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From Korea to Vietnam, I became dedicated to a...



by PAUL TOBERTY

CAN A MAN be fully dedicated to God and still be a successful business man?

This may seem a simple question, but to me, a young man just starting out in life, it was an extremely serious one.

I was raised in Sunday school and church and accepted Christ as my Saviour when very young. I sincerely wanted to serve God, but somehow during my teen years I did not experience a deepening and maturing of my Christian life. In a Christian home, surrounded by the protection of family love, daily living seemed to lack any real big problems or offer any great pull toward serious temptation.

Then the Korean conflict came along and I was taken into the army. At training camp a rugged sergeant warned us that this was no pleasure jaunt, but we were not impressed.

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In that frame of mind, we went to Korea where later I became a machine gun sergeant. But it only took one bitter experience on top of a miserable windswept hill in Korea to teach me that in armed conflict, death is always imminent and, without God's abiding presence, something to be feared.

One day we were ordered to go up a hill where our duty was to set up support fire for the rifle squads advancing in front of us. Since several charges had been sent over that same hill without running into any difficulty or receiving any return fire, we felt ourselves in no special danger.

However, for us it was a different story. As we reached the top, the roar of battle suddenly engulfed us like an angry sea. I had seen a good deal of fighting by that time, but had never been that close to raw, violent death.

**"The things which are impossible
with men are possible with God."**

—Luke 18:27



As Director of the 1967 FGBMFI Airlift to Vietnam, Paul Toberty addresses servicemen in the field. As Chairman of the 1971 FGBMFI Southern California Regional in Palm Springs, he speaks to businessmen in the Riviera Hotel.

When I saw the helmet of the soldier right in front of me fly through the air and saw him crumple to the ground, I suddenly became aware that I needed *God*—needed Him *desperately*—and needed Him *now*!

With a soul-shaking thump I landed into the middle of reality! The sheltering umbrella of family-circle security wasn't there. In that instant I stood alone, unprotected, chilled to the core by the cold breath of death—and knew there was no place to turn but to God. Never before had my need been so immediate or so desperate. In the midst of the noise of war I began to call upon God, promising that if He would spare my life I would serve Him all the rest of my days—serve Him in a deeper, more mature way than ever before.

Finally the awful bedlam of battle came to a halt; but when we came off that hill I *knew* that God had spared my life and from that moment on it belonged entirely to Him.

Eventually I returned home and soon discovered that *I didn't know what to do or how to begin keeping that promise.*

Back in our church, as I joined in singing the familiar hymns and greeting old friends, the thought came to me that many of these were the same people who had been attending that church for as long as I could recall. Some were people who, to my own knowledge, had known sorrow and whose lives had not been easy,

yet here they were still praising the Lord. This must indeed be very real to them. They were all laymen, business men, career women, housewives—none were missionaries or evangelists—and yet they were all serving God without reservation.

I felt impressed to make an all-out dedication to God, believing that in so doing, I would then know His will for my life. Kneeling at the altar that Sunday night, I said, "If you are the same God that spared my life out there in Korea, I surrender my own personal aims and ambitions and desires, and turn myself entirely over to you."

At last peace came into my life, and an assurance that I really belonged to the family of God. I had been a church member and had tried to serve the Lord, but never before—not even on the Korean battlefield—had I ever completely turned my entire life over to Him. In spite of my careless years, ever since boyhood it had been my desire to be a missionary, evangelist, or preacher, because *I didn't know there was any other way to fully serve the Lord.* Even at this point of dedication, no one told me that a person could actually serve God full time as a layman and a business man. Consequently, I enrolled in a Bible school, feeling I must prepare for the ministry.

It was there I met Joyce, who shared my desire to serve the Lord. Shortly after our marriage, we sent

a letter to one of the mission organizations saying we would like to go out as home missionaries or serve in whatever capacity was needed. The reply was that there wasn't any position open at the time. We weren't exactly discouraged, just a little bewildered regarding our future service to God.

Strangely enough, it was almost immediately following that disappointment, that I became active in the construction business and began to build homes, market centers, subdivision houses, and so on. God began to bless our business. As we contributed finances to His work He would open up new projects, thus enabling us to have still more to contribute. It seemed the more deeply we became involved in the construction business, the more God blessed and the larger our business became. During this time we were very active in our church and in the Orange County area service groups that ministered to the various jails and facilities. Still, it didn't seem to me that I was serving God as I had promised, and it concerned me deeply.

One day a lady in our church suggested I attend a meeting of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. I took her advice, and at the Long Beach, California chapter heard Dr. William Reed and Demos Shakarian, the International President, give their testimonies. What a thrill that was! *Here was my answer*

to how to serve God! Here were two busy business men, laymen like myself, yet they were serving God!

Joyce and I decided to attend the Phoenix Regional Convention which was soon to be held. We were searching for a way to serve God better.

The first day in Phoenix we met many full gospel business men and listened eagerly as they testified of being active in their business, and yet how God was also using them in the winning of souls. We soaked it all up like a couple of sponges. Joyce said we would never be the same again—that God had shown us a new dimension—and she was so right! We returned home “walking on cloud nine.”

As we went forward step by step in our new experience, I was led to form an FGBMFI chapter in Newport Beach, California. This was later merged with the Knott's Berry Farm Chapter in Buena Park, which I was also privileged to start. Miner Arganbright, an international director, visited the Newport Beach Chapter. He assured us that if we would continue in the same spirit of prayer, we would begin to see many people receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Sure enough, in a very short time a Free Methodist group began to attend our meetings—five, ten or fifteen at a time—and most of them received the Baptism. Eventually they brought their pastor the night we showed the Fel-

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lowship's film, "Charisma in the Twentieth Century." He became so hungry for God's fullness that he received that night.

I had always told God that if there was some special task He had for me I was listening for His voice. But let me warn you—if *you don't really mean it, don't ever say that to God!* He will take you up on it! That's what He did to me.

