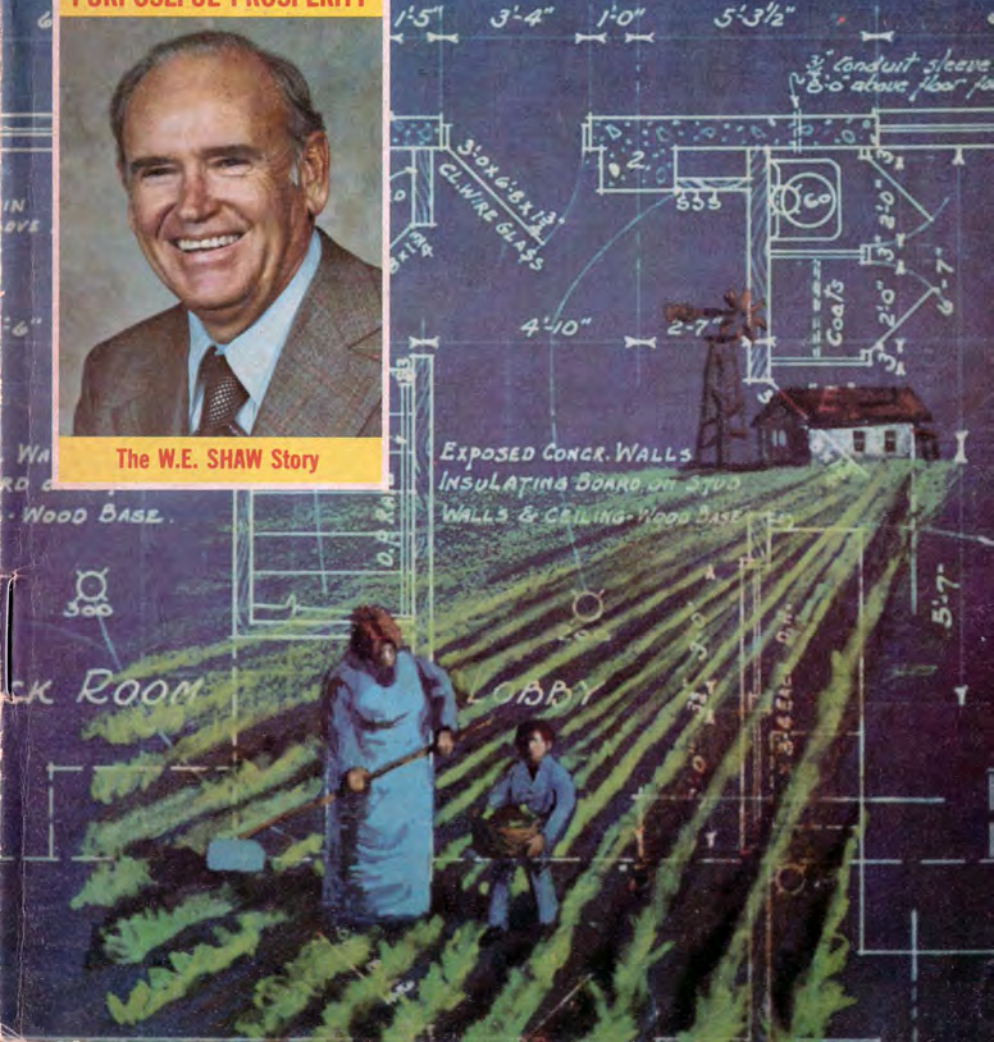


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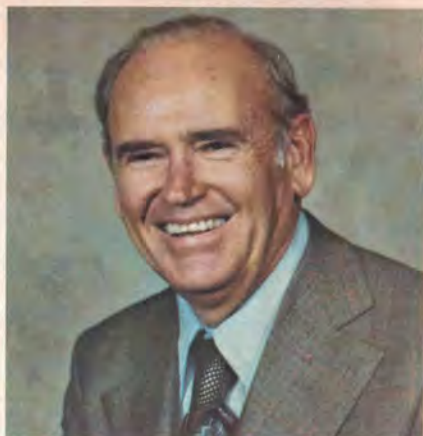
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PURPOSEFUL PROSPERITY



BY W. E. SHAW

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GROWING UP as a boy in South
Carolina, I was under the impres-
sion that poverty was a virtue and that
Christian people weren't supposed to

enjoy the better things in life. In fact, if a believer prospered it meant he must have compromised his Christian stand.

