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Full Gospel Business Men's Voice International



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HIS BANNER OVER US IS LOVE

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Saint John

The men and women of FGBMFI did not start out their lives different than the others. We went through the same failures and mistakes that mark the lives of so many people today.

The difference that we have been lifted up by love. Today, one of members told me that he was once so filled with hatred that he burnt a Church to the ground. Later, he met the Savior. When God touched his life, hatred turned to love and joy!

Today, my friend is helping people in the United States and in China to have a better life by meeting the Savior. He is on his way back to build a new Church.

The men and women of wonderful people filled with the light of Jesus. We come from cultures, and every language. In over 8,000 Chapters in 150 Nations, we reach out our hands to lift people up to a better life.

FGBMFI are integrity and all races, almost

Blessings to you!

**Richard
Shakarian,**
*FGBMFI
International
President*

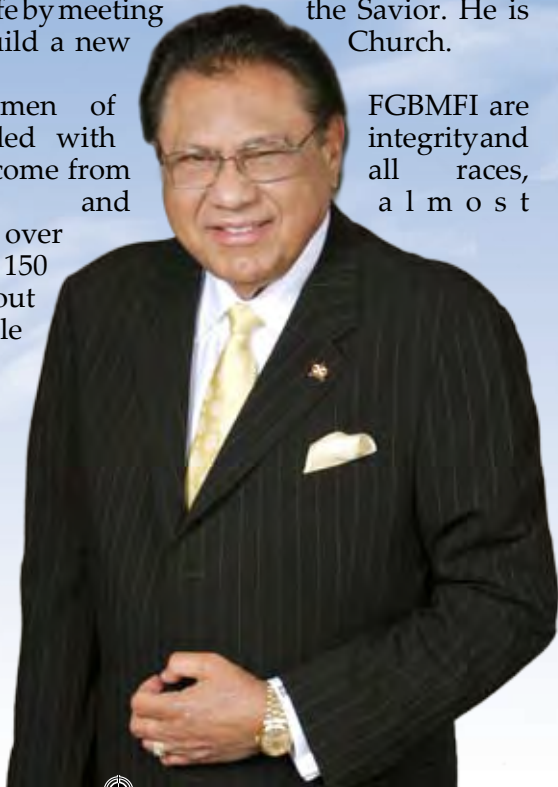


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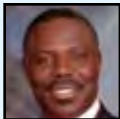
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Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International consist of businessmen on every continent working in every aspect of the marketplace. Our Vision is that the light of Jesus shall shine forth from each of our men into every culture, nation, race, language, and creed. That vision is becoming a reality through the Fellowship's ministries, now touching 150 nations and transcending denominational, racial and cultural barriers. Men interested in participating in this exciting end-time ministry are invited to write to the address below.

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SERVING IN GOD'S ARMY

Joe Henry Ortega, USA

Coming from a working immigrant family, learning to travel from one state to another after the harvest, and taking up responsibilities to make a living at a very young age had forced me to grow up faster than other kids my age.

Presently working with one of the corporate companies in this "information era" where communication and network are transmitted at a very high speed, we are forced to have the world's fastest jets business, with mach speed and high altitude as well as being fuel-efficient to be successful and remain in a cutting edge. Equipped with the mechanic and inspector licenses, I was made the aviation facility manager for a company based in Houston, TX. Being in an aviation business is a blessing yet a very demanding one, since there can be no room for error. In addition, I also had the privileged of working



with a great team of individuals who maintained the aircrafts' air-readiness at all time. Currently, my wife Rosa and I have our own company, the International Aviation Management doing aircraft consulting and contract services. After twenty years of flying and maintaining aircrafts and forty years of partying, dancing, drag-racing, adventuring, hunting water sports, searching and trying to fill the empty spot in my heart, I was finally able to serve as a man and a soldier-not in the Boy Scouts or the U.S. Army - but in God's Army. I have always been a soldier at heart. I trained hard to learn everything about combat, weapons, and survival skills. I held

a first degree Black Belt in Karate, Taekwondo, and Ninjutsu - but it was all for the wrong side and the wrong enemy; it was pointless.

At that time in El Paso, my wife had gone on a retreat with the church. She came home and explained, "I've found another love. His name is Jesus!" The Holy Spirit had spoken to her and said "Seek the Lord while you can find him, call upon him now while he is near." (Isaiah 55:6). She said, "I know where I am going and I'm following Jesus--do you know him?" I began to think that perhaps Jesus was the One who could fill the emptiness in my heart--- The Lord was working in me.