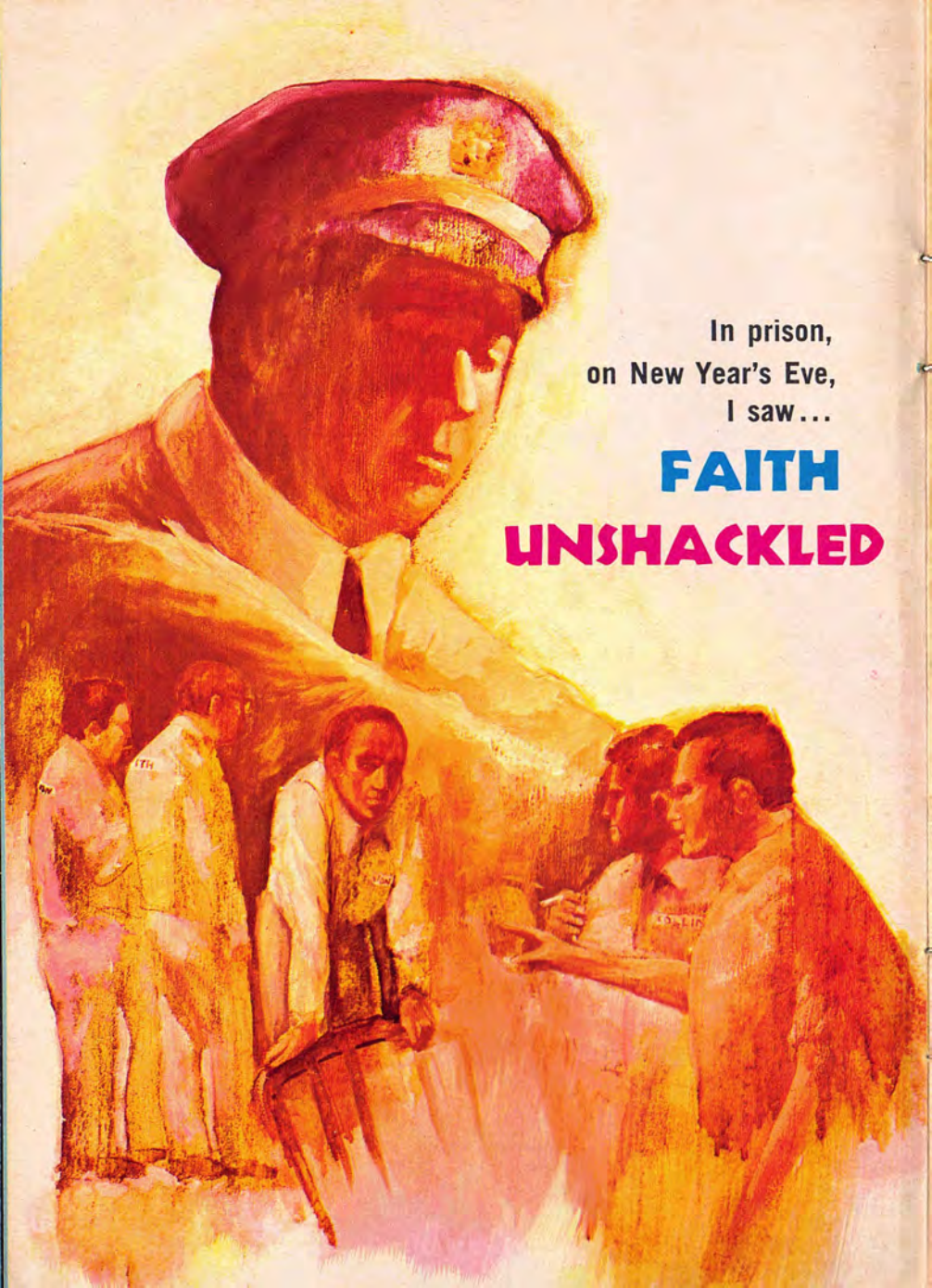
One day as I was on the way to one of our construction jobs in Costa Mesa, California, I felt the Spirit of God so very present in the car. He didn't speak in an audible voice, but He began to impress upon me a great burden for Vietnam. My first reaction was, what in the world can I do about Vietnam? But as I became very still and listened, the burden for Vietnam increased. Then the impression came that we take a group of FGBMFI men to witness to our servicemen over there.

The following day I talked to

Demos Shakarian about it. He invited me to present the idea in the Executive Board meeting that night, which I did. After prayer, the members unanimously approved the plan for an airlift to Vietnam.

I discovered that even if God tells you to do something, it doesn't mean the pathway is going to be all smooth and rosy. We wrote to the American Embassy, to chaplain's headquarters in Washington, D.C. and to some United States senators. The response was rather cool—that since where we planned to go was a combat zone, they couldn't guarantee the safety of our party, and so on. But we obtained our visas and passports anyway. Then a letter came from the State Department saying that due to enemy activity in Vietnam it was not advisable to go at that time. This was in 1967 during a period when the tempo of war was being stepped up. Also they objected to the number of men in our group,

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In prison,
on New Year's Eve,
I saw...

FAITH
UNSHACKLED

HAPPY NEW YEAR! How often we lightly flip off that greeting without thinking of its meaning. It is only the incidents accompanying the greeting that make it meaningful and memorable.

Never shall I forget that night of December 31st when I was privileged to conduct a most wonderful New Year's Eve service for a group of men behind prison walls. Nor can I cease to praise God for bringing to reality the full meaning of that Happy New Year greeting.

I was not always busy in God's service. When I was very young my parents occasionally sent me to Sunday school, but they rarely attended church. Ours was definitely not a church-going family.

In 1953 I joined the Navy and during my four years in the service became interested in the Scriptures, bought a Bible, and read it quite regularly. Though I did not make a personal commitment to the Lord, it is my belief that the teaching received during my childhood Sunday school attendance caused me to be drawn to God's Word.

Back home again, however, I soon returned to my careless ways, afraid that if I committed myself totally to Christ it would mean the end of all enjoyment—that I would have to give up everything that was pleasurable, and live a drab, colorless existence. I

still occasionally read the Bible, and because the Word of God is powerful, it gradually drew me toward Him.

In early 1958, I applied and was accepted by the California Highway Patrol, went through the academy, graduated, and was assigned to the Victorville office. There I met and married Deanna, who was also a nominal Christian. Now and then she attended church, but she wasn't a soul-winning or witnessing Christian.

Some two and a half years later we moved to Woodland, California. While there I took the test and was placed on the list for promotion to the rank of sergeant. While waiting for the advancement to come through, I was involved in a high speed accident from which I miraculously walked away with only a cracked rib—a very minor injury considering that my vehicle had rolled and skidded over 500 feet. Although I hadn't publicly acknowledged Him, I felt certain God had protected me.

My wife began to attend the United Church of Christ in Woodland. The Sunday school class invited me to come and speak to them about what was involved in my type of work. We attended that church until my promotion went through and I was transferred to the Pomona area. Actually the office was in Claremont. We had enjoyed the worship in the United

Church of Christ, and as soon as we were settled we sought out the nearest church of that denomination in Claremont and became members. On July 4, 1967 I finally made a definite commitment, accepted the Lord as my Saviour, and was baptized into the church.

About a year later, through my wife's mother, several copies of VOICE magazine came into my possession. Reading the testimonies in that magazine, I discovered a relationship between the miracles that were occurring in the lives of people today and those recorded in the book of Acts. However I was a little skeptical—perhaps the things of which they spoke were not really miracles but had come through some other source. Yet if true, this witness was too remarkable to shrug off, so I decided to investigate further. A call to Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International headquarters in Los Angeles elicited the information that there was a chapter in West Covina.

I'll never forget the initial meeting I attended. For the first time in my life I heard tongues and interpretation. Immediately I wanted to learn more about this. I found by inquiring around my own church that there was a charismatic group which met every other Thursday evening in the church chapel. Someone explained that "charismatic" meant the same type of thing I had witnessed in the

FGBMFI meeting.

