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The business isn't mine, it is God's, and . . .



His Business Doesn't Fail

by **DON LOCKE**

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I WAS RAISED in the Methodist Church. With my brother and sister I attended Sunday school and church regularly. At thirteen I joined the church. My school-teacher parents were sincere people who taught us enough about God that I really wanted to come into a closer relationship with Him but, as far as I knew, becoming a church member was the step necessary to put me on the road to heaven.

During World War II, serving as crewman of a carrier-based patrol bomber, I began to think a good

deal about God. Assigned to some very dangerous patrols, skimming along a hundred feet above the heaving Pacific, flying low to avoid detection by enemy radar, I knew that the distance between the plane and those hungry waves was all that separated me from eternity. Such situations make a man think seriously about forging a personal relationship with his God. I began to read my Bible, stopped drinking and cursing, but otherwise made no complete surrender of my life.

Returning home safely after the

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war I also returned to the routine formal church-going that had been our custom. No one had explained to me the necessity of the New Birth.

While attending the University of Oklahoma, from which I graduated, I worked for a plumbing supply firm and gained valuable experience in that field that later fitted me to become manager of a plumbing supply store.

We enjoyed a measure of prosperity, but somehow my wife and I had not found soul-happiness. We attended church, but again we were substituting church membership for a personal relationship with God. Business activities required many social contacts that always seemed to include social drinking. At first it appeared innocent enough, and "everybody was doing it." Gradually the pressures of business in this highly competitive field began building up. I tried to fill the void in my God-hungry soul with thrill-seeking and drinking, but it didn't satisfy.

One evening in 1954 I was watching television in my home in Oklahoma City—extremely nervous, and emotionally upset, dissatisfied with my life, yet not knowing what to do about it. Almost unconsciously I found myself becoming interested in the telecast. It was a very positive evangelistic message about the power of released faith in God. The lamp of faith began to glow. Perhaps there was something I had missed. I told

my wife about it and we began to watch the program regularly.

When it was announced that Evangelist Oral Roberts would be holding a crusade in Oklahoma City we made arrangements to attend as often as possible. Our eyes were gradually opened to a new spiritual realm—a realm in which, according to the evangelist, a man could actually walk daily with his God. My wife gave her heart to the Lord during that crusade, but I was stubborn. I wanted to rid myself of the sin that made me miserable, but still thought it possible to do it myself. At least I wanted to clean up my life so it would be fit to offer to God, not realizing that if a man could rid himself of his sin, then Christ need not have died. Though yearning for the peace and happiness my wife had found, I had some ideas about what I thought was "fanaticism." I even ridiculed her spiritual experience.

In spite of my resistance, it became evident that the Spirit of God was dealing with me. I cannot explain this except that the Lord looks on the heart and He knew the sincerity of my desire to draw closer to Him. Somehow I felt that He would have me resign my position and launch out into something He would show me. Determined to find my way to God, it dawned upon me that the only way to Him was through obedience. The next day I resigned my

position. This move seemed foolish to many of my friends. I had no other job, and didn't know how I was going to support my family. Convinced that God was trying to show me something my human mind was too dull to understand as yet, I took that first big step toward Him by faith alone.

Six months later a dream came true that had been in the back of my mind since college days—I opened my own wholesale plumbing store in Bartlesville, Oklahoma—the first Locke Supply Store. Going into this particular business on even an ordinary scale was supposed to require \$50,000. We had only \$1,200 net when the doors were opened for business.

That was the blessed year of 1955. It was a tremendous milestone in my life, because the greatest thing in the world happened to me that year. God saved my soul! It was then that life really began for me. One evening, in a Full Gospel church, my search ended and I made my peace with God. The best description I can give of that experience is that perfect peace came into my soul. It was as though all the winds that had been buffeting me had stopped blowing and everything became completely calm. My soul, mind, and spirit were at peace for the first time in my life.

There came to my mind the promise that if we will honor the Lord with our tithes and offerings, He

will pour out a blessing so great that we shall not be able to contain it. Kneeling before God in complete dedication, I entered into a pact to honor Him with my finances as He prospered me. That night *I found the key to success* and began using it for His glory.

That first month we gave ten per cent of our gross income to God. It was only \$35. We needed that money to purchase materials, but were determined to keep the pact. We gave it in faith that God would multiply it to His good purposes.

In the months and years that followed the Lord blessed so abundantly that we increased the gift to fifteen per cent, then twenty per cent, and finally thirty per cent of gross profits. The devil tried to make me believe that such profligate giving would ruin my business. *But the business wasn't mine—it was God's—and His business doesn't fail!* Every time we gave more to Him, our profits increased. We just couldn't outgive God!

We felt impressed that the Lord would have us move the business from Bartlesville to Oklahoma City. Others did not see the wisdom of such a move. I didn't quite see it myself at that time, but it has been my experience that when a man turns aside into his own paths and relies on his own wisdom, he is apt to end up in a mighty dry desert.

Less than four months later we



Don Locke tells FGBMFI Convention audience of 5,000 that obedience to God is the reason for his success.

were open for business in Oklahoma City. From that point the growth of the company has been outstanding. Eleven additional stores have been opened as the Lord has directed and provided the way. Of course there have been some difficult situations, times of testing, a great deal of hard work and many nights of prayer, but God has never failed to take us through.

However, the battle of wills was not over. Until approximately nine years ago I resisted the teaching of the Holy Spirit baptism—felt it was fanaticism. Yet sometimes in the depths of my soul I had to admit something was lacking in my life.

When finally I accepted the fact that there was a deeper walk with the Lord toward which He was gently urging me, my pride still got in the way. I wanted to receive the Baptism in my home or in my car, in a nice, quiet way.

Then I began to feel that God was grieved with my stubbornness. I really loved the Lord, and the last thing I desired was to grieve Him.

At last I acknowledged to God that I was not accomplishing fully what He apparently wanted done, and in desperation asked Him to either give me the baptism in the Holy Spirit, or take away everything He had given me and give it to someone who could carry through according to His will.

God responded to that prayer with a glorious baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is wonderful how God works a man over inside, makes a different being of him, fills the aching void in his heart, and gives him a language in which he can pray for souls as he never prayed before.

