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# Vision

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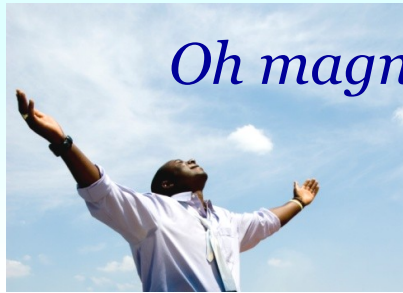
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*Oh magnify the Lord with me,  
let us exalt his name  
together! Psalm 34:3*

## Fellowship's 33rd anniversary in London

In July, around 90 members and friends — old and new — met for lunch in London aboard **HMS President**, (below) which is moored on the Victoria Embankment, next to Blackfriars Bridge, just opposite the OXO Tower.

It was a brilliant opportunity for past and present FGBMFI London men, plus national leaders and others representing London marketplace ministries to renew fellowship and thank God for his unfailing provision — and for those who have come to know Jesus over the years through FGB.

Pictured on the facing page are glimpses of the some of the many friends at the celebration.



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## 2010 European Convention !

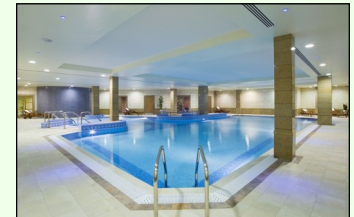
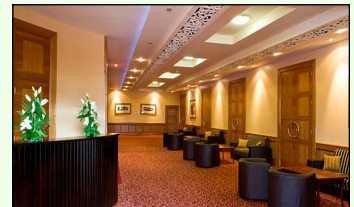


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## Inspiring programme

• **Thursday, November 18, 2010:** registration from 14.00 hrs followed by the opening meeting at 19.30.

• **Friday, November 19:** Praise and prayer at 07.30; breakfast at 09.00; Morning meeting, 10.00; Lunch, 12.30; Afternoon meeting, 14.00; Break at 16.30; Evening meal and meeting at 19.30.

• **Saturday, November 20:** Praise and prayer, 07.30; breakfast, 09.00; morning meeting, 10.00; lunch 12.30; Afternoon meeting, 14.00; break, 16.30; Banquet meal and evening meeting, 19.30.

• **Sunday, November 21:** Praise and prayer at 07.30. Farewells follow breakfast at 09.00.





## See ***you*** in Dublin, Ireland for the



Thursday to Sunday  
**November 18 — 21**  
 at the **Regency  
 Hotel, Dublin**

### Guest Speakers: **Carter and Teresa Conlon**



**Carter Conlon** is the Senior Pastor of Times Square Church, New York — he and his wife, **Teresa**, are gifted international convention speakers.

The 2010 Convention theme is '**Revive us again**' and is based on the prayer in Psalm 85:6: 'Will You, Lord, not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in you.' This European Convention also marks **the 32nd All-Ireland Convention**.



The inspiring programme (see details opposite) will include great testimonies and worship led by '**Worship Academy Ireland**'.

**Trips around Dublin** may be booked during free times each afternoon. There will also special **Ladies' Meetings** and a **European Directors' Meeting** during the weekend.

## Over three decades of blessing



Some of the 90 members and guests at the London lunch aboard **HMS President**



**Cake with 33 candles:** helping to light them is **Peter Spreckley**, UK council chairman. Pictured right: during the afternoon, FGB members gathered in prayer for **Jacob John**, London director, seeking God's increased anointing for the tasks ahead.

## London highlights recalled

FGB London director **Jacob John** had the vision for the July celebration event on the Thames. The programme included reflections by past leaders, co-ordinated by **Rodney Radcliffe**, an FGB officer for more than 30 years and former London director for 12 years.

He recalled the 1977 London Launch Dinner for 540 guests at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, the All European Wembley Convention in 1980, the Café Royal dinners and chapter developments in and around London.

There were moving tributes to FGB brothers who pioneered the work.

