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This issue –

Report from the 50th Anniversary World Convention and Love Links, a special message from our International President.

Reports from various Central European nations and outreach in South East Asia.

This Newsletter is now also available in the Russian language.

For more information about the Fellowship and coming events see our website www.fgbmfi-europe.com

1. International

Special report from Richard Shakarian, International President –

our **50th Anniversary Convention** was truly a JUBILEE. Our Convention opened with the blowing of the Shofar by the Chief Rabbi of Orange County California, followed by a beautiful song by one of the top Israeli singers.

Special guest speakers included: Reinhard Bonnke, Mel Gibson the movie actor, a special representative of Cardinal of Kinshasa, Benny Hinn, Richard Shakarian, Tim Storey, Dr. Mike Murdock, Dr. Richard Roberts.

My message on Thursday night was the Love of Christ. It was entitled "Love Is Forever". When I gave the altar call, many came forward. They were weeping as they received forgiveness, gave their entire heart to God, and received His Love. The scene was beyond my ability to describe as with tears many told the audience what Christ had done for them at the altar.

The star of the event was the 1 m tall 50th anniversary cake. It seemed like everyone one wanted their picture taken with the cake and it really tasted good.

World Convention Feed-Back

- I have attended 12 World Conventions and this one was the best - Andrew Kaminski

- I have attended 24 conventions, and this was the most anointed - Mike Galleher

- I must say that the whole convention was and is a tremendous blessing to me; in reality overwhelming and beyond words. We serve an awesome God. Marc Van Laer

Richard Shakarian - **The Love Link.**

- But those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint – Isaiah 40:31.

For years we have been told the greatest days are ahead, but now is the time.

- **Jesus is the Love Link from Heaven.**
- **We are the Love Link from Jesus to millions of people.**
- FGBMFI is Gods chosen vessel to bring the power and the boldness of the early church through ordinary people.

At the 50th World Convention, God confirmed this with the manifestation of His presence and power that has been glorious.

Get ready for Gods favour. One day of favour is worth a thousand days of labour.

- Uncommon favour is when God causes someone to desire to become a problem solver in your life.

The next major International event is the Directors Conference in **Jerusalem** for Apr. 30 – May 1 2004. Also the next **World Convention** is planned for **Abuja, Nigeria**, August 3-7, 2004.

There has been a great outpouring of God's Spirit in this nation of Nigeria in recent times with many signs and wonders. Everyone is invited to come and experience what God is doing in this great nation and join with our thousands of brothers and sisters from Africa.

Many of our Leaders from the European nations (including those from Central and Eastern Europe) will be gathering in Leuven, **Belgium** October 17-19, 2003 for a time of fellowship, listening to the Lord and developing joint actions for the work in our nations. Richard Shakarian and Ron Weinbender from the International Office will be with us. Also attending will be our newly appointed Regional Vice-President for Europe, John Walker (UK); John replaces Bruno Berthon (France) who becomes Regional Vice-President for French speaking Africa.

Leaders wishing to attend this event, including wives, should contact the European Office or see the European website for registration.

2. Central Europe

Miklós Molnár, International Director at Large, Hungary, reports: '... revival has already started ! We here in Europe are just a few seconds away from a huge wave of spiritual explosion. Be ready, He wants to use you.'

Miklós says: '...I attended the World Convention in Anaheim. I have never experienced such unity and love. God really set us free financially and spiritually.'

After Anaheim I left for a 2-week visit to **Nicaragua**. Many people are coming to the Lord, on the streets, in offices, in banks, in factories, in the airport, etc. You do not have to speak much because the Lord is doing the work. I saw hundreds of people coming to Jesus in just a few days. The chapters of FGBMFI are growing day by day and there is a boom in the memberships. Tens of thousands are receiving healing and a new life, within a short time the whole nation is being reached for Jesus. When I arrived back in **Hungary**, I was contacted by some new people whom I did not know but who already have the vision of God's work in their hearts. We are having a leaders meeting this month and we believe God will change many hearts. We have received registrations from men who have not had contact with FGBMFI for some years. Something great is happening.

I have been contacted by a brother in **Slovakia** about restarting the Fellowship in their nation. A team of brothers have planned a meeting in Bratislava and I plan to go there with a small team from Hungary to help them.

I am going to **Poland**, where I have been invited to speak at their National Convention in Lodz on October 3-5.

I have also just got an invitation to go to Nessibar in **Bulgaria** to start a chapter there and take some other meetings.

