

THE VISION INTENSIFIED

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Shalom all,

Christmas is soon upon us all. For many, it will be a Christmas without Christ, but a time for Season's Greetings, having the Christmas spirit with Santa and the Christmas tree at the fore of all celebrations and activities, being strongly promoted by the retail stores. But for those of The Way, those born-again, spirit filled believers, it is a time of great rejoicing, celebrating the greatest gift from God some 2000 years ago, the greatest miracle of all times, the birth of Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14), the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8), the One who declared that He is The Way, The Truth and The Life (John 14:6). It is the time from when God was able to make us to be the happiest people on earth.

REFLECTIONS ON 2019

The past year has been an awkward one for me. My own gathering had shrunk dramatically with the passing of Bruce Davey, and the moving of partners away from Canberra, one to Sydney and a couple to Perth. But I am believing for the Lord to rebuild the Canberra gathering. We currently do not meet weekly, but at least twice monthly. Thankfully Anthony Connell has been blessed with a growing group in North Canberra, one of the few groups in Australia meeting each week for prayers, for seeking stronger presence of God in its gatherings, and making disciples, and for

conducting outreach dinner meetings once each month. In addition, partners from both Canberra and North Canberra gatherings meet weekly over coffee on Friday mornings at a cafe. There, we talk about Jesus and the bible and spend a little time in praying corporately for the restaurant, the people in the restaurant and for each of us and for the FGBA. Not quietly, but not too loudly either. It seems the people appreciate the prayers because the restaurant is often full and there have been no complaints. But one trend has been noticed in Canberra, and that is, more and

more people are hearing about the FGBA and there is a growing respect for what we do. I understand the same is happening in Adelaide.

During the year, I visited Israel, where I celebrated my 70th birthday with my children at a restaurant on the shores of Lake Galilee. We travelled the length and breadth of this amazing country over three weeks, and saw many sites of historical

significance, indicative of the many civilisations that had invaded Israel as well as of the Jewish people themselves. A the time of our visit, Israel had received drought breaking rains, and wildflowers were in great abundance.

I also attended the FGBMFI National Convention in north Brisbane where I was invited to share my testimony. It was well received, and many appreciated my being there. Graham Eagle, President of FGBMFI in New Zealand and Ardian Kristanto, President of the

Friday morning coffee gathering in Canberra with Papa Khoo and Bill Sgro visiting



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Indonesian FGBMFI in Indonesia, attended the convention too.

I visited Papa Khoo several times during the year for ongoing one-to-one discipling, twice in Singapore and once in Australia. Papa now spends most of his time making disciples.

Pastor Jimmy Njino visited Canberra and ministered to the FGBA partners here during May this year. I had the privilege of taking him to the Parliament House where we prayed for the government and the nation.

PROPHETIC REFLECTIONS FOR 2020

Year 2020 is soon upon us and there is a strong prophetic encouragement for clarity of vision. Demos Shakarian, the founder of the FGB movement globally, left a legacy of maintaining our strong spiritual roots, that is, the FGB is the work of the Holy Spirit here on earth. All partners are encouraged to seek more of the presence of the Father for his love, of Jesus for His grace and the Holy Spirit for His Fellowship. Gatherings should be marked by heaven here on earth, by His Kingdom here on earth and by His will being done here on earth. Furthermore, gatherings should be where perfect love nullifies all fear, righteousness swallows up completely all unrighteousness, where shalom peace expels all demons and welcomes a strong angelic presence, and the joy of the Lord brings delight unspeakable, identifying us as the happiest people on earth. And finally gatherings are where we exercise and manifest all the ministry gifts that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have given us, so that we can make disciples to bring transformation to ourselves, to our family, to our business, our marketplaces, cities and nation.

We must never under-estimate the power of God's kingdom within us. If we read Daniel 2, it was only a small stone, representing God's kingdom, a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, that destroyed all other kingdoms, broke in pieces the iron, the bronze,

the clay, the silver and the gold. Just as we must never under-estimate what faith as small as a mustard seed can do, moving mountains into the sea, making nothing impossible. It is not the size that counts, but what you have as a spirit-filled believer.



