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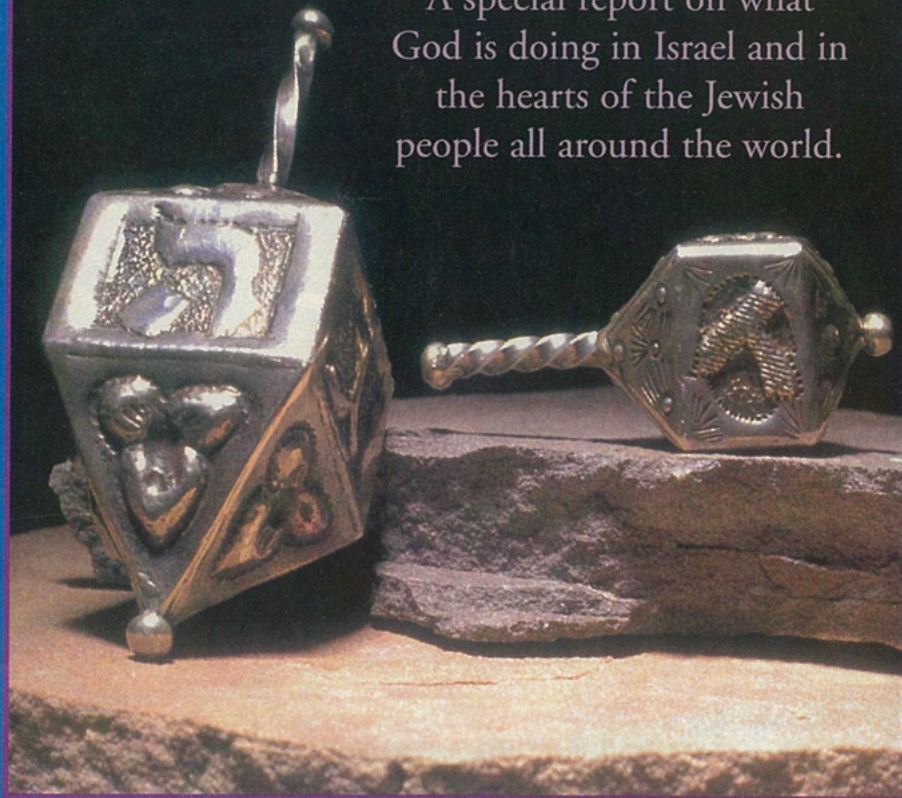
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Israel

A special report on what
God is doing in Israel and in
the hearts of the Jewish
people all around the world.



Jerusalem



1st JERUSALEM CONVENTION

During the month of November, FGBMFI Israel celebrated its 1st National Convention in Jerusalem. With attendance of over 400 persons representing all areas of the world, the love of Jesus Christ was poured out in that nation. Our two national directors of Israel, Abraham Cohen and Daniel Yeboah, assisted by Allan Jones of England, and the many members of our Fellowship in Israel welcomed the international visitors to Jerusalem.

Excellent Bibleland teaching was given by Ramon Bennett and exciting testimonies by several of the chapter members of FGBMFI Israel were heard.

We praise the Lord for all the efforts of those who have supported the work of



International President Richard Shakarian addresses the Jerusalem Convention

FGBMFI in Israel. A special mention of Tony John is in order for his untiring work in raising up the chapters in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The Convention was also blessed by the presence of our International President, Richard Shakarian and his lovely wife Vangie. Also present was the International Executive Vice-President John Carrette and Kwabena Darko, Full Gospel's International Secretary.



Ancient grinding mill in Israel

NEW REGION ANNOUNCED

Israel is one of the nations comprising our newest region called Bible Lands. The Lord has spoken prophetically to FGBMFI saying that this is one of the regions of the world where He is going to do a great work in these days. Contact the Global Outreach Office for information on airlifts or ministry in this region.

ISRAEL'S PLACE IN PROPHECY TODAY

Israel has a definite place in God's plan for these days. He is going to manifest His glory in a great way in this nation. Yeshua said,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the

gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

Because the Lord has anointed believers in Him to share the Gospel, heal the brokenhearted, deliver the captives, heal the blind, and set them at liberty that are bruised, His Spirit comes upon them as well. This means that the same miracles that Jesus worked in Israel when He was there, can be seen in the ministry of believers today!

These are particularly exciting times for Israel. The promise of the Lord is:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts:2:17).

Though this was manifested on that day of Pentecost shortly after the resurrection of Yeshua, the promise and the working of it is still in force today! The Spirit of the Lord is coming upon the Jew. This means that their hearts are opening to receive their Messiah. Many Jews are entering into a new and living relationship with their God.

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SPECIAL PROPHETIC CONFERENCE RELATING TO ISRAEL

A special conference on Israel's Prophetic Place Today is scheduled for February, 3-4, 1995 in Dallas, Texas. Special invited speakers are Ari and Shira Sorko-Ram.

Ari is a young Jewish believer who used to play NFL football. He also appeared in over 100 films and TV shows before responding to God's call to Israel in 1976.