My father died when I was five and my mother's second marriage was a failure. By the time I was ten I was working all day with my mother as a sharecropper. When she left the farm to work in a textile factory, I stayed home to take care of my younger sister, but at the age of fourteen I joined my mother



in the factory. All this kept me out of school and I was never able to get a formal education. Mother's prayers got to me, however, and I was saved at an early age and have belonged to a Full Gospel church since.

Mother instilled in her children the Christian ethic of being fair and honest in our relations with others. That heritage has carried over into my entire life, and is evidenced in my business.

People don't come much poorer than our family. Our meals usually consisted of bread with water and lard gravy, except when we were fortunate enough to have dried beans. I remember coming home one evening after work, finding some cookies that my sister had made, and getting real excited about it. That was a very special treat for us.

In the depths of the depression I was married, and in the course of events God blessed our home with five children. During these early years I worked long hours in the factory for ten cents an hour, but in order to make a living I had to do any extra work I could find such as picking and selling berries and cleaning machinery.

About this time a brother-in-law of mine began selling products from door to door in another town. Believing this to be something I could also do, I borrowed twenty dollars from the paymaster at the factory and started selling Watkins' products. This was my first venture into business.

After work in the factory I would go from door to door taking orders for future delivery. I didn't have a car so my two small boys would help me deliver with their coaster wagon. Early success enabled me to buy an old 1932 Chevrolet. When my sales area increased because of this, in about two years I



bought a new 1941 Chevrolet.

I soon advanced from selling alone to the position of a jobber, and thus began to train others who bought from me for resale. After a few years I ranked ninth among the highest producers for Watkins in the country.

This prosperity caused me to question myself as to whether I was in the will of God or if I had compromised. According to my social and religious background, Christians were not supposed to prosper and enjoy the better things of life but to be humble and endure a life of lack and want.

About this time I heard of Oral Roberts and became interested in his ministry. When I accompanied a friend to an Oral Roberts crusade in Miami, Florida, I met Lee Braxton, a genuine Full Gospel businessman. As he shared with me I discovered that his early life was much like mine, but that God had prospered him and he was not hesitant about acknowledging it.

One night after the service we stopped at a restaurant for a bite to eat. Brother Roberts was there also, and he invited my friend and me to his table. There, over a corned-beef sandwich,



we began a conversation which changed my life!

Oral began to talk to me as though he had known me all his life. He told me things about myself that I knew he couldn't have known in the natural—God must have revealed them to him—and shared with me some of the vision for his own ministry. I began to see how my prosperity made sense when it was used to support such works as his for the Lord. I realized that if Christians did not prosper, how could the work of the Lord prosper? Surely unbelievers would not support it.



While in Miami, Lee Braxton invited me to an Oral Roberts crusade in Los Angeles where a group of their businessmen would also be holding several other meetings. The old Clark Hotel in downtown Los Angeles was headquarters, and meetings were held at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. It was there the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship was born, and I was quite surprised and honored to be asked to serve as one of the first directors.

Jack Coe asked us to give \$100 each to get the Fellowship started. God

blessed my being a part of this giving. Before I left on this trip I had made an offer on a piece of real estate which I purchased when I returned home and then sold shortly thereafter for a profit considerably more than the property cost. This seemed to be a starter for more profitable adventures which God has also blessed.

It was such a thrill to come into the new understanding of Christian prosperity—to realize that all my blessings had come from the Lord and that He wanted me to prosper materially and be in health, even as my soul prospered (3 John 2), and to be a part of His work. Up until this time all I had ever heard was how people had *lost* money. No one had ever told me how to *make* money, or how my prosperity could be put to work for the Lord.

In the early days of the FGBMFI it was my privilege to travel with Demos Shakarian, Clifford Ford and the pilot of Clifford's small single engine airplane.



Once when flying to Minneapolis we could see the mighty Mississippi River to our right, and on the other side, a beautiful sunset. As we commented on the beauty of the scene someone suggested we pray, and the four of us locked arms in the plane and thanked God for what our eyes had beheld. This is just one of the glorious times we had together. I praise God the Fellowship is moving on and Full Gospel businessmen are getting together all over the world to promote the kingdom of God.



