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President's Report

building TEAMS

To me it's quite clear. In order to build anything you have to have a Plan.

That plan, leads you to build a structure.

We have a structure called MDM, we have adapted it to suit our Australian circumstances culturally and geographically.

I see it this way, the MDM is like the huge pylons and trusses that are the first to go up when building a big structure. However, we need to build within that huge structure a framework that makes that huge building useable and functional.

Now when we began this journey in 2012 the Lord did impress on me that he would send those that would be trained and equipped already, with in the world to bring their vast experience, to build that framework for a successful future for FGBA to carry out its final mandate to transform our nation for the Kingdom of God.

More than anything else occupying my mind, when I looked at what we are doing and where we are going, is this issue of team building within each gate, for state and nation.

Cohesive teams

My vision and focus for this next season is of building a team mentality.

For us to build cohesive teams, cohesive high performance teams that we call Gates that meet together weekly or fortnightly.

As leaders in the gates, we must give direction and vision to the group that will join us.



People around you must know where you are taking them, and that comes by having a good framework that involves them in the plan of where we are going. **Our focus is to be on building relationships.**

With our Spiritual Eyes looking for those who are called and are willing to work for the Kingdom, to be Discipled, then to disciple others and then become spiritual fathers to the next up and coming leaders.

That cannot happen when you are a lone ranger running ahead of the team. Doing your own thing.

See if we do not report back to a weekly or fortnightly group, to get prayer support, help others in the team, catch the vision of what you are trying to achieve, in a particular mountain, and bring others with you, we may start a good thing but may not be able to finish it.

Diversity

The other thing about building a team is Diversity within that team. We need to work in all the mountains not just one within that team/Gate.

It gives us a broader picture of the issues we are surrounded with, and makes us more effective for the Kingdom as we identify and build relationships.

As we continue at National level to put structure and frameworks and strategically trained leaders in place, that will make our focus clearer and give proper direction. We believe that the Holy Spirit will continue to bring others that join with us to take up there high calling and understand the importance of Discipling and being fathers to the next generation of FGBA leaders.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, continue to be our focus as we reach out to a world that has been short changed by the kingdom of darkness. Blessing to you all.



BILL SGRO
Australian National President



LEADERSHIP EMPOWERMENT, AIRLIFTS, PRAYER, MAYOR PRAYER BREAKFAST, TAPE MINISTRY, BUSINESS DYNAMICS, OUTREACH MEETINGS, PARTNERS IN EVANGELISM, VOICE MAGAZINE

From the Editor

Hi everyone, and welcome to the first edition of the Vision Magazine for 2015. I pray you've all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break.

The Vision Magazine will be issued more regularly this year. I'm aiming to have an issue once every two months from March to November. I'm also looking for more people to contribute articles to the Magazine this year, so if you have found an article that you believe would greatly benefit the Fellowship, please email the article to me. My email address is on the back page of this issue.

I recently received a book from our National Vice President Rod Winter called "The Spirit of Sonship" by Pastor John Alley. If you don't have a copy, please contact Rod, and I'm sure he'll arrange a copy for you. You can also purchase the book from the Amazon Kindle store. I purchased the Kindle version and have been reading the book on my iPhone's Kindle app.

This is what I've learned from the book so far. True Apostolic Christianity comes from developing deep and personal relationships. We can develop this type of relationship with God our Father, the Lord Jesus, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We can also develop this type of relationship with other believers as a Spiritual Father and Spiritual Son.

We need to be a Spiritual Son to a Spiritual Father. This relationship has probably developed over a number of years, and matures as the Spiritual Son walks with, loves, and honours the Spiritual Father. The Spiritual Father reciprocates this love and also provides, blessing, covering, and correction if necessary to the Spiritual Son.

There are three major examples provided in the book of Spiritual Fathers and Spiritual Sons. They are Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, and Paul and Timothy.

Pastor John Alley uses Malachi 4:5-6 as one of his key verses for his book. In this verse, it says that Elijah will be sent, whose teaching will turn the hearts of the Fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their Fathers. Pastor John goes on to say that true revival will come as a result of believers walking together in personal relationships with other believers and with their God.

If you have not read this book, I highly encourage you to do so. You will be greatly blessed if you do so.



STEVE HARLOW
Magazine Editor

what IS OUR HIGH CALLING?

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age". (Matthew 28: 16-20)

In the New Wave of Revival – The Vision Intensified, Demos Shakarian shared the revelation of a renewed vision:

1. Evangelise

- Reach men and women in all nations for Jesus Christ
- Mass Conversion

2. Empower

- Baptise believers with the Holy Spirit of fire
 - Unprecedented Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- The Vision Intensified

3. Equip

- Train and disciple believers to fulfil the Great Commission
- Specially Prepared People

4. Enlarge

- Multiply disciples and enlarge our reach and spheres of influence
- World of Peoples and Nations

5. Extend

- Establish and advance the Kingdom of God in the marketplace, cities and nations

It is clear that the Great Commission and the Vision Intensified are aligned in the purpose of transforming the culture of nations through discipling men and women for the work of the Kingdom.

