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**Iresident's Report** 

# seize the OPPORTUNITY

Ask the Question, What's your testimony?

The way forward, as I see it, is very basic. We can focus on all the high-tech stuff and, yes, that's all in place now with websites and all sorts of iPhones, iPads, iPods, and iGadgets that make communication instant and nearly impossible to have any privacy. No matter how many laws are invented and implemented for privacy.

It's been 21 years this year that I was invited to my first FGB outreach dinner, and not long after that to my first weekly FGB prayer night, by my good friend, fellow Board Member and National Secretary, Charles Rockefeller. I've rarely missed a prayer night or outreach event since. Why? Because I was made to feel welcome and important.

On that first night I was asked to share a little of my story and how I found the Lord. For three or four years I had tried to do the Lord's work in whatever capacity I could within the church framework, and yet was never made to feel welcomed. No matter how many times I would say to different leaders in the church that I felt called to do something in the church, I was always overlooked. I would say that without the influence of the Fellowship, and in meeting Godly businessmen like Tony Brain and Bernie Gray and having great mentors like Barry Young, Bill White, Dinko, Charles, Rod, Brad, Fred, John Donna, Mark Mudri, and so many others, I would never have received the level of training and development of what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus, in the full power of the Holy Spirit, in Healing and Deliverance, and Market Place evangelism.

As I charted my involvement, I was amazed to see how far the Lord had taken me. From a stammering first night testimony at a chapter prayer meeting to Chapter Vice President, to Chapter President, to Regional Director, to State Director, to Board Member, to National Vice President, to National President now going on to seven years.



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And that all started because a leader in the fellowship gave me the opportunity to tell of what Jesus has done in my live and what He means to me.

My pray is that all leaders will look at what they have in their hands that they can use to expand the Kingdom of God. We do not have to look far to reach out and touch someone.

As I sit and write this article, I can't help but think of my good friend, mentor and father in the faith, Tony Brain, who went to be with the Lord this week. I realised his article will not be appearing in the Vision Magazine anymore as the Fellowships National Encourager. He will be sorely missed by a lot of people who constantly received encouraging phone calls that seemed to have always come at the right time. Bless you Tony.We will see you soon, as time goes so quickly.

As I communicate with Fellowship leaders, I am finding that there is a lot happening in the fellowship. Everyone it seems is having successful events that are leading to great seeds being sown or harvest being reaped.

From the tremendous outreach meetings we had with Peter Pollock's visits this year, which added many to the kingdom of God, and to the so many isolated ones from speakers used from the local chapter community, to many successful Mayoral Prayer Breakfasts around the nation, planting seeds and exposing the work of the fellowship where it had not been evident before.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our leadership at all levels, as your efforts do not go unnoticed by the Lord, as you continue to plan and strategise the best way forward for your particular responsibilities. Bless you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



BILL SGRO Australian National President



















#### From the Editor

Hi everyone

Welcome to the December issue of the Vision Magazine for 2012.

I hope everyone is well.

Once again, there has been some fantastic things in the Fellowship since the last issue. Please read the articles from around the country and be encouraged as you read what has been happening.

I would like to thank those who have contributed articles for this issue.

It was also a great privilege to be at the funeral service for Tony Brain. This was held at the Influences North AOG Church in Elizabeth, South Australia. The local Pastor held the service.

There was a great number of people from FGB who attended the meeting. and several FGB members spoke at the service. These included: Rod Winter, Brad Manfield, Mark Mudri, and Geoff Robertson. Several of Tony's family members did the eulogy.

The Pastor had to mention the time Tony and I were coming home from Melbourne. There were people everywhere in the airport. We were running late for our plane, so Tony started yelling, "Blind man coming through!", and we made it to our plane on time.

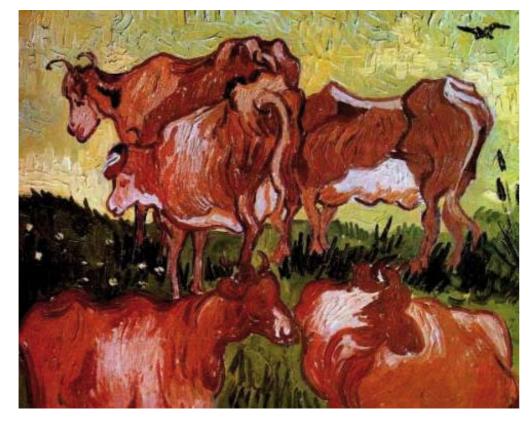
The service concluded with a recording of Tony singing and asking anyone who did not know the Lord to accept Christ. Several people accepted Christ at the service. Praise the Lord.

