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This newsletter is produced in six languages (including Russian) and is sent to our members throughout Europe.

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Dijon 2009, a good vintage of Burgundy! FGBMFI France convention report.

When we open our newspapers these days it is difficult to find good news: the economic crisis, increasing poverty, social instability, injustice, violence, attacks, wars.... ! The world is in a bad state and one wonders how this will end. However there is a way out, and that is the true good news.

The good news it is that God is there, invisible to the eye, but very real. He is interested in men because he loves us passionately and He has only one desire, to come and save all men and to deliver mankind from the mortal wasps' nest in which we got lost.



Dijon convention

This is what we know of God since we committed our lives to Him. Not only He exists, this is obvious, we experience this every day but He is the only one who is able

to change our hearts and lives, through the revelation of His love.

We have experienced this personal restoration ourselves and we know that it can extend to our Fellowship worldwide.

So there is indeed good news. But you can't find it anywhere in our newspapers or on our radios or television sets. Or, if it's there it is in such small print that it drowns in the continuous flood of media communication. This is why we, who have experienced His love, see the manifestation of it in our lives. God asks us to be his witnesses in the world and to make known there is indeed good news: 'God's love for mankind'.

This is the call of our Fellowship: 'Christians, witnessing in the world'.

We met in Dijon in March 2009 to see how we could better fulfill this rescue mission. The current state of the world stresses the importance and the urgency.

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We invited Pierre Fwelo, the brother in charge of the Fellowship in central Africa, who shared with us the experiences of the countries in the African continent, where they have experienced strong growth in memberships. He said we have to return to the foundation of our calling and share the good news in the places of life, in our families, our offices and our factories... to the men and women who surround us. This method of working gave spectacular results in Africa ; we were greatly encouraged to hear this. We decided to put the same method into practice immediately in our local groups in France, and at our next convention in October 2 and 4 in Vichy we will evaluate the results.

Yes, Dijon 2009 was a good vintage for a new wine!

Bruno Berthon Intl. Director Africa

John Walker our Regional Vice President writes:

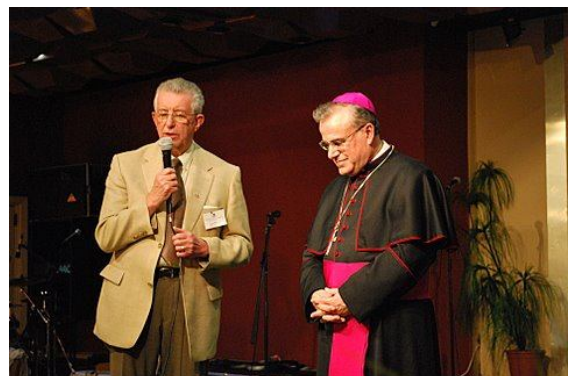
'I enclose a report on what proved to be an outstanding European Convention.



A session of the European Conference in Malta

It took place on the Mediterranean island of Malta between 24th and 26th April 2009. The venue was significant in that 2009 has been dedicated by the Catholic Church as being the year of St. Paul. This was a truly amazing Convention with delegates from sixteen nations. On the Saturday the Convention was blessed to receive His Grace Paul Cremona the Archbishop of Malta, a truly gracious and humble man who delivered a most timely message on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in these days of financial crisis.

After the Archbishop's address a stunning mime and dance group performed a tableau depicting Gods sovereign plan of salvation.



John Walker praying with Archbishop Cremona

Exciting testimonies were received from most if not all of the nations represented including Russia and Canada.

Great teaching was given both on healing and the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit by Dr John Bonnici Mallia, an FGBMFI member in Malta and by local pastor Raphael Spiteri.

A member of the Maltese Parliament and the Mayoress of St. Paul's Bay joined us at the convention.

Many wonderful healings took place and the large French group were especially blessed. Afterwards Alain Jorel the National President for France said to me that he thought this Convention marked a whole new start and development of the Fellowship in Europe.

Our Maltese hosts were marvelous and the National President Eddie Zammit and his wife Doris and entire team are to be congratulated for the organisation and running of the convention.

Many of the delegates were also able to visit the wonderful historic sites on the island which of course is where the great apostle Paul was shipwrecked.

Those of us fortunate to have been present will long remember this most significant of conventions which was uplifting and life changing.

