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## Youth Chapters

*Richard Shakarian, International President, FGBMFI*

A young man in Honduras began asking, "What about people my age." Praying about this, he began doing outreach meetings for the youth. Soon it had grown so fast and so dynamic that the National Board did not know what to do with them. They clearly had a different vision to their standard "Businessman's Chapter". Still, they wanted to help them in every way possible.

Though a high percentage of the youth chapters are students, 25% own businesses, some of which are substantial, and 10% are considered out-casts, such as street people. They age from 15 to 30. A number have come to Jesus through the youth chapters and then gone out and started successful businesses. For example, I met an attorney, a man owning several restaurants, an owner of a gas station, and many more.

In my first meeting there were about 250 young people from gangs. About 40% made a commitment to God that evening. Later in the week we spoke in one auditorium which simply could not contain the crowd.



Aisles were full and people were standing out in the street. Hundreds wanted prayer. It was almost overwhelming. Afterwards, listening to their testimonies was nothing short of inspiring.

Now, having grown to about 20 chapters, came the question, "What do we do with them?" Seeing that this was a different vision to the normal "Business man's Chapter", the suggestion was made that they link directly in with the International in the same way as ministries like ICBN, Airlifts, and Publications do. Everyone agreed this was perfect and would permit this new youth outreach to spread across borders as far as the young people had vision to take it.

## European Leaders' Meeting

**9th-11th Oct. 1998, Leuven, Belgium**

The Vision, as Demos saw it, was the overwhelming theme of the Saturday evening. God is doing something very special among our European leaders. We were shown how it is not enough to have chapter meetings and go through the mechanics of the FGBMFI because God has so very much more for us. We saw how that as we flow together under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, a whole new dimension will open up before us. We understand that the effectiveness of the FGBMFI lies in its ability to release men into ministry.

Still, this too can be misunderstood. It is easy to see this concept without

grasping the "how to". John 15:3-8 speaks about how Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. Verse four says, "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." This is Jesus teaching from the heart of God.

Joel 2:28 is promised for the "end times" and that is today. Quoting this passage, Acts 2:17 says that God will pour out His Spirit on "all flesh". Galatians 5:22 speaks about the fruits of the Spirit. Note that it is not speaking about our fruit as Christians. Many of us spend much effort trying to do whatever we can to grow spiritually – to

put to death the "flesh" and develop ever more of the qualities listed in Galatians 5:22. Although this is admirable, we can not produce the Spirit's fruit – this is something that only God can do.

Back in John 15:5-6 Jesus makes it clear that only if we "remain in Him" is it possible to produce fruit. The important point here is that the fruit is that of the "Spirit". It is not our fruit, the "fruit of the flesh". (Galatians 5:19-20) If we try "putting on" the "fruit of the Spirit" it will not work. What would happen if a farmer were to tie apples on his trees because they were not producing. This would be silly – the apples would go bad and stink. It is the same for us when we try to "put on" the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit is simply evidence of the Spirit at work in our lives.

There is only one way to do the "work of the Father" and, for that matter, to fulfil the vision of the FGBMFI, and that is to allow more and more of God's Holy Spirit to flow through us to others. We have claimed over the years that our objective was to testify to the power of God at work in our world today. Jesus promises at the end of the passage in John 15 that "If a man remains in Me, he will bear much fruit... and that you will ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." Our job, then, is to go to people with needs and allow the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead to flow through us with His power, love, peace, and fruit to them – ministering to their hurts.

In Leuven we saw how our mission in the FGBMFI is to raise up that "sleeping giant" – the masses of lay-people across denominational barriers – encouraging them to step out in the "anointing" of the Holy Spirit to the people around them – each "doing the works that Jesus did" where they are. As we enter into this, our nations will literally change!



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Thank you,  
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## Unity

*Rodney Radcliffe, UK National Director*

At the Leuven European Leaders' Conference it was a joy to see the unity. I believe that God has called the FGBMFI to humility in order to bring about unity. God is and will continue to manifest vision through those working in unity in our nations, throughout Europe and the world.

## Power

*Urs Käsermann, National President Switzerland*

This conference in Leuven has been powerful. I have been involved in the European leadership for some years now and I have not experienced anything like this. I believe that one of the important keys that produced this is that we are working in unity and God is giving us a world-wide vision. The seventeen nations present have seen how we need to work together. Decisions that were made at the European Council, as well as at the Leaders' Conference, opened the door for us to contribute to the work of FGBMFI around the world. It set the stage for our organisation to move forward in growth and unity.

In my region the outreach of the FGBMFI is doing well. Italy had a convention this year and is preparing for a 2nd national convention in April, 1999. John Carrette from Central America will be the main speaker. In Austria we have been reaching a high level of business men. A few months ago there was

a convention dedicated to high level business men which was very successful. This is something God has been showing us in Switzerland as well, "Reach the men in businesses – your colleagues". We are starting new chapters with this vision, even ones dedicated to entrepreneurs.

As treasurer for Europe I longed for renewed anointing in the work. A few years ago we saw a loss of membership in most nations. This, of course, meant that the finances did not come in like they should. This also meant that we could not support the International at all, which we did not feel was right as we are a part of a world-wide Fellowship. During this weekend we have found a solution. This allows our FGBMFI Publications and Communications ministry to work the way they need to, both in Europe and around the world. It also made provision for our support to International – working in "transparency" together.

## Fellowship

*Ulrich von Schnurbein, National President for Germany*

Communication is so important to our unity. This was a key time in Leuven as we clearly laid out important issues for the Fellowship. I believe that meetings like this should happen often, because common understanding breaks down roots of division and mistrust. I am so pleased to see that we are dealing with things that could have created problems for our future.



