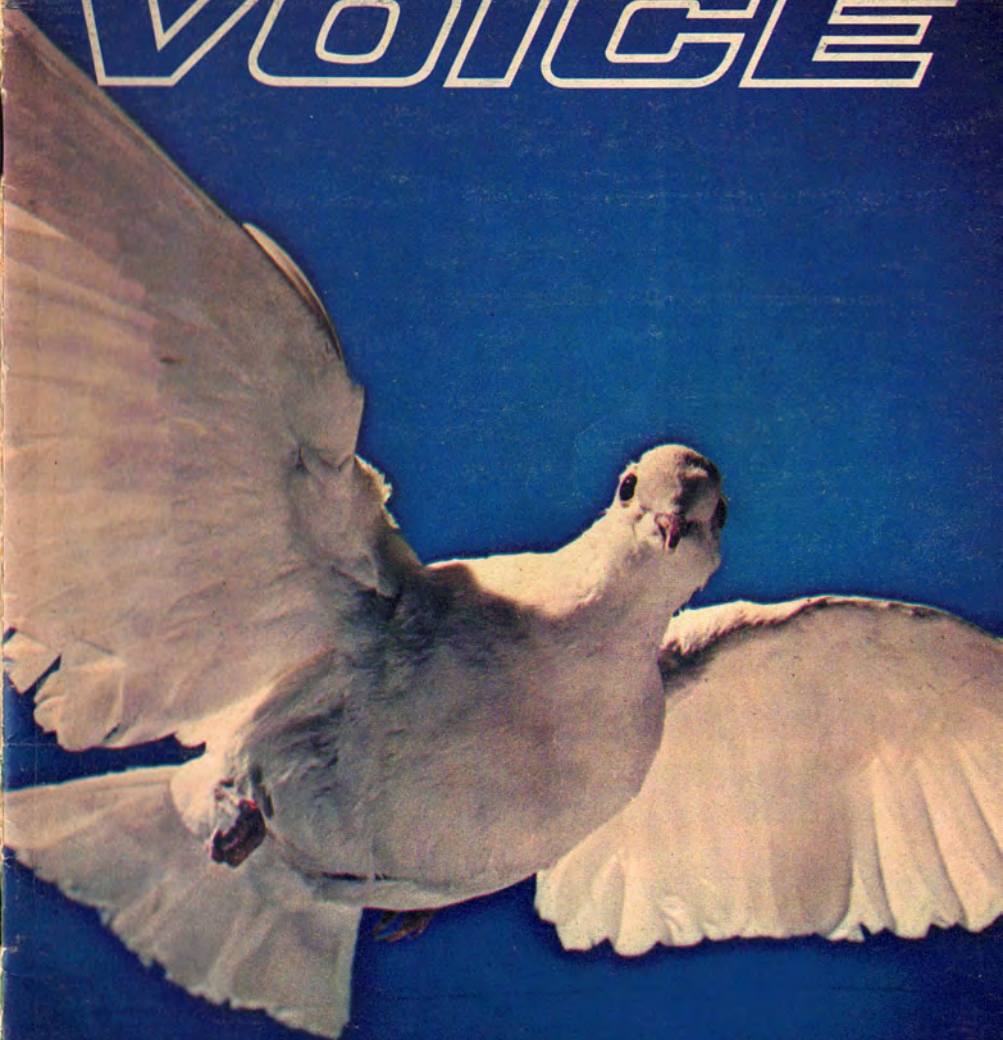


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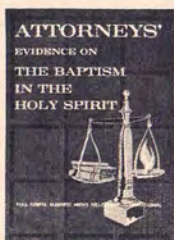


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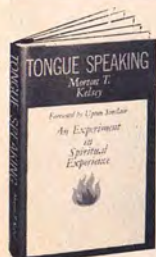
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# PENTECOST

*AND WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS FULLY COME, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

*3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

*4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

*6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*

*7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans ?*

*8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

*9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,*

*10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,*

*11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

*12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt saying one to another, What meaneth this?*

*13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.*

*14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words:*

*15 For these are not drunken as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*

*16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*

*17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

*18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

*19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*

*20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:*

*21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

ACTS 2:1-21



# PENTECOST IN

**U**NDoubtedly, we are living in day of the Lord's appearing; the last of the last days. It is most significant that in this hour God has raised up a group called the Full Gospel Business Men, who have probably, more than any other instrument, been used to fulfil the prophecy of Joel 2:28. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." This is happening in our day, and Pentecost has come into a new perspective.

God's method of operation is to raise up men and movements to accomplish specific and special purposes. If we can recognize and cooperate with what and who He is using, then His work will move. God chooses His own leaders. Our prerogative is not to give responsibility to men, but to recognize those He has selected.

## **PERSPECTIVE IN PURPOSE**

I believe one of the specific purposes for FGBMFI is to bridge the gap that has kept the Pentecostal message from the traditional

churches. Through it Pentecost has been carried into every denomination in America. Not one has escaped the impact. Many Christians now enjoying the fullness of the Holy Spirit would never have entered a Pentecostal church because of the unfortunate image and publicity presented for so many years. And so God has spanned the gulf through the medium of businessmen. Countless people of rank and prominence are being influenced by the literature and testimonies of laymen brought out of the traditional church into the full gospel way.