*Joe poses next to
a Burlington Industries corporate jet*

On April 18, 1985 Thursday afternoon on Flight 302 at 35,000 feet high, going back to El Paso, I was looking out the window as I always had for the past twenty years, admiring God's creation. All of a sudden, I was touched by the Holy Spirit and realized that Jesus had been knocking on the window all these while. I literally could hear the knocking on the window; I looked around thinking whether it was me or had I gone crazy. Suddenly I felt the power of the Holy Spirit consumed me in His presence from head to toe, my heart was pounding ten times more than "Buck Fever." I had a flashback of my whole life and I began to acknowledge the reality of Jesus Christ. I prayed a repentance prayer from the bottom of my heart for the Lord to forgive all my sins. When I finished praying, I asked the Lord to show me a sign. The Lord is very humorous, as I looked out the window, what I thought to be white cloud, was in fact gray compared to the white top mountain I saw at the horizon. It was confirmed in my heart. Then I said, "Lord, I'm Yours to

do Your work and to serve You, but please teach me and guide me every step of the way." All this time I was in tears and trying to compose myself because I was a Mucho Macho Man, but His presence was so powerful that I kept humbling myself and thanking Him for coming into my life as my Savior

and Lord. In His presence it does not matter how big, tough or mean you are, the Word of God says that every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that JESUS is Lord.

I arrived home and shared with my wife, went to church and heard the Gospel that Sunday. It was so alive and personal. Then, I went back to the teaching seminar to give testimony. They laid hands on me, but only one word came out that night for the next few weeks. One night at the prayer group, the Lord used the leader and he said, "I remember when they laid hands on me and nothing happened until three weeks later while I was praying and the gift of tongues came from within. So those of you here, do not be discouraged, keep on praying-trust in the Lord." Two weeks later a sentence came out; then a paragraph and finally songs, flowing from deep within me praising the Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit.

In the desert, like Moses, the Lord taught me His word and His promises and to begin implementing them in my daily walk with Him. Through



fellowship, schools workshops, seminars, and conventions, we started to learn about healing, deliverance, evangelizing, miracles, signs and wonders by applying the Word. Every soldier learns to put on the Armor of God, to pray, to handle weapons, and to do spiritual warfare against the enemy.

I have been a member of the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International since 1989. This Fellowship has helped me to grow tremendously as a servant and a soldier in God’s army. My involvement in this world wide organization has help me to see and share the “Vision” with other businessmen, women, young people, the poor, and the rich, leading them to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

My family members consist of my wife Rosa, my daughters and their husbands: Annette & Arnold Canales, Chriselda & Daniel Barrientes, Sandra, and Sonia, and my grandchildren: Andrew, Aaron C., Chazz B. Ethan, and Lauren O. My wife Rosa and I have been in many nations and most of the Fire Team Events. We serve as staff members in different departments worldwide in the World Conventions. It is an honor to serve with great men and women as a National and International Director for the FGBMFI. My beloved wife Rosa is actively involved in the Ladies fellowship, developing chapters, groups, and ladies leadership training. As V. Pres for FIHNEC-USA to reach the 45+ million Hispanics



here in America, I love to spread the Good News of Jesus where ever I go, I press on to build up men, chapters in Houston, Texas, or anywhere in the nation or around the world where the Lord leads me through this great international harvest vehicle.

2 Timothy 4:8 “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day; and not to me only, but to all who have loved His appearing.” I can see now how the Lord has taught me to go after the harvest, to be a soldier in “HIS army, to serve “HIM and to be as One with “The happiest people on Earth” We are now in over 165 countries and reaching out to all the nations for “HIS” glory, before “HIS” second coming.

Joe, is the newly appointed Executive Vice President for the USA.



