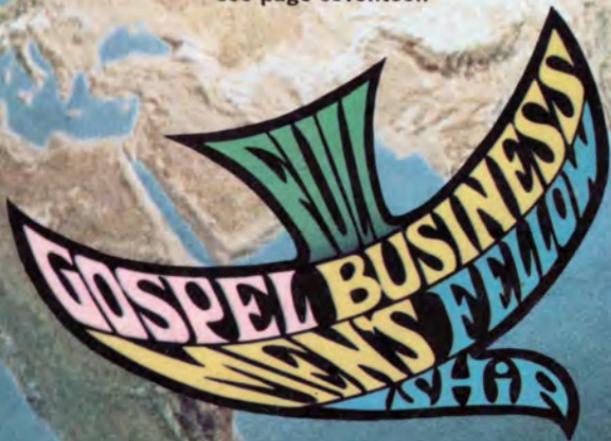


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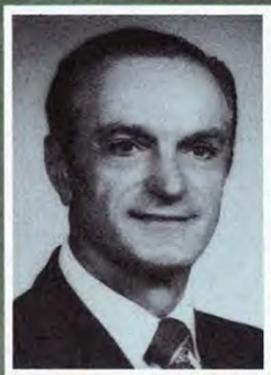


AS A PRELUDE to relating the miraculous incident which took place in my life, I would like to mention the love which God exhibited towards my wife, Dorothy, and me. His Word states, "No man can come unto me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). The Father drew Dorothy and me to His Son before we were married in 1937, and we accepted Him as our Lord and Saviour.

This foundation in Christ was to play a very important role in my life after a few short years. Between 1937 and 1942 God began to reveal Himself to us in His Word. I understood the scripture, "With God, nothing is impossible," to mean that all things are possible to him that believeth in

"God is not the God of the dead but of the living." Matthew 22:32

GOD OF THE LIVING



by GUS BERNARDONI

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Jesus who promised never to leave us or forsake us. How I praise God for those days of instruction.

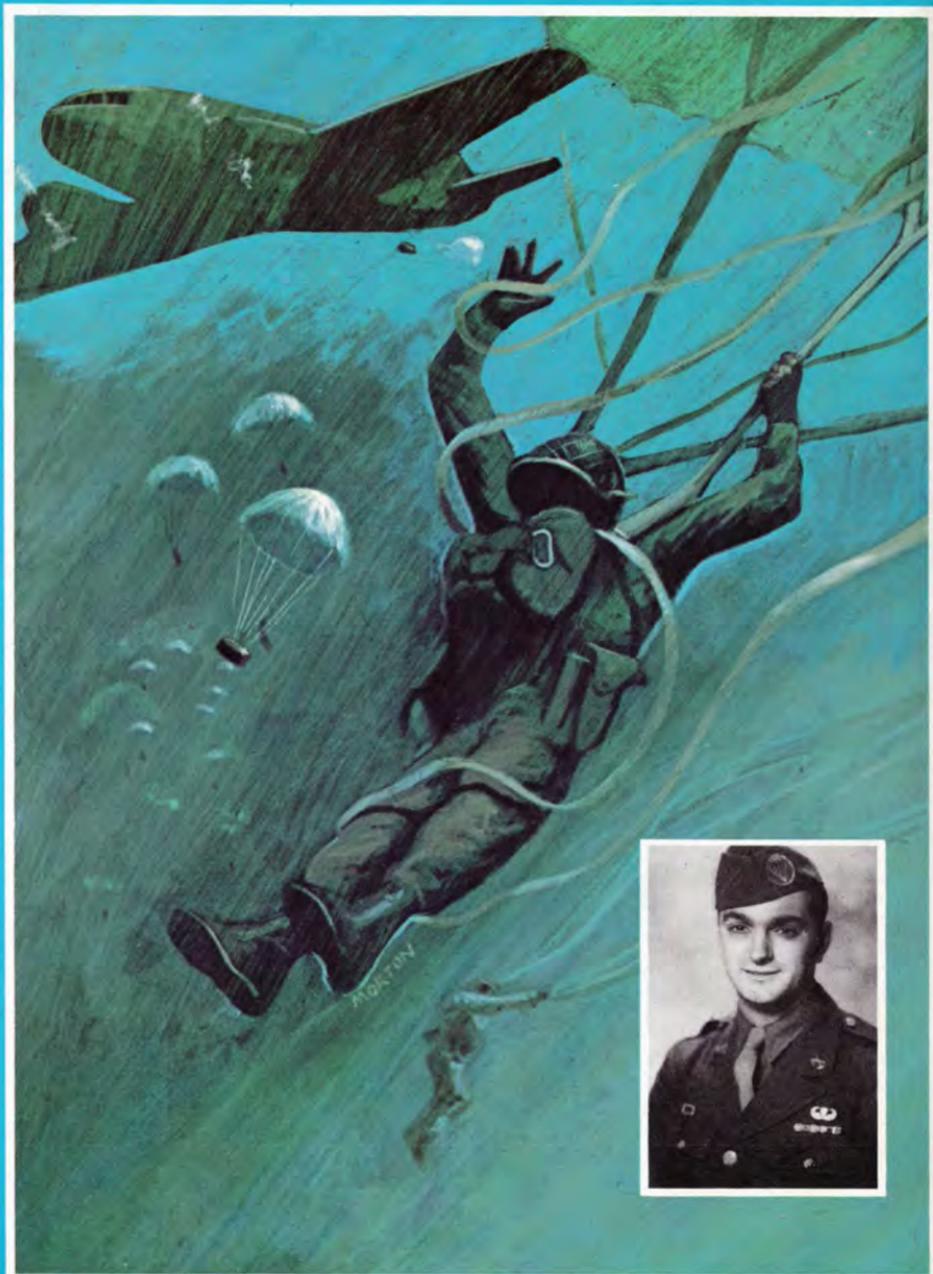
I entered the service of the United States Army in 1942 and volunteered for the Airborne, becoming a member of the 501st Parachute Infantry, attached to the 101st division. Our training took place at Ft. Benning, Ft. Bragg, and then we went overseas to train in England and Ireland. Soon we were prepared for the invasion of France.