John Walker writes:

One day in England whilst finishing my coffee at a busy service station I was met by a stranger who asked for a ride to a nearby town. I was reluctant to do this, but the man whose name was Steve, said he was an unemployed scaffolder and was on his way to find lodgings at a nearby shelter. Without a lodging address he could not get a job.

Steve added that he had stayed at Christian hostels and produced a badge showing the symbol of a fish. Steve said 'I am not a religious man but I think the badge has something to do with Jesus feeding the 5000 with five breads and two fishes. I explained the real meaning of the fish and Steve asked how I knew that. I told him that I was a Christian and had been speaking at some local meetings. Steve thought it was surprising that of all the people at this busy service station he should have met a Christian. I told him that their meeting was not by chance. Steve said: 'do you think Jesus cares about me?' 'Yes He does! He cares passionately', I replied, and I explained that God had only good plans for

Steve's life. Steve said he wanted a whole new start and asked how he could become a Christian. I explained the way of salvation and right there Steve prayed to ask Jesus into his life.

After their journey together, John said: 'This fish symbol badge is to remind you of our conversation'. God's timing is perfect

First Asia FGBMFI Men's Camp in Bangkok & meetings in Indonesia, by Alain Blin Nouveau (France).

Last February, Komo Antakon, International Vice-President for Asia, invited me to Bangkok for the first FGBMFI Asia men's camp, an event grouping together all the countries of Asia. A door had opened for me to go on this journey, and I had also had contact with Ardian Kristanto, President FGBMFI Indonesia. Indeed, France (my wife) and I, had the country of Thailand on our hearts and the opportunity presented itself during this trip not only to revisit Jakarta, where my wife had lived for 2 years (1973-1974), but also to meet Vaughn and Jennifer again, missionary friends now based in Banda Aceh. We were available to work with Ardian who arranged all the FGBMFI meetings for us.

The Men's camp was held in Bangkok from 26 to 28 March in the Avana Hotel, property owned by the chairman of the FGBMFI Bangkok chapter (he was converted at a public FGBMFI meeting). The dinner attended by 250 people, was an opportunity to hear many great testimonies and a call to follow Jesus Christ.

- Countries represented at the dinner were Thailand, Burma, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Cambodia.
- Topics covered: the foundation of our Fellowship, our call and vision, the anointing, our ministry in the business world, our goals, financial freedom, church relations, the role and responsibility of men, growth in business, the economy of God.

On Sunday 29 March, our team comprising of a dozen people gave testimony and prayed for the sick in a local church in

Pattaya, before traveling by boat to Kolan, (also called the island of sin). This was the occasion of the baptism with the Holy Spirit of a local Christian on the beach and we also saw the conversion of a young woman on our boat. We prayed over Pattaya, one of the main places of prostitution in the country, and soon after that we learned that the meeting of world leaders which should have taken place was cancelled as a result of our prayers. France and I said goodbye to our friends before setting sail for Indonesia.

Monday March 30, we took off for Jakarta, where we met with Ardian who planned our stay. That evening, we witnessed to a group of young businessmen at a local Full Gospel Fellowship meeting. There were about fifty people present, all 'on fire for the Lord', and very influential in their companies of work.



Chapter meeting in Jakarta

On Tuesday morning 31st we had a breakfast meeting with the chapter of Tomang in Jakarta where nearly eighty people were present. The meeting was scheduled from 7.00am to 9.00am and after the breakfast all present left for work. This chapter has 'birthed' more than a hundred new chapters in Indonesia, Australia and Malaysia.

There are twelve public chapter meetings a week in Jakarta. Today, there are 650 active chapters and close to 8,000 members in Indonesia. This country is the most densely populated Muslim country in the world with

240 million inhabitants, and a mosque for every 500 inhabitants. However we see the Gospel advancing, and now there are nearly 50 million Christians living in Indonesia.

We were invited to join the 30 days of prayers, 24/24, held in a hotel in the city to prepare for the country's elections of 9th April. The room was full with over a thousand people present, raising their voices to God to take control over these elections. 44 parties were taking part in these elections, some very extremist, and the police presence increased from day to day.

We left on Friday 3rd April with Ardian to travel to Banda Aceh. The chapter is in need of encouragement. Members of the Medan chapter came to support the outreach. In total nearly fifteen new members made a decision to get involved in the new chapter after a long evening of testimonies. We are invited back to Bali in 2012, for their national convention.

Goodbye Indonesia!