Three Major Moves of GOD

Richard Shakarian

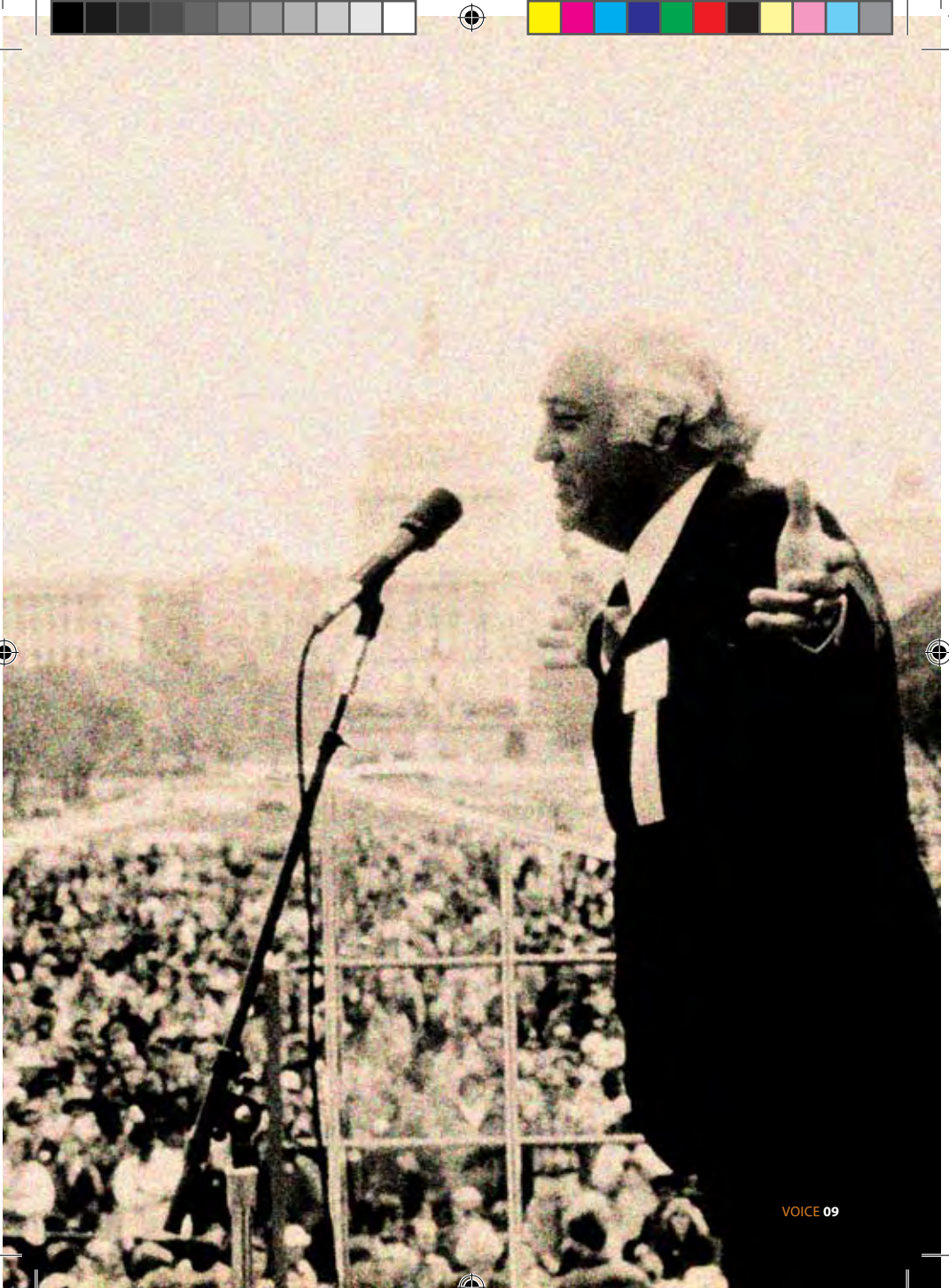
FGBMFI International President

FGBMFI was born by a vision from GOD.

It was 1953 when Demos Shakarian, a dairy farmer from California, stood up and declared, "I am calling men back to God."

The world was startled because in those years it was the ladies who went to church. As men became more prosperous in their businesses, they seemed to fall further and further away from God.







Richard Shakarian prays for Mel Gibson

Phase I - The initial breakthrough; calling Men back to God

In order to reach people of all faith, FGBMFI meetings were not held in churches but in restaurants and hotel ballrooms. FGBMFI became known as God's ballroom Saints.

When it became more difficult to continue the fellowship, God gave a Vision to Demos Shakarian. He had an out-of-body experience where he was lifted up above the earth. He looked down and saw men from many nations who were in chains and agony - separated from God, and isolated with no spiritual communication with each other.

Then the voice said, "Son, look at what I am about to do." Then he saw a renewal in the spirit, chains falling off their arms and legs, frozen sheets of isolation and despair falling off them like melting ice.

Suddenly, their hands were raised in praise to God and soon, around the world, millions were freely worshiping God with joy. Jesus had become their Savior and Lord.





Phase II - The Charismatic Renewal

Changing the world is beyond the human power. Only the precious Holy Spirit is able to bring beauty and order out of chaos. When Jesus was about to be baptized in the Jordan River, John the Baptist declared, "I baptize with water, but there comes one who will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and Fire." Jesus is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

The Charismatic Movement was born in the ballroom meetings of FGBMFI. In today's world, men needed more than sermons and doctrinal teaching. They needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be transformed into great Apostles, like

the disciples were. Men and Ministers from different parts of the nations began to come and were taken into deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

In the Catholic Church, the revival began in our Chapter President's basements across the street from the University of Notre Dame. There in prayer meetings with the intelligentsia of the university, the Holy Spirit began to be revealed. Within three years, the stadium at Notre Dame was filled with priests, nuns, students and friends. They were worshipping God in the freedom of the Spirit. In Rome, many priests and nuns conducted prayer meetings which were filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

In traditional denominations, many ministers received this blessing from God and their lives were changed.

Today, the precious Holy Spirit guides the Leaders of FGBMFI. He anoints our men, women and young people. This fresh wave of FIRE has been expressed through new outreaches which are bringing millions to Christ each year.