Paul Henry, an attorney in Fontana, was a member of a Baptist church when God began to deal with him. Through the Full Gospel Business Men he was set on fire. His life and testimony have been a blessing all across America. Denominational people are amazed to find that lawyers, doctors, judges, and men in high places have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and are speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. How the world needs the baptism of the Holy Spirit in this hour. And how

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# PERSPECTIVE

by  
**Ralph Mahoney**



the traditional church needs it.

While on a recent trip, a flight layover delayed me in San Antonio, Texas. As I sat in the air terminal reading, a stranger seated himself beside me. After the usual brief exchange of pleasantries, he asked what business I was in.

"I work for the Lord, I'm in missionary work," I responded.

"Well, I thought so," came his answer.

So the conversation continued. To my surprise this man was an Episcopalian. God had directed him to me and he had sensed I was a believer. That was strange, I thought, that God had spoken to an Episcopalian. What did they know about the leadership of the Holy Spirit? we had not talked very long, however, until I realized how wrong I was. This zealous layman had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, not knowing whether I had

or not, and had come to tell me about it. His unique approach interested me.

With a very natural reference to a meeting he had just attended in Oklahoma, he told this story:

"There was a young man at the convention," he began, "whom I'd never seen, but who had a terrific need. I knew God wanted to meet it and was prompted to sit down beside him to," he used the expression, "'worship the Lord.' Suddenly strange words started coming out of my mouth. Although they were in English, I didn't realize what I was saying because I knew nothing of his problem. However, it soon became apparent that God was speaking through me. The boy began to cry and then told me,

'Sir, what you've said is just what I've needed. I've gone to such points of despair that I've contem-



plated suicide. But you have described exactly the burden and need of my heart.”

God had supernaturally spoken through this Episcopalian and averted a disaster in that young man's life. And the incident had occurred in a denominational gathering. God is moving by His Spirit in all the earth.

It was my privilege recently to have a three-and-a-half hour session with a Catholic priest in Mexico. As I opened the Scriptures and explained the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he sat entranced. Then he asked for more information about the experience. God was ministering to that man's heart hunger.

I told the missionary in that town about it later. His reaction was tragic. "I'd have been afraid to talk to a Catholic priest," he said. "He might of had me put in jail."

There are hungry hearts around the world. If men would have an ear to hear the Spirit's direction these hearts could be touched in this day. Materialism and prosperity are not the answers to the cry of man. He wants spiritual reality because he is a spiritual being. Nothing will satisfy him but contact with God who alone can fill the vacuum.

Men in high places need the baptism of the Holy Spirit. More than anyone else, our government officials must have it. And we are going to see the day when God will pour out His Spirit into every realm. Here again, God's tool is the movement of FGBMFI. And if we give it our prayers, support, and coop-

eration, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will go far beyond what we have begun to see. Someday we will find men filled with the Holy Ghost and power in almost every pulpit in America.

When a great satanic force is rising in the earth, God always raises a standard to balance it. I believe that the spiritual balance for the world system today is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. While Communism is reaching out its tentacles for universal control, God is pouring out His Spirit to counteract it. Therefore, this message must reach into the highest circles. God has not surrendered the world to Satan. The prophet said that the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And that day is coming — it has begun. We are living in the beginning of the greatest move of God the world has ever seen.

#### **PERSPECTIVE IN PROGRAM**

It is not the doctrine of Pentecost, but the experience that has blessed millions. We do not need the theology of the Holy Ghost baptism. We need the power of that baptism. Then the doctrine will take care of itself.

I believe the biggest hindrance in our churches today is that we have learned how to conduct the services. We know too much. Mental knowledge of how to do religious work is a detriment. Our seminaries train men so well that the Spirit of God cannot find expression. This is not a criticism of the ministry. I have been a pastor for twelve years

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and know what it is to wrestle with the problems of a local church. But from my own experience I realize there have been times I have leaned on my own know-how, which kept me from dependence upon the leadership of the Holy Ghost.

To break through this barrier of ceremony and ritual, God has had to bypass the clergy and move through businessmen. Their ignorance of religious forms and planning thrusts upon them the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Demos Shakarian, President of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, recently told me of a series of events that took place during a convention held in a city where internal problems had developed in the local chapter. The men had been pressuring him to do something about the situation.

In the first service the young song leader, just out of Bible school, came to Brother Shakarian demanding, "Where's the program, where's the program?"

"We don't have any program," came the calm reply.

To the Bible school graduate it seemed strange that at an International Convention where three-thousand people had come from all over the world, there would be no planned schedule.

"What are we going to do? What are we going to do? What songs do you want to sing?"

"You just lead the singing," Brother Shakarian replied.

After the song the young man came the third time. "What are we going to do now? What are we going to do?"

This went on for three days, until Mr. Shakarian finally told the young man, "You just lead the singing and don't worry about anything else. When you are finished, turn it over to me and God will show me what to do. There is a tremendous need in this convention and we must meet God. I don't know what

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*I loved the Church, the Scriptures, and God's people;  
but this experience taught me . . .*

# HEAVENLY

**I** DIDN'T ASK for a new language. I was asking for Jesus and He chose to manifest His presence in this way. It was not the language that overwhelmed me but the fact of the Son of God praying and loving the Father through me. I've never known such a flood of heavenly love. The infilling of the Holy Spirit began a deeper dimension of knowing Him than I ever thought possible.