Alain Blin Nouveau, former FGBMFI Chapter President, Soissons (France)

Philippines, Uganda, Nepal and Bhutan March / April 2009

Hans-Petter Thue, EC Director Scandinavia writes:

My wife Kari and our oldest son Sverre and I thank FGBMFI Philippines for the invitation to attend the 27th national conference at Grand Caprice Restaurant in Cagayan de Oro City. The conference was well planned and had very good speakers. We were invited to give our testimonies and were invited to come back and visit several chapters there.

After the conference we visited our friends and co-workers in the church The Bridge of Hope in Cadabaran near Butuan city. In four years they have been growing from 5 to 11 churches, with 2 new churches being started whilst we there. These are churches with many young people and they sing and dance a lot. In the first church we visited

114 people gave their lives to Jesus and several were healed.

The next place we visited was an island without roads so we needed a boat to take us there. The team with us needed to carry all the sound equipment and food.

We came to a small fishing village with about 600 families. It had only 1 born again Christian, but more than 200 people were born again in the evening meeting. I was thrilled when I saw hard fisher men with tears in their eyes giving their lives to Jesus in front of me.

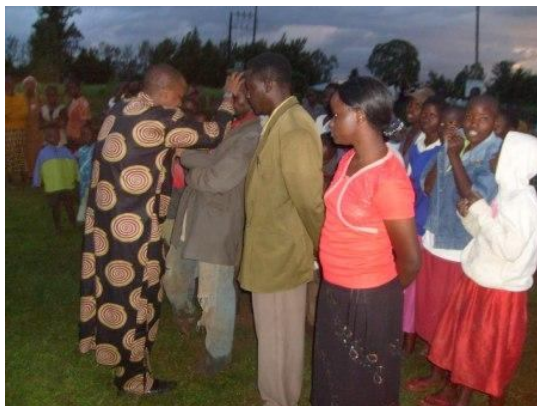
Kari, Sverre and Hans-Petter Thue, FGBMFI Norway

Uganda/ Kenya

Here is the report of our outreach in Kenya.

We were at Bungoma town in the western part of Kenya where we held both a crusade and a conference of the leaders. 100 people gave their lives to Jesus during the crusade and we spoke to 300 pastors.

We are going back to Kenya on 29th of this month and hope to meet Kenyan diplomats and hold the crusade in Nairobi the capital. FGBMFI Fire Team Leader Uganda Moses Muhoozi



Praying with the sick in Kenya.

Nepal

The chapter in Katmandu gives the following report. We have had a youth conference with more than 600 young people and more than 50 gave their lives to Jesus.

Blessings.

Vijay and Youngita, FGBMFI Nepal.

Romania – healing testimony

Colin Pownall – FGBMFI UK member received the following email from Daniel Nemteanu our national president in Romania:

'Please pray with us for George Lucacs, tomorrow he has brain surgery (2 tumors on the brain), we trust the Lord for a complete recovery after 2 difficult operations'

Colin replied ': Re: prayer request

I thank you for your email. I am sorry to hear that George is unwell. Yes I will pray for his complete healing and I will also ask my friends to pray for him.

Please let his wife and family know that we 'lift them all up to Jesus'.

Love Colin

'Dear Colin,

I talked with George before the brain surgery – he was strong and faithful to the Lord – he's not afraid to face death as he knows where he goes. Elena told me yesterday, after the first operation (a non invasive one – they removed via the nose a part of the tumor on the brain) that some complications occurred and they put him back on oxygen. Elena was rather pessimistic, she said she doubted whether they would go ahead with the other operations. George's life is in God's hands and we can only pray for him.

Love Daniel

Colin replied' Praise God in all things. We will keep praying'.

Hi Colin,

Last week I asked you all to pray for my friend and helper in Romania and this is the good news received today.

George is getting better now. One of the brain tumors was operated – the other one still is there but without any harmful effect for the moment. The amazing thing is that the lung cancer (which destroyed almost all his lungs) IS GONE – the doctors registered with a camera the operation – they said they can't understand what

happened but the cancer isn't there anymore. George will come back home this week and I'll tell you more after talking with him.

Christ was glorified in that hospital and many heard that He saves and heals today.
Love from your brother Daniel

Praise God because He does listen to our prayers. Be encouraged !

