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the OPEN WINDOW

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Vatican City, Rome

(Given at the Palace of Congress,
Rome, Italy, September 26, 1974.)



One of the two fountains in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City. Pope Paul's residence appears just beyond and above the colonnade.

THERE WAS A TIME when I was employed at the Vatican radio station and had to broadcast over it. I spoke of Jesus but did not know Him, and often I did not know what to say, or was too timid to say it. Now my only problem is time, because when I begin to speak of Jesus I can go on till midnight. And also, since receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit I am no longer timid.

One day Pope John the 23rd came to the Vatican station to make a recording. He spoke of miracles of Pentecost which the Church must experience for renewal. At that time I didn't understand; now I understand.

When Pope John was elected, some of the cardinals thought, "This is a calm old man; we'll have a wonderful period of peace." But the Holy Spirit had other plans.

I remember the first time Pope John held a reception for all the Vatican employees. There was great suspense; everyone was waiting to see what would happen. The Pope entered the room and sat down but didn't say anything for a while. Then, looking in all of his pockets he finally took out a handkerchief, blew his nose, and said, "*Let's open a window. We've got to change the air in this place.*" And that's what he did.

On the day he died, I was in the next room and, just a few minutes after he passed on, was allowed to enter his bedroom. As I opened the



Fred Ladenius at Rome Conference:
"There is only one church . . ."

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window facing St. Peter's Square, the light in the room shone forth and was seen by the multitude below, and everyone understood what had happened. Since my baptism in the Holy Spirit, I understand what the opening of the windows really meant. Thank God for the open windows!

Then there was a period when I passed through great discouragement. One day, when I was at a particularly low ebb spiritually, for professional reasons I was sent to interview Billy Graham, who was in Rome at the time. As all good newspaper men should, I prepared some very difficult questions. I wanted to put this evangelist "on the spot." When I met him, however, I forgot all the tricky questions, and said, instead, "Mr. Graham, if someone would come to you and say, 'I would like to meet the living God before night comes,' what would you answer?" (I was that "someone.") "I would not waste my time discussing theology or religion," he replied, unhesitatingly. "I would say, 'Open your heart to the Holy Spirit, and He will reveal to you all truth.'" I wrote this down and put it in my pocket.

Not only had Billy Graham heard my question but so did the Holy Spirit. A few days later a longtime friend, a Canadian Catholic priest, came into my office. "Sunday you must come to

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LADENIUS ON CHARISMA

"Concerning the charismatic movement, the question is often asked, 'when and how did this have its beginning?' Someone may answer, 'In Los Angeles.' Another replies, 'In Notre Dame.' But I say, 'No, the charismatic movement began two thousand years ago in Jerusalem.'"

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"The Holy Spirit knocks down all the walls that man has built up and fills every hole that man has dug. Some men carry religious and theological burdens, and would like to put little name plates on them. They don't understand what God is doing today."

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"The Bible says that in the last days there would be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon **all flesh** (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17). In the Gospel of John, chapter 4 we read the story of the Samaritan woman. There were ideological differences, and she speaking with Jesus said, 'Our fathers worshipped in this mountain (Gerizim), but you say that Jerusalem is the place where one must worship.' Jesus replied, 'The time will come when you shall neither worship in this mountain nor in Jerusalem, but true believers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.' We are living in that time."

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"We're learning, just as Peter had to learn when a revelation of the Lord pushed him toward Cornelius's house

1. Opposite page background photo shows the famous and colorful Swiss Guards of Vatican City as they stand at the entrance to the pontifical offices and quarters.

2. Fred Ladenius, born-again and Spirit-filled Press Secretary to the Pope, leads Full Gospel Business Men and their wives in worship during pre-Conference meeting in Rome's Holiday Inn.

and God said, 'That which I have called clean don't you call unclean.' We speak much of ecumenism. True ecumenism cannot be found by man or formed by man but only by the Spirit. It is the baptism in the Holy Spirit that brings a true ecumenical relationship. When the disciples went to the upper room, everyone came in with his own ideas. But then came the tongues of fire and the wind of power and there was only one idea promoted—that of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this is what is coming to pass in our day."



"As people marveled on the Day of Pentecost, so they marvel today. 'Here is this fellow speaking in tongues, but he does not belong to a "Pentecostal" church.' But today even the Methodists speak in tongues. How can this be possible? Catholic priests, sisters and laymen are speaking in tongues. How can this be possible? 'God is pulling some grave errors,' the doubters say. But I want you to know that He is not the God of 1925 but of 1974! He is indeed manifesting Himself through 'all flesh.'"



"We ask God's forgiveness. Catholics and Protestants alike have committed grave errors. But all that is past. Now let us give Him our confidence and our trust. Let us put everything in His hands and look to Him as our soon coming King."—**Fred Ladenius.**

THE OPEN WINDOW

(Continued from page 5)

the Gregorian University," he said, "because there is something new happening." I was surprised. "Something new at the Gregorian University?" I asked. But when Sunday came I went anyway, just to please my friend.

"One time, just *one* time will I do this," I told my wife. I found people in prayer and full of joy when I arrived. They were glorifying the Lord. Some were lay people, some were priests—and there were Catholic sisters as well. The meeting lasted three hours. (In church, usually after forty-five minutes that's it.)

At the end of the three hours my priest friend said, "Now that you've seen the Holy Spirit in operation here, I'll show you how He is moving everywhere today." He took me to a Pentecostal church, and there I saw the same happy faces, heard the same prayers, experienced the same joy, and witnessed the same Spirit in action.

Subsequently, I received salvation and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Recognizing Jesus as my own personal Saviour, I left "the old man" in the waters of baptism and, despite the risk involved, took my stand with the Full Gospel Christians.

My prayer now is that every church member will do as I—*open the window of his heart to the Holy Spirit*. I can no longer speak in terms of churches, there is only *one* church and that is the church of the living God—and that church is here today. Hallelujah! ■

Read the report of the 1974 Rome-European Conference beginning on page 16—and plan now to participate in the 1975 Rome-European Conference, September 13-28. For further information, write to: Angelo Ferri, Chairman, Rt. 1, Box 182, Newtown, PA 18940.

"Their works do follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

The Influence of a Testimony



Gentlemen:

When my mother (Mrs. Nellie Miller) passed away on July 7, 1974, I found copies of your magazine VOICE on her dining room table and took them back to Virginia with me. I can't begin to tell you what all of the wonderful stories and testimonies have done for me, and how my life has been changed because of them. One in particular was very inspiring—the Bob Engle story, "The Death that Changed My Life," in the July/August 1974 issue.