On October 27 we will start a new nation in the Fellowship as we will be taking the opening meeting in **Liechtenstein**. We have already visited them twice and signs and wonders are happening. There is a great hunger and thirst for spiritual things.

For a more detailed report on the events in Central Europe contact Miklós Molnár at Base1@mail.datanet.hu

A team from the UK was in **Poland** in June 2003 as part of our Bridge Builders programme. Here is their report: '...On 1 June 2003, four of us from the Isle of Wight Chapter - Keith Mew, Richard Grabowski (himself Polish), Steve Woodford and Mike Shaw - set out on the long car journey to Poland with the intention of visiting chapters in Warsaw, Kalisz (Central Poland) and Tarnow (SE Poland), calling on Mike's sister in Berlin on the way and spending a little time in the village of Kosina (close to the Ukraine border) where Richard and his wife own a cottage. It marked the start of a wonderful two-week adventure, in which we were surely as encouraged by our Polish christian brothers and sisters as they were by us. We went at a politically significant time for Poland, with the referendum about EU membership in full swing - we were in fact travelling hard on the heels of Tony Blair and George W. Bush - but it also seemed to be a time of great spiritual awakening. 'spring' had finally arrived in Poland after the darkness of successive Nazi and Communist 'winters'. All this fitted in perfectly with the message of Isaiah Chapter 61, which the Lord gave Steve before our departure.

We were most of all struck by the agape love shown to us wherever we stayed, first at the home of Adam Moraczewski, National President of FGBMFI Poland, and his charming wife Renata, on the outskirts of Warsaw, and later with both Donata and Jurek and their families in Kalisz. The hospitality we received in each place and on our last evening in Poland from the Pikul family in Tarnow, was beautiful as it was almost overwhelming. These are people of faith and vision, who really love the Lord. FGBMFI is very special to them.

We were delighted to meet Jerzy Kosieradski, National Director, at Adam's house and pray with him and his wife Ivana. We, for our part, shared our testimonies and prayed with a large number of people both in Warsaw and Tarnow, the Lord more often than not giving us a special word for them. Everywhere we made friends and were thrilled to see spectacular signs of growth and a deep hunger among these young Christians.

Nowhere was this more apparent than in the vibrant new churches springing up in Kalisz where they were planning a huge evangelistic picnic in one of the city parks. The Kalisz chapter (the most active in Poland) is currently led by two Spirit-filled ladies, Donata and her friend Gosha, who are earnestly praying for more men to come forward in leadership positions. Gosha commented that we were like 'visiting angels' (which may help to explain the warmth of the hospitality) and asked if we could send over more men from FGBMFI, as well as supplying video and audio tapes for their encouragement.

Apart (obviously) from Richard, none of us knew any Polish but language was never a problem as excellent translators were always on hand in meetings, offering their services quietly and efficiently without our even needing to ask.

It was a privilege to be able to witness on the streets of Poland to people who are so open to the Gospel (but also, unfortunately, to other influences and groups like the JWs). One of the highlights was a visit to Arek's modern, well-equipped publishing firm in Kalisz to talk about the launch of a Christian newspaper. Arek, who regularly attends FGBMFI meetings, gave up an entire

afternoon to show us some of the glorious countryside near his home.

Truly, God is doing some amazing things in Poland and in other Eastern European countries such as Hungary, where (according to Wojciech Wloch, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ in Cracow, who gave us an extensive tour of that fine city) one church in Budapest has grown to around 15,000 members. Already, Richard and his wife have returned to Poland with copies of the christian book 'New Life' for Arek and we fully expect in the months and years ahead the Holy Spirit to build on the foundations laid. Meanwhile, we pray for this largely Catholic country and its extraordinarily brave and generous people, whom we came to love so much - all of us hoping to return in the near future. Bridge-building is always, of course, a two-way process, so we will be pleased to offer hospitality to two Polish youngsters, sons of an FGBMFI member we met over dinner in Kalisz, when they visit the UK this summer.
Michael Shaw

Jerzy Kosieradski, Polish Director says 'FGBMFI is very significant to revival in his nation, being a non-church organisation it can gain access to business people and so spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ'. I thank the Lord for the blessings the British brothers gave to the young Fellowship in Poland. I strongly encourage FGBMFI members in other European nations, where the Fellowship is well established, to assist the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ over the nations of Central and Eastern Europe'.

John and Wilsa Stephenson from Yorkshire, England were recently in **Bulgaria** as part of the Bridge Builders

programme. They had a very encouraging time and were able to visit Turkish speaking churches and Gypsy churches. Their report will be included in a future Networking Newsletter.

