the night. That was a powerful testimony of how God delivers.

When you are walking with the Lord, He delivers. He said, “I’ll give my angels charge concerning you.” For those who fear God, He will give His angels charge concerning them. He gave His angels charge concerning the Children’s Home that night.

In 1995, we went to Honduras. I had \$20.00 in my pocket when God told me to

leave Guatemala. I went by faith to serve the Lord. That’s where the ministry really took off. I had been asking God for a four-wheel drive vehicle. My wife just laughed, and said, “Be humble. Don’t ask for what you can’t afford.” And I said, “I don’t serve a little God. My God is big, and He has no borders.”

In November of 1995 I was on a highway in Honduras, praising the Lord, going to a special event at the Chulateca Chapter. A semi-truck was coming the other way. There wasn’t a cloud in the sky and nobody else was on the road – just me and the semi-truck, and we were coming towards each other. I was worshipping the Lord when all of a sudden, the lights went out. Dark clouds came over my car, and I could feel great evil. It was just for a few seconds. I couldn’t see anything in front of me. When the cloud lifted, there was a car in front of me, coming at great speed as it tried to pass the semi-truck. Apparently he had seen me and he hit his brakes in his big old truck. It was just a matter of seconds; there was no time to make decisions. I saw death coming, but not to the man in the oncoming car. I went the other way, hitting the bumper of that semi-truck, and it opened up my car like a can of tuna. It flipped over in the air, and when it hit the pavement, my left arm was outside the window of that vehicle. The weight of the car fell on top of my arm, and dragged my arm 50 meters on pavement and about 20 meters on gravel before the car stopped. My collar bone broke. My face shattered the whole windshield, and the car was upside down. I couldn’t see out of the corner of my eye. I thought I had lost my arm.

The pain was great, and I cried out to God, and asked Him, “Lord, take away the pain.” His presence came into the car just like that. I heard



tories, to the hospitals, and still others will go to the universities. These FGBMFI men, women and young people will be sharing an extraordinary message. It is a message of the love of Jesus Christ.

The final festival, Saturday afternoon, will be an open-air festival for Jesus. It will be held at the Plaza de Republica, adjoining the Presidential Palace in Managua. This great festival will feature Latin music with a beat. Latin personalities from sports and entertainment, who have a relationship with Jesus Christ, will share their testimonies. We will also hear personal stories of young men and women, who have found their lives completely transformed by Jesus Christ.

We're reaching out with a helping hand to a nation, but remember that Christ reaches out His helping hand to all of us. He can bless a nation just as much as He can bless an individual.

We expect that within one year, because of this event, the nation will be blessed.

Nicaragua shall be saved... Joins us in this event from May 3-8, 1999. If you cannot attend, please pray for us.

the voice of the Lord say, "I have called you to warfare. I want more intimacy with you. Satan asked for your life today, but I will not let him touch the lives of my faithful ones." My bones began to move, and the pain left instantly. They threw a chain around the axle of the vehicle. The semi-truck pulled the car, and it flipped over. When I got out of that car, there wasn't a drop of blood from my body. My bones were completely healed, and my left arm was intact like nothing had ever happened. Once again God had shown Himself faithful. Jesus is the same today as He was yesterday, and He will be the same tomorrow. It was really awesome. Sometimes we go through difficult, and even scary, circumstances, but in your fear, as you cry out to God, He will prove Himself faithful.



You know, life is really preparation. That every stage of life we're really preparing for something that's coming. I look back on my own life and I remember in the 1940's, this will give you some idea of how old I am, I couldn't wait to get to first grade. I mean it seemed like everything that I had done up until I was six years old was preparing to go to first grade.

Then I got to sixth grade and I got this bright idea that I was going to be the first student body secretary ever elected in the junior high school out of the sixth grade. You know why? Because I was preparing to be the governor of Oregon and I thought I had better begin now. Oh I prepared my campaign speech. And I remember as I was sitting there, and my mother was very helpful, and I was trying to think of a stirring conclusion upon which I could get the 8th grade vote. So I concluded my speech with, "And I believe in no taxation without representation." I not only captured the 8th grade vote, I captured the 7th grade vote and became the first sixth grader ever elected secretary of the student body of Baker Junior High School.