Through an unusual circumstance, God worked it out so I was able to attend the next group meeting, despite the fact that it was my originally scheduled evening on duty. The speaker was Hubert Mitchell, a man who has spent a good bit of time in Indonesia. After listening to him tell of the tremendous miracles he had

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personally witnessed there, I became convinced that God still performs miracles today just as He did in the past. At the close of that meeting I went forward with others seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Praise God I received the desire of my heart—and with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Immediately Satan moved in on me! I began to think that because I so deeply desired the Baptism, the speaking in tongues was just a psychological result and didn't come from the Spirit at all. I have since learned that this is a common experience with those who have just received the Baptism. Satan puts this thought into their mind to confuse

them and generate doubt.

I contacted Bob and Ruth McKee who were active in the prayer group. They invited me to come to their home and suggested we pray together. I don't know precisely how, but it was as though the Lord permitted me to be a spectator and listen to *three* people praying—yet *I* was one of the three. I seemed to be a spectator rather than a participant. Another couple came in, friends of the McKees, and as we all sat talking about the Lord the warmth of His love began to pour over me and through me and a glorious flow of heavenly language poured forth. It was a tremendous and moving experience.

There is something about the baptism in the Holy Spirit that makes you deeply concerned to help someone else receive it. I arranged for my wife to attend a meeting in North Hollywood, and at that meeting she too was endued with the promised "power from on high."

I joined a couple of prayer groups—one in particular that was made up of five or six couples who had been walking in the Spirit for several years. Soon the Lord gave me a very deep desire to be used by Him. I very much wanted the gifts of the Spirit to be operative in my life. God began to speak through me in prophecy and interpretation, as I joined in the evening services in Calvary Church in Ontario. Though I had often prayed

in tongues, He had never before given me a message in tongues to be interpreted.

About a year later the McKees received a call from the Lord to go to St. Louis and minister in that area. Though I was still very new in the walk in the Spirit, they asked me to assist in continuing the Claremont meetings. Those meetings have continued to this day, with an attendance of from 100 to 200, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed. So many have received the Baptism or received physical healing through prayers of the group.

During this time I was busy at a Southern Conservation Center in Chino, which is a holding pool for manpower from the penal institutions, feeding the fire fighting camps. One day I overheard two of the inmates talking. One was telling of a miracle of healing he had heard about. The other man was insisting he would have to see to believe, but the first speaker maintained that all it needed was a little faith.

Joining the discussion, I told them I didn't know anything about that particular miracle, but had personally experienced several that I *did* know about, which I shared with them. The two men became completely engrossed as we talked. Then they asked if I could come out and share with their group. They said the men were starving for contact with the outside world, and it would really

give their spirits a boost if I could come.

I agreed and we settled on a mutually acceptable time—which happened to be December 31st—*New Year's Eve*.

Of course I had to close the meeting before midnight. Watch Night services are not a part of life inside the walls. Nevertheless that meeting was ordained by the Lord. He led me into it; I didn't go out seeking it. There was a group of twelve or fifteen men gathered. At first I was struck with the incongruity of a law officer preaching to inmates, but later we began to understand that this was more of the Lord's doing—breaking down the barriers.

That meeting literally blossomed. There was a really sweet and shared fellowship. All sorts of things began to happen—like men giving their hearts to the Lord, some who were Christians receiving the Baptism. Several miracles of physical as well as spiritual healing took place.

What a Watch Night service that turned out to be!

A few fellows had come to create a disturbance because I was a law officer and they wanted to harass "the fuzz" a little. One of them, an Arab, was sort of a ringleader. But before he could start any trouble, a Mexican boy began to speak in tongues and I was able to interpret the message.

The high point of that miracle was that the Mexican boy had a speech

impediment, which made it most difficult for him to speak even his native tongue, but *he began to speak in perfect Arabic*, clearly and beautifully. The Arab understood it. He knew that Mexican boy didn't know Arabic. This completely broke the barrier. In fact, at the end of the meeting that Arab boy, who had once known the Lord but had backslidden, wept profusely as he rededicated his life to the Lord. Though he is at this writing still inside the walls, he is studying for the ministry and I feel God will bring him out very soon.

One of the men in that meeting was scheduled to be sent from the holding camp to San Quentin. In the words of those who knew the circumstances, it was a "bum rap." That night he gave his heart to the Lord. We prayed with him that he might be permitted to remain and fellowship with the men of that group. He told the Lord that wherever He wanted him, he was willing to go.

The following day he was told that the orders had been changed and he wouldn't have to be sent away. That created a terrific impact among the men. The group from the meeting went around the yard talking to the other inmates, telling them of this miracle of God in answer to prayer.

Within a little over a year all but two or three of that original group has been released. "*Happy New Year*" indeed had become a reality for those men.





A Four Star General's Experiential View of . . .

Christian Renewal

by **GENERAL RALPH E. HAINES, JR.**

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Delivered at the Military Breakfast, Fourth Upper Room Retreat of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, Buffalo, New York, July 24, 1971

BEFORE GOING DIRECTLY to any statement of purpose in my remarks, I'd like to repeat a story that was told by the Chief Justice at this year's Presidential Prayer Breakfast. The story concerns a preacher who, having grown tired of straining to read his sermons in

the semi-darkness of his church, called a meeting of the parish elders to consider a proposal that the church buy a chandelier. Everyone approved except one elder who refused to be persuaded. Finally, the preacher asked this recalcitrant soul to state the reasons for his opposition. "Well," he replied, "I'm against it for three reasons. First, no one here can spell chandelier. Second, I doubt that anyone in the congregation can even play one. And, besides, what we really need is some light in here." I hope that my talk will be a bit more illuminating than the elder's remarks.

I will attempt to develop the general theme of Christian renewal. Although I will not use a text, one passage of the Scriptures ran through my mind continuously as I considered Christian renewal and what it means to me. That passage (I Peter 3:15, AV) reads:

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

This verse tells me to sanctify the Lord God in my heart; my experience last night compels me to share the hope that is within me. Webster defines the word sanctify as: "To make sacred or holy; to set apart to a sacred purpose; to make free from sin; to cleanse from moral corruption." What Peter is saying, then, is for us to set apart and cleanse our

hearts to God's purpose. As we all know, this is easier said than done.

As laymen, we find ourselves involved in daily schedules which severely tax our mental and physical capacities. I won't dwell on how busy I am, for I know that each of you is equally absorbed in his field of endeavor. Recognizing that we are all heavily committed, how can we as laymen meet the problem we all face and sanctify our hearts in Christian renewal?