With my faith in gear, I began investing in real estate. And God opened up new opportunities for me. In fact, I finally became so involved with real estate that the Watkins people grew concerned about my distributorship. Thus, while attending another Oral Roberts crusade in St. Petersburg, I called home only to be informed that in my absence I had been relieved of my long-standing position with the Watkins Company.

At the time I was shocked and thought it was a tragedy, but Oral Roberts and Lee Braxton looked upon it as a blessing to free me for my greater

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"I decided to call
upon God for
a miracle. . . ."



Born To ~~Lose~~ Win

by RICHARD ARQUILLA

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and Hospitals,
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I WATCHED IN HORROR as my father shot my mother to death and then turned the gun on himself, committing suicide. I was only thirteen years old at the time. Relatives took me in until I was sixteen, and then I was on my own.

Just after my seventeenth birthday I



joined the army and became a part of the 11th Airbourne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Upon completion of a six-month training schedule, I finished jump school and was assigned as a forward observer for the artillery.

Two things occurred at this time that changed the direction of my life. First, I started to read extensively about the theory of evolution. This caused me to give up what little faith I had in God and in the Catholic Church. Secondly, I launched into a period of heavy drinking. This led to my going AWOL, fol-

lowed by a court-martial and a six-month sentence in the stockade at Fort Campbell. Thus, the groundwork had been laid for a future life in crime.

Life in the stockade was rough, and so three other prisoners and I planned and made good our escape. However, we were recaptured soon afterwards and put into solitary confinement for fourteen days, with only bread and water to sustain us. While in "The Box," as they called it, I was handcuffed behind my back and wore leg irons because of my incorrigibility. At age eighteen, I had gotten myself into more trouble than I knew how to handle.

After serving another year for the abortive escape, I was transferred to the disciplinary barracks at Fort Gordon, Georgia. This was a huge army prison and I finally escaped from there also, but was recaptured Christmas day and again placed in solitary confinement on restricted diet for fourteen days. Upon completion of another six-month sentence, in August 1956 I was discharged from the army and on my way to Boston and a reunion with my brothers.

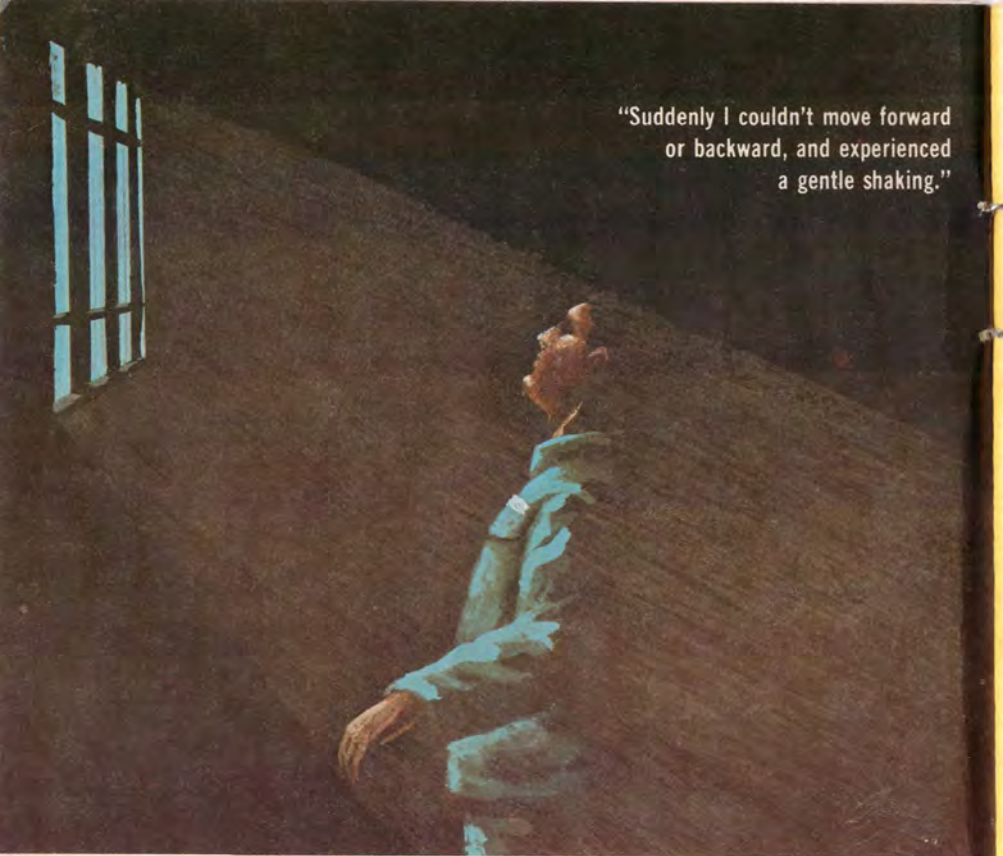
Within two months I was in trouble again—arrested for bank robbery while masked and armed. Failure to raise the \$100,000 bail caused my incarceration for another six months. A grand jury indicted me as an accessory because someone else had used my car in the robbery and the license number was taken. Because the other party was half-owner in the car, I pled the fifth amendment, was found guilty and sent to Concord Reformatory for five years, but was paroled at the end of two.