FGBMFI testimonies on Arabic internet sites

The FGBMFI TV show trailer with powerful testimonies is being shown on many Arabic language internet sites. Brenda Shakarian is the producer of our FGBMFI Television show. She is currently working on the show and people have said it looks like network television with the 'power of God' as the focus. The impact is already bearing fruit!

One testimony is that of a former Supreme Court Judge of Ghana, telling how he lost his wife and son but through FGBMFI he found Christ and a reason for living. He is now a chapter president in Ghana.

The Arab world is getting to see our anointed testimonies and this is just the beginning.

We thank God for this breakthrough - keep praying for many in the Middle East to find Jesus.

Special People for Special Times.

God looks for special people at special times. The Bible tells us there were difficult and dark times when King Ahab began to rule over Israel and he turned the people away from God. (1 Kings 16 v 29).

God looked for someone to shine the light for Him in those dark times. He didn't find him in a palace or a court, he found him a small village doing his normal work. That man was Elijah a man with a heart for God.

God looked for someone who had the courage to stand up and say 'that is wrong', someone who would stand up against an idolatrous king and his wicked wife and proclaim that 'the Lord God is God'

The Bible says 'the people of the land have used oppression and robbery against the poor and needy.

I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

Therefore I poured out my indignation upon them. (Ezekiel 22v.29 – 31)

In our culture today, in our businesses, our boardrooms, our offices, our factories our schools and colleges, we need men and women of God.

We need respected professionals, homemakers, teachers, public figures and private citizens who will promote the things of God, who will stand firm and if necessary, stand alone, for God. How about you?

Have you corrupted your principles just to stay in business? to get more money, to get promotion? to be with the 'in' crowd? If you have, repent and turn back to God.

Those who find comfort in the court of King Ahab can never bring themselves to 'stand in the gap' as Elijah did.

Adapted from Day by Day by Charles Swindoll.

Report from Roland Benz, European Outreach Director.

FGBMFI Chapter 'inauguration' in Abu Dhabi

FGBMFI coordinator for UAE (United Arab Emirates), Kenny A., invited us for the inauguration of the newly established Chapter. This first chapter dinner in Abu Dhabi was very blessed, well organized and attended by business owners, pastors and representatives of international ministries. Thanks to Kenny A. and Roger S. for their hospitality and introducing us to the exiting cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

My wife Traute and I then travelled on to Lilongwe, Malawi, to join the Outreach team.

FGBMFI 'Outreach' to Malawi - 2nd Airlift from Germany

FGBMFI Chapter Munich organized a first airlift to Malawi during November 2008, following the Nigerian National FGBMFI

convention in Owerri and stopped over in Maputo, Mozambique.

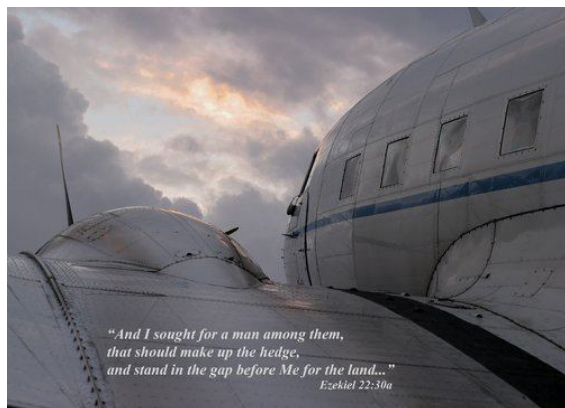
A second airlift team from Munich went to Malawi during April 2009 to follow up and cover new ground to introduce FGBMFI and to hold chapter meetings also in Lilongwe, the capital, and in altogether eight more southern cities of the country. Special thanks to our FGBMFI Coordinator Francis M. and his team, who organized all events and provided the entire logistics during our time in Malawi.

HPOE in 'Chichewa' has now been printed, sponsored by FGBMFI Chapter Munich, and is now available for distribution.

Healing at 35000 feet.

I am Jim Rogers, Associate Pastor at Bridge Way Church, Denver, USA. Our church has a passion to see the Kingdom of God ministered by every day saints to our city and the nations.

In January 2008 I was flying home from Europe after ministering in Africa at Leaders' Conferences. The topics were 'the kingdom' and 'release of the Father's love. Little did I know that God was wanting to show me that the power of the Kingdom was coming home to the US in new ways and that he intended to heal many on the airplane.