During this invasion I experienced many close to serious injuries. One occurred when I was blown off a road. A piece of the shell split my gums and I bled through the nose. I was also hit in the shoulder but fortunately it was only a superficial flesh wound. This and other incidents

would have been disastrous had it not been for the protection of Jesus Christ.

On September 17, 1944 we jumped into Holland. During my departure from the plane, I was thrown against the side of the door as a shell caused the plane to lurch. Though I hit the side of the door, I managed to clear the plane and found myself descending towards the drop zone.

After several tumbles as a result of this, I suddenly found my open parachute in front of my face and body and frantically attempted to throw it out and away from me in order to secure lifting force from it. Before I was able to accomplish this, however, I was spun into my risers and suspension lines securing my right arm and reserve. Meanwhile,



“Two equipment bundles collapsed my chute!”

aware of a paratrooper moving upwards very fast, I looked at the ground and noticed it was rapidly getting closer. Of course the paratrooper was not ascending, it was I who was descending—and at breath-taking speed!

I could not seem to find a way out of my predicament. The reason for my difficulty was that two equipment bundles which had been dropped out of the plane after I had jumped had collapsed my chute. One sat upon my shoulder and the other hung at my feet by a rope which extended across my body.

There would be no one there to catch me when I hit the ground—no one to turn to for help! Paul C. Wiltsie, my platoon sergeant at the time said later, “Bernardoni jumped from the same plane and on the same drop zone as I. After leaving the plane his parachute was collapsed by an equipment bundle. He was lucky enough to hang on to the equipment bundles and descend in that manner, with only the equipment bundle chute sustaining him.”

The possibility of death being very real, I decided to turn to God. Before I could contact Him, however, He made His presence real to me. I asked Him to be merciful to me, if this was to be my last day on earth. I asked Him to forgive my sins and accept me into His kingdom, and that He bless those I would never see again. As I did so, I felt a calm,

confident feeling with the peace that passes all understanding. I knew that everything was going to be all right regardless of the consequences. A limpness came over my body from head to foot, and while in this meditative condition I hit the ground and was knocked unconscious. Years later I related this experience to doctors at the Mayo Clinic who said this limpness was what had saved my life. Had my body remained tense, I would have been injured severely and perhaps killed.

Upon regaining consciousness, I found myself being led to a ditch by two friends who had taken me from my harness. As I lay on the ground on my side, the pain was excruciating and I began crawling around in a circle backwards. Desmond Jones put it this way, “Upon landing and looking up I saw, to my dismay, a comrade-in-arms falling. His parachute had only partially opened and tangled with an equipment bundle.” I was told the fall took place from 300 ft. Three 81mm mortars were in each of the two bundles. This accounts for the poundage expressed by Desmond Jones to be about 500 lbs. “He hit the ground with this bundle landing on top of him,” he recalled.

As you can see, the distance of the fall, the lack of support, and the weight which was pushing me towards the ground was sufficient to have caused my death, or at least caused me to be severely injured or crippled



"It was suggested I play golf as a means of therapy."

for life. God's prerogative was to save me from death. Had He not caused my body to become limp, taken the fear from me, given me peace of mind with confidence that He would take care of all things, I would not be alive today to relate this story. I also owe a debt of gratitude to the two who took me out of my chute and to a safe place until I was sent to the aid station.

The extreme pain I experienced in the back, head, and right leg is difficult to describe. Neither Regimental nor a Dutch hospital near by had the facilities to ascertain the extent of damage and so I was given

pain-killing drugs, mostly morphine. When the enemy shelled the hospital I rolled out of bed and began crawling along the hallway. A medic, Bill Grant, saw my predicament and taped me from the shoulders downward to the sacrum and from side to side for support. Although this helped, the pain was as severe as ever. Efforts to evacuate me became impossible because we were surrounded by the enemy. I remained at the hospital for a time and helped as I could because of the shortage of medics. However, the pain soon made this impossible.

Finally I was returned to my outfit

on September 23, 1944. One described my situation, "I saw him walking very painfully, like an ape." Fortunately I was helped by my company commander, Cpt. Jack Thornton, and others who were acquainted with my condition. From our position we finally moved to a location near Nijmegen at the Rhine River. The weather was becoming cold and the pain was increasing. I dragged my leg and had to call upon God for strength beyond that which I was able to muster. Combat is difficult for the healthy and strong, let alone for one in my condition. Captain Thornton was now becoming concerned. The number of times I wished to die is difficult to count.

After seventy-eight days of combat on the lines, we were informed that we were to be relieved. We left Holland in the early part of December 1944 for a camp in France about sixteen miles below Reims. At the suggestion of Capt. Thornton I was sent to a hospital in Reims for diagnosis, where spinal damage was revealed. I was placed into a cast and sent back to England, and from there was returned to the States and discharged in 1945 from Percy Jones General Hospital.

Finally I became partially paralyzed in the right leg and had to undergo an operation to relieve the condition. The doctors found that a portion of the lumbosacral disk had gone into the spinal canal. Prayer groups

began a vigil praying that I would come out of it victorious. As a result I did and it was suggested I play golf as a means of therapy. At first I questioned the wisdom of the surgeon. However, I soon saw the value of this sport for me as a physically handicapped person, and decided I would like to make this my career.