Phase III - The Sleeping Giant

Yes, the Vision is just as real today as the day it was given to Demos Shakarian. The Holy Spirit and His creativity rest upon our men and women as they bring lost souls from the fire of hell into a forgiven and blessed relationship with God our Heavenly Father.

Phase III is the awakening of the



Vengie and Richard Shakarian

Sleeping Giant.

The Sleeping Giant is the millions of people who are reverent to God, most of whom attend Church, but they are relatively inactive in the spiritual battle that is taking place in the World today.

Since the Garden of Eden, Satan has come as a snake to lie, deceive, and enchant people with false statements and half-truths. This deceive even the believers in Christ into inaction. FGBMFI is awakening the Sleeping

Giant and helping believers become frontline Warriors in the Spiritual Battle.

The Vision today is that millions .. and millions .. and millions of people in every continent to be set free from bondages and destruction and restored to great joy.

The Future of FGBMFI

The future of FGBMFI is much greater than anything that has taken place before. Jesus promised that God's power is with the last day harvesters. These harvesters that Jesus spoke of are the ordinary people called by God into the golden harvest field of our Lord.

Today, in almost 9,000 Chapters and over than 150 Nations of the world, men and

women are boldly standing up: They are carrying out the Vision - they are Anointed by the precious Holy Spirit.

Thousands of FGBMFI members are speaking up every week in Chapter meetings, outreaches, Fire teams and in great events. The SLEEPING GIANT has awakened.

Dr. Richard Shakarian is International President of FGBMFI, and still traveling all around the world to share HIS love.



A Blessing to My Country

Magnolda Vanka

I was a prominent member of the ruling party in the Nation of Hungary. Being a Member of Parliament and a minister in the Government, I was in charge of government portfolios including the portfolio of the Minister of Religion.



*Interpreter, Miklos Molnar, Magnolda Vanka,
and Richard Shakarian*

He told of the great Nations riding down the middle of the road on their big white horse. Meanwhile, some of the smaller Nations were wounded and hurting in the ditch. He said that, "it is time for the great Nations of the world to get off their big white horse, and get into the ditch; pick up the fallen Nations, put them on the horse, and bring them in to be

As the government representative, I had attended a few FGBMFI meetings before. Even though I had friends that were Christian, something seemed to stop me from making a commitment to our Lord.

I went to the Austrian Alps to discuss a new Hungarian satellite with Richard Shakarian. When I reached there, I discovered that Vangie Shakarian was the only other lady among more than a hundred men. At the end of the afternoon meeting, Richard spoke of the Good Samaritan.

made whole."

These words struck my spirit. For the first time in my life, my heart opened up.

Not long after that, we were all sitting at long tables having dinner family style. Richard and Vangie sat right across from me. He seemed to be more interested in telling me about Jesus than he was in eating. In a few minutes, he asked me if I was ready to receive the Lord in my life. I immediately answered, "Oh yes, I want to receive the Lord." Right there, we held hands across the table and I





prayed for Jesus to come into my life.

I didn't realize that everyone in the room was watching us. As soon as we finished praying, there was a big shout of joy and everyone broke into applause.

Later I asked Richard if he would bring the FGBMFI men to my Nation. He answered that if I would give them a public place where they could share their testimonies he would bring the men and the Holy Ghost!

I was so excited; I said, "when will you come?" Little did I know that God had given Richard a specific date. He said, "bring me a calendar." Richard was being led by the Spirit. Without knowing the significance of the day, he put his finger on exactly the one thousandth anniversary of the day Saint Stephen of Hungary dedicated our Nation to the Lord.

I was so impressed that God loved Hungary so much, that he led Richard to come exactly one thousand years later! I knew then, that God really loved Hungary.

That afternoon the men prayed for me because my husband and I had not been able to have children.



Richard Shakarian, Interpreter, Senator Fred Brume, and Magnolda Vanka

Whatever God did, He did it wonderfully because after that prayer we were able to have our first child and then another. Now my husband says, "ask them to pray again and turn it off, because we have enough children."

I thank God for FGBMFI. You have blessed my life; and because of my healing, we have a beautiful family. Through the work of FGBMFI, God is working strongly in the Nation of Hungary.

I have never been happier in my life. I am secure in my relationship with God and I am happy with His blessings on my family and my Nation.