It was at that time God called me to accept a directorship in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship where, as a layman and a businessman there is a tremendous opportunity for service. I definitely feel that God calls men to make money to support His work, just as surely as He calls ministers, evangelists, and missionaries.

Men often ask the secret of my business success. Actually, my own business ability is very ordinary, *but God is my partner*. Without Him I would have folded long ago! The secret is simple: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." I have long since given up and handed the business over to the Lord. I act only as steward to run it for Him. 🔥

**Balaam's donkey
isn't the only animal
that has been halted
by an angel of the Lord!**



INTERVENTION



by **NORMAN JUELL**

GOD INTERVENED in a miraculous way, and delivered me from certain death when I was caught in a pen with a two-thousand-pound Holstein bull that gave every evidence of an active intent to do away with me entirely. We called him "Echo." He was reputed to have an unpleasant disposition, but had never displayed it toward me.

One Sunday morning we were hur-

rying to leave for church. To save time I foolishly jumped into Echo's pen to place a hose so I could water him. I'd been in his pen an innumerable number of times before and he had never touched me, but that morning, when I bent over to put the hose in place, he hit me with the force of a battering ram and tossed me high into the air. As I was coming down I turned half way around

in the air, and he hit me on one side and tossed me again. The next time he hit me on the other side—and up I went again!

This happened so fast that all I had time to do was say, “Echo . . . in the name of Jesus . . .” *In the midst of another angry rush, that bull skidded to a stop two feet from where I hit the ground.* He stood there, snorting defiance, his front legs spread apart, his head lowered as though to charge again—but he seemed frozen to the spot.

Very slowly and laboriously I got to my knees. My legs and body were terribly bruised, but I straightened slowly to my feet, balancing myself by laying one hand on top of that bull’s head and pushing myself up. Ordinarily that would make an angry bull go berserk, and if I had been relying upon my common sense I would never have done it. I kept repeating: “In the name of Jesus—in the name of Jesus—in the name of Jesus” as I staggered outside of that pen. The moment I got outside, that huge angry animal, with a hair-raising bellow, hurled himself against the side of that steel pen with an impact that sent a tremor through the ground where I stood.

I now know somewhat of how Daniel must have felt in the den of lions. The same God that shut the mouths of the lions, stopped that tremendous Holstein bull in his tracks. One day when I was testifying

to a man about that bull stopping so suddenly, he said, “That must have been where the angel of the Lord was standing.” I am inclined to believe he was right. God gives His angels charge over us to save us from

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himself against
the side of the pen.”**

harm. He is ready to meet our needs if we call on Him. That is our right, in the name of Jesus, as children of the King.

That was the second time the Lord spared me. At the age of seven years I was saved, and at thirteen filled with the Holy Spirit. At fifteen an attack of rheumatic fever struck me down, but Jesus Christ healed me in answer to prayer, and I have perfect health today. *Jesus never changes!*

I am happy to report that Jesus Christ is baptizing people in the Holy Spirit in Canada just as He is in the United States and all over the world. I thank God for the release that comes when the Holy Spirit abides in our hearts and lives. Though I was saved and knew it, I couldn’t seem to get up off the chair to testify. The

Lord knew I needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit because at that time I was at the crossroads. Things that had been taught me all my life were beginning to be questioned by what I thought was my intellectual mind. I went to church camp that summer and the Lord graciously baptized me in the Holy Spirit. From that moment on I have had no trouble testifying for His glory and telling everyone what the Lord has done for me and for my family, because the power of Jesus Christ has been the means of sparing my family also.

In 1965 our three-year-old son was badly scalded. Twenty-five percent of his body had third degree burns. I laid my hands on him and claimed his life in the name of Jesus. We rushed him into town to the hospital.


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engulfed me.”**

Several times on the way it seemed the end had come. The doctor told us his life could flicker out like a candle at any moment just from shock. On the second day, while on the way home from town, a feeling of

fear and utter hopelessness engulfed me. My heart cried out to God for help. Then from the depths of my innermost being came a few words in my heavenly language. I don't know what I said, but I can tell you that from that moment until the day the doctor told us our son was out of danger, I had no more doubt or fear; I *knew* that my prayer had been answered.

This life of walking in the Spirit is not all a level plateau. It is a life in which we keep on climbing day by day, but we climb with the inner assurance that we are on the victory pathway.

I have greatly appreciated the work of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and would like to see many more of its chapters in Canada. It has been an encouragement to me and to many others to read in VOICE magazine the testimonies of how wonderfully God is moving throughout the world, and my prayer is that we may not hinder Him by our indifference or unbelief, but that we all may move with Him through the power of His Spirit, so that the harvest may be quickly brought in.

We have sold our dairy business, so that we might go out into full time service for the Lord. With complete confidence that He will open the doors through which He wishes me to walk, I humbly listen for and follow His direction. 

Before I said yes
to the question of the
Holy Spirit baptism,
I carefully weighed...

The Consequences

by BILL BARIA

WHEN I WAS eleven years of age, I put my faith in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. During the high school years God began to deal with me to preach the Gospel, and I surrendered to the ministry at the beginning of my college training. I graduated from Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1955 I accepted my first full-time pastorate in Gautier, Mississippi, at the First Baptist Church.

As I began grappling for two sermons each week, it dawned on me that I didn't know enough Bible to select a text. The common practice of modifying a message someone else had written in a sermon book was distasteful to me. This did not seem to be in harmony with the call to preach: if God called a man, surely He would lead him to get his own messages. From this conviction I began to search the Word of God.

