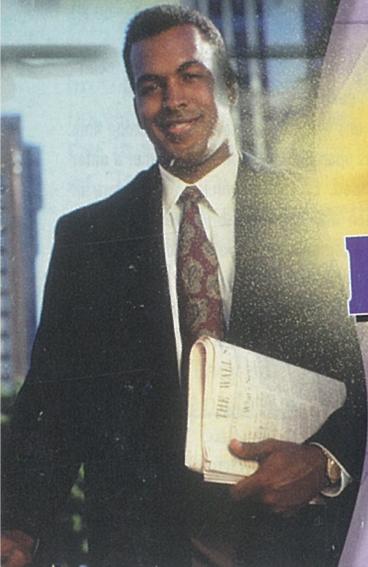
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A Word From The President



**Richard
Shakarian**

Our Vision

Let me share the vision with you as given to my father, Demos Shakarian.

"I could see the people on the earth... millions and millions of them standing shoulder to shoulder. My vision seemed to move in. I could see tiny details of thousands and thousands of faces. And what I saw terrified me. The faces were set, lifeless, miserable. There was no real contact between them. They stared straight ahead, unblinking, unseeing. With a shudder of horror, I realized that they were dead..."

"The vision changed. Whether the world was turning, or whether I was traveling around it, I didn't know. But now beneath me was the continent of South America. Then on to Africa, Europe, Asia. Once more the startling close-ups occurred, and everywhere it was the same. White faces, brown faces - every one rigid, wretched, each locked in his own private death."

"Lord!" I cried. "What's the matter with them? Lord, help them!" "My son, what you see next is going to happen very soon."

"The earth was turning - or I was moving around it - a second time. Below me again were millions upon millions of men. But what a difference! This time heads were raised. Eyes shone with joy. Hands were lifted towards heaven. These men who had been so isolated, each in his prison of self, were linked in a community of love and adoration. Asia, Africa, America - everywhere - death had turned to life.

"And the vision was over. I felt myself returning to earth."



Richard Shakarian

Richard Shakarian – International President



Real Life Real Friends



Dennis Aplicano,
San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Wealth and the good life were not enough! Even though we had a great house, a swimming pool, fast cars, and exciting holidays, there was something missing. My parents argued a lot, at times resulting in violence. It left me feeling terrible and afraid. My big brother would try to stop them and would end up getting a beating himself. All I could do was cry. In my desperation, I would cry out to heaven, “Is anybody there? Can nobody help?”

Without direction, I went to school parties and began drinking and smoking at 14. All the cool people were doing it – or so I thought! All I knew was that I wanted to be “in”. So when my friends suddenly seemed to go off without me, I asked why. They said it was because they were smoking marijuana. “That’s not a problem,” I insisted. My only priority was to be accepted; I didn’t care about my life or anything else.

Starting to go to the casinos, I thought that luck was with me and I was a good poker player. For the next four years I gambled for an average of five hours per day. In the end I had not only lost a fortune, but also my self-esteem. What was worse was that much of the money I had lost was borrowed. At one point I had four cars and a motorcycle, and I had friends in other countries. Still seeking the “high life,” I turned to the “mother of all drugs” – cocaine.

The girls and my society friends thought it was “cool”. I was only sixteen when I started using cocaine every weekend.

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At first I was a scared, but my pride and the acceptance of my peers was more important to me than my fear. I would do anything for that. Wanting to be noticed, I was always getting into fights. It gave me quite a reputation. We raced our cars down the highway in the wrong direction just for "kicks". It was suicidal, but we didn't care.

My friends and I used to put guns to people's heads and threaten to kill them just to watch them "freak". We wanted to be known. Bankrupt, I was down \$100,000, and that is a lot of money in my country. I had two choices: to run away and see how my dad would take care of it, or to try this Jesus that everyone was talking about.

My father and I used to laugh at Christians on TV. We were very ignorant. In fact there used to be a church near us where the people sang and praised God. My dad didn't like the noise they were making and so he called the police. Eventually they stopped their meetings. We thought they were crazy. Then my uncle, who had once been the third most important man in the country, went to a Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship (FGBMFI) dinner. The testimonies people shared about their relationship with God impressed him and he invited Jesus Christ into his life.

In his excitement he took my father to the next meeting. When they started to sing and praise God my uncle joined in. This infuriated my father, who blurted out, "I am ashamed of you! You are a powerful man. What are you doing?" Nevertheless, something was happening in my father's life. He began to change and soon he, too, had committed his life to Jesus Christ. Previously it had not been unusual to find my dad in bars with other women, but he would give me money and I would say nothing.



The thing that had finally convinced him that God was real was when he had attended a meeting where he saw people praying for a demon-possessed person. People who make a pact with the devil demonstrate real power. This is something that is not often seen in Europe or the USA. The demons are real. This was something my father could plainly see. He witnessed these satanic forces, who manifested themselves unmistakably in all kinds of ways, being defeated by people who read the Bible. Seeing the power of God changed his life.