In a way, it took the death of my mother to change my life. I was raised in church, had been saved and then backslid. When Mother went home to be with the Lord, His "still small voice" within me said, "If you are to see your mother again, you must change your life and get down to business. You will have to do as I command."

The Bob Engle testimony was an eye-opener. I saw what a half-way Christian I had been and was reminded of the Lord's warning in Revelation 3:16, "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." To make a long story short, I got on my knees and poured my heart out to the Lord, telling Him that if He would accept me back I would do better and willingly go **all** the way with Him.

After rededicating my life to God, I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. What a sweet experience! Praise God!. Now by His grace I am on my way to meet my dear mother some day.

I do pray you will understand just what VOICE has done for me. I only wish I had great wealth so I could help you with a generous offering. However, I **am** able to pray for you. This you can be sure I will do.

Mrs. Anna Lawson, Richlands, Virginia

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My Senior Partner

by **JERRY L. DUNCAN**

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IT WAS the salvation and healing of my son that caused me to seek a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Although I had been a good Texas Baptist for fifteen years and had held practically every office in the church except pastor, including deacon, chairman of deacons, secretary-treasurer and Sunday school superintendent, I was not a born-again Christian, and thus was not prepared for the Lord's return. I

realized something was lacking, but did not know just what. The possibility of living a victorious life for Jesus seemed out of reach. In due time I grew tired of going to church and looked for an excuse to stay away. An opportunity to do so presented itself when our family moved from Dallas to Irving. By this time I had been promoted to foreman of the shop where I was employed, my vocation being that of sheet-metal

The boss threatened to fire me,

worker in the manufacture of food service equipment.

One Sunday afternoon my seven-year-old son Kenneth was injured on a trampoline and was hospitalized for observation. After a week the doctor decided he had only suffered a slight concussion and released him. Upon returning home, however, Kenneth became dizzy and was forced to re-enter the hospital for further observation, this time under the care of specialists. During his stay, a Pentecostal preacher visited Kenny and led him to Christ.

Finally, unable to ascertain the cause of the problem, the doctor suggested further observation and treatment at the Mayo Clinic. During a five-week investigation under twelve different specialists, it was determined that Kenny suffered from a cancerous tumor located at the stem of his brain in such a position that it could not be removed by an operation. We were informed that our son would only live about six months longer.

During the last test my wife, Dottie, asked Kenny whether he would like to be at home with his dad or with her at the hospital. His answer

was that he would rather be with Jesus. Touched by this, Dottie went into the chapel of the hospital and received the Lord Jesus as her own personal Saviour, just as God instructs in Romans 10:9,10, "That 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The change in the lives of my wife and son was immediately apparent. They began attending an Assembly of God church in Euless, and also Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship meetings in Dallas. During one of the latter, the speaker singled out Ken, saying that God had healed him and would use him to preach the Gospel.

I continued to find excuses to not attend church, but at the request of my wife, the members began to pray for my salvation, and through her improved spiritual life and the improvement in Kenneth's health, God began to penetrate my defenses. Finally I allowed myself to go to church once in a while, and also attended the church pastored by the Pente-

but I continued to witness nevertheless

costal preacher who had led Kenneth to the Lord. This was my first time in a Pentecostal service, and I was uneasy the whole time.

One Sunday in June 1967, however, during a church service I was truly born again according to II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." I could hardly wait until Monday to tell the men on the job what had happened to me, and what they needed. They had known me as a "professor" of Christianity but not possessing or knowing Jesus as my Lord. Consequently they would not receive what I had to say. My boss didn't appreciate my testimony either and threatened to fire me, but I continued to witness nevertheless.

After my conversion, my family and I began to hunger and thirst for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In July 1967, during a revival at the Assemblies of God Bedford Camp in Hurst, Texas, my son received the Holy Spirit on the first night of the two-week meeting, according to Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak

with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." During this revival, Dottie also received and she, too, came home rejoicing with a language that speaks only to God: "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth him, howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries" (I Corinthians 14:2).

Although I hungered, my search continued three months before I finally received my Baptism. During this time I invited an unsaved couple to attend church with us. To my utter amazement, in this service my wife was slain in the Spirit. Immediately Satan said to me, "Now they will *never* get saved." When we got home, I told my wife that if that ever happened again I would never go back to church. But the devil was once more proven to be a liar—that couple got saved!

On September 23, 1967, my determination to receive the Holy Spirit was rewarded at a Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship meeting. I had lingered and prayed around the church altars so often that the pastor would get tired of waiting for me and turn off the lights to get me to

go home. But praise God, that Saturday night FGBMFI meeting I was baptized in the Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues, according to the scripture, "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6).

I Agreed to Follow His Suggestion

I returned to my job on Monday, determined that now the men *would* hear me with this new-found power to witness of God's love (Acts 1:8). Again my boss warned me, but once again the Holy Spirit reminded me that it is better to obey God than man. The result was the termination of my employment. Even my foreman's salary did not match all the doctor and hospital bills I was still paying; therefore we had no funds to live on unless I got another job. Finally, a friend who ran another shop offered me contract work which I could do in my two-car garage during the day, while at night I could use his materials and equipment after his day's work was complete.

Meanwhile the Lord kept talking to me about going into a business of my own. Since I had no financial backing, my reply excuse for not doing so was that I did not have enough faith. God reminded me, however, that in Romans 12:3 it says that *every* believer has been given "*a measure of faith.*" I finally agreed to

follow His suggestion and took Jesus Christ as my Senior Partner, according to Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." These "things" involved equipment, finances, a place to work, and so on. Then the miracles began to happen.

Space prohibits me listing all the wonderful things that the Lord began to do. God worked out my money problem, got me the equipment I needed, and in October 1967 I moved from the two-car garage into a 3,000-square-foot building. Although I hired no salesman, contracts began to come in because my Senior Partner made contracts available, just as it says in Philippians 4:19, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," and in 3rd John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." As God began to bless us financially, He showed Dottie and me that He was blessing us to become a channel of giving as He would instruct.