Magnolda Vanka is a former member of Parliament and minister of religion for the nation of Hungary. She is a leading member of FGBMFI Hungary

"FGBMFI impacting, blessing"



FGBMFI Russian President Andrej



Political Figure and Brenda Shakarian



Richard Shakarian and son of former Hungarian President



Richard Shakarian and Miklos Molnar



Zoltan Molnar



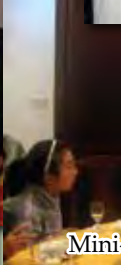
Mini-Convention in Yangzhou, China



Richard Shakarian and Future FGBMFI Leader



Richard and Vangie Shakarian



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European Leaders Meeting



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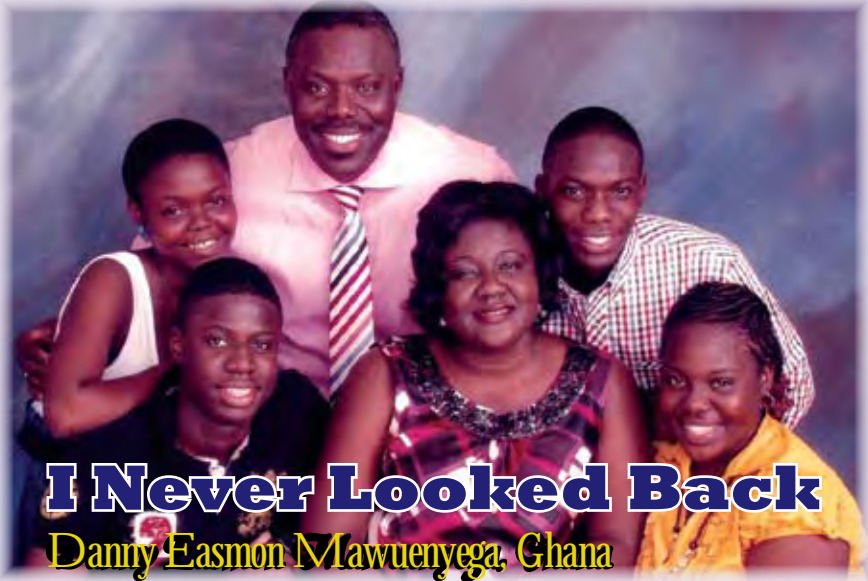
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FGBMFI Russian



Asian Leaders Meeting



I Never Looked Back

Danny Easmon Mawuenyega, Ghana

Everything about my life has been a miracle since birth; even those who wished me dead are now blessing me. My 83 years old mother told me that I was in her womb for about ten months. In her 6th month pregnancy, she went through an operation conducted by the late Prof. Easmon. Amazingly, I was born through natural birth.

My father was a prominent person in society. He married many women, and where he was from, wealthy men had many wives. My maternal family could be described as poor and humble. Thus, looking at my parents' background, it baffled me how they met and got married; and I was one of their end products.

I was born, raised, baptized and confirmed as a Presbyterian.

After leaving the Polytechnic with my certificate in DBS, I worked

in a company as an accounting clerk, clearing agent and officer manager for nine years.

In 1991, I decided to venture out on my own. So I resigned and started my own company from nothing.

I started farming pineapples in a village outside Accra. We had no income then, because a large amount of money was needed to start the business. This did not deter me. My wife was then pregnant with our second child; we totally depended on God as our Provider. I thank God for



faithful friends and family, who stood by me through those challenging times. I believe that God brings people into our lives for a purpose.

Around that time, a friend entrusted his business in my care while he traveled abroad; this kept me occupied.

In 1992 when my wife gave birth to our child, we had problems paying the hospital bills. Sometimes I would avoid going to the hospital because I did not have money to buy the prescribed drugs, knowing well that my mother-in-law would definitely visit and buy the medication for her daughter.

For about two years we were living on my wife's salary. The farm was bearing fruits but very slowly. The villagers at the farm were not optimistic of pineapples growing in that area; they made fun of us. My friend who by then had returned from his trip abroad was assisting me in getting my farm together, so I had some physical and moral assistance. Two years later, I started to harvest the produce. I would sell my fruits at the market after the harvest in my overall. One day, I met some foreigners who

were interested in the pineapples, so we started exporting abroad. Money was coming in and I went back to my old ways, though it was not as bad since I had no cash to spend.

We expanded our business and started farming seafood and exporting them on a large scale. I was traveling along the coast meeting fishermen and kings on the shore while still doing the pineapples at the same time. God was good. With the same foreign partners we also ventured into the furniture and woodworks business by opening a sawmill factory.

By now I had three children. Then one misfortune after another happened; one shipment of the seafood went missing, and the sawmill factory was giving us problems that we had to sell our refrigerated truck to solve some of our monetary situation. Unfortunately, even the purchaser took-off with our truck. Soon my debts in the banks grew substantially.

I discovered later, that my partners were experts in this kind of business and I, being a beginner in the field



I was a failed businessman and farmer.



had fallen flat on my face. My life was a living hell. Excessive drinking could not help me forget my debts. God, however, was preparing me for greater purpose. Due to the heightened business challenges, I had given my wife control to handle the family affairs with me still as the head of the family. Husbands who were once jobless would know exactly what I mean.