Finding a steady job wasn't easy, so most of my time was spent in pulling off robberies. Then in 1963 I was arrested for attempting to pass counterfeit money. The police and the Secret Service pressed for a conviction and I was given three years in Walpole State Prison.

There was no parole this time. After serving my sentence I moved into a small apartment attached to the home of a south shore racketeer in Weymouth, Massachusetts. One night while I was in Boston someone came by and shot him six times in a gangland style slaying. Fearing that I might be implicated, since the racketeer was a friend of mine, I asked the famous Boston lawyer, F. Lee Bailey to straighten the mess out, which he did.

Turning to crime again in 1967, I was trapped and captured in an attempted payroll robbery in Watertown, Massachusetts. The police began chasing me on foot after my car stalled. As I saw them raise their guns I cried, "Oh God!"—and fell into a hole as bullets whizzed harmlessly around me.

I was jailed but was able to borrow money for bail. It was then I began to analyze my circumstances and condition—and to realize that I was sick of the whole mess! There *had* to be more to life than this. Having made an evaluation, I decided to call upon God for a miracle. After all, what did I have to lose? "God, are you up there?" I prayed. "I am calling on all the powers in heaven to help me. If there is an eternal hell, save me from it. Change my mind, because the way I'm now think-

A painting of a man in a prison cell. The man is shown from the waist up, wearing a light blue or grey jumpsuit. He is looking out of a window with vertical bars on the left side of the frame. The background is a dark, textured wall. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the man's face and the window bars, and deep shadows elsewhere.

"Suddenly I couldn't move forward or backward, and experienced a gentle shaking."

ing, I can't believe. Help me out with my court case, and if you do, I will someday help other people who are in similar situations."

I soon forgot the prayer, however, in my concern over the everyday problems around me. I worked for five months while awaiting court summons. Then someone unknown to me who had read about me in the newspaper, hired a good lawyer for my defense. When my case came up I pleaded guilty

and the judge gave me a three-to-ten-year sentence. This made me eligible for parole in just two years, which was a miracle in itself.

Eighteen months later something happened that completely revolutionized my life.

It was late afternoon on a dark, rainy day when I walked in from the yard and entered my cell. Suddenly I couldn't move forward or backward, and experienced a gentle shaking. Just outside my

window a hole opened up in the clouds. A shaft of light struck me, and I felt great heat. It was very bright in my cell. A tremendous feeling of compassion went all through me and I knew this was of God. I cried, "I believe! I believe!" Then the light and heat left as the cloud closed up and everything became as it had been.

But not I. For two days I walked around fearing what God would do to me. It was at this point that Satan attacked me with great mental and spiritual depression to the point of seeing a false vision that almost caused me to kill myself. Because of my attempted suicide I was transferred to the Maximum Correctional Institute at Bridgewater and put in an isolation cell with only a mattress on the floor and a paper robe to wear. After severe trials wherein I even thought of myself as dead and in hell, I asked for a New Testament and began to read it for hours at a time.