That summer he took our family to the World Convention of the FG BMFI in Dallas. By that time my mother had also committed her life to Jesus Christ. She used to have a problem with depression. She was always so very sad – she never laughed. She had not had a very pleasant life. The doctors could not help her; they just gave her pills. Despite the fact that I used to steal money from her handbag, I did love her and

something inside me wanted to make her feel better.

One time at the end of a meeting they asked those who were sick to come up for prayer. When they prayed for her, to my shock, she fell to the floor. This was something totally new for me. Having grown up in a traditional church, all I knew was form and liturgy. I hadn't seen people praying for the sick or anything like that. My shock turned into surprise when she got up crying, "I'm free; I'm healed." At first we did not believe her – we even laughed at her, but when it became clear that she had totally changed, becoming a joyful person, and even throwing out all her medication, we could see that it was



real. We had thought that Jesus had died 2,000 years ago, but here He was doing miracles now, today.

By this time my parents were excited about the things of God and brought the family to the convention to learn more about Jesus. We knew it would be a big event and that lots would happen. While we were there my father invited Richard Maiden, who was one of the speakers, to our room. In a move that seemed out of the blue, he put his hand on my head and said, "God is going to lift you up in your country as a leader and you will go to other nations proclaiming that Jesus is your Lord and Saviour."

Being far from a "good boy", you can imagine what I thought when he said that. I figured he could not possibly know who he was talking to. At the time I was on drugs and had bought stolen cars, trying to improve my image. I even thought my activities might put me in jail sometime soon. Looking for an answer, and not knowing if this Jesus they spoke about was real or not, I decided to try Him. I declared, "Jesus, if you're real, I have big problems, but I want to be good and serve you. Help me out of



my problems – show me that You are real." It is sad that I had to get into such a desperate situation before I understood that there is no real life without Jesus.

I got a loan from the bank and started to work, believing God for a miracle. To the natural eye it was impossible, but, incredibly, by the end of the first month I had earned enough to pay back the bank. By then I knew Jesus was doing something wonderful. I had started reading my Bible and attending church. However, I had not yet totally given up my drugs. One day I prayed, "Jesus, this is my last time to buy cocaine. Please do something in my life. Give me strength to stop." When I went into a bathroom to use it, it had fallen out of my pocket. That was it – there was no way I would try and get more; it was too difficult.

My life was changing. I didn't go out drinking anymore, I was free of drugs, and the financial problem had been cleared away. People had been

so kind and loving. At church they must have smelled the whiskey on my breath, and yet they had hugged me and talked to me as if I mattered. I did not become a committed Christian overnight. God cleaned me up bit by bit. He truly delivered me. It was not a matter of quitting things out of some sort of religious guilt. The fact is that as Jesus filled my life, I simply did not want to do those other things that had seemed such a big deal before.

My life became full, with more joy and excitement than ever before. I began attending FGBM-FI meetings and met other young people working with the youth. We now have 700 members in fourteen "Youth Chapters" and we are growing fast. We have new groups, which draw a couple of a hundred people. God had told me I would be going out to the nations. Now it is happening. I regularly travel around, proclaiming that Jesus is alive and, what is even more important – He cares for you!

We have teams working with the gangs and have many stories of God changing lives. One guy used to seek out rich people and go after them to kill them. You would never imagine he is the same man. One of my old buddies has also committed his life to Jesus Christ and is preaching about Jesus every week. Sadly, another one

"fried his brain" on drugs and is a walking vegetable. Some of my other friends are now dead.

When I first committed my life to Jesus, I remember noticing beauty all around me. Jesus made my life real and there is no turning back. Since then my elder brother has also become a committed Christian. My little brother, who I used to take out drinking, teaches Sunday School at church.

Sometimes young people feel lonely. Well, God can give you friends. Whatever your need, Jesus is the answer, He can change your problem. Don't wait till you are bankrupt or involved with drugs. I tried drugs, gambling, and wrong businesses, but it is Jesus who has fulfilled my life – He has changed everything. That is why I feel called to reach other young people. God really loves us just as we are.



Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International announces the formation of a trust and estate service program

To assist in this area we have retained the Capital Alliance Group, a firm that has many years of experience in trusts and estates.

Remarkably, 1998 is drawing to a close, and the new millennium is just a year away. Perhaps now is the time to consider year-end plans to insure that you are prepared for the 21st Century.

Some year-end planning thoughts.

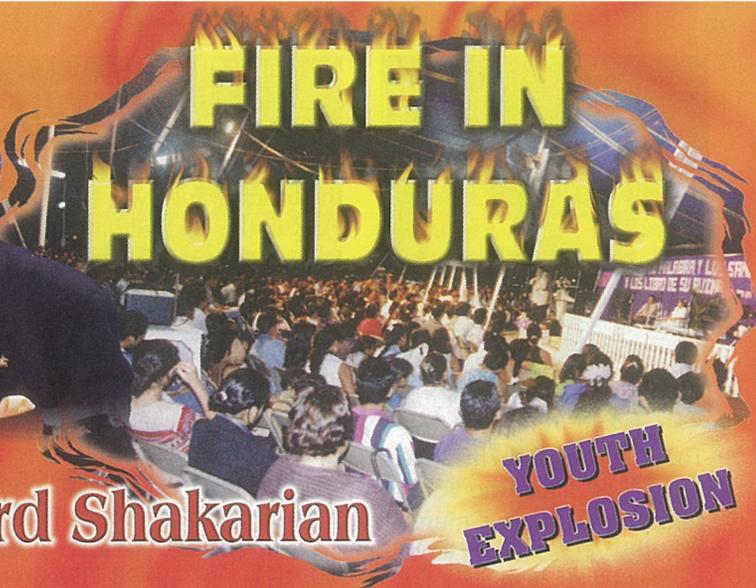
If the IRS is winning the tax battle, a gift to a charity offers the benefit of a tax deduction, an outright cash gift provides you with a deduction for the entire amount.