In pursuit of this I was helped by Manuel de la Torre, at the time an assistant to his father Angel de la Torre, professional golfer at the Lake Shore Country Club, Glencoe, Illinois. Manuel taught me use of the club without injury to my spine, and later talked his father into accepting me as his assistant. This gave me my start. I am grateful to both Manuel and Angel for their kind cooperation and patience to lead me towards success. A *Chicago Daily Tribune* story September 21, 1950 described my progress and the ability to play golf regardless of circumstances prevailing.

After many years as a golf professional, successfully managing the golf shop and all related departments at a country club, as well as playing the tour, I discovered that people derive great benefit from this sport. I was to become the head professional after serving the de la Torre's for fourteen years. My tenure at Lake Shore was a very enjoyable one and provided an opportunity to learn teaching under a most capable man and his son, as well as an opportunity to aid the Swing Club, an organiza-

tion composed of women who give of their time to help the unfortunates at the veterans installations in the Chicago area. They are a wonderful and dedicated group of ladies, avid golfers in their own right. Because of this privilege, I discovered that I did not know very much about teaching golf! After much futile effort I finally sought God for wisdom and understanding. This resulted in a unique system which has helped all handicapped individuals, including a man without fingers on one hand, arthritics, heart patients, those with back troubles, amputees and blind, as well as top level golfers.

All of the mentioned occurrences in my life proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is the author of the Bible, that He will perform according to what He has spoken. "This world shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." He proved the words spoken in John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was (is) God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." He never left the side of His children down through the ages, and He will never leave the side of those who have accepted Him. He has become our Saviour through the blood He shed for us—Jew and Gentile alike. This testimony of Himself in my life proves His love, compassion, and

faithfulness, and I praise Him for using it to develop confidence in others that He has remained the same as when He walked on this earth. The one who delivered me during World War II by His Spirit still brings joy and strength when all else fails, compassion for others which is not of ourselves in the natural, and speaks to the hearts of others about God and His Son Jesus Christ in a way which would be impossible for us without Him.

In 1954 God blessed my wife and me with the Holy Spirit. He had led our hearts to the point where we desired the Baptism more than anything else. When it came, an unspeakable joy and inner strength came over me such as I had never known before. I felt a holy boldness that dispersed fear of anything which would oppose God. Compassion for others was not the type I had experienced before—the depth of it surprised me.

Since this time in the spring of 1954, at the Open Bible Center, Waukegan, Illinois (then located in Farnsworth, a part of the Naval Station) I have seen the difference in God's approach through me towards others for their salvation. I began to realize the meaning of the scripture: "No man cometh unto me except the Father draw him." I saw God speak to individuals before I would expound the Word to them. He knew their needs in every area of their life. This I realized
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"SATAN'S GUT" AND THE ROCK



by MYLES A. COLLIGAN

IN THE TIME of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock" (Psalm 27:5).

Driving along with my wife in 1968 as she read this passage from the Bible, God opened my eyes and showed me how He had had His hand in my life, especially during the ten years prior to my receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In memory, the time flashed back to 1956 and the six years following, when summer vacations were spent with my family on floating and camping trips on the Colorado, San Juan,

Rio Grande and Salmon rivers.

In 1958 I joined a commercial party on a float trip through the cata-racts of the Colorado River. While shooting the rapids I was swept over-board when our rubber boat dove into one of the many huge holes developed in the river by turbulence. The water was so violent and black there was no way of knowing which way was up or down; underwater visibility was zero. The life jacket I was wearing was the only thing that could point me in the right direction.

When I surfaced I was upstream from the rubber boat. Since a body in water floats faster than a boat I had a good chance to be picked up as I passed it. But God had other plans. I floated by the rubber boat not more than ten to fifteen feet away. The



long sweep oar just failed to reach me, with the man holding one end and reaching far out over the side of the boat. The line that they tried to throw to me was tangled. I watched the scene hopelessly as I drifted past the boat; its occupants looking with disbelief that I was so close, yet they could not rescue me. Once ahead of the boat going downstream there was no way for them to catch up. Fear started to well up within me.

The particular stretch of rapids I was floating through went for two and one quarter miles and was the worst in the entire trip. Prophetically its name was "Satan's Gut."

My life jacket was not cinched up as tight as it should have been and consequently my face rode very close to the water. The constant slapping

of water in my face coupled with the inability to get a complete breath of air exhausted me. I was sucked down and washed through many large holes and rapids. It seemed endless, yet I do not remember calling upon God once to save me. As I thought about my family I felt growing within me a determination not to die, though I could have done little about it floating through those rapids had not God been with me.

Finally through no effort of my own, I was swept out of the main current into a calmer but still swift part of the river. Downstream I could see a large rock looming out of the river. At the water level, from where my head was bobbing, the top of that rock looked so high and its sides so steep, yet I knew if I missed it I would go into the rapids just below, and in my exhausted condition I would die. Through the grace of God I was able to maneuver myself so that I hit the rock dead center. Slowly and with difficulty I climbed it, draped myself over the top—and lost consciousness.

This experience in the Colorado River had a spiritual counterpart. Just as I had found that rock in the river, I found Jesus Christ as my Saviour later.

I was one of seven children in a Catholic family, born in Fostoria, Ohio. I was brought up in a home that knew love. As did other members of my family, I attended Mass every

Sunday and on every holy day of obligation. After moving to Cleveland, Ohio, I left my home and went to Los Angeles where I entered U.C.L.A. and graduated with a B.A. degree in Geology. While at college I fell away from going to church, not because of unbelief or criticism of the Catholic Church; I simply had more exciting things to do on Sunday.

Looking back, I realize that I never had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. My main impressions were the buildings and the beauty of the Mass, which failed to sustain me in my growing spiritual desperation. I drifted further from attending church and only went on special days such as Easter and Christmas. After marriage and children I became concerned about the example I was setting for them, but did nothing about it.

