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Globally... As One
His Banner Over Us Is Love

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Dear Friend,

Qualities of leadership will grow in your life as you grow in FGBMFI.

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.”

You are part of the spiritual transformation sweeping the world.

Today, people in the marketplace, just like the disciples of old, are letting the light of Christ shine to their world.

Globally, FGBMFI is meeting in 8,000 chapters and groups in over 148 nations.

Several million people are receiving spiritual help each year.

No, we are not religious. We are followers of Jesus!

Our members are from all walks of life; every race, every culture, and every continent. Some come from churches and some are not. We are a cross section of the business world, which includes people from all backgrounds

We are all-inclusive in our approach as FGBMFI members include: kings, presidents, prime ministers, former

presidents, senators, members of parliament, generals, judges, industry leaders, businessmen, executives, professionals, sales and office workers, educators, and “ordinary” people, as well as young people just getting started.

Our goal is to help develop “ordinary” people to become “extra-ordinary” people!

We commit ourselves to personal and business excellence, honesty and integrity. These are our core principles and values.

Our lifestyle is based on faith, goodness, generosity, kindness. There is urgency today as many in the marketplace are experiencing a crisis of spirit.

You can make a difference...for eternity. Your life will fulfill the words of Christ, by bearing much fruit.

Your destiny will blossom to its full potential by linking with Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship International. We warmly welcome you.

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NO ONE COVERS THE EARTH LIKE BUSINESS PEOPLE

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI) is the largest Christian business organization in the world.

We are in 148 nations of the world. Our members and leaders include every race, culture, social status and language.

The ethical benefits to the individual and their business is derived from the helping hand given by those who have found a superior moral code, and a better way of life, through the teachings of Jesus.

FGBMFI is a business organization that emphasizes the values taught by Jesus Christ. We are not a church. Only lay people may be officers and directors of our organization.

Our meetings are in restaurants and hotels. Our purpose is to give a helping hand in order that others may find a happier and more successful life.

The Fellowship is based upon divine spiritual and ethical principles as originally taught by Demos Shakarian, our founder.

For 60 years, FGBMFI has been on the cutting edge of uniting the power of the Holy Spirit with the financial success of businessmen around the world.

It is our destiny to live life with the principals of Christ in every business center, every market place, every government center and university.....every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. Men of faith, shining with His glory.

The backbone of the Fellowship is its men – men who have a vision inspired by God to reach out beyond their personal lives – to help others find the reality of the Spirit-filled walk with Christ. Hundreds of thousands of businessmen put God first and let their light shine to the world.

Today FGBMFI also has many ladies chapters throughout the world.

HOW FGBMFI BEGAN

Our vision for the Fellowship is based upon a series of prophetic messages given over a period of time and confirmed by a literal vision from God.

Led by a prophecy given in Armenia, the Shakarian family escaped the Holocaust in Armenia and made their home in Downey, California where Isaac Shakarian started a 20-acre dairy farm with only three cows.

Faith in God, good judgment and hard work eventually multiplied that first little herd 1000-fold, until in 1943 the Shakarian herd had reached 3,000, the world's largest dairy, at the time.

Our FGBMFI founder, Demos Shakarian, Isaac's son, continued the business success.

As a young businessman he sponsored many evangelistic meetings in the 1950's. It is estimated that a million people attended those meetings. Demos listened and learned from some of the greatest evangelists of his day, on how to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. He sponsored many evangelistic campaigns that were on the cutting edge of what was called the "charismatic renewal." And it would be accomplished through businessmen, not just the clergy.

He had a growing desire that business people would find Christ. Since almost all of the business people of that era were men, he began FGBMFI directed towards men. However FGBMFI always included the families.

After trying and seemingly failing, He was deep in prayer. In the middle of the night as he prayed kneeling on the Persian carpet in his living room, he received a Heavenly

Vision. This Vision propelled FGBMFI into motion and the world force that it is today.

“THE VISION”
AS TOLD BY DEMOS SHAKARIAN
(1952)

“I am the One who alone can open doors; I am the One who removes the beam from unseeing eyes.”

The atmosphere grew brighter, to my amazement the ceiling of the room seemed to have disappeared. The cream-colored plaster, the ceiling light – they were simply gone, and instead I found myself staring up into the sky, a daytime sky although outside it must have been pitch dark.

