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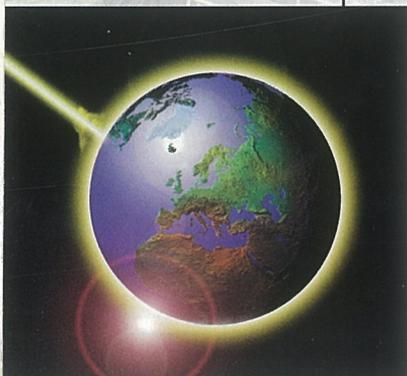
A fresh word from the Holy Spirit will enrich your experience when you attend the 2001 World Convention in Orlando, Florida. August 7-11th will be a great event as we unite with one purpose. Experience God's plan and vision together with other national and international delegates! The Spirit has already spoken that He will show us a united, specific vision and purpose for the next five years.

Fire Teams will be going from business-to-business in Orlando during the first part of this historic Convention. Breathtaking morning sessions with awesome testimonies (some as a direct result of the Fire Teams from the day before!), will be followed by afternoon, "hands-on" sessions of practical aspects of the Fellowship, as well as the teaching and prophetic word for you.

Evening meetings will feature a miraculous and spectacular move of God. Foreign leaders, dignitaries, men from the president's administration, and anointed men of God will impart fresh vision into your life.

Together, we will hear from God about how we can rapidly move forward to accomplish the vision. Come to experience an unprecedented unity of purpose and a personal visitation of the Holy Spirit. Bring the entire family for a holiday. The Wyndham Resort Hotel is right across the street from Disney World!

Richard Shakerian



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“Mr. Carpenter, I’m terribly sorry. We have done all we can, and she hasn’t improved. She is beyond medical help. Let anyone in who wants to see her. She’s not going to make it through this afternoon. We’re terribly sorry.” Then the doctor handed me a little manila envelope. Inside was the wedding ring I had given my wife two months before.

On November 24, 1993, as newlyweds, we were driving from Las Vegas to Phoenix to visit my in-laws when we swerved to avoid hitting a slow-moving truck. Another truck hit us from behind. The car flipped several times as it skidded over 100 feet across the pavement. I experienced severe, life-threatening injuries. In pain, I cried for my new wife, “What about Krickitt?”

It took an hour to cut her out of the car at the accident scene on the Interstate before the helicopter transported her to the hospital, where she “flat-lined” or died twice. She had escaped death twice, but she didn’t even know it. She was in a coma.

Against my own doctor’s orders, I checked myself out of the hospital. With a sense of finality, I said, “If my wife’s going to die, I want to be there.” It was devastating to see her in such a state. I wondered, “Will I be a widower?”

(Cover) NBC TODAY Show’s Katie Couric poses with Danny James Carpenter, as proud parents, Kim and Krickitt, look on.

(Right) Kim and Krickitt Carpenter’s official engagement picture, before “both” marriages and God’s miraculous power.





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We both needed a genuine physical miracle. We had had everything going for us, but in an instant, it was all gone. Somehow, we still had enough breath and courage in us to survive.

I had become a Christian at the age of 14, though I admit I was a nominal Christian, still searching some. Krickitt had been the spiritual stability in our short marriage. But not for long....

Then, after two weeks, she made a miraculous recovery, emerging from her coma and recognizing her parents, and many others—except me! Krickitt had absolutely no idea who I was! Her severe head injury created a memory loss. She had to re-learn how to walk. She even had to wear diapers for awhile. Krickitt had to be hand-fed. Tests revealed that her long-term memory was intact, but she had no recollection of the previous 18 months, including our dating, courtship and first marriage.

While at rehab, Krickitt was asked about me. She replied, "I'm not married." I was crushed! She began to despise me when I would push her to the limits in her physical therapy. I honestly didn't think our marriage would work with her hating me.

Neurological damage to Krickitt caused her to do irrational and sometimes inappropriate things. She would laugh when she was supposed to cry. She had to grow up all over again. We had to schedule regular "dates" so she could get to know me, as her husband, again.

We lived together, but not as husband and wife. I had to admit that the old Krickitt really was gone. There were times of severe testing. Patience and raw faith in God had

to come into play.

I knew it was vital for me to set the example because she was going to have to re-learn about being a Christian. I'd read the Bible to her when she was in a coma. I'd play Christian music while she was in re-hab. I am a totally different person because of this accident. I am much stronger in my faith than I ever was. Today, all that I try to do is to lead by example!