The Lord Was My "Salesman"

In 1968 the Lord provided me a 5,000-square-foot building; in 1970, a 10,000-square-foot building (still with no hired salespeople); and, during the latter part of 1972, He moved us into a 20,000-square-foot building

that provides the space for doing the increased volume of business provided by the Lord without the hiring of a salesman. In early 1973, I had the opportunity of winning to the Lord one of my best friends who was a foreman of another large shop. He now works as a foreman in my shop.

Needless to say, the Lord allowed me to be tempted at times to see if I was seeking His perfect will or just "things." For example, I once had within my grasp a large multi-thousand-dollar order from a nonbeliever. However, he threatened to stop negotiations if I did not refrain from witnessing to him about Christ. Finally, after the contract was signed, he did in fact cancel the order which, at that time, was very much needed by our shop. I suffered loss on the con-

tract, but did it as unto the Lord. Because of this witness for Jesus, however, a contract more than doubled the one I lost came into the shop soon after and more than met all our needs, praise the Lord.

In June 1974 God led me into another business, that of building hot and cold cases for grocery stores. Known as Deli Display Equipment, we are located in a 6,000-square-foot building. In this endeavor, Jesus Christ is my Senior Partner just as He is in the other business.

Let me encourage you to open your heart to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, and Great Physician, as did our family. He will then lead you daily, as He does us, into an over-coming life in Him. ■

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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). The Lord awaits your admission of guilt.

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). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). 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.

Why not make your eternal decision right now: "I am convinced by God's Word that I am a lost sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died for sinners and shed His blood to put away my sins. I NOW receive Him as my personal Lord and Saviour and will by His help, confess Him before men."

When you have made this greatest of all decisions, please let us know about it so that we may rejoice together.

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN ANGELO FERRI, Newtown, Pennsylvania businessman and owner of ACF Produce Company, led over two hundred American businessmen and their wives to Italy last September. The group consisted of members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, a nonsectarian, interdenominational organization with some 1,300 chapters throughout the world.

The purpose of the trip was to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ as laymen in a land which is so dear to the hearts of many in America and which is so prominently mentioned in the Bible—to share with the Italian people the good things God has been doing by His Spirit in the United States and Canada, and in many other areas of the world.

A good friend, Rev. Alfred J. Perna, Sr., Field Representative to

Italy for the Assemblies of God, extended the invitation to the Full Gospel Business Men to bring up-to-date news of the current world-wide charismatic movement to Italy, believing that the time was ripe for revival in his country.

"In accepting this gracious invitation from Rev. Perna and his presbytery," said Ferri, "we were reminded of the commission given to the Apostle Paul, namely that as he had testified of Christ in Jerusalem, so must he bear witness also in Rome. In its 21-year history, the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship has been a pioneer in the charismatic renewal now sweeping the world. It was fitting, therefore, that we accept this invitation from Rome as our commission to share the great move of the Holy Spirit with our Italian brothers and sisters as we have with those in other lands."



1. Angelo Ferri, left, Rome-European Conference Chairman, and Rev. Alfred J. Perna, Sr., Assemblies of God Field Representative in Italy, compare notes in pre-Conference briefing session. 2, 3. Team leaders and members, and their interpreters, listen intently as Demos Shakarian shares his world-wide vision with them. 4. A few of the Italian pastors who graciously served as interpreters during the two weeks of witnessing throughout Italy. 5. Literature distribution strategy is outlined by Cosmo deBartolo, team leader to Calabria.

Teams fanned out from Rome to minister for eight days in northern and southern Italy, while one group of about 20 remained to minister in Rome itself. Then the teams returned to join with spiritual leaders from other countries for a tremendous three-day conference in the beautiful Congressional Palace in Rome.

It was here that revival broke out, as God honored the faithful ministry

of His dedicated servants who for eight days had sown the Gospel seed by means of a saturation program of literature distribution in the downtown areas, street witnessing through personal work and public meetings, special gatherings in hotels and restaurants, visits to hospitals, schools and public buildings, and in many other ways.

During the Conference in Rome,



busloads came from churches in the areas in which the teams had ministered, to pack the auditorium out on the final day. Those who came were not disappointed, as they saw God move by His Holy Spirit toward the tremendous climactic service on Saturday night in a huge altar call that resulted in many victories won for the kingdom of heaven.

With the exception of Naples, from which a team report has not yet been received, the following news items, photos, comments and testimonies will serve to present a general picture of what transpired in the various areas during the eight days of activity after the arrival in Rome and the briefing period in the Holiday Inn headquarters hotel, until the final

meeting in the Palace of Congress.

As we go to press with this issue of VOICE, word comes not only from Angelo Ferri, who has since been back to Italy to view firsthand the far-reaching effects of the effort last September (an updated report of which is planned for a subsequent issue), but from Rome itself via the two nephews of Rev. R. Remoli, treasurer of the Italian Pentecostal Church of Canada in Montreal, whom the Editor had the pleasure of meeting during the recent FGBMFI International Regional Convention in Toronto.

One nephew, Remo, writes:

"The meetings in the Palace of Congress illumined me in many things. After having studied six years



1. Carlo Supertino pastors the church in Verona where a team ministered. 2. Dr. Robert Ashcroft taught three afternoon seminars during the Conference in the Palace of Congress. 3. Mary Ferri, who, like her husband Angelo is an Italian-American, was warmly received in Rome. 4. Joe Poppell ministered effectively in one of the churches in Naples and on the last two nights in Rome, where the many healings and miracles wrought by God began a revival that is revolutionizing the evangelical churches today. 5. Jay B. Oaks, right, delivered a series of messages in the Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica via Bruzzi church in Rome, of which Frank Toppi, shown here interpreting for him, is pastor.

in seminary to become a priest, my heart was in anguish because I could not attain the perfection imposed upon me by sacrificing (meals, entertainment, friendships) and by putting my time in studying. I *wanted* to arrive at this perfection, but every day, month and year the anguish became greater. Because of this I suffered a nervous breakdown and was out of school for two years. I returned to seminary for two more years; but seeing I could not reach the perfection necessary, I left seminary and went to the University of Rome. Even here it was hard to forget the teachings that were inculcated in me. After finishing school I passed a governmental examination and am now working at the Post Office in Rome.

"Attending the FGBMFI services I came to understand that Christ did not come to 'marry' the Catholic Church or 'propagate' the Protestant, but to triumph His love in the world and to bring all men to Him. I learned that perfection is only in Him, and I pray that I may become a 'seed' from the hand of God to make my brethren understand this great truth: that no group saves, but it is the love of Christ and our love to one another that counts."