For more than five years I pored over the Scriptures, often spending over two hours a day reading the Word. It wasn't long until I had read the Bible through a dozen times. As I continued this daily practice, the

Holy Spirit instructed me, filling in those great gaps in my education. For you see, we had studied everything ABOUT the Bible, but never the WORD itself. I had always had an intense fervor for evangelism; in one year I baptized over 100 converts. Yet I felt empty—there had to be something more. From my study of the Scriptures I could quote all the verses on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and I began to seek its meaning for my life. I hounded Christian book stores and bought books on the subject by men who had been used of God—men who had the fire of God in their souls, not the scholars in the ivory towers. From my search I was convinced that the Baptism is for believers today and that this was what I needed, though I had never had any contact with anyone else who felt this way. Then a young man who had been called to preach in the local Assembly of God began coming occasionally to our evening service. He liked my style of preaching and asked if I would help him to learn sermon construction; I agreed. One Saturday morning we

of the Affirmative



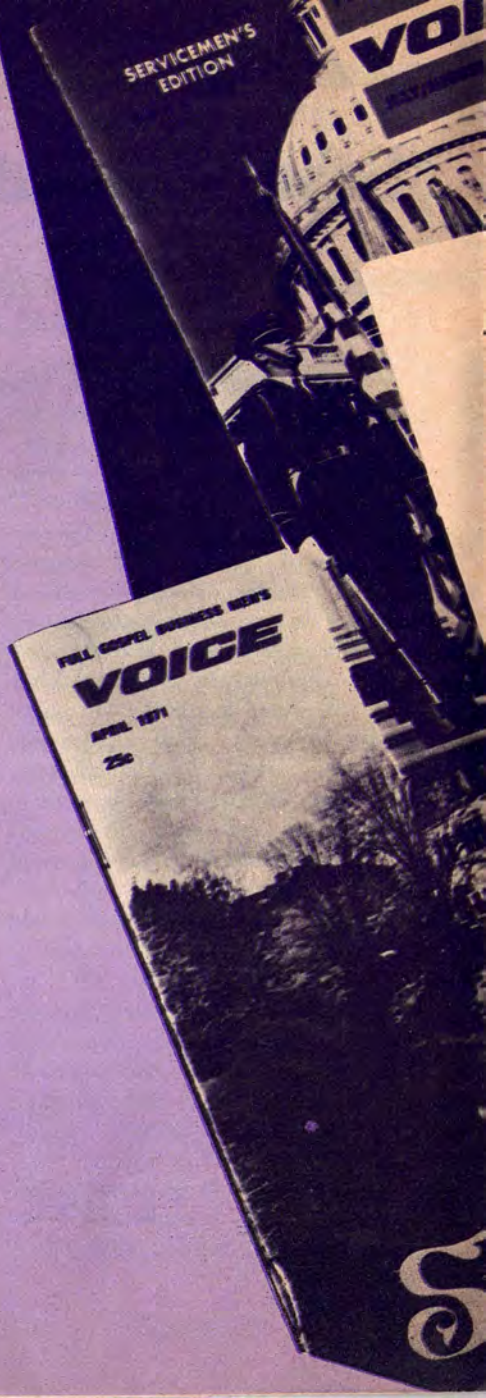
were sharing our views on the Baptism in the Spirit. He seemed surprised that I believed as he did and asked, "Would you like us to pray with you to receive the Baptism?" Before replying, I thought of the consequences of an affirmative answer: the loss of my church, separation from my denomination, estrangement from lifelong friends, and disappointment to parents. As I was thinking, Acts 5:29 came to mind, "We ought to obey God rather than men." I told him that I would be glad to pray with them. That evening we went to their church and began to pray. It was only a short time until it seemed that something hit me in the chest, and I went to the floor. As I looked at the ceiling, I realized that I was speaking in tongues.

Shortly after this I accepted the call to the First Baptist Church in Circleville, Ohio. Now the power of God was real in my life; the question was, "What are you going to do with it?" This thing of being coy, not really letting people know what you believe, sneaking around with Bible truth DID NOT APPEAL TO ME. I

took the direct approach and openly preached miracles, healing, and being filled with the Spirit. About the end of my first year in Circleville, we scheduled a revival. The response was rather poor, and the evangelist and I were concerned. Toward the end of the week another pastor in town stopped by for some fellowship. The three of us were going to have prayer for the evening service when the evangelist asked us to pray for him that he would have a real anointing to preach. We laid hands on him, and he began to speak out in a clear diction of tongues (he had never been in a Pentecostal service). That evening he was still "high," as the Spirit of God remained on him strongly. All he could talk about was "speaking in tongues." When the Sunday night service concluded, I left for a two-week meeting in Columbus. God blessed, and we saw many souls saved. As I returned home and pulled in the driveway, the treasurer of our church called to me. He said, "We have voted you out as our pastor; you are barred from the pulpit; here are four weeks' checks; and you can

leave town." I replied, "If you don't want me to be your pastor, that's all right; if you don't want me to preach another sermon, that's okay, too; I will certainly accept the checks; but I will leave town only when God directs." After a period of fasting, revival invitations began to pour in; I spent most of the year following preaching meetings.

Late last summer God led us to start an independent Full Gospel church in Columbiana, Ohio. On our first Sunday we had 123 in the morning service, 98 in the evening service, and more than \$1,000 in offering. Since that day the Columbiana Tabernacle has not dropped under 100 in the evening service. We have a radio program, The Tabernacle Hour, with a prime time every Saturday afternoon. God truly has opened the windows of heaven and poured us out a blessing. I can testify along with Paul, "This I confess unto thee that, after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets." Acts 24-14. After we had been voted out of the church in Circleville, a Southern Baptist Area Missionary threatened, "You will never preach again." Praise God, I have never missed a service and have seen souls saved, believers baptized with the Spirit, miracles of healing performed, the book of Acts come alive! ❖



MERRY CHRISTMAS
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"The VOICE of the Lord is powerful" (Ps. 29:4)

Demos Shakarian, President
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International
836 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90017

Dear Brother Shakarian:

I am writing to tell you what a tremendous blessing VOICE magazine and FGBMFI have been to me.

I first heard about VOICE while serving with the United States Air Force in Turkey from April 1965 to September 1966. A group of Christian fellows there were active in the Chapel program, some of them being as I, of Pentecostal background. One of the servicemen had a number of FGBMFI tapes which he had gotten from his father who is a minister. These thrilled my heart as I learned of people in Holy nations other than Pentecostal who have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. After returning to another base in the States, I received letters about the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon fellow believers at the base where I had been stationed in Turkey.

Later on I received orders for Vietnam and was stationed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon. It was such encouragement and joy to receive VOICE while there. I was privileged to be used of the Lord in winning some fellows to Christ, and to witness about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. By having a subscription to VOICE, I was also able to get other books you publish, such as "Baptists and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit," and these helped to plant the seed in other believers' hearts. Before I left there, a fellow who is a Baptist minister received the Baptism; and after returning home, I received heartwarming letters from others who received the Baptism through the ministry of Lt. Commander Bob Wright, who was also stationed there. Another Baptist brother, whose hearing was impaired, was healed and did not have to wear his two hearing aids again. He had been told by his doctor that there was nothing he could do to restore his hearing.