The testimony of my life revolves around various dimensions of knowing Jesus Christ as He has revealed Himself to me. I was raised in the Roman Catholic Church where I served as an altar boy; the sacraments of the Church were the object of my devotion. This brought me into contact with Jesus Christ

in the forms of the mass, but to me He was merely historical.

Until I was 17 my relationship to Christ was only in the vague and sentimental form of pictures, statues, and the traditions of man. I was once reprimanded by a nun for handling a statue of the Virgin Mary disrespectfully while trying to clean it and told to confess this sin to the priest. Coming to Jesus through the priest made Him seem impersonal and removed from my heart. The rituals, statues, and emphasis on the importance of the mass kept Him from becoming a personal Saviour.

However, in my senior year of high school, after becoming acquainted with a lovely girl, who later became my wife, I was made



# LOVE

by Bill Freeman

aware of a deeper dimension in knowing Jesus Christ. As we talked about the things of God and attended her church from time to time, I was brought under conviction and awakened to the presence of sin in my life. This sense of guilt took away the satisfaction of being successful in school as Student Body President and Most Valuable Athlete of the Year. My previous dreams of success in the sports world were now meaningless.

My sins had become so magnified, and my conscience so miserable I knew I could only find peace through a personal Saviour. Although knowing about Jesus from childhood, it wasn't until experiencing these pangs of conviction that I came to know Him in His

personal love and forgiveness.

The spiritual encounter that brought the new birth of the Spirit of God to my life came one night in April, 1955. I had just completed reading Elsie Egermier's *Bible Story Book*. Kneeling alone beside my bed, there was a quiet awareness of His presence. I simply talked directly to Christ out of my heart, rather than repeating form prayers. It seemed as if the statue of Jesus I had always known was coming to life to the eyes of my heart. Like the Scripture says: "To whom He shewed Himself *alive* after His passion by many infallible proofs . . . ." Jesus Christ was no longer impersonal but gloriously personal, for He had come to abide in my heart forever.

To know Christ through the new birth of the Spirit can only cause one to desire to communicate this knowledge of Him. Immediately following my conversion I felt a compulsion to preach the Gospel but was told I had to be called of God. I asked the Lord to call me if He wanted me to preach. Faithfully He showed me a specific scripture in I Chronicles 29:1: “. . . Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but the Lord God.” This verse was so definite that I ironically doubted, and asked the Lord to show me another verse, and He did. It was in I Corinthians 7:22: “For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord’s free man: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ’s servant.” Through these verses the Lord confirmed to me that the compulsion to preach the Gospel was of Him, rather than my own idea.

The Lord then led me through seven years of preparation, first at Azusa College and then Fuller Theological Seminary. During this time I served in the Friends, or Quaker, denomination as an assistant pastor and later as co-pastor in two other Friends churches. It was while fellowshiping with the Friends that the Lord made me realize the necessity of a Spirit-led life.

The Word of God, the writings of George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, and Barclay’s *Apology*, a Quaker theology book, gave me fresh understanding as to the pos-

sibilities in the realm of spiritual reality. I was further convinced that the only way to enter into this realm was through the Quakers unique emphasis on spiritual baptism or the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Friends explanation of this is as quoted: “This is an efficient baptism, a direct incoming of Divine power for the transformation and control of the whole man.” The Lord was enlarging my heart for another dimension of knowing Him.

Concomitant with seeing the necessity of an infilling of the Holy Spirit, the Lord allowed several trials and temptations which seemed to sap all my spiritual life. It felt as if the very foundation of my Christian life was being shaken. Finally I realized what God was doing — he was revealing to me that much of my Christian life and service was founded and motivated by self. I came face to face with the fact, when the self-life was being tested in the fire, I really didn’t love God as much as I thought. All the sermons I preached and all my spiritual activity were not sufficient to bring me the victory. I cannot adequately describe the sense of spiritual defeat that I felt. I became a very desperate man.

God used the forceful words of a Presbyterian surgeon to get my eyes off myself and upon Jesus Christ. One day, after a Bible study with the surgeon, the Spirit of God began to wonderfully reveal that God had only one true Son, the only begotten of the Father. I saw Christ as the only over-comer and



One all-victorious over sin, self and Satan. It was then that my sense of weakness and need for the infilling of the Holy Spirit caused me to cry out for several days, "Oh, Jesus, if only Your all-powerful life could take control of me, I know that a consistent life of victory would be possible." I realized that He was bringing me into yet another dimension of knowing Him. Eternal life is an ever-unfolding process of acquaintance with God. John 17:3 "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

I had been meditating on Luke 11:9-13 where the Father's desire in giving us the Holy Spirit is expressed. For three days there was an inner assurance that I possessed those promises in Luke before they were actually fulfilled in me. Faith truly came alive in my heart, and I accepted God's Word as the substance of things hoped for, evidenced by faith within my heart for those things not seen.