We will all miss Tony. His commitment to the Fellowship and his ability to encourage everyone was an example to us all.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, and may God continue to bless you in 2013.



Kind regards **STEVE HARLOW**Magazine Editor



# The Red Heifer A JOURNEY OF FAITH

I was due to go to Bendigo several weeks ago when I found a message on the phone from a nearby neighbour next door to the property where I look after Maria's cattle.

The message said that a cow had a dead calf, was in trouble and that she wasn't able to get up. I found her lying on her side and was able to sit her up. I revisited her later that night after the trip to Bendigo and then came the long haul of looking after her.

In the next day or two as I was walking towards her the Lord brought through this word, "The prayer of faith will save the sick." As I went over to her I prayed, "Thank you Lord that you care for animals just like you care for people."

It was interesting that the Lord changed one word when he brought that message through. He changed shall (as it says in James, 5.v15 (KJV) into will. To me, if I say I shall do something it means that maybe I will or maybe I won't, but to me will is a more positive word. So the word, "The prayer of faith will save the sick," kept coming to mind over and over again. So I started saying it and confessing that, "She will walk again."

In the following weeks we had the worst weather possible. There was rain, cold winds, frost, and at one stage she was sitting in water in a depression where the water was travelling through. Usually when a cow is down for over a week they rarely get up again. In the beginning she was often on her side which is dangerous as fluid can go back into the lungs. I had to often grab hold of the bottom front and back leg and roll her over to change her position.

I was in the middle of doing this one day when I had a muscle spasm in my back so I finished up visiting the physio at the doctors for treatment. I could hardly walk in one day and I gripped the sill at the office to hold myself up. I said "I can't sit down at the moment", and then, as I tried to shift my weight onto the right leg, I couldn't stand on it. The Physio went to get some crutches to enable me to walk up the corridor to her room for treatment. While she was away, I thought, "I've got to walk to the room". It was only as I called constantly on his name, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus", that I was able to walk to the room.

I said to her, "At least I've got arms and legs." I was able to tell her about Nick Vujicic and his incredible testimony. I said I'd bring the book in to show her. When I showed it to her the next time, she took the details and said she would buy it as a present for her dad. He actually treats similar patients who have physical difficulties. I prayed for her and her dad that the Lord would touch their lives. It's incredible how the Lord uses the circumstances we are in to reach out to others and witness for him.

It was the same with the cow. As other neighbours became aware of the situation I was able to witness to them that she would walk again. So it was twice a day that I came to feed her, water her, and try to keep her warm as possible by covering her with a horse rug. Sometimes she was able to stand momentarily or just able to stand on the front or back legs. She moved a few metres at a time over the period she was down but I thought towards the end that those poor old legs were getting paralysed with her sitting on them all the time. I said other prayers for her, "In the name of Jesus

Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk," and I reached out my hand to touch her asking the Lord to touch every part of her, every muscle and every sinew from the top of her head to the tip of her tail.

After that last prayer she stood on all fours for a while. I visited her 70 to 80 times, and I had said earlier, "This calls for endurance." After five and a half weeks of her being down, I came to see her. She had moved 50 metres and 30 or 40 the next day. The poor thing was there rubbing her neck and face on the fence post because she hadn't been able to do that all the time she was down to relieve her itchiness.

I rang Maria to tell her the good news and she said, "Yes Rex, it is a miracle, but she also needed help. I could have cried when I saw you covering her with the plastic," she called the rug plastic. I said thank you to Maria for saying that because as I thought about it we need to pray for the miracles but also need to show love and care as well. My wife Thelma said, "She wished she had the camera to take a photo when she saw me reaching out to the cow and rubbing her head and neck". She said, "The cow seemed to be enjoying it and it looked like she knew that I really cared for her."

"The prayer of faith will save the sick," kept coming to mind over and over again. So I started saying it and confessing that, "She will walk again."

After the miracle of her walking that first 50 metres I was reminded of another great miracle. I said, "This isn't the first time you've healed animals, is it Lord."