I heard the words, “My son, I knew you before you were born. I have guided you every step of the way. Now I am going to show you the purpose of your life.”

Although I remained on my knees, I felt as if I were rising. Leaving my body. Moving up, away from the living room. Down below me I could see the rooftops of Downey. There were the San Bernardino Mountains, and over there, the coast of the Pacific.

I was high above the earth, able to see the entire country from west to east.

But though I could see so far, I could also see people on the earth – millions and millions of them standing shoulder to shoulder, my vision seemed to move in on these millions. I could see tiny details of thousands and thousands of faces.

And what I saw terrified me. The faces were set, lifeless, and miserable. Though the people stood so close together, shoulders touching, there was no real contact between them. They stared straight ahead, unblinking, unseeing. What a shudder of horror, I realized that they were bound hand and foot.

Meeting in hotel ballrooms large crowds would come to hear the outstanding testimonies of business men and the powerful sermons of church leaders of mainline denominations, about the Holy Spirit today.

Globally this brought a new understanding.

First to thousands of people, then to hundreds of thousands of people. It spread to millions throughout the world.

FGBMFI RIGHT NOW

Mr. Richard Shakarian, the eldest son of Demos Shakarian, became the President of FGBMFI in 1993. Like his father before him he has a long history of reaching out to help people.

Through four generations and almost 150 years the Shakarian family has seen the direct guidance of our heavenly father. Richard's great grandfather left the little country of Armenia because the prophetic word had come that there would be a great destruction. He left just in time and escaped the genocide of over one million Armenians.

His grandfather Isaac was named after the Isaac in the Bible and in the same way greatly prospered during the depression milking thousands of cows in Downey, California.

His father Demos Shakarian released a great renewal of faith and a better life by starting FGBMFI. Later through this organization it seems that almost every believer in the world including Catholic and Protestant was blessed by the charismatic renewal, which began through FGBMFI.

The vision changed. Whether the world was turning, or whether I was traveling around it, I didn't know. But now beneath me was the continent of South America. Then on to Africa, Europe, Asia. Once more the startling close-ups occurred, and everywhere it was the same. Brown faces, black faces – every one rigid, wretched, each locked in his own private isolation.

“Lord!” I cried, “What’s the matter with them! Lord, help them!” ‘My son, what you see next is going to happen very soon.’

The earth was turning – or I was moving around it – a second time. Below me again were millions upon millions of men.

But what a difference! This time heads were raised. Eyes shone with joy. Hands were lifted towards heaven. Those who had been so isolated, each in his prison of self, were linked in a community of love and adoration. Asia, Africa, America – everywhere – bondage had turned to joy.

And the vision was over. I felt myself returning to earth...”

DINNER WITH SONG CHING LING THE MOTHER OF MODERN DAY CHINA

Song Ching Ling is a historic figure in China. She is called the Mother of China. Her husband, Dr. Sun Yet-sen, is given much credit for overthrowing the Imperial Dynasty. He is known as the father of China.

In her final years Song Ching Ling invited our founder, Demos Shakarian, for dinner in her home. She invited him to come back and bring his children to celebrate Demos' fiftieth wedding anniversary in her home. Unfortunately, she died the following year.

WHY A BUSINESSMAN?

FGBMFI is a special work and source of inspiration for people of all walks of life.

Demos Shakarian was not a minister or pastor, and all succeeding leaders since that time have been businessmen or layman.

Why was it that Demos who was a dairyman/businessman was given a vision that would touch millions of people all over the world?

It was precisely because he was not a priest, rabbi, or preacher.

As a businessperson he was able to speak the language of other business people. He knew their needs in a very personal manner.

When Jesus Christ chose his disciples, he chose ordinary men: fishermen, doctors, carpenters, even a tax collector.

Around the world our members and friends are answering the words that Jesus gave to an ordinary fisherman. He said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

God chooses according to the heart. He chooses the most humble and most unlikely person. From the ranks of ordinary people we reach out to help in ways that other people only speak about.

FGBMFI is not political . . . we lift the spirit of the people through encouragement and helps.

THE HAND OF GOD ON FGBMFI

Thousands of lives, businesses, and families have been changed for the better.

There are many homes that have found new love

between husband and wife and between the father and his children.

The chains of drugs and alcohol that have been broken have allowed thousands of people to be set free and to begin a truly productive life.

This is a layman's ministry.