If you find the return on that particular asset to be somewhat lackluster, consider giving it to charity. You can donate stock or securities and not only receive a tax deduction, but if it has performed well in recent times as the stock market has, you can save on capital gains taxes as well. This approach often makes more sense than giving cash.

Is that extra property a "ball-and-chain"? It may be an appropriate asset to place in a charitable remainder trust, providing a tax deduction, alleviating a drain on your finances or time, and establishing a life-time income stream.

These are just a few of the options that charitable tax planning offers. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities before the end of the year, please call the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International World Headquarters at 1-949-260-0700.

FIRE IN HONDURAS



Richard Shakarian

YOUTH EXPLOSION

There is a tremendous explosion of the Holy Spirit among the youth in Honduras, and it began with two young men. One of them was named Enrique (“Kiki”) Morales. As a teenager, he became very embittered against his family, especially his father. When his relationship with his father broke down, everything else in “Kiki’s” life began to go bad as well. One day someone invited him to a Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship luncheon. While he was there he really sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit of God. He accepted an invitation to ask Jesus Christ to come into his life and he received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. His life was turned around. “Kiki” was about 19 years of age at the time. His testimony will follow in a later issue of Voice.

The other young man’s name is Dennis Aplicano. His testimony is in this issue of Voice. Dennis was on drugs, drank a lot, and was involved in gam-

bling. He gambled away thousands of dollars, so much that he was in deep trouble with his gambling friends.

Then His Dad took him to a FGBMFI World Convention. That is where the miracle began. Later, back in Honduras, he committed his life to Christ. Still in his early twenties, he is on fire for God.

The young men decided they wanted to do something for God, so they started youth groups or chapters, running them as they thought FGBMFI chapters would be run. Their chapters are made up of about 65% university students and 25% young executives.



The balance are from the streets (i.e. gangs, some who were in trouble with the law, murderers, and outcasts of one kind or another).

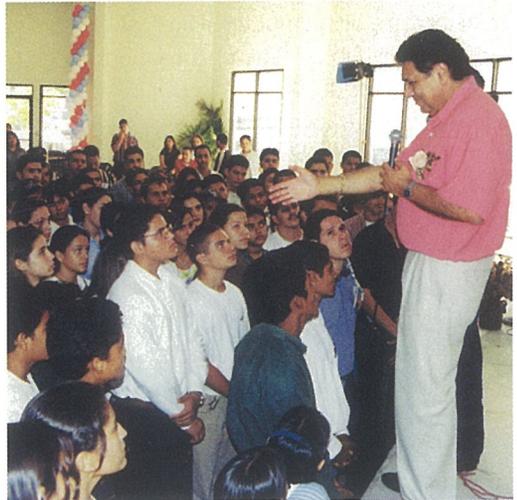
“Kiki” and Dennis have built up 14 chapters with 2500 members in Honduras. There was so much growth that we weren’t sure what to do with them. These young men and women are doing things a little differently than in a “standard” FGBMFI chapter.

I went down and met with these young people and the FGBMFI board of Honduras. We set up the Youth Chapters as a new outreach for our organization, connected directly to the International. We made new rules and operational guidelines for the youth so that they would be free to move forward with vision to reach their generation.

During my visit we flew and drove to meeting after meeting. The building was so jammed in Tacaoa that the people could not get in. The aisles were packed, people were pressing in around the building and even out into the streets. The glory of the Lord fell on the meeting that night. It was like fresh power from the Holy Spirit – a wave of blessing for the youth.

Other chapters had come to support them. They had even paid for the food. Literally hundreds of people gave their lives to Jesus that night. It was actually impossible to call them forward for prayer because there was no room.

The power of Holy Spirit swept through that place. People began to get healed. Young people came up on stage and said, “I have never felt this way before in my life. I never knew that you could know God like this.” They were weeping and crying – little children, teenagers, university students, and young business people. Everyone there felt a uniqueness in the way God was work-





ing. Lives were changed and they experienced great joy.

When we were at our next meeting in Tegucigalpa, we could not know that 132 people would be killed by the storm only days later. We spoke to over 700 young people that night. When they sang, the presence of the Holy Spirit came into the room. I began with the scriptures from Acts 1:8, “You shall receive power...,” and right in the middle of that word the Lord gave me the message, “I’ve got the power!”

It was so powerful because that is what every young person wants – the power for a better life. They want the power to become successful in their business. Jesus said, “I’ve got the power.” It was electric!