On the evening of June 9, 1964, my wife and I together with a friend were praying in our living room. Kneeling by myself, without anyone touching or laying hands on me, I was saying, "I don't want to control or manipulate You any longer, I want You, oh God, to manipulate me. Lord Jesus, walk inside of me."

As I prayed with my attention focused on Him, I felt a sense of electricity in my left leg that began to spread throughout my whole be-



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ing 'untill I felt almost frozen on my knees. I knew that what was happening to me was not natural, but supernatural. I prayed, "Oh, Son of God. Oh Son of God." The third time, as I started to repeat the phrase, from within my innermost being came a surge of breath. When it reached my mouth it was another language and I spoke as the Spirit gave utterance.

Someone recently asked me concerning this infilling of the Holy Spirit: "What did it do for you?" My answer was that the Lord revealed to me that I am not to regard this as an isolated experience,

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# A NEW DIMENSION

**S**EVERAL YEARS AGO I became deeply desirous of a more effective ministry in harmony with the Book of Acts. Though earnestly seeking God for a fresh anointing of His Holy Spirit, I was apprehensive about "speaking in tongues," as I had been trained in the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) movement and was well grounded in their concepts of this doctrine. However, my quest for ministering more in the Spirit's power became so intense that I was willing to accept the full package of the "infilling" and was ready for the Lord to include the details.

One night, alone in prayer, I sensed the power of God coming upon me in a new manner. I distinctly remember praying for

the heathen, the needs of a lost world, and my own inability to meet those needs. When the anointing of the Spirit came upon me such rivers of love and torrents of joy flooded my soul that it seemed I could take no more. My love for Christ and the world overflowed all boundaries.

For about an hour it seemed I could not speak a single word of English, I was glorifying God in another language. Perhaps this was due to my natural mind's inadequacy to express my love for Christ. The Holy Spirit by-passed my conscious mind and made expressions not limited to my understanding — only God knows the full purpose.

This could not have been diabolic because the devil does not instigate



by Fred G. Walker

## IN MY LIFE



*Fred G. Walker*

love, joy, peace and praises to God. If it were "counterfeit" then it is unsafe for anyone to seek God with all of his heart in full surrender. If this was "deception" then the Father may give a stone when we ask Him for bread. If what I received was only self-induced, auto-suggestion of my psychic faculties, why, after ten years, does it still enable me to have an intimacy in prayer and win souls as I never had previously?

It is true that some believers have become unnecessarily demonstrative during public worship. But this does not indicate that all manifestations of God's Spirit are to be shunned. Paul devoted almost the entire 14th chapter of I Corinthians to a correction of such abuses in the

church at Corinth. Nevertheless, he certainly did not discourage the operation of the gifts of the Spirit in the church. Today, through a conscious effort to quell these "excesses," many Pentecostal churches have structured their services to such an extent that they are no longer guilty of emotionalism but rather of quenching the Spirit.

I have been told that the believer who worships in an unknown tongue is deceived, spiritually bankrupt, and destitute of a soul-satisfying relationship with God. He is said to manifest an air of religious superiority and a desire to impose his experience upon his fellow Christians, with whom he is accused of

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having broken the bonds of spiritual friendship.

It is indeed a strange paradox that the Spirit-filled believer should be responsible for breaking fellowship because of feelings of spiritual superiority and at the same time be considered a deceived and weak spiritual character. The church would have little need for concern if it were only the spiritually bankrupt who were being blessed of the Holy Spirit. Instead, it is the devoted, God fearing church members that the Lord is rewarding with the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Christ has promised to give power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. The believer feels this liberation and empowering in his entire being, but need never fear he will become victim rather than master of this power. If his life is activated by the fruits of the Spirit he will always be in conformance with the highest moral and Christian standards.

Truly a "new thing" has appeared on the horizon of current Christianity. Christians of every denomination and of varied social and cultural backgrounds are being baptized in the Holy Spirit and are entering into a new dimension of spiritual power. They are learning they can have the fullness of the Spirit without necessarily adopting all of the patterns and traditions of any particular denomination or movement. This is a great day for the Body of Christ! The Spirit is knitting hearts together in bonds of holy love.

May I suggest that believers who cannot accept this move of God in its entirety take the attitude and follow the counsel of Gamaliel, "And now I say unto you, refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God" (Acts 5:38-39).

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as if it in itself were some magic panacea; rather that this is another dimension in knowing Him "... in the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death" (Philippians 3:10). To me it was an initial exposure into the power of God today, a partaking in God's desire that true worshippers should worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Following this experience, my family faced a series of events and circumstances, including persecution and misunderstanding from many of our friends, that would normally have shattered our lives. But God gave us the joy of the Holy Spirit, a steady flow of inner peace, and a real confidence in His plan for us. Our lives were filled with this heavenly love. Many human doors were shut, yet at the same time the Holy Spirit opened new avenues of ministry that were born of Him.



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# PENTECOST IN THE PHIL

*This is the testimony of Simeon J. Lepasana, a Baptist layman recently filled with the Holy Spirit and now president of the newly formed FGBMFI chapter in Manila, Philippines.*

UNKNOWN TO THE REST of the passengers in the bus that morning, a Christian missionary was showing me, from my own Catholic Bible, that I didn't need to struggle any longer to make myself "good."