Shira is the daughter of Gordon and Freda Lindsay founders of Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas. Shira has ministered in Israel since 1967, and together with her husband Ari, has been greatly used by the Lord in introducing many Jews to Yeshua (Jesus), the Messiah.

Ari and Shira will be showing us how Israel is taking its place in God's prophetic calendar and how to help Jews enter into a new, living, relationship with God.

As Messianic Jews, Ari and Shira direct the Maoz ministry in Israel. For ten years they pioneered a Messianic Jewish congregation in the Tel Aviv area and sponsored national conferences for the Israeli

believers.

The excitement about the new anointing for Jews in Israel and around the world has prompted FGBMFI to appoint a special task force to encourage taking the Gospel to Jews in every nation.

We are encouraging all who want to support or minister to Jews in any nation to contact the FGBMFI Global Outreach Office in Costa Mesa, California (Tel: (714) 754-1400 Fax: (714) 557-9916). We can help anyone who has a heart for ministry in the Middle East to get involved. For more information on our prophetic conference in Dallas, call John Carrette at the World Headquarters in Costa Mesa, California.



*Ed Lubin and Richard Shakarian
with Israeli soldiers*





HOW A STUBBORN JEW FOUND HIS MESSIAH

I was frozen in sheer terror! This wasn't just my worst nightmare come true. This was worse! The devil was real, and I was in his territory. I thought I was sunk! To understand what was happening, let's back up a few weeks to the streets of Greenwich Village, New York, where I was being witnessed to by the mother of Rev. David Wilkerson of "The Cross and the Switchblade" fame. This godly woman told me, "Jeff, what's going on here in the village is of the devil. You need Jesus!" Like most Jews I thought she was nuts and sarcastically told her, "I don't need Jesus, I need LSD!" and went

on my merry way. LSD was just the most recent attempt in my chaotic life to find truth and meaning to replace the pain and misery I had experienced for many years. Despite what I told Mom Wilkerson, LSD was also a failure, and Timothy Leary was just another false god, another example of the blind leading the blind.

And now I sat totally stunned in Timothy Leary's League of Spiritual Discovery with my eyes riveted upon a strange little man, as I watched him cast a curse upon a teenage girl, ending with the words, "Soooooo it shall it be.....!," while his eyes radiated pure evil. In the

background I clearly heard the rattle of a rattlesnake, and instantly I knew it was the devil. The moment of truth had arrived, and this man asked me out loud, "Welllllll, don't you wantttttt this?" Frozen in fear I said; "All I want is the truth." This man watched me for a while and then he got up and left. I also got up and ran. Fortunately for me I had asked the one thing which the devil cannot give, truth. The only one who could give me truth was Jesus Christ, Yeshua Ha Mashiach, the one who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

That day turned out to be both a major milestone in my life and a major turning point in my search for truth. Mom Wilkerson was right about the devil. And if she was right about him then maybe, just maybe, she was right about Jesus also. A few days later I was on a deserted street late at night when I suddenly spoke to what I thought were the four winds and said, "Maybe it is real, but I don't want to be talked into it. I want to see it." It wasn't long before I had my answer in the form of a little Pentecostal Puerto Rican minister named Rev. Jose Miranda. Brother Miranda wasn't about to talk me into anything. He hardly knew any English and I hardly knew any Spanish, but he loved me and it wasn't human love. There was too much love for

it just to be from Jose Miranda. I attended his store-front church for several weeks, drawn there by the love and by the unseen presence which I sensed.

One night Brother Miranda confronted me at the end of a service and told me, "Jeff, you not saved, if die, you go down, you not go up." He led me in a sinner's prayer and I asked Jesus to forgive my sins and come into my heart, but nothing seemed to happen. I still couldn't make the necessary leap of faith where I could say, beyond any shadow of a doubt, "this is real."

The next night I was there again and God took over. Brother Miranda preached in Spanish the whole night,

except for one line in English, "Now is the accepted time." He wasn't looking at me but he pointed at me, and I sensed Jesus' presence. Instantly, I knew that I knew, that I knew, that He was real and that He was saying to me, "Now is your time; do you want Me or not." I nodded my head yes, the floodgates of heaven opened, and I was overwhelmed with the glory of God's love and joy. I passed from death unto life, and He gave me a brand new life and adopted me as a son. Perhaps, most amazing of all, for the first time in my life, I feel truly Jewish, for now I know the King of the Jews, Yeshua Ha Mashiach, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!



Jeff Korr

THE LAND OF OUR NEW BIRTH

by Barry Segal Jerusalem



I grew up in a very normal Jewish home in the United States. The desire of my life was to be a musician, a rock and roll guitar player. I bought my first electric guitar at the age of 13 when I had my bar mitzvah. I began playing in a rock and roll band. But something interesting happened to me, I met another musician a couple years later who told me that the only way was Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah.