One day, I received an invitation from a neighbor to the FGBMFI meeting. After much consideration, I decided to attend the meeting, although quite reluctantly. I was a failed businessman and farmer; I had no place among those men but I had to honor the invitation.

At the meeting the speaker gave a testimony which was exactly the reflection of my life. That morning in August 1994 I could not move when the altar call was made; I felt a sudden chill on my back and I forced myself out of my chair, all the way down the aisle of the hall in Novotel; I was in tears. That day, I received our Lord Jesus into my heart.

Two years after I received Jesus as my Savior, my company which was virtually bankrupt and was in debts to two banks was miraculously positioned to negotiate a contract on behalf of my country. Twenty four months later I was blessed with money I had never seen in my coffers before. I never looked back since then. I have worked hard and God has blessed my honest efforts. I have learnt the hard way and do not intend to return to my



old habits. God has indeed blessed my businesses; my pineapple farm is growing tremendously though I have stopped exporting. I am enjoying the fruits of my labors as 2 Thess 3:10b states: "If anyone does not want to work, neither let him eat."

God has also given me a heart of giving, and I am learning to support the Kingdom's work and to give at the right moment.

My old habits which were smoking, drinking, lying and being unfaithful were very difficult to overcome. The Lord however, by the power of the Holy Spirit and through prayer and fasting, has helped me to become more than a conquerer.

As Matt6:33 says "seek ye first the





kingdom of God and all other things will be added unto you". This is my understanding of the Scripture. I gained better Bible knowledge through the Full Gospel Business Men's International's weekly meetings.

W i s d o m comes from the Word of God; discernment comes by understanding, understanding by revelation and revelation by the Holy Spirit.

I learn to pray because I know God's telephone number is 333, yes Jeremiah 33:3 "call on me and I will answer you and I will show you great and mighty things that you do not know."

If you have waited for a long time for an answer to your prayer, then dial into his extension number that is in Philippians 4:6, 7 "Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let YOUR petitions be made known to God; and the peace of God that excels all thought will guard YOUR hearts and YOUR mental powers by means of Christ Jesus."

If you think that God does not answer prayers, I challenge you to count your many blessings and name each one of them and it will surprise you what God is doing in your life.

I can testify to the times in my life when God has been real to me and my family.

To name a few examples:

In 1989, I survived a fire outbreak in the garage. When I was still a boy, my whole body was very badly burnt that my nipples were gone and so were the hair on my legs and arms.

In 1995 I survived a heart condition which first happened abroad.

Nine years ago, my son and I had just left a store when barely two minutes after we crossed the

road, a bomb exploded in that store.

God used a taxi driver to help me escaped death when he rushed me to the hospital after i ate poisoned food. Two of my children were also admitted for the same reason.

I have come to appreciate what it means to be given a third chance to live. At times I am in awe of God's amazing grace for me; I am more than the legendary cat which has 8 lives. It is all by the grace of God.

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Danny Easmon Mawuenyega is from Ghana, a friend of Heads of nations, successful businessman and currently International Secretary of the FGBMFI.





I Turned My Back On Principles!

**Mario Garcia,
Mexico**

My parents taught me that there was a God. I learned that if I caused trouble, God would come and react. That was my way of thinking about God. If I did bad things; bad things would be returned unto me. I would go to church on Sundays, mainly because my mother and my father sent me there. But I did not feel anything in my heart.

I owned three companies, and one that gave me the most profit was in the field of agriculture. I did a lot of travelling throughout Mexico. While traveling, I started talking about divorce to my wife.

My life was filled with problems; including my marriage. These problems caused me to turn my

back on the people that I loved. In my zeal to earn a lot of money and social place in life, I disregarded my religious and moral principles. I was raised a good Catholic. No one, however, told me that I could have a personal relationship with God. Before I attended this Fellowship, no one ever told me that I could have

God as my partner. Through the Full Gospel Fellowship, I learned that He could be my Friend, my Guide and much more. I did not know this truth until I became a part of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

In the past, my "god" was the desire to make more money. I was a billionaire who possessed everything, but happiness. This caused me to reflect upon my life and wondered; if there was something else in this life, would I be able to have a better life? I thought I had everything.

Yet there was an emptiness within. This feeling probed me to have these questions. I had many businesses, so I was under a lot of stress. There were times when I had to travel the whole day just to reach certain areas. I was managing the seed department in this agricultural company and there were many workers under my command; it was very stressful.

I became an alcoholic and a heavy smoker. I was never sick, but always felt horrible. My wife and I started considering about getting a divorce. We had three children at that time. My heart was hardened and I felt no emotion at all when discussing about the divorce.

One day, due to many circumstances, I went bankrupt. I returned to my home town and talked to a person about my problems. He said to me, "I am going to invite you to a businessmen's dinner." In 1995, I attended my first FGBMFI meeting. I saw many businessmen in that



My "god" was to make more money

meeting. One of them started giving testimony. He said these profound words, "I am going to invite you to meet the owner of gold and silver." Sure, I wanted to meet this guy. This meeting was free of charge anyway. He was talking about the Lord. He told me to repeat after him. It turned out to be a prayer of salvation. That day I started my new life!