The Lord clearly reminded me of how the Founder of FGBMFI, Demos Shakarian and his dad had a serious problem with their dairy herd as recounted in the book, "The Happiest People on Earth." One of their herds had contracted TB, with 100 reactors and 200 suspects.

If there was any increase in these numbers when the inspectors came the next time, as was usually the case, the whole herd of 1000 cows would have to be slaughtered. This had already happened to several herds in the district

Demos said, "To cheer us up, dad switched on the radio that night. They listened to the broadcast from Angelus Temple. Dr Kelso Glover was speaking that night about God's power to heal any and every disease".

Early the next morning, Demos said, "I telephoned Dr Glover, 'When you said any disease, sir, did that include sickness in cows too?" There was a long pause as he thought this over. "Any disease," he repeated, and finally, "In animals or men."

Arrangements were made for Dr Glover to come and pray that very day. Over the next 3 hours on the farm he prayed for all the 1000 cows in their enclosures, 60 in each one. When the vets came the next time to test the herd, they couldn't believe that there wasn't even one reactor. Something they had never experienced ever before. God had worked an incredible miracle.

And so he was able to raise the red heifer up according to the prayer of faith that he gave me, "The prayer of faith will save the sick." Another neighbour, Narelle was speaking to me and she said that she mentioned to her husband Colin, "Rex, you should put that cow down." Colin said, "No, Rex said she will walk again." Narelle then said to me, "When you go to church tomorrow, you tell them about the miracle of the cow."

"Well, I've told them Narelle, and I've told it again," I replied. To Him be the glory. Amen.



**REX CARDWELL**National Prayer Coordinator

## From the National Office

It has been a busy time at the National Office with the successful completion of our second full year at our purpose built FGBMFI National office at 12 Sladen Street, in Hamlyn Heights. Joy Sgro the National office administrator has now been in her position for over five years. Joy has done an exceptional job over the years, in serving the membership in such an efficient, practical and cheerful manner. If you are ever visiting the Geelong region, FGBMFI members are encouraged and most welcome to stop in and visit the National office.

I would personally like to thank the members, partners and chapters of the Fellowship who thru their monthly giving or their generous donations have made running of the National office possible. Our focus at the National office is to see as much financial and spiritual resources released into our communities, in order to win souls to Jesus Christ. – Praise the Lord!

Over the past two years, the Fellowship has reaped the benefits of not having to pay a property owner a monthly rental lease of \$1,400. The rental lease financial amount saved by the Fellowship, amounts to at least \$35,000 over the past two years. In July 2012, all outstanding interest free loans given to the Fellowship were fully paid back .Praise God this means - the Fellowship can now release even more financial resources for "Kingdom of God" ministry and outreach.

The FGBMFI family is mourning the loss of our dear National Encourager – Tony Brain. Tony was a beautiful, unique, anointed and truly filled of the Holy Spirit – man of God. We will miss his words of encouragement and his passion for our Lord Jesus Christ. Meetings without Tony Brain presence will not quite be the same and we will miss him. Thankfully we know and have the great hope and assurance that Tony Brain is in the presence of his saviour the Lord Jesus Christ for eternity. Our loving prayers and support to go out to Anne and the Brain family. The National office on behalf of the FGBMFI membership was able to provide practical support and spiritual service to the Brain family at this time of earthly loss.

Up until two years ago, a levy of \$100 was applied upon every active FGBMFI chapter to help cover Public Liability Insurance. As a way to encourage local chapters the National office will not apply a \$100 levy on FGBMFI chapters in 2012. The rental lease savings has allowed the National Office to fully pay the Public Liability Insurance (without a chapter levy) for all FGBMFI meetings/gathering till the 30/09/2013.- Praise the Lord!



CHARLES ROCKEFELLER
National Secretary



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# **NSW/ACT**

CANBERRA CHAPTER: Under the leadership of George Perry the chapter has a positive outlook and is seeking a greater move of God. Weekly prayer/fellowship/planning meetings are held with a good attendance. Regular outreach meetings are happening with 20 – 30 people present.

In the last two months two men have become new partners, John Fergus and Alex Chua. The Ladies of the Fellowship meet weekly to intercede for the partners and the work of the Fellowship.

NORTH CANBERRA CHAPTER: The chapter meets for weekly prayer meetings and monthly outreach dinners. Over the past 3 months, three new men have become partners. The meetings have had between 21 and 36 people present. The executive are asking searching questions to make sure that they are able to handle an increase of people in our meetings.