Rev. Remoli's other nephew, Silvano Roma, writes as follows:

"We thank God for having sent the Full Gospel Business Men here, and we can say that the Lord has blessed wherever they went, bringing revival. Many have been saved, baptized in the

Holy Spirit, and also healed in body. Miracles were evident right before our eyes, especially the three days they were in the Palace of Congress. The Lord manifested Himself in a glorious way. It would take me months to write you and let you know the joy in our hearts to see how the Lord has been good to us. Since these

beautiful meetings, my own Sunday school class which I teach has increased to 35 teenagers, ages 14-18.

"We pray that this is only the beginning of a great revival in Italy. We know that if we are faithful to God we shall see greater things because Italy needs to be evangelized, and we feel this is the time." ■



Extensive literature distribution was a prime factor in the success of the witnessing teams. Literature included some copies of VOICE and the Convention brochure in English, but primarily copies of John's Gospel, tracts, the testimonies of Angelo Ferri and Frank Foglio translated from VOICE, and other evangelical writings in the Italian language.



Chartered buses left the Holiday Inn early Tuesday morning, September 17, to carry witnessing teams to many strategic locations throughout Italy.

TEAM ACTIVITIES IN KEY AREAS

FLORENCE Ralph Marinacci, Team Director

Saturation literature distribution was one of the keys to the success experienced by the Florence team. From the moment they arrived by bus from Rome, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, team members proceeded to the downtown district to hand out Italian language tracts, the testimonies of Angelo Ferri and Frank Foglio translated from VOICE, Gospels of John and other pieces designed to inform and persuade readers to seek

the Lord in all His fullness.

This literature distribution continued every day for eight days, not only in Florence but in nearby Siena and Prato as well, and was interrupted only by church services, street meetings, and special gatherings such as the Saturday night "Dessert Hour" from 5 to 7 p.m. in the lounge of the hotel where the team was quartered. Invitations for this were printed and distributed, and the Florence team

1. Art Evanson and Ralph Marinacci, FGBMFI directors from Vancouver, Washington and Pitman, N.J. respectively, return offering raised by church on Sunday to defray expense of a special meeting the team had hosted. Pastor **Carmine Monetti**, surprised, shows his appreciation as the team's interpreter, **Onofrio Miccolis**, translates. 2. Although extra chairs were added, it was standing room only as some 240 people crowded the sanctuary for the service. 3. **Gene E. Evans**, FGBMFI director from Gadsden, Alabama and team leader in Rome, accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Becker to Florence on Sunday to give his testimony. The VOICE Editor brought the message. 4. The church in L'Aquila was at a spiritual standstill when the team arrived, but is now experiencing revival. 5. To the left and in front of the church building is the town square, which during the day is used as a market place. This area provided an excellent opportunity for witnessing. 6. Rev. Perna points to large poster affixed to a building near the church, inviting the attention of passersby to the meetings. 7. The first FGBMFI chapter in all of Italy was established and chartered in L'Aquila. From left, **Giuseppe Pelaggi**, L'Aquila pastor; **Tom Ashcraft**, FGBMFI director and team leader; **Giovanni Colaiani**, chapter president; **Glen Norwood**, FGBMFI director from Houston, Texas; **Calogero Tasca**, **Dante Di Gregorio**; and **Claudio Moraschi**.



paid for refreshments served to 140 of the 150 in attendance.

The Dessert Hour proved to be a spiritual highlight of the team's ministry, for four young men accepted Christ as their Saviour and attended the church service which followed. Also attending church as a result of that meeting was a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra who was staying at the hotel, a TV technician and his wife, a young girl who accepted Christ in the lounge meeting, a Florence businessman, an attorney and his wife, a Jehovah's Witness,

and other newcomers. Many of these remained to ask questions.

In the Sunday evening service, attended by some 240 people, following a message by Dr. Raymond Becker, the pastor, Carmine Monetti, took an offering of \$180.00 to defray the expense of the Dessert Hour. But Ralph Marinacci, with the consent of his team members, returned the money to the church for its missionary work.

A Catholic boy, tormented with thoughts of suicide, found one of our announcements, came Thursday night and accepted Christ as his Saviour.

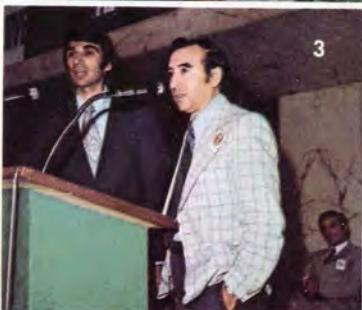


L'AQUILA Tom Ashcraft, Team Director

Upon their arrival in L'Aquila, some 130 miles from Rome, the bus-load of 22 team members and two interpreters found Giuseppe Pelaggi, pastor of the church in which services were to be held, very burdened. L'Aquila has 99 Catholic churches and one Pentecostal church, and no others. This church had seen no conversions or baptisms since its acquisition from the Catholics some time ago, and attendances were very small.

In the light of these facts, the progress made by the Holy Spirit ministering via the FGBMFI team in L'Aquila

and neighboring cities is phenomenal. Through prolific literature distribution, street meetings (the first ever held in L'Aquila), visits to hospitals, police stations and even a mountain resort, and the scheduled church services, at the end of eight days at least 80 persons had accepted Christ, 10 had been baptized in the Holy Spirit and six in water, several had been healed, and two had been called into the ministry. Pastor Pelaggi, who had previously submitted his resignation was encouraged to continue serving there.



1. **Il Tempo** newspaper reporter **Lucia Marsili** writes furiously to keep up with information on the Fellowship given her by FGBMFI President **Demos Shakarian** and **VOICE** Editor **Raymond Becker**. Doing an excellent job of interpreting is **Onofrio Miccolis**, left. 2. From left are **Hector D'Angelo**, and brothers **Giacomo** and **Ruggero De Gennaro**, printers in Rome whose publication of the testimonies of **Angelo Ferri** and **Frank Foglio** in Italian, with full-color photographic reproductions of the original **VOICE** covers, was superb. 3. **Angelo Nesta**, pastor of the church in Vicenza where one of the teams ministered, reported: "Day by day we saw God's hand reach down and touch hearts." 4. **GOOD NEWS**, the Fellowship's TV program, was filmed on location in front of the Palace of Congress. 5. **Rose Shakarian**, wife of the President, told of her abounding joy in seeing the current move of the Holy Spirit in Italy and other areas overseas, in fulfillment of the vision God had given her husband 21 years ago. With her is **Rev. Perna's son, Alfred J. Perna, Jr.**, who did most of the interpreting during the 3-day Conference. 6. Providing soul-stirring music in Rome were **Mary Ferri**, **Frank Troppea**, and **Vep Ellis**. **Rev. Ellis** also ministered effectively in a teaching series on the baptism in the Holy Spirit in one of the churches in Naples.