I am so thankful for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and VOICE, and my heart is thrilled each time I receive a new copy of the magazine. The testimonies are so wonderful that I hate to stop reading them once I've started. My mother enjoys them very much, too. Praise God for His wonderful works of love!

J. A. B.
Pacoima, California

THE SIGN OF

by MIKE LAVENDER

MIKE LAVENDER is the son of Louis Lavender, Vice President of the Cincinnati, Ohio Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. This report was given at the Indianapolis, Indiana Regional Convention in May, 1971.

IT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER!

God is doing a new thing among a wide variety of university and college students all across the United States.

One prime example is in the University of Cincinnati, which if you remember was closed in May 1970 because of campus unrest. But during the summer months God took a few key people, filled them with the Holy Spirit and set them on fire with a desire to win souls for Him. One of these persons is Gary Sweeten, Asso-

ciate Dean of Students at the University of Cincinnati. It is his responsibility to coordinate all religious-centered activities on the campus.

Gary was a Baptist who got involved with a Catholic-Pentecostal prayer group that summer and was baptized in the Holy Spirit the following September. He came back to the university an on-fire crusader for the cause of Christ.

On almost all of the secular campuses, various religious organizations are represented, but too often

THE FISH

they become more or less just a social clique. If you belong to one, you fellowship and are concerned with those within it but have no deep concern about the person next to you who doesn't belong. Consequently there isn't too much evangelizing going on. But Gary was a changed man, and he now became really concerned about everyone.

At the beginning of the year we decided to have a meeting with all the key leaders of the various groups. We organized under the "fish sign" and wore "fish badges" (as the early Christians used the fish symbol) so we could readily recognize one another. Almost unbelievably over 200 people who were interested in doing something for Christ, gathered for our first meeting. Of course,

when you compare it to the 36,000 students and staff at the university, 200 was not that impressive a figure. However, God took that small nucleus to start a fantastic chain of events that is still growing.

That night we organized a newspaper called *Fishing Lines*, in which each group could publish what it was doing and planning for the following week, so that we could all pitch in and help. The main lounge was decided on as the standard meeting place, in order that everybody in the university would know where to find us. At any time you could go there and meet a Christian with whom you could pray and fellowship. It came to be called "The Fish Market." It was a one-to-one ministry and the Lord began to do a fantastic

recruiting job. There students met friends and told them what Jesus had done for them, and the work began to spread rapidly.

Simultaneously, people began to pray in strange languages in the dorms! One girl witnessed to fourteen girls on her floor and won all fourteen to the Lord. Prayer groups began to spring up, attended by students with a burning hunger and desire in their hearts to know the Lord in a deeper and more personal way.

Still another thing began to happen. Because there are around 6,000 Jews on campus, Arthur Katz, a converted and Spirit-filled Jew was invited by the "fishermen" to come and speak. God used him tremendously. From 10:30 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. (he was almost late to the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship meeting where he was to speak at 7:30) the teaching, questioning, and confrontation continued.

This was a different situation than we had ever before experienced. When you witness to Gentiles they will either accept or reject or just shrug off your message, but when you witness to a Jew about Jesus Christ it is another situation. Almost immediately you get a reaction and realize this is an extremely vital and personal issue that cannot and will not be ignored or shrugged off. I had never seen anything quite like that day. A lot of the students had been praying

and fasting, realizing that there would perhaps be a tremendous spiritual battle that day, but I doubt that any fully realized what a vital confrontation it would be.

It was unbelievable how Art's hearers would speak out—some angry, some hurt, some belligerent to the point of cursing the speaker and calling him a "madman." Nevertheless, God got His "fish hook" into a lot of Jewish hearts that day. I stood beside Art as individuals came up afterward to speak to him personally. One boy said, "Art, for four years I've wrestled with this problem about Jesus being the Messiah, and I'm almost convinced. But when I see what I have to give up—my friends, my family, and my reputation, for I will be despised as a traitor to my own people—I don't know if I can do it." But God was able to touch other hearts that day, and many of those Jews stepped out for Jesus. We now have several dozen Hebrew Christians whom the Lord has touched, and others are looking with a growing heart-hunger.

The move of God is continuing in the University of Cincinnati. Prayer meetings are now conducted in the dean's home where about 65 students come every Thursday night and sit "wall to wall" in his living room and talk about the Lord. If they don't get there early, they have to sit out in the kitchen and the hall. They start at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting

will often last until 1:30 or 2:00 in the morning—just testimonies, prayer, and praising God. Some of these young people have been delivered from alcoholism, drug addiction, and so many things that can bind and enslave a person.

One Jewish boy, who had been on more than 300 acid trips, would go

The first man to respond was a Spirit-filled Christian. He picked up the mike and said, "As for the war in Vietnam, I want it stopped just as much as you do." Everyone applauded. "As for peace," he continued, "I want peace also." Everyone clapped and gave the peace sign. Then he said, "But peace starts from

"Students sit wall to wall in the dean's living room and talk about the Lord."

for days without having one thought cross his mind. One day someone gave him a copy of the New Testament. He was an avid reader and a brilliant boy. As he read that Book he met Jesus as his Messiah and was completely delivered and restored.

Everyone is so thrilled with the marvelous evidencing of God's power that they are imbued with an even greater zeal to get out and win others to the Lord Jesus Christ. They witness to professors and students alike.

All of this witnessing isn't as simple or as easy as it sounds. Some of it requires real crusader courage.

During a peace demonstration last spring, hundreds were out on the bridge and everyone was trying to get some idea across. One man took a microphone and offered it to anyone who wanted to come up and talk.

within and you can't have peace until there is a change within. Only one person can make that change, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ." He got that last sentence out without taking a breath—he didn't dare stop in the middle of it!

It required some nerve to stand before that kind of an audience and tell them about Christ; but what he said practically stopped that whole demonstration. Some began to crowd around him and ask questions—meaningful questions—and he got a chance to witness to them.