Then I started preparing to be the student body president of the junior high school. Then I started being prepared for the student body presidency of the high school. And as each time I became a student body officer I began preparing for the next office.

When I went to the University of Oregon the first step I made on campus I started preparing to become student body president at the University of Oregon. You see, I was going to be governor of Oregon and I had to be prepared. And I became student body president at the University of Oregon. I thought, what better

preparation but to go to the Harvard Law School, get an education. And then I didn't want to be prepared to be governor anymore. I lost my vision. Oh, I remained a good student and passed all my courses and did well in law school.

Then I started thinking of something else to prepare for. And after I graduated I started preparing to be a law professor. That's what I really wanted to do. So I go into practice for a while, just long enough, then I'd be prepared to teach students how to be lawyers.

I entered the legal teaching profession in the mid 1960's. And that was about the time the Viet Nam war began and I began to be involved in the political movement against the war. Believe it or not, when I was teaching law in Oklahoma it wasn't very popular to be in the anti-war movement in Oklahoma in 1964. So when the opportunity came to go back to Oregon in 1966, I jumped at it, because I could see that there was a lot more opportunity to be against the war in Oregon than in Oklahoma, especially at the University of Oregon.

Then as I got more and more involved in the anti-war move-

ment I started preparing for the revolution. It was supposed to be a revolution of love, and we were going to turn all the swords into plowshares, we were going to love one another. However the more I prepared for the revolution of love the more I found myself unprepared for the revolution.

You see, I discovered early on in my marriage in 1962 that I wasn't even prepared to love my wife much less be prepared to love a stranger I didn't even know. And so all of these years of preparation seem to just go nowhere, because the revolution of love wasn't going anywhere either.

As I listened to the radio and television in 1991 and people started talking about preparing for a new world order I was not impressed. I've been there, preparing for a new world order back in the 1960's and I know that the new world order that's promised is no more real than the love of the brotherhood of the 1960's. Isn't it ironic that the conservative movement is turning into the same promise as the left wing movement of the 1960's. That there is a new world order out there and we're preparing for that.

I've come to tell you that we

should be preparing for the coming King. Jesus spoke of this Kingdom in Luke chapter 17, for he said this to the Pharisees who asked him the question, when would the Kingdom of God come. He answered them and said, the Kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will they say, see here, or see there, for indeed the Kingdom of God is within you. If you're going to prepare for the coming King, you have to know how to look for the Kingdom. You can't be prepared for a Kingdom you cannot see. And Jesus in answering the Pharisees said that you will not find this Kingdom of God by observation. What did He mean by that? What did He mean when He said, "you could not see the Kingdom of God by observation?" He meant this. That you can't see it with any scientific tool, any measurement of any man, no matter how brilliant, no matter what doctorate he holds, because the Kingdom of God is not subject to man's measurement.

You remember when Jesus confronted the Pharisees and they were asking for a sign from heaven and He said, red sky in the morning, sailors warning, red sky at night, sailors delight. He said, you know how to discern the weather but you don't see the signs of the times. The reason that the Pharisees could not see the Kingdom of God is because they were trying to see the Kingdom according to their own understanding, according to their own measurement of reality and they could not discern the King standing right in front of them, born a King. The King of Kings and they couldn't even see Him there.

Notice Jesus also says that you will not find out about My Kingdom by taking a Gallup Poll. You know, they did take a poll about Jesus when He came the first time. That's also recorded in Matthew 16 when Jesus asked this question of



Dr. Herb Titus

His disciples, who do men say that I am? And they answered, "some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Wouldn't it be interesting to pick up USA Today and look at their poll on the editorial page and find out what people are saying today about Jesus? Oh some say He's a prophet. Some say He's a great man. Some say this, some say that, but you'll not discover the coming King through a Gallup Poll, a Harris Poll, a Roper Poll, or any other poll.

