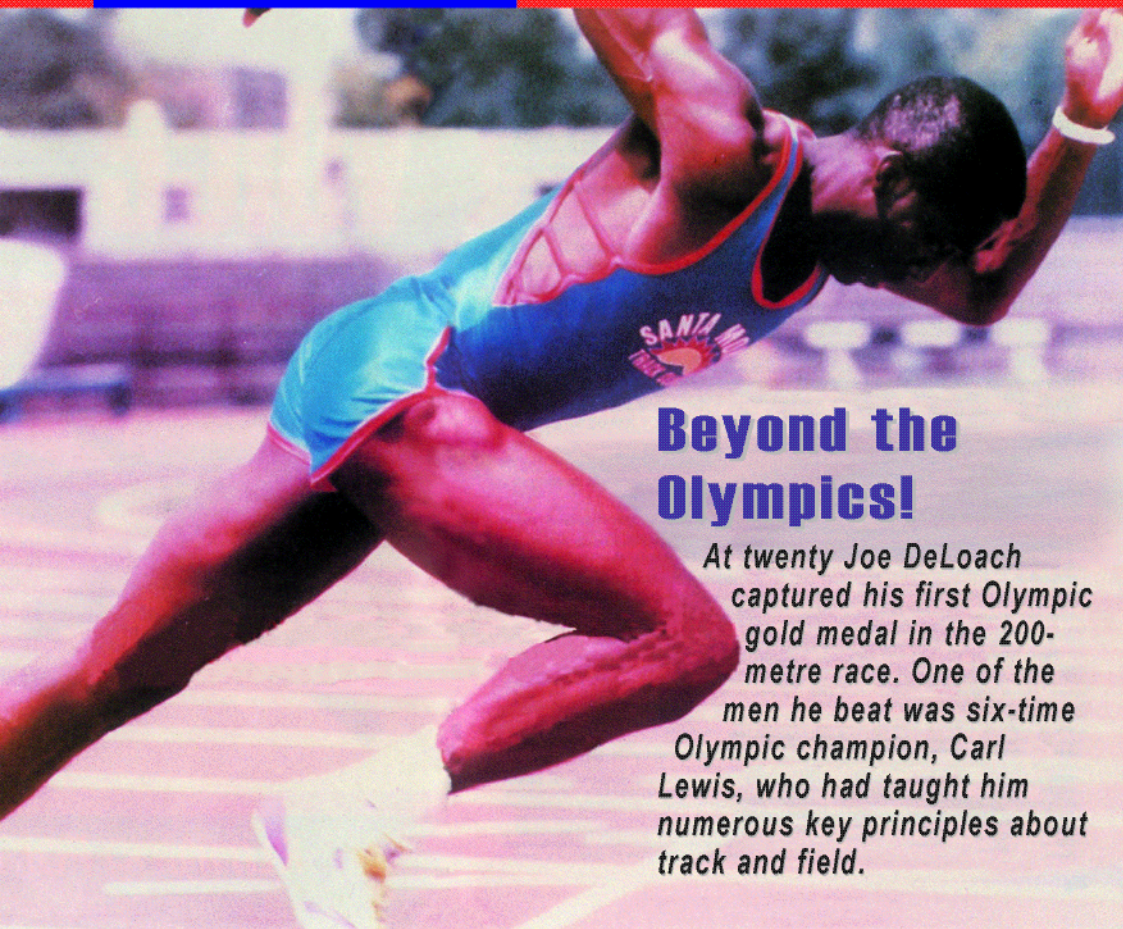




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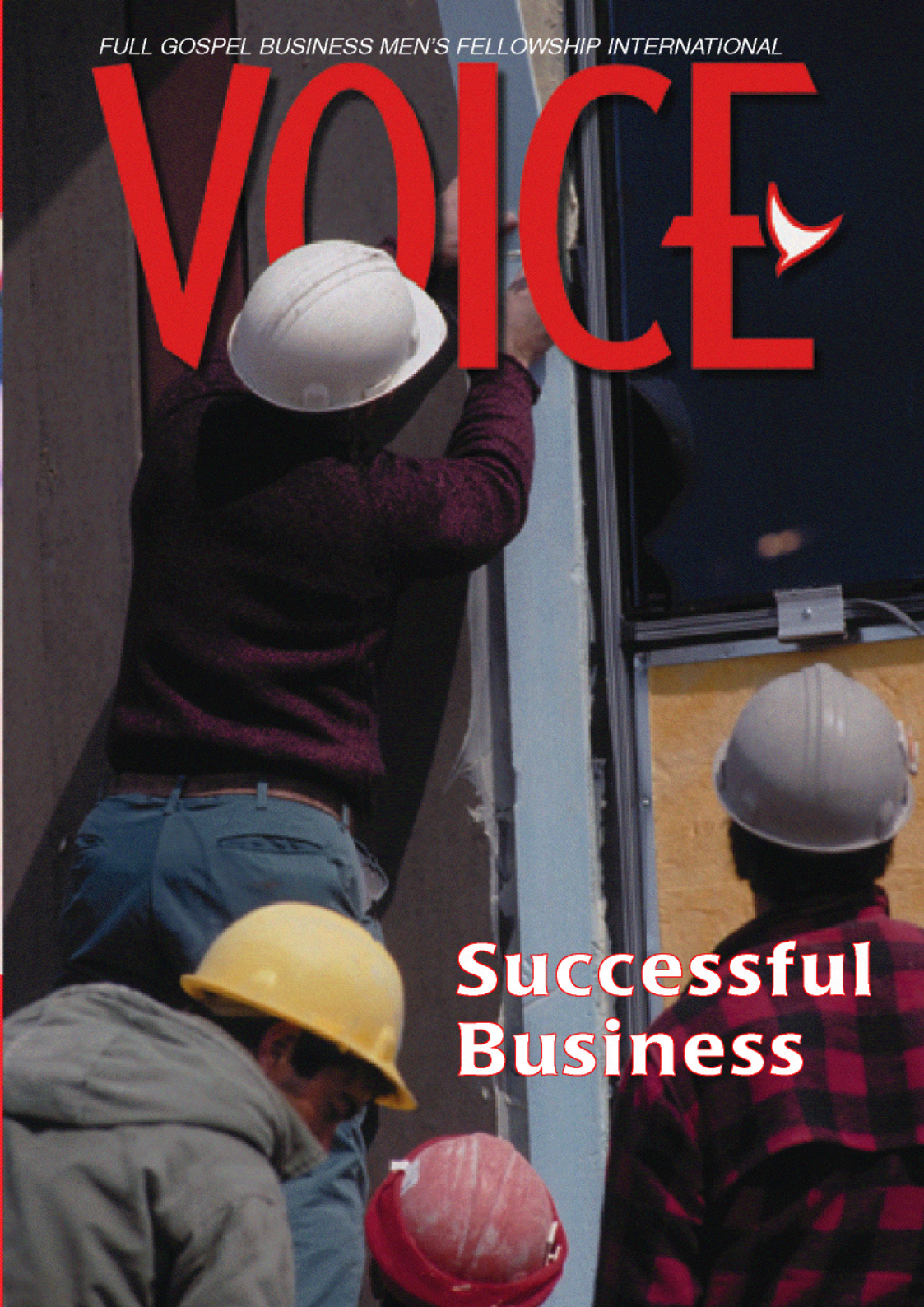


Beyond the Olympics!

At twenty Joe DeLoach captured his first Olympic gold medal in the 200-metre race. One of the men he beat was six-time Olympic champion, Carl Lewis, who had taught him numerous key principles about track and field.

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*U*rs Käsermann

Moving Forward

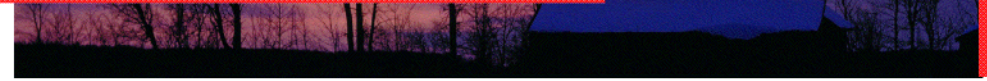
This year's World Convention was one of the best ever, at least from my perspective. At a meeting of the European leaders there, we saw an absolutely wonderful unity among us. I believe that we will now see God begin to move through our Fellowship in a fresh way.

The next International Convention will take place in the Philippines in February. That nation's president has agreed to attend the opening meeting. This Conference will be a special time for the Philippines and many other nations in the region as we see dramatic things take place through laymen.

The FGBMFI is active in more that 150 nations. Today people are looking for solutions to complex problems and in many cases do not know where to turn. There is hope, however. When ordinary men from diverse ethnic backgrounds put their shoulders together around the world the impact is amazing. This is, in fact, our vision. We are a network of such people working in the market place, yet each of us has found a simple answer to the many challenges life throws our way.

Urs Käsermann
National President
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Where Did We Come From?



Guennadi Zidenko, Nikolaev, Ukraine

As a journalist and a teacher, my parents believed in the ideals of communism and sought to rear me in that atheistic system. Eventually I did become a communist. Graduating from the Radio-Technical Institute, I qualified as an electro-physicist and with time was promoted to the chief position in the central laboratory at the ship-building plant where I was employed. We produced aircraft carriers for the Soviet Navy and did research.

A few basic questions concerning the world's origin continually worried me. Atheistic science gave me inconclusive answers. They seemed to indicate that there was no source or causation. This meant, for me at least, that the world was just a "theatre of absurdity" and I was one of the actors.

Then, at one stage it seemed like God was asking me personally, "Do you want to live in this sort of madhouse?" "No," I exclaimed, though it seemed like the only people with answers were put away in institutions. With that I heard, "Call to Me and I will answer with unsearchable things you do not know." Overwhelmed by this, I called out to Jesus Christ, asking Him to take control of my life.