## Men of vision

We remember with love and gratitude at least 23 FGMBFI national and London leaders who have, between 1977 and 2010, gone to be with the Lord. They include:

### National leaders, outside London

**Bob Spilman**, First National President

**Jim Winter**, National President

**Bert Sture**, National Director, North East,

**Ron West**, National Director, North West

**Drew Greenwood**, Regional Director, Scotland

**Tom Bramble**, National Director, Midlands.

### London

**David Bush**, Founder President, Luton chapter, 1977

**Buzz Dulley**, National Director, London, 1979-1990

**Spencer Nash**, Secretary, London chapter, 1979

**Andy Milliken**, Woodford and Ilford chapter Secretary, 1983

**Robert Lee**, Field Representative, North London, 1984

**Ronald Pooley**, President, Kingston chapter, 1989

**Dr Bernard Rogers**, President Kingston chapter, 1990

**Colin Burnham**, Founder President, Hitchin chapter, 1993

**Tony Chilvers**, Vice President, Croydon Chapter, 1993

**Nigel Found**, President, City of London chapter, 1993

**Seymour Green**, London Secretary and President Kensington and Chelsea chapter, 1995

**Robert Meijer**, Treasurer, Kensington & Chelsea chapter, 1996

**Ulrich Sutter**, President, Westminster chapter, 2000

**John Sutton**, Secretary, Sutton chapter, 1997

**Philip Lester**, President, Ruislip chapter, 1998

**John West**, President, Stevenage chapter, 1999

*Dates above refer to last year office was held*

## 'Looking unto Jesus' . . . we press on!

The great apostle Paul declared he was 'forgetting what is behind . . . I press on towards the goal . . .' (Philippians 3:13-14), while elsewhere we are reminded to keep 'looking unto Jesus,' (Hebrews 12:2).

This issue of **Vision** has a special regional focus on London — and a strong emphasis on using our spiritual gifts.

In our next issue of **Vision**, FGB leaders will share more of their local and national visions for the future.

### YOUR NEWS

Please send your online news, pictures and testimonies as usual to **Michael Wiltshire**, the editor of **Vision**, at:

**MoreNews4U@aol.com**

or by post to: 18 Rugge Drive, Eaton, Norwich, NR4 7NJ. Tel. 01603 503 274

It's also important that you send details of coming events direct to the **National Office** for possible use on the FGB website. *Please see page two for contact details for the UK and Ireland National Office.*

## Rejoicing in Ireland

### Expectation grows for the European Convention in Dublin in November

There is thanksgiving that **Tom Maguire**, the Convention chairman, is making a remarkable recovery from a very serious illness. Many prayed — and a faith-filled local pastor declared over Tom: "We are not going to lose that kidney!" Tom is now home and doing well.



Details of the coming convention appear on the next three pages. Our dynamic main speaker is **Pastor Carter Conlon** who comes from Canada but is now senior pastor of the famous **Times Square Church in New York**, which attracts 8,000 people a week, representing 100 nationalities. This famous church was founded by Pastor David Wilkerson, author of *The Cross and the Switchblade*. Carter became senior pastor in 2001. He is loved and respected for his shepherd's heart, his strong leadership and fiery passion for God. He is married to **Teresa Conlon** and they have three children. Pastor Carter has degrees in law and sociology. He once had a successful career in law enforcement and during his early years in ministry in Canada he also owned and operated a sheep farm.



**Tom Maguire**, left, Convention Chairman, has experienced God's mighty healing power. Pictured right is **John Gates**, FGB Ireland director.

### Flights to Dublin: There are flights to Dublin from at least 20 UK



airports — **just look on the web** (or ask your local travel shop) and you'll see how many deals there are!

Deals change from week-to-week, but the golden rule is **book early** for good deals. So don't delay. **BMI, Ryanair** and **Easyjet** fly from many UK air-

ports. Apart from price, **flight times** are a key deciding factor when making a booking. The Regency Hotel, Dublin, has a courtesy bus from the airport, but this needs to be booked ahead of time with the hotel, (*details, page 20*).



## 'Every member should see this DVD'

### Inspiring new video on 'How to witness to strangers'

FGB director **John Wright** has recorded a highly recommended DVD, with clear teaching, prophetic pictures and humour, on how to witness to strangers. The DVD was recorded at a teaching seminar at **River of Life Church** in Suffolk and is ideal for FGB chapters and church home groups.