OUR TIME WAS PROPHESED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO

The prophet Joel declared . . .

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”

“And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.”

The prophet looking down the corridors of time and saw the many personal problems facing mankind in our century. He declared that the answer to man's needs would come through ordinary men and women as they were energized by God's spirit.

TOUCHING THE ENTIRE WORLD

Historians have written that FGBMFI has been the leading force in bringing about the charismatic renewal. It was the reintroduction of the works of the Holy Spirit to mainline catholic and protestant denominations.

AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

Richard Shakarian was chosen as the speaker for a special team sponsored by Oral Roberts. He took a sabbatical from his leadership role in building stores and sales. It was 1960 and the people of the world mostly still wore their national clothing and costumes. Traveling for three months in 27 nations Richard and Vangie fell in love with the wonderful people of the world.

In the following years he was extremely successful in building new business for the Reliance dairies, and taking time to conduct great events to help the young people during the height of the drug culture sweeping America.

Richard Shakarian and his wife Evangeline (Vangie) had already traveled in more than 70 nations *before* he became the International President. In his official capacity of overseeing over 8,000 Chapters in 152 countries, he travels to scores of countries to meet with not only dignitaries, but with ordinary people---to help put their destiny on the fast track.

Richard has met with more than 20 Heads of State and other leaders such as Pope John Paul II.



THIS PICTURE IS ONLY PART OF THE CROWD OF 16,000 PEOPLE INSIDE AND 3,000 OUTSIDE IN PORTLAND, OREGON. THIS IS ONE OF 30 EVENTS BROUGHT TO AMERICA BY RICHARD SHAKARIAN DURING THE TIME HE WAS FULL TIME IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

ARMENIA BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Richard and Vangie Shakarian were the guests of the government for special events in the nation of Armenia. The Armenian government extended this invitation even though it was under the control of the Soviets at the time.

The government gave Richard sports arenas, stadiums, and even television time.

In his preparations for this historic trip, Richard remembered the prophecies given by St. Gregory to the first Armenian king. That was 1,600 years ago. However, this prophecy is still good for today.

The Armenian people responded. It was the first time in 73 years that they had publically come together to receive spiritual input. Through the week many thousands of men and women began a new life of faith.

Every night he spoke to thousands of people. On a recent trip to Armenia he was surprised to learn that he is regarded as a historic figure because, he was the first person after 73 years to be allowed to openly proclaim faith to the people. As a direct result hope and faith has come to hundreds of thousands of people, and the nation has been greatly helped.

The Marxist government of Armenia gave all the stadiums and arenas free of charge and even put him on

television all without cost.

“ONE PERSON IN EVERY FAMILY” THE MULTIPLICATION

In 1998, Richard was in prayer at John Paul II Park. He was across from the government buildings and the lake in Managua, Nicaragua.

After meeting with the President of the nation he was in deep concern. The next morning Richard and a small group of men went to Pope John Paul II Park to pray. As Richard walked away from the others. He found himself in the Park near the government buildings. Suddenly a voice inside commanded him.

“Pray with one person in every family in the nation. That person will become God’s seed for the family. Through that seed the family will be saved, and through the families the nation will be blessed.” Then He was told the exact day to began.

We believe this additional dimension of FGBMFI was started directly by God through this prophetic word to Richard.

In Nicaragua our teams were lead by Humberto Arguello. Teams included ordinary people of all walks of life from businessmen, nurses, doctors, housewives, and even Sandinista commanders.

The effect was so positive that Daniel Ortega, who is now President of Nicaragua, invited Richard to open the Marxist Sandinista Political Convention with a special prayer of blessing.

Since that time this new additional dimension has touched the lives and helped an estimated 30 million people all over the world.

“WHO WILL BE THE MAN?”

One year before Richard Shakarian became FGBMFI President, he received an unusual vision in Manila, Philippines.

Caught up out of himself in a vision, he was on a great reviewing stand. There he saw the nations of the world marching with military precision. They were being reviewed.

He saw the men marching in perfect order. Then a space between each of the nations.

It was unusual because there was no leader marching in front of any of the nations.

Richard turned to an angelic presence next to him in the vision and asked about the missing leaders.

The answer was,

“Who will be the man that will stand for his nation?”

Shocked because he thought the spiritual leader would be a famous person. Perhaps a political figure, a General, a philosopher or educator or a great minister or priest.