These young Christians are exhibiting the same fervor and boldness in witnessing as those early Christians after Pentecost, and I believe that from their dedication and daring a tremendous wave of revival will rise and spread abroad over the world. ☛

This is the story of one man's vision to build on a sure foundation . . .



FROM RUBBLE TO ROCK

"During our trip to the east coast last summer to attend the FGBMFI convention at Norfolk, Va., Rose and I visited Rock Church and were so thrilled at the moving of the Spirit and the sight of such a large proportion of young people, that I asked that what God has done there be written down to be shared with all of you."

Demos Shakarian

by **E. K. VON FANGE**

THE TIME: Saturday, May 23, 1971. The setting: Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia. The event: the dedication of the new quarter million dollar Rock Church to the glory of God and to His work. After hymns of praise had been sung to the Lord and the local dignitaries had participated in cutting the ribbon at the altar, Pastor John Giminez stepped behind the richly panelled pulpit and proceeded to recall the events of his life.

As a baby, John's parents had dedicated him to the work of the Lord, but he was so incorrigible as a youth that he had been committed to a children's home. Escaping from there at the age of thirteen, he soon became a drug addict and began a life of crime to support his habit. Not many years ago he had stood, not behind a panelled pulpit but within a panelled courtroom to hear the next sentence meted out to him. He tried and was subjected to every known human

means for the cure—without success. Time after time he would come home from prison promising himself to stay clear of the habit, but would quickly fall victim to the needle once again.

During these times, though he seemed hopelessly lost, John's mother continued to pray for him. However, he continued his habit and his behavior until at age 31 in 1963 he reached the turning point in his life.

Upon his release from yet another prison, already "high" from a shot of heroin, he appeared on his family's doorstep and was told he had to leave. He morosely took a subway ride, and after getting off he happened to walk past Damasco Church in the Bronx, the same church that one of his convict friends had told him about in prison and urged him to contact. Being curious, John decided to enter, and there encountered for the first time the marvelous love of God. While attending their rehabilitation camp at Mountindale, he began an eventful eight months period during which he was cured from his drug habit by the power of God, and filled with His Spirit.

Pressed by the need to bring the message of hope to other addicts, John organized a six-act play with seven other ex-addicts which was soon booked all over the country. This eventually led to his meeting Demos Shakarian at a Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship convention in Chicago. Deeply impressed by the testi-

mony, Demos arranged a European tour for the group.

At a retreat in Pennsylvania some time later, he met Ann Nethery, an evangelist from Texas. This meeting marked the beginning of a new phase in his service to the Lord, for they were married in 1968 and formed an evangelism team.

During their tour, they passed through Portsmouth, Virginia, and appeared on Christian television at the invitation of Pat Robertson, whom John had met in Europe. Talking to some Spirit-filled Christians in the area, they learned of a vacant church and were encouraged to rent the facility. Some months earlier, John and Ann had heard a prophecy for their ministry to the effect that they would be sent to a place they knew not of, to a people they did not know. When they heard of this vacant church building, their hearts were quickened, and they wondered if this could be the fulfillment. After prayer and the help of the Spirit in overcoming some obstacles, they with their new-found Spirit-filled friends rented the facility for a two-week revival.

On opening night the church was filled, and remained so in every meeting for the next two weeks. Many were saved, and numerous healings and baptisms in the Holy Spirit occurred. Such blessings clearly indicated that this ministry was not to be just a two-week affair, and so the church was formed. Led by the Spirit

and organized with the minimum constitution and by-laws required by law, they selected the name "Rock Church" to signify its establishment upon the only true foundation, Jesus Christ. The function and operation of the church took form on the basis of diligent Scriptural search and prayer for guidance from the Spirit. From the start, the necessity for a live church to have the five-fold ministry (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers) referred to in Ephesians 4:11, was recognized and implemented. There are no membership lists maintained, nor any formal advertising activity. People are brought in from the highways and byways, by word of mouth and by the example of joyful living that those attending portray. A typical service finds conservatively dressed business and professional men as well as the bearded and barefoot. Many denominational people that love the Lord also are being fed and finding that there is a higher realm in God.

One such was the pianist, who had been led of the Lord to participate in this ministry from its beginning. During altar call one night, as she was walking to the piano to play background music, she felt urged to kneel and pray at the altar instead. Earlier that day the frame on her glasses had cracked and kept slipping down her nose, but as she knelt and was praising the Lord, the word came, "I am healing your eyes!" She

grabbed the glasses from her head, broke them completely—and has not needed them since!

Recently one of the many healings that have accompanied the ministry demonstrated the power of fasting and prayer. A breach-birth occurred where the baby showed respiratory problems, had continuous convulsions

"She grabbed the glasses and broke them completely!"

and was diagnosed to have extensive brain damage. The doctor indicated that, if the baby survived at all, he would most certainly be no more than a vegetable. Prayer was offered and the grandmother was given the word that God would heal. About a week passed, with no apparent change. A member suggested and many in the fellowship joined in a day of fasting and prayer. And God healed! Soon the baby cried normally and, five months later, was diagnosed as normal in all respects.

The witness of this church to the youth culture in the neighboring resort area has been especially powerful. From the beginning, anyone seek-



Pastor Giminez officiating at baptismal service in Chesapeake Bay. Twenty-two were immersed.

ing the answer has been joyfully welcomed into the service, without regard to grooming or clothing. In the words of one young ex-addict and drifter, "I found more of Jesus each time I went. I was able to relate as a young person to the ministry, full as it was of joy and exuberance, and nourishing spiritually in its teaching and preaching."

In other aspects of the functioning of the body, several individuals were led to start special ministries. Bob Campbell, an officer in the Norfolk Chapter of FGBMFI, noting the difficulty in obtaining books on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, started a bookstore in one of the side-rooms of the church. Another began taping the services, and the demand for copies has caused this ministry to grow into a sizable investment in tape duplication equipment. Pastor

Giminez felt burdened for the drug addiction problem in the area and began speaking to numerous civic and school groups. Soon he formed "Proclaim" with a group of concerned Christian businessmen, a farm was rented nearby, and a young couple was led to make the working with ex-addicts their 24-hour-a-day ministry.