So how does a small group of spirit filled believers start the process of transforming the culture of nations?

In the book "The 7 Mountains of Influence", Bronwyn O'Brien says that "God has designed you to have a particular interest in life, so you could be perfectly positioned as an agent for change in your particular sphere of influence"

So, I will leave you with this thought and this question:

Could we see the Kingdom Come, if we were inspired to build relationships with people, in the areas where we have a particular interest, and to disciple them to find God's High Calling for their lives and then teach them to do the same with others?

Blessings!

STEFAN HORVATH

FGBA National Director, for Business and Finance

Summary of the book of Esther

King Artaxerxes, ruler of a massive Persian empire, holds a lavish party, initially for his court and dignitaries and afterwards for all inhabitants of the capital city Shushan. Artaxerxes gets drunk and orders the queen Vashti to display her beauty before the guests. She refuses. Worried all women will learn from this, Artaxerxes removes her as queen and has a royal decree sent across the empire that men should be the ruler of their households.

Artaxerxes then orders all beautiful young women to be presented to him, so he can choose a new queen to replace Vashti. One of these is the orphan Jewish girl Esther. After the death of her parents, she is being fostered by her cousin Mordecai. She finds favour in the king's eyes, and is made his new queen. Esther does not reveal that she is Jewish.

Shortly afterwards, Mordecai discovers a plot by the Kings body guards to assassinate King Artaxerxes, the conspirators are apprehended and hanged, and Mordecai's service to the king is recorded in the courts daily records.

Artaxerxes appoints Haman one of his officials as his prime minister. Mordecai, who sits at the palace gates, falls into Haman's disfavour as he refuses to bow down to him. Having found out that Mordecai is Jewish, Haman plans to kill not just Mordecai but all the Jews in the empire. He obtains Artaxerxes permission to execute this plan, and he casts lots to choose the date on which to do this—the thirteenth of the month of March. On that day, everyone in the empire is free to massacre the Jews and take their land.

When Mordecai finds out about the plans he and all Jews mourn and fast. Mordecai informs Esther what has happened and tells her to intercede with the King. She is afraid to break the law and go to the King unsummoned. She replies that nobody is allowed to approach the king, under penalty of death.

Mordecai warns her that she must, and he said that she will not be any safer in the palace than any other Jew, and says that if she keeps silent, salvation for the Jews will come from somewhere

getting ready to disciple the nations

THE GATEKEEPER DISCIPLING PROCESS KICKS OFF IN AUSTRALIA

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." (Matthew 28:19). "We ask that You will help us FOCUS ONLY ON YOU and Your mandates for our lives..." (Demos Shakarian – The Vision Intensified).

One of the mandates given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ is to make disciples of all nations. Demos Shakarian asked us to pray for God's help in obeying these mandates.

With this in mind, the FGBA leaders attending the leadership weekend in Melbourne in February this year unanimously agreed to be disciplined for a year as part of their preparation to becoming disciplers, to bring uniformity of vision, mission and purpose to gate meetings and marketplace activities in order to effectively disciple gatekeepers.

They agreed that Dr George Perry, who is being disciplined by 'Papa' Khoo Oon Theam, President of FGB Gatekeepers Singapore and also their Director of Leadership Discipling, lead the Gatekeeper Discipling Process.

To ensure the disciples get the best for their preparation, George has already travelled to Singapore several times over the past year to be personally disciplined. Regular one-on-one meetings between disciplers and their disciples are essential for the success of the discipling process. He plans to continue to visit Singapore.

Christians experience salvation through evangelism but disciples experience transformation through empowerment, equipping, and enlarging the Kingdom of God. Salvation can take only seconds to happen, as demonstrated by the thief on the cross. But discipling is a lifetime process.

else, but "you and your house hold will perish," and he suggests that she was elevated to this position of authority as queen, for such a time as this.

Esther has a change of heart, She orders Mordecai to have all Jews fast for three days together with her, so as the Lord would give her favour with the King. And on the third day she goes to Artaxerxes who stretches out his sceptre to her which shows that she is not to be punished.

She invites him to a feast in the company of Haman. During the feast, she asks them to attend a further feast the next evening. Meanwhile, Haman is again offended in some way by Mordecai and consults with his friends. At his wife's suggestion, he builds a gallows for Mordecai.

That night, Artaxerxes can't sleep and when the court records are read to him to help him sleep, he learns of the services rendered by Mordecai in the previous plot against his life. Artaxerxes is told that Mordecai has not received any recognition for saving the king's life.