I had the physical damage and she had the mental damage. In desperation and in pain myself, I woke up three months after the accident and told my father-in-law, "Today is the day I am going to die." I was physically helpless. But that was also the day I "turned the corner" in my struggle and in my bitterness. I gave it up to the Lord that day. I couldn't do it anymore on my own. He had to do it!

And God did!

I realized it was time that I got to know the new Krickitt. It was time to start courting the

new Krickitt and replace the memories of our relationship, lost forever in the accident, with new memories. What helped close the door on my bitterness was our second wedding in 1996.

I pulled the ring off her finger, got down on one knee in front of her boss at the fitness center, and asked her, "Will you marry me?" She said, "Okay." I said to her, "Here's your ring back!"

Our love is growing stronger. On the day of our second wedding, I looked at her and thought to myself, "Look how things have turned out!" That brought a lot of closure to many situations.

Krickitt explains, "The Lord is our strength. We



Cybil Shephard who co-starred with Bruce Willis on the "Moonlighting" series, holding Danny James Carpenter



have a deep love for one another that perhaps most couples do not experience. I do not have a memory of a "fluffy point" of falling in love with my husband, which the media likes to play up so much, 'Oh, they fell in love again.' It just didn't happen that way, though I would like to say that it did. I chose to love the man I married."

The media quickly picked up on our "miracle love story." Our international exposure has opened up many opportunities to not only witness of what Christ can do, but we are

The Carpenter's first wedding party. Some of these friends and family would soon play a part in their lives they could not have imagined!

"head injury counselors" to others in similar situations. But that exposure came at quite a price.

I'm no hero. I had to fall in love with my wife twice, instead of just once. I'm still learning patience with a wife who is a different person from the one I married in 1993. But none of that matters. She's my wife...and I intend to be by her side forever. I made a vow!

With over 1,000 media appearances to a listening and viewing audience worldwide estimated at 750,000,000, the Carpenters experienced a "greater miracle" when their first-born son, Danny James Carpenter, was born May 3, 2000. Appearances on Oprah, Dateline, NBC Today Show, Inside Edition, Maury Povich, 700 Club, Focus on the Family, and hundreds of others, have made the Carpenters a "household name" to many. Their best-selling book, "The Vow," was released in the summer of 2000 by Broadman and Holman. They live in Farmington, New Mexico, where both are employed. A movie based upon their miracle experience, tentatively called "The Vow," is scheduled to go into production next year.



What a Surprise!

John Saville - Newtown, Wales

If I'd realized that the business men's dinner I was about to attend had anything to do with God, I certainly would not have gone. I was very anti-Christian. What surprised me most was that the speaker, Richard Hausey, literally changed the direction of my entire life. He invited people who were seriously ill to come forward for prayer. As I'd had a rare blood disease for more than 10 years, and was considered incurable, I went forward. I told him I was on chemotherapy every two weeks. He prayed for me, and from that night on my health has steadily improved. I am convinced it was the prayer that made all the difference.

Things had been going quite well. My partner and I were in business together down in the south of the country. Then we moved to Mid-Wales to start an engineering company. All of our money was plowed into the business and the house when we were caught in the BCCI bank crash. We lost everything.

That was when a gentleman invited me to the FGBMFI. By then things had so deteriorated that we were in deep trouble. Without God's help throughout this period, I don't think my marriage would have survived.

For 25 years I had worked for a big company and was a rather aggressive person. I thought that was just the way things were. I would never have believed my life could change so dramatically, but the Lord teaches

me new things day by day. Without a doubt I know that the changes God has made in me have improved me as a person. People around me still have trouble believing that I'm the same man. In fact, it took nine months for my wife to accept the fact that I was changed forever.

The business failed, my partner left and went bankrupt, and I was left with all the company debts. I struggled with various jobs and even spent three years working away from home, but at least there was work and there was money. I've restarted a



smaller business in Newtown, and this is now developing back into what the old business used to be, and there are financial supporters. When the problems first started happening, it was prophesied that I would be broken and humbled, and then built up again. Through the kindness of God it is really happening. God fulfills His promises.

I don't particularly want to be a millionaire any more. I'm just grateful to be able to express God's love to those I meet. He's given me a gift for being able to witness quite easily. I like to share my testimony, and praise God because His hand has been upon my life.