ALBURY/WODONGA CHAPTER: This chapter has wonderful unity and meet faithfully for prayer. The diversity of gifts brings about a strong local fellowship. Monthly outreach breakfasts are taking place with 20-30 people attending. address the chapter, followed by time spent with the planning committee for our next State Convention, to be hosted by the Albury/Wodonga Chapter in 2013.

PARRAMATTA CHAPTER: With a new executive, a fresh start has taken place and God has given us a small, but committed team. They are meeting together to pray and strategise and are planning an outreach meeting soon.

SYDNEY CHINATOWN CHAPTER: This chapter has a strong core group of business men who meet fortnightly for prayer and to plan events. On the 16th August they hosted an outreach dinner with a speaker from Israel. The restaurant was packed with 300 people in attendance. Approximately 60 came forth for prayer. I asked the Chapter President, Samuel Ng how they advertised the event - 'personal invitation' was the response. Dr Shu who was involved said that they had been praying and fasting over the past 6 months.

BLACKTOWN CHAPTER: The members and partners have been faithful in coming together for prayer and have hosted monthly outreach dinners. Last month, 25 people were present, some

showing interest in becoming partners.

ST GEORGE CHAPTER: The last outreach meeting, held in May, was very successful in impacting those present. The guest speaker was George Zergiotis. Chapter President lan Smith is currently going through an intense time with his role on the executive of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

GILGANDRA CHAPTER: The members meet regularly for prayer and a men's only outreach breakfast takes place monthly. 20 - 30 men attend regularly with great fellowship and testimonies given. God's love and acceptance are evident in the meetings and many 'seeds' are being sown.

PORT STEPHENS: No meetings have been held since May but the meetings held this year have attracted people who want to be involved in the Fellowship. Some of their remarks have been that they had been looking for a church or Christian organisation that would allow the Holy Spirit to have His way and that the FGB in Port Stephens was what they have been searching for.

ANTHONY CONNELL NSW/ACT State Director



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### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

ADELAIDE NORTH EAST - On 26th October at Sferas Convention Centre we convened the 6th City of Tea Tree Gully Mayoral Breakfast. With Mark Mudri as MC and Damien Chua as speaker. The 229 people were fed a delicious breakfast of muffins and a fully cooked meal. The junior choir from Torrens Valley Christian School accompanied by a string ensemble provided the backing for the national anthem and also gave a lively item.

In the audience was a federal and a local member of parliament together with the mayors of three other councils. The charity chosen by the mayor to get the offering and donation was the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programme. Pastors from the Tea Tree Gully Pastoral fellowship delivered the Bible reading and prayers for various groups in the community. Damien shared his testimony of his and his families conversion to Christianity, the healing of his father, and the miraculous birth of his children. He talked about the restoration of his relationship with his father.

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The Bible Society had a stand and gave out business Bibles to delegates. The FGBMFI stand was almost cleared out of tracts and other literature. The total offering to the charity was \$2568.25. A long stem rose was presented to each lady delegate.

BAROSSA VALLEY - The first ever Mayoral Prayer dinner was held in the Barossa Valley. About 100 people attended the event. Gary Raymond was guest speaker. It was a great event.

A few weeks later a follow up breakfast was organised in the Barossa Valley. About 16 people attended the event. Bernie Gray was the guest speaker. This event went very well.

PLAYFORD - The same night as the Barossa breakfast the 5th Mayoral Prayer dinner was held for the City of Playford. Bernie Gray was also the guest speaker for this event. About 46 people attended.



ADELAIDE SOUTH - This year 200 people attended the second Onkaparinga Mayoral Prayer Breakfast. Our Mayor announced that the council has unanimously voted to support the breakfast as an annual event. The speaker was Mr Hieu Van Le AO, Lt Gov of South Australia & Chairman of the SA Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Commission. He received a standing ovation.

#### CITY OUTREACH LUNCHEON

On October 27 an outreach luncheon was held at a city restaurant. Damien Chua was the guest speaker. 104 people attended. A lot of ministry occurred on the day, and there has been some testimonies received of lives transformed. A lot of people attended an FGBMFI function for the first time and were interested in future events.