Jesus said, "the Kingdom is within you." You can only see the King from within you. You remember what happened after Jesus said, "who do men say that I am?" He asked them another question. He said, "who do you say that I am?" Peter, bless his heart, said, "thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said, "blessed art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven has revealed this to you."

You see, you can't even begin to prepare for the coming King until you know how to look for the King, and you look by the Holy Spirit that God has sent into the world and is deposited within you that you might see. You see, the Pharisees were looking for a different King. They were not looking for the King that God sent, but He surely has come, and as He has come He is coming again. Verses 22 through 24 say this in Luke chapter 17, then He said to the disciples, the days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the son of men and you will not see it, and they will say to you, look here, or look there. Do not go after them or follow

them, for as the lightning flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part of heaven, so also the Son of man will be in His day. In verse 11 it says, "ye men of Galilee why ye stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

And Peter writing in his second epistle, in verse three of chapter three said, "knowing this first that there shall come in the last days scoffers. Saying where is the promise of His coming? All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation. Be not ignorant that one day is to the Lord is a thousand years and a thousand years is a day, for God is long suffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

"Oh, He's coming but God is long suffering, waiting for those who have not yet repented and asked Jesus to come into their hearts. That the Holy Spirit by which one can see the coming of the King, each person will have opportunity to see the coming of the King. He will come and He will come suddenly". That's what it says. For

as the lightning that flashes out of one part... that's what lightning does, it comes all of a sudden. Or as Paul testified in his letter to the Thessalonians, he will come as a thief in the night. You have to be prepared before He comes because He will come in a moment of time suddenly. And there will be no warnings. It will be a day like any other day.

For those of you who are believers, are you prepared for the coming King? Many believers are preparing to be rescued. Do you know that you don't have to be prepared to be rescued? You're going to get rescued whether you're prepared or not. You're going to get raptured. Are you looking for a Saviour believers? Remember what happened to the Pharisees? They were looking for a king and God sent a Saviour. There are many Christians, believers, who are looking for a Saviour and God's sending a King. Believers, if you want to be prepared for the coming of the King, you should be preparing to rule and to reign with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.



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LIVING TRUSTS

Everyone has heard of the term, 'Living Trust', and most understand that it is an alternative to a will. But few people know how it differs from a will and why it can benefit your estate and your heirs.

A living trust is different from a will for two primary reasons. The first is that the trust generally bypasses probate, resulting in a quick distribution of assets upon a death and not the deduction of fees in a probate process. The avoidance of probate can make life much easier for you and your heirs, and can save your estate from additional expenses.

The second way in which a living trust differs from a will involves the structure of the trust and the details it takes into account. While a will deals solely with death, a living trust arrangement addresses many other issues as well, including significant financial and health matters.

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A living trust will generally save you and your heirs from the hassles of probate and make a difficult transition much easier.

In order to integrate charitable planning into your tax and estate-planning program, you need to consult knowledgeable professional advisors. An appropriately designed charitable gift often creates substantial tax savings and may contribute to the preservation of, or enhancement of, your estate for your heirs. A gift to Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International provides tax planning opportunities and creates a "legacy" that will support the efforts of the Fellowship.

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NO TURNING BACK

Tiki Sanchez El Paso Texas

When it was announced that the FGBMFI needed testimonies, I said to myself, "Lord, I know that You have been putting it in my heart to share mine, if You want me to share it with these people, use it to encourage and uplift and inspire others to give their best to God and to go for it."

The first time I was introduced to the FGBMFI, I was in need. At the end of a luncheon I asked for prayer for a temporary job as a waiter. Two weeks later God answered it. The second time I came I was asked to share my testimony. The funny thing is that earlier that week I had been praying that the Lord would use me.

As I made my way to sit down and enjoy the lunch and the speaker, the chapter president asked me if I would like to share my testimony.