Among those attending the church services and street meetings were the assistant chief of police and other policemen, soldiers, priests and monks, a lawyer, and even some communists who came to heckle but were quickly dispersed by the police.

On Saturday night, a banquet was

held for those interested in starting a chapter in L'Aquila. From the group of 38 men present, officers were appointed and through prayer were set aside for the work of the chapter. This constituted the first FGBMFI chapter established and chartered in all of Italy.

BOLOGNA Peter Congelli, Team Director

The team in Bologna passed out some 80,000 pieces of literature. Meetings were conducted in the city hall in the center of Bologna, which was donated freely by the city. A public address system was also donated. Attendances in the meetings reached 300-plus. In the concluding meeting in Bologna, one team member, a Spirit-filled Catholic, invited all of the local men who volunteered to start a chapter there to come forward. As they stood in a circle and joined hands, the Bologna team men marched around them and laid hands on each one, dedicating them to the service of the Lord. Several FGBMFI men also made contact with the presi-

dent of the European Chamber of Commerce and witnessed to him of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Silvano Arcangeli, the pastor in Bologna in whose church the meetings were held, reported, "Those who came were a help to us. Many people came to pray with us, and personalities from the city were reached with the Gospel. We felt and sensed the presence of the Lord and His Holy Spirit, and we enjoyed the fellowship with these brethren. The church was bound in unity because of the love in their hearts. The seed has been planted, and if the Lord will continue with His blessing, we will see the fruit."

NORTHERN ITALY Earl Prickett, Team Captain

The team going to Northern Italy ministered in Padua, Vicenza and Verona. Although immediately prior to departure from Rome, Vicenza was not on the team's schedule, plans were changed the last minute in accordance with the wishes of Rev.

Angelo Nesta, pastor of the Assembly of God church there. It soon became evident that this was in God's will, for the Holy Spirit wrought many miracles in this city, commonly referred to as "the sanctuary of the Vatican."

Concerning the Vicenza ministry,

Pastor Nesta told the Rome Conference audience:

"The ministry of the Full Gospel Business Men wasn't programed but God had a better program. Day by day we saw His hand reach down and touch hearts. A group of young men in our military base were influenced by the message they brought, and businessmen responded to an invitation to form a chapter in Vicenza. There are comparatively few Full Gospel churches in all of Italy, and especially in Vicenza, which some consider to be more Catholic than St. Peter's in the Vatican. On the closing night we witnessed a real answer to prayer when approximately 80 were in attendance for the Full Gospel banquet. The professional people there said they had never seen anything like it.

"We Did Not Want Them to Leave"

"The team that ministered in northern Italy was tremendous. Without any program or prearrangements, this wonderful group really challenged us and were a great blessing to us. I thank God for sending them, and herewith extend an invitation to them to return as soon as possible—and bring about 30 more with them!"

Carlo Supertino, pastor of the church in Verona, gave the following report to the Conference:

"We enjoyed some marvelous blessings, and when their ministry among us ended we did not want our brethren

from America to leave. A large part of our church traveled about 30 miles for the afternoon service in Vicenza.

Love Found a Way

"At the conclusion of one service in Verona, as we went out a street girl walked by and attempted to attract the attention of one of the brethren, who happened to be the team captain. Brother Prickett didn't understand at first what her intentions were, nevertheless he invited her into the church, whereupon two of our young people told her about Jesus who saves and changes lives. Then they invited her to the coffee house we operate next door to the church, where they continued to deal with her about her soul. She agreed to accompany them to Vicenza, where she came forward after the meeting and accepted Christ as her Saviour. Now the saints in Padua have taken the responsibility to help her find a job and to remain close to her until she has a maturing experience in Christ."

Team captain Earl Prickett enhanced the reports from these two pastors by saying, "The Spirit of God told us in a prophecy back home that when we came to Italy, even though many would not understand our language, God would give us a spirit of love that would reach through to them. These men have confirmed this prophecy, for God has done just what He promised."

GENOA Harry Ring, Team Captain

The Genoa team of 24 arrived at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, the day of the departure from Rome, and members were assigned their hotel rooms. Early next morning they began passing out literature in the heart of the city of Columbus' birth. From one o'clock until four o'clock, Italian shops close for siesta. During this time the opportunity to witness is reduced to a minimum, so the literature distribution was halted until after the shops re-opened, at which time they remained open until 8:00 p.m.

The Pastor Was Formerly a Priest

The same schedule was followed on Wednesday and Thursday, and on Thursday evening the first service was conducted in the church. The invitational response to the evangelistic message was gratifying.

A trip to Milan was undertaken on Friday. The team ministered there two days, during which one member who spoke Italian led a young man to the Lord. Since the new convert was temporarily unemployed, the team took up an offering for him

and invited him to attend church in Genoa with them on Sunday, which he did. There was considerable rejoicing also, when it was discovered that the local Baptist pastor was a former Catholic priest who had had a personal experience with Christ and had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A Revival Had Broken Out

On Monday the team traveled south to La Spezia to distribute literature. During the trip, the pastor admitted that when he first heard of the Full Gospel Business Men's intended visit to Genoa, he was not very happy, but that after they had arrived and he had an opportunity to observe their ministry and to hear their testimonies, he changed his opinion and now was loathe to see them leave. Families were returning to the church that had not been there for over a year, some families that had parted were coming back together, and new people were beginning to attend.

All-in-all, the pastor in Genoa felt that a revival had broken out, for which he was very grateful to God.

SOUTHERN ITALY Cosmo deBartolo, Team Captain

This team ministered in Crotone, in the District of Calabria. Besides the many conversions, Holy Spirit baptisms and healings which resulted

from the team's evangelistic efforts in literature distribution, street witnessing, school ministry and church services, an FGBMFI chapter was

started from which others will spring as the revival fires spread throughout that area of Italy.