In 1971, walking the streets of Cleveland, Ohio, I finally had an

encounter with God. After leaving a Jewish delicatessen restaurant late that night, something came over me. I fell to my knees and began to weep. An audible voice spoke to me and said "Barry, you should have more faith than this." Instantly I knew that Yeshua, or Jesus was the Messiah of not just the gentiles and other nations but of the Jewish people. I never read the New Testament. I didn't go to a church. I didn't understand what was happening to me, but I knew in that moment that He was the fulfillment of all

that the Jewish prophets had spoken about in the Old Testament. And suddenly I realized that I was faced with the choice to understand the Messiah of our people. That night I gave my life to Him. I didn't understand it with my mind, but when I heard His voice, and He spoke to me the same words three times, "Barry, you should have more faith than this." Then I knew. And like it says in the Bible "...once I was blind, but suddenly I was able to see."

A few months after this encounter with the Lord, I was invited to a Full Gospel Business Men's meeting. I had never heard of the organization, and didn't know where I was going. That night I met a Bible teacher who had a significant love for the people of Israel. That night I heard more about the prophetic word concerning Israel in the Bible. This same Bible teacher, who I met that night, would years later invite me to come and join he and his wife in the city of Jerusalem. And I ended up moving here. Not only did I know this was a call on my life, but it was a practical invitation from someone who had a tremendous teaching ministry. Finally I said, "This is it — this is the call of the Lord. In 1981 I settled in Israel and became an Israeli citizen, I became a soldier in the Israeli army, and finally opened up a business called "Greetings from Israel" with my wife Bottia in the city of

Jerusalem.

We look at it as ministry because we stand here as a witness and as a testimony to the Israeli business community around us that we as Messianic Jewish believers want to be part of the land to help build up part of the land, be part of the economy, also be a service to the Christian tourists and the churches that come to visit the land. They love Israel and take



International Vice President John Carrette interviews Barry (left) and Bottia (right) Segal in Jerusalem

home a lot a products produced by the believers and other ministries represented here in the land. These visitors are not just from America, but the Philippines, Indonesia, Egypt, Europe, Scandinavia, the Far East, Africa

and Russia. And so we feel that not only what we do here is a business in the land of Israel, but that it serves as a ministry to the Body of Christ throughout the world.

For the first few years 90 percent of our customers were believers from all over the world. But nowadays, 30 - 40 percent of our business comes from the people who live in the area also as well as other tourists that come in. You would be surprised at the pressures that face the Middle East and the great desire for peace in the hearts of the people and also the great testimony and witness we are just being here. People will come in and ask us questions, and pour out their hearts with a personal problem just when buying a newspaper or a greeting card. In many

instances we've had people come in who suspected that there's something different about our store, that we're not just the usual proprietor. We don't smoke here, and we don't do things that you might find sometimes in other places, and they say we sense there's something different about this place. What is it about you that's different? And when people ask us that, well we just tell them the truth. That it's Jesus, the one we call Yeshua in Hebrew, that lives in us that makes us want to be here in the land. And that's why we are here because God has planted us. And just as He gave Joshua to possess the land, we feel it's a biblical mandate for all Jews everywhere to come back to the land of Israel and to make this their homeland and to plant businesses and whatever else God puts in our heart to do.

My wife and I met at a Bible study for songwriters and musicians. I was a musician and Bottia was a songwriter amongst the Messianic Jewish community. I must say that quite a few couples have met in this city and have gotten married in the city of Jerusalem.

My wife was born in Jerusalem to an orthodox Jewish family from Yemen. My parents came from the land of Yemen. Ever since she was very young she had prayed to God and sought to know Him in a personal way. When she was about 20 years old, she had finished serving in the navy and was looking for a job. She was asking God to show her the truth about eternal life. She received a phone call one day, and was offered a job in a printing place. They trained her to work on a com-

puter typesetting machine. Her very first job was setting the New Testament in Hebrew. It was the first time in her life she was able to read the New Testament. It was just the beginning of a long time search for God. After nine months of typesetting such books as Corrie Ten Boom's "The Hiding Place" and searching the Scriptures especially in the Torah, which is the Hebrew Old Testament, she cried out to God one night and said "God I am in a place where I really want to know the truth. If Yeshua is the true Messiah of God, I would like to follow Him, and if He's not, please I would like to forget about it." When she said that prayer she had a vision of an angel of the Lord. It was a very supernatural experience that she had never experienced before. The next day when she finished work, she was standing at a bus stop and was looking in the direction of the bus, and the same angel that appeared in the vision appeared to her in life and was coming closer and closer to her when she suddenly realized it was an answer to prayer that she had prayed the night before when she asked God to really show her the way and the truth. It was a sign that God had given her. She was so excited and filled with so much joy and peace that she could hardly contain. She looked to the right and the left to see if the other people at the bus stop were seeing the same thing. When she looked back at him, he just disappeared. This was a wonderful way of God showing her the way and the truth and showing her that she was definitely choosing the real way of

life. It was a thrilling time for her since she received Yeshua in her heart. She realized that Jesus came for the Jewish people as well and found out how Jewish a book was the New Testament.