Tiki (left) with friend, Richard

To my surprise and delight in my spirit, I said, "You bet!" As they were going over the announcements I was praying for God to give me the words.

After I shared, one of the men moved to sponsor me as a charter member and then there was a second. I can not express how much joy was stirring up inside me. I was so happy and thanking Jesus for what He was doing on my behalf.

A testimony is when someone shares what God has been doing in their life. Its purpose is to testify to what God has done in someone's behalf despite themselves, sharing the awesome loving care of a heavenly Father through His Son Jesus Christ, who saved them and made them new.

I came to know Jesus at the young age of six through some summer missionaries. I remember hearing of the streets of gold and that living forever in heaven with Jesus would be a reality some day. However there was one problem – sin. I learned that my sin kept me from going to heav-

en and the only way to get to heaven was to accept Jesus into my life and ask Him for His forgiveness to make my heart white as snow. I can remember how they shared that God sent His one and only Son to die on the cross for my sins. He shed His blood for me because He loved me so much and wanted me to spend eternity with Him. The message was so convincing at the time that when they asked if anyone wanted to ask Jesus into their life to raise their hand, I did.

After I asked Jesus into my life, I always had a burden to share Him with others. I gave my life to Him to use it any way He chose. It was then that I felt the call to go into the ministry full time.

As I entered Jr. High and High School, I began to act as if I had forgotten that commitment to Jesus. By the time I was a senior and had decided to attend a small Bible college to prepare for the ministry, deep down inside I wondered if Jesus still wanted to use me because I had strayed away.

In the Fall of 1984 I was on my way to Christian Heritage College located in San Diego, California. I had no idea what to expect at a school full of

Christians my age with a common goal – to share Jesus with the world and those around them in lifestyle and the pursuit of excellence in their studies. This was just what I needed to rekindle the call of God in my life.

On January 31, 1988, during Super Bowl Sunday, the most unexpected thing happened to me. I was working with a youth group to gain more experience for the ministry. I had been growing tremendously.

That Sunday morning I was to help at the church. It was a time for families to get together and fellowship. We were going to watch the game after the services. On my way back to my dorm room after breakfast, I was not feeling well, so I went to lie down for a while. While lying in bed, I needed to go to the restroom. As I was walking through the hall to the washroom, I started to really feel light headed and kind of dizzy. I thought this was strange because I had never felt that way before. The last thing I remember was that I went into the stall, and as I was standing there, I started to blackout and I tried to reach up to the partition to hold myself up.



Tiki with his sister, Michelle, in Hawaii

When I opened my eyes, a fellow student was looking down at me. I asked him the time and he said, “9:30” I replied, “I’m supposed to be in church!” With his wisdom, he calmly replied, “Just lie here for a little bit.”

Next thing I remember I saw paramedics coming towards me. I told myself, “I guess something happened, so I had better cooperate with these men.” I remember being taken to the ambulance in the field behind the college to be flown on the lifeline helicopter to Sharp Memorial Hospital. There I was in the Trauma Center.

Later I found out that one of the students at school had given c.p.r. to me. After many tests I learned that I had cracked my skull and was

bleeding out of the right ear, which explained my inability to hear.

Later, when I found out that I had to return home to recover, I was not very happy. At 22 years of age I was not prepared for what lay ahead.

Through the impact, the Lord sustained my life. I was told that it was wonder that I had not died. Secondly, though I lived, scientifically I should have lost all my motor functions and the ability to speak - a very difficult situation to endure and adjust to.

Upon returning home with my family, I spent the next 4 to 5 months lying in bed, mostly sleeping, with no hearing in my right hear, blurred vision, and a messed up equilibrium, learning to walk again, and wondering, "God, why did this have to happen to me?" Not only that, but my home church was going through a church split. When I came home no one came to pray over me.

There I lay, broken, let down and devastated. I had to learn to walk again and just trust the Lord for His healing hand. I attended a local junior college and took correspondence courses until I was strong enough to return, and I graduated from Christian Heritage College with a BS in Psychology in 1990. In one sense I had given up on the inside and just went through the motions of being a Christian.