Rev. Anthony Marinacci, whose parents and grandparents came from Calabria, was one of the members of this team. He reported:

"We were invited to interview four school teachers introduced to us by the superintendent of schools. Mrs. Marinacci and I witnessed to them in the hotel lobby for over an hour, opening the way of salvation, hoping and praying constantly that the Holy Spirit would illumine their minds that

we might be instrumental in leading them to the Lord Jesus. The four teachers promised to attend the church services, as did the superintendent, a fine young woman. The latter, however, told us in no uncertain terms that she never would ever raise her hand in an acceptance of Jesus Christ as her Saviour in an evangelical church. But in our closing service, as we ministered the Word and gave the altar invitation, I was thrilled to see the hand of the superintendent of schools raised to indicate her need of Christ.

SICILY Jere Melilli, Team Director

The highlight of FGBMFI activities in Sicily centered around the formation of a chapter in Palermo and one in Catania. By working with the local Full Gospel Christians, invitations were extended to people in the cities whose names were similar to the members of the teams, such as Melilli, Coffaro and Crisafulli. In Palermo, 160 came to the Grand Ballroom of the LePalmes Hotel, the most elegant meeting place in town. As a result of this dinner meeting which was sponsored by the members of the team, approximately 40 people made decisions for Christ.

A similar meeting was held in Catania with 95 in attendance. This was held at the youth club and some 18 persons raised their hands for salvation. Concerning the team's ministry there, a railroad executive

said, "This is exactly what we need and what I have always envisioned." A judge commented, "I am thrilled that finally this group of non-sectarian businessmen have come to heal the tragic wounds of clericalism and separatism."

A Waldesian pastor in Palermo reported, "This is the first time we have witnessed anything like this. Surely it is of God." And a sister in the church said, "God gave me a vision of many men coming from a foreign land. The Holy Spirit told me to listen to their message."

"HOW TO START A FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHAPTER"

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If you have had this burden laid on your heart, and see the vision for your community, write for complete information to: Chapter Department, FGBMFI International Office, P.O. Box 17904, Los Angeles, California 90017.

"We Came to Share Jesus With You"

by DEMOS SHAKARIAN

International President, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship

Opening remarks in the Palace of Congress, Rome, September 26, 1974.

IT IS very exciting to be here in Rome. This is where the Gospel began to be extended to the greater area of the world. Christians suffered much here in the first century, and just a comparatively few blocks away a symbol of their suffering and death still stands by way of reminder. I thank God for those tremendous martyrs that were willing to die for Christ so that we can have the salvation, peace, and knowledge of God today. By the same token, we that have come to Italy from various parts of the world, have not only come here to share the Gospel with you, but we are going to leave with a greater dedication and a greater appreciation for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We may be living in the last century before Jesus comes. Other Christians suffered in the first century following the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and God is pouring out His Spirit today as never before in two thousand years. We don't know what lies ahead but we can draw some comparison in the fact that when God begins to move, the

devil gets mad and fights back. But I don't care, I only want to do God's will.

Another comparison is found in the catacombs where the early Christians lived underground. When I was here twenty-two years ago I went through the catacombs and saw how men like myself had to live underground that we today may have freedom to worship. When I came back out of the catacombs I knelt by myself away from everyone else and wept, saying, "Thank you Jesus for what we have today. Men had to suffer and live underground in those days for the sake of the Gospel. They bore the brunt of Satanic attack in order that we can have what we have today."

We have not come here to Rome to tell you anything that you don't already know. We have come simply to share Jesus with you and trust that in our coming men all over Italy and Europe will be inspired. I just returned from meetings in Geneva, Paris and Brussels, and the potential for revival in these areas is great. ■



Demos Shakarian, Richard Arndt

"You are dedicated to helping others"

by **RICHARD ARNDT**
Cultural Affairs Minister,
U.S. Embassy, Rome, Italy

*An excerpt from his greeting
to the Conference*

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE for me to be at this gathering and to bring the greetings of Honorable John Volpy, Ambassador of the United States to Italy. As you know, Ambassador Volpy is at present in the United States accompanying the President of Italy on a State visit, but before he left he asked me to speak to this group and to convey

to you his warmest and fondest greetings.

I think the Ambassador would have been especially proud and pleased to see this large number of people here this evening. He is always flattered when Americans choose Rome as the place to come to, for his own origins lie not very far from here and of course he is dedicated as part of his mission here in Rome, to better relations between Italy and the United States. Therefore, when Americans come in groups like yours, nothing can be more beneficial for that purpose.

I think Mr. Volpy would also be very impressed that as a group of people you are dedicated to the idea of fellowship and to helping others. He is himself a man who has a deep religious sense and would have been interested in sharing in the fellowship of this evening.

The Ambassador is particularly dedicated to sharing with others the greatness of Rome as it relates to the history of the world's religions, and is interested in seeing American groups come here to sample this greatness.

I wish you the very best in your labors and in your meetings in Rome, and, if it were not for the time involved, would like to shake your hand one by one on behalf of Ambassador John Volpy. My congratulations to my translator (Alfred Perna, Jr.) and my thanks to you. ■



confirmation

by **SEBASTIANO PAPARO**

Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Region of Calabria, Italy

GOD CALLED ME in 1948, after World War II during which I was a pilot in the Italian Army Air Force. I was discouraged, for we had lost the war and returned home only to find ourselves without work, without hope, and in many cases, without homes. My faith in God and the Church was destroyed by the war also. Although I had grown up in the Roman Catholic Church, and served

the law of the Church faithfully, even to the extent of going on pilgrimages without shoes, but now it seemed all in vain.

Giving myself to professional life, I got a job in Naples but after two years went to Sicily, because I am Sicilian. There I had the good fortune to meet a Christian who spoke to me about Jesus. My heart was revived, and after three days of discussions I

accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour in an evangelical church. God filled my heart as I realized the new birth.

The next morning I went into town and began preaching the Gospel by the revelation of God. In a week the entire town was upside down, not because of me but because the Spirit of God was moving. Many people came to my home where they received teaching in the Word of God. Several months later we conducted our first baptismal service and a church was established in my town. I remained there to witness for God for two and a half years.