Milan Bobek, National Director **Czech Republic** says they had a National Leaders meeting in May and Jaromir Slaby was voted National President. The previous president Daniel Zajic is now vice-president and responsible to Voice magazine and radio. Milan says that since that meeting they gather each week for prayer and have been joined by some new active members who are prime businessmen. There are six chapters operating in Czech Republic two have been established with the help of brothers from Germany.

They are preparing to start three new chapters in Nyrsko, Brno and Litomerice.

Milan says 'a successful ministry is that of 'Management Seminars' which are used to attract members in various cities and often we can use the local church facilities for meetings. We have also started a special year-long training course for christian leaders.

We sponsor our own christian broadcasting (one hour a week) at a national station, a foundation for Bible translation and anti AIDS seminars at secondary schools and at an inter-denominational theological seminary. On top of that we sponsored a gift of bibles to all the members of our Senate. We also operate an internet site "Window into Israel".

Vaclav Lamr (director) continues with his christian drawing and painting exhibitions and street evangelism. During the summer they were visited by Hans-Petter Thue, National President

Norway, with a small group. He reports many healings and people with psychological problems were set free. Also many of the members were inspired to go out with the Gospel.

The Czech brothers wish to reprint the book 'The Happiest People on Earth', any financial assistance will be welcome.

For more information contact:

Milan.bobek@newton.cz

Bob Bignold, International Director USA, is planning an outreach trip to Rostov and Kislovodsk **Russia** for October 2003.

3. Israel

A recent report from Ben Kusi, a field rep. says: '...there are members active in Tel Aviv South, with mainly Africans, and Tel Aviv North, with mainly Spaniards. The chapters request prayer as the members are scattered as a result of the actions of the Immigration Police. David Silver will continue to help the Fellowship in Haifa.

Please pray for Israeli christians to come into the Fellowship.

4. Greece

Chris Chamberlain (Stockport chapter UK) says 'a team is being formed to evangelise at next summer's Olympic Games in Athens. This will be an 'Olympics Fire Team Outreach'. People interested in this outreach should contact::

chris.basson@advanceadvertisingfgbmf.com

5. Norway

HansPetter Thue, National President, reports that the chapter in Oslo has begun meetings for young people, with some success, also that he plans to go

with Kari (his wife) to Denmark to help the brothers at an industrial show and be guest speakers at a banquet.

6. France

François de Beauchene, National Secretary France, has sent the following report about their recent camp in Vichy –

VICHY May 2003 was a truly great Convention, not because of the number of people present but because the Holy Spirit was there, mightily, to teach, guide and bless everybody.

Carlo Brugnoli, the main speaker along with his wife, led us to consider our way of living, whether or not it was according to the Bible

. His words were so simple and so true that the majority of people were touched deeply. He was the tool of Jesus for us.

Whilst in prayer for the meetings prior to the start of the convention, we received a vision and I want to share that vision with you ; it is necessary for everybody to look carefully to what extent this vision fits his own position as regards his christian life.

We saw an old train, like those shown in the Western movies. That train was moving slowly in a narrow valley, followed (chased), by a horseman, (was he indian or not, we did not see). The horseman rides as fast as the train and sometimes faster. But the train gets out of the valley in an open ground where it picks up speed. The horseman, first happy to ride as fast as the train sees that he will soon be left behind permanently. He thinks about what to do, and then jumps onboard the train; sad to leave his beloved horse behind but happy to be in the train and going farther.

We asked the Holy Spirit to give us some explanation and we received the following :

- The horseman is totally free, going where he wants but his range is short and slow.

- The train goes far and fast but you cannot drive it; it has already a destination and a driver, although he is unseen.

- A horseman is alone, in a train are people going the same way. (what about if the train is the Fellowship and the horseman a chapter !)

- A horse gets tired, not a train.

- A train, as we saw it, is moved by fire and water. Are we not being moved by fire and water of the Spirit?

- A train makes noise, it smokes, it is visible and seen by the world. We have to be the same.

We received these interpretations and a lot of others. We understood it was of the utmost importance for the French Fellowship to position itself as per the vision that leads towards more individual dedication and a better link between chapters. We are onboard the same train and have to let the Holy Spirit drive it !

We are very thankful for the fruits this vision brought during the whole Convention and the Board decided it was so important to be shared with those who could not attend the Convention, that a Special Meeting will be convened for all members of French FGBMFI. This will occur in November this year.

7. Belgium

The National Committee is organising a training weekend November 14 through 16 in Blankenberge on the Belgian coast, for all members. The main speakers are Dr. Carlos Mraida from Argentina and Freddy Decoster from France. Both men are dynamic preachers and experience healings and other miracles at their meetings.