Then the realization was given that God is looking for ordinary men that will follow his spirit.

Jesus was not political.

Instead with his hands he helped the people. He healed the sick. He fed the hungry and he gave light for a better life.

Today, the question is still unanswered.

“Who will be the man who will stand for his city or his nation?”

Perhaps YOU are that man or woman?

Through FGBMFI you can fulfill the words of the Prophet Joel, the Vision of Demos, and the prophetic words of Richard for **“one person in every family.”**

Yes, You can lead the people of your nation to greatness .

This is the era of the layman.

In FGBMFI you will connect and network with other people. You will also receive the opportunity of fulfilling your

own calling and destiny.

Join FGBMFI and let us help you to discover your destiny!



Richard Shakarian Speaking To Honduras Congress In Session. He received many standing ovations. He frequently meets with the leaders of government as well as the legislative branch.

FGBMFI IS LIKE A MIGHTY TREE

FGBMFI is standing globally like a tall and mighty tree.

In the Vision there is no division!

Like a great tree our roots are buried deep in the very Spirit of God, and the Vision given to Demos Shakarian.

The trunk of the tree, growing from the roots is the center of our Fellowship.

Our International Headquarters in Irvine, California, is always ready to help. Our President and the international staff

travel throughout the world bringing inspiration, anointing and Vision. The international headquarters represents the central point or hub of worldwide activity. As a direct result, MILLIONS of lives have been positively affected!

The branches of the tree are the thousands of “Chapters” and over 147 nations that are a part of FGBMFI. Our Chapters are a tremendous training ground for organizational and relational skills for business, religion, life, and family!

Only God knows how many millions are encouraged and inspired through FGBMFI Chapters. There is not one nation in the world that has not been positively affected by our Fellowship.

The sun never sets on the works and ministry of FGBMFI around the world!

There are four kinds of “Chapters” that meet regularly:

- 1. Men’s and Ladies’ Chapters** –These inspirational meetings are normally held in a hotelbanquet room or in restaurants.
- 2. Men’s Chapters** – The specific *marketplace* chapters usually happen at a local restaurant for only one hour during a weekly lunch. The real life turn around stories are given by those who have received a big improvement in their business, spiritual life, healing in their body, finances or in their family relationships.
- 3. Ladies of the Fellowship** – The ladies of the fellowship are wives, business executives and other ladies gathering together once a week to bring spiritual help and strength to each other. These meetings provide opportunities for fellowship and help make a better life in the home. Through this warm and friendly Fellowship of encouragement, the lives of women

can become better, for themselves, and also for their husbands and families.

4. **Youth** –*His banner over us is love!* Filled with power-packed energy, excitement, enthusiasm, and encouragement, the future leaders of any nation are filled with positive spiritual principles. This becomes a training ground to success in all walks of life

Over 8,000 FGBMFI Chapters worldwide provide great networking opportunities in the marketplace. There is a tremendous sense of the principle of unity. God has ordained FGBMFI to be ONE in unity through out the world.

Through this Fellowship, you can literally connect to the entire world. We are linking arms together in a common expression of our joy.

One of our basic principles is to exercise what other people only speak about---turning the hearts and souls of businessmen to our Creator. We are changing nations around the world!

The life of the branch comes up from the roots through the trunk and nourishes the nations and the chapters. The nations that hold fast to the trunk show an exceptional blessing drawn from the power of unity!

The Holy Spirit is in the roots and the fertile soil in which the “tree” of FGBMFI is planted. The branches produce leaves and fruit. These are the good works and helps to men, women, and families in the nations.

FGBMFI is like this mighty tree. Staying connected to the tree trunk and the root system continually refreshes the anointing upon the people.

Millions of people are finding shelter, hope and rest under this great tree. The fruit of a better life and greater

success is freely given to all that come to rest, and eat of the fruit under the branches of FGBMFI.

ABOUT A MAN'S LIFE

How to reach your highest destiny.

In a vision I received a glimpse of right and wrong choices that so many men make.

I saw a light shining upon this tree, so young and tender. As it began to grow the sunshine of favor and God's blessing continued to light up this tree.

Just as the tender tree each of us is unique: our eye print, fingerprint, the features of our face, the sound of our voice. Everything about you is unique to this world.

This is not an accident. Each was born for a specific assignment. It is said that the very hairs of our head are numbered. No one else can fulfill your personal destiny.