**Peter Spreckley** comments: "Having watched this DVD by John Wright, I am convinced that it should be watched by every member.

*'From time to time we need a spiritual kick in the pants'*

"It's not about being another 'John Wright', but rather it teaches us, or reminds us, of the call on our lives to be witnesses in our own *individual way*. How, under the direction of the

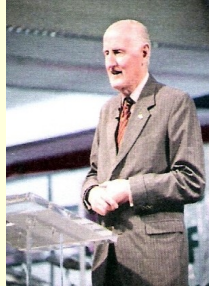
Holy Spirit, we can each use the many opportunities we have to bring men and women out of darkness into the light.

"As John points out, God will bring people to us when he knows that *we are ready* to share the gospel. He also reminds us of Jesus' teaching that there *will* be a reward for our obedience, and the consequences of disobedience.

"In other words, from time to time we need a spiritual "kick up the pants," and this teaching may well do that for you as it did for me. Within minutes of watching the DVD, I'd given our postman a **Voice** magazine!

"Readers, I urge you to order your copy immediately. There is no time to lose."

The DVDs cost £10 (postage free): to order, call **01508 494 366** or email: [wrights@bedon.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:wrights@bedon.freeserve.co.uk)



John recording the new video

**Many outreach events:** Among the more unusual summer initiatives by FGB chapters was a "a sweet encounter" stand (with free sweets for all) at the County Agricultural Show at Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. The stand was popular with all age groups.

At the **Dorset Steam Fair**, FGB members and friends shared their testimonies and gave out around 700 **Voice** magazines. Six people made commitments, reports **Roger McColm**, whose uncle, Steve, now 85, "did a great job talking to the people!"

At the annual **Keynsham Music Festival**, Somerset, the Keynsham Chapter gave away more than 400 **Voice** magazines (none were discarded). They also gave away free drinks and also offered prayer for healing, along with the local 'Healing on the Streets' team.

## Joyful day in London



**Michael Bretherton**, left, with **Michael Fenton-Jones** who jointly chaired the first FGBMFI London outreach dinner in 1977 when 540 attended the Royal Lancaster Hotel.

The speakers included **Demos Shakarian**, FGB founder; and **John Wright**, business man, author and currently the editor of **Voice** magazine. (John is pictured below). At that dinner, a testimony was also given by **Dr Fred Ladenius**, a former Secretary of State to the Vatican, and the first editor of the European edition of **Voice**.



International director **John Wright**

*A glimpse of some of the members and friends aboard HMS President*



Above: **Eric Woodward**, left, BMF national director, who lives at Seaford, with **Hugh Saunders**, FGB assistant director for the South-East region; and **Paul Dickinson**, a founder president of Epsom and Ewell Chapter and a London field representative

Right: Former London director, **Rodney Radcliffe** and his wife, **Judy**, who live in Dulwich.

Rodney was an FGBMFI London founder and still serves with the Media Focus Group and is the secretary of the FGB European Council.



Above: London director **Jacob John** with his wife **Ethel**





**Don Latham**, right, chats with **Jacob John**. Don has seen large numbers attending the recent Men United Saturday breakfasts in the city of Bath, Wiltshire.



Former London director **Stephen Jackson**, left, with **Sonnie Gibbard**, centre, grandson of the evangelist **Gypsy Smith**, talking with **Frank Pratt**. See *Sonnie's story*, page 8.



**John Linden-Cook**, Bible teacher and evangelist still ministering in power at 84 after 45 years. John founded the Croydon chapter and was a president of the City of London chapter.



Polish-born **Christopher Podgorski**, 45, discovered FGB in Poland 15 years ago. He is in the building contractor business in Harrow, Middlesex.



North London officers: Leadership and management consultant **Chidi Okemadu**, left, is based in Bushey, Hertfordshire. Pictured on his right is **Dr Patrick Tobi**, a Research Fellow in public health at the University of East London.