Members from other nations are welcome to attend.

For more information contact vanneste.rik@attglobal.net

8. Ireland

The Brothers in Ireland are organising a National Convention in Donegal, a port town on the North-West coast of Ireland; from Thursday evening 30th October (registration) through to Saturday evening November 1st. Many hotel rooms have spectacular views across the Donegal Bay. There are opportunities to visit the Port and perhaps do some fishing.

The main speakers are Tom and Ann Jewett from Australia; Tom is an itinerant minister and has been a director of Teen Challenge in Sydney.

The Conference package, including meals, is approx. Euro 200.00 per person.

For more information contact the UK Office at fieldoffice@fgbmfi.org.uk

9. S.E. Asia

Jürgen and Marianne Lehmann (Germany, Cambodia Outreach Team) were during May on an airlift to **Cambodia and Thailand**. In spite of problems with the Sars epidemic and other difficulties at that time Jürgen and Marianne decided to take a step of faith in obedience to God's call. They worked with Komo Antakon (National President, Thailand) and some other Thai leaders, as well as Pastor's Thavy Maes and Koy Touch from Cambodia. They held various meetings in camps, churches and hotels, including one meeting at the River Kwai Hotel. The 'care groups', established during previous visits continue to grow.

Jürgen says that in our weakness we need much more the power of the Holy Spirit.

A further joint Germany/Thailand outreach in Cambodia and Thailand is planned for 9 to 23 December 2003.

A full report can be obtained at Chapter.stuttgart@fgbmfi.de

Ken Halvorson (US) plans to be in Thailand in early October and then go on to Ho Chi Minh City in **Vietnam**. Ken says that Christians ministering in Vietnam usually meet in Thailand to share their planning and help coordinate their efforts.

François de Beauchene (France) plans to go again to Vietnam in November 2003 (hopefully with a small team) and visit the cities of Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh and Danang.

Martin Clarke, Director at Large, UK, has since 1997 a joint venture wine production facility in **China** with The Great Wall Wine Company. The facility is the largest in China and exports to over twenty eight countries, mainly under the Great Wall label.

Martin says he has tried to have FGBMFI dinners in Beijing but the hotel was prohibited from staging such events.

China is a country that the Fellowship would like to enter 'in due season'. Please pray that God will open the doors for the Fellowship to operate in this great nation.

(for more information, contact the European Office)

Martin Clarke will be the guest speaker at the London Silver Jubilee dinner to be held on November 24th.

For information contact Rodney Radcliffe at FGBLondon@aol.com

10. Africa

Jack Amos, National Director **South Africa**, recently welcomed John and Susan Wright from the UK (EC Director).

He said they saw God moving by His Spirit in every aspect of ministry. There were salvations at almost every meeting, people filled with the Spirit, there were healings and spiritual directions given to a number of people.

The Lord worked His Gospel at all the meetings and this brought a new excitement to the people who dared to get involved. Jack says: '... lets continue to ride on the momentum of what God has done and pray without ceasing for revival to start in us and then the greater Body of Christ.

Jack welcomes contact with brothers from other nations. He can be reached at: glendaw1@absamail.co.za

Jean-Pierre Witzmann, National Director Berlin Area, plans to return to **Madagascar** in November 2003. So far two chapters have been established and the young Fellowship is trying to get registered as an official organisation with the Government.

Materials from Europe have been sent to Madagascar including Voice magazines, teaching tapes and chapter materials. Jean-Pierre has it on his heart to have 10.000 books 'The Happiest People on Earth' printed in the Madagascan language.

Please pray for this project and his coming outreach.

For further information contact Jean-Pierre@witzmann.net

11. Events for your diary

October 16 - 19

European Leaders Conference, Leuven, Belgium

October 30 - November 1

Irish National Convention, Donegal

November 14 - 16, Training Weekend, Blankenberge (Belgium)

November 14 - 16

Members meeting, Vichy (France)

November 24, Greater London Jubilee Dinner, (UK)

2004

January 30 - February 1

Sevenside & SW Region Men's Advance, England

March 12 - 13

Swedish Nat'l Convention, Stockholm

March 18 - 20

Swiss Int'l Conference, Switzerland

April 30 - May 1

Int'l Directors Conference, Israel

May 14 - 16

UK Nat'l Convention, Llandudno (Wales)

August 3 - 7

51st World Convention, Abuja (Nigeria)

August

Olympic Games airlift, Athens (Greece)

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