First, of course, we must *accept Christ*. It is only logical that a heart with Christ inside is a sanctified heart. However, passive acceptance of Christ is not enough. We must make a more active commitment. As in fact, most of us did last night. We sometimes forget that Christianity is historically a militant religion. St. Paul epitomizes this in his Epistle to the Ephesians when he urges them to take unto themselves the whole armor of God—and then details that armor in terms of the breastplate, helmet, shield, and sword. The hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," reflects the continuing missionary zeal of the Christian church up through the last century. In my view, we don't sing this wonderful hymn often enough in our church today. I hope there is no reluctance in this audience, to call themselves soldiers.

At the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, there is a

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"How Deeply Moved I Was!"

Four Star General Receives Holy Spirit Baptism at FGBMFI Retreat

AN ADDRESS filled with pertinent quotations from the Bible and with epigrams, delivered by **General Ralph E. Haines, Jr.** provided the high point of the series of meetings at the Fourth Upper Room Retreat for the Western New York area held July 21-24, 1971 under the auspices of the **Buffalo and Chautauqua Chapters of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International** at the Regency Motor Hotel in Blasdell, a Buffalo, N.Y. suburb.

Study and devotional sessions were scheduled throughout under the leadership of such channels of the Holy Spirit as Major Myrl Allinder USMC, Rev. Harald Bredesen, Dr. Laurence Hammond, David Edwards, Rev. Thomas Reid, Rev. Gerald Walters, Paul Johanson, Richard Fox, Carlton Spencer, and many others. A special youth program ran concurrently under the guidance of Scott Ross and Danny Taylor. An unexpected but most welcome addition

was the appearance of Pat Robertson, President of the Christian Broadcasting Network who attended several sessions and banquets and spoke inspiringly. Many of those present made note of the fact that their feeling of the presence of the Holy Spirit was stronger than they could recall at other similar gatherings.

An unusual feature of the Retreat is the **Military Breakfast** on the morning of the closing day. As the featured speaker for this occasion the participants were honored by the presence of General Ralph E. Haines, Jr. and his charming wife Sally who flew in the previous evening in time to attend the dinner session. As **Commanding General of the United States Continental Army Command**, headquartered at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he has encouraged ecumenical worship services in units throughout his command which encompasses the entire United States, par-



From left, Chester Weirich, President of Buffalo Chapter; Gen. Ralph E. Haines, Jr.; Col. Pearsall; Maj. Myrl Allinder, USMC; Col. Lease; Dr. Laurence Hammond.

ticipates regularly in a Prayer Breakfast Group at the Officer's Club at Fort Monroe and is a member of the Officers Christian Union. General and Mrs. Haines are Episcopalians.

While a devout and working servant and soldier of the Lord, the General joined the Retreat as one who had not yet been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Early in the evening Mrs. Haines had asked for prayer that "God would please baptize my husband." As it developed, the featured speaker of the evening was Harald Bredesen who delivered an inspiring talk on the working of the Holy Spirit. He concluded with the thought that as soon as you truly believe then shall you receive the Spirit. He followed this with a Prayer of Invocation of the Holy Spirit in which all present were asked to join. There then followed several minutes of prayer and praise in song and during that time the General was filled with the Holy Ghost and began to "speak in tongues" as the others on the rostrum gathered around, much to the joy of the several hundred others present who witnessed the event. As the General described his experience the next morning, "I'm sure that you realize how deeply moved I was (by the testimony of Myrl and Harald and David)—

and by the subsequent outpouring of the Holy Spirit all over me. I'm a rather pragmatic individual and I think that, generally speaking, I've had an inherent distrust of the emotional in my religious life. I'm still trying to figure out precisely what did happen to me last night. I only know that something poured into me and an awful lot of demons came out of me. I shuddered when I lost them. Now I don't know what Jesus has in store for me, but 'Jesus, I'm ready!'" Needless to say there was a very radiant Mrs. Haines who was subsequently escorted to the head table to greet her husband.

The Military Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. the next morning, attended by some 400 people, entertained representatives of all the major services both on active status and inactive veterans of several wars. General Haines was introduced as the principal speaker by Rev. David Edwards.

In a closing ceremony, telecast throughout the Buffalo area, **Chester Weirich, President of the Buffalo Chapter of the FGBMFI**, presented the General and Mrs. Haines with a "Master Bible" wrapped in red, white and blue in appreciation of their coming to Buffalo despite a very heavy schedule.

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL—*(Continued from page 14)*

heroic bronze statue of an American fighting man carrying a rifle in one hand and signalling with the other: "Follow me." This motto, although highly revered by all infantrymen, is not a new one. It has its genesis in the New Testament. Christ uses the words "Follow me" no less than fourteen times in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. In John 14, he says,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The decision to accept Christ, without reservation, is not an easy one to make. You recall the story of the rich young ruler as told in all three synoptic gospels. Here was obviously a good man, a man who knew he should follow Christ, a man who

wanted to follow Christ, but a man who could not make the decision to turn loose of his piece of the busy world and follow him.

My second answer to the "busy world" problem is to *communicate with God*. In the Army we say that in order for a combat unit to be effective, it must move, shoot and communicate. Communications are essential because without them a unit is separated from its controlling headquarters and can only guess at what it should be doing. So it is in our spiritual lives—without keeping our hearts tuned continuously to God's channel, we miss many of the changes of roles or opportunities He is beaming to us. How can we laymen communicate with God?

Certainly, the primary way is through prayer. I have considered myself a reasonably good prayer warrior—but I now realize my inadequacies. I have not allowed my spirit to soar free in prayer. I pray alone, I pray with my wife, and every Friday morning at 6 a.m., I meet with around 20 senior members of my staff for two hours of prayer breakfast and Bible study. I consider these sessions very important. Through them we seek strength and guidance from Christ our Lord who has promised to hear and to answer those who pray and seek His will. And we are told in the eleventh chapter of Romans that "... faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

The man who cuts himself off from the Bible and wonders why he has no faith is as ridiculous as a man would be if he stopped eating and wondered why his body wasted away.

Then too, we have religious retreats in our military services to further improve our communications with God. We have instituted a devotional program entitled a "Duty Day with God" at many Army posts throughout my command. This involves a full day of devotions—presentations by outstanding retreat masters followed by stimulating give-and-take discussions, religious films, and, of course, singing of hymns. Our people participate in this program by units—although on a voluntary basis. Normal military duties are suspended on that day.

We are extremely proud of our chaplains in the military. Although our commanders are responsible for the religious life in their commands, they draw heavily upon the skills and knowledge of their staff chaplains to assist them in the discharge of their responsibilities. The Continental Congress established the military chaplaincy as a legal part of our Army in July 1775—a year before the Declaration of Independence. For almost two hundred years our chaplains have rendered heroic ministry to God and country wherever our servicemen have been called upon to fight. I have around 400 chaplains of all denominations in my command—who are a

great source of strength and comfort to me. You enjoy the services of equally fine, devout, and able clergymen within your community, many of whom are represented here. We must include in our Christian communications strong channels linking us with our clergy.