I believe we're witnessing in front of our very eyes both the spiritual fulfillment of God's Word, and the physical. God Himself is leading Jewish people back home from the four corners of this earth. And He says continually in His Word that when this happens, we will also see an outpouring of the Holy Spirit — greater than anything we've ever seen before. And it will extend from the city of Jerusalem once again as it did 19 centuries ago. It's our firm belief and our great conviction that we will see so many Jewish young people and ministries and evangelists go from this city bringing the Word of the Lord to the nations of this earth that what we're seeing now is the beginning just a drip of the stream. And that drip is going to continue to flow as a mighty rushing river. So we feel like we're a part of that prophetic Word of God. And our encouragement is that people are really praying for the peace of Jerusalem and as they're praying for the restoration of God's purposes amongst the Jewish people, it's really happening. It's happening once again as the prophets said it would happen before our very eyes. We don't read about it in the newspapers, but one day it will shake the nations of this earth.

When there's peace in the Middle East, things seem great. However, it requires tremendous prayer because any business

man here, especially one who believes in Jesus as we do, faces tremendous tasks and struggles and sometimes persecution in order to overcome those things. We rely really on the prayers of God's people, and we love to see people come. A lot of the people that come and visit us love the Lord with all their hearts. We see people from the nations that come into our store, take things back to their nations. We not only have a retail store, we also send export products all over the world. And sometimes we get amazing reports and testimonies as a result of that.

I think definitely doing business here has taught us that we cannot survive without a dependence on God. In business there is such a great temptation to always rely upon what we know with the natural mind or the principles that we think work the best. Especially people from the west tend to do this. We're analytical. We use our minds to think through the problems. Here I think we've learned without a doubt that intercessory prayer is a key factor and is the heartbeat to any business — whether it's here in Jerusalem or anywhere in the world. And that really our businesses fight a spiritual



battle as great as any other segment of society. I think business nowadays — in the last days — will extremely be faced with difficulties and pressures. And while we are facing these economic pressures, we must believe and touch the hem of His garment and believe that God has the supernatural answer even in the midst of troubled economic times. That He can lift us up higher than those circumstances. A good example of this would be that before and after the Gulf War with Iraq, we were faced with the most incred-

ible challenges and pressures of any kind of business period that we've ever faced before. And it was only really the act of the Holy Spirit that would divinely lead us to the right people and bring to us the right people here in Israel and from other nations. I believe that God has an appointed time and divine appointments for business people wherever they are in the nations. Because it was business that really opened the way for the gospel even during the time of the Roman occupation and the Roman Empire.

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"MY BIGGEST **SIN** WAS...



I THOUGHT I WAS **GOOD!**"

Larry Tipton

Seminole, Florida

Even after several stanzas of "Just As I Am, Without One Plea...", I really didn't want to go forward. All of my friends were right there in the balcony. I had too much pride.

What would they say?

As an only child, I grew up in a Christian family in the Methodist church. Going to church came "naturally" because it was the thing to do. Even though I was active in the youth group, I really never heard the message of the born again experience until the eighth grade.

One of my friends invited me to go to a revival at the large Baptist church in Clearwater, Florida. In spite of the tug-

ging at my heart, my pride always came first.

But thank God for that friend who literally came down from the balcony and asked me if I wanted to make a commitment to Jesus Christ. I said, "Yes."

That night, I went forward and made Jesus Christ the Saviour of my life.

One of my biggest sins was thinking that I was already good. Goodness can keep you from the best that God has for you!

Many try to live that good life. Many think they are good; and do not need a Saviour. But one must humble himself and accept Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

However, I didn't feel any visible differ-

ence. In fact, I didn't feel a thing. The first major evidence was when I had to make an important choice. The scheduling of the Boy's State Convention (a prime student government selection, sponsored by the American Legion) was at the very same time as the Methodist Youth Camp, where I was a counselor.

I had to make a decision. I chose to be a youth counselor, not going to Boy's State at all. In my mind, that proved to me that the commitment I made to Jesus Christ was real.

But, frankly, I didn't make Jesus the Lord of my life until I was about 30 years old, when I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I wish somebody had shared with me earlier about the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

I was never outwardly challenged by anybody to make Jesus the Lord of my life. That's very sad.

I had too much pride. I didn't want others to recognize that I had a need in the first place. Until I received the Holy Spirit, I didn't have the power to be a witness for the Lord. I had no power as a Christian.

In tenth grade, I met my wife Betty. We started dating at the end of my junior year of high school. We went together four years before getting married in 1959, while studying at the University of Florida.

My wife first received the baptism in

the Holy Spirit. Through family friends, they shared with Betty tapes by Dr. William Standish Reed.

"Faith cometh by hearing..." she heard. That increased her faith that God is able. She was told that God was still performing miracles. Betty began to understand there was no "Amen" to the Book of Acts. God

was still a miracle worker, even today! She received both a physical healing and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

At the time, I was in New York City, intensely studying to be a stockbroker. I've been in the investment field since November, 1967. At that particular time, Betty was with her parents. On the phone, she shared what had happened to her, and how the Holy Spirit touched her. To show my

ignorance, I told her, "Oh, yeah, I know all about the Holy Spirit. It's in The Apostle's Creed." That shows how totally ignorant I was about the Word of God. I didn't know anything about the Holy Spirit.