That was in May 1991, when an American came to our city and preached in the stadium. In August of the same year, Ralph and Betty Thomas arrived

from the States; they became my closest Christian friends. Since then one thought has plagued me, "What a pity that I lost so much time without God." Atheism was like a fruit which looks ripe and juicy on the outside, but when you bite into it, you find it rotting and only good for the manure heap.

When I left the Communist Party and decided not to hide my faith in Jesus Christ, my superiors suggested that I resign from my position too. I found a new job. Now I have contact with many people and can share the Good News in the Bible with them. It is not that I never have any problems to solve, but now my problems become the Lord's problems and He takes care of them. I am not afraid of the future nor even of death. It is difficult for me to adequately express how much God has changed my life and what He means to me.



Overcoming Business Obstacles

The year was 1990. A change in government policies had affected the national economy and many companies had stopped operating or had gone broke in the following years. This was due to the increasing interest rates, devaluation of our currency, illiquidity, or change in the tax structure of import and export of products.

Our companies are involved in the coffee and grains market. At that time we had large inventories of corn and beans, but with the prices depressed, selling presented substantial losses. The coffee market had become difficult to operate due to the currency speculation and in rice, which was the only profitable business at the time, we were running out of inventory, and there were many obstacles to immediate import.

One business man kept bothering me. He seemed unconcerned about his economic difficulties and wanted me come to a lunch with other business men, where they would talk about Jesus as the answer...



with invitations to his meetings till I finally told my secretary not to pass his calls on to me. I did not want to speak with him. However, when I heard that he had a customer for his bean inventory, I had no choice. It really bothered me that he was so full of joy. How could a man laugh in such difficult times? He would say, "Don't worry, God will take care of us." Inside, I thought, "What is wrong

with this man? How can he be so happy?"

He did get the client for his beans and sold his product with a profit. We had to sell at a loss. The next time he invited me to a meeting, I went. He had a peace in spite of the difficult circumstances. You could even see it in his eyes and smile. I, on the other hand, would lie in bed at night, hoping it was not yet morning when I would have to once again face the

How Can A Business Man Smile?



Benjamin Toledo, Comayagueta, Honduras

A brain haemorrhage made the situation for my sister look hopeless. When we were told that they did not have the equipment needed to help her in Honduras, we flew her to one of the best hospitals money can buy in Houston, Texas. When they asked my father to sign a form relieving them of all liability in case of her death, there was an urgency in

their request. My only thought was, "What good is money, if the best it can buy does not help where it counts?"

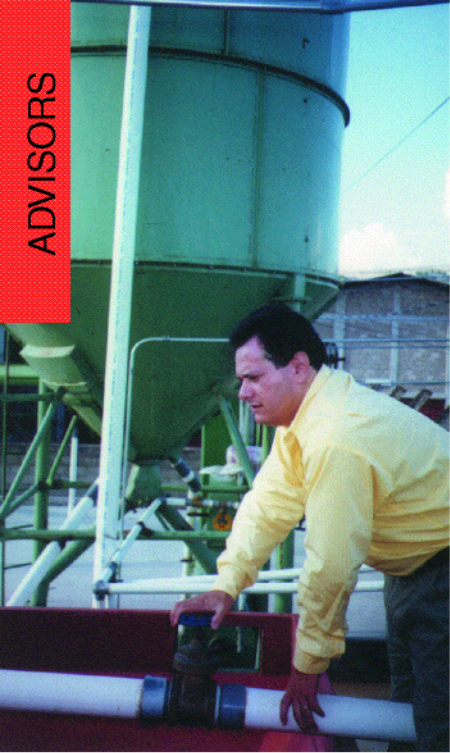
The operation did go fine, but they said it would take time to know what damage had been caused to her brain. She was only 23-years-old at that time. Being a business man, I decided that there was no more I could do in Texas so I should return to the business. The rice harvest had already begun and my competitors would be taking the crops from our company. When I got home, a business man – one of the biggest rice millers in Honduras – invited me to a meeting.

He explained that they were a group of business men who talked about what God had done in their lives. Though I was not particularly interested in the group, I did want to do business with the man, so I went, but did not enjoy it much. In fact, I did not pay much attention to what was being said. My head was just someplace else. All I could think of was how to get a good deal from my host. There was only time for one thing in life, and that was making money.

These were difficult times for business due to changes in government policy and devaluation of our currency, etc. Personally I would get up at 5 am and leave for the office, working seven-days-a-week. Many business men were having real difficulty maintain liquidity.

That business man kept bothering me





problems.

My world seemed to be crumbling about me, and the business we had worked so hard to build was no longer important to my father; he could only think about my sister. All the money in the world could not help her move her arms and legs. She was paralysed. She had been worrying about getting married and if she would be able to have children. Taking all things into consideration, she began asking about her future.