Like most Filipinos, I was a Roman Catholic, and for 31 years had worshipped saints and the Virgin Mary instead of God. As this missionary read, I realized the assurance of salvation could be mine by trusting Christ alone, and that eternal life is His greatest gift to mankind — *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life* (I John 5:12).

Without hesitation or thoughts about my past, I accepted this gift right there on that bus. In a whisper, I prayed: "Lord, I cannot correct myself anymore. I am a desperately wicked sinner, almost incorrigible. Forgive me — I want to receive You as my Lord and Savior. Beginning today I will stop trying to correct myself of habitual sinning and will let You rule and lead me."

As a young man, I loved to do daring things to dazzle my imagi-

nation. It was the same when I was converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. I believed His Word so much that I took His promises authoritatively. I believed it when He promised: *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee and, If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it* (Hebrews 13:5, John 14:14).

One day I lost a government position for daring to tell others about Christ. Thus, I asked God to supply me with five thousand pesos and give me a start in a logging business — which He faithfully did. From that time on, I began to live a life of complete dependence upon my Lord.

Later, after moving to the city of Manila, God led me to establish a business of my own. Upon resigning from a high-paying job with the provincial government, the governor of the province asked me what my future plans were. He was shocked to hear me say, "I have none, but I know the Lord has already made the plans for me!"

With another Christian I started a small lumber firm, exporting from the Philippines to the United States. The Lord prospered the Il-



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gan - Lepasana Lumber Company and, by faith, we steadily expanded, always considering Him as owner of the enterprise.

Our office was located in the tallest building in Manila. Other tenants and our clientele were greatly surprised that we never allowed our office routine to interfere with daily devotions. We praised God in song, had Bible study, and preaching services, trying to magnify the Lord in every humble way we could.

Then, the monsoon season caused great damage to the business, as

did a protracted longshoreman's strike. Despite this, we entrusted everything to God's care. To our surprise, He opened another venture, virtually unknown to us — international shipping.

God increased the office force nearly eight times the former number and many of our employees came to know Him personally. Our Board of Directors began with five people, three of them Christians. This Board soon grew to seven, and because we continued to let God's Word guide our company, five more

became born-again Christians. Today, almost 90% of the employees are saved!

With God as our business partner, my wife and I joined a suburban Bible Baptist church at Mandaluyong, Rizal. We felt this suburban environment would fill in the gap and provide additional Christian fellowship. As time passed, I was elected to the Board of Trustees, equivalent to the Board of Deacons in other churches, and became a Sunday School teacher for an adult class.

It was while teaching the Book of Acts that my craving for the baptism in the Holy Spirit was really sparked. Every time I read about the early Christians who were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in unknown tongues as the outward evidence, I began to ask myself: "Why don't present-day Christians, like these in my denomination, experience this same baptism when Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever?"

One day the Lord enabled me to meet Rev. Lester Sumrall, a great man of God in the Philippines. I first met him in the home of a stockholder in my company, and later invited him to speak at our office where he challenged us about the Holy Spirit. I was convicted.

Shortly thereafter, a lay-preacher asked me to attend Rev. Sumrall's church, Bethel Temple, where special emphasis was being made on the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

That night I attended this serv-

ice, hoping to receive the Baptism. Following the meeting I went home, frustrated . . . realizing I had been more interested in knowing what those people were doing and who spoke in tongues, than I was in yielding myself to the Lord.

The following week I returned to Bethel Temple with my wife and two children. Rev. Sumrall prayed for me in his study after the service. He prayed that my thirst for the Holy Spirit would be satisfied and that I would have a successful trip to Hong Kong the following day. He then gave me a letter of introduction to Mr. S. K. Sung, a prominent Spirit-filled businessman. The letter explained my yearning for the Holy Spirit.

Arriving in Hong Kong the next evening, I hurried through dinner hoping that upon retiring to my room I would then receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I had prayed for God to bless my business trip, but also recalled praying for Him to show me the persons who could help me in my quest for the Holy Spirit. I began to anticipate meeting Mr. Sung the next morning.

Later that night, God performed a miracle. In a dream I saw a tall man, with thick eyebrows, motioning to me. Suddenly I awoke, saying: "Will this be the man You will use to help me, Lord?"

The next day I called on Mr. Sung at his office. After the customary pleasantries we became engrossed with the reading of the formal business proposal from my



company. I did not fail to notice he was the very same person God had showed me in my dream.

We exchanged our personal experiences with the Lord and later had a Bible study in Mark 16. For the first time in my Christian life I was shown : "In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18).

This clinched my determination. I said to myself, "Then I shall have these signs."

Mr. Sung continued to teach me about the Holy Spirit that night at dinner, and the following day he invited my companion, Governor Marcelo Adduru, and me to visit a tourist site at Kowloon.

Enroute home, we passed the dwelling of two lady missionaries, Miss Shevkenek and Mrs. Schmidt. We stopped for a visit and had prayer together. As we prayed, Mr. Sung and the women laid their hands on me, saying: "Brother, be filled with the Holy Spirit."