I soon found out that to escape the wages of sin and receive the gift of eternal life, I had to confess my sins and accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour. As the tears flowed, God saved me there and forgave me of all my sins. No clergyman being present, and desiring to be baptized, I took a bowl of water and poured it over my head, saying, "I baptize myself in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." The next thing I knew I was on my feet praising God and singing songs—and the Lord baptized me "with the Holy Ghost and fire!" The fears and bondage of so many years were swept

away instantly, as He cleansed me by His Spirit and renewed my mind.

Putting my prayer power to work at once, I soon had clothes to wear again and another cell, and in two weeks I was transferred back to Walpole State Prison. Once there I began ministering to inmates the best I knew how until my parole five months later.

Soon after my release I asked the Lord to lead me to a church where I could find some answers and fellowship. One day I saw a man on the Boston Common passing out tracts and Bibles. I found out it was John Ruoho, a street preacher known as "The Bishop of Boston Common." He showed me some scriptures and took me over to Bethel Revival Center, a Full Gospel church. I was led to fellowship with this church and to attend its Faith Bible School for two years.

In 1973 the Lord opened the door of the Maximum Correctional Institution at Bridgewater for me to minister to the inmates for the next two years. I preached the Full Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and many souls found Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Presently I have a faith prison and hospital ministry in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. As a member of the Charlotte chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, I am tying in the Fellowship with born-again inmates in three prison camps. VOICE magazine plays an important part in my prison ministry. I only wish the inspiring testimonies it contains would have been available to me when I was in jail. ■



EXPLOSIVE EUROPEAN AWAKENING ANTICIPATED

COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, USA—"There are approximately 500 million people in Europe," notes Steven Lightle, "and I know God is going to continue to use the Fellowship in a great way to reach these people."

Lightle, European Chapter Coordinator, expects an explosive European awakening as a result of seven great conventions which are planned for this year.

Planned, at press time, are Bergen, Norway (April 28-May 1); Frankfurt, West Germany (May 18-21); Glasgow, Scotland (Sept. 11-17); Paris, France (Sept. 22-24). Conventions are also scheduled for Naples, Italy; Stockholm, Sweden; and Braunschweig, West Germany. "Countless lives are being affected through the Fellowship as we lift the name of Jesus Christ," said Lightle.

Each convention should result in many new chapters, said Lightle. "We have many requests for more information about the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. But more importantly, new chapters are being started."

European businessmen are experiencing the spiritual resurgence of the Holy Spirit on this once great traditionally religious continent. England has opened two new chapters, Scotland started one. Two more opened in Germany and Switzerland, several in Norway, while France "is ready to explode spiritually."

In a special interview Lightle highlighted European Fellowship views:

- The Holy Spirit is reaching young people—they are not bound by tradition. Fellowship leaders recognize too the need to reach young people before they become locked into some type of spiritual bondage.
- VOICE magazine—There are 17 languages in Europe; the publication is printed in three. Our immediate need is to print and translate VOICE into popular German, French, Italian and Scandinavian languages. VOICE is presently the most effective tool we have in Europe to share the Gospel.

Steve Lightle



World Report



CANADIAN OFFICE OFFICIALLY OPENED

TORONTO, ONT.—“Our Father, we thank you for the privilege of being here today. We praise you for the Full Gospel Business Men and for the great step forward we are taking on this occasion in the opening of this office. We remember all of the men the office represents across our Dominion. Grant that the ministry of this office shall affect our government and that its outreach will touch every city, town, village and hamlet throughout Canada.”



L to R—Front row: Norm Roberts, Demos Shakarian, Stewart Berlett. Middle row: Ray Golabiewski and Ernie Voth. Centre back: Rev. David Sture.

With that prayer, the Canadian Office of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International was officially opened. Nineteen years had elapsed from the first meeting of the Fellowship in Canada to the opening of the national office in Toronto, Ontario on February 6 this year.

The Canadian Fellowship now appears poised on the brink of a dramatic expansion. “Wonderful things are happening in Canada now,” writes Fellowship President Stewart Berlett, “Those who were privileged to be present at the dedication felt that history was being made before their eyes. There was a sense of deep gratitude to God and the thrill of keen anticipation as heads were bowed in prayer and His presence filled the office.”