During this time, I lived with my parents, which was not the best of arrangements, for I was unemployed. I would eat their food but I would pray God for a job so that I could work in my home town and at the same time serve Him in the ministry. After two years and a half God touched the heart of a man in Naples whom I had known several years before. He was the General Director of the Agricultural Department, with the responsibility of hiring technicians to work in that department. God put my name in his heart and he invited me to come to Crotone for an interview, after which I was given the position I now have. I turned the care of the Christian community in my home town over to someone else, and since being in Calabria have been used of God not only in my secular job but also as a witness for His Kingdom.

Concerning my baptism in the Holy Spirit, Guido Scalzi (one of the interpreters during the two-week ministry of the Full Gospel Business Men in Italy) and I were in Rome one night in prayer for the Holy Spirit. We had cried much before God, seeking the Baptism with great eagerness but had

"I covet Italian prayers for my country, Ireland. Many of you are already praying and God is moving as a result. Since we have accepted Christ as our Saviour, the hatred that I and many of my Protestant brethren had for the Catholics has turned to love. We received the Full Gospel Business Men's VOICE magazine and our hearts were fired up. Shortly thereafter we formed a chapter in Belfast and it is now a meeting place for people of all denominations. Recently I was interviewed on the Fellowship's GOOD NEWS telecast, and was privileged to tell the world, which has seen portrayed on television so much violence in Ireland, that there is another side to the picture—God's Holy Spirit doing a mighty work in that land!"—**Hector Crory**, President, Belfast Chapter of FGBMFI

not yet received. Finally I said, "Brother Scalzi, you have been a priest and have done much for God. As a man of the world, I have also served Him well. I think we have so much pride in ourselves that God can not baptize us. We must humiliate ourselves. We have to become humble before Him." Then we left one another. Brother Scalzi was baptized a few days after that incident but I had to wait a couple of years more. ►

The Lord baptized me in a prayer meeting, but I still didn't believe it, and even went so far as to fight with others who tried to convince me that I was baptized. They would say, "You are baptized because you spoke in tongues all night long and even into the next day." But I would not believe I had been baptized because I had expected to fall on the floor, to become more emotional—but I hadn't done that. So I went to the elders in Crotona and asked them to clarify this to me. They said, "Be here in our midst and we will pray for you. You are going to speak in tongues and then we will tell you if you are baptized or not." They prayed for me but I didn't speak any tongues. "You are right, you have not been baptized," they said. I was satisfied, my problem was resolved, and I returned home and told the brethren that I was not baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Two years later, on the same day that our son David was born I told my wife, "I am going to Gatonia where a preacher from America is holding evangelistic services. I feel that God is going to do something for me." That night, during the service, the evangelist prayed for the Holy Spirit. I learned that God could baptize a person anywhere—while he was speaking, working in his office, praying, washing dishes, or whatever. Then, remembering the night I had first sought the Baptism and was told that I had received, I prayed, "Lord,

confirm to me tonight if this is what it is."

That night I again spoke new languages—the same languages I had spoken before. The brethren around

"On the final night of the Rome Conference, two men on our team were dealing with a young Italian about twenty-five years old. He couldn't speak a word of English, and they were praying as best they knew how for him to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Suddenly, as he worshipped in his Italian tongue, God gave him a new tongue—and he began to speak in fluent English! Excitedly the men came to me and said, 'That man over there just received the Holy Spirit and his new language is English.' 'Well, what did he say?' I asked and one replied, 'He is worshipping the Lord and thanking Jesus for saving him and for blotting out his sins and casting them far from him!' "—**Peter Congelliere**, FGBMFI International Director, Palos Verdes, California.

me were happy and said, "You have been baptized in the Holy Spirit." I said, "No, this was a confirmation of that which took place years ago." From that day I've always said that God has different ways of baptizing people. There is no set system.

So I have known Jesus as Saviour, Baptizer, Counselor, Comforter and Father, as well as Physician, because He has healed my body of different infirmities including lung disease, and I praise Him for all His goodness. ■



REBUILDING THE WALLS

by COL. JERRY R. CURRY, USA

**Given in the Palace of Congress,
Rome, Italy, September 28, 1974.**

I'M A COLONEL in the United States Army. I command an armored brigade in Germany. My brigade has two tank battalions, one cavalry battalion and one infantry battalion. I praise the Lord that He runs that brigade, and I praise Him also for the faithfulness of the army chaplains who have been given to me. In one of my chapels, there are services seven days a week. Any night of the week you can find between 15 and 50 soldiers of my brigade praising the Lord. The gifts of the Spirit are

poured out in that chapel every day and the ministries of the Spirit are practiced there. There is no spiritual experience of the Lord that does not take place in that chapel. And there are many other chaplains in many other cities in Germany who are serving and praising the Lord in the same way.

This is a deliberate move of the Spirit of God; it is not an accident. For example, in the particular chapel of which I speak, the chaplain has appointed elders. They are experienced soldiers in the military and they are experienced soldiers of the Lord. In every company there is appointed a "shepherd"; he is a layman. Any man in that military unit with a spiritual problem knows who that shepherd is and can go to him for spiritual leadership. So you see this is not haphazard but is a deliberate move of the Spirit with very sound teaching, great experience in spiritual matters, and under control of spiritual men anointed of the Lord. And that's what the Lord intends for all armies world-wide, and He will bring it to pass if we are willing to let Him lead us. There are two ways that we can turn our back on the Lord. One way is to turn around and walk away from Him; the other way is to get ahead of Him. We must be content to wait on the Lord and to follow His leading.

In Nehemiah 6:2,3 is given the account of the rebuilding of the wall

of Jerusalem which had been in ruins for many years, just as I see some of the ruins here in Rome. There is a spiritual significance here also: the spiritual walls of Jerusalem were broken down just as the spiritual walls in Europe are in ruins in many places. And God has sent Nehemiah to rebuild the walls. Then we read the following:

"Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me (Nehemiah) saying, 'Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono.' But they thought to do me mischief. And sent messengers unto them saying, 'I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?'"

Today in Europe there are many

men who will say to this move of the Spirit, who will say to the leaders of this move of the Spirit, who will say also to the Full Gospel Business Men in Europe, "Stop the work and come down, and let's talk about it." But the Word of the Lord is, "I am doing a great work and will not come down."

In Zechariah 4:1 we read that the angel of the Lord awakened him out of sleep and asked, "What seest thou?" The test of a prophet is in what he sees. If he does not have the vision, he cannot perform the work. The vision for Europe is clear. It has been presented in Italy throughout these last two weeks. The Lord intends to do a great work here, and I would like to confirm the vision of Mr. Shakarian. ■

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POWER IN THE WORD

by KENNETH WARE

**Evangelist to the
Gypsies, Paris**



(Given in the Palace of Congress, Rome, Italy, September 27, 1974.)