But I had an inner feeling, a belief within me, that there was more to God that I didn't know about. I received teaching from the Word of God while attending Harvest Temple. I began to actively seek the Baptism. I had seen a complete difference in Betty's life since she received it. Even though I wanted it, I really didn't know how to receive it.

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In early 1969, Dr. Reed, a Spirit-filled Episcopal physician, introduced me to an organization called Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. I was part of reactivating the St. Petersburg FGBMFI chapter in May of 1969. At the time, I did not have the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

My pastor, Vep Ellis, was a speaker at the Tampa FGBMFI chapter in August of 1969. The invitation was given for those to be filled with the baptism in the Holy Spirit. What an opportune moment.

But I didn't go forward.

Pride again got in my way! I was with people. Certainly, I didn't want them to know that I had NOT received the Baptism. Pride has certainly run through my life. I've missed some blessings along the way.

Praise God! Later that month I was gloriously filled at our church.

Once I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, it gave me a hunger to be a better witness. It gave me a boldness to be willing to share with somebody.

I found a total peace. I found a desire to share Jesus with people, even with my clients...not to "put something on them," but to share what God had done in our lives. I guess I was willing to be vulnerable, by sharing with someone I didn't even know.

The Holy Spirit means everything to me now. He really helps me and guides me in making decisions, in giving me comfort in those difficult situations, both at work and with my wife's physical condition.

Through FGBMFI, one has the opportunity to share his faith with people from

literally all over the world, where we can grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and have tremendous fellowship. The Fellowship gave us the opportunity to share with other people. Even in business it's a great time and a great place to meet other Christians of other denominations and to become active in the Body of Christ.

In stressful situations, I am learning just to be totally dependent upon the Lord to give the stress over to Him. Jesus is the great "stress-carrier," or "stress-bearer." He gives me a peace in the midst of the confusion, as He promises in His Word. In the Book of John, Jesus says, "My peace I give unto you."

It's nothing I can conjure up in my own self. He has helped me to be an overcomer of the stress; to take away any fear. His Word says, "Fear not, for I am with YOU always." He also promises us, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." Through His Word, He gives hope and encouragement.

He even continues to give me total victory over my pride.

One of the things the Lord convicted me of was that I needed to put a Bible on my desk at work. I failed to ask one of my Gideon friends to get me a red or black Bible, color-wise. What he gave me was a baby-blue colored Bible. Did that ever work on my pride! That Bible showed up so unbelievably well.

But the Lord had His hand in that too. That baby blue Bible presented many opportunities to share with Christians, and non-Christians, alike. They could see

the Bible right there. It was very obvious.

Thank God for His Word! He is ever so faithful!

In the summer of 1958, even before we were married, Betty was diagnosed with lupus. Her doctor told me that she would probably live about three years. Another doctor friend told me that maybe because of her young age, she would live for five years, tops. Lupus is an incurable disease, according to medical science.

At first, it was devastating to me. I had no way of knowing how long she would be alive. The Lord put a special love in my heart for her. I thought, "If she lives one year, we'll have a good year. It will be worth it."

After we had been married for four years, in 1963, she suffered a complete heart attack. Basically, she was an invalid for five years, except for a few hours a day. In October of 1963, the doctors said she wouldn't live.

But the Lord gave me a gift of faith that she would live!

When she received the "FULL" Gospel in 1969, Betty received the faith to believe for a miracle. God really did a healing for her. She was off all the cortisone and all her medications from 1973 until April, 1990. Even though she suffered another heart attack in April, 1990, she still witnessed to and encouraged many people. Her cardiologist is amazed how well she was doing.

To think, she was given only three years to live...in 1958!

Let me encourage other husbands who have wives who have time-related illness-

es. I found that God's promises are true. In the first place, He is able to perform miracles. He has given us that hope. We must be an encourager to our spouses, no matter how difficult the situation. Never look upon your wife as being an invalid. YOU must encourage her!

My personal rejuvenation starts with a personal time of prayer in the morning, as well as reading God's Word. There is a personal relationship that you must have, individually, with the Lord. Hearing fantastic testimonies from various FGBMFI meetings also encourages me.

Don't ever let pride stand between you and your fellow worker, wife, or even God. If you overcome pride, you can receive your miracle!



Larry Tipton, lives in Seminole, Florida. His wife, Betty, passed away in 1993. Larry is an investment counselor, employed with one of the most respected investment firms in the world since 1971. He became a National Director for FGBMFI in 1987.



2,700 ATTEND SIXTH JAPANESE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Over 2,700 people crowded into the Tokyo Concert Hall to hear



Bob Bignold speaks at Japanese Convention

Angus Nicholson and Benny Hinn proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Some 200 to 300 people made first time commitments to Jesus and well over one thousand were slain in the Spirit as the Power of God fell on the convention.

Approximately 400 pastors and Christian workers came forward on Saturday morning to receive a fresh anointing from the Spirit of God. Benny Hinn shared with the Japanese Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International leaders that in 1985, Jesus

came to him in a dream and said; "I am going to visit Japan". That was the very year the first joint American/Canadian airlift visited Japan. Kenchi Tsukamoto, the President of the Kobe Chapter, said he is amazed that God has used the Fellowship to bring so many denominations together in Christ Jesus.