This is your time.

As the tree (man) grew, others began to recognize this light of favor (and anointing). This is followed by promotion, sometimes position and responsibility.

Favor makes a man more attractive than he actually is. All sorts of things are attracted to him:

- The wrong women might be attracted.
- The wrong kinds of friends might be attracted.
- The wrong advice.
- The wrong investments.
- And even the wrong calling for your life.

Be careful... do not allow these things to distract you from your calling.

Many capable men have been diverted. They never reach the destiny for which their uniqueness has been created by God.

Businessmen and laymen must know that their highest calling is in the marketplace!

The moment the tree bends to any of these temptations one may be stepping out of the line of his personal destiny, and the great joy of fulfilling exactly the purpose for which he was created.

The bent tree will almost never fully recover the strength and stature that was within. Later he may realize that as a great layman he could have stood for his nation and accomplished much greater things.

Success in life comes through total commitment to your calling.



Richard Shakarian (left) discusses business and FGBMFI strategies with his father, Demos Shakarian, FGBMFI founder.

“THE BUDDING ROD” YOUR LIFE WILL BE ENRICHED

Aaron the brother of Moses was given a sign. His staff (or rod) bloomed like a tree in season. It was so outstanding that it was one of the items put in the famous Ark of the Covenant.

As we find our true calling we will celebrate the fact that we are businessmen called to the greatest ingathering at the greatest time in the history of the world.

Jesus celebrated the ordinary man by selecting them as his disciples and founding his ministry upon them.

It is no different today. Our meetings feature the life changing stories of a better life. For over 60 years, there have been countless testimonies of how business, family and personal situations were all turned around for the good. Since these stories are told by men in business, industry, government and workers they are believable to those looking for answers. The true real life experiences of a life completely changed for the better relate to so many people that are searching for their own answer today.

Your story becomes like the budding rod of Aaron. You bring life and hope as you show the way to the true value of life.

Your involvement in FGBMFI will help you to fulfill your destiny and the words of Jesus when he said, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

YOUR DESTINY THROUGH FGBMFI

FGBMFI has been supernaturally raised up in a very unique way. We exist to help develop God’s “Master Plan” of spiritual success for your business, your community, your

nation, your family and YOU!

We are men and women of spiritual principles and moral integrity.

Discover your destiny through the greatest Christian businessmen's organization in the world. We endeavor to take God's spirit to businessmen, laymen and families.

Since we are **UNITED AS ONE**, we will help you and encourage you to positively succeed. We are an organization of millions of stories, of testimonies, Telling how God's faith reached down to man; yes, through and for businessman... **TO YOU!**

This is your opportunity to network. Desire to serve God to be everything God wants you to be. We work together in harmony with FGBMFI. As Spirit-led men and women, to assist our nations, our communities, and our families---to be a positive influence. You can reach and touch your area through FGBMFI.

No two people are exactly alike, but because God has spiritually made you unique. There is only one of you; and God wants to use you

The goodness of God has come to release the oppressed. Your future is what FGBMFI founder saw in his vision – hundreds of millions of people released from the bondage. We see people just like Demos saw them. So many are in bondage to various personal, financial and family problems.

The Spirit of God will touch the very soul of mankind, no matter what your culture is. We can already see the joy on so many faces thanks to FGBMFI. People, families and nations---they are being blessed. Millions of people have found that perfect peace that passes human understanding. No matter what the circumstances, you can experience true peace in your spirit and your soul.

God wants you and your nation to flourish, both financially and spiritually.

Through FGBMFI, you will not only connect, but you will receive all that God has for you.

Your destiny is already sealed in greatness, because God has a plan for YOU --- a better life!

**A BETTER LIFE . . .
A BETTER LIFE FOR YOU!**

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

Didirikan di Atas Sebuah Visi
BERDIRI DI SELURUH DUNIA... SEBAGAI SATU!
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32,000 Chapter Officers

Jutaan Orang dalam Acara-Acara Kami Setiap Tahun

Waktu yang telah dikontribusikan oleh para anggota kami diperkirakan mencapai 4.2 juta jam setiap hari.. untuk menyelesaikan pekerjaan Tuhan mengubah hidup banyak orang.

Melalui televisi, radio dan jalur lain, diperkirakan bahwa FGBMFI telah menjamah hampir 2 milyar jiwa.

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