Thus far, we have discussed the need to accept Christ as our Saviour and to communicate with God through Christ as part of a proper relationship with Him. A third essential to a sanctified heart is *trust in God and His Word*. One of the most precious thoughts in the whole world can be had for a penny: "In God We Trust." Despite the trend toward complete secularism in Government and Government-supported institutions, all our coins, thankfully enough, still retain this inscription. Certainly, without such trust, our country would be a much poorer place.

I do not believe, however, that God demands, or, in fact, wants, the type of blind trust which engenders resignation and fatalism. I am convinced that Christianity has nothing to fear, and, in fact, benefits from the application of perceptive reasoning. The manifestations of God's presence on this earth are certainly legion, and it is difficult to comprehend how any intelligent human being could deny them.

Our relationships with God are to some degree affected by limitations of

human comprehension. We tend to think of God with a body such as ours and wonder how He could be with each of us at different places. We relate His mind to our own and muse on how He could know everything. We may even unconsciously assume that God is no more tolerant of our fellow man than we are, and wonder how He could love us, with all our weaknesses and shortcomings. We must broaden our horizons in our thinking about God. In today's dynamic world, a man needs a *big* God—a God who can help him to meet any challenge. My friends, I stand here today with renewed conviction that we have such a God. He has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." I take great comfort in His words and in His presence.

My fourth and final suggestion for Christian renewal is *to be sensitive to Christ*. This is particularly important and appropriate. As men who seek to integrate Christian witness with business, we should review Christ's entire life to prepare our hearts for this task of ministry. We should consider the agony of Christ's hunger and temptation during the forty days of fasting in the wilderness. We need to be sensitive to His three years of public ministry: His year of inauguration; His year of popularity; and His year of growing opposition. And we need to consider His last months and days—His passion, death and resur-

rection. In so doing, we will become more sensitive to the needs of our fellow man, and our lives will glorify God in greater degree.

Up to this point, we have talked about sanctifying our hearts in Christian renewal through: full acceptance of Christ; close communication with God; perceptive trust in God and His Word; and increased sensitivity to Christ. As you may have detected, the first letter of each key word: Accep-

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tance—Communication—Trust—and Sensitivity, form the familiar word *Acts*.

This word suggests doing rather than being—individual response in a dynamic and positive way. It is particularly significant to me, since the prayer breakfast group in which I am involved is currently studying *Acts*—and drawing great inspiration from the faith and works of the early Christian church. Going back to the passage from I Peter, you will recall that after the "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts," it followed with: "And be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a

reason of the hope that is within you with meekness and fear." It follows then that after our acceptance of, communication with, trust in, and sensitivity to Christ, we must tell others of the hope that is within us. The Christ you do not share, you cannot keep.

I well remember a sign which the first commander of the U.S. Armored Force had on the wall behind his desk. It read simply: "Do Something." In the Army, an officer must force events, not merely let them occur. On the battlefield if an officer waits for events to happen, they will happen all right—but happen only as the enemy desires.

I am reminded of the story of Joshua—one of the great military commanders of all time—who, with God's assurance that he was with him, crossed the Jordan River and defeated the Canaanites in the Battle of Jericho. After subduing the hostile tribes, Joshua, like many other commanders, found the problems of peace more difficult than the problems of war. His people, although nominally followers of God, became idolators in thought and deed. He gathered them together and, after reviewing the history of Israel, rebuked them sternly. He called for a clear decision for or against God. As recorded in Joshua 24:15, he declared, "Choose you this day whom you will serve...but, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." And so say I! 

EXPANDED HORIZONS:

THE FULL GOSPEL Business Men's Fellowship International is moving ahead in another giant step of faith and is currently drawing up plans and contracts to set up a much needed Department of Stewardship Ministry. This is made possible by the International Board after years of prayerful consideration. This department, with strict legal guidance, is being placed under the direction of Mr. Max E. Campbell, who comes with considerable background and training in this field. It is intended to be strictly a ministry for God's people everywhere, bringing benefits in many ways. Through effectively planned measures persons may make contributions to FGBMFI and actually increase their incomes. This would be in special situations, of course. They can through planned contributions give liberally to FGBMFI at no reduction in their bequest to other benefactors.

The Lord has been dealing with me for the past several months about the fact of His soon coming and the urgency of the FGBMFI's responsibility to move ahead with all our might in spreading the Good News of Jesus' love and power.

The VOICE has held a phenomenal place in this, but it is only a door of entry. Now we are translating this

publication in five languages, using a unique idea that carries the complete message with great reduction of an otherwise prohibitive cost. Future plans include expanding this program to include translating VOICE into many more languages.

A New Step

Recently the Lord began to speak to me about an entirely different TV approach. This has now been put into effect and the first production will start being televised from stations about the country within a few weeks.

These can be only the beginnings of many endeavors which our Fellowship has been God-ordained to do through the united effort of every member and chapter across our great land.

Paramount Questions

The first question uppermost in every mind is, "Brother Demos, how will we pay for all this?" The answer has its amazing source in the make up and philosophy of these United States of America and is supported through its Constitution.

The answer is simple. The Lord has blessed His people with prosperity. He has placed us in a country that recognizes our Christian philoso-

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phy of benevolence and allows many tax-free incentives to encourage this, both through immediate gifts as well as deferred gifts through wills, trusts, and life estates.

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I was a prisoner of ...

Denominational Religion

by DICK COLEMAN



I GREW UP in a jailhouse. My father, like his father before him, was sheriff of a rural county in Central Florida and he also served as resident custodian of the county jail during the Depression.

As a growing boy, I became a prisoner of denominational religion without knowing Jesus—a bondage, I was to discover, worse than being behind bars. I joined the Methodist Church because my well-intentioned parents felt it was the thing to do.

For the next twenty years I was religious but lost. Gropping in spiritual darkness, I reached out for any cult or group promising the spiritual reality I had never known. As a consequence, I fell prey to much doctrinal error and my spiritual life became an “ecumenical mess.”

At the same time, I am grateful for certain denominational influences that gave me glimmers of light and awakened in me a longing for the

knowledge of Jesus in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit.

The story of my release from bondage revolves around three literal knocks on my door over a twelve-year period—influences God used to have me open my heart to Him (Rev. 3:20).

Following a period in the Air Force during World War II, I realized a long-held ambition to study radio broadcasting at the University of Florida. During my sophomore year I was married to Minnie, whom I had grown up with. After graduation in 1951, I accepted a job as staff announcer at a radio station in Leesburg. Things went well at the station and I was subsequently promoted to program director.

Minnie and I were active members of the local Methodist Church, but we knew that something was missing in our personal spiritual development. In late 1954 we were blessed by the

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birth of our first child, Wayne.

The first decisive knock on my door was the knock of *testing*—a journey into the wilderness. It came during church hours on a Sunday morning in early 1955 when I had remained at home with Wayne. While reading Fulton Oursler's *Greatest Book Ever Written*, a handsome young man carrying a large Bible asked to come in and discuss the Word of God with me. The youth, a Jehovah's Witness, impressed me with his zeal and appeared to have ready answers from the Bible. My wife and I arranged to spend two or three hours each week in Bible study with the young man and his wife.