**STEVE HARLOW**SA State Secretary



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# **TASMANIA**

In August I was privileged to

The activities of FGB in Southern Tasmania are going quite well, the centre of this activity is Kingston just 20 minutes south of Hobart. The chapter there is led by Peter Rowe and the Lord has gathered around him a good group of men who work well as a team. Regular meetings which are mainly breakfasts are held each month, with attendances varying but up to around 25.

During the visit of Garry Raymond to the state last year a word of encouragement about a future venue location was shared. That venue is now being used and there have been many benefits as a result to this change. There is more freedom in the activities, there is better co-operation from the management and there is an "open" atmosphere, which have all truly blessed the men. It is encouraging to see that when we faithfully commit to those routine tasks (such as running a meeting

each month) and try to obey the Lord his desire is to reward and bless us, this is certainly what Peter and the chapter have discovered through simply changing venues.

In the Launceston area John Shaw continues to actively involve himself in FGB activities, being the main point of contact in this region. John continues to have regular weekly gatherings at his house and also to support FGB activities by travelling to other areas. In fact John his wife Janine and their three children have only just returned from a three month road trip to the mainland travelling through the eastern states, which in many ways could have been called a ministry trip.

John and his family were not only blessed by the Lord, but were also used in varying ways and in many locations ministering into different situations during their time away. As I was recently pondering some of the activities that we undertake within FGB, the Lord gently (as only he can) reminded me of some of his principles from John's trip. We do need to have a plan and to be organised in what we undertake, in the case of a trip we must have an itinery otherwise we will not know where we are going. Then we have to actually set out on the journey, nothing will happen if we just sit at home. However in all of this we still have to maintain communication with the Lord, so that when he speaks we can respond.

I for one feel comfortable and safe being involved in something that has clear guidelines, however circumstances can change and we can truly be blessed by stepping out of our comfort zone.

DAVID KLEYWEG

TAS State Director



# **VICTORIA**

The FGBMFI Chapters in Victoria were fortunate to host Peter Pollock in August. Trevor Styles from Perth, who travels with Peter, organised this six week ministry tour of Australia. For the past seven years Peter has shared his testimony at the Geelong FGBMFI Chapter at an outreach dinner meal at Capri Receptions.

Peter is one of the best testimony speakers I have ever heard. He relates well to all people both young and old, both male and female and his message is inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. Personally I believe the financial costs of hosting Peter, are well worthwhile as souls come into the kingdom of God.

On 27th August close to 100 people attended the **GEELONG CHAPTER** dinner with Peter Pollock. The Geelong chapter had prayed for two months before the dinner that Jesus Christ would be lifted up that evening and that every person

present would respond to the message. Praise the Lord on that night five people made first time commitments to the Lord.

On August 28th due to the effort

of Chapter President Michael

Fletcher, Jeffrie Trika and chapter members the BOROONDARA
CHAPTER hosted Peter Pollock for dinner at Ragan Indian Restaurant in Doncaster. There were about 80 people in attendance. It was a great dinner and Peter's testimony was powerful and passionate. Praise the Lord about five who attended made fresh commitments to the Lord. Everyone left that restaurant closer to the Lord and more passionate in their love for Jesus Christ.

On 29th August the Central GIPPSLAND CHAPTER explored the concept of adding value to community groups prior to the outreach meeting, in this case the Gippsland Cricket Association. Peter addressed this group in a question answer format,

responding candidly to their questions. His ability to relate to this group was outstanding. As a result, a couple of the leaders of the Cricket Association then attended Peter's testimony where he spoke about his life in cricket and his personal journey of faith. I believe the Central Gippsland Chapter has now established credible links into a segment of the community they wouldn't normally reach because of the way Peter responded.

To conclude with the words of Charles Rockefeller, "Never grow weary of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in a broken and confused community."

PS KYABRAM CHAPTER is outreaching with amazing results with the 'God Mobile' at community events.

MAX SARGENT
Vic State Director



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# **QUEENSLAND**

The 2012 Outreach Programme went to plan, although some sections of our path had been well watered before we arrived (up to a meter of water over the road shortly before we happened along). Unlike Moses who waved the rod and the waters parted, Bernie prayed, the waters parted and we drove through without delay.

What a joy it was to see at least ten first time commitments and a good number of re-commitments.

Meetings were held at Kallangur, Maroochydore, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Mackay, Bowen, Townsville, Cairns, Charters Towers (3), Cloncurry, Longreach, Emerald, Biloela, Tara and Toowoomba (3). Our speaker, Gary Raymond was well received along the journey, with him being plied to stay on in a couple of the centres (they wanted to keep him as their pastor).