Within just a few minutes, 350 young people came forward to receive the Lord as their Savior. When I pulled young men from the crowd and asked them to give their testimonies, they shared how it felt to know Jesus Christ in a personal way – to surrender their life to Him. These were university students – well dressed and intelligent. Many who were standing there were weeping. It was an absolutely incredible experience!

San Pedro Sula was about 300 kilometers away. The long country roads out there were later washed out when the hurricane hit. We had driven there in a utility vehicle, but one of the men said, “Here, we’ve got a private airplane and a pilot who will take you back more quickly.” They had invited me to speak in the nation’s largest church – 19,700 members. They meet in a huge tent.

Vangie and I accepted the offer to fly back so we could make it to the meeting. It was raining so hard that the rain

In a few minutes, 350 young people came forward

penetrated the light plane, and soaked my clothes. That was Sunday. On Monday we left Honduras, and on Tuesday the storm hit.

That night everything was muddy. Thousands of people were walking through the mud to come to the meeting. It was



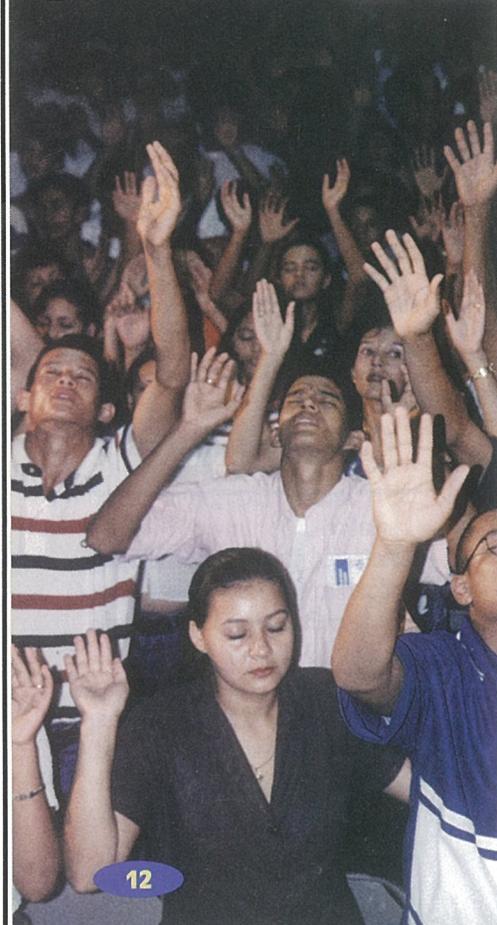
an amazing sight. Buses let people off and they would trudge through the mud. Everything that Vangie and I had with us got wet and muddy.

Sitting in that meeting, I remembered the early days in the United States, how the power of God was often seen in tent meetings. In Honduras this church had begun to prosper when the pastor invited the men of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship to come and be a major part of his church. He told me that they added quality to the church.

That was our last meeting. We had been having one meeting after another, and I was completely exhausted. I stepped up to that pulpit, not really knowing what to say. There had been no time to prepare. As I did, God told me to say, "You can be more than you are." This message was so exciting that for about an hour I was interrupted every 3 minutes with cheers, shouts, and even horns. It was like a football match. The crowd was so excited! By the time the message was finished it was electric.

The thought came to mind about when Jesus had fed the 5,000. He had told His followers, "You feed them." So I said to the crowd, "There are thousands of people right here and God can feed you".

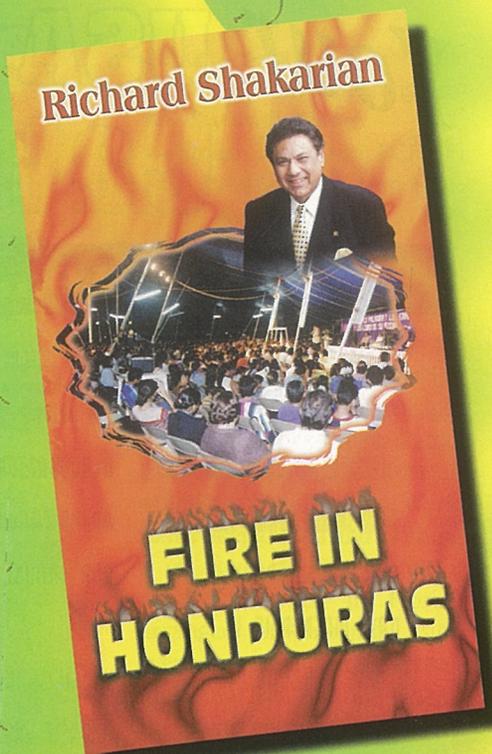
We've got the power – we can be more than we are. When I gave the altar call I



could not count how many hands went up. Only God knows how many commitments were made that night.

When I asked if they could tell whether or not they had been healed in their body, so many hands went up that I asked them to put their hands down and asked again. "If your physical condition is actually different than before we prayed, raise your hand." Again, so many hands went up that I told them to put them down again. The third time I made it very definite, "Only if you can actually tell *a major difference in your physical body since we prayed*, raise your hand." Thousands put their hands up. It was absolutely incredible!