"THE BIRDMAN" DIES: FGBMFI FUND ESTABLISHED



George Madrigal, known to many around the country for his bird imitations and unique way of witnessing, died April 4th after suffering a heart attack at Hartsfield International Airport, Georgia.

FGBMFI has made a commitment to pay the cost of his funeral and burial expenses.

Madrigal, 68, was known for his bird imitations or "whistling in tongues" as he called it. He then witnessed to those who stopped for conversation.

"He was a very colorful gentleman who loved to share the gospel



on a one-to-one basis," said Jimmy Rogers, State Chairman for FGBMFI in Georgia.

Madrigal died with no known family, and very few earthly possessions. Those wishing to contribute to the memorial fund should make checks payable to FGMBFI and mail to:

Jimmy Rogers
3001 Linstock Way
Suwanee, GA 30174

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS GEORGIA

Richard Shakarian, the new International President, made an official visit to Georgia on Saturday, May 14. Held at the Falcon Inn in Gwinnett County, the event attracted almost 300 people from throughout Georgia and from several neighboring states.

A reception at 5 p.m. enabled those attending to meet Richard and to speak with him personally. Following dinner at 7 p.m., Richard shared his worldwide vision for FGBMFI and closed the evening with an anointed time of prayer.

Richard shared the podium with his special guest, Reggie Pendleton, founder of Youth Aflame, a dynamic ministry aimed at junior high and high school students for the discipleship and training of leaders.

THE GLORY & ANOINTING CONFERENCE—Oklahoma



Richard Shakarian ministering to the audience.



Head Table (left to right)

Tom Leding, Dave Duell, Richard Shakarian, John Schmook, Si Rickman, Bill Phipps, Joe Cannon, Ron Weinbender

On September 2nd and 3rd, 1994, the God of Glory visited several hundred people at the Holiday Inn in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This was our second annual Oklahoma Convention, featuring "The GLORY of the Lord" and "The ANOINTING of God". The power and presence of God was mani-



The glory of God visited several hundred people



Audience response to one of the many altar calls

The 10th Annual Columbia Gorge Convention

The 10th Annual Columbia Gorge Convention/Rally was a tremendous success for the Kingdom of God. There were at least 5 salvations, 10 baptisms in the Holy Spirit and numerous miracles, deliverance and deeper commitments to the

fested in a wonderful way, displaying His love, majesty, and grace.

This special event was blessed with the anointed ministry of Dave Duell and Richard Shakarian. Richard shared a life changing message about God looking for people who will stand for their cities, states, and nations. The response at the end of his message almost emptied the auditorium, as people responded to the challenge of God. Dave Duell ministered under a powerful anointing of the Lord.

The Saturday daytime sessions included Bill Phipps - Soul Winning Clinic; Louis Gordon - Personal Freedom Clinic; Jerry Leonard - Holy Spirit Clinic; and Windie Chaleka - The Power of God to Win Your City. The room was nearly full for each of these teachings and God poured out His Spirit mightily.

ways of God.

The convention started with an early arrival prayer meeting on Thursday evening. We knew that the Holy Spirit was going to manifest His Power in the convention because HE started here. Twenty-six people attended and everyone received a touch from Jesus.

Healing, words of knowledge and the peace that passes understanding infiltrated the saints.

On Friday, after the speakers were on a local radio talk show, the Men's and Ladies' Luncheons opened the Convention. Julia Hunter of Cleveland, Tennessee exhorted the ladies with her testimony of standing in and on the Word through tremendous battles.

Jeff Hart, a former professional football player and Dutch Baughman, Oregon State University Athletic Director both shared their testimony of establishing and main-

taining Jesus Christ as the preeminent place in their families, professions and relationships. Dutch received an extra blessing, as he was prayed for to receive a new heart and a new boldness in declaring Christ's authority in all that he does.

David Hunter ministered on Friday evening along with Julia and the Power of God so manifested that a 14-year-old boy, who rather rebelliously challenged his dad as to why they were there, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and then was used to minister to those in the prayer line. Adults and children alike were going down under the Power of the Holy Spirit through this young lad's prayer. It so impacted this young man, that he made his mother bring his brother and him back to the Saturday meetings. Both of them

then received mightily from God.

The Hunters continued to minister on Saturday, and the Power continued to build. Both evenings, ministry went on until midnight. The word of what was happening kept spreading in the community so that every meal function had to have extra tables set up. People just kept coming and the Victory Celebration Banquet Saturday evening was packed out. The testimonies continue to roll in as the after shock of what was started is more Powerful than the original meetings.