The efforts of our Chapter members and their wives were richly rewarded with attendees at the functions. Likewise, Mayoral Prayer Breakfasts were well attended, with the largest functions being held where the organisers had stuck to the book.

Our Men's Advance was very well accepted. Those attending were blessed to hear Stu Millar from Train to Proclaim (a ToP group) share with us the tools to present the gospel in seven minutes. This was really a top presentation and left no-one in doubt regarding his ability to present the gospel. In fact go to their website (Train to Proclaim) and check out some of the resources and you will be amazed at what they have.

Bill Sgro, our National President, addressed the group giving firm direction to the path the Fellowship Our other keynote speaker Len Donaldson gave testimony on sharing your faith in the workplace. Brisbane, Gold Coast and Toowoomba Chapters are very strong in numbers, closely followed by Cairns. However, the group at Charters Towers amazes me how with three members they host functions forty to fifty strong.

The Outreach for 2013 is well along in the planning with only one centre not firmly in place, not to worry as there is always a contingency plan. Likewise, the State Convention for 2013 has been given much prayerful consideration and plans will be announced soon regarding speakers and venue.

PETER MONSON Qld State Director

Queensland Men's Advance - Toowoomba, Queensland. 26 & 27 October, 2012

Even after 32 years as a Member of FCBMFI, it is always a great opportunity to get away and to be with men of like mindedness. I love the Market Place Ministry and and the FGBMFI Vision that Demos had 60 years ago, which is still burning within me.

I went expecting prayerfully to experience a Holy Ghost spiritual uplifting, awakening and an encounter with the Living and Life Giving God.

There are times when God is so real and when we open our hearts and allow the lord to touch us in praise, worship, prayer, bible reading, just sitting in His Presence or listening to the Still Small Voice of God while doing some minor activity.

It was great to hear from Bill Sgro, our Australian National President sharing his heart and the direction of the Fellowship. He spoke on the book, "A New Ware Of Revival, The Vision Intensified " and our need to focus on the true calling that God gave to Demos regarding the

Stu Miller shared his "Train To Proclaim "Program, a very powerful way of Presenting the Cospel and the Ministry of Evangelism to individuals, public and mass audiences. This is a great Fellowship for the future. tool for personal witnessing and a bold and effective way in sharing your faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Market Place. I believe we should use Stu's God given calling and tool to

My long time friend Len Donaldson shared and encouraged the men at the Men's Advance with his life experiences and his testimony in the Building industry. Len ministers on the building sites and in Churches of the wonderful Power of God to see men come to Christ, lives changed, and to

I came away from the Men's Advance in Toowoomba, Queensland greatly encouraged and

I believe and sense in the Holy Spirit that God is beginning to resurrect the Vision of FGBMFI in the hearts of the men; in these last days.

KEITH PENMAN Brisbane City Chapter Member

# **DISCIPLING NATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT**

20-21 August 2012 Fullerton Hotel, Singapore

The attendance at this conference was surprisingly large as it was not really international but an Asian Regional gathering of those nations which shared the vision given to Demos Shakarian. 26 nations attended and total representation was about 450 at the opening banquet. There was a mighty show of unity and much praise and worship.

Those in attendance included: Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Estonia, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Darrow Miller from the USA opened the conference with a 'redemption' message stating that we have consigned 'Christianity' to a Sunday function whereas in reality the marketplace is about the 'Monday to Friday 'church. Sunday morning in church is only half time and the work is really to be done at the 'gates to the city', ie. the family/social gate, education gate, church gate, government gate, business/economics gate, media/ communication gate and art /entertainment gate. We must seek to be active in all these areas to bring about a total change in the culture of our cell group.

Khoo Oon Theam or Papa Khoo, as he is reverently known, is the elder statesman of the Asian Council and the driver of the 'Gate vision' as the new direction of the fellowship in Singapore. Singapore has embarked on a totally new way of operating FGB including a name change to "Full Gospel Business, Singapore", a new logo and a new vision statement which is "FGB is a body of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit to transform the culture of nations through discipling men and women for the work of the Kingdom of God".