**David Linley**, right, the London director for 'More than Gold' talks with **Ken White**, a supportive FGB member for more than 30 years. See report on 'More than Gold' on page 11.



**Left:** Russian pastor **Larry Trishkin**, a former journalist, with his wife **Marina**, lead a Russian speaking congregation in Barnett. **Right:** **Pastor Frank Brookes** and his wife **Vandrine** lead a church in Brixton, South London and a ministry for former offenders — see their website: transformed.org.uk



**VIP dinner in Norwich**

## Outreach dinner for community leaders



MPs and civic leaders, including the Lord Mayor and Chief Constable were among 105 guests at an FGB/CTI (County Towns Initiative) dinner during the 'Celebrate Norwich and Norfolk' weekend.



Powerful testimonies were given by **Dr Mark Huckstep**, top left, president of the Oxford chapter and by **Peter Jamieson**, lower left, with music by the classical singing star **Debbie Holmes**, right. **John Wright** was MC for the evening. Incidentally, Debbie has been invited to sing very soon in the US at a presidential prayer breakfast to be attended by Barack Obama.



The Lord Mayor of Norwich opened a city centre's united Christian exhibition, which featured an FGB display stand alongside other ministries.

## Tom Bramble, one of God's champions

There have been so many warm tributes to **Tom Bramble**, pictured right, who has been promoted to glory. His amazing zeal for God's work, most recently as director of the FGB's Midlands region, meant he never lost the vision for revival and for the planting of new chapters. Yes, he truly 'finished well.'



In earlier life, Tom was a war hero and, later, a successful business man. Tom liked to say that his favourite war film was called, *They Died with Their Boots On* - and this surely reflected his own courageous attitude to life. Tom leaves a tremendous gap, but **Bob Hudson**, left, is stepping in as the new interim regional director.







## Miracles in Romania

After 40 outreach mission trips over the years, **Colin Pownall** says the latest one to Romania with **Alan Davies, John Dawson** and **Phil Parmley** “was one of the best.”

Lives were changed through ministry at dinners, church meetings and prisons visits.

Around 175 people surrendered their lives to Christ, people were touched by the power of

the Holy Spirit — many were healed and a blind woman received her sight. “It was awesome seeing lives changed,” says Alan, who is treasurer of Warrington Chapter. Romanian believers also shared wonderful testimonies with the team: one man had been healed of cancer; another was given a prestige building to build a new fellowship

## God’s healing power



When the healing evangelist **Ash Kotecha** (left) had a word of knowledge at an FGB dinner in Wales that someone present had a severe nasal problem, **Jonathan Rees**, a young businessman instantly experienced an extra-strong ‘menthol-like’ sensation.

Later, he realised his nose was totally cleared of a near-inoperable condition. Jonathan, 32, *pictured right*, said his heart raced as he eventually shared his sustained healing testimony at his local church. (Jonathan and Sally Rees, *above*, run an online meat business in mid-Wales called Welsh Farm Organics).

In East Anglia, a young man, **Steve**, had a serious alcohol problem. He was invited to a Saturday breakfast meeting where FGB’s **Bob Waters** was ministering. Steve’s wife had left him the previous Wednesday and so Steve asked for prayer that his life “might be really cleaned up.”

Later, Steve’s wife was so surprised by Steve’s sudden transformation that she moved back home.



### Good response to online Healing School

**Ash Kotecha’s** new (free) online International Healing School is attracting good numbers of participants. ‘Anyone can learn to pray for the sick — it’s easier than you think!’ says Ash.

To sign up for the nine-month course, with 36 lessons, just visit the website: [www.healingschoolonline.org](http://www.healingschoolonline.org)

Meanwhile, Ash and Sharon Kotecha are also appearing regularly on the **Believe TV Channel** on Sky: for details, call 01908 501 643.



London-born barrister, **David Owusu-Yianoma** specialises in criminal law. He first heard about FGB while on a visit to **Ghana** and became a member in 1986. He is a former president of the Kensington and Chelsea chapter.



**Wayne Leigh**, the Sheffield entrepreneur and president of the Sheffield FGB Chapter, provided commemorative 33rd anniversary pens to all on board through his company, Cutting Edge Promotions.