When you are in business, some stress and problems are unavoidable. However, if you put your trust in Jesus, He changes your life into something wonderful. You bring your problems to Him and He takes them. This is a reality. Perhaps God will not resolve your difficulties in quite the way you expect, but He will deal with them. I've not found anything that God does not resolve. Business men need to hear this message.

There is more to life than

problems and earning a living. Shortly after I became a believing Christian, we had a granddaughter, who had Toxoplasmosis. This is a blood disease which causes blindness and brain damage in later life as a teenager. Of course, the family was hysterical. One day I was traveling when I had the impression that I needed to go down and pray for this child. It was 250 miles away, and I really had no idea how to pray. The whole area of prayer was still new to me. However, in obedience, we went down the following weekend, and prayed over the baby. Nine months later, she was pronounced clear of any sign of the disease!

It is important to recognize God's direction. He is so patient, and when things are badly wrong, He corrects us. He puts us back on the right path, and continually changes us from the inside out. It's not just a one-time thing.

I know God has much in store for me and I believe it is for this reason that I'm still alive. With the disease I had, I would not have lived long. I am grateful for the opportunities that He has given me to reach out and influence others. I despair about people who look the other way when I talk about Jesus Christ. Jesus is the way, the only way. There is no alternative. Spending eternity with Him will be wonderful!





A Special Presidential Report by Richard Shakarian

Hundreds of British, 60 Americans, and people from seven additional nations began one of the greatest outreaches the FGBMFI in England has ever undertaken.

In the heart of London, across from the stock exchange and the Bank of England, and very near the Rothschild office, the sound of praise and testimonies came forth as we joined another group to worship the Lord.

The message was always the same whether to multi-millionaires or street people. We told of the love of Christ, how He redeemed us, and what He could do for them.

The men and women of our Fellowship in England, and others who participated, will never be the same again.

It seemed like our Fellowship in England

became of one mind. We were all looking to see what God would do, as in every district in the nation people found Christ. Some were healed and others received the Holy Spirit. Our vision has been enlarged in every city.

The voice of our testimony was heard on B.B.C. as Jim Priddy gave testimony. Testimony was given in the farming communities, as our farmers went to the farms, as well as in cities, large and small.

Many Fire Teams are com-

ing to the World Convention in Orlando, August 7 - 11th. The fire is coming! Be there to catch the fire!

Richard Shakarian,
International President

"As a farmer and former Minnesota legislator I went up the farms area, which has been devastated by hoof and mouth disease. It was there I learned 80 farmers have committed suicide after losing everything.

The farm of Bob and Joy Emerson was right in the middle of the very worst area. Every nearby farm was devastated by disease. Every animal in those farms was killed by the authorities; all except for farmer Bob. Farmer Bob is a man of faith. He built a special "Church in a Barn" on his 300 acres with 259 cows in Brougham.

They saw their neighbor's herds and flocks succumb to foot and mouth disease. They walked around the farm boundary, prayed for protection and drew a prayer line around their farm. They asked the Lord to heal their precious cows and keep them well. They walked among the cows quoting Psalm 91, 'He who dwells in the shadow of the Almighty



of the most high will rest in the shadow of the Almighty ... surely He will save you from the deadly pestilence ... a thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.'

Then they pleaded the blood of Jesus on their farm. Their herd and that of their daughter's big farm were untouched; even though all the others in that area were gone!

Faith in farmer Bob won the day. They took the scripture of the Israelites about the blood over the door posts protected the Israelites against death. Then they prayed for every cow. Today, they are still going forward. I watched



them milk 200 cows.

Everywhere we went people were hungry to know God, even in the shop where the queen buys her candy. We talked to the young sales ladies and they both received Christ!"

Don Richter, Minnesota

"Seventy came to the Lord during our visit. We must have prayed for 300 people for personal problems. We fed 65 homeless people. We were in chapters, hospitals, prisons, in businesses, as well as on the streets. Everywhere, people received Christ."

Don Mounts, Colorado

"The father of our Chapter Vice-president received the Lord. John Carrette taught our men the deeper life walk with Christ.

Many were healed. Jim Priddy was used to bring many men to Christ. This week has caused our people to catch again the vision to reach out to others. Many fires were started in our hearts. In every part of our land, people were saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed."