I invited Jesus Christ into my life and my heart, and He began a new work in me immediately. Instantly, there was a change in the whole aspect of my life including my marriage, family, and businesses. I received peace and began to experience true happiness. Jesus came and filled the



void in my heart as I felt the strong presence of the Holy Spirit. My life was significantly changed.

Suddenly I was living a new life. Many good things began to take place in my businesses. One week after I received Jesus Christ in my heart, my wife, Sylvia, said to me, "You have changed! You are a completely changed man." I did not notice the changes, but my wife did. I invited my wife to this Fellowship where she also received the Lord. She is currently working with me in this Fellowship and is actively participating in the Ladies of the Fellowship.

We were both filled with the Holy Spirit in the FGBMFI meetings and our marriage was miraculously restored.

MY DAUGHTER'S HEALING

When my first daughter was 4 1/2 years old, she became very sick. I realized that the disease was the result of my actions. My daughter

had epilepsy. Whenever I saw the convulsion in her body, I would feel tremendous guilt. The Lord told me that my money or my social status was not able to heal my daughter. For 5 – 6 years I took her to many doctors for treatment. Finally the Lord said, "Wait for your time!" That time came and He completely healed my daughter. My daughter became a new child!

Jesus Christ brought new things and genuine happiness to our lives. Now that my priorities in life have changed, I am spending more time with my wife and children.

My businesses are blessed by the Lord and miracles are happening in these businesses. I start many new-businesses such as the consulting business for farming companies. This company generates good profit for us. I am grateful for the good thing that God is doing my life.

No words are enough to thank the Lord for what He has done in me. I desire to serve Him more by winning more souls to Christ.

God, through the Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship has changed my life. I am grateful to this Fellowship and what they did to help turn my life around and to return to the basic principles that I once knew!

In 2006, Mario Garcia was voted in as the National President of Mexico's FGBMFI. He is also the host of the 2010 World Convention in Leon, Guanajuato





THE PERSON I HATED MOST

Tan Tek Seng, Malaysia

During my University years, I lived with a police officer. He was a very violent and ruthless man. He was not a nice companion. No one wanted to be near him.



Ye a r s went by and one day we met. To my surprise, he had changed to a completely different person. He was very friendly,

kind and pleasant. I asked him what had brought about the change.

He then testified about the gathering called FGBMFI where he encountered the presence of God and received Jesus as his personal Savior. From that moment on, he was completely transformed both in his personal life and in his career in the police force. For years he had not received the promotion he deserved and remained a sergeant. Yet by the grace of God he was promoted to a Chief Inspector within a short period of time. It was indeed God's favor since it was difficult to get a promotion in a country where Christianity is considered a minority.

Unfortunately, his testimony did not draw me closer to him but instead, compelled me away from him. There were two types of people that I hated the most. First was an insurance agent and the second, a born again Christian. Why born again Christians? I had the perception that Christians were people who would not give up disturbing people's lives.

True enough, this man did not give up. The police officer kept visiting me and my family, but I remained

stubborn and ignored his words. He even prayed for us to have another child. God answered his prayer and my wife got pregnant.

During my wife's 6th month of pregnancy, the doctor discovered a problem with the fetus in which we had to "let go" of the baby or my wife's life would be at stake. My wife asked Jesus for help. In that hospital, Jesus appeared to her and she received Him as her personal Savior. Miraculously, my youngest daughter was born safe and sound.

Since she had the personal encounter with Jesus in 1989, my wife became a regular church attender. Every weekend she would take our two daughters to church. I, however, refused to join them and instead, just dropped them off in the church foyer and went on with my work as a businessman.

My wife had a drastic change since the day Jesus came into her heart. She was full of kindness and compassion; and more loving especially towards me. During that time, our business was expanding rapidly, and so did the problems along with it. I lost many nights of sleep. Yet my wife, who was also my business partner in charge of the finance, was able to sleep peacefully through the problems. Did we not face the same difficulties with the company, yet why was she able to sleep peacefully? When I asked her about it, she said that if I would receive Jesus as my Savior, I would be at peace.

The answer failed to impress or





intervention. These answered prayers convince me time and again that I worship the living God – there is not even a slightest doubt about Him. This belief has such an impact in my life that I have confidence doing things that others would avoid. The Lord has made me bold and strong in facing life's challenges. I live a victorious

life. even change me. Instead, I began to resent her although she did nothing wrong. Perhaps my resentment was caused by the jealousy that I had toward her: jealous of the calmness, peace, joy, and love that she had but I did not have. I grew worse and became very rude to her. Each time before she went to church, I would confront, intimidate, and even threaten to divorce her. She remained sturdy and continued to love me.