It was at this point I attended another meeting of the FGBMFI. Men spoke about the power of Jesus to change people's lives. Such statements did not fit into my rationale. I was a person who wanted to see things with

my own eyes. One speaker went on to say, "I am simply sharing my experience. You don't have to believe me, but you have nothing to lose if you do. Put Jesus to the test; invite Him into your life. Don't believe me, try it for yourself." Well, I had already tried many things, why not this?

At the end of the meeting they invited everyone needing prayer to come forward. Something inside urged me to respond. To be honest, I did not want to, but in the end I did and asked them to pray for my family. I then prayed, "Dear God, I want to sleep just one night." The next morning, to my surprise, I slept until 9 am. I was going to be late for work. For the first time in quite a while I had really slept well.

A few minutes later I noticed that the real problem was gone, namely unyielding stress. This had such a positive impact on my life in general that I began attending those business men's meetings on a regular basis. At one of them they spoke about the Holy Spirit, who would guide you, helping you to make decisions. That's for me, I thought. Business advisors, friends, bankers, and even friends in high positions had not been able to help me. It did not fit into my rational thinking, but what had I to lose?

I began by asking, "Dear God, please help me with our coffee business." Within three weeks people had come wanting to rent one of our plants for a whole year. This provided income to pay for other investments. Asking the Holy Spirit for direction, something inside seemed to say I should get out of the corn and bean businesses. This had been a traditional family venture for 40 years. I thought it could not be right, but was convinced that I needed to give the Holy Spirit the chance to direct us. So, together with other family members, I made the decision to close them. It turned out to be a good thing and, in fact, other people involved in that business lost large amounts of money in the following years.

Since that time I have come to understand that the Holy Spirit can guide you in every decision.

For example, the coffee market is very volatile. I never sell or buy coffee without first praying about it. When people call with offers, I tell them that I will call back in five minutes. I then pray, "Holy Spirit, what should I do?" Inside something always says when to buy or sell. In 1996 we sold at the highest prices. Two or three days later the prices crashed. We could have had a tremendous loss instead of a good profit.

The same thing has happened in so many areas. We have reactivated ventures, which now make money rather than losing it. I don't have to spend as much time working and worrying as before. Now I simply listen to the voice of God and we make 10 times more than before. Every deal is a good deal and I have more

free time to spend with my family.

I also have time to do work in FGBMFI chapters in different countries. Earlier I wondered how that business man had time to invite me to the FGBMFI meetings. Now I, too, have time to tell other men how Jesus can change their lives. We do not talk about religious ideas; rather we share what we ourselves have seen and experienced. God has made our lives more enjoyable and worth living.

Business meetings used to be very stressed as everyone was worried about problems. Now it is different when we get together. "Why are you smiling?" some ask me. It is because I trust God. He always helps me make the correct decisions. This also goes for my family and personal life.

A Painless Birth

When our first baby was born, people prayed that my wife would deliver without pain. On her due date, we went to hospital. Labour had begun, but the doctor said not to hurry, that it was the first baby and would take another six hours before the birth. After the examination, though, he cried, "Hurry, rush this woman into the delivery room; she is about to give birth". Not long after that my wife gave birth without pain.

For our second child somehow we did not have people praying and it was quite different. She had six hours of difficult labour. When the doctors took the baby away, it seemed there was something wrong. This was three years after committing my life to Jesus. It was difficult not to question God. On seeing our daughter, though, I cried, "Lord, who am I to question You. Please help me to provide for this little girl." When the doctors told my wife, she immediately wanted to see the baby. Her reaction was, "Child, we love you. Your sister is outside waiting for you, and we love you very much." Our daughter passed away 24 hours later.

You may ask, "How can you trust God now?" Well, let me say this, there will always be problems in life, but it is better to have God with you than to face them on your own. That's the difference. I have seen many miracles – healings, changed lives, relationships mended, business problems solved, and the list goes on and on. God has made a dynamic difference in my life. He has turned it around 180°! And, as if that were not enough, 45 days ago He gave us another gift – our third daughter, Isabel.

My sister received rehabilitation. She is now married and has two daughters. My parents wanted to see her with a family, and this has been a wonderful miracle for them. My father, having witnessed how God changed my life and our business, also committed his life to Jesus. Since then my mother and brothers have come to know Jesus in a personal way. Jesus is, without a doubt, the answer to every aspect of our lives.

The Painter

When a local painter was working in the home of one of our members in Florida, they began to talk and the man revealed that the Voice Magazine had been very important in his life. While imprisoned in Mexico for drug smuggling, he was desperate and without hope. Then he found a copy of Voice and, through it, committed his life to Jesus Christ. Subsequent to this, his whole life had dramatically changed for the better.