Pastor Jimmy Njino in front of the Parliament House

The FGBA was not called to be a purpose driven organisation, but to be a New Testament Holy Spirit driven ecclesia.

A PROPHETIC DREAM

Recently I had a dream which started with me in my home with a small group of people hearing and learning about the kingdom of God. I saw myself continuously going to the front door letting people in to also study the Word. Before long, my home, which is quite a large home, was overflowing with people. The time is coming when people, stirred up by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in these last days, will be running around wanting to hear the gospel of the kingdom, finding the churches closed because they only open on Sundays, so they will be running to homes of believers to hear the gospel and give their lives to the Lord.

MAKING DISCIPLES

One point I do want to emphasise is our task is not only to evangelise, through sharing our testimonies of Jesus today, and empower believers, but also to make disciples. The FGBA National Council, supported by the Board of Directors of FGBMFI Ltd, unanimously agree that we will continue to follow Singapore's model for making disciples and most of us have received teaching and training from Singapore. It is a Holy Spirit inspired model and I have seen strong and clear evidence of the transformation of lives to those being disciplined in Singapore.

The Board has also reaffirmed Partner, not Gatekeeper, as the brand of membership of the FGBA and agree that we all function as gatekeepers, firstly watching over our body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and secondly watching over our families, workplace

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activities and thirdly over our towns, cities and nation. Activist non-believers also act as gatekeepers too, but for unrighteousness. However, we, as spirit filled believers of The Way (Jesus), are ALL called to be gatekeepers for the Kingdom of God, for righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

SALVATION FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

Many families of our partners have spouses, children and/or relatives who do not know the Lord or who have walked away from the Lord and have backslidden.

The Lord has put it on my heart that we all are to pray for them, for the FGBA to step up corporately in spiritual warfare for our families. Nothing is too difficult for Him and he has a special place in His heart for our families. Because of our faith in Jesus, He has sanctified our families for His purpose. We are not to be swayed by their persistent refusal to believe, but to believe and to continue to prevail in prayer for our families.

CONNECTING WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

During the year, there were several meetings at the national and international levels, exploring the restoration of relationship with those affiliating with the FGBMFI International and those affiliating with the FGGF, Full Gospel Global Forum. These meetings are ongoing.

In January, I will be departing overseas for several weeks, some of it for work in New York, and some for FGBA in London where I will be participating in the Full Gospel Global Forum annual Global Leadership Prayer Summit.

Rod Winter and Stefan Horvath have continued to connect with the FGBMFI in Malaysia, assisting them with their discipling activities. They also attended their 40th anniversary celebrations during the year. They plan to continue to visit Malaysia during 2020. Their report appears later in this Newsletter.



Papa Khoo and Georgie Lee of Singapore with Ardian Kristanto of Indonesia and George Perry of Australia discussing restoration of relationship between the different FGB groups.

ANNUAL FGBA REPORT FOR NSW/ACT 2019

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Activities in NSW/ACT has been primarily restricted to the ACT with only two or three weeks of outreach outside the ACT which was conducted at Port Stephens by Peter Arena.

The FGBA Canberra Fellowship group lost a very valuable partner when Bruce Davy graduated to heaven earlier this year. Bruce had a great passion for healing and always challenged us with his teaching gift. His wife, Jackie is continuing her involvement and contribution to the fellowship. Peter and Marg Gossip were also lost from Canberra as they moved to Perth this year to be close to family. Chris Jones moved to Sydney which we were sad about, but pleased that he secured the work God provided for him there. Dr George Perry is focusing on discipleship with his currently smaller group.

North Canberra has continued the tradition of monthly dinner functions, except for January, and has had a focus on welcoming the Holy Spirit to impact lives at the function. The evenings consist of a brief vision sharing, short testimonies, worship and a guest speaker who shares their testimony after a two course dinner. Every function has concluded with prayer ministry. God has encouraged us with very positive feedback from some attendees. One visiting guest speaker said, "You guys host the Holy Spirit – this is rare as I speak around the nation."