An ideal disciple of Christ is a "true son in the faith", with a spirit of sonship. Sons of our Abba Father refer to both sons and daughters. Their disciplers are those with a father's heart. For discipling women, those with a mother's heart participate in the discipling process. However, to be a father, one must first be a son.

Discipling is different from mentoring. Mentoring is about the mind, and knowledge and understanding while discipling is about the heart, wisdom and revelation. Furthermore, discipling is not just about the church, but about the Kingdom of God in its entirety.

Discipling focuses on the whole person, and prepares them for the work of the Kingdom in their relevant spheres of influence, that is, in arts entertainment and sports; business and finance; church and religion; distribution media and communications; education; family; and government and legal.

Included in the discipling process are the operation of the 8Ws at gate meetings and in personal devotion time, and teaching on the Word Theme for the month. These monthly Word Themes help to bring the richness of life in the Kingdom of God into the disciples.

FGB Gatekeepers Singapore has recently celebrated the conclusion of its first season of their Gatekeeper Discipling Process and welcomed in its second season. There were at least 18 hours of one-on-one meetings between the disciples and their disciplers, usually three hours each month. Both disciplers and disciples had nothing but praise. As commented by Chong Huimin, a young gatekeeper being disciplined, the process was as iron sharpening

Just then, Haman appears, to ask the King to hang Mordecai, but before he can make this request, King Artaxerxes asks Haman for his advice. He asks, what should be done for the man that the king wishes to honour. Thinking that the man that the king is referring to is himself, Haman says that the man should be dressed in the king's royal robes and led around on the king's royal horse, while a herald calls: "See how the king honours a man he wishes to reward!" To his horror and surprise, the king instructs Haman to do so to Mordecai. After leading Mordecai's parade, he returns in mourning to his wife and friends, who suggest his downfall has begun.

Immediately after, Artaxerxes and Haman attend Esther's second banquet, Esther reveals that she is Jewish and that Haman is planning to exterminate her people, including her. Overcome by rage, Artaxerxes leaves the room. Meanwhile, Haman stays behind and begs Esther for his life, falling upon her in desperation.



Dr George Perry with his discipler, 'Papa' Khoo Oon Theam.

iron, benefitting both the disciplers and their disciples.

George looks forward to meeting the leaders during his travels around Australia this year, exhorting, encouraging and charging them to be disciplers, "true sons in the faith" as Timothy was to Apostle Paul.

DR GEORGE PERRY

FGBA National Vice President and National Director for Leadership Discipling

The king comes back in at this moment and thinks Haman is assaulting the queen. This makes him angrier than before, and he orders Haman hanged on the gallows that Haman had prepared for Mordecai.

The previous decree against the Jews cannot be annulled, but the king allows the Jews to defend themselves during attacks. As a result, on 13 February 500 attackers and Haman's ten sons are killed in Shushan, followed by a Jewish slaughter of 75,000 Persians, although they took no plunder.

Esther sends a letter instituting an annual commemoration of the Jewish people's redemption, in a holiday called Purim. Artaxerxes remains very powerful and continues reigning, with Mordecai assuming a prominent position in his court.

BILL SGRO

National President

New Appointments

Full Gospel Business Australia (FGBA) is pleased to announce that Stefan Horvath has been appointed to the FGBA National Board. FGBA is also pleased to announce that Dr George Perry has been appointed as a second National Vice President alongside Rod Winter.

Several people have also been appointed as National Directors. These people are not National Board members, but have been appointed to roles that have a national focus within FGBA. FGBA is pleased to announce the following appointments:

- Stefan Horvath has been appointed as National Director for Business and Finance.
- Steve Harlow has been appointed as National Director for Communications.
- Anthony Connell has been appointed as National Director for Pastoral Care.

All of these appointments were made during a recent National Board Meeting in February. Please pray for all these people and the rest of the National Board as they carry out their appointments to ensure that FGBA's high calling is fulfilled in Australia.

Ambassadors to FGBA from FGB Gatekeepers Singapore

FGBA is also pleased to announce that John and Susan Vong have been appointed by FGB Gatekeepers Singapore as its ambassadors to FGBA. Please pray for John and Susan as they liaise between FGB Gatekeepers Singapore and FGBA.

New FGBA Ladies Member

At the recent National Board meeting in February we had the privilege of welcoming Edith Bewlay as she became the latest lady to become an FGBA Gatekeeper. National Director for Women Lorna Winter presented Edith with her Gatekeeper membership. We praise God for Edith's commitment and pray God will bless Edith in all that she does.



Lorna Winter presents Edith Bewlay with Gatekeeper membership.



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The FGBA website is the place to find out what's happening in FGBA... www.fgba.org.au Please email any information you would like on the website to Steve Harlow at sharlow131@gmail.com There are many events around the Nation and if you can, please attend. Thank you for your continuing financial support which enables the ongoing work of FGBA.

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