"The airport is 22 feet under water!" came the report from Honduras only a day after we left. Thousands had lost their homes, including our FGBMFI National President. More than 9,000 people are still missing or dead. Some of our men went out in small boats risking their lives to pluck bodies out of the rivers in hopes that they would find survivors. One man reports on how he was able to rescue a group from the peak of a damaged building. He took as many as possible, but when he return-



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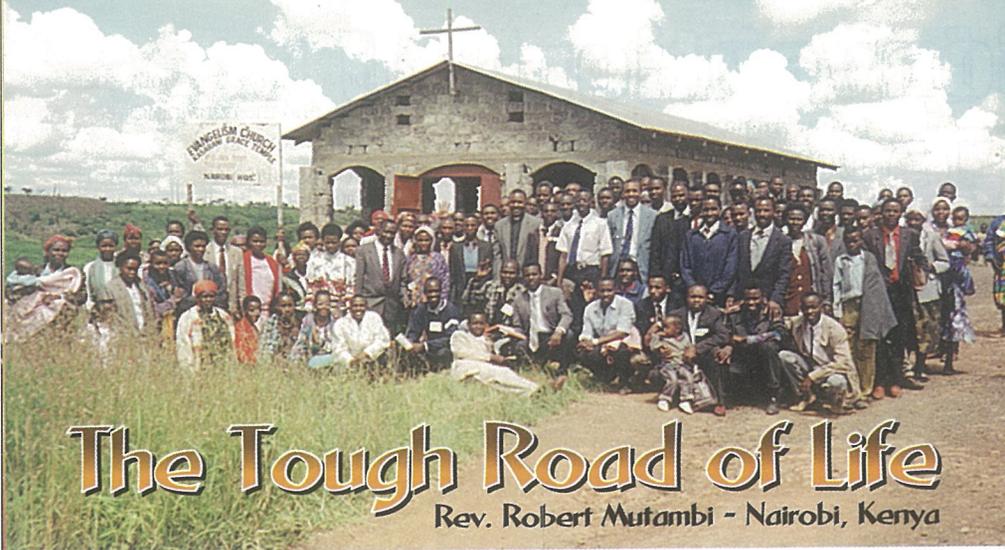
Ladies and Men invited

ed for a second trip, both the building and the remaining people were washed away.

Adrian Valesquez, FGBMFI Vice President for Honduras, began getting food out to help the needy. Another of our men, Jimmy Hughes, went to the government and was given soldiers, police, and trucks. He was able to organize getting the food out to small villages which had been devastated. Then our men in Miami began organizing assistance. World Relief offered food and clothing if we could get it to those in need. Our men in Florida arranged for shipping, using every means at their disposal, including Taca Airlines. One of the owners was at our World Convention this year. He arranged for Air Containers to be flown in on a daily basis.

Working together in partnership with others, we were able to make a real difference in helping people in need. We have 350 Chapters in that nation spread throughout the country. Being businessmen, our people were able to put their capacity to use for the benefit of others. This is Christianity at work – people caring for one another, working together to help the needy.





The Tough Road of Life

Rev. Robert Mutambi - Nairobi, Kenya

Religion and good works could not save me. In 1962, at a youth camp meeting at Mission Station in Tanganyika, called Nyasiori, the message of the living word of God touched my life as never before. I stood, not minding who was sitting near me, went forward, knelt down before the altar and began to cry bitterly like a small baby.

That night I made a decision to invite Jesus Christ into my heart as my personal Savior and Lord. It was clear that I was a blind sinner heading to hell. I spent more than two hours on my knees that day – my sins were many. After receiving Jesus as Lord, I felt something cold as snow going from

the top of my head to the toes of my feet, and my tongue began to speak a different language than I had ever spoken before.

Everyone else had already left, and I was there by myself with Jesus. Getting up, I walked to the dormitory elated. I had found something new and I did not want to lose it.

The Bible says, “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, and all things are become new” (II Cor. 5:17). I began to pray more and more. I was now aware that if I died I was going to go to heaven.

Perhaps you were also born into a Christian family, but that is not enough. You must acknowledge Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, repent of your sins and invite Him into your life. Salvation is an individual and personal matter between you and your God. The Bible says, “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9-10). It is not enough to be religious.

As a child of ten I became very sick with a stomach problem. The doctors were unable to help, though my parents had spent all the money they had, hoping for a cure. One evening all hope was lost and they watched helplessly as I died. My mother ran out of our small hut and began to weep deeply.

Our neighbors started to flock into the hut where my body lay. But my father remembered one thing they had forgotten to do, and that was to pray. He told the people to move aside and called for my mother to come in so that they could pray to God for a miracle.

Many times things go wrong when we forget to pray. My father said, "Oh God, we know You gave us this son, Mutambi, and now You have taken him. Bring our son back to life. If You do, we promise to give Him back to You to do Your work. Amen."

I awoke from death, opened my eyes and began looking around! It is not the GREAT prayer that brings miracles, but the prayer of faith.

After I woke up, my father asked me, "My son, where have you been?" I answered, "In heaven." He continued, "What did you see in heaven?" I answered, "Two angels in white clothes." He further inquired, "What did they say?"