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The Singing Potter

Gerard Lyons, Dumfriesshire, Scotland



One morning I awakened to the realisation that of all the people I know and have known, those who are Christians are undoubtedly the happiest on earth. This was something I'd sought all my life. In this pursuit I studied for the Catholic priesthood at Oxford and Rome, only to leave one week prior to making a lifetime commitment as a priest. Back in

Scotland, I enrolled at the Glasgow School of Art, from which I graduated in 1965. During my years of study as an artist I studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music, and later sang with the Scottish Opera. I gained much experience at that time by working at various temporary jobs.

As time passed, despite the appearance of a successful life, I knew that I had yet to find real happiness. Having tried what seemed all the obvious ways – whether as a cleric, singer or in show-business, etc. – I failed to find the answer to life's problems.

Finally on my way to a singing engagement in Los Angeles, California, I was given a book called "The Happiest People On Earth". My friend told me that I would meet the man who wrote the book when I arrived in California. My host, Jim Binnie, glancing at the book, discovered that the man lived only one mile away from where we were staying. When he took me there I was told about a God who cared for our every need.

Later, on returning to Scotland, I was working on an outdoor painting commission when a local window cleaner, Alex, stopped by to give me directions to a house in the vicinity. When I saw his FGBMFI badge, I was astonished. The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI) was spoken about in that book. At the best of times I am not par-

ticularly observant, being frequently lost in a world of my own. Alex asked me to do a commission for him on his house, which I discovered was immediately behind Paisley museum, where I had first made a real impact as an artist and potter.

What puzzled me about Alex's prosperity was that only he and his son were in the window cleaning business, and yet they could afford such a lavish life-style. Sure that they must have something I did not, I asked if I could attend a Fellowship meeting in Paisley.

That night I remember thinking about a salmon, which swims all the way into the

ocean for thousands of miles only to return to the original stream where it was born. Suddenly a prophecy was given, that the life of a Christian was like a fish swimming upstream to reach its spawning ground. Needless to say, I thought that perhaps this was some kind of a mind reading act. Shortly after this event the speaker announced that he had been the worst of rogues and whenever trouble came to his neighbourhood the police found the culprit at his door. He now looked respectable and had obviously changed. When he asked those wanting to receive the best advice for their lives to raise their hand, mine went straight up.

Was it a magic book?



Moffat miracle claim

Moffat's well-known singing potter, Gerry Lyons claims his life has been saved by a miracle. The 52-year-old former opera singer has made the revelation on the eve of the launch of his new cassette tape featuring a selection of popular hymns. A born-again Christian, he says he was inspired to make the album by his experiences.

He told Dumfriesshire Newspapers: "I had not been well for some time and was diagnosed by the hospital consultants as having a serious heart condition. They were candid and told me my heart was damaged and there was no cure..." He said, "It was a simple act of faith as described in the Bible, but it brought home to me the power of prayer. I knew immediately that God was going to help me."

"I've continued to go for check-ups and they have been unable to explain how my health has improved so dramatically. It was a miracle. I couldn't walk fast without experiencing pain before this happened... now I can climb from the foot of the 'Devil's Beef Tub' to the top."



A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

While reading *VOICE* Magazine you may have wondered if you, too, could have the kind of relationship with God shared about here. For this to occur, take the following steps.

1 Acknowledge to God you have lived selfishly and that, in not honouring Him as Lord of your life, you have sinned and are separated from Him. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Rom. 3:23.

2 Repent by turning to God and asking for His forgiveness of your past sins and for His help to live as He desires. "Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish" Luke 13:3.

3 Believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that, as He died on the cross, He took your sins upon Himself that you may obtain God's forgiveness. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16.

4 Confess that you wish to invite Jesus to be Saviour and Lord of your life. "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved" Rom. 10:9.

If, after careful thought you wish to make this important step, then pray the following out loud: "Dear God, I am convinced that I am a sinner and as such I am destined to perish. I believe in my heart that Jesus, your Son, died for all sinners, including me, and shed His blood to wash away my sins. I confess Jesus to be Saviour and Lord of my life and thank you for your gift of eternal life. I now trust You to help me to live as You desire."

Do not depend on feelings as proof of your acceptance by God. Feelings are changeable, but your new relationship with God is based on His promises (Rom. 10:13). Do not be ashamed to tell others about Jesus (Mat. 10:32). Take time daily for prayer and Bible reading (1 Pet. 2:2, Psalms 37:4, Rom. 8:14). When you have made this greatest of all decisions, please let us know.

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He asked us to come to the front. I found myself rising from my chair and joining the others.

Arriving at the head table, all embarrassment left me. The men asked me if I was prepared to acknowledge that I was a sinner before God and was sorry. I said yes, and then I asked the Lord God into my life. Alex and his wife later instructed me to read my Bible and go regularly to a sound church fellowship. Subsequent to this event other Christians seemed to appear from nowhere to help and assist me.