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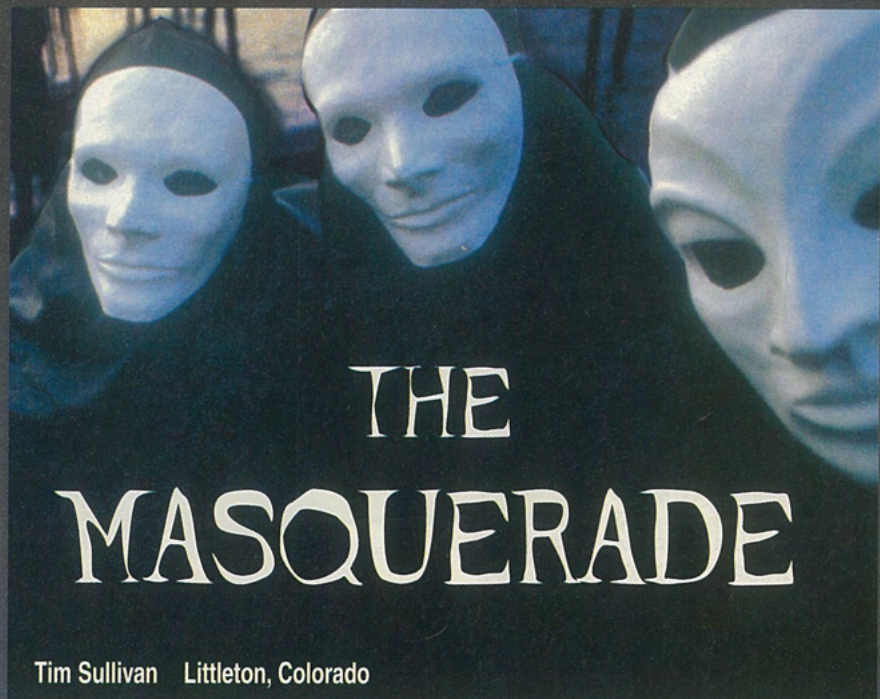
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THE MASQUERADE

Tim Sullivan Littleton, Colorado

We were a typical family in every respect except for our secret visits with the 'other side'. Mom and Dad were wonderful parents and managed an ideal home. Their standards were high and their generosity was without equal. They both had good paying jobs and spent every spare dime helping family and friends in whatever way they could. They felt blessed and had no reason to doubt their religious practices.

I had been brought up to believe that we were Christians, although my mother, father and grandparents from both sides had participated in seances, consulted spirit guides and practiced spirit healing

since their childhood. My grandmother was the first to reject the family faith by converting to Christianity and it was through her prayers that the Lord began to reach me.

My earliest memories were of seances conducted in the family bathroom. That may seem like an odd place to contact the dead, but as total darkness was necessary to generate our "spirit lights", the bathroom was the easiest to darken. To accommodate everyone, we put up chairs in the bathtub, next to the toilet, in front of the door and by the sink. My sister and I usually sat on the counter and when more space was needed Dad covered the

sink with a board. When the lights went out and everyone was seated comfortably, we would spend the evening chatting with Will Rogers, President Kennedy and a number of other lifeless callers.

Once a month our family went to Amanda's home to connect with her circle of followers. Amanda was the medium my parents and grandparents befriended years ago and she lived about a two hour's drive from our place. We went there to experience the supernatural but I always looked forward to hearing my parents and the others reminisce about their past encounters and visitations.

At my suggestion Mom would rerun her narrative about the mysterious rock that materialized from thin air and clattered into a dish next to her. She believed it was a demonstration from the 'other side'. Another amazing demonstration took place when Dad was asked to participate in a mock wedding. One of the spirits enveloped Amanda in the form of a bride and asked Dad to escort her through the circle of surprised onlookers. On Amanda's cue her husband, Stan, would turn on a small light for an apparition that wanted to be seen and not just heard.

A diversity of miraculous signs often accompanied these gatherings. Many in the group had witnessed the healing of an elderly woman's arthritic fingers and her talent for playing the piano restored.

Several years ago two police officers came uninvited to a sitting intending to expose what they believed to be a phony operation. They planned to turn on their flashlights to reveal hidden microphones and wires, but instead, their flashlight batteries disappeared during the seance and they departed as believers.

Judy and I had been dating for over a year before I risked telling her about my clandestine practices. She was a Christian and I had been attending church and youth group meetings with her. I was certain she would understand; instead, she watched me in stunned silence, responding in a whisper, "You're kidding." From that night until we were married, she slept with her light and radio on and for the life of me, I

couldn't understand why.

In no time at all Judy had disclosed our family secret to her friends and relatives. Mother was surprised to learn that, instead of being misunderstood, acquaintances asked to be invited to the next seance. Mom agreed and several months later Amanda set up shop in my sister's bedroom.

Fifteen or more of us jammed ourselves into the small room. We sat, as instructed, with our feet flat on the floor and our hands on our laps, palms facing up. The windows had been sealed shut

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with boards and towels so that the only thing visible in the otherwise blackened room was a faint glow from someone's wristwatch.

Judy ignored the instructions and clutched my arm. Bill, my best friend, sat across from me and several family members and acquaintances completed the circle. We sang, "In the Garden", and waited expectantly while reciting the Lord's Prayer. The childlike voice of Rosebud was the first to slide through the medium's lips. She assured us that only the highest and best spirits would be allowed to visit our meeting. Rosebud had ushered visiting spirits into our seances as long as I could remember.