Rock Church soon became so crowded that it was decided to purchase and remodel the facility. The city, however, would not approve the plans, and so a five-and-a-half-acre plot in Virginia Beach was purchased, building plans prepared, and a groundbreaking ceremony held in November 1970.

Almost all of the construction was done by volunteer help, under the direction of one paid superintendent. As money was needed for materials,

Brother Giminez would add it up and present the total amount to the congregation during each Sunday evening service. Tithes and offerings were collected and invariably the need was met. Many businessmen not even connected with the church were led to offer their materials at cost, and in some cases made large donations.

Initial services were held the Sunday before the formal dedication. In the morning every seat was taken, and at the evening service the pews were filled and the overflow areas were packed—and still the people came, until they were standing in the aisles and sitting on the floor. Special praises were sung that day, for God had so moved on the hearts of people to respond to the financial needs that no millstone of a mortgage was required!

And now, on this following Saturday afternoon, as the dedication service continued, Pastor John Giminez

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praised God for all this—and for the promise of prophecies yet to be fulfilled.

God continues to work mightily at Rock Church. A large choir recently began its ministry, a half-hour radio program aimed at reaching unsaved youth was started, and a weekly television ministry was launched. Negotiations are in process for the purchase of a hunting lodge on 16 acres as a site for both a school of discipleship as well as a permanent home for "Proclaim." Praise God from whom all blessings flow! 



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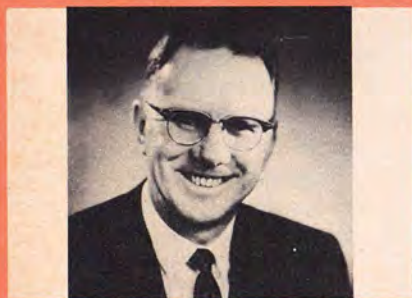


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The "sophisticated Japanese" are now experiencing the "life" as well as the "letter," and...

"A
Sleeping
Movement
Is
Electrified"



by **BOB FINLEY**

THE SPIRIT OF GOD is being poured out upon Japanese Christians in a manner unparalleled in the history of that nation. Tens of thousands of Spirit-filled Christians

are meeting together in joyful assemblies to praise and worship Christ. God is demonstrating His presence among them with supernatural manifestations, particularly in the healing of the sick. Blind eyes are opened, polio victims throw away their braces and dance with joy, lepers are cleansed, and Buddhist monks acknowledge Christ as their Lord and their God.

In a land that missionaries have described as cold, reserved, formalistic and unresponsive, ecstatic Christians are singing in the streets as they go from house to house spreading the love and affection

DR. ROBERT FINLEY of Washington, D. C. is Chairman and Chief Executive officer of the Christian Aid Mission, a foreign mission board that sends assistance to indigenous evangelical groups that have more than 4,000 missionaries on the field in all parts of the world. He is also President of Overseas Students Mission, an agency that does foreign missionary work at home by reaching foreign visitors in North America from a headquarters base in Toronto.

Articles by Dr. Finley appearing previously in VOICE were, "My Introduction to Life in the Spirit" (April 1964), and "A Parallel to Pentecost" (October 1965).

which Christ has put in their hearts. One veteran missionary says that unless he had seen it he never could have believed it is actually happening—thousands of sophisticated Japanese lifting their hands to God in spontaneous worship in the Spirit, or weeping unashamedly as they contemplate His love and glory.

Prof. Ikuro Teshima, spiritual leader of Genshi Fukuin, one of the indigenous evangelical movements in Japan, attributes the present great awakening to a combination of two major factors: first, a casting off of the European-style social institution churches which were imposed upon Japanese Christians by North American missionaries; and, secondly, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the many Japanese who had been diligently studying the letter of the Scriptures without the life-giving Spirit.

Western-style social institution churches have never taken root in Japan, and most missionaries now agree they never will. More than two generations ago such prominent Japanese Christians as Prof. Kanzo Uchi-muro and Prof. Toraji Tsukamoto expressed their reaction against the formalistic, institutionalized church organizations of the foreign missionaries by launching the "Mukyokai" or "non-church" movement. They had churches all right, in the Biblical sense of assemblies of believers, but no church buildings, clergy or ec-

clesiastical institutions. However, most Mukyokai groups were concerned only with Bible study. They learned the letter of the Word but lacked the spirit and power they read about in the Book of Acts.

Then in 1950, about the same time that God began to pour out His Spirit in Korea, some of the Mukyokai people began to reach out and touch the Lord. They prayed for the sick, and much to their surprise God began to answer their prayers with miraculous healings. Astounded relatives began to leap for joy, and a sleeping movement was suddenly electrified.

Having thus tasted the power of God, hungry Japanese Christians began thirsting for more. God responded with a mighty baptism of love and power which has produced a joyous, surging company of saints that has swept tens of thousands into a new and living relationship with Christ and with one another. Some say they will stop at nothing—provided it's promised in the Word of God. They actually believe Ephesians 4, Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12-14. Gifts of healing and local assemblies meeting as the corporate Body of Christ have been only the beginning. God gives some the gift of evangelism, to others the gift of giving, or of teaching, prophecy, or administration. Each one uses whatever gift God has given him to the upbuilding of the Body. 🔥

The fact that I suppressed the **VOICE** for over a year only resulted in a case of ...

Delayed Action

by HOWARD ALEXANDER

The first person who explained the baptism in the Holy Spirit to me was, strangely, enough, an Episcopalian priest, Dennis Bennett from Seattle, Washington. The first time he came to Fairbanks as guest speaker for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship chapter
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HOWARD ALEXANDER is a Volkswagen dealer in Fairbanks, Alaska. He was born in Illinois, reared in Texas in the Southern Baptist Church, and moved to Alaska where he has lived for the past twenty-two years. He had been a sincere practicing Christian for years before he received light on the Holy Spirit teaching.

there, I was invited, but refused to go and hear him.

Then someone sent me a VOICE magazine. I opened it, saw that it said something about the baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, and hurriedly closed it again and put it in a drawer of my desk. There it remained for a year or more before I finally got it out and read it. Since then I've sent many copies of VOICE to people, because I have found that there is power in those VOICE testimonies of what God is doing in the lives of men *today*.