"I went from artificial 'highs'
to 'power
from on
high'..."



The Real Attraction



by JOHN A. KOSKI
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and Fitness Centre, Singapore

AT ONE TIME in my life I thought I "had it made," only to discover I really had nothing until I found the purpose and meaning of life in Jesus Christ as revealed to me by His Spirit. He gave me a new birth, with a new nature and new desires.

After having obtained a Bachelor of Science degree at Oregon State University as one of the top graduates in my field, I entered the University of Michigan on a teaching fellowship with a strong sense of self-reliance and personal pride. Socially, I drank liquor, smoked marijuana, dated heavily and knew more off-color songs than most of my contemporaries. I was a typical example of the "in" crowd of that day.

My family had given me a strong Lutheran background, but as I began to nurture a growing attitude that the church was boring and full of hypocrisy, I let my religion fall by the wayside. I remember arguing with certain persons that Jesus was just a man and not really

the *only* way to God, as claimed.

Seeking for truth and something more in my life, I found the sub-culture at first attractive. For one month I lived in a Kundalini Yoga Ashram, learning Hindu mantras and meditations. They gave me a sanskrit name, Satnam Singh, and I visited Hari Krishna and Buddhist temples, read the Bagavagita, and practiced transcendental meditation for quite some time. But nothing seemed to satisfy the longing of my soul, and I became more confused, depressed, lonely and dependent on artificial "highs."

Then, at a Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship breakfast in Bay City, Michigan I felt for the first time the power of the Holy Spirit. As the men prayed for a friend who had physical, mental and spiritual problems, tears of joy ran down my face. That morning, experiencing the power of prayer, I found the answer to my seeking, yet did not fully accept it for my life.

As the Lord began to draw me towards a complete commitment to Him, He led me to work for the Bay City YMCA where the executive director, Dick Powell, emphasized activities for the whole man—body, mind and spirit. I also took up residence on a farm run by a young Spirit-filled married couple, Tom and Sibil Clark, where vegetarian cooking, organic gardening, co-op food buying, natural living and a simple informal life style was practiced. The life style was what first attracted me to these young people, but then I discovered something more. The real attraction was the Holy Spirit in them which gave them love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. By living at the farm and by working at the YMCA I soon began to understand what it meant to be a true Christian.

Thus it was that on the evening of February 25, 1975, after watching a Pat Boone film on the life of Jesus Christ at the First Assembly of God church, I answered an altar call by asking Jesus to forgive my sins and come into my life. One month later, at the same church, I was baptized in water. But all this was only a beginning. The Lord continued to guide my Christian growth with contacts at the farm, prayer meetings, church, and Christian fellowship at the YMCA and FGBMFI meetings.

When an opportunity to work in Singapore with YMCA's Young Professionals Abroad was offered to me, I accepted, believing this to be the Lord's will for my life. Many people in the

United States prayed that the Lord would open doors for me to witness there for Jesus. In this very small country of 2.2 million people, it is estimated that only two percent of the population is Christian. Yet within two hours of my arrival in Singapore I was able to attend a Sunday morning church service and was not in any way separated from Christian fellowship. The first letter I received from the USA was from Dick Powell who gave me the telephone number and address of Mun-Seng Loke, president of the FGBMFI chapter in Singapore. Within two days I was able to join their monthly chapter dinner meeting. Therefore, the cultural shock of visiting Asia for the first time was very minimal because of such Christian fellowship.

Within one month of my arrival in Singapore, the Lord Jesus baptized me in the Holy Spirit and I began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Receiving such power from on high, I have been able to witness to others for the Lord with great enthusiasm.

Yes, the Lord has truly blessed me. My "highs" are no longer dependent upon expensive drugs. The highs I now enjoy come from my relationship with Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His saints—and with no adverse effects!

I enjoy serving my Lord as well as my business employer, the YMCA in Singapore, and pray that I will continue to place myself in a position wherein I may be used *wherever* I am, at home or abroad, for His glory. ■





AN ANGEL RODE WITH ME

by EUGENE H. PAGE

I CAN EXPLAIN it no other way than to say that when I climbed into my car that sunny afternoon and began the forty-mile drive from the country to my home, I had the feeling that an angel rode with me. And that by the time I arrived home I had been delivered from the cancer that was destroying my body!