A few weeks later, while pondering what to look at on television one evening, I noticed a book at the foot of my chair. Picking it up, I was astonished to see that it was a Bible. Remembering Alex's advice, I opened it. The words became meaningful to me – it seemed so intelligently and carefully written. Another time, when thinking about the meaning of love, I happened to notice the Bible again and picked it up. I opened it and was astonished to find that I had turned direct-

ly to the words "love is patient, love is kind, love does not envy, love does not boast." Was it a magic book? No, but I soon discovered that it was God's gentle hand in my life, proving He really cares for me.

Within a year I discovered that pains in my chest were indicative of a serious heart condition. There was nothing the doctor could do except to give me pills for the pain. However, one evening when some fellow Christians prayed for me, I was subsequently healed.

Known as the Singing Potter, my tapes of sacred music are purchased by people throughout the world who come to my shop. There I am able to tell them about the most famous "potter" of all, who taught me all I know. The Lord has used me to reach thousands of people and lead them to Him, the Divine Healer. I have at last found peace and joy – the happiness that I longed for since childhood. Truly, Jesus is the answer to all our problems. ●



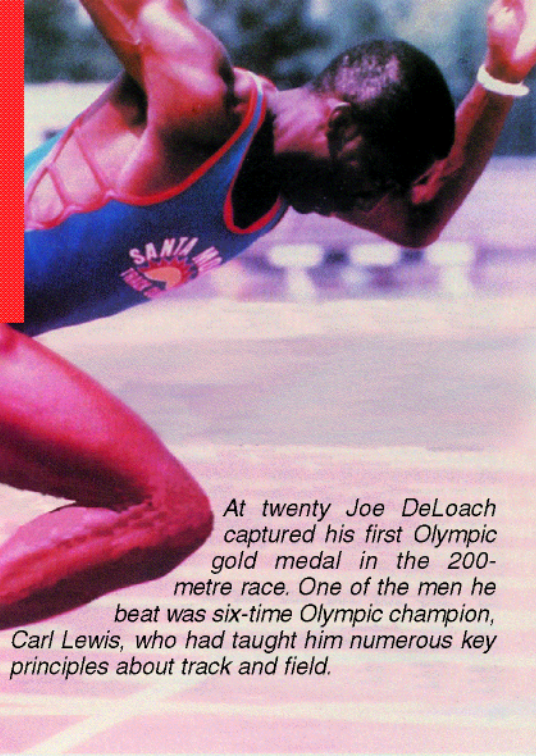
Opera

Before going to art college, Gerry, a trained opera singer, studied in Rome for the priesthood. He combines his business enterprises with professional singing engagements in Britain and overseas. The cassette, "Gerry Lyons sings the Gospel", will be released shortly.



Better than Gold

Joe DeLoach, Houston, Texas



At twenty Joe DeLoach captured his first Olympic gold medal in the 200-metre race. One of the men he beat was six-time Olympic champion, Carl Lewis, who had taught him numerous key principles about track and field.

The stands were lined with track fans, buzzing over the anticipated confrontation between Bay City 4-by-100 metre relay team and arch rival West Columbia. In my junior season our team had built a reputation of coming from 10 metres behind in the final leg as I out-sprinted the field to the tape. But this day our expected thrill of advancing to the regional and state meets was to vanish in a fumble of the baton – and it was my fault. Looking at the man beside me, who was also preparing to take off, I lost my concentration and muffed my team-mate's hand off. My best friends were counting on me to come through, and I had disappointed them. Though I went on to set a district record in winning the 200 metres, it was a hollow triumph. I left that meet feeling crushed.

I had struggled with life and death issues earlier that day when I attended my

closest uncle's funeral. Since he had lived down the block, where he and my father had run an auto body shop attached to his home, I had usually spent more time playing in my cousin's yard than in my own.

In my growing up years, without even realizing it, I had wandered from the Lord, my first love. Football and track had gradually eroded both my church attendance and study of scripture.

The week's events had humbled me considerably, so when they issued an invitation for those wishing prayer at the Sunday services the day after my uncle's funeral, I rushed to the front. Without knowing what was happening, I found myself lying on the floor, hands raised above my head, praying in a new language. When I arose I knew that God had to be the focus of my life. Sports and music were good activities, but I could

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never again allow them to overshadow my relationship with the One who truly mattered. As the youngest in a family of 13 children in a small Texas town, it was interesting to see how God used apparent setbacks in life to answer my prayers.

As you can imagine, with a brother and eleven sisters, the money didn't spread too far when it came to fancy clothes and other luxuries many of my classmates enjoyed. Also, I knew there were many other cultures beyond Bay City, but because of our lack of money I couldn't experience them. Thus, one of my frequent prayers was, "God, let me see the world."

I also wanted to attend the University of Houston and to become an Olympic champion. Never did I suspect that, behind the scenes, God was working to grant all of these requests. This was because very unusual circumstances often accompanied His answers.