The world is thirsting for fresh, current testimonies. We can read what God did through Paul's ministry 2,000 years ago, and it is wonderful, but to our generation it seems more like ancient history. But when we can see the miracles of God working in the lives of people *today*, He suddenly becomes real to us.

I read that VOICE magazine, and the next time Dr. Bennett came I listened and believed—and God graciously baptized me in His Holy Spirit. It was then life took on an entirely new dimension. I saw and felt and accepted and believed truths I had never before known were meant for today.

In 1967 I was leaving for Portland, Oregon to attend a Volkswagen dealers' meeting. Someone told me the Full Gospel Business Men were in Phoenix, and I should by all means go there before returning home. By

that time I had learned a good deal about FGBMFI and wanted to know more. The result was that this dyed-in-the-wool Southern Baptist didn't even get off the plane in Portland, but continued on to Phoenix, where I wound up in a big auditorium filled with people singing and praising the Lord. It seemed as if I had died and gone to heaven! The Christian fellowship there was wonderful, and it has been a joy to me ever since.

I'm still in the Baptist Church, and we have some people receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I've had the opportunity of witnessing to most of the Southern Baptist preachers in Alaska. I don't think God wants a man to leave his church. If the Lord can get a Catholic baptized in the Holy Spirit and have him remain in his church and work with other Catholics, then He can do the same thing in the Baptist, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, and all the other denominations. I thank God for the privilege of witnessing in my church to my people and seeing them begin to accept the truth on the Holy Spirit. Salvation is for the lost, but the Baptism is for the Christian. It is pretty hard to ignore that fact unless we tear whole pages out of the Bible—and Baptist folks are great Bible believers.

We recently acquired a new pastor. He came to us from Lubbock, Texas where he had ministered for eighteen
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**A visit from a Pentecostal minister brought
to our devout Catholic family . . .**

God's Glory Manifested

by CHARLES LANE

IT WAS SEVERAL years ago that our Roman Catholic family in Prescott, Arizona, was making a novena, which is a nine-day series of prayer to the Holy Spirit, opening hearts and lives to His action and leading. In our family group was a nun, Sister Nancy, who is now active in the inter-church renewal ministry.

On the next to last day of that novena a Pentecostal minister came knocking at our door—and because he came the life of every one there was changed and the glory of God was manifest.

That Pentecostal minister came in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Here we were, as he put it, one of the most devout Catholic families in town. We were and still are daily communicants. He had formerly believed that Catholics could not be saved, much less receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It was not through

his own desire, but in obedience to the Spirit that he came knocking at our door—but when he left *every single person in that house had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit!*


I've been a school teacher for twelve years, but last June the Lord called me into full-time service for Him. This is my testimony that God is faithful to His promises. I wasn't sure at first that I was really doing the right thing by going fully into this ministry. I have a family to care for—four young children, the oldest four years old. However I simply said: "Lord, if I'm doing right, I expect you to take care of us since you have put this burden upon my heart that I am not to seek another job but am to serve you."

Since that time the Lord has abundantly confirmed His call on my life, and has taken care of my family in a truly miraculous way. I never tell

GOD'S MANIFESTED GLORY

a need, except to God. I have never taken a collection or received a salary, but the Lord takes care of every one of our financial needs. It is glory to walk with Him.

One of the greatest things God has done for me is to open my heart in a truly marvelous way. He has given me a tremendous breadth of vision of the move of the Spirit among all people, regardless of denomination, who open themselves up to the love of God.


We are truly thankful that the Holy Spirit spoke to that minister and told him to come to our door when we were in prayer with our hearts open and hungry for more of God. The Lord is faithful to send an answer to a sincere seeker, just as surely as He sent Philip to open the scriptures to the Ethiopian in the desert. He cannot and will not ignore a hungry, seeking heart. 

DELAYED ACTION *(Cont. from 28)*

years and built the membership from 300 to 2,100. But despite this excellent record, he apparently became hungry for a deeper experience with the Lord. Those were the symptoms anyway. His children were grown so he resigned his church and volunteered for an assignment to a foreign field. About that time he received a call from our church in Fairbanks.

When he first arrived I met and welcomed him, showed him around

town and introduced him. As we were having lunch in a local restaurant, he gave me his opinion about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Then I began witnessing to him. He has studied Latin and Greek and been through seminary, and he said, "Howard, it doesn't mean that." I said, "Well, I'm an old layman who doesn't understand Greek, Latin or Hebrew, so I just accept the Scriptures at their 'face value,' so to speak." I'm still praying that he, too, will receive in simple faith the teaching of God's Word that this great blessing *is* for us today, and thereby come into this wonderful experience, as so many of us have.

After I was exposed to the teaching on the Holy Spirit, I knew I didn't have what those first century Christians had. I didn't have the boldness, the power to witness, or the dedication to die if need be, that some of them had. But when I sought God in earnest. He answered the cry of my heart and met the need in my life. There is no use mincing words. Many of us Christians don't live our Christianity all week. It's not hard to talk about God in church or in prayer meetings, but how about when we get out on the street, or in the office, or on the job? Does our daily life reflect His image to our family and to our business associates? The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will help to make this necessity a reality. 

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When Time Shall Merge With Eternity

by DEMOS SHAKARIAN

International President, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship

TODAY WE HEAR sounds of increasing national and international strife. The world in general and the United Nations in particular has been stirred by the recent admission of one representative and the expulsion of another, setting a 26-year precedent for that organization.


In the midst of mounting crises, let us not permit the sounds of discord and war to deafen our ears to God's message. Let us not permit the threatenings of the enemy from within and from without to disturb our unwavering faith that, no matter how dark the night, there can be no doubt of the outcome because it is in God's hands.

Look in the back of your watch and see the almost frantic activity of the little wheel that ticks off the seconds. This is the wheel of Time, where the entire universe seems to be in a constant convulsion of hurried, harried, frustrated activity. Then look at the big wheel that marks the hours and moves so slowly it almost seems to stand still. That is Eternity.

Nearly two thousand years ago

Jesus spelled out carefully what things would come to pass as the day approaches when Time shall merge with Eternity. Ours is the glorious day the prophets wrote of and yearned to see. No other generation ever born has been privileged to live in such a time as this.