This is my testimony, to the glory of God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

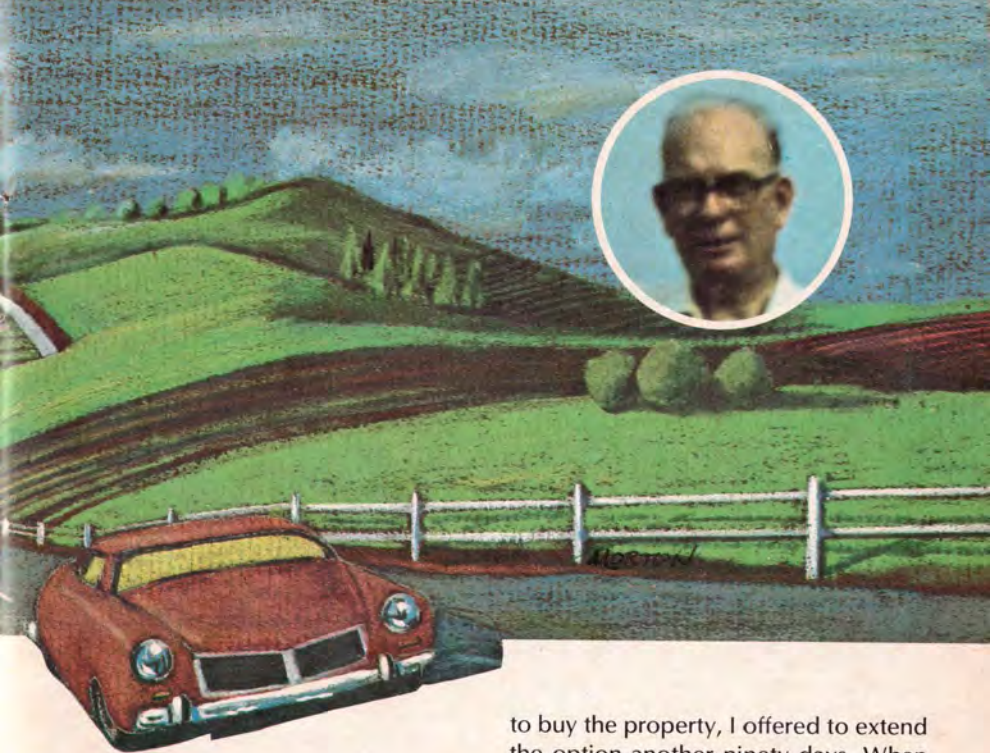
I was raised in a Christian home. At the age of twelve, believing that I had a personal Saviour in Jesus Christ, I asked

Mother for permission to join the church and be baptized. My five brothers and a sister did likewise, and we attended faithfully during our formative years.

When I grew to manhood I married a Christian girl and together we served our church in many ways. However, in spite of the satisfaction I received from these activities, I realized a need for a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit in my life. This was to come, but very differently than I could have anticipated.

While our daughters were still living

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with us, I had purchased a country home about forty miles from the town where we lived in South Carolina, but after the girls left my wife was alone much of the time because of my business activities so we decided to sell our country place and move back to town.

One day a man handed me a check for a considerable amount of money, more than I would have asked for as an option on the property we wished to sell. I accepted the check and wrote an option for the ninety days we had agreed upon. When this period passed and the man failed to exercise his right

to buy the property, I offered to extend the option another ninety days. When at the end of the second period it became evident that he had incurred some financial losses and would be unable to purchase the property, I took it back and sold it to another party. Then we moved back to town.

Soon after we returned, however, I began to have reverses in my business, and my health began to fail. To make matters worse, I was constantly reminded of the fact that I had not paid back the option money, which I had accepted from a man who had received nothing for it and who was now experiencing financial difficulties.

What I did was perfectly legal, and so I kept telling myself to forget it. But the

Holy Spirit was putting me to a test. Every few days I would hear news about the man and his family. He had gone into bankruptcy, his wife had to seek employment outside the home, and his children had to leave school. I tried over and over to dismiss the subject from my mind, but was unable to do so. The legality of the deal was inconsequential—it was a matter that God demanded I straighten out.