For instance, since I started as a wide receiver for our state championship football team, there was considerable speculation that I would get a football scholarship, but then I declared my intentions of running track in university. When Coach Tom Tellez was told of my desire, he showed up the next day at my house with Carl Lewis and silver medallist, Kirk Baptiste.

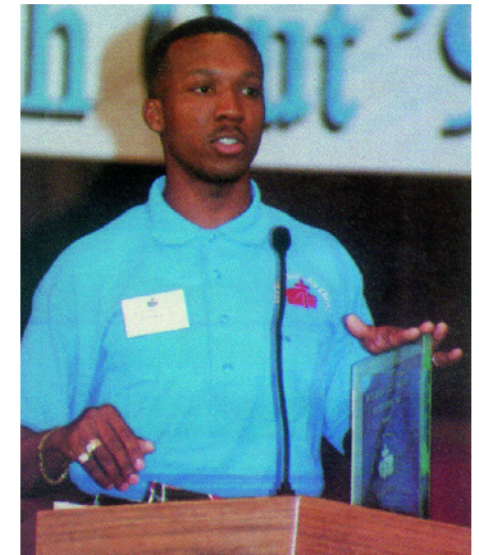
Naturally, when a person like Carl, who

had captured four gold medals, shows up in a small town, it makes headlines. What none of us realized was that, though he never graduated, Lewis was considered an alumnus of Houston, and his visit constituted a violation of NCAA recruiting rules.

Thus, within two days my dream of running with the University of Houston track team turned to dust. First the Southwest Conference ruled me ineligible to compete there, to be followed by a permanent ban by the NCAA.

After much soul searching and prayer, I decided to attend the school anyway, knowing if I wasn't happy it would ruin my academic and athletic performance. I never knew what a struggle going to Houston would be, since I thought I could still practice and attend meets as an unofficial cheerleader. Instead, the NCAA prohibited me from even working out with the team.

I wound up running my freshman year with the Houston Track club, alongside greats like Calvin Smith and Lewis. Not



Touched by Power

Joe Buchanan, Alabama

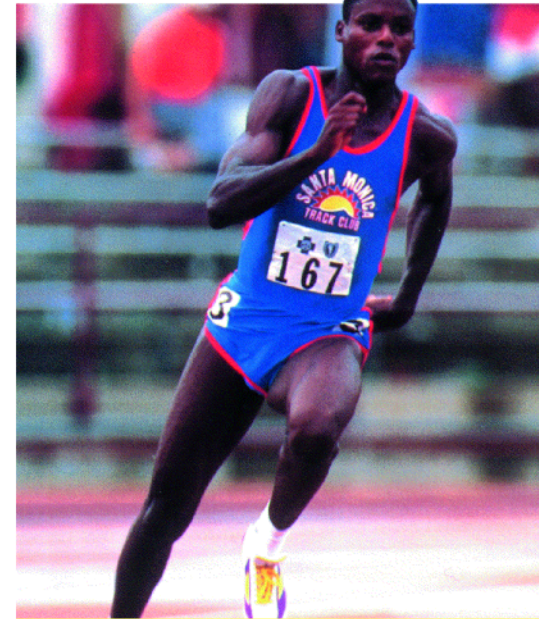
Convinced that I could never live the life God required, I set out to live like hell. My heart hardened from years of rejection and abuse, I sought consolation in drugs and alcohol. Three times within three months, I vividly felt and heard the screams and anguish of people in hell. Each time God spoke to me, "This is where you'll spend eternity if you die now."

Not long after my last vision, I met a girl, who began to talk to me about Jesus. "I've already tried that Christianity stuff, and it didn't work!" I scoffed. "That's because you tried religion, not Jesus," she replied. Though I was unreceptive to her explanation, I promised to call her.



Some time after that I was shocked to discover that seven of my old buddies were dead – killed in street fights. At that point I determined to reconsider God. I joined my new friend to hear an evangelist preach. As he spoke, I sensed God saying, "This is what you've been looking for." After some hard thinking, I sat down with God and asked Him to come into my life, to forgive me and change me.

Since then I have discovered that, though the troubles don't vanish when we accept Jesus, I am able to overcome them with God's help.



Carl Lewis

Carl Lewis, one of my instructors, played a major role in my development. He is such a caring, giving person that he wished me luck before the 200 metres in the Olympics and hugged me after I won, saying, "You ran a great race! I'm so proud of you!"

In the past, I never could have demonstrated such graciousness towards an opponent, but this Christian demonstration of love provided me with an example worth imitating. There have been many other important people in my life: loving parents, a brother and sisters who inspired me to excel in athletics, ministers and teachers who kept me on the right path, and coaches like Marshall Brown and Tom Tellez, who spurred me to greater heights.

Since the Olympics I've accepted the position of vice-chairman for athlete's involvement in Lay Witnesses For Christ.

accelerating at certain points in a race, and how to maintain the pace when your body can't go any faster.