I replied, "One was motioning for me to come to heaven while the other wanted me to go back into the world."

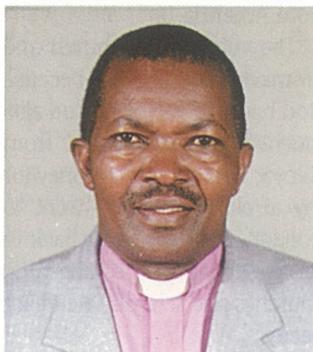
My father always reminded me about the miracle and pleaded that I do "God's work". But it all fell on deaf ears. After finishing my education, I felt that I should look for employment which could earn a lot of money. I started training to become a school teacher, but missed my chance. I then left for the big city of Nairobi to look for a good job. I wanted to become a pilot, but all

was in vain. My shoes were worn out and all doors were shut. I couldn't even find a poor job.

Finally, I heard the voice of God saying I was running away from Him. I answered, "No, Lord, here I am, send me. I surrender." I thought of my father and how he had reminded me that God had brought me back to life.

I then decided to go back home. Shortly afterward, in 1964, I was married. The next year I started attending a Pentecostal Bible college, from which I graduated in 1968. I had learned the lesson that when God calls us, we have no right to give excuses. The story of Jonah should be a lesson to anyone that is being called by God.

After the completion of college, I began my pastoral duties in 1969. It has not been easy –



our first salary was \$4.00 a month – but we have seen God at work; He will never forsake us.

My wife had to collect wild vegetables from the bush. She knew how to get along with one dress. She would wash it at night and wear it to the church the next Sunday. We have come to learn to trust God in every circumstance.

In 1979 I found myself and my family living in a one-room, 8' by 10', house in the slum area of Mathare Valley in Nairobi, Kenya. Our wages were \$10 a month.

Someone invited me to visit London. I had no money even for food, so how could I go to London? I fasted for 10 days, reasoning with God to find out whether He had called me, or if I was just pushing myself into the ministry without His approval. After ten days of fasting and prayer, God sent two people from America.

They visited our church and promised to assist me because God had told them to. God also touched another person from Kenya, who gave the money for my airplane tickets. I went to London and then came back to serve my people, establishing churches and schools to care for needy.



In the midst of ten days of fasting and prayer, God told me He had called me and what I was undergoing was only His training. He asked how I could reach the poor unless I went through His school of training to understand what it means to be poor. I have learned to fast and pray, seeking the face of God when things have been hard. I believe if we are faithful, and patient, God will never forsake us.

In 1981, while in Uganda, I was thrown into jail. I had left Kenya to accompany my associate pastor. This was the time when the dictator, Iddi Amin Dada, had just been overthrown by the former President, Milton Obote. We felt it was the right time for us to go and hold gospel meetings.

As we began preaching, God did miracles. Many people gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. We cast out demons in the name of Jesus and people were set free in His name.

One evening, as we were preaching, a police officer came to us and told us he was happy with our visit to Uganda. The chief of police wanted us to see him the next morning, November 4, 1981, which we did. On our arrival we were surprised to be told to take off our shoes and hand in our passports, and that we were under arrest.

We had been falsely charged of guerrilla activity by the Muslim leaders. We were put into a small foul-smelling room with no windows except for a small ventilator. We began to ask each other what had gone wrong. A woman possessed with demons was brought the same day to the station. She was giving the police officer a hard time, struggling with them. Through the ventilation hole, we called them and said, "Sirs, can you let us pray and cast out demons from that woman?"

They replied, "Yes, if you can, come out and do it." After several hours the demons left, and this became a witness that we were the servants of God. We were not beaten. We fasted for seven days while in prison and asked God why He let us go to jail. God told us that He had a mission for us to accomplish in the jail, for He had people there who needed to hear the Word of God.

These words encouraged us all the more to preach of the Word in the Kampala Central Police station of Uganda. We had two services on

Sundays, in the morning and in the afternoon.

Our small cell in the Kampala Central Police Station became a clinic and counseling room. Prisoners visited us for prayer and personal evangelism. Many gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. After several months, 175 converts had come to know Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior.

It was early January, 1982, when a police lady came to our cell, knocked on the door and said, "Mutambi, Kunya, Eria, Watambula, follow me. Today you are being released, so get all your things and follow me." We were happy because a miracle had taken place. We did not expect to be released.

Soon after the release I left for Kenya. Many people had been praying for our release. A Christian life must be tested. The Bible tells us in Romans 8:28, that "all things work together for good to them that love God, and are called according to His purpose."

A tough road has taken long, but we have begun to see the blessings of patience. We now have thirty churches, most of them meeting under trees or in school halls.





A commercial TV career consumed my time for about 14 years. During that time I was an 'intellectual' Christian, trying to somehow work my way into God's good graces. I read the Bible and endeavoured to find a logical way to pursue my faith. At the time I was climbing the corporate ladder in a major independent television corporation in England, where I eventually became Resource Director.