An earlier exhortation from Mr. Sung was still fresh in my mind, that all I had to do was yield to the Lord and feel that He was the one laying His hands on me. Almost simultaneously, I felt a sensation going through my whole being and my tongue began to move, forming strange words. I cried, "Lord, cover me with Thy blood and rebuke me if there is still un-



*Simeon Lepasana is the president of the Traders Shipping Lines of Manila, Philippines. He is also president of the newly formed FGBMFI chapter in Manila.*

belief in my heart about the Holy Spirit baptism." Later, they told me I was speaking perfect Mandarin, saying "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord." Mr. Sung and the missionaries also said I spoke in other unknown tongues for over an hour.

To me this is not just an ordinary experience with the Holy Spirit but a new challenge for tomorrow. For I shall have to walk in the Light, closely abiding by His will as I accept the responsibility of being a vessel of service for the Lord.

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to do but God does. And if you'll just let me pray a little bit, God will show me." So with his face in his hands, he sought divine guidance.

A few moments later God showed him that Derek Prince from Canada, who was seated at the opposite end of the table, was under the anointing to bring a message in prophecy. At the same time, as the Spirit of God began to move in a sovereign way, a group of ladies began to react to that Presence in a rowdy fashion. But Demos Shakarian recognized that this was not what God wanted. Stepping quickly to the microphone he said, "Now folks, hold steady a minute. God is wanting to speak to us."

A hush came over the meeting. Then Derek Prince stood and began to speak the Word of God. For about twelve or fifteen minutes the prophetic message went forth in that meeting. God's presence and power were so in evidence that Brother Shakarian again stepped to the microphone.

"Brethren," he said, "I believe we ought to take off our shoes. We're standing on holy ground."

All over that building the congregation slipped off their shoes and stood before God. Waves of glory rolled back and forth across the group. The hearts of those businessmen melted together in unity, and they wept as they went about the room asking forgiveness of each other. For fifty-nine minutes there was uninterrupted worship and praise to God.

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After that meeting the leaders of the chapter came to Mr. Shakarian and said, "We have cancelled the business meeting that was scheduled for Monday morning. God has taken care of our problems." And He had.

This is the secret. If in our gatherings we have faith that God will come, then we can and will see His mighty hand at work. It is much easier, however, to plan a program that will fill the time, than to exercise faith for God to fill it.

Without faith there will be no life. To illustrate: I am in missionary work. Like some of the natives, I live from hand to mouth, with no guaranteed support. If I look beyond two or three days, and think of the five children and wife I must feed, then start figuring up the bills, it is frightening. My tendency immediately is to believe God for enough money in the bank to live for a few months. But then I would not need faith when tomorrow comes. I would have used my faith to program myself out of faith.

The just must live by faith.

### **PERSPECTIVE IN PROVISION**

The same faith principle that brings life to God's program will also provide for its needs. Lack of funds should never stymie the message. God is depending on FGBMFI to get VOICE magazine and other literature of Pentecost to every minister, church worker and Sunday School teacher. If there is no money

on hand, that is fine. Then faith can go to work.

About five years ago I was employed by a large organization and making an adequate salary. At the same time I was pastoring a little congregation of about thirty people. Since I was earning my own living, the small weekly offerings were channelled mostly to missions, and some to a building fund.

But one day God spoke to me about quitting my job and renting a certain building to use for a church. I was to offer one hundred dollars a month as rent. As I considered the church offerings, which were barely enough to pay that amount of rent, plus utilities, I wondered what my family was to live on. But I knew the Lord had spoken, so promised to obey.

Locating the owner of the building, I informed him of my intention.

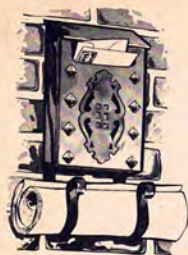
"Well, how much will you give?" he asked.

"One hundred dollars a month," I announced confidently. But when I learned the governor of the state had already offered two hundred and fifty dollars a month for the same building, as campaign headquarters, hopes dwindled. It was only three days later, however, that the owner called to say that he would rent it to us at our price.

With this assurance of Divine leadership, I gave my employer notice of termination. Strangely enough, I was offered a position that would have tripled my income

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## from our mailbox

I thank you very much for sending me the two extra VOICE I get every month. I am sure that it will bear fruit here in Vejle and also on board the ships. Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind attention.

We enjoy the VOICE very much.  
*Tinna and Fred Vorm*  
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Reading VOICE was most helpful — just before I had the wonderful experience of the “infilling” right here in my own home!

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*Mrs. Ethel Falk*  
*Turlock, California*

This is an amazing little magazine and I do hope that it will be an instrument in the Hands of Almighty God, that souls shall find Christ as the Saviour of the World! It is indeed inspiring to read of the events taking place around the globe and my prayer is that God will willingly give Australia a wonderful Revival.

*Rev. Warren Martin*  
*Ipswich, Australia*

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for a year subscription. Have enjoyed reading the magazines in our Public Library.

*Dennis Ballard*  
*Anchorage, Alaska*

A very funny thing happened to me lately. As a London postman, among some of my letters to deliver was one of your copies of the VOICE. The people to whom it was addressed had gone away, so I took the liberty of keeping it. The best thing I ever did. I read it and now I know the Lord Jesus Christ. Please send me some more.