This year Joe Lamech, a prophetic worship leader, joined us and he is a real blessing as he helps us to fulfil the Holy Spirit's personal directive to us to worship the Father more - 'if you do this the wind of my Spirit will blow on your meetings and I will add more men to you.' Four months ago Henry Bole started regularly attending the North Canberra Dinner Functions and has made videos each night. He is currently establishing a North Canberra Facebook Page with

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George's oversight. The Lord recently told us, 'People know about FGBA but now they will see the FGBA – a curtain is being drawn back.'

Besides the outreach dinner functions we also met weekly on a Monday night from 7.30PM - 9.30PM. We start with a time of fellowship where, at times, instruction and correction can come forth in a Spirit of love and acceptance. Our main focus is on worship and being open to the gifts of the Spirit. We pray for each other with the laying on of hands to bring healing and to see needs met and hearts strengthened and encouraged. God has deposited an increased expectancy for revival in our hearts and it is good to see others in our group challenging us all to press into God more through praying in tongues and worship and to reach out more to those in our spheres of influence.

God has always entrusted us with people with mental conditions and even though we lost one man this year the Lord has entrusted us with another gentleman. The late Bruce Davy had a word for us not many months before he passed away. He said, "Tell Anthony & Heather that what they are doing for 'these people' they are doing unto me." That was a very encouraging word.

Even though I don't have a set plan for discipling others, I can see lives changing; a deeper prayer life and an ongoing healing in men's souls which leads to a greater Christlikeness.

I am looking forward to 2020 and believe that God will launch us into a new dimension of His Spirit to impact our nation. 'Father, Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.'



Stefan Horvath leading a group session in Adelaide

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2019

STEFAN HORVATH

By any measure, 2019 has seen a year of God's favour and blessing on the growth and development of FGBA's work across South Australia. Praise the Lord!

We are reminded by the parable of "The Ten Minas" (Luke 19:11-27), that God has given FGBA a clear Mission to see "Australia under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Empowered by the Holy Spirit to Transform our Culture through the Discipling of Men and Women" (paraphrased)

So, we work together with our Lord to see His Kingdom come from Heaven to Earth.

FGBA Adelaide South Fellowship:

We have been blessed by the many fine speakers from Business, Politics, Arts, Sport and Church ministries, who have shared their Market Place Testimonies and led the Fellowship meetings in prayer, revival and worship. We have seen many new visitors join our monthly meetings with 6 new Partners joining the South Fellowship.

FGBA Adelaide West Fellowship

The FGBA West Fellowship is a new Fellowship planted in the Adelaide West region. The meetings throughout 2019 have seen good attendances with excellent speakers who have shared their testimonies and blessed our Partners.

FGBA Adelaide East Fellowship

The new FGBA East Fellowship comprises of 4 African Churches who have come together. Whilst the East Fellowship meetings planned for 2020 will focus on

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Holy Spirit Empowerment, there will also be an equipping and training edge to the meetings, with speakers sharing their testimonies and some practical skills in the areas of business, finance and marketing.

FGBA Supernatural Encounter

This year has been one of consolidation for Supernatural Encounter and this has been evident by the number of attendees that are now coming to worship and 'Encounter God' Every month people are either experiencing a physical healing of the body or being touched in some other way. The other encouraging thing we are seeing is the manifestations in the form of people hearing angels singing and some actually seeing the angels in our midst. The worship team led by Nick have certainly gone to "another level" and we look forward to next year.

FGBA Discipling and Making Disciples (MDN)

We continue to disciple new and existing Partners with the "Making Disciples in the Nations" programme, which is based on the Vision Intensifies (Demos Shakarian) and the MDN discipleship training program developed by FGBS (Singapore). Many of our new and existing Partners are seeing the favour and blessings of God revealed across their Business, Personal and Family lives.