Above: **John Walker**, European president of FGBMFI, and his wife, **Margaret**.



Former Hindu, **Israel Makhijani** now lives in Kilburn with his wife, **Margaret**. But he came to Jesus Christ in the US in 1975 after reading a Gospel message in a New York newspaper as he ‘searched for inner peace’. He was later introduced to FGBMFI and found joy in serving the Lord Jesus.

## So many great testimonies . . .

In one issue of **Vision** it is impossible to tell everyone’s story. The way that God leads each of us is unique.

For instance, our Polish brother **Christopher** (see facing page) was given a copy of the FGB story, *The Happiest People on Earth*, in 1986 by his older sister in Poland. She was not even a Christian.

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## Great testimonies

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Christopher, now 45, was from a nominal Catholic background and a seeker after the truth. He eventually met some true believers in Krakow, Poland, and became a Christian 15 years ago.

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Born in a caravan, **Sonnie Gibbard**, grandson of the famous evangelist **Gypsy Smith**, is pictured on page 6 (top row). Sonnie was converted in a caravan meeting at the age of 14 in Epping Forest, where today there is monument to his granddad, Rodney (Gypsy) Smith, (1860-1947). The famous evangelist, *pictured*



*left*, was born in a tent, never went to school and yet he eventually influenced millions with the Gospel. He taught himself to read and write, and made over 40 overseas mission trips to the US, Australia and South Africa. He met several presidents; Queen Victoria also wrote to him.

At the end of his life, Gypsy Smith said: "I didn't go through your colleges and seminaries. They wouldn't have me...but I have been to the feet of Jesus where the only true scholarship is learned."

**Sonnie Gibbard** has served God through FGBMFI for 30 years. Among his friends was the late **Fred Lemon**, another well-known evangelist.

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Among the many guests welcomed aboard HMS President in London was **Audrey Pratt**, *right*. Audrey, from Hitchin, Herts. leads the *Women of the Fellowship*. Audrey said: "I want to see more women encouraging their men to become active members of FGBMFI – it's an absolutely amazing ministry!"



Recalling her first-ever visit to an FGB dinner, she said: "I felt the love of Jesus wrapped around me — I'd never experienced anything like it in a meeting."

### Demos the visionary - and the gift of 'helps'

Demos Shakarian, the founder of FGBMFI, *pictured below*, was asked what he felt his main spiritual gift was — and he replied it was what the Bible calls 'the gift of helps.' He was a humble man. He said: 'I am a helper. That is what God has called me to do.' As a result, countless lives worldwide were touched by God.

**What is your gift?**

And are you using it?

Do read Peter Spreckley's letter on this topic on pages 10 and 11.



## Fourteen new FGB members in Glasgow

The inaugural meeting of the Glasgow Chapter of FGBMFI was held in Glasgow Caledonian University on June 30, 2010.

**Stuart Cripps** and **Bob Boler** welcomed the new members into the Fellowship and **Dave Riley** recorded the event, which included short testimonies from the first seven members, and has produced a DVD for the encouragement of members.

Five young members were elected as Officers of the Chapter and commissioned along with the other members for the service of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Glasgow area. One young lady also joined the *Women of the Fellowship*, to be fully involved in supporting the work of the Glasgow Chapter.

We are excited to see what God does with this enthusiastic team of young people - the Kingdom of God will be extended through their ministry! Pray for the new Chapter Officers.



**New chapter president, Tonye Fetipigi**



**Glasgow Caledonian University**



**South West Fellowship Day**  
**Saturday**

**September 25, 2010**

10.30am to around 4pm at

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For members, wives and friends of FGBMFI: great times of fellowship, praise and worship.

A cooked lunch will be available; plus tea and coffee.

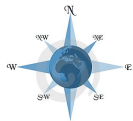
**All welcome.**

Details from Keith Green on 01626 774 803, email [kei7val3.green@tesco.net](mailto:kei7val3.green@tesco.net)

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Looking ahead to next year, here are more dates for your diary: the South-West January Advance, Friday January 28-Sunday January 30





## God's power in Kenya

**Tom Rice** and **Peter Spreckley** flew to Kenya in June for meetings in a town called Mwingi, 150 miles east of Nairobi. Meanwhile, **Pastor David Musunza** did all the preparatory work for the meetings. This followed a vision Tom had when he was there last year.