*Peter Howe*  
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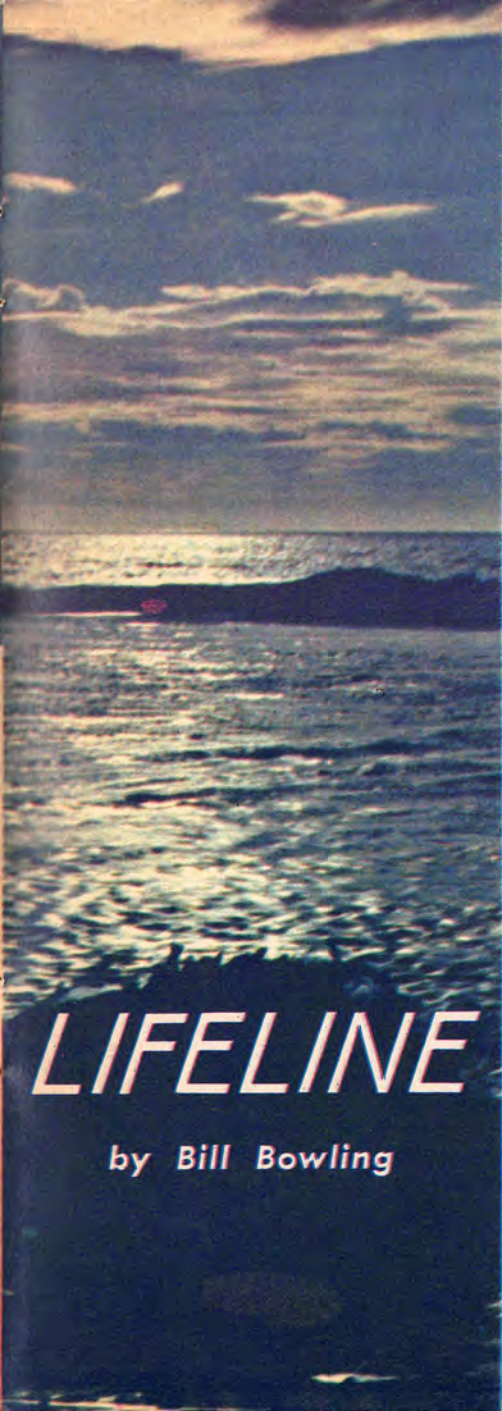
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**J**OKINGLY I CLAIMED a Ph.D. degree—"Poor Homeless Drunk;" for that was exactly what I was.

The restrictions of my Christian home and parents had been too much, and I had rebelled with all the intensity of youth. But World War II was my way of escape. Away from home, I began to do what I wanted to do, which was to drink myself nearly to death. I had my first "DT's" (delirium tremens) just after my twentieth birthday.

Finally I drank myself out of the service and was permanently discharged in 1951. I went to college but after two years found it becoming harder and harder to do anything but drink.

For a year I wandered around skid row in San Francisco before I stumbled into a mission where, after hearing the gospel message, found Christ as my Saviour. My life was visibly changed. As I walked with the Lord and tried to serve Him, He blessed me. It was not long, however, until I lowered my spiritual armor and went down in defeat. This became a cycle; I was up and then down repeatedly.

I almost turned my back on God once too often. In 1957 I was down spiritually and began to suffer physically. I received a brain concussion and my speech, eyesight, use of the right arm, and memory were suddenly gone. Doctors had to operate on my head in seven places to restore me. Even this did not teach me a lesson. I went back to the bottle with new intensity and remained in that degraded condi-

# LIFELINE

by Bill Bowling

tion for about six years.

It was through a fire in the home where I lived that I sensed God speaking to me again. I came very near perishing and was physically injured, but by a miraculous act I was rescued.

For a long time I lay in the hospital unable to speak because of scorched lungs. I wasn't particularly interested in living. All my belongings had been destroyed, and my physical condition made it impossible for me to hold a job. I had a reputation I could not live with — there seemed to be no hope.

At this point I was ready to quit drinking — I had had enough. After being in jail a hundred times; in and out of mental hospitals; with "DT's" a common experience; and a case of Jackson's epilepsy, as a result of the brain concussion — I was a good specimen of nothing. All I could do was hoist that cursed bottle, and how I could do that!

It was then that Jerry Brewer, an ex-police sergeant came to see me. We had become friends when I was first saved. He invited me to go with him to a meeting being conducted by the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Oakland at the Edgewater Inn. More out of courtesy than anything else, I went along.

Dr. William Standish Reed, an Episcopalian surgeon, was speaking that morning when I walked in looking like a toothpick in a white blazer—I was down to 110 pounds. Jerry practically had to carry me up the stairs to the dining room. I



*Bill Bowling was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit at a Rally Day sponsored by the Northern California chapters of FGBMFI.*

don't know how many others were hearing Dr. Reed, but the message got through to me. When the invitation was given I reached out in desperation; to me it was a lifeline and I was drowning — I knew it was my only hope. Now, in His mercy, He came into my life anew.

In that meeting, men talked about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I didn't know what it was, but I knew I needed the power of God to live for Him. I didn't have to plead or agonize with the Lord; through six miserable years of breaking, He had prepared me to receive this gift. I asked Him to fill me and He did.