We were about an hour into the flight when the stewardesses gave us drinks. I was drinking coke and wearing a white shirt when accidentally the stewardess bumped my arm and my drink went everywhere. My

shirt was stained and I felt some frustration. But I immediately felt the presence of God come on me and I knew I was not to get angry. The stewardess helped as best she could clean up the mess. She was very surprised I didn't get angry. I realize now that the 'enemy' was trying to stop what God had in mind.

I looked across the aisle and saw a lady fidgeting in her seat. I wondered what her problem was. The Lord told me she had hurt her back two weeks earlier and He wanted me to pray for her. I was tired and just wanted to read my book and watch a movie, so I initially told the Lord "No." Isn't it funny ~ God often wants to use us when we least feel like it? But, God wouldn't let me go. After quite a few exchanges with the Lord I finally said, "OK fine, Lord, I will pray for her." I leaned across the aisle and asked the lady if she had hurt her back two weeks earlier. That got her attention and she asked how I knew that. I explained that the Lord had told me, and I also told her about my recent travels in Africa. Then I asked if I could pray for her. She said, "Yes." Then I asked if I could lay my hand on her shoulder; she looked at me and said, "Oh, you mean now?" I told her I didn't believe God wanted her in pain for the next 8 hours. As I prayed for her; the Holy Spirit fell on her and she fell out of her seat and landed on the floor of the aisle. The stewardess came greatly concerned and asked if we needed a doctor. I explained what had happened, that God was ministering to her and that the lady was fine.

As we talked, the lady came out of the Spirit. The stewardess asked if she was ok. The lady said, "Yes I'm fine and, hey, my back doesn't hurt anymore." I started to explain to the stewardess about the lady's back when she cut me off. She told the stewardess all about how she hurt her back when she fell on some ice two weeks earlier and that this pastor prayed for her and she was totally healed. Caught off guard and aware God was present, the stewardess said she had hurt her knee 4 weeks ago and was in

constant pain. She asked if I would pray for her. I said yes. Then she got a real serious look and asked if she would fall down. I said I didn't know. I prayed for her also and God healed her knee on the spot.

As I got up to go back to my seat, there were three people lined up in the aisle asking for prayer. Apparently others had noticed what was going on! I felt the Lord urging me to continue. As I started to pray for the first lady, I suddenly heard over the intercom the stewardess that I had prayed for saying that there was a pastor onboard who had been in Africa praying for healing, and that when he prayed for her and the woman with the bad back both had been healed. She said: "If anyone needs healing they should come to the galley between coach and first class and he would pray for them." I thought to myself, here we go"! Then a large gentleman came up to me. He was from England. He asked if he could catch the people for me. I thought, Thank You Lord, at least there is someone else here who knows what is going on. For the next two hours we had a healing service. At one point the catcher came to me and said, "You need to slow down, I am running out of places to put people." I looked in the galley and saw people lying everywhere.

We had 5 salvations during our time, including one young man from Saudi Arabia. He was coming to the US for surgery on his torn rotator cuff. He also had other damage to his shoulder. God healed him and I told him it was Jesus who had touched him. He said, "I know Jesus." I said to him, "Yes, you know who He is, but you need to know Him as the Saviour." As we talked he accepted the Lord. One of his traveling companions was a lady who came to me and said she was a Christian and would see that he got into a church. The people who didn't come forward for prayer were wide-eyed and looking over their seats throughout the cabin to see what was going on. When all was finished, I sat down and I picked up my book and laughed to myself. The book was 'Face to Face with God,' by Bill Johnson. I thought

to myself, God certainly does have a sense of humour for this indeed was a Bill Johnson moment ~ every day saints doing the stuff!!
Jim Rogers

May this testimony challenge each one of us as God takes us to various destinations.

European website:

Please take a few minutes to look at our European website www.fgbmfi-europe.com It has many interesting articles and testimonies (in different languages). It also gives up to date information about Fellowship events.

If you have short testimonies or FGBMFI outreach reports from your nation which you feel would encourage our members in Europe please send them to the European Office.

Events:

World Convention - June 30 - July 4, at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa, Ft. Lauderdale FL. USA

UK & Convention and European Council meeting - Telford, Central England, **October 9 to 11, 2009.**

Spring 2010, Vienna, Austria - European Convention and European Council Meeting.

No firm dates have yet been received. It is hoped that this location will attract members from Central Europe.

Autumn 2010 European Convention and European Council Meeting (October/November) – Dublin, Ireland.