During these years of spiritual decline I was, I am sure, considered a socially acceptable person by my peers and in my community. I held a responsible position as chief geologist for an oil company, and later I prospered as a consulting geologist. On the inside, however, I was slowly dying. Going to confession and communion would raise me to a momentary plateau of "spirituality," but each plateau was narrower and lower than the one before and each valley was deeper, darker and wider. This led to an unhealthy pre-occupation with books on ESP and the occult.

In 1968 we were invited to a young couple's home to hear a tape on the subject of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The part about "tongues" sounded interesting. It was something new—something that might prove to be as interesting as ESP. For some reason, however, the tape proved of such poor quality that our host didn't subject us to it, but he and his wife told us about the move of the Holy Spirit among Catholics at Notre Dame where they had attended the first Charismatic Conference. As we said goodnight to them I remember telling them it was "very interesting," two words that have come back to haunt me many times as a reply to my testimony.

That same year in June, I attended my first FGBMFI West Texas Regional in Midland. The speaker that evening was Kevin Ranaghan, a Catholic theologian, giving his personal testimony to an audience of predominantly non-Catholics; yet there was a feeling of love permeating everything. Next my wife and I were invited to a prayer group meeting and within me warfare was starting. I would plan to attend a meeting, but when I got to the house I would rebel and go to a movie instead. My peace of mind diminished in direct proportion to my resistance to prayer meetings.

In August of 1968 I attended a meeting of the Midland chapter of the FGBMFI and was moved by the sing-

ing in the Spirit and the feeling of love that was there. Something happened to me when the altar invitation was given, and I felt that I could not deny this moment.

"He shall set me upon a rock." That rock in the Colorado River in the summer of 1958 was a type of Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages. If I had missed that rock, I would have died physically, just as surely as I would have died spiritually that night in Midland, Texas, if I had not risen and gone forward to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and as my Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. ■

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was the big, big difference between the eternal life accepted through Jesus' shed blood and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It became easy to witness, according to Acts 1:8. There is no other way we can transmit God to others except through the Holy Spirit. Without the deep knowledge of the needs of others, of which only

the Holy Spirit is aware, there is not true conversion to Jesus. Furthermore, since our Baptism my wife has been delivered from paralysis and other things, and my family has been delivered in ways which could have come only through God.

When I received the Baptism, I just could not get enough of Jesus. It seemed that I was in the presence of God and all the host of heaven, and they could communicate with me as you and I—person to person. Only the Spirit can provide this reality.

I have been successfully teaching many individuals regardless of physical problems at the Glenview Park Golf Club, Glencoe, Illinois since 1972. God has really blessed many with His knowledge imparted to me to pass on to others for greater enjoyment of golf and life in Him. Prior to entering the golfing profession I had years of experience in sales consulting. This has helped me greatly in servicing a membership with all of their needs. The background included retail sales, merchandising and business procedures. ■

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"The VOICE of Thanksgiving"

by LEO SELLERUD

FOR OVER forty years I was a "frozen Lutheran." But during a mid-winter vacation in chilly Washington D.C. God decided it was time for me to "thaw out!"

On January 24, 1973 I was preparing to travel on from Washington to New York City when God allowed a disc to rupture in my lower back—an extremely painful experience. The doctor at George Washington University Hospital advised me to return to my home in Glasgow, Montana, for surgery, and supplied me with enough pain killers to endure the airplane flight back. By the time I arrived home my right leg was nearly paralyzed, and following the surgery I became critically ill from the drug reactions.

It was then that God's saving plan went into motion. A concerned neighbor telephoned the Prayer Tower at Oral Roberts University on our behalf, and a Baptist minister we didn't even know called a prayer group together in his home during the night

to believe for my healing. My wife was also at my side praying—she too was once a "frozen Lutheran" but had been born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. God honored these combined petitions, gave me another chance, and within three weeks I was able to leave the hospital.

The doctors told me not to return to my farm and ranch duties for six months. But the Holy Spirit was at work in my heart. Although VOICE magazine had been coming to our house a full year, compliments of a neighbor, it was not until that day of crucial need that I finally picked up an issue and read it. Its powerful testimonies cut away the hardened shell around my heart as God's Word convicted me of being a sinner. Not only had I never witnessed to anyone all my years as a staunch Lutheran, *I didn't even know how to pray!*

I knew of God in my head only, not in my heart. But through the Six Scriptural Steps to Salvation in that VOICE I had finally realized the way

to salvation is not by church membership, but through a living faith in Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Upon accepting Him into my heart, life radically changed! Within a few days my back was totally healed and my strength had returned.

A strong back is mighty important for a farmer and rancher. Our neighbors were completely amazed when they saw me delivering calves, feeding cattle and doing all the necessary work around our house.

Then the Lord Jesus provided us with a bonus! For before going to Washington D.C. I had bought a nine-day travel insurance policy. This, combined with two other hospitalization and disability policies we owned, provided enough money to pay all our medical bills—*plus all our expenses to the FGBMFI World Convention in New York City last sum-*

mer, including a generous gift to the Lord's work!

My wife and I feel that we learned more about our Lord Jesus in those six days at the Convention than we had in all the rest of our lives put together. The inspirational singing, uplifting testimonies, prophetic messages, eye-opening miracles and fellowship are treasures we shall never forget. Shortly before we left for that convention I was baptized in water, and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while driving a truck.