**Newly Elected  
FGBMFI National  
Board for Austria**



## The God Mobile

In September 1998 the Western Washington State Fair in Puyallup was the scene of a spiritual invasion. An eight-by-ten-foot trailer, called the God Mobile, was set up on the Fairgrounds and was open for the 17 days from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 120 people from various churches and their youth groups, the FGBMFI, and Young Life groups participated. Especially involved were members of the S. Seattle Chapter, including Jackie and Dave Soleim, and Kent Beahler, a missionary home on furlough.

The event was tremendously anointed and blessed of God, with an estimated 1 in every 8 people attending the Fair stopping in at the booth. The method was simple, but effective. Above the booth hung a sign, asking the question, "Are you going to heaven? Answer a free 2-question test." Two to three people manned the booth at any one time.

The simple test consists of two questions, "Do you think you're going to heaven?" and "My reason for saying that is."

Based on their responses, people are led to realize that nothing we do will get us to heaven, but that Jesus has made a way. Then the Gospel is shared very simply. Those who make a commitment are invited to sign their name to say that they have received Christ. During the 17 days 1319 people signed their names. This was not counting the many who made commitments, but who did not want to sign their names.

Sharing God's love is the key. Workers found that when they responded with love, even the most aggressive person's heart was softened. One highlight was when Kent Beahler's 11-year-old son, Nate, led 2 military men to the Lord. Another was when an entire family came to Christ. One cowboy was so excited on coming to Jesus that he started leaping into the air. Pastors in the area couldn't believe how easy it was to share Christ. The God Mobile has proven itself successful everywhere it has been taken. People need the Lord.

## Northwest England Men's Camp

*Jim Blackburn, National Director*

My job is to fire up the men so that this region starts to grow and grow – that the fire will spread and spread. This is why I accepted the election to my position within the FGBMFI. With that in mind this weekend, the first "Men's Camp" in the Lake District of England was to provide an environment for fellowship, where men could encourage each other, and could get to know each other and become united. We have seen God at work.

We have decided, based on the call we heard, namely to "Awaken that Sleeping Giant" that Demos Shakarian was always talking about, which is to see ordinary laymen reaching men like themselves through their personal experiences and testimonies, to try all kinds of different things. Tonight, for example, one of the men came to me and suggested we do a special outreach dinner meeting for the police force. Another man would like to put on a business seminar in Manchester. We are planning an "Airlift" to West Africa.

Outreach, that is our vision – one thing is for sure, we are not going to stay where we are. We are *determined* that we are going into action and *now*. This region is being fired up this weekend and now is the time to move out. The world will hear about us. Our vision is big and it is going to get bigger.

## Australia

*Darrell Marston, Lake Grace Chapter*

Recently my wife and I had the extreme pleasure of attending a Full Gospel Advance at Arraluen in the hills east of Perth. The seminar was led by Fred Krueger, the South Australian President of the FGBMFI. He spoke on the 5 languages of love within a marriage. The seminar was attended by 25 men and women.

It was a wonderful time of learning more about what the Lord would have us do in our marriages. We had a time of sharing testimonies and all who were there formed a bond of friendship that will be very hard to forget.

## Faithfulness

In early October, I attended the funeral service of our dear brother, Dr. Douglas Fowler. Doug came to the Fellowship in the 1960's, a humble loving man with Godly wisdom. He has served the FGBMFI as an International Director and U.S.A. Vice President. The Fellowship was such an important part of his life that he was laid to rest with his Lifetime pin, his International Director's badge, and the FGBMFI ring.

Jimmy Rogers and I represented all of you who have been blessed by Doug's life at the glorious home-going service. May God give us all the strength, like Doug, to fulfill our calling.

*Richard Shakarian*  
International President,  
FGBMFI



# Maryland

Jim Priddy, USA

Wonderful things are happening here with the FGBMFI. We are having great meetings and the chapters are starting to move out for the Lord. In Maryland we are planning for the FGBMFI to march in a parade on 11 Nov., Veterans' Day, and do a special breakfast for veterans. In the parade we will pass out thousands of Voice magazines – one member will carry the extra copies in a stretch limousine.

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## Event Agenda

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November 1998: Guatemala National Convention.  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 1998: Oklahoma Fall Men's Camp, USA.  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 1998: Men's Spiritual Advance Yorkton, Sask., Canada.  
12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November 1998: New England National Convention, Portland, Maine, USA.  
12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November 1998: Canadian National Convention, Toronto.  
13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November 1998: Wessex Region 3rd Convention. Portland Heights, England.  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 1998: Carolina's Couple's Advance, Southport, N.C., USA.  
16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 1998: 9th Annual Convention, Abidjah, Ivory Coast.  
16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November 1998: Training Seminar, Kniebis/Schwarzwald, Germany.  
26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 1998: Central European Leaders & Bulgarian National Convention.  
26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 1998: USA N.W. Regional Convention, Seattle.  
26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 1998: 24th OKI Convention, Cinn., Ohio, USA.  
10<sup>th</sup> December 1998: Alberta, Calgary, Canada.  
11<sup>th</sup> December 1998: Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.  
6<sup>th</sup> January 1999: Denkendorf, Germany. South West Convention.  
7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> January 1999: Newport Rally, Oregon, USA.  
14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January 1999: Regional Couple's Advance Convention, Idaho, USA.  
15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> January 1999: Miami, Florida, USA – Latin Leaders Convention  
22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January 1999: EC Spain.  
22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January 1999: Georgia Men's Advance, Eatonton, GA, USA.  
15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 1999: Australia National Convention, Sydney, Australia.  
24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April 1999: Venice, Italy.  
25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July 1999: FGBMFI-Int'l World Convention, Anaheim, CA, USA.  
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