I used to work in the fields with my dad, and when dinner time approached my young and growing body would begin to clamor for food. Every few minutes I would ask, "What time is it?" Dad would say, "You just go on with your work. We will hear the call when it is time to go into the house." That is what our heavenly Father is saying to us today.

We will do very well to keep an ear tuned to heaven at all times, eagerly awaiting that great moment when the trumpet shall announce Christ's return, and call His Church to the Marriage Supper. Meanwhile, let us not cease to keep busy gathering sheaves. Our responsibility is to "improve the time" allotted us. Eternity is God's business. 



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GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER GOES OVER 100

Bryon Nelson, Chapter Treasurer, reports excitement within the Greater Seattle Chapter when this past fall membership topped the milestone number of 100. "The blessing of the Lord was wonderfully on the activities of the chapter throughout the year," he comments. In addition to

their regular fellowship breakfast the first Saturday of each month, a new feature, one which has contributed much to the increased interest and to new men joining the ranks, is the "Men's Only" night the third Monday of each month.

Growth, numerically and spiritual-

ly, has become a byword in the Seattle Fellowship. When a record attendance of 175 at the annual Men's Retreat in September exceeded camp capacity the overflow was met by some men sharing their campers. Framed in the setting of the Lake Wenatchee YMCA campgrounds, the event was headed by Spirit-filled Bible teacher Gerald Derstine and FGBMFI Vice President Earl Prickett. Says Nelson: "A number of men from our chapter have testified to renewed boldness and enriched ministry resulting from the challenge and encouragement of the camp fellowship."

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ECHOES FROM THE CHICAGO REGIONAL CONVENTION

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ecies now being fulfilled, and Judge Kermit Bradford, whose broad lay ministry finds outlet wherever people are in need—from his closed judge's chambers to remote countries. Father Francis MacNutt confirmed from his worldwide experience the enlarging charismatic renewal in the Roman Catholic church, and former missionary (Cont. on page 38)



Karen Murguia



Questioning 32-year-old Louis Saint Cyr, former drug addict and Black Militant and now a Spirit-filled Christian, are Henry Carlson, left, and Demos Shakarian.

1. Pinal County, Arizona Chapter received its charter Sept. 11, 1971. Carl Williams, FGBMFI Executive Board member and Phoenix Chapter President made the presentation. With him are Garvin Jones, President; Barney Kennedy, Vice President; Leon Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer.
2. Eight-year-old Phillip Todd Burkhead, healed of epilepsy, now happily "beats the drum for Jesus."
3. Shown with Garvin Jones, Carl Williams and Phillip Burkhead, is FGBMFI Chapter Coordinator Gene Zimmerman, guest speaker at the October 9 meeting.



PINAL COUNTY CHAPTER CHARTERED IN COOLIDGE, ARIZONA

After Garvin Jones of Coolidge, Arizona had attended the Phoenix Regional FGBMFI Convention in 1969 he came home "so impressed by the wonderful testimonies of the different men that I wanted to start a chapter in our local area." Together with Robert Spencer who had just moved to Coolidge from the Alhambra Chapter, and International Director Carl Williams they began to pursue their vision for a Spirit-filled ministry to the men of Pinal County. Much prayer and faithfulness resulted in the Pinal County Chapter receiving its full charter from Director Williams on September 11, 1971, less than a year after its inception.

During that short time they have been blessed of the Lord abundantly. One exciting story is that of eight-year-old Phillip Todd Burkhead of Chandler. Stricken with epilepsy when only nine months old, he suffered this affliction until in November 1970 he was healed through the power of Jesus Christ. He has since become a drummer, and performed before the Fellowship at their August meeting.

Chapter officers include Garvin Jones, President; Barney Kennedy, Vice President; and Leon Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer. Meetings are the second Saturday of each month at the Coolidge Women's Club.



Trinity Temple, though some distance away from the garish downtown area below, presents a bright witness for Christ in Las Vegas.



Worldwide Missions was the theme of a full week of special services held last October in the 1,000-seat Trinity Temple in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pastor Bill Sharp, shown in pulpit, invited Dr. Raymond W. Becker, Editor and Director of Publications for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, to present its worldwide literature outreach. Dr. Becker spoke on Friday night, October 22.

Youth of Trinity Temple decorated the booth in which were displayed VOICE magazines, foreign translations of VOICE, and other FGBMFI publications. Packets of VOICE were given to those attending the service.

Besides meeting the speaker's travel expenses, Trinity Temple gave Dr. Becker a check in the amount of \$500.00 to assist in the FGBMFI literature program.

Rev. Sharp, son-in-law of the late Nick Timko, for many years an International Director in the Fellowship, is a frequent speaker at FGBMFI conventions and chapter meetings.

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COMMUNIQUE

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Clair Hutchins drew lessons from his experiences in Vietnam. Kathryn Kuhlman ministered in a pre-convention rally to those who needed physical as well as spiritual healing.

Karen Murguia, talented 17-year-old recipient of a four-year scholarship to an Illinois college, was present at a rally held concurrently with the FGBMFI convention in an effort to reach area youth with the Gospel. She reported that under the direction of Jim Palosaari, the meeting gave Jesus People a chance to express themselves in personal witness and music. Guitarist-singer Greg, who had been 'on drugs for a year, testified to his surprise at finding that Christ was the only *real* experience, not drugs. Many in the meeting shared his new perspective. "The Sheep," a musical group from Milwaukee sang: "There is a place where Jesus shines like the sun, the tears

are gone, and we will be free." Said Christian leader Ron Rendleman in the Chicago Tribune: "In Jesus they found the freedom they had been searching so hard for, the truth that, as promised, would set them free."

Karen noted in her report that "The Youth Rally was simplicity in itself. No outrageous demands were made on the conscience; no emphasis was placed on civic duty. There was no underlying theme of 'stop the war' or 'power to the people.' The only slogans shouted were 'Up with Jesus,' 'Smile, Jesus Loves You,' 'Viva Jesus' and 'Praise the Lord.'

"The Youth Rally was at an end," Karen concluded, "but as I stood up and gathered my notes together, I knew that the Jesus Movement would never end. The determination and love for Jesus that I had witnessed convinced me that the spreading of the Gospel and praising of the Lord would be one movement that, despite the 'evils of society' would exist until the end of time." ♠

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