We now feel a strong desire to promote the work of Christ and the FGBMFI in Montana, knowing that there remain hundreds of other spiritually starved souls in need of God's gift of salvation, love and peace. Our prayer is that a chapter can soon be organized according to God's will, and that many men and women will be blessed. ■

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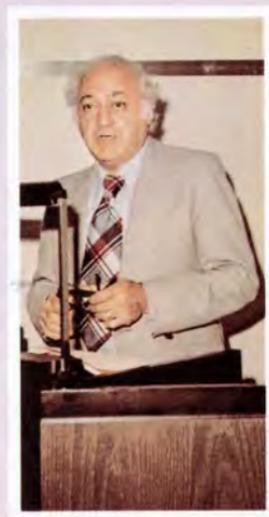
by DEMOS SHAKARIAN

International President, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship

The most historic meeting of officers of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International since its founding, was held in Chicago May 16-18, 1974. The majority of our 85 directors in the United States and Canada were present. In my opening remarks, I said:

"I want to thank every one of you men for coming here. This is the first

time in our 21-year history we have called a special meeting like this, rather than waiting until our World Convention in July. But the importance of the hour in which we live demands it. I wish to personally thank the members of the International Office Staff, the Budget Committee, the Finance Committee, and Omega Advertising for the tremen-



THE FELLOWSHIP'S EXPANDING OUTREACHES:



1. Bill Swad, Finance Committee chairman. 2. Don Locke, in charge of fund-raising through membership. 3. Lee Braxton, Budget Committee chairman. 4. Dr. Ray Charles Jarman indicated his desire to help in the new plans for outreach.

dous amount of work they have done in the preparation of reports and projection plans for presentation here. What we are going to accomplish in these few days can shake the world for Christ.

“You men cannot realize how happy I am to see this day. Some have had the idea that I have been trying to just ‘hold on’ to what we now have—that the Fellowship has perhaps gone about as far as it can go. I *have* been holding on, but in a different way and for a different reason. In reality, while some of you have been waiting for me to get going, I have been waiting for *you* to get going—to catch this same vision that I have had all these years and

start moving for God. Now something has happened. Within the last few months, men such as Don Locke of Oklahoma City, Bill Swad of Columbus, Ohio and others have suddenly caught fire and have begun to move forward toward the fulfilling of our vision of bringing the Full Gospel message to all men everywhere.

“I know you men have made a sacrifice to be here, but as you leave, by reason of the things which you will see and hear—the business-like and Christlike manner in which this entire project will be presented—you will be richer in every way than ever before. Your home lives and business lives will be deeply affected, and you will return not only better Christians



but better businessmen as well.”

During those historic days in Chicago, our directors were reminded in many ways that the FGBMFI transcends denominational barriers and now spreads the message of Christ world-wide through its ministries of fellowship, literature, media, stewardship and international outreach. For example, the ministry of fellowship saw over 12,000 meetings in 1973, attended by over 3,500,000 people. VOICE magazine and our other publications including books and tracts reached 29,500,000 readers. GOOD NEWS television and radio, now aired over 100 TV stations and an increasing number of radio stations had a total audience of 104,000,000 peo-

ple in 1973. Stewardship, a brand new ministry, was launched last year with tremendous results. The Fellowship's international ministry, airlifts, where men and women from America fly to foreign lands to spread the message of Christ, has expanded continuously in the last ten years. And overseas chapters and conventions of the Full Gospel Business Men reached 500,000 people last year.

Yes, in 1973 the five ministries of the Fellowship touched the lives of 138,000,000 individuals.

Over 20 years ago, as a result of travelling prayer God gave me a vision wherein each continent came into view before my eyes and I was able to see the men who lived there.

Though the color of their skin and the clothing they wore differed, they all had one thing in common—their heads were bowed in despair and their arms were folded to emphasize the spiritual emptiness they felt. Then, through my wife Rose came the prophecy: “The very thing you now see before you will soon come to pass.” Suddenly I saw those same men with their arms and hands lifted in praise. It was an outpouring of Holy Spirit revival upon all flesh. This vision was a revelation of the impact to be made by the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International—a vision which to this point has not yet been completely fulfilled.

How can this prophecy come to pass?

In Chicago we told the men that God has laid on our hearts a bold new plan to reach the world with the Full Gospel message. This plan includes four new outreaches. A weekly world-wide radio outreach broadcasting in 25 languages will begin opening the doors in every continent of the globe. The six-point continental plan includes a continental headquarters with a full time director to coordinate our ministry there, a national headquarters in each country with an appointed international director to oversee the national needs, a certified public accounting firm making all transactions government-approved, literature translations, an international regional convention,



Banquet audience, 1973 FGBMFI World Convention



Don Ostrom, new director from Seattle.



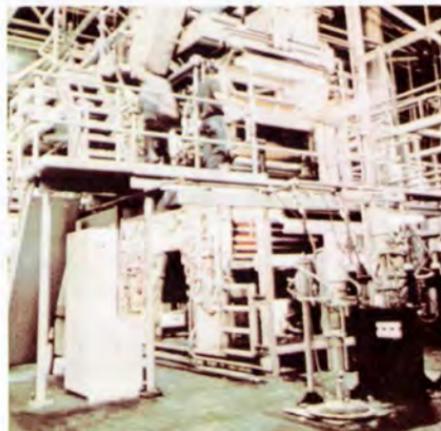
Nick Cardone, director from Cheltenham, Pa.



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VOICE: 700,000 circulation monthly.



At directors' table, from left, **Carl Williams**, **Earl Prickett**, **Art Nersasian**, **Dr. R Becker**.



AIRLIFTS: On an average of two each year in overseas outreach.



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World Wide Radio



Six Point Continental Plan



Teaching/Prayer



Prime Time Television Specials

and additional chapters and chapter speakers traveling from America to help inspire the local business men. This six-point continental program will start in Europe and as each part of this plan is blessed by God, the nations in Europe will eventually become spiritually self-sufficient with their own Fellowship conventions and developing testimonies of local businessmen. The world-wide radio out-

reach will open the doors for the Fellowship in other countries of the world. It will make possible the extension of the six-point continental plan to each of the remaining continents as God's timing becomes evident. Through this plan, a deep and wide-spread spiritual renewal will take place, fulfilling the prophecy given to me 20 years ago and spreading the tremendous blessing that has



Steve Shakarian demonstrates film-audio method of teaching to be used by FGBMFI.