Val and David Fatherby, Hull, England

"We can never begin to understand the scope of what happened. The excitement is catching. The turnaround in our hearts is spectacular!

The Lord commanded us to win people to the Lord in the highways and byways. The fire of the Holy Spirit was lit in the



United Kingdom. So many people caught the fire! It will spread!"

Ron Weinbender, California

"I was able to get a tape of Sir Lionel Luckhoo, who had been knighted by the Queen of England, into Buckingham Palace.

Everywhere we went someone was saved and someone was filled with the Spirit!"

Neil Nelles, Chicago

"It was good to see how the ordinary, local people received our men. I believe we will see a big shift and increase in our chapters in England. It rekindled the fire among our members. The local people were touched. They saw we were only there to give.

We prayed for lots of busi-

ness people. I feel enthusiasm for Full Gospel in the United Kingdom has been rekindled!"

Andrew Kaminski,
Colorado.

"We would start at 7 a.m. and pray for an hour. Then we would go to the businesses. Some thought it was a religion thing. I said, 'No, it's not a religion thing. It's a relationship!' We even went to the police station and prayed for the police.

Many people were very excited that we had come all the way from America to share our testimony and pray for them. We spoke to people of many nations.

It feels like there is a big battle going on over England in the Spirit. By encouraging our men through these Fire Teams, it was a big 'eye-opener' to them how we do things.



I'm sure there will be a positive ripple effect.

We have encouraged the English to come to the World Convention and give their report!"

Joe and Rosa Ortega, Texas

"Early in the morning we would go out to the highest point and pray for England and all the people. Being Irish, I did not want to go, but I asked God to forgive me. Now He has given me the greatest love for the English people. This experience really changed my life!

In a prison with Steward Crisp, a gypsy prisoner asked if he could receive Christ. He was born again. As we both cried, I realized that if only this one young man received the Lord, it was worth it! Thank God many received Christ.

What was accomplished?

England is on fire. Now, our men have a better attitude about going out to share Jesus. It's safe to say our Fellowship in England has a bigger vision today. Now we all have the same vision together. I believe they will take their country for Christ!"

Gene Arnold, Pennsylvania

“Our men are so encouraged. We are receiving wonderful reports from all over. In one meeting of 65 people, there were 40 that received the Lord! As Arghean Vickor said, ‘We should have been doing this for years, right along.’

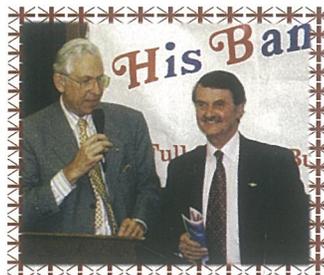
Two Salvadoran doctors even went to the streets, talking with young men and women with many tatoos and many rings on their ears and face. They said, ‘You are very important. We came all the way from Central America to tell you that God loves you.’ Most of them came to the night meeting and were saved!

We received letters from the Queen, Tony Blair, the leader of the opposition parties, and from the President of the Stock Exchange.

Our men are on fire. The work is going on. Our Directors believe this is just the beginning!”

John Walker, President, UK FGBMFI

“We decided to have a prayer meeting every week just for the Fire Teams. Every week we prayed that hundreds of people would be saved. God certainly answered our prayers, because an amazing 604 people committed their lives to Christ during that week, just in Rochester and Chatham alone!



In a girls’ school at break time, 24 responded to Jesus, having listened to Dr. Richard Kent. Later, another 29 girls from the same school invited Jesus into their hearts – and their teacher too! At a Salvation Army ‘Over 60’s Club’, the folk were so blessed after hearing Phil Miller (from Illinois) that 40 of them received Jesus Christ as their Savior!

In Rochester, a crowd of boys from a public school were doing a survey. They met Phil Miller and when he had answered their questions, he asked them if they knew if they would go to heaven when they died. That day, 63 boys from the school said the sinner’s prayer and received Jesus!

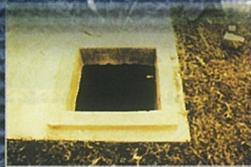
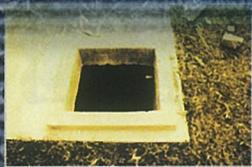
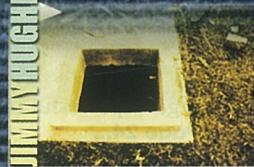
On the Friday, Phil Miller and Tony Marino (from New York) were interviewed on BBC Radio Kent where they explained to the interviewers what FGBMFI is all about. They both gave powerful testi-
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My wife screamed,

"OUR LITTLE GIRL IS DEAD!"

