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## Georgia State Governor is Prayed for at FGBMFI Men's Advance!

Newly elected Governor Roy Barnes, came to the Men's Advance with previous Governor Joe Frank Harris. Both shared about the importance of prayer. Afterwards business leaders from the FGBMFI gathered around to pray for Governor Barnes.

The Georgia Men's Advance has been forced to split into two weekends, held one after the other, packing out the camp to capacity on both. The 1,200 men came mostly from Georgia and neighbouring states. The leaders maintain that the secret to their success is giving the Holy Spirit time to touch the men's hearts. Men are so excited by their own experience that they book, in many cases, whole cabins for the next year. They invite their work buddies to come with them. On the final evening Dr. Mark Rutland never got a chance to give his message. The men were so moved by the worship music that he just invited those to come forward who wanted to invite Jesus Christ into their lives. Approximately 50 men came. He then briefly shared his own experiences with the Holy Spirit. Men started coming to the front even before he was finished, some climbing over the theatre-style seating to get there. When Dr. Rutland invited those wanting to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to come forward for prayer, over 250 men crowded the front area. It was a powerful and deeply moving event.

Early that day there was a luncheon for FGBMFI leaders. Each of them shared a little about their area. One after another they said how Voice magazine had played an important role. In the morning session some state prisoners were permitted to come, under escort, to share how God had changed their lives. One of our leaders, who is working in the prisons, told us about a case in the maximum security cells. FGBMFI men, working together in a programme with the chaplains, were permitted to speak to these dangerous criminals, but only through a very small hole in the door. They gave one particularly hardened man a Voice magazine under the door. It was pushed back. The visitor continued to insist and finally left it.

The next week they went back to the prison and that man had totally changed. He was now excited to see the FGBMFI men and wanted more of what they had to share. He had read the Voice Magazine many times and had committed his life to Jesus Christ.

## Madrid, Spain January 1999

As we enter into this eve of the millenium it is a good time to reflect back and to look forward to where God is leading us. This is exactly what the European Council did prayerfully in Spain, where they met with members and Chapter leaders from that nation.

**Ulrich von Schnurbein, Germany:** It is not effective when we Christians do things half way. In Germany we are constantly training our people to do everything in excellence – in the hotel, the best speakers, the best music and so on. There has been a real difference in the living standard over the past 20 years and we need to reach people at the level they expect. Our dinners must be something we will want to attend and to which we will want to bring our wives. In Germany we have a growing number of Business Chapters. They are high class and low key, and they work!

**Alf Liljehall, Sweden:** In Oslo, we have a started something new. The two chapters are designed to reach different groups. One is a more traditional chapter, while the other is set up for young business men. This is working well, and we believe that it is an important way forward. God has shown the FGBMFI to have variety. Each city should have chapters aimed at various groups.

In Jönköping, we put on a concert at one of Sweden's largest exhibitions. We had a booth at the exhibition and gave away Voice Magazines and other information. We did a seminar on the Holy Spirit. We also put on a dinner and other seminars. It was professional and people liked it very much.

**Luis Gil, Spain:** In Tharagona men have been praying for some time to see a new chapter begin. It is now a couple of months since this new chapter held its first open meeting. We have a lot of projects planned for this year. Next month we will start in a new city – Comaruga. We are working on radio and television. In Madrid the chapter meets every Monday. Our goal is to have a weekly event in every sector of Madrid. In Goya we have a weekly lunch catering to the industrial businesses. These are just a few examples of what is taking place.



The above photo was taken at a concert in Sweden.

## Australia

Darrell Marston, Lake Grace Chapter

Recently my wife and I had the extreme pleasure of attending a Full Gospel Advance at Arraluene, 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.



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Thank you,  
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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 and friendship that will be very hard to forget.

## Looking Back

### 1st Airlift to France

Fred & Joyce Doerflein April 27, 1987.

“Airlifts” have played an important part in the FGBMFI over the years. There is something about going to another nation that lifts a man’s faith and helps him to reach beyond himself to witness and pray with people. Once he sees the miracles take place, there is a double benefit. The nation is built up for ongoing work, and his faith is ignited. When he returns home, that man or woman often has renewed fire and vision, which in turn impacts the local work. I think back at the blessing our first airlifts were, from Seattle, Washington, to our sister city, Nante, in France. That was such a blessing that it started a series of outreaches that are still going on today.

## A Call to Action

Recently I overheard a conversation between two chapter presidents at a convention. Their conversation went like this:

1st Man: “Do you want to see real power?”

2nd Man: “Yes.”

1st Man: “A prayerless chapter is a powerless chapter. Are you and your officers praying together on a regular basis?”

If we do not move deeper into prayer, we retreat from fellowship with God. Prayer is active, not static. The very act of praying signals our dependence on God for our need. The purpose of prayer is to bring us to an understanding of the Father’s heart. God is calling men to prayer. It is time for action. Faith without action is useless. We are called to pray and to go to the nations.

## Zambia

John Carrette, Guatemala

We spent two weeks with the chapters in Zambia. FGBMFI National President, David Chitundu, has a growing vision for the FGBMFI. Men from Zambia are now reaching out to Namibia and Botswana. Zambia’s President of the Republic is a strong Christian with a testimony for world leaders. I believe this is the hour for the FGBMFI in Eastern and Southern Africa.

## Effective Chapters

1. Invite new business men to all meetings.
2. New people in town are looking for new friends and service clubs. A possible source could be the welcome wagon.
3. Invite professional men to speak or have business seminars.
4. Our attitude is important.
5. Become more excited; always meet and greet.
6. Above all, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to send someone to invite.

## Coming Events

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> February 1999:

10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 1999:

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 1999:

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 1999:

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March 1999:

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March 1999:

30<sup>th</sup> Mar.-3<sup>rd</sup> Apr. 1999:

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April 1999:

15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 1999:

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April 1999:

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April 1999:

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May 1999:

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May 1999:

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June 1999:

25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July 1999:

26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August 1999:

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September 1999:

17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September 1999:

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October 1999:

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USA National Convention, Seattle.

Marriage Seminar in Kniebis/Schwarzwald, Germany.

National Presidents’ Weekend, Dijon, France.

Bayern National. Beilngries, Germany.

Swedish National Convention – Stockholm.

Wales Ladies’ Weekend at Trefecca, Wales.

Portugal – Lisbon Outreach Airlift, from England.

Prairie Regional Convention, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

Australia National Convention, Sydney, Australia.

Men’s Camp, Ft. Flagler, WA, USA.

Venice, Italy.

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific NW Convention, Portland, OR, USA.

National Couples’ Advance. Vichy, France.

Poland – EC Leaders Meeting and Outreach.

FGBMFI-Int’l World Convention, Anaheim, CA, USA.

Central European Convention, Budapest, Hungary.

U.K. & Ireland National Convention, Blackpool, England.

Wales Men’s Advance, Newtown, Wales.

Leuven, Belgium – EC Leaders Meeting.