I spent a good bit of time arguing about the Christian faith with my wife, who was

more receptive to hear about Jesus. Then our neighbor, who was very friendly, invited us to a Full Gospel Business Men's (FGBMFI) dinner. We went along and it was a pleasant meal. That evening, for the first time, we became aware of something we came to know as 'Charismatic Christianity.' I enjoyed the meeting, believing myself to be a Christian. In my opinion, Jesus was probably one of the finest men that had ever walked the earth.

We went again the following month. That time we joined in and were more relaxed. The third time we went, there was an American speaker. As he shared, the Spirit of God came upon my wife in a strong way. She was totally overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. I was absolutely amazed; I couldn't deny what was happening to

her. Eventually I got her home, and this time she talked and I listened. I know it sounds like a cliché, but scales began to fall from my eyes. I became very open towards the Spirit. We went back to an FGBMFI function and, within two months, I had become a 'committed Christian' as well.

What especially influenced me was the undeniable change in my wife. She had a new peace. It was the difference of believing or hoping... and knowing. She finally *knew*; it was no longer a question of hoping or even of faith. From the time we committed our lives to Jesus, life became relaxing. I knew I was going in the right direction.

I'm now Managing Director of the Christian Channel Europe, which is a television company entirely devoted to spreading the gospel throughout Europe and, ultimately, the world. I left my previous employer when I found myself having to

condone policies and programming that were in conflict with my Christian walk. This was not an easy decision, but I felt I had to take a stand. After taking such a real step of faith, it was exciting to be invited to work with the Christian Channel. The offer came at just the right time.

We have a dynamic schedule from 5:00 to 12:00 (European time) every day. That's seven hours of programming, which we assemble from the best of Christian material world wide. We plan to move to 24 hours, and eventually add up to eight channels of Christian broadcasting.



Tony Brill, Tyne & Wear, England

Our satellite footprint covers an area of nearly 400 million people and over 24 countries. In addition to that, we encourage cable companies to take our

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picture. We are on cable in about 120 European cities at the moment. We are currently working with the FGBMFI to produce a programme especially for our European audience. As you can imagine, Christian TV is often quite a step of faith. With God's help, we have been able to break even financially.

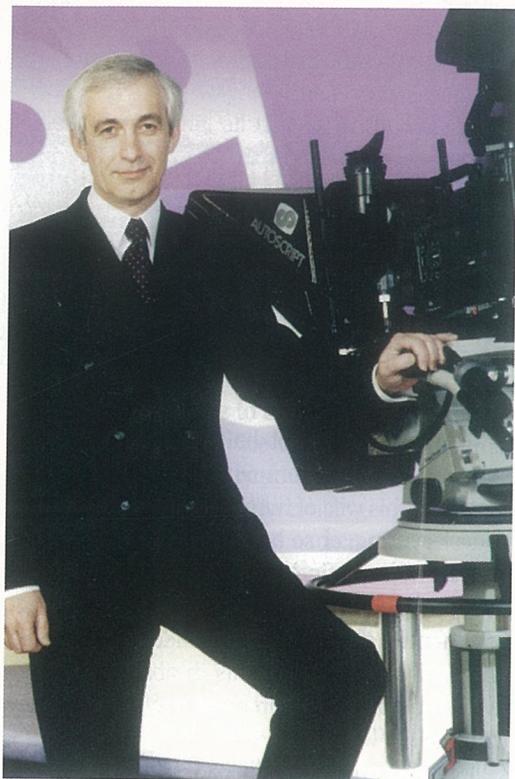
Any profits are used to expand our available programming.

One wonderful example of God's provision is our studios. They were built some years ago for a film studio that went out of business. When the Christian Channel moved to the North East, we had no idea that the premises even existed. We were elated when we discovered them and for a good price.

Over the years I have found the ultimate business consultant is the Lord God. When He gives direction, it always works. What's more, His principles and integrity of stewardship, consistency and love work well in management. Applying the gospel to our management lives results in positive fruit and relieves us of worry and burden. God directs us to the best use of our giftings. What do we need to do? Just take a simple step of faith by relaxing and giving our problems to God, using our talents to work out His solution.

For example, while working for commercial television, I was given the very unpopular task of rewriting the working conditions for a staff of about a thousand people. I don't think I could have carried that burden alone. Each night I would just give it to God, asking for His help. A lot of people came to me because of how I conducted myself; they knew I was a Christian. It's one thing to talk about your faith, but once you've done it, you will be watched. Seeing these results, my confidence in God grew. Whenever I have needed Him, He has always been there to help me.

One question I am often asked is, "How can I know God's voice?" In my experience, if you honour Him and articulate your problems to Him, He first speaks to your heart, but then causes events which make it absolutely clear what you should do. As you obey Him, if you are anything like me,



*Tony Brill
in their TV Studio*

thing that came up. It was an opportunity to help others. I was offered a place on a convoy taking medicine to Romania. It was just after communism had fallen. While there, I realized that my faith was just a shadow when compared with those people. They had maintained their faith throughout the dark years of oppression. As I thought about it, what we were giving them was really so little that it made me ashamed.