Although Minnie and I concluded we must look elsewhere for our answer, this experience stimulated me to keep searching for the truth. In an effort to find light in my wilderness wanderings, I enrolled in a correspondence course on the Bible prepared by the Churches of Christ.

The second significant knock on my door—the knock of salvation—came in late 1955. I admitted an old friend, a Presbyterian, I had not seen in a long time. He brought a Baptist preacher with him who was able to answer many of the questions that had been troubling me. Over a period of time God used these influences to bring us to Christ. In March, 1956, Minnie and I were baptized into the membership of the First Baptist Church, Leesburg.

We immediately threw ourselves into the work of the church. I was teaching a Bible class in a short time and joined the Andrew Club, a soul winning group. God blessed us in our new relationship to Him but our hearts still hungered for more knowledge of Jesus and more power for witnessing.

In 1958 I made a public decision to preach for which I was neither emotionally nor spiritually prepared. Although I am convinced the call of God was real, my lack of total surrender created conflict that kept me depressed and upset for many weeks. I was ultimately licensed to preach, but was still not resigned to leaving my job at the station, selling my home, and going to the seminary.

I made the disposition of my house in Leesburg a final "fleece" or test case whether I should remain in Leesburg or return to school in preparation for the ministry. At a time when the housing market was slow, I prayed, "Lord, if you mean business about me going off to the seminary, send me a buyer for this house within 24 hours."

Looking back, I probably thought I was asking God for more than He could produce. But God wasn't letting me off so easily. A little old lady called during the 23rd hour and made me an acceptable offer. I became ashamed of my doubts as I prepared to enter Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

I received a good theological education and was pastor of a strong rural church during my studies, but one haunting question remained unanswered: What had happened to the power of the first century churches? I had always felt that Jesus was the same yesterday, today and forever, and that all of the Bible is for today. Consequently, I have never been able to accept the dispensationalism that says the day of New Testament miracles is past.

The third crucial knock on my door was the knock of *power*. It came in 1967, nearly four years after I returned to Leesburg as pastor of the Westside Baptist Church. Heavily in debt and badly divided at the time we arrived, Westside had made considerable progress in several areas. We reached an attendance near 200 in Sunday School and we even led the Association in baptisms one year. We were grateful for God's blessings but I still felt that we were only scratching the surface of God's love and power. I longed to see more New Testament miracles in our ministry at Westside.

By early 1966, I became convinced that the Holy Spirit was largely the forgotten person of the Trinity and that the church's weakness was due to the neglect of certain clearly taught New Testament doctrines such as spiritual healing and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Consequently, I announced a series of sermons on the

person and power of the Holy Spirit and challenged the members to give the Spirit His rightful place in our church.

I also told the church I had concluded—after much prayer and study—that the baptism in the Holy Spirit was a valid experience and that I was seeking it. Although most of our members knew little about the Holy Spirit, a new atmosphere of expectancy seemed to move over the congregation.

In this frame of readiness, God sent to my door a long-time pastor friend who was making his retirement home in Leesburg. My friend, a former president of the Florida Baptist Convention, told me about exciting stirrings of the Spirit over Central Florida. He gave me a copy of Kathryn Kuhlman's book, *I Believe in Miracles*. He also told me how the Holy Spirit had fallen on a group of worshippers at an Episcopal church in Maitland, about 40 miles away, and how the church was holding weekly healing services.

I began attending meetings of a recently organized chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International in Leesburg. In these early FGBMFI meetings began a chain of blessings for which I shall be eternally grateful. I saw people of all denominational backgrounds worship and praise God in a freedom and joy I had always wanted. I also became acquainted with VOICE maga-

zine and was amazed to read how Southern Baptists such as Charles Simpson and John Osteen were being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

On a spring night in 1967, Minnie and I and our retired friend attended the Episcopal healing service in Mait-

A new atmosphere of expectancy seemed to move over the congregation

land that was to change my life and ministry. We were deeply touched by what we saw and heard, including testimonies of miracles of healing from people of many denominational backgrounds.

In spite of my monumental prejudices against Episcopalians, against "tongues," and against being ministered to by a woman, I felt drawn to Anne White, an Episcopal housewife and author who was ministering at the altar. This Spirit-filled woman prayed with me at the altar after the service. As she prayed for God to anoint my ministry, she began to speak in a strange language and I was surprised that tongues were so beautiful.

As she laid hands on me and prayed, I felt power like electricity

charge through my body and I told God I was ready for whatever He wanted to give me. As my resistance melted, the Holy Spirit gave me "utterance" and I came to possess a new sense of God's presence and power which has never left me. My wife, who had also been baptized in the Spirit, joined me at the altar and Mrs. White prayed with us that God would give us wisdom in sharing our experience with the church in the most constructive way.

For two months I said nothing about my experience at the Episcopal church. Minnie, however, shared her experience with two friends. A home prayer meeting broke out spontaneously among the women in the church. Shortly, a second ladies' prayer group formed. As the women gathered in homes, they prayed specifically for the sick and troubled, and we began to see miracles.

Irene, who was healed of crippling arthritis, was just one of many lives transformed by Christ's healing touch. Another woman, plagued by migraine headaches for years, was instantly healed and her entire life took on a new spiritual glow. These miracles began to do wonderful things for our church. Several of our young people and some of our men began attending the home prayer meetings. As it turned out, God was preparing the groundwork for our interdenominational prayer cell ministry.

These early prayer group experi-

ences awakened me and several church leaders to the need for some kind of formal healing ministry. After the deacons and I prayed about the matter and visited the healing service at Maitland, the decision was made to begin a weekly healing service.

Our church leaders were the first to be baptized in the Spirit and immediately saw the need for an expanded ministry in which the gifts of the Spirit could freely operate. We studied the Word in search of true spiritual order and were determined to make only those changes ordered by the Holy Spirit. Over a period of months, most of our church leaders, many other active members and several of our young people were gloriously baptized in the Spirit.

One of the most thrilling results of the charismatic renewal has been the impact on our young people. In addition to Westside's regular youth prayer group, Westside and a neighboring Baptist church, also with Spirit-filled members, are joint sponsors of a Saturday night youth group aimed at instructing and supporting youth in the area who have recently been delivered from drug addiction. Young people from the two churches were also prime movers in starting a daily prayer meeting at the Leesburg Senior High School.

I am also thrilled how full recognition of the Holy Spirit has influenced Westside's life and fellowship. We

now have more liberty in worship. People enjoy church activities more and we require less organization and promotion to get the job done. Even more important, there is a new concern for each other and we're reaching out in directions never dreamed of before. We're learning to love people and to pray—and to expect miracles.