The FGBMFI has had a tremendous impact on my life. The new church I attended was a growing experience as well. I had attended a local Bible college on and off. I ran a business for 25 years and started teaching in ministry.

During that hurting time, I was asked to leave teaching and I returned to my home church where God did two miracles. He restored the church and began to place my life toward full-




Tiki Sanchez

time ministry once again. Currently I have an awesome job with a local TPA and am actively involved in ministry.

God has used different people to encourage me on my recovery emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Today I am doing things physically that I thought I would never do again. Not only that, God has restored my hearing to nearly 100 percent.

I am coming to understand that no matter the circumstances one goes through, without Jesus Christ in your life all hope is gone. Jesus has proved that as stated in Hebrews 13:5 the last part says, "For God has said, 'I will never fail you nor forsake you.'" 

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Keep on Keeping On



Willis Eade, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

I was born in 1936 in Southern Ontario, Canada, in a rural community. Those were hard times. My five sisters, my brother, and I walked three miles each way to school. Some of the chores I was responsible for were cutting firewood and carrying water for drinking and laundry from a nearby well.

My father was away most of the time, first as a Great Lakes sailor, and later as a heavy equipment operator on road construction. When he was home there was trouble as a result of alcohol problems. When he was sober there was never a better man. My fondest recollection is the times when he was laid off because of seasonal work and we would go out hunting and would trap together.

At the age of 13 I started operating heavy equipment. I had learned from my dad on

Saturdays and holidays when he was working close to home. Shortly afterwards I left home to work on highway projects. At the age of 16, while on the west coast and out of work, I decided to join the Canadian Armed Forces. I went to Nova Scotia for basic training, then to Alberta for advanced training.

When it came time to ship out to Korea in 1951 it was revealed that I had not been truthful about my age and I was not able to go overseas, so I went A.W.O.L. It took some time to get to Ontario after being caught and returned to my base in Alberta two or three times. Finally I made it home via a buddy's logging camp in British Columbia.

I went back to work on construction for the summer and when fall came I was laid off. I then went to Kingston, Ontario where I turned myself in to the military. After a time in the lock-up I was given an honorable discharge based on the fact that I was too young to be in.

As time went on I had various jobs in construction, life insurance sales, real estate, a restaurant business, a variety store, as a direct sales distributor, a commercial pilot, in property investment, and in an aircraft business, some of which I did while working at my present job as a professional highway driver in car haul in Canada. Through all of this I now recognize the power of a mother's prayers.

I was married in 1958 to a beautiful girl, who gave me three lovely daughters. I thank God that through all the rough times He gave her the strength to keep it all together. In early 1960, when the first two were very young and we had a restaurant business, I left them. They did not hear from me for 30 days. When they did I was miles away working on construction and did not

return home for about eight months. The next time was in 1967 when we were running a variety store business. I packed my things and went to the Yukon Territory to work, never expecting to return because I felt our marriage was finished. Again God intervened, even though I was not about to recognize Him, and we were able



to get back together. It was still very rough going. My wife never quit, she just kept working and praying. She was not serving God, but was from a church background and knew about prayer.

While working as a car hauler I was elected to eight terms as chief highway steward to represent the drivers according to the terms of the teamster contract. Also, sitting on the negotiating committee for area

car haul contracts, I would brag about the teamster organization and how great it is with over two million members, etc.

About 1978-79 I began to take notice of the messages on signs along the highway about God's love and what He had done for people. Also, as I traveled to Ottawa, Ontario, I would come to Smith Falls, Ontario and I would tune in to the local radio station for western music. They played a daily program that featured Kathryn Khulman that I would listen to. There was also a paper called, *Wheels Alive*, which was left at our drivers' room from the Association of Christian Truckers, which I would read. These things were used of God to prepare my heart for the day when I would respond to the call of Jesus, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden."