JIMMY HUGHES honduras



One week before Easter, a great miracle of resurrection took place in a little rural area of Honduras, about 30 minutes outside of the capital city, Tegucigalpa. My wife, Jessica, and I live there as missionaries with our family; an adopted daughter named Alister (age 3); Daniella (age 4); and our daughter Deana, Alister's mother.

It was a beautiful and sunny day. Alister and Daniella were playing beside a well of water. Daniella went to the other side of the house to play alone, leaving the three-year old by herself. When Daniella came back to the well, she saw the doll floating in the water, but she didn't see Alister. Daniella went to find Deana, her older sister. Daniella, not certain of what had happened to her baby sister, had a difficult time persuading Deana to go with her to look in the well.

Finally, Deana realized that Alister was missing; and went to investigate. The well was cold and dark. They could see dead frogs in the water along with Alister's doll, floating just out of their reach. There was about a foot clearance from the water to the cement slab that was covering the cistern. The water was about seven feet deep. As the adults at the house began to gather around the well, everyone froze in disbelief of what might have happened to baby Alister.

My wife Jessica immediately jumped into the dark well filled with water. To her horror, she found the baby floating in the water face down, obviously dead. At least 20 minutes had passed. Her little body was bloated. Her eyes were gray and rolled back in her head. Jessica called me on the phone. I was in the city. At first, I had a difficult time understanding her

because she was frantic and sobbing heavily. I began to piece together the story. My little girl was dead!

"Jimmy, Alister is dead! She has drowned and we do not know what to do!" Jessica cried out to me on her cell phone.

I began to speak words of faith to my frantic wife, "The word of God is alive and righteous, Jessica. I promise you that God will not embarrass His children. We're here on the mission field and we serve a King who is alive. Jesus is a Name that is above every name! I promise you that baby Alister will live for the glory of God!"

Jessica began to focus on my anointed words; and faith rose in her heart. I continued, "Now all you've got to do right now is pray and bring that baby to the city. I will meet you at the emergency room. God will do the rest."

For Jessica, Alister's death was a reality. She had pulled her bloated little body from the cold dark water. As she spoke to me on the phone she saw the color of death stream from her daughter's mouth. But even at that moment, something deep inside Jessica told

her that the girl would live. She knew that Jesus was the only one in the world who could make that happen.

She began to pray for baby Alister on the grass, before putting her in the car. Suddenly, the little girl began to vomit up liquid; after being dead for over 35 minutes! Jessica put Alister in the car and headed for the city. The baby was crying and trying to catch her breath, still in shock and in a partial coma state.

Meanwhile, I focused on what I needed to do. I called every brother in the Fellowship that I could think of. Men in Honduras, Guatemala, and the United States all began to pray for Alister. Each man who received a call in Honduras, in turn, contacted five additional men for prayer. Suddenly there were hundreds of men in the western hemisphere all praying for the life of little Alister. In His peace, I went to the hospital to meet my wife and the baby.

At the hospital four doctors examined Alister and took x-rays of her body. It was a miracle that she alive and that there was no fluid in her lungs or belly. But the doctors were still very pessimistic and



told us that Alister would be brain dead by morning.

My faith would not hear those pessimistic words. "Excuse me," I declared, "but the Jesus that we serve is alive today. He declared not only that this little child be resurrected, but YOU declare it a miracle! And the same Jesus that raised her from the dead, is the same Jesus that will heal her! God would not heal somebody's finger and not their whole hand. By morning, my little girl is going to be alive and well, and playing like any other little baby girl!" The doctors just stared at me.

At seven the next morning, Alister sat strait up in bed and asked if anyone had a pizza for her. She later told us that Jesus had sent her home. And just like I had promised, she began to play like a healthy, normal, three-year old girl. Jesus never healed anyone half-way. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Many brothers in the Fellowship had an opportunity to rejoice in this genuine miracle, because their prayers for little Alister circled the globe! Thank God and FGBMFI!

O.H.A.S.

COLIN PATTERSON
KENSINGTON CHAPTER, LONDON, ENGLAND

My school days were spent either standing in a corner or awaiting chastisement. I was branded a “dunce” and left school without a qualification to my name. In fact, I was sent to an annex of the school for those not likely to make the grade. I didn’t disappoint them!