Dr. Robert Ashcroft will direct new Teaching/Prayer Ministry for the Fellowship.



Demos is presented with \$4,000 check by Al Malachuk and L. P. Safford, a gift from the 1974 Washington, D.C. Regional Convention.



Praise and worship to God unite FGBMFI directors in one purpose during historic Chicago meeting. Their goal: world-wide revival.

been evident in America to global dimensions.

Two more outreaches will be added this year. First, the ministry of teaching and prayer will bring a new maturity and depth to the Fellowship, and through classes, seminars, cassettes and cable television this ministry will touch the lives of 5,500,000 in 1974. Secondly, a one-hour prime time television special, a profession-

ally produced special airing in the 100 largest cities in America, will have 20,000,000 viewers.

The four new outreaches of the Fellowship and the new goals of showing the GOOD NEWS program on 150 television stations, increasing the circulation of VOICE to 1,000,000 and the number of chapters to 1,500, combined with the six ministries of the Fellowship, will have

The fulfillment of a vision . . .

In the next twelve months, the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International will touch the lives of . . .



Full Gospel Business Men reach out in prayer for each other, that all may receive Divine guidance for a world-wide program that will reach out to over one billion in 12 months.

a tremendous global impact.

In 1974, the ministry of fellowship will reach 500,000,000 people; literature, 57,500,000; and media, 171,000,000. Our six-point continental plan will touch over 6,000,000 people in Europe, and our world-wide radio broadcasts will reach 1,000,000,000 people in 1974. The doors are already opening to the Fellowship all around the world. Businessmen in Europe

and other continents are hungry for a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives and are asking for guidance to spiritual reality.

We believe that in the next twelve months the Fellowship will reach over 1,250,000,000 people. This will truly be the fulfilling of a promise from God—a global impact with the Full Gospel message of Jesus Christ! ■

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My Personal Pentecost

by JOHN R. HERMANSON

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AT THE CLOSE of the school term in June four years ago, I was a very defeated and discouraged high school teacher. Teaching youngsters can be a very trying job nowadays. Even during calmer times, teaching students algebra and geometry required much wisdom and patience on the part of the instructor. When you walk into the classroom and face thirty teenagers, it is a natural setting for a "battle". Most of the time in my classroom the students won these encounters and very often prevented me from bringing about the order and discipline needed for good learning.

I had been a Christian for many years, but at this time my spiritual resources were at a low ebb. For quite some time I had felt that my witness to Christ on our school campus was very ineffectual. I wondered how many of my students and fellow-

teachers saw anything Christ-like in my life.

During the summer vacation period, something happened to me that changed my entire outlook on life. From time to time I had received reports from various places about the way the Holy Spirit was manifesting Himself to individuals in what is now described as the "charismatic renewal." Since I felt that I desperately needed to have God move in my life, I decided to travel to Colorado to visit friends who had written about the way the Holy Spirit had been working in their lives. I had the privilege to visit a home where for the first time I experienced prayer and praise in the Spirit. This had a tremendous effect on me. I shall never forget the vision which one of my friends received that evening. At first I was rather skeptical when I heard

about it. It had never occurred to me that God could reveal Himself in visions to people in their right minds. However, when I heard how Jesus showed Himself to this friend and assured her that He was welcoming me and offering forgiveness and love, I could not turn away.

It was not long after this meeting that the Lord baptized me with the Holy Spirit, too. It seemed like a window was opened up to heaven when I began to praise God with a new language that I had never learned in school.

As a result of this experience a new confidence was instilled in me that Jesus is very much alive today and that He wants to manifest Him-

self through my life. I knew I had tapped the Source of Power to enable me to live victoriously in my everyday life situations.

When I returned to school in the fall, I felt like a new person. I can recall one of the students who had been most trying to me in the spring remarking, "What happened to you during the summer? You seem so much happier and friendlier." I was glad I could smile again and demonstrate what the Lord had done in my life. As I stepped into the classroom, I had a "secret weapon" which could help me be victorious in every classroom "battle". As time went on the Holy Spirit gave me increased sensitivity so that I could detect the presence of satanic opposition. I found that I could bind these powers so that they were unable to exert their destructive influence. Tensions could be lessened and students and teacher alike could relax more. Better order and discipline was brought about, making the classroom atmosphere more conducive to learning. Of course, the task was not any less strenuous, but the strength I received from the Lord was more than equal to it. When the Lord is at your side, teaching mathematics can be enjoyable and even fun, at times.

I shall always be thankful for the baptism in the Holy Spirit—and all the subsequent blessings that I have received. My personal Pentecost came when I most needed it. ■



JOHN HERMANSON was one of the seventy-one-member team that ministered in Egypt, Lebanon and Israel during the Full Gospel Business Men's Airlift to Bible Lands in April of this year. He admits to receiving a pronounced burden for Egypt while in that country. Seated with him on the plane is Gunnar Carlson, brother of Airlift Director Henry F. Carlson. A photo-story of the Bible Lands Airlift will appear in the October issue of VOICE.

"The CHANGE was DYNAMIC!"

Dear VOICE Magazine:

Having read in your June issue that you were interested in hearing from women whose lives have been influenced because of the effect the FGBMFI has had upon their men, I would like to give you an enthusiastic testimony.

When we were married my husband, although saved, had not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I had received the Holy Spirit six months earlier and was eager for Lyman to have the same experience. However, he had objections. The primary problem was that he had never met a successful, happy *man* who was, at the same time, a Spirit-filled believer. His impression was that the Holy Spirit was a refuge, so to speak, for those who had lost at the game of life. Being a woman, and not familiar with the problems of a man's world, I was at a loss to convince him otherwise.