When I got back to England, I was offered a job with another television station, completely unexpectedly – with no interview. Word of mouth had reached them and I commanded more respect than ever before because of the stand I'd taken on behalf of the staff. Thinking about it, I realize that my employer really gets a very good deal because with me, he gets God – my consultant – and God has never let me down. Though His timing is sometimes... interesting, He is always there when I need Him.

you will find yourself making the right decision rather than the safe decision.

This is not to say it will always be easy. My decision to leave a position with my first commercial television studio was almost like a divorce. After twenty years there, I had roots. I knew people and cared for them. I had helped them through their problems and had rejoiced with them in their victories. It was like cutting off a part of me, but I knew it was the right thing to do.

At the time I found myself without a job and, not knowing what to do next, I took the first



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C.J. Schmidt .. Green Bay, WI

Tom, my 37-year-old client, walked into my office one bright summer morning. At that time he had been a client for only six months. It was a busy day with lots to do, but Tom looked concerned. His typical broad smile was gone. This trim, dark-haired business executive looked very sad. Little did I know he was devastated on the inside.

As he entered my inner office, he started to tell me. C.J., yesterday things just didn't feel right all day. My wife, Rene, wasn't herself that morning. She was distant and distracted. After a long, tough day I returned home. When I opened the door, the stark reality hit me. She was gone. My baby, Emily, was also gone. All the furniture was gone. Later I realized that even the money in our

checkbook was gone.

We talked for about half an hour. I let him pour his heart out. Tom relayed how very important Rene, his wife of five years, was to him. They had everything, or so he had thought – a beautiful new home, a fine car, a new baby, a great job that paid well. They had even developed a long-term family plan that would take care of Rene and Emily if Tom died, was disabled, or if they lived to be old into retirement. He thought they had it all.

Tom was hurting really bad, so I asked him if I could pray for him. He said yes. He was open to anything. Out of the corner of my eye, I spotted my friend, Bob, in his red Cadillac pulling into one of the parking places in front of my office. Soon he was standing in my office lobby. I opened my inner office door and motioned to Bob to come into my office. He could see that I was serious.

As I introduced the two gentlemen, I briefly relayed the story to Bob. He later told me that he had only come because he had wanted me to pray for him. Little had he realized why he was really directed to my office.

Bob asked if Tom had ever given his heart to the Lord. Had he ever asked Jesus to come into his life in a real way? So there we were on that summer morning, all three men holding hands with our heads and hearts bowed in prayer. And Tom surrendered his life to Jesus Christ.

For two hours we prayed and talked. Something was happening. As he was leaving my office he told me he was no longer planning to go to the hardware store to buy new locks to keep the woman he loved out of his home. Rather he was going straight to the nearest Christian book store to buy a Bible.

He also left my office with a wonderful study guide relating to the basic truths of his relationship with his Creator. Rose had given the study guide to me only ten days earlier. She asked if I ever had a chance to share the salvation message with anyone. I said all too seldom, but it was nice of her to give it to me and I surely would use it as the opportunity presented itself.

During the weeks that followed, Tom and I prayed often and talked on the phone. I was happy to be there for him. He was definitely in a battle. Rene wanted nothing to do with him. She wanted her independence. She did admit that she was confused, though, and didn't know for sure what she wanted. Many times he said she seemed so angry, so irrational, not wanting to reconcile in any way, but Tom was being so gentle with her, so understanding and patient. As she threw him even a crumb, he accepted it and kept nurturing their bruised relationship.

Tom showed up at a men's conference in September. He told me he had developed a relationship with his pastor and was now regularly going to church. He did say the battle was still raging, but every once in a while there was a



glimmer of hope. I told Tom to hang in there, and continued to pray for the whole family. My associates at the office did the same.

On Monday, December 18th, Tom appeared at the front counter of my office. He had a small check to invest. His company had changed their retirement plan. That was why he had come. Then, with a big smile on his face, he firmly shook my hand and told me that Rene and Emily had moved back home that weekend.

He had his family back together at home in time for Christmas. He and Rene had their wedding rings reset, and they were going to reaffirm their wedding vows at church soon.



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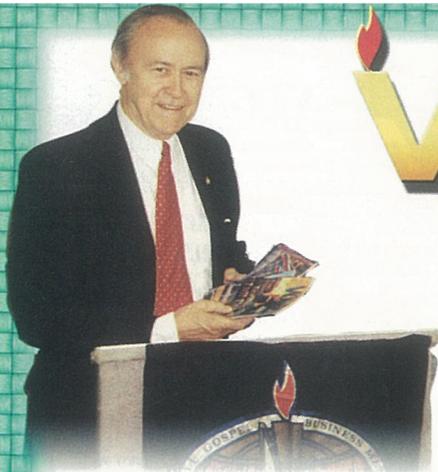
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6 Steps To Salvation

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

1

Acknowledge

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

2

Repent

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

3

Confess

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

4

Forsake

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

5

Believe

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

6

Receive

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

Why not make your eternal decision now?

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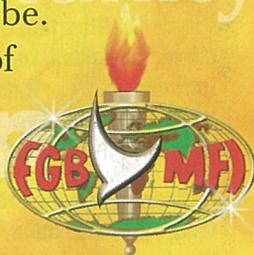
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