Work in Scotland during the 1950’s was difficult for a single person. The unhappiness of my childhood, caused through rejection and lack of love, left me with little inspiration to excel. My impoverished youth established in me a fighting spirit, which got me into a lot of trouble.

Religion was detestable to me, as my mother was somewhat of a “religious gypsy,” visiting every camp, probably trying to find that sanctuary which would fill her void. Three men left her to cope with three offspring. My own father abandoned her only one month

after my birth.

My mother coped as best she could. At the age of 54, she took a quick way out and jumped from the eleventh floor of her apartment. Her life of quiet desperation is by no means “unique.” I found myself heading in the same direction.

I left the Scots’ Guards after seven year’s service. I loved the Army because it was the nearest thing to a family I had ever experienced. Screaming commands from superiors were like the father figures calling words of “encouragement.” Among my early achievements was that of



Champion Recruit in physical training and weaponry. This helped to cancel out those taunts of “idiot” from those early school days.

During my service, I was privileged to have been chosen as escort to Her Majesty, the Queen, at Balmoral, several duties at Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, Edinburgh Castle, etc. I spent 18 months as a security escort at Kensington Palace for the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. After leaving the Guards, I spent 18 months as security custodian to King Hussein.

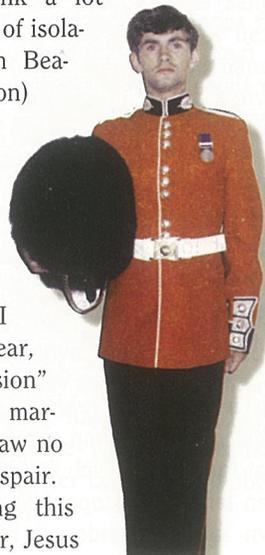
The Lord’s grace allows all things for His glory. I made a real mess of my life, or so it seems. I’ve been shot at, blown up and escaped death

more than once. The streets of Belfast were similar to my own hometown; and the religion problems identical, Catholic versus Protestant. I lost a few of my friends and later a couple of teeth in an explosion which killed our cook and maimed another friend. This only confirmed religion as phony and the Army more endearing. Somehow death created a common grief which made my fellow soldiers more personal, as in family.

A failed marriage behind me, my two beautiful sons, Stewart and Ian, have managed to survive my efforts to bestow what was my only knowledge of love. The Army is not “father figure” role model for me. Family life was an alien existence for me. After ten years, I left the Army.

My 14 years as a firefighter did nothing to soften my hard, loner mentality. God was the cause of it all, as far as I was concerned. I drank a lot and had long spells of isolation in the Brecon Beacons (mountain region) of the country. I lived a rough life, perhaps trying to relive the “buzz” of military life. I felt empty, a failure and very alone. I experienced a two-year, “black hole depression” period prior to my marriage break up. I saw no way of my life of despair.

However, during this time of deep despair, Jesus



came into my life through a FGBMFI brother who took me to a dinner. This later led me to join a church where an American evangelist made the salvation call. I recognized something alive in me; and I answered the call of my Lord. I suddenly realized I had always had a father, and I had never been alone. God healed the deep hurts within me. His grace began to humble my pride.

His plan and timing is perfect. My apprenticeship was coming to that place where Jesus would draw me to Himself and change me forever.

With a military background, I had a hate for weakness and unfitness, especially senior citizens. This had to be eradicated; and my humbling process began. I was injured in the fire service, which led to me to be pensioned out. A friend suggested the field of podiatry as a good means of income. Due to my injury, I

could be sitting down resting my leg. I graduated after a couple of years of training. As if I had been blinded, it never occurred to me I would be a captive audience to my senior citizen patients. They gave me their virtual reality accounts of part operations, medications and desperations etc. The Lord certainly has a sense of humor!

For ten years I have tended feet; there is no humbler position. Mary Magdalene was immortalized through our Lord for such a role. His grace has enabled me to laugh, cry, pray and lead people to salvation in my surgery chair.



Colin Patterson prays for a lady during one of his ministering trips to Asia



I'm in the process of a miraculous new dimension in life, from a rejected "destined-to-fail" child, to become an actual minister/teacher. Praise the name of the Lord. When we are weak, He is strong.