Today I often have the privilege of sharing with crowds of young people about my faith, encouraging them to live wholesome lives without drugs. I tell them that at that very moment my gold medal is lying on a shelf back in Houston, collecting dust. "Yes, God has blessed me with great talent and I won a gold medal," I tell them. "But it really would mean nothing to me to go out and win more and then die and not go to heaven. Your soul is the most important thing in life. As the Bible teaches, if you gain the whole world and lose your soul, you have nothing.

only did I learn many secrets of competition, but our first trip overseas that year was to Hungary.

However, instead of praising the Lord, I moaned about not being with the university team. Nor did I appreciate the fact that with the prize money I won at meets, I could start building a trust fund since I didn't have the monetary restrictions placed on college athletes.

Eventually, the Lord worked it out so I could run for Houston, since they appealed my case and the NCAA reversed its original decision. I ran the 100 and 200 metres as well as the 4-by-100-metre relay team. The training I received during that year of ineligibility proved to be a major impetus in my 1988 Olympic Gold Medal quest, such as

Joe DeLoach with FGBMFI Leaders at the Bercy, France Convention



Russian Roulette

Kim Goh, Totley, England



He jumped out of a car travelling at 70 mph and walked off as if nothing had happened. He leapt from the roof of a London bus and was virtually unscathed. He played Russian roulette without fear.

Anyone who does such things and survives must surely be under divine protection. Kim Goh certainly thinks so. Looking back over his 46 years, he can see very clearly how the Lord has protected him through many difficulties and brought him to where he is now. Born in Singapore to an atheist father and Buddhist mother, Kim was an unlikely candidate for the Christian life. He had been allowed to go with a friend to Sunday School at the local Pentecostal Church, which he greatly enjoyed, particularly because of the many small rewards for attending regularly and for doing jobs like cutting the grass around the church, distributing tracts and helping the pastor in various ways. It was all great fun. During that time, in a very simple and undramatic way, Kim gave his life to Jesus.

However, his home life, though stable and disciplined, was not all it might have been. It was, in fact, far too disciplined and Kim used to get severe beatings for quite small misdemeanours. His mother would beat him until she was exhausted and then his father would take over. On one occasion when he was sent to the local take-away and brought back something containing vinegar, which his father hated, he was forced to eat the whole lot as a punishment!

In the end, due to this over-strict regime and increasing disagreements with his father, Kim ran away from home. Blessed with a natural business acumen, he found it easy to make a lot of money very quickly, especially in the commercial environment of Singapore, with its abundant opportunities for those with an entrepreneurial flair. Sadly, with his new-found independence he soon developed bad habits – drinking, gambling, fighting, and womanizing. He no longer had the sense of security he had previously enjoyed at home and began to lose all sense of purpose in life. He developed an irresistible urge to go even further afield in search of something.

Full of anger, resentment, and rebellion against authority, Kim had a deep gnawing hunger which was difficult to describe. The nearest he could come to defining it was a desire for some kind of personal fulfilment.

Things went from bad to worse. By the time Kim reached the UK, he was getting involved with a number of wrong business deals and became involved with the notorious Triads, rising to one of their highest positions. Before long he was engaged in fraud and deception on a grand scale. Eventually he was arrested, tried and sent to jail.

On his third day in Hull prison, where he served part of his sentence, while waiting his turn for the shower, the Holy Spirit came upon him in a dramatic way. A voice said, "It's time we had a talk." Kim was completely overcome by this experience and found himself kneeling in the shower cubicle, crying out in repentance. His fellow prisoners, alarmed at what was happening, rushed in, exclaiming, "What are you doing?" He replied, "Talking to God!" They thought he was mad!

That was the turning point in Kim's

life. He resolved from then on to live all out for God. He was filled with gratitude that his Heavenly Father had not abandoned him, but rather still loved and protected him, and ultimately had brought him back to Himself. He felt that no sacrifice would now be too great to repay God's love.

With time Kim felt God's direction to pursue a calling as a full-time ordained Methodist minister. He took on the job of a church caretaker, where a house was provided, and became a fully accredited local preacher.



Lunch & Listen

Under God's guidance Kim went to Cliff College near Sheffield, where he successfully completed a one-year course in Biblical Studies and Evangelism. It was here that he met Mary, who was to become his wife three years later. He and a friend now operate a Chinese restaurant in Sheffield. There he was able to run a series of lunch-time meetings under the title "Lunch & Listen". Visitors can bring friends to enjoy a Chinese buffet meal and hear a speaker present the Gospel message in a simple but challenging way.

He has since become a popular preacher and after-dinner speaker, not only in Sheffield, but beyond. Kim recognizes that in spite of his progress in the Christian life, he still has a long way to go, but he is depending totally on Jesus to see him through whatever comes his way and to direct his future according to His purpose. ●

WHO ARE WE?

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3 To bring about a greater measure of unity among all Christians.



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