Dato Sri Idris Jala CEO of Malaysian Airline systems shared how he was given the poison chalice, the task of turning a loss making airline into a profitable and reputable airline. His proposition was to 'seek first the Kingdom of God' i.e. 'With God nothing is impossible' for in trying to do the impossible, you will believe you are 'poor in spirit' and cannot do this alone, hence the power of God is yours as you seek HIM. Without conviction there is no courage. This world requires divine intervention, a complete assurance that "All things come to those who love the LORD, and to those who are called according to HIS purpose", and finally have no worries, That airline is today one of the best in the world.

Dr Tan Sri Francis Yeoh shared about marketplace Christians and explained that truth is the highest form of reality, love GOD with all your heart, with all your soul and all your spirit. He proposed that there are 3 languages



which we should become conversant with: the language of God, the language of man and the language of machines, since all impact our daily lives, "you better pray, you are on God's side".

**Dr Dato Kim Tan** heads up the "Transformational Business Network" which seeks 'to eliminate obscene inequality in the world', 'address unjust consumption' and 'to wipe out unjust trade and subsidies'. Aid is not the only solution, others are: tackling global poverty, supporting micro finance organisations, and responding to social impact measures.

Lim Siong Guan, who has had a distinguished Civil Service career in Singapore, believes that you must be the best you can be by harnessing your talents, the creativity of the people, and the future. Singapore today is a thriving nation which is a regional hub for business, commerce, trade and culture, all because it had a vision.

He shared the story of the 5 loaves and 2 fish as the basis for his faith in setting up a TV station with no knowledge, no experience, and no resources. The station now has its own multi storey building and competent staff all of which was built up on faith in God.

Tony Tseng from Taiwan MD of 'GOOD TV' in Taipei has established a satellite Christian TV station which focuses on good news. The station started in 2005 and now has 5 million viewers around the world. He shared the story of the 5 loaves and 2 fish as the basis for his faith in setting up a TV station with no knowledge, no experience, and no resources. The station now has its own multi storey building and competent staff all of which was built up on faith in God.

Richard Magnus (Former Chief Justice and now Chairman of the Singapore Casino Authority) said that our role is to make disciples of all nations, which is a mandate from Jesus himself. In Psalms 89:14 it is said "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;" Isaiah 42:3 says that "He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth".

A survey taken in Singapore revealed that 99% of the citizens in a community had a clear perception of justice. Then why is this not the view of the world? "Holiness unto the Lord" should be the personal aim of us all as an example to the community

The lunch meeting included a panel discussion group with Robert Tsoi (Hong Kong) MC, Tony Lee (Vietnam), George Soh (Hong Kong), and Gregory Mosley (Malaysia). It included some testimony from Georgie Lee an entrepreneur, and Richard Magnus (lawyer) in the beneficial uses of the internet for sharing the gospel.

Dr Hugo Chan (Lawyer Hong Kong) spoke about becoming gatekeepers, serving in our strengths wherever we have influence. He said that ministry gifts are not a calling, we have a ministry gift but our calling is to make disciples of all men. This is a very high calling. Becoming like Jesus is discipling the nations. Honour the governing authorities so that all may go well with you.

The young gatekeepers rally held on Tuesday evening was a fitting finale of the conference. After much praise and worship, about 250 young people absorbed all Hugo Chan spoke and many came forward to receive Jesus and commit to furthering the work of the gospel.

It was truly a magnificent conference, professionally organised and conducted in the love and grace of Jesus Christ, with exemplary attention to detail and carried with the high calling of our faith. Special thanks to 'Papa' Khoo, a distinguished a man, driven for Jesus, whose enthusiasm was sincere and contagious. Thanks also to the organising committee who carried out the vision to the last detail.



DINKO MIOCEVICH WA Regional Director

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# A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR **TONY BRAIN**A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND ENCOURAGER



We thank you Lord for the life of Tony Brain who was sent among us to encourage and uplift us. We thank you for this special ministry that many of us appreciated so much. We think of how much he loved you Lord especially when he led us in this song, 'I love you Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship you, O my soul rejoice.'

We thank you that his soul is now truly rejoicing in your presence in being home with you this morning. We pray for Ann and the family that through their tears there will also be comfort, peace and joy in the spirit knowing that as the old hymn says, 'It is well with my soul.'

Tony has left us a great heritage and may we take up the mantle of encouragement to bless and uplift one another as our brother did so well for us. God bless you Tony, thank you for your wonderful faithfulness to the Lord and your friendship to us in FGB.

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