Colin Paterson is currently involved in property management, as well as diplomatic security in the city of London. In his spare time, he is the Director for a charity, BMI SEED International. Colin has visited many Third World countries. He has helped set up two FGBMFI Chapters in the country of Egypt.

From being a firefighter to the serenity of the countryside of England, Colin Paterson lives life to the fullest.





John Smith
Newtown, Wales

In romantic Paris, I spent my evenings in the city center. As a rough, tough "bloke" working days in a scrap yard, I felt the nights were to be enjoyed. But what brought me to the Paris night life from my homeland of Wales? One time while on holiday in the south of France, I became friends with a man who was a policeman in Paris. He invited me to visit him there. He took me to see some guys who were getting ready for the Paris / Dakar rally. They were facing a deadline and I ended up in the garage helping them.

Soon I had more money than I knew what to do with. I found myself drinking heavily and getting involved with drugs.

After six years of this kind of living, I met Philip and Mary. I heard them singing at a café and invited them to my home. They shared with

me how Jesus had changed their lives and told me that He could do the same for me. Before leaving, they gave me their address.

The following Sunday morning I woke up quite disturbed. I was not happy with the way my life was going. I was an alcoholic, a drug abuser, and was living an immoral life. I decided to go and talk to Philip and Mary. They took me to church with them that morning. There I became aware that all the money in the world would not make me feel fulfilled. That morning I

committed my life to Jesus Christ. For me, it was like a new birth - being given a fresh start.

Nobody there tried to manipulate me or hand me a list of "do's" and "don'ts." If they had, I would have left immediately. Over the next months God took away my desire for alcohol. To my amazement, there were no withdrawal symptoms. I prayed that God would take the drugs away as well. He did that and then also healed me.

One beautiful evening some time later, while fishing for salmon in Wales, I sat down to smoke a cigar. When I blew

"I was not happy with the way my life was going. I was an alcoholic, a drug abuser, and was living an immoral life."



the smoke away from my face, it made a big smoke screen. God spoke to me that night, "John, I can see you. I can lead you. However, one thing is between us, stopping me from drawing you closer." I enjoyed smoking and did not really want to stop, but I prayed, "...if it is Your will, please deal with it." He took the desire away, and the years since then have been excellent. God has moved so much in my life. He is the most important person in my life. He has also given me a beautiful wife and a wonderful family. Although life is not always easy, it sure goes better with God's help.

On June 10th in 1993, I was paralyzed from the chest down and was confined to a wheelchair. I couldn't do anything for myself. People prayed for me, believing in faith that God was going to do a miracle. Only Jesus could have brought me through. One Sunday morning at church, a woman told the people that she had a word from God that they should all pray for me. Everyone came up to me and began praying. The only way I can describe it

John Smith poses with his wife and his hobby, model steam locomotives.



is to say there was a "release" - I just stood up. To take my first steps after such a long time was just unbelievable! That was in January 1996. It was absolutely marvelous! No words can express how I felt. It is terrible when you can not play with your children. That morning was the best morning of my life!

Though I do still suffer with lower back pain, especially when walking any distance, it

The John Smith family



is slowly improving. As I focus on God, the pain decreases.

My hobby is model steam locomotives. We have a miniature railway in the garden. I try to go to as many steam shows as possible. It's such a blessing to be able to sit down on the grass and play with the children. I tell them that Jesus is on their side.

The shows give me an opening to share about Jesus. I take copies of Voice Magazine everywhere I go. It's wonderful to have such a range of great stories in those magazines. The VOICE Magazine has something for everybody.

After prayer, I find that the Holy Spirit shows me just the right copy to give to each person.

mony about what Jesus has done in their lives. Needless to say, both the interviewers said the sinner's prayer too, but the lady had a job to finish the interview.

Half way through the week, one member of the Chapter phoned another member and said he was 'in shock'. He couldn't believe the number of people who were responding to the gospel. I think now we are all in a state of shock at what He has done!"

Frank Perry,

Medway, England Chapter

"The meetings in the North West Region (26 organized, plus other informal contacts) were all sources of blessing, encouragement, fellowship, outreach and ministry. The meetings included effective ministry to the body of Christ (in local Churches and FGMFI members' meetings) as well as outreach meetings to the business community, a school, a prison and several breakfast and dinner meetings. In all, 20 people made first-time commitments in response to appeals for salvation (including 4 teenage schoolgirls and 6 prisoners). A similar number received prayer to be filled

with the Holy Spirit, several were healed and others set free from oppression and hurts. There was a great sense throughout the week of God's love and compassion for the unsaved and for many Christians needing a touch from the Lord. The Fire Team members have been a great blessing to the North West!"