Several entities welcomed us through the medium's vocal chords, each one sounding distinctively different. One caller, however, burst in unannounced and pleaded to know what was going on and why he was there. He seemed frightened as he begged my friend Bill for help. Bill was scared, too, so my parents questioned the confused soul and were able to extract a few details. He remembered being someplace and then something happened that threw him into a dark void. From this terrifying place, he was eventually drawn to the light that we were projecting. He couldn't understand what had happened, but Bill broke down when the male voice told him his name. They had been friends and as far as Bill knew, he was alive somewhere in Vietnam. My parents and others in the circle began to direct this 'departed soul' to the 'spirit light' in the center of the room. His excla-

mation of "Oh my god, there's my mother," was heard as he seemingly soared on to a 'higher plane of existence'. The stone cold silence that followed accented the unearthly event but I was excited to have been a part of this spirit's progression. The rest of the night's phenomenon were non-descript by comparison.

Several days later we learned of the death of Bill's friend. He had fallen in battle in Vietnam.

The only time I had any reason to question my heritage in spiritism was when Judy's mother would quote scriptures that made me uncomfortable. My weird religion inspired her to locate verses in the Bible where God commanded the Israelites not to practice witchcraft, sorcery or to consult a medium. Her words planted the first seeds of doubt that unfortunately remained dormant for several years.

A year later Judy and I married and moved out of state to continue my education. We joined a traditional church that catered to the liberal university atmosphere. The pastor had nothing against communication with the dead and encouraged us to seek God in any way we chose. Now that my parents were 750 miles away I only attended seances when we went home for the summer. Judy refused to join us because of the uneasiness she felt, so my involvement during those years was limited.

Two degrees and two children later I accepted a position in Jackson, Wyoming. There, we located a house with a view of the Grand Tetons and found a fantastic

Bible-believing church where the Word of God was taught. At a Lay Witness Mission sponsored by our church, I heard testimonies given by people whose lives had been changed by Jesus. With all the supernatural things I had encountered, I had never seen anyone change or people so happy and free. The impact of these testimonies transformed my life. After one of the meetings, I came home and knelt by my bed and prayed a modest prayer asking Jesus to come into my heart. In that moment, for the first time, I understood that seeking knowledge from the dead was wrong and it grieved the Lord. I confessed my sin and the spiritual darkness lifted.

The Lord was working in Judy's heart at the same time. The struggles of our early married life, combined with the confusion spiritism brought to her undeveloped faith, had modified a fun-loving girl into a fearful, anxious young woman. Through the counsel and encouragement of friends she was able to recognize the sin of participating in occult activities and ask the Lord's forgiveness. The Lord met her in a beautiful way, exchanging her anxiety for His perfect love.

It took time to break the bondages that tried to reclaim our lives after my conversion. I couldn't escape the spooky feeling that someone, invisible and uninvited, was in our house. At times the presence

was so strong that the hair on the back of my neck stood straight up. Judy saw images of angry people pounding on our windows, threatening to break in. As this was a realm that many Christians never experience, the Lord led us to another church where discernment and the other gifts of the Spirit were in practice. Through the advice and help of our friends, Doug and Linda, the Lord began to set us free.

Doug recognized that my greatest need was to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to have power against the forces that were attempting to regain control. With my approval he laid hands on me and prayed, encouraging me to speak out the words of praise the Lord was putting in my mind. Having seen the counterfeit of such miracles, I struggled with this concept. It was only due to

Doug's encouragement that I continued to repeat the strange sounding words over the next few months. Eventually, speaking in other tongues became more natural and I realized that I had a new authority in prayer against our unwelcome visitors.

We researched the scriptures in order to understand who the spirits were that we had involved ourselves with. I learned that demonic beings, referred to in scripture as familiar spirits, were great masqueraders. Spiritism, witchcraft, astrolo-

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gy, palm reading, channeling, levitation, automatic writing, and all other forms of mystic activities were contrived by Satan to draw mankind away from their Creator. Contrary to my understanding, participants in seances were not in contact with the spirits of mortal beings but with demonic spirits pretending to be someone from their past. No wonder God warned His people throughout the Bible to stay away from such practices and no wonder we had been so blinded to the truth.

Our next step toward freedom came as we broke the ties of witchcraft to

our family. Much like telephone wires connect cities together, the ties from my parents' and grandparents' faith connected our children to the controlling influence of the occult. We renounced our past participation in the occult and the sins of the fathers, breaking the ties of witchcraft over ourselves and our children.

One of the evidences of the sin of witchcraft is a spirit of rebellion. Even though the ties to the occult were broken, the seeds of rebellion were already firmly planted in our daughter. It took years of intercession before we saw an end to the war for her soul. She eventually rejected her sin, made Jesus her Lord and grew

into a lovely young woman.

I am grateful for the faithfulness of my praying grandmother, my mother-in-law's stand for the truth, a church that taught the simple basics, and friends with discernment. Looking back, I can see the Lord's hand directing the events of my life to that point in time over seventeen years

ago when Jesus became Lord of my life. Because of our past association with demonic spirits, Judy and I have a unique understanding of spiritual warfare and have directed our energies to praying for the release of the captives.



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