**Tom Rice and Peter Spreckley**



On the Sunday they spoke and ministered at a mud-built village church. More than 120 crammed into the building with an overflow crowd under an awning. Many were healed and even more came forward for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Four days of meetings in the town were planned, the first day being open to the local churches. More than 90 people, including many pastors, enjoyed the lunch we provided. We

had expected after that that we would be evangelising the lost, but it seemed that the Lord had other plans; each day the pastors kept coming back, and so we spoke daily on the "Full Gospel" based on the FGBMFI's favourite verses in Romans 15:18,19 when Paul said that he fully proclaimed the gospel by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God."

There were many demonstrations of this word in healings, and on the last afternoon, with over 130 present, the Holy Spirit fell on the pastors who responded to a call to come forward in a way, which we heard later, had never been experienced before. Thus, there was a considerable impact on the churches that came together after being divided for many years. "Later, in Nairobi, we were invited to have a meal with the Vice-President of Kenya. We were privileged to pray with him and his wife - and Tom was able to give him a word of encouragement," says Peter. "How we came to be there is another story!"



## Leaders' conference in Gloucester

**Lynn Heritage**, Field Rep in Wales, is helping to initiate a leaders' conference in Gloucester in October. The event, called '**UK Unite 2010**' with evangelist **Pete Samra** aims to bring together pastors and Christian leaders, including FGBMFI members "united in one purpose, to evangelise and disciple others throughout the UK." The event is on Friday-Saturday, October 22-23 at RCCG Jesus Kingdom City Church, Gloucester, GL1 3AS. Pre-registration by October 12 is £10. Contact Lynn on 01685 377981 or email: [lynn@heritagemed.co.uk](mailto:lynn@heritagemed.co.uk).

## Prepare for action!

*The FGB London anniversary on board a ship on the River Thames was particularly apt for London director **Jacob John**, who is an ex-Navy man. During his National Service, Jacob, pictured right, served as a Gunnery Officer in the Missile Gunboat Squadron of the Singapore Navy.*



Describing his vision of the future, Jacob recalled an urgent naval command, "Action Stations! Action Stations! . . . Assume damage control, State One, Condition Zulu!"

Jacob said a high state of sea readiness is required before a ship sets sail – "so, too, a new sense of spiritual readiness and expectancy is required as the London FGBMFI sails into a new era." Jacob also recalled an unusual spiritual picture he received in an FGB directors meeting, a year ago. The Lord showed him bamboo plants – and then asked Jacob: "What is special about them?"



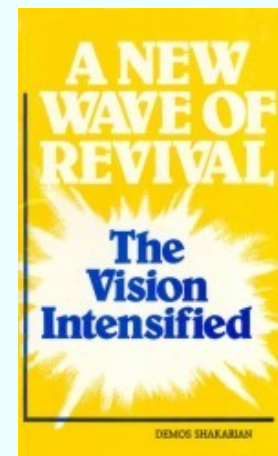
Jacob also felt the Lord reminded him that these plants seem hardly to grow for a long time – then suddenly they grow at astonishing speed, sometimes by four feet in just 24 hours, the fastest-growing woody plants on earth. (Their strength is stored in their roots). Jacob also had the impression that FGBMFI in the UK would be like these bamboo plants. Perhaps little discernible growth for a season, then suddenly, an explosive growth.

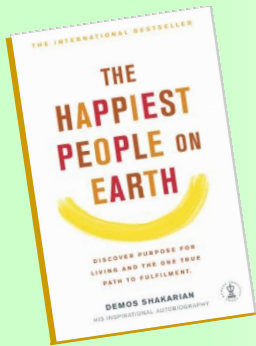
With some trepidation, Jacob shared this vision with the directors. Later, as they went to the dining room for lunch, he noticed that "every one of our lunch tables had a bamboo plant in a flower vase as our table decoration!" It looked like a timely and visible confirmation.