Northwest Region, UK Fire Team

"I have been surprised and thrilled by the number and variety of contacts which our people have made. Examples are: schools of all types, prisons, immigrant centers, old peoples' homes and centers, offices, and a center for people with various kinds of addiction in Oxford. In addition to all these, many individuals have been led to the Lord, have been filled with the Holy Spirit; and prayed for different kinds of healing. Many of these contacts will continue!"

Chris Chamberlain,

Midland Region Co-ordinator, UK

"The Fire Team visit to East Anglia has been a fantastic success. Scores of lives have been impacted forever. More than 1,000 school children have heard the Gospel message. A new vision has been imparted to the ten chapters in the region. Seven inmates gave their lives to the Lord, six people were saved at the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet, as well as two bankers gave their lives to Jesus. Countless seeds were sown with hundreds of VOICE magazines being handed out. Much possibility of new chapters being started in the region, to handle the followup!"

Michael Peters,

National Director, East Anglia, UK

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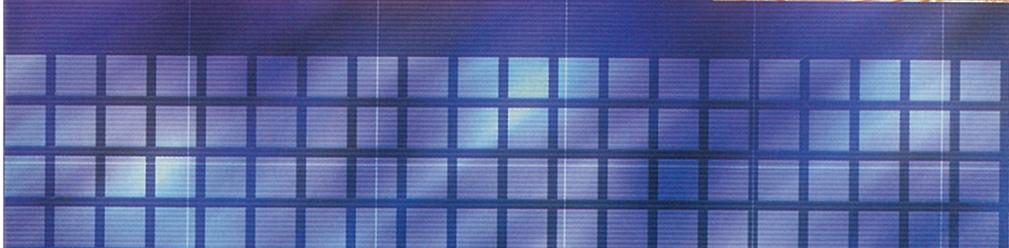
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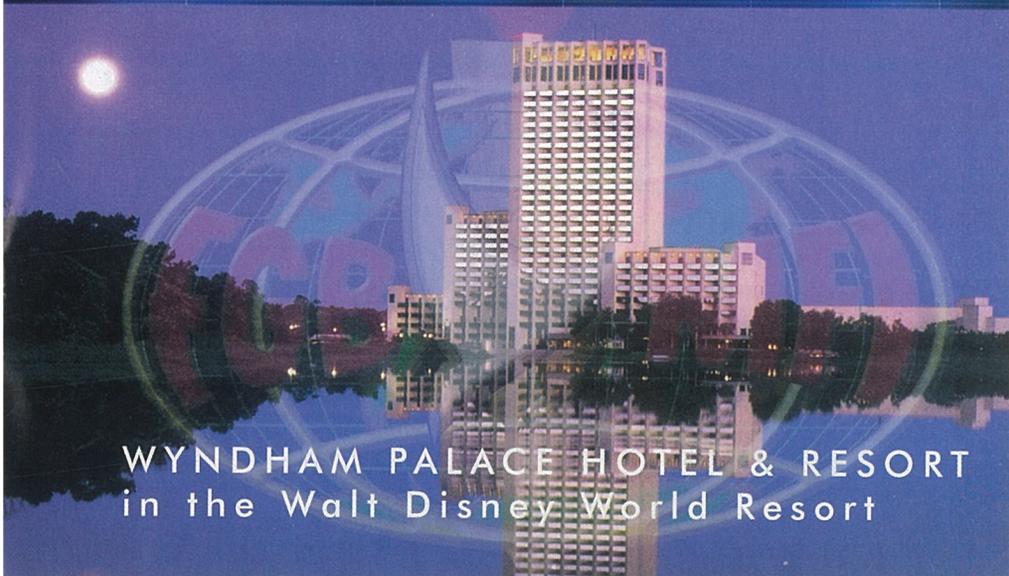
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1

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 confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall 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 believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes 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)

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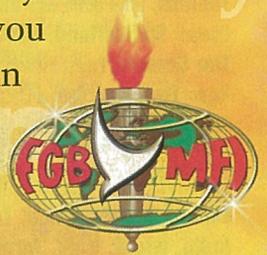
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