FGBA City of Tea Tree Gully Prayer Breakfast

FGBA and the City of Tea Tree Gully held its annual prayer breakfast on Friday, September 20. Senior students from a number of secondary schools, along with MPs, business leaders, and church leaders attended to hear a fantastic testimony from Torrens Valley Christian School Principal, Mrs Julie Prattis. The breakfast theme was "Preparing for the Future". Julie used several major points in her life to show how God had prepared her for her current positions, and then

encouraged the audience to also consider their future and how they are preparing for it now.

FGBA also sponsored two awards at this year's City of Tea Tree Gully Young Achievers awards. The award winners were announced at a special gala night, and the winners were presented their awards during the breakfast. The connections established with this group will provide further opportunities to work with young people in the future.

Onkaparinga Prayer Breakfast

Along with local business and church leaders, our FGBA South Fellowship leaders' partner with the Onkaparinga Prayer Breakfast committee.

The Breakfast was held on 6th September at the Serafino Function Centre with 125 people attending



FGBA Perth South meet monthly and often invite guest speakers to share their testimonies

from across the southern region of Adelaide. The keynote speaker was Andrew Fisher of "Jesus Racing" who shared his powerful testimony of bringing Jesus to the car racing community at events across Australia. The Prayer Breakfast raised a record amount of funds for 'Life Choices Foundation', a program aimed at assisting youth to make life choices that count in their lives and across society.

FGBA South Australia Ministry Networking

We continue to network and collaborate with other like-minded ministries and leaders including:

Integrity in Sport, CBMC, Transform our World, Gideon 300, Teen Challenge, Eternity Matters, Kingdom Business Network, Australian Christian Lobby, Australian Coalition of Apostles, Kingdom Facilitation Centre Adelaide, SA Liberal Party, Victory Business Fellowship, Purpose in Business and other local ministries.

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ANNUAL FGBA REPORT – INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 2019

ROD WINTER

This year has been very busy in regard to our International operations and the developing of relationships with many of our “FGB family” around the world.

Rod Winter and Stefan Horvath both travelled to East Malaysia in January once again to support and participate in the FGBMFI MALAYSIA STUDENT ADVANCED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SALT).

It was held in Kota Kinabalu and attended by around 70 young people from the interior that had come together for Leadership Training & Discipleship. It was a very rewarding 2 days that was followed by the preaching in local churches and sharing in the local FGBMFI Fellowships.

Rod and Stefan later in the year also attended the FGBMFI MALAYSIA 40TH YEAR CELEBRATION held in Kuala Lumpur on the 24th & 25th May. It was a spectacular event with over 1000 people attending from around 25 nations coming together to celebrate of the goodness of God and to hear testimony of how the Fellowship has now grown into a major Market place ministry in Malaysia.

It was also a great time of renewing relationships with many Kingdom Leaders from around Asia that we have not just partnered with but have come to know, honour and respect over the last 10 years.

After spending the Sunday speaking at local churches Rod & Stefan went on to East Malaysia where they teamed up with Ps Jimmy Njino, Ps Brendan & Helen Kirby.

To conduct an Apostolic and Prophetic

Conference for 2 days in Kota Kinabalu. It was attended by 140 pastors and leaders from the Christian Revival Church with many of the delegates coming from the interior. It was a very fruitful conference with many testimonies of lives transformed and people being released into their God given testimony.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICES

CREDIT CARDS

In the past, partners were asked to forward credit card details by paper forms emails and such to pay for partnership fees, conferences, books, etc.

Because of the increasing likelihood of credit card details being hacked, this has now become an unacceptable industry practice and penalties apply.

The FGBA is now adopting acceptable PCI DSS standards and credit card details are no longer provided to the FGBA but are provided via secure website linkages to approved third parties, namely EziDebit and eWay.

All forms relating to new partner applications, partner renewals are no longer acceptable and therefore are no longer in use. Some leaders have received instructions on this. Others are required to contact me if they have new partners applying.

George Perry.

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At Malaysia FGBMFI 40th Anniversary celebrations