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I have been in Rome, and I am delighted to be here to witness for Christ.

The Lord sent me to France about forty years ago to minister there, primarily among the gypsies. Twenty-five years ago our first gypsy was saved. He was sick and a French preacher prayed for him and he was healed. As a result he accepted Christ that evening. Since then, over 17,000 gypsies have been saved.

The Pentecostal population of gypsies in France is over 14,000. These people were thieves and drunkards before the Lord changed them. Now they are born again, full of the Holy Ghost, and have sent missionaries to India, to Russia, to all the Eastern countries in Europe, and elsewhere.

By 1972 we had reached 129,000 homes which were without the Gospel in Paris alone. And in these last three months we reached 10,000 new homes a month with the Gospel. We have seen many souls saved, not through the word of man but through the words of Jesus as written in the Bible. There is power in the Word.

During World War II my wife and I were ministering in France until the day we were compelled by the Nazi's to leave the country. I was arrested on my way out, however, and was put in jail for a little while. Because of certain documents in my possession, I was sentenced to death. When my guard was putting chains around my feet and my wrists, he became angry and threw me down the stairway. I was unable to get up without his help, at which time he found a copy of the New Testament in my pocket. As he read it, his hands started to tremble and he had a hard time turning the pages. I realized then and there that there is more power in that Book than in all the armies of the world.

When that Nazi found that I was a preacher he helped me to escape. Why? Was he a good man? No, he was a bad man. But "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." He was full of the devil, but there is power in the Word; and there is freedom in the Word—freedom from sin, freedom from the devil, freedom in Jesus. ■

FGBMFI BROADCASTS GOOD NEWS OVERSEAS

Programs now reach 1 billion people in Asia, Far East, South America



From left, Art Nersasian, Administrator, International Office, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship; Dr. Eugene Bertermann, Executive Director, Far East Broadcasting Co.; Steve Shakarian, Executive Vice President, Omega Advertising; Dale Golding, Administrative Assistant FEBC; and Jose V. Pascua, Jr., Omega Account Executive.

Steve Shakarian of Omega Advertising, Art Nersasian of the Fellowship, and officials of Far East Broadcasting Co. recently signed contracts which now enable GOOD NEWS to be broadcast on radio throughout Asia, the Far East, and South America. By the end of 1975, life-changing testimonies will have been heard over 1,350 times in 18 different languages to 50 countries. In many of them, radio has as much impact as TV does in the U.S.

"A QUIET SERVANT OF THE LORD"

GUNNAR CARLSON, brother to FGBMFI director Henry Carlson, Chicago businessman, went to be with his Lord November 19, 1974. Suffering a fatal heart attack, he passed from this life as quietly as he had passed through it, serving to the end in whatever capacity he was needed. So many attended his funeral in Faith Tabernacle and the memorial service the next morning, that neighbors around the church thought the alderman had died.

Gunnar and his brother attended the first FGBMFI banquet meeting in California in the early 50s, and he was an active, behind-the-scenes member ever since, quietly yet joyfully taking care of the tasks for which nobody else was "available." A participant of several Scandinavian Airlifts and the Bible Lands Airlift last April, he successfully directed a group that ministered in Sweden last October.





***"Come ye yourselves
apart into a desert
place, and rest awhile . . ."***

Mark 6:31.



1974 PRESCOTT, ARIZONA MEN'S SPIRITUAL ADVANCE



1. **Warner Stevens**, 1st Vice President of the Phoenix chapter was co-director with **Ken Halverson** of the FGBMFI Spiritual Advance in Prescott Pines Camp in Arizona last September. 2. **Carl Williams**, Fellowship Treasurer and Phoenix chapter President, decided to hold the camp after seeing the successful Advance conducted in Southern California in May. 3. Relaxing in the great outdoors are, from left, **Cliff Goldsmith**, **Hugh Jensen** and **David Larson**, all from Phoenix. 4. The men enjoyed excellent food and fine fellowship in the spacious camp dining hall. 5. Best of all were the inspirational meetings—times of refreshing for "tired businessmen."





Conventions and Rallies

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

March 14, 15, 1975

Civic Center

Henry R. Freese/Dr. Lloyd Huneryager, Co-Chmn.
P.O. Box 416, Muskogee, OK 74401

SAN FRANCISCO (Int'l Regional)

March 26-29, 1975

San Francisco Hilton

Frank Cordeiro/Ron Svenhard, Co-Chmn.
19356 Meekland Ave., Hayward, CA 94541

HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 26-29, 1975

Shamrock Hilton Hotel

Ralph Littlejohn/Virgil Mott,

Glen Norwood, Co-Chmn.

P.O. Box 53402, Houston, TX 77052

EL PASO, TEXAS

April 2-5, 1975

Airport Hilton Inn

Doug Rabbe/Earl Moore, Co-Chmn.

8321 Verdeland, El Paso, TX 79923

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

April 2-5, 1975

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Walter L. Schewe/Walter C. Moore, Co-Chmn.
Route 1, Box 66, West Frankford, IL 62896

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 2-5, 1975

Atkinson Hotel

David Trenum, Chmn./Wes Smith, Coord.
P.O. Box 19032, Indianapolis, IN 46219

PIEDMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

April 9-12, 1975

Piedmont Convention Center, Hyatt House,
Winston-Salem

Ogburn Yates/Jack Geis, Co-Chmn.

P.O. Box 100, Asheboro, NC 27203

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

April 9-12, 1975

Royal Connaught Hotel

Alfred Brown/Stewart Berlett, Co-Chmn.
P.O. Box 4106, P.O. Sta.D, Hamilton, Ontario

EMPIRE STATE MEN'S

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE

April 11-13, 1975

Watson's Homestead, Cooper's Plains, NY

Fred Lawrence, Chairman

16 Burgett Drive, Homer, NY 13077

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

April 11, 12, 1975

LeBaron Hotel, Buena Park

Gene Scothorn/Bill Monteith, Co-Chmn.

212 South Kraemer Blvd., Placentia, CA 92670

HONOLULU, HAWAII

July 6-13, 1975

Ala Moana Hotel

Blaine Amburgy, Director

7 N. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036

1975 WORLD CONVENTION

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Anaheim Convention Center

June 30-July 5