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1998 World Convention

Lynn Crawford, Cassette Tape Table

With visitors from around the world, this was a truly international or *world* convention. It was something very special for us to see people coming from so many nations, all with one heart to lift up Jesus. Over the past few years I have noticed a change in the area of relationships. There is a real love between the people. It is like we are just one big family. Relationships have always been an important part of the Fellowship, but the love seems to have grown deeper than I can remember seeing in the past.

Alain Jorel, Vice-President, FGBMFI France

We returned home with many good things to tell our members in France. It was a definite highlight for us to hear about the breakthrough we are having within various churches. Especially meaningful for us in France was to hear what the Archbishop had to say.

Barbara Bignold, Seattle, Washington

Something is opening up for the women within our Fellowship. In in Hospitality Room and in our special meetings we have seen women encouraging and praying for each other. We see a great need for wives standing by their husbands and becoming better mothers.

Bob Bignold, Seattle, Washington

There was a time when it seemed like communication had broken down between nations. The unity that I feel at this convention is wonderful. The relationship between the USA and other nations has visibly improved. We have truly become an international organization with the nations flowing together in unity with the one goal of reaching people with the simple message of Jesus Christ.

Terry Peters, San Antonio, Texas

A friend came to the convention. He had only been to a few meetings of the FGBMFI. He's going home very excited, having seen people from so many nations coming together in love and fellowship. God really touched him. Personally, he has been going through some difficult times and this was important for him. The Holy Spirit seems to be working in so many people.

Year of Jubilee

FGBMFI President, Richard Shakarian, sounded the shofar to announce the "Year of Jubilee" for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. God is working in a new way around the world. At the convention we heard reports from various nations. For instance, Nigeria reported 808 chapters with over 18,000 members. Guatemala mentioned their 124 chapters with 8,000 members. Other countries expressed the new fresh fire of the Holy Spirit as they continue to start chapters while increasing their membership.

His Excellency, Luigi Allogli, the Archbishop from Rome and private envoy of the Pope, was a special guest of the Convention. He shared with us how excited he personally is about the work the Holy Spirit is doing through the business men within the FGBMFI. He ended with a blessing on the Convention.

A spiritual high for the week came when God brought us Gwen Shaw, President of the End-Time Handmaidens & Servants. She shared a testimony about how God had used the FGBMFI, and then went on speak a prophetic word, "I want to challenge you. God is not finished with you. This ministry, this calling of God, will not die. It is fueled with the flames of revival fire. It will continue. I would like to encourage you to set apart three days to fast and pray and seek God. If you will determine a certain time that the men of the Fellowship all around the world will seek God in fasting for three days, I believe the windows of heaven will open over this organization and that nothing that comes against it will prosper. You are needed in these days. You are needed as never before because this is going to be your finest hour and anointing.

On the final morning of the Convention there

was a tremendous rally to support our witnessing tool, Voice Magazine! Many new orders were taken. Jim Stovall, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, a former National Weight Lifting Champion shared how God took him from the depths of despair after waking one morning and realizing he had lost most of his sight. By the grace of God, he has become head of a television network ministering to 13 million blind people. His complete story will appear in a later issue of Voice.



Japanese delegation at the World Convention

New Insight in Paraguay

Looking for new insight into the work of the FGBMFI, we put on a workshop weekend exclusively concerning our vision. It began much like any other FGBMFI event. There were some good things, but it was nothing special until Sunday morning when the real subject came to the floor – namely our vision. With this the excitement level rose. By the time we were finished, it was clear we had to return to our original vision. We were not called to teach doctrinal ideas. It is so simple; perhaps that is our greatest difficulty. The vision says to bring people to the lordship of Jesus Christ and the fullness of His Holy Spirit through the vehicle of our testimony. That is it – that is where we will find anointing.

The teaching team have left us for San Paulos where they will repeat the workshop, sharing these clear truths. It is not complicated, but this message has filled us with a new fire for the work of the Fellowship. After Brazil, the team will go to Spain, where the workshop will be attended by the Spanish as well as representatives from 15 French Chapters.



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Thank you,
Blair Scott
International Publications Director

The First Northwest Men's Regional Advance

30th Oct. – 1st Nov. 1998

This will be held at Lakeside, National Centre, Ulverston, Cumbria, superbly situated on the southwest shores of Windermere on a 400-acre estate.

There will be opportunities for prayer, ministry and sharing testimony. Be encouraged and be an encourager to other men. Invite your friends; there is plenty of room.

Managua, Nicaragua

Mauricio Cortes

Recently I joined an FGBMFI chapter in Managua. The power of God's love has been so evident there. My family is going through a difficult time and

we have seen men put their faith into practical reality. Please keep me in your prayers. We are hungry to have the presence of God and His glory in our lives more and more.

Iraq

Saddam Hussein's wild son, Uday, whose debauchorous life-style has been creating headlines for years, was bedridden for some time last year after being shot. We have now heard from a reliable source that a young Christian, who we will call Rahkma (name changed) "saw herself explaining the gospel to Uday in a dream". The dream made such an impression that she immediately set off on her way to Uday's office in Baghdad. When the guards could not get rid of her, Uday agreed to see her. According to the report, she spent two hours telling him about Jesus, after which he prayed with her and invited the Lord into his life.

Outreach Agenda

- 28th-30th August 1998: Middle Europe Convention & Polish Outreach.
- 11th-13th September 1998: Warm Beach Men's Camp, Seattle, Washington.
- 11th-13th September 1998: Wales Men's Advance, Newtown.
- 18th-20th September 1998: Prescott, Arizona Men's Advance. Info: +1 602 433.0657.
- 25th-27th September 1998: S.E. Region Men's Advance - Uckfield Sussex, England.
- September 1998: Syria Outreach from the UK.
- 2nd-3rd October 1998: National Belgium Convention, Brussels.
- 2nd-3rd October 1998: German National Convention, Weingarten near Ravensburg.
- 2nd-6th October 1998: Bury St. Edmunds, England.
- 10th-11th October 1998: European National Leaders' Meeting, Leuven, Belgium.
- 14th-22th October 1998: Jerusalem Outreach Convention.
- 16th-18th October 1998: Rocky Mountain Family Advance – Horn Creek Ranch, Colorado. Info: +1 719-520-5373.
- 23rd-25th October 1998: Netherlands National Convention in Driebergen.
- 30th Oct.-1st Nov. 1998: N.W. Region Men's Camp, South Windermere, England.
- 30th Oct.-1st Nov. 1998: South California Men's Advance. Info: +1 562 946.8062
- November 1998: Airlift to Cuba from the UK.
- 16th-22th November 1998: Training Seminar, Kniebis/Schwarzwald, Germany.
- 13th-15th November 1998: Wessex Region 3rd Convention - Portland Heights, England.

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