Finally friends of ours asked us to attend an FGBMFI meeting in Kinston, N. C., and having gone once, and then again, Lyman became

convinced that the Holy Spirit was the key to success, giving promise of the life that now is and the life that is to come!

The change in his life was dynamic! When he received the Spirit, the power necessary to live a Christian testimony under any condition became his and, honestly, I thought I was married to a different person!

The home he has provided for my children and me is one of love and respect centered on and motivated by the Word of God. Praise the Lord; He has given me the desires of my heart. We are blessed by Him in every way—physically and financially, and most of all, spiritually.

As a result of our experience we do appreciate the FGBMFI and the unique ministry the Lord Jesus has given to Mr. Shakarian. I'm sure many who are unable to relate Jesus and the Holy Spirit to their everyday lives are encouraged and set free through the testimonies that come from Full Gospel businessmen.

*Mrs. Lyman H. Eddy, Jr.,
Wheeling, West Virginia*

Is This a Miracle?



An account of how the FGBMFI is being used to further the charismatic renewal overseas between airlifts.

Charles C. Trombley, former Jehovah's Witness now engaged in a world-wide charismatic teaching ministry.

DURING THE eighth Scandinavian-European Airlift in April 1973 the FGBMFI directors, along with the elders of the Filadelfia Church in Stockholm, were led to invite Charles Trombley, one of the airlift speakers, back to Sweden. He would be in the Filadelfia Church for the first week and the FGBMFI would arrange his itinerary for the next three weeks.

He returned on February 16, 1974 with Rev. Mattsson-Boze for an FGBMFI meeting that night in the new Birger Jarl Hotel, built by the Mission Covenant Church.

The following day, Sunday, Rev. Trombley ministered at Filadelfia, sharing some of his testimony and deliverance from the Jehovah's Witnesses, and getting acquainted with the Swedish believers. He told them through Mattsson-Boze, his interpreter, that the King and the kingdom

were present. The authority was there to bring them completely out of darkness into the light of the freedom of Christ's kingdom. Then things began to happen!

A man, deaf for many years, was suddenly healed, followed by one with a crippled limb that was visibly restored and a lady with terminal cancer was instantly made well. For more than two hours, Rev. Trombley ministered to the afflicted.

On Monday, *Dagen*, a Christian daily newspaper carried a front page article telling of the miracles at Filadelfia. On Wednesday another *Dagen* article reported an interview with Trombley. The noon prayer service that day was exceptionally well attended and the team prayed for the sick most of the afternoon. That evening, *Aftonbladet*, Sweden's leading liberal paper, had a team in the service. Thursday morning their

front page article both denied and ridiculed the possibilities of miracles. They wondered if Trombley, another American, wasn't going to be the successor to Kathryn Kuhlman, the last American they found fault with.

But God was definitely moving, and in His providence He had the news bureau chief of one of the two national television networks take an interest in the controversy. While in Sollentuna he came to the service with a camera crew of four, and for the next four days attended every service, asking questions, taking endless feet of film, and checking every witness.

He was the son of a Pentecostal minister. "I'm not an unbeliever," he said, "but I don't practice it either." Later, in Halmstad, he filmed what he was looking for.

A young woman who worked in a bakery suffered from constant pain. Her left leg was several centimeters shorter than the other. The only help her doctor could give was a built-up shoe but the pain persisted. While Brother Trombley prayed, God restored, and the TV cameras recorded it. As the service continued the entire news crew interviewed the woman and rechecked, making sure the miracle was genuine. Early the next morning Trombley was interviewed. "How did you do this wonder?" they asked. When told, "Jesus is manifesting Himself in order that you might see and believe that He is the Christ"

(John 20:30,31), they apparently accepted without further doubt, and *Aftonbladet* abandoned its quest.

TV 2 aired a favorable report during the evening news on two different days. Immediately all of Sweden was interested. For the first time the media had given favorable coverage to a work of the Holy Spirit.

Calls began coming to Sven Lindahl, the FGBMFI director in Sweden, asking for the itinerary. People traveled distances, often arriving early in the afternoon, and every available seat was filled. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and God continued His ministry to the sick. Press antagonism vanished.

This is possibly the hour of Sweden's visitation. As in other parts of the world the FGBMFI is being used to further the charismatic renewal. This was confirmed during the birthday recognition service for ninety-year-old Lewi Pethrus when God spoke through tongues and interpretation that a mighty revival would sweep Sweden, and that Pethrus' fearless ministry was but a foretaste of what God would do through many others.

Everywhere Swedish hearts were hungry. Testimonies were publicly given after the FGBMFI team had departed, of miracles, healings, and changed lives.

Another FGBMFI airlift to the Scandinavian countries is planned for October 22-November 5, 1974 ■

COMMUNIQUE: CHAPTERS and CONVENTIONS

FGBMFI CHAPTERS RECENTLY CHARTERED

Because of the many chapters being formed, there is room here to list only the locale of the charter presentation.



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300 ATTEND NEW CHAPTER OPENING IN TENNESSEE

Reidy Lawing, Service Manager for Uniroyal Tires in Charlotte, North Carolina and spearhead for the Johnson City, Tennessee Full Gospel Business Men's Chapter reports that an audience of 300 turned out at the American Restaurant to make that chapter's kick-off meeting this past April 19 a tremendous success. The

evening's speaker was Jim Moss of Charlotte, North Carolina, who is Public Relations Director for Trinity Broadcasting Systems and producer of the "Praise The Lord" television series. The nearby Sandhills FGBMFI Chapter is likewise enjoying healthy growth; International Director Ogburn Yates, Asheboro department store executive, presented the Sandhills charter at a dinner meeting April 13.



New chapter in Calabar, S.E. State, Nigeria.



New chapter formed in Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.



Staten Island, N.Y. chapter has recently been reorganized.