This picture of explosive growth reflects a prophecy given by **Demos Shakarian** in his book, *A new wave of Revival – The Vision Intensified*. Demos predicted that the FGBMFI vision in the latter days would intensify, with an increasingly powerful wave of God's glory. Demos declared: "**We haven't seen anything yet!**"

Echoing this vision, Jacob said the Holy Spirit that will surely lead us powerfully, And, like the bamboo plant, the explosive growth of FGBMFI will be totally led by the Spirit of God.

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## How to stay happy!



*Dear Fellow Workers,*

**I recently had quite a shock! I have, since I joined this wonderful Fellowship, been under the impression that just being a Full Gospel Business Man made me one of the “Happiest People on Earth.”**

I learnt otherwise when my good friend and fellow member **Gordon Ellis** pointed out that **Demos Shakarian** in his book tells us what really makes a man one of the happiest people on earth. It is in chapter 7, where he explains that he believes that God has a particular gift for each of his servants, some special ability we are to use for His Kingdom. He goes on: “If we find that gift - and use it - we’ll be *the happiest people on earth*. If we miss it, no matter how many excellent things we do, we will be utterly miserable.”

Demos certainly used his gift, and we are all beneficiaries of his faithfulness! I feel that this *continued on facing page*

may be a timely reminder, even a challenge, to *us* to seek to recognise our own particular gift and to *use it*, perhaps more effectively, for the Kingdom, to pass on to others the blessings we have inherited through Demos using *his* particular gift.

This ties in with the powerful Word given at the last National Council meeting when the Lord said that He has not finished with this Fellowship, “for you have a great work to do . . . many hands are needed . . . for work in the harvest field. Too often people want to see results without the labour.”

Demos was right. We each have a special gift, we need to use it for His glory, and then we shall truly be what we like to call ourselves, that is, “The Happiest People on Earth.” Please also consider watching the teaching DVD mentioned on page 16 of this magazine.

May the Lord bless us and give us strength as we labour together for the Kingdom, using the gift He has given to each one of us.

**Peter Spreckley**

Chairman, UK Council

*Editor’s note: The Word given to the National Council is for all of us. A copy is available from the Office. I recommend you get a copy and digest it.*



## Revelations in the marketplace

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Jacob recalled the Bible promise where God says “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions,” (Joel 2:28).

Today, in the business world, some companies were even seeking the help of so-called ‘supernatural’ forecasters, though they try not to make these things public. Amazingly, some top companies employ clairvoyants and ‘corporate psychics’ (CPs) to guide them in areas such as recruitment – and even pay big money to try to find out hidden things! Of course, our spiritual enemy tries to imitate the true gifts of God.

In these pressured days, business people are looking for genuine wisdom and insights. As part of his overall vision for the marketplace, Jacob anticipated the day when God would raise up more Spirit-filled believers who would be genuine ‘prophetic business counsellors,’ operating in the gifts of wisdom, the word of knowledge and prophecy, and able to speak accurately and with uncommon wisdom. Revelations such as these would no doubt cause business men and women to seek the one true God, the Revealer of mysteries, (Daniel 2 : 47).

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## Huge opportunities during the 2012 Olympics

FGB members along with churches and Christian groups across the UK are being invited to make the most of 2012 Games.

With 15,000 athletes and their families from 200 nations, plus 14,000 Games officials and thousands in the UK attending the events, there are endless opportunities through sporting outreaches, hospitality and so on.

**David Linley**, pictured on page 6 with FGB guests aboard **HMS President**, is the London chief executive of **‘More than Gold’**. He is co-ordinating Christian activity in London during the 2012 Olympics and Para Olympics.

‘More than Gold’ founder director, **David Willson**, who co-ordinated activities at the Atlanta, Athens and Beijing Olympics is providing a briefing update for FGBMFI National Directors at the next UK Council meeting on September 4. Briefings for Christian groups are also planned in towns and cities across the UK in October and November. For details, see the website [www.morethangold.org.uk/visiontour](http://www.morethangold.org.uk/visiontour)