Although not a large church, Westside is reaching out far beyond Leesburg. The church has become a charismatic center in Central Florida. There are visitors from various denominational backgrounds in every church service and in many of the home prayer meetings. New prayer groups have been formed locally and in at least seven other cities as a result of instruction or inspiration received at our interdenominational prayer meetings.

A Christian writer visiting our church in November of 1970 asked me what the future holds for churches such as Westside who are re-discovering the Holy Spirit and the charismatic elements in the New Testament. I told him that the Holy Spirit is working to *restore* the church. He is moving in what is called the charismatic renewal (or restoration) to restore those Scriptural principles and methods ordered by the Holy Spirit in the early church. Those principles worked then and will work *now* because God—and not man—designed them to work in every age. 🔥



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so we cut the group to about half.

At the FGBMFI convention in San Diego the word of the Lord came forth saying that while there would be many men who would say "No," from among them would emerge one man who would open a way for us. I knew then that God in a miraculous way would open the door.

Thirty of us got on the big jet in Seattle, Washington. There were a good many servicemen aboard heading into the war zone and our men began to witness to them as our plane flew high out over the Pacific. There were several conversions. At the Tokyo International Airport a hundred or more servicemen assembled and Sam Rudd, one of our international directors, gave his testimony of how God had spared his life during World War II when he served under General Patton. He urged those boys to give their lives into God's keeping, and many of them responded. My heart went out to them as I recalled how I had felt when landing in Korea, and when we faced our first baptism of fire.

VOICE magazine, April, 1967, carried the account of our experiences in Vietnam, of the first two difficult days in Saigon when we seemed near defeat, and how we hung on by sheer faith and prayed until God flung wide

a door where there had been no door, enabling us to visit the hospitals, the boys in the front-line camps, many dedicated chaplains, and to arrange to ship hundreds of thousands of copies of VOICE to be distributed to servicemen.

What a ministry it was! How God did bless and by what wonderful ways He led us to so many who received the Word gladly!

As soon as we arrived back home the men of FGBMFI were thrilled by the reception given our magazine, and donated thousands of dollars for printing and shipping copies overseas. We still receive letters at the International Office—some from boys who accepted Christ in Vietnam through reading VOICE, and others from loved ones of boys who didn't return, whose hearts had been comforted because their sons had found the Lord through reading VOICE. Our going over there was one ministry, but the contacts made through which we were able to send VOICE magazines had been an entire ministry of its own—and a continuing one. God used that trip to show something of what His Holy Spirit can do.

If you want to be used of God—if you want a busy and exciting life of endless surprises—just tell God you are available for whatever task He may have for you! 

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Mrs. R.P.M., Davidsonville, Md.

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D.C., Princeton, La.

We enjoy your Christian magazine more than words can express. We send it on to our son in Cambodia. It's a spiritual lift to our family.

M.S., Medlolan, Illinois

The VOICE is an excellent publication. The testimonies are so inspiring. Many souls are being enlightened through VOICE. The FGBMFI is a tremendous force for good. I attended the Green Lake Regional and the Chicago meetings this past year. They were truly inspirational. I am a Catholic nun who received the Baptism of the Spirit on March 8, 1970. What an experience after having taught in our Catholic schools for 40 years.

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B.E.H., Keyport, N.J.

Just a few lines to tell you how I love that book, the Full Gospel Business Men's VOICE. It is so rich and wonderful, and I read it and then pass it on to others to read.

O.C., Artesia, California

I am writing you to say that since I began to order the 100 copies of VOICE, the Holy Spirit is sure blessing my life, my wife and my home.

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I lost my latest VOICE magazine. I took it with me shopping and left it somewhere. We trust and pray the finder needed it for his soul. But please, please, send another one. Thanks.

Mrs. S.R., New Buffalo, Michigan

Thank you for the best Holy Spirit magazine in print. It is just great. And thanks for the opportunity to be able to send it to others. Only eternity will reveal all the souls saved, and baptized, and encouraged.

Mrs. S.A., Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have found VOICE magazine to be most inspiring and a very effective tool for witnessing to others of the saving and transforming power of God's love.

D.E.G., Columbus, Ohio



"I Have No Testimony"

by **HARRY J. EARLY**

Accounting Assistant, FGBMFI Headquarters Office

COULD THIS REALLY be possible for me to say? After all, hadn't I been raised in church all my life, and hadn't I been trained and taught in the Word and the way of the Lord? Didn't I dedicate my life and all the talent that I had and ever hoped to possess, to the Lord in my very young life? The church had become a second home to me, where I spent many, many happy hours with the pastor and his family. I would even stay overnight with them from time to time. Yes, this was all true, but I still felt as I grew into adult life....I had no testimony.

From my youth I have listened with awe, almost spellbound, to the marvelous testimonies of those who were delivered from a life of crime, or drugs, or alcohol, or some other gross sin. It is so exciting to me when I hear and can see a person who has been delivered from the power of

Satan, and it is natural that I would compare such a life with my own.

Such comparison would always lead me to conclude that I had no testimony. I hadn't been delivered from alcohol, or crime, or drugs. What could I say? What could I testify about? For that matter, who would even bother to hear my testimony? Nothing glamorous (as the world might think) had ever happened to me.

Church testimonial sessions would find me sitting and listening to others—and I always had a praise in my heart for them. But I also had a certain sense of frustration because I could not apply the saving grace of God in a similar manner to my own situation.

One day I was talking to a student who had been saved and delivered from a life of drugs. I mentioned to him how I really appreciated his testimony for the wonderful way God

had set him free. I said I wished I could have a testimony like that, but ... I have no testimony. He asked me about my life, and so I repeated my experiences to him. I mentioned that my entire life was in the church, but more important than that, it was also "in Christ." I had been converted to the Lord when I was six years old, baptized in water when I was about nine, baptized in the Holy Spirit (speaking in tongues) when I was twelve. I had sung and played my musical instruments in the church from the time I was eight years old. I had never experienced anything that most people have experienced when they are in sin.

I said to him, "It isn't a very good

testimony is it?" As I looked at him I noticed tears in his eyes. He said to me, "Harry, I wish I had your testimony, and I know many others who would wish the same thing. Your life is a testimony; not of sin and its effects, but of the *saving* and *keeping* power of our Lord Jesus Christ." He made me to realize at that moment that Jesus had not only *saved* my life, but He had *kept my life from sin unto Himself*. There isn't a more powerful testimony for our Lord than the fact of His saving and keeping power.

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For further information concerning the World Convention, write: Frank Cordeiro, Chairman, 19356 Meekland Ave., Hayward, California. Phone: (415) 276-3950.

FIRST FGBMFI HAWAII CONVENTION—July 13-15, 1972

On Sunday, July 9, those who wish may fly from San Francisco to Honolulu for four days of relaxation, then thrill to the first FGBMFI Convention in Hawaii, as we give our friends in that area a "lift" in their work for Christ and the Fellowship. Return trip to San Francisco will be on Sunday, July 16.