In 1980 we met with people only God could have put in place. In Ottawa, at a very large gathering for the direct selling business we were in, we met Ivan and Marge Hansen, who later came by our place in Oshawa, Ontario, and left a tract in our bathroom, which had a profound effect on my wife. She did not tell me about it until after I had committed



Willis Eade by his truck

my life to Jesus. They recommended the book by Norman Vincent Peal, "Power of Positive Thinking", which has Bible quotes and verses. I was impressed and started looking in the Bible.

Another person we met was a Pentecostal preacher, who at the time was pastoring in Quebec City, Quebec, and is related to me by my mom's second marriage. He and his wife were in town on their way home. They were staying at the Holiday Inn. My mom phoned and asked if we would come over as she was there visiting with them. We went and the conversation turned to spiritual things. I felt a desire to support some charitable work as I had never given anything of any consequence to anyone. I know now that it was the Holy Spirit convicting my heart.

As it turned out Al had to go back to Quebec via Toronto International and my wife offered to drive him in. On that drive he witnessed to her and she told him in no uncertain terms that we were happy with our life of partying and all that goes with it. After the trip there were two things she remembered from what he had said to her: (1) you don't have to be good enough to come to

Jesus, He will take you as you are; (2) after insisting on having prayer with her, he asked if she would promise to go to a Pentecostal Church where a friend of his was pastoring. To get him off her case, she said yes. It was a week or two later that Joyce got up the nerve to tell me about this promise and the miracles started to happen.

Miracle #1: I said yes to going to church even though my Sundays were filled with union business as the membership meetings always came on Sundays.


Miracle #2: We went to the church the last part of October, 1980. It felt good to be there, like coming home after a long absence. The people were so friendly, it was hard for us to believe, so we went for the evening service, waited in the parking lot, and watched the people as they came to see if they were real.

Miracle #3: We went back the next Sunday, November 2, 1980, for the morning service. The preacher's text was from Acts 16:31 and I felt he was preaching directly to me. The part that really touched my heart was the verse that says; "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." At that moment I saw my dear mother claiming that promise for me. Then the altar call was given.

Miracle #4: both my wife and I responded at the same time, even though we had never discussed it. I did not want her to know I was touched and she was not letting me know she was. I thank God that it happened that way. We had some rough times afterwards, but God's Word is true, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We are still learning and trusting Him 11 1/2 years later. Our relationship is better than ever (even if not perfect). We are seeing His miracle-working power in our lives and that of our

family and ministry every day as we serve Him.

God has called me to minister on the Canadian highways through the Association of Christian Truckers (A.C.T.). In 1981 I contacted them to offer my services and started as a distributor for *Wheels Alive* paper in September of that year. In 1983 the Lord impressed on my heart to use the C.B. Radio for His glory proclaiming the good news of salvation.

After approximately nine years we have seen and are seeing positive results. I now realize that the time I spent as a Teamster Highway Steward was a time of preparation for this ministry to truckers on the highway. God's Holy Bible is a contract to man; a unilateral agreement, as it is all in our favor. Also, we never have to renegotiate this contract, the price was paid once and for all. "Praise His Holy Name!" 

Willis Eade has been a member of FGBMFI for 11 years in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada Durham chapter. He is currently involved with distributing Voice in various locations in his community and the local airport.

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6 Steps To Salvation

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

1

Acknowledge

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
"God, be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13)

2

Repent

"Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)
"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)

3

Confess

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
If you shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in your heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, you shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9)

4

Forsake

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord...for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

5

Believe

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

6

Receive

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those that believe on His name." (John 1:11, 12)

Why not make your eternal decision now?

"Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and I ask Your forgiveness. I receive You now as my personal Savior and invite You to manage my life from this day forward. Amen."

Write us to tell of your decision. We'll send you a booklet, "Now That You've Received Christ."

Yes! I have made my eternal decision. I have read the Six Steps to Salvation and have asked Jesus to be my personal Savior.

Please send me the booklet "Now That You've Received Christ."

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