At the same time, I was not only



delivered from alcohol, but also from the epilepsy which had been growing steadily worse, in spite of extremely heavy and constant medication.

For years, whenever I was without liquor, I would have the DT's or convulsions, often both. The convulsions came nine or ten at a time and resuscitators were needed to keep me alive. But after that meeting I didn't even have the shakes! When Jesus cleans you up, He does a thorough job. I realized other horrible things in my life were gone. I was a new man.

I have seen so many Christians live such defeated lives, trying to mortify the body in the flesh, and the only result is the horrible odor of rotten flesh. I tried to quit smoking many times but would always go back to it. I talked to the Lord about this, knowing there could be deliverance for me. The Lord seemed to lead me to a friend who would pray for me. I believed God, but I still liked my cigarettes. I had battled with this problem for some time, and to help you understand what I was going through, I must tell you I smoked an entire pack before asking him to pray for me. I knew that God was going to deliver me. As we knelt in prayer the Lord spoke through Him saying, "My son, My son, I know your heart. Stand up and accept your deliverance." The craving for cigarettes left my life completely!

Every day with Christ is victorious and exciting now that I am headed in this new direction.

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and put me over the thousand dollar a month bracket. So here I was.

"Now if you take that job you'll save enough money to live on and build your church too," taunted the devil.

It seemed like a wonderful turn of events, but yet God had told me to quit my job. The money did not interest me but the fact that I could build a church with it did. So, seeking God's answer, I opened my Bible. Immediately my eyes fell on the verse of scripture, "Cursed is the man that makes flesh his arm." This was God's confirmation. The job could well have provided the necessary funds but it would have eliminated the principle of faith.

Needless to say, God honored our faith and the income of the church increased to thirteen times more than its original amount. We had cast ourselves on God, with no visible means of support and He had supplied.

God wants us to leave room for Him and attempt more than it is possible to do. His commission and purpose for Full Gospel Business Men is clear. The message and experience of Pentecost must and will be proclaimed. And in this day of spiritual prejudice, ecclesiastical regimentation, and materialistic security, He has ignited and entrusted the Pentecostal flame to laymen — men who can carry its glow to every denomination, every social level, and every tongue.



# chapter highlights

SHELDON CLEMENTS/CHAPTER COORDINATOR

## COVINA, CALIFORNIA

Velmer Gardner was the recent featured speaker at the Covina Chapter, attended by nearly 300. At the close of his dynamic message, a mother and daughter, as well as five other people, accepted Christ as Lord of their lives. The same night, this mother and daughter were both filled with the Holy Spirit.

## ODESSA, TEXAS

This chapter reports continuing results from their meetings — in recent months 20 people have surrendered their hearts and lives to Christ and 15 have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. These persons represent various denominations and are all active in church work at this time. The average attendance has been 125.



Sam Rudd, an International Director, second from left, is shown presenting the charter to the President of the Durango, Colorado, Chapter, Amos Terrell. Also shown are Elmer Lewis, left, and Art Cobel, right.



Pictured, left to right, the chapter officers of the Enid, Oklahoma chapter: B. Murray, treasurer; Lloyd Counce, secretary; Ralph Thomas, vice-president; Lee Unruh, president.



## **SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.**

The Pasatiempo Inn was occupied by approximately 200 members and guests of the FGBMFI Chapter in Santa Cruz, to hear Rev. Clifford Custer, Presbyterian minister from Tracy, California. He emphasized the need to live beyond denominational barriers and stated, "Young people need the infilling of the Holy Spirit to satisfy their hungry hearts, and keep them out of sin and its troubles." He also spoke of the privilege it is to live the Spirit-filled life. Frank Cordeiro, president of the Hayward group, brought greetings to those assembled, as did Allen Hall of the San Jose Chapter.

## **BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

Our hearts were blessed by the testimony of Pat Roberston in our recent meeting. Despite the zero degree weather, there were 190 in attendance, including many young people. One young lady gave her heart to the Lord and at least twenty received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We are assisting in the opening of a new chapter in Waterville, Maine, on June 11th at 7 p.m. Frank Hosea of R.F.D. 1, Oakland, Maine, may be contacted for further information. We are also instrumental in the founding of the Nashua, New Hampshire, Chapter which will have its first meeting on June 12th at 7 p.m. Anyone interested may contact Stuart Waldron, 16 Dexter Street, Perry, New Hampshire. Rev. Howard Ervin, of New Jersey, will be the featured speaker at both of these meetings.



The new officers of the Riverside FGBMFI Chapter are shown here, left to right: Enos "Rex" Lambright, chapter president and owner of Riverside Auto Body; Lee Billeter, vice-president, and agent for Farmers' Insurance; Wayne Stoyer, treasurer, and park foreman for the Department of City Parks and Recreation; Alex Klure, secretary, and owner of Hartman Iron Works in Riverside.



At a Washington, D.C. chapter meeting, Al Malachuk, former president and an International Director, conducted the installation of officers, and L. P. Safford, an International Director, led the prayer. Shown from left to right, Mr. Homer Brooks, Secretary; Mr. David Trenum, Vice President; Mr. Francis Robinson, President; Mr. Edwin Hayward, Vice President; and Robert Pandolfi, Treasurer.

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