Total package price, \$297.00, includes roundtrip from San Francisco and return, seven nights in fabulous new Sheraton Waikiki, a lei greeting, roundtrip transfers between airport and hotel in Honolulu, portage to red caps for two bags at Honolulu airport, three Convention Breakfast tickets, one Convention Luncheon ticket.



For further information, and to make reservations, write to: FGBMFI Hawaii Convention, 836 S. Figueroa, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017, c/o Blaine Amburgy, Tour Coordinator. (A deposit of \$50.00 per person is required to hold definite reservations.)

COMMUNIQUE: CHAPTERS and CONVENTIONS

RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN: CHARTERED AND GROWING

Northwest Wisconsin, long labeled an "evangelist's graveyard," is happily watching God fulfill His word to the prophet Joel, pouring out His Spirit upon long-hardened hearts of every denomination. In 1970 a Presbyterian elder and a Lutheran physician, together with their wives, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit at an FGBMFI convention. Coming back to hometown Rice Lake, Wis. they felt directed to initiate a weekly prayer breakfast, and did so, taking advantage of a steady stream of Spirit-filled speakers and teaching tapes. Soon outgrowing hotel facilities, the mid-week crowds moved to a nearby university and within a year had mushroomed into a full-fledged FGBMFI chapter. At a joint meeting with the Chicago chapter at the Green Lake Regional Convention this past Memorial Day, the Rice Lake chapter was granted its charter by International Director Henry Carlson before 120 people of various denominations at the King Edward Inn.

Two weeks later much of the spiritual seed planted the preceeding year blossomed forth during a three-day Rice Lake Spiritual Life Crusade sponsored by the sapling chapter. Lutheran evangelist Herbert Mjorud



Rice Lake Chartering. From left, Tim Rathke, Vice President; Herb Clements, Treasurer; Henry Carlson; Dr. Lowell Kristensen, President; Richard Bonson.

was the principal speaker. What began as a sedate teaching session became a true revival as the power of the Gospel manifested itself. Laymen and pastors, Lutherans and Catholics, were amazed at seeing the gifts of the Holy Spirit in action for the first time. Many faithful church members came forward tearfully for salvation; whole families were converted. Throughout the weekend crowds of people sought and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many healings were reported, among them that of the father of Dr. Kristensen, Rice Lake Chapter President, who received healing for his neck, unmovable for 35 years, and for back problems when a short leg was miraculously lengthened. A disabled young man, partially carried as he stumbled in on his canes, found the power of God sufficient for his need, and was able to run out, later returning to testify to the miracle Christ had done.

SANTA FE-LOS ALAMOS CHARTERING

At their August dinner meeting President Myles Colligan received from International Director Sam Rudd, speaker of the evening, the charter for the Santa Fe-Los Alamos chapter. Because attendance has grown so rapidly, this capital city FGBMFI chapter has since July moved from Furr's Cafeteria where it began in February 1970 to the larger Holiday Inn. Here meetings are held the third Monday of each month. Serving with President Colligan are officers Ben Dirks, Vice President; Dwayne Clausson, Secretary; and Earl Shelton, Treasurer.

God is touching northern New Mexico in a great way, and the Santa Fe-Los Alamos chapter is unique in its Roman Catholic participation. In the nearby village of Pecos is a Benedictine Monastery where Spirit-filled priests and brothers sponsor a week-

end retreat each month. Designed to introduce lay people of various denominations into the present movement of the Holy Spirit, the retreat draws people from all the central and western states.

Fifteen miles north of Santa Fe is the Sangre de Cristo Center for Christian Studies which is a facility used by the Christian Brothers, a Catholic teaching order numbering 15,000 with members located in schools around the world. In classes of thirty the Brothers come from other countries to spend three and four months at the New Mexico center. Here they are updated on happenings within Catholicism and refreshed in the Word of God. Here also many come into an understanding of Pentecost and the experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Likewise, the Christian Brothers' College of Santa Fe hosts a Spirit-filled student and faculty prayer meeting weekly; fifteen similar groups in the surrounding area are further evidence of the spiritual hunger of Christians here, and of God's sovereign movement.

In fact, the night of the FGBMFI chapter chartering eight new decisions were made for Christ!



Santa Fe-Los Alamos Chartering. From left, Ben Dirks, Los Alamos Vice President (Catholic); Sam Rudd; Myles Colligan, Santa Fe President (Catholic); Earl Shelton, Santa Fe Treasurer (Independent).

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COLOR PHOTO STORY OF FGBMFI CONVENTIONS EAST AND WEST EAST: SYRACUSE AND NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

1. **Bill Wilson**, New Jersey missionary-pastor, sparked Northeastern Regional Convention in New York City last October with dynamic messages of faith and hope.
2. **Joe Poppell** ministered to many during N.Y.C. Convention, including this couple, following Saturday afternoon luncheon.
3. Photographer Ed Bailey captures German-born **Paul Krohnert**, FGBMFI international director in Ont., Canada, as he speaks in the N.Y.C. Convention concerning his part in translation of VOICE into five languages.



4. **Dr. Winston Nunes** of Ontario made the Scriptures come alive during the Central New York Regional Convention in Syracuse last August.

5. Photographer Pete Tarolli captures audience in the Syracuse Hotel listening to **John Gimenez** share news of world-wide move of God's Spirit.



WEST: PALM SPRINGS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

1. Art Nersasian, Co-Chairman with Paul Toberty, captured by camera of VOICE Editor Raymond Becker as he related a recent specific answer to prayer in his life.

2. Businessmen were called upon by FGBMFI President Demos Shakarian to dedicate their lives to spread the Gospel of Christ in greater way than ever before.

3. International Director **Claud McCulley** brought greetings from St. Louis, Mo., and told of victories in recent FGBMFI Convention there.

4. **Dick Mann** was interviewed by **Demos Shakarian** relative to his part in the development of new national TV series now being produced by FGBMFI.

5. **Youth Choir** of the Lake-wood, Calif. Foursquare Church inspired Saturday night banquet-ers in Riviera Hotel ballroom.

6. International Director **Bob Engle** also flew from St. Louis to attend So. Calif. Regional.

7. **John Hinkle**, Spirit-filled pastor of Christ Church Unity in Los Angeles, radiated the love of God as he witnessed to His grace.

8. **Brian Smith**, citrus producer of Scottsdale, Arizona, related up-to-date testimony of God's keeping power in his life.



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SIX SCRIPTURAL STEPS TO SALVATION

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

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE:** "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). You must acknowledge in the light of God's Word that you are a sinner.

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

3. **CONFESS:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). Confess not to men but to God.

4. **FORSAKE:** "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord . . . for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). Sorrow for sin is not enough in itself. We must want to be done with it once and for all.

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

with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Believe in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

6. **RECEIVE:** "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11,12). Christ must be received personally into the heart by faith, if the experience of the New Birth is to be yours.

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