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## The Golden Chain

Enrique Escobar went on an “Airlift” to Columbia. He is just an ordinary member from Guatemala, who dared to believe that God would work through him. During his two and a half months in Columbia he personally prayed for 50,000 people. “How is this possible?” you might ask. He shared in five meetings a day almost every day. Demos Shakarian, FGBMFI’s founder, often spoke about something he called the “golden chain”. His vision was for people who had received from God to be the vehicle to reach others.

This is exactly what happened. As Enrique prayed for people, they would tell their friends how God was doing miracles and they would also begin praying for others. Those touched by the Holy Spirit in whatever way would bring more and more people. Many of the meetings were totally unscheduled. Literally hundreds of people arrived and they would put on another meeting. All Enrique did was share his testimony and then began praying for people. The impact as the Holy Spirit began to work was nothing short of powerful.

There were miracles every day. He prayed for one man, who was profoundly touched by God. In the next meeting this man came back with forty peo-

## Central America

*John Carrette, International Executive Vice-President, FGBMFI*

At the recent National Convention in Costa Rica 100 men made a commitment to start 100 new chapters in their respective towns. The country currently has 4,000 members and 100 active chapters. Since the convention eight new chapters have already been started. That is more than a new chapter per week.

One of Costa Rica’s secrets to success is a that all their men attend a series of four seminars teaching them how to “Minister in the Power of the Holy Spirit”. This means that members are well trained and prepared to pray with people about their problems and for “winning souls for Jesus Christ.” Small towns are witnessing many miracles as ordinary men step out with faith in God to do extraordinary things.

**Cuba:** A team of men have just returned from Cuba and report that there are now seven active Full Gospel Business Men’s Chapters in that nation.

**El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras:** were hit hard by Hurricane Mitch. Many FGBMFI men suffered severe loss. This has resulted in financial difficulties and some have lost their homes. Nevertheless, they are going forward for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a unique moment in time for many as they are sharing their testimonies in practical ways. This has resulted in many miracles. Some have even given their lives to help others. The mayor of Honduras’ capital city was killed in a helicopter crash while taking food to the needy and rescuing victims. He was greatly mourned by his country because he was a politician who loved the people. FGBMFI National President, Dr. Pinel, explains that the biggest threat is the lack of seeds for the coming year. Not only were the crops wiped out for this year, but there is no money to buy seeds for future crops. The nation urgently needs help in this area.



ple. He explained, "These are leaders and directors in my business." All were powerfully affected. He ran a large distributorship in Columbia and asked Enrique to return, "Next time I will bring all 5,000 people working for me."

## "The world is going to hear about us!"

*Jim Blackburn,  
FGBMFI Director, Northwest England*



Our vision is to go out into the market place and do new things. We believe that it is not enough to just continue on with monthly chapter meetings, maintaining the "status quo". With this in mind, one of our chapters put on a seminar for business people and then invited everyone to a dinner meeting. Ninety-four people attended. More than 20% committed their lives to Jesus Christ! This is what we are all about.

We are praying together in expectation of many new chapters. We have already seen the beginnings. In the last month or so our region has had a 10% growth. Men are beginning to get excited about the FGBMFI vision. I would say that it is like the "good old days" except that I believe we are about to see the Fellowship move out like never before.



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Thank you,  
Blair Scott  
International Publications Director

The excitement does not end with our region either. There is a growing interest in other nations. We have two groups going to Africa next year and that is just the start.

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. Our recent "Men's Camp" in the Lake District of England, was put on to provide an environment for fellowship where men could encourage each other, and could get to know each other and become united.

We have decided to try different ideas and methods to "awaken the sleeping giant" that Demos Shakarian was always talking about – ordinary laymen reaching men like themselves through their personal experiences and testimonies. One of the men is working on special outreach dinners for the police force.

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 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!

## Bulgaria

*Roland Benz, Germany*

The Bulgarian National Conference was held an hour and a half outside Sofia. There were 150 people attending. It was well done and impressive. These men have the vision to reach their nation.

## Northern Fire

*Istan Steinsland, Norway*

Bringing chapter leaders from all over Norway to Oslo, we were determined to see God move, and we spent much time in prayer. It was a time of renewed anointing and teaching. We believe it is God's will for us to forge ahead.

During 1998 the number of chapters in Norway increased by nearly 100%. This is a breakthrough and we are continuing to grow even in new unusual projects. One hotel owner has been putting on special meetings for guests. It has been very successful.

## Power Explosion

**International Voice  
Conferences with  
Richard Shakarian &  
John Carrette  
5-6-7th Feb. 1999  
Mulhouse, France**

## "VOICE" Marches in Parades

*Jim Priddy, Maryland, USA*

FGBMFI is moving into action in the USA. We are having great meetings and the chapters are starting to grow. In Maryland we entered a parade on Nov. 11th, Veteran's Day, and followed it up with a special breakfast for Vets. We passed out thousands of Voice Magazines carrying them in a "stretch limousine" provided by one of our members. It is exciting to see new and effective outreaches taking place.

## Coming Events

**6th January 1999:**

**7th-10th January 1999:**

**14th-16th January 1999:**

**15th-17th January 1999:**

**22nd-24th January 1999:**

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**5th-7th February 1999:**

**5th-7th February 1999:**

**26th-27th February 1999:**

**12th-14th March 1999:**

**12th-14th March 1999:**

**19th-20th March 1999:**

**26th-27th March 1999:**

**9th-10th April 1999:**

**15th-24th April 1999:**

**23rd-25th April 1999:**

**24th-25th April 1999:**

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Denkendorf, Germany. South West Convention.

Newport Rally, Oregon.

Regional Couple's Advance Convention, Idaho.

Miami, Florida. Latin Leaders Convention (J. Carrette)

EC Outreach to Spain.

Georgia Men's Advance, Eatonton, GA.

Canadian Couple's Advance, Watrous, Sask.

International Voice Convention, Mulhouse, France

USA National Convention, Seattle.

National President's Weekend, Dijon, France.

Bayern National. Beilngries, Germany.

Swedish National. Sweden, Stockholm.

Wales Ladies' Weekend at Trefecca, Wales.

Prairie Regional Convention, Saskatoon, Sask. Canada

Australia National Convention, Sydney, Australia.

Men's Camp, Ft. Flagler, WA.

Venice, Italy.