In 1993, my problems grew beyond my control. I became very depressed and was desperate to find the solution. Finally, for the first time in my life, I decided to go with my wife to church. It was there that I finally found what I was looking for all these while; serenity, peace, love, and joy. My heart was touched and on that beautiful day I finally received Jesus as the Lord of my life. I was drastically changed. I was a new creation; He had given me a new life.

The Lord keeps renewing my mind and my point of view as I study His Word daily. Amazingly, He always answers my prayers when I am faced with financial difficulties, or when I desperately need His

life.

An enormous debt that I owed the bank had left me in deep financial rut. I had to sell my property to pay off the debts. However, this proved to be harder than I thought. It was a real challenge to find a buyer with the right price – everyone offered below the market price which would not be enough to pay off the debts. It would take some time to find the right buyer, yet time was what I did not have. I asked God to help me through the crisis, and He gave me specific strategies and even the person who would buy the property at the right price. What an amazing God!

In Jesus there is a guaranteed salvation, guaranteed answered prayers, and guaranteed peace. The Lord has blessed me abundantly, and He also longs to bless and use you for His Kingdom.

Tan Tek Seng is an incredible encourager, peacemaker and bridge-builder. He is a successful businessman and National President of FGBMFI Malaysia.



“RED HOT FROM THE OVEN”



I was editing the Voice magazine and having a discussion with Brother Gideon regarding the magazine that Thursday evening, when it was time for me to attend my Chapter's Dinner Meeting. We decided to continue the discussion after the meeting.

When I arrived at the restaurant, I received

Brother Gideon's message through Blackberry Messenger which read as follows: "I'm praying now 4 a special anointing upon u 4 healing & working of miracles in d name of Jesus as u go 4 ur chp mtg. Call out all d sick & those who need miracles esp financial & declare solutions in FAITH.". I said "amen" to that message and prayed briefly before entering the room.

Since we had a newcomer by the name of Benny, we started the meeting by giving a concise explanation about FGBMFI, followed by a short introduction of each member and a brief testimony of God's work in our lives.

Throughout dinner, Benny looked sad, confused, and distressed. So when it was his turn to introduce himself, Benny started pouring out his heart. His personal life was in a mess and his business had gone bankrupt. He was once a Christian who drifted away from God because he felt that God had been silent to his prayers.

In addition to his problems, he was also having a serious bleeding in the cornea and acute ulcers which kept him awake at night. He was contemplating suicide before his friend invited him to our Chapter's Dinner Meeting.

As I had been reviewing the testimonies in the Voice International Magazine, I remembered Danny Easmon Mawuenyega's words which said: **If you think that God does not answer prayers, I challenge you to count your many blessings and name each one of them and it will surprise you what God is doing in your life.**

I asked him to ponder about God's work

in his life, and how his presence in the Chapter Meeting itself was an act of His grace and mercy.

Those words seemed to get him thinking, or perhaps confused him even more. So I asked one of our members who once had leukemia to testify about God's healing in his life. After the testimony, I offered to pray for him and he consented. We united our hearts as I led in prayer.

Suddenly, I felt an unspeakable joy overwhelming my heart as we were praying. So great was that joy, that I began to cry. We prayed for God's mercy to be upon Benny, because we, too, were once hopeless before receiving Jesus as our personal Savior in FGBMFI meetings. When I was done praying, I was surprised to find that most of our members were in tears, including Benny!

We continued the Chapter's Meeting in praise and worship, before closing it in prayer.

By the end of the meeting, I was amazed to see the change in Benny's countenance. He was a completely different man, full of joy and life! He shook everyone's hand and inquired about the Chapter's weekly meeting in that restaurant.

Everyone in that Chapter was talking about the change in Benny after he left. We were astounded by the work of the Holy Spirit in his life.

That night, I realized that God was giving each of our member the chance to personally experience the vision given to Mr. Demos Shakarian: to revive the weak and hopeless; transforming men to be more than conquerors in Christ Jesus.

I went home and continued editing this magazine. I was still working at 2.30 a.m., feeling excited and ON FIRE!

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SIX STEPS TO SALVATION

1 ACKNOWLEDGE
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
"God be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13)

2 REPENT
"Except ye repent, you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3) "Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Act 3:19)

3 CONFESS
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." (Romans 10:9)

4 FORSAKE
"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD ... for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

5 BELIEVE
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

6 RECEIVE
"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:11-12)

WHY NOT MAKE YOUR ETERNAL DECISION NOW?

"Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and I ask your forgiveness. I receive You now as my personal Savior and invite You to manage my life from this day forward. Amen."

YES! I have made my eternal decision. I have read the Six Steps to Salvation and have asked Jesus to be my personal Savior.

Please send me the booklet "Now That You've Received Christ."

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