Harney County Chapter (Burns, Ore.) celebrated 1st birthday, Mar. 29.

A PASTOR SHARES HIS VIEWS

The following letter was received recently by Dr. Raymond Becker, Editor of VOICE:

"Sunday, January 20, 1974 was FGBMFI day at First Assembly of God, Phoenix. Not only was the congregation blessed by attending the International Regional at the Del Webb TowneHouse, but we were ministered to by several of the convention speakers. George Otis shared the pulpit Sunday morning with Frank Foglio. The evening service featured the singing of Jerry McGrath and the ministry of 'Mr. FGBMFI' himself, Demos Shakarian. As a pastor committed to the ministry and world-wide outreach of the local church, I deeply appreciate the love and fellowship the church can have with the FGBMFI."—Rev. Ernest J. Moen

Announcing the FGBMFI's 9th

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(Watch for October issue's full-color photo-story of Southern California Men's Spiritual Advance in Camp Cedar Crest, held May 10-12.)

SIX SCRIPTURAL STEPS TO SALVATION

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer. Here are the six Scriptural steps which all must take to pass from death unto life:

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). You must acknowledge in the light of God's Word that you are a sinner.

2. **REPENT:** "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). You must see the awfulness of sin and then repent of it.

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). "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). The Lord awaits your admission of guilt.

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). Sorrow for sin is not enough in itself. We must want to be done with it once and for all.

5. **BELIEVE:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and

shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Believe in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

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 them that believe on his name" (John 1:11,12). Christ must be received personally into the heart by faith, if the experience of the New Birth is to be yours.

Why not make your eternal decision right now: "I am convinced by God's Word that I am a lost sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died for sinners and shed His blood to put away my sins. I NOW receive Him as my personal Lord and Saviour and will by His help, confess Him before men."

When you have made this greatest of all decisions, please let us know about it so that we may rejoice together.

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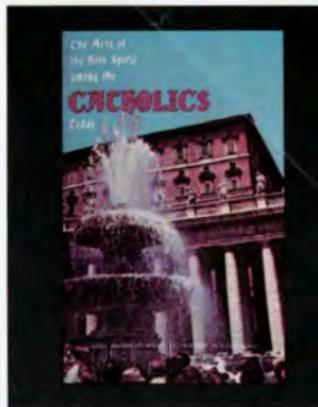
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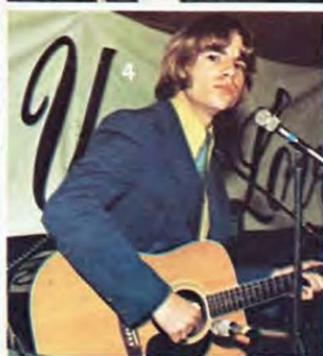
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TULSA CHAPTER INTRODUCES UNIQUE IDEA TO ACCOMMODATE ATTENDANCE INCREASE



As an experiment, tent erected next to regular Sheraton-East meeting place and served by it, boosted attendance by 200 persons.



1. Jack Long, Tulsa Chapter president, sold tickets in advance for the 800-seat banquet meeting. 2. Sid Roth, owner of an oil development company in Washington, D.C. gave his testimony, after which 50 persons accepted Christ and many were baptized in the Holy Spirit. 3. Song stylist Willie Murphy stirred the audience with his Gospel artistry. 4. Ronnie Martin's inimitable vocalizing was highlighted by his own guitar accompaniment. 5. The Earl Rongey Singers (shown), and Hank Killian and Betty and Linda Luther, recording artists, were the two groups featured on the program. 6. Chapter presidents present were (l to r) James Black, Joplin, MO; Bob Taylor, Cushing, OK; James Mitchell, Edmond, OK; Jack Long, Tulsa. FGBMFI director Dr. Lloyd Huneryager, right.





Conventions and Rallies

DELAWARE VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA **September 12-14, 1974**

George Washington Motor Lodge, Willow Grove
Angelo Ferri/Anthony Moscufo, Co-Chmn.
P.O. Box 182, Newton, PA 18940

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA **September 26-28, 1974**

Cavalier Ocean Front
A. J. Gibilaro/Bill Miles/Leroy Cason, Co-Chmn.
4712 Bromfield Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23458

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI **October 2-5, 1974**

Hotel Muehlbach
James L. Webb/Bill Norwood, Co-Chmn.
6108 N.W. Oakcrest Dr., Kansas City, MO 64151

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA **October 3-5, 1974**

Sheraton Center
Earl B. White, Chairman
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CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE **October 11, 12, 1974**

Holiday Inn, Downtown
Hoyt Elliott/David Spatafore, Co-Chmn.
2114 Peerless Rd., Cleveland, TN 37311

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS **October 16-19, 1974**

Conrad Hilton Hotel
Henry F. Carlson, Chairman
564 W. Fulton St., Chicago, IL 60606

REDDING, CALIFORNIA **October 24-26, 1974**

Holiday Inn
Cliff Powell, Chairman
5250 Huntington Ave., Redding, CA 96001

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE **October 24-26, 1974**

Hilton Inn (Airport)
Hoyt Elliott, Chairman
P.O. Box 96, Nashville, TN 37202

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA **October 25, 26, 1974**

Holiday Inn, Ponca City
Mike Moles/Lloyd Huneryager, Co-Chmn.
P.O. Box 2272, Ponca City, OK 74601

VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA **October 25, 26, 1974**

Holiday Inn, Ventura
Chuck Damato/Dick Minasian, Co-Chmn.
2277 N. Ecroyd, Simi Valley, CA 93063

HILL COUNTY, TEXAS **October 25, 26, 1974**

Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, Texas
James Engelmann/Earl Moore, Co-Chmn.
Box 4200 Schreiner, Kerrville, TX 78028

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON **October 25-27, 1974**

Redpath Hotel
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