My health finally deteriorated to the place where a visit to my doctor was inevitable. Following a thorough examination, I was advised that an operation was imperative.

Two days after surgery, the doctor informed me that I had cancer, and when I asked if my case was terminal, admitted he had never seen anyone in my condition that lived a year. A few days later I left the hospital, and while I was able to attend to a few things and go places in my car, I was in great pain.

Deciding that now I definitely had to straighten out all my affairs in order to achieve the peace of mind I wanted, I gave top priority to the matter of the option money. Going to the bank, I withdrew enough money to cover the amount the would-be purchaser of our country home had given me to secure the property. I decided to pay him in cash. As anticipated, at first he refused to take the money, saying it had been a legal deal and that we both should forget it. But I insisted so strongly that he finally—and very gratefully—accepted the money.

I left him and returned to my car to

drive home. As I got in and closed the door, a feeling came over me that I had never experienced before nor anticipated. Surely I had expected to receive some feeling of satisfaction in what I had done, and nothing more. But as I pulled away in my car a feeling of *tremendous exultation* came upon me. I was the happiest I had ever been in my life, and even now I find it difficult to explain the overwhelming joy I felt. Every care left me and I wanted to sing and shout. And that is exactly what I did as I drove the forty miles back home.

I felt a Presence during the ride that I can't explain, and knew something great was happening to me. When I arrived home, the pain which had been with me for so long was completely gone. When I went to see my doctor and requested another examination, he was surprised, to say the least. But imagine his amazement (and joy, for he is a fine Christian) when after giving me a thorough examination he was able to tell me that I no longer had cancer!

I went back to my work like a new man. From that time on everything I did was right and I made more money than I had ever expected to make—in fact I became a wealthy man.

That was eleven years ago. I now live a happy life, filled with the Holy Spirit and forever awed by the fact that there must have been an angel in the car with me as I drove that forty miles back home after returning the option money. I am convinced that God cares for me, and that He will be with me to the end. ■

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THE ANSWER IS LOVE by BOB HEIL

A Lutheran minister who has pastored several congregations, Rev. Heil is presently engaged as a full-time evangelist and teacher to the body of Christ. He is a popular speaker at charismatic meetings and has spoken at many FGBMFI chapters and conventions. This article is a condensation of a message in our tape library.

EVERYWHERE I GO as I travel across the country I find that Christians are being tested in the area of relationships. Prayer groups are struggling, congregations are engulfed with tension, and homes are battlegrounds as Satan works overtime to tear Christians apart. Many Christian works have grown only to be ripped asunder. And many families are being destroyed by constant bickering, wrath and malice.

What is the answer to the breakdown of Christian relationships? The Apostle Paul has stated it quite well in Ephesians 4:29-31. "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

One of the chief things which breaks Christians apart is what comes out of their mouths. The tongue is indeed one of the most unruly members, and I have found that many Christians get into trouble because they do not follow the rules Jesus laid down for us in Matthew 18:15. Jesus said, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, *between you and him alone.*"

If you get hurt by someone in your fellowship or your congregation, the way to handle it is *not* to talk about it with everybody else. I know it relieves pressure to talk about things—it makes you feel good—it helps to line people up on your side. But the spiritual principle here is that we are to go to our brother or sister alone and try to work things out.

Now you might be thinking, "But I am afraid of that person. I can't go to him and talk to him. I know he won't listen, anyway." Maybe he won't listen, but you have an obligation to go. And you might be surprised. The Holy Spirit has used this principle time and again to heal festering sores.

Another thing that Satan uses to tear Christians apart is gossip. I know of a lady, a fine Christian woman, Spirit-filled, but she had one gripping problem: She loved to tell all the little juicy things she picked up and all the little suspicions that she had about her fellow Christians. Her pastor pleaded with her to stop, for she was tearing her church apart by hurting innocent people. But she loved it too much and did not want to stop.

Some people, in fact, seem to be determined to find faults in others, whether real or imaginary. They have let Satan give them negative attitudes toward others so that when they see them or think about them they automatically ask themselves, "I wonder what he's up to now?" If you look for the worst in people you'll probably find it. If it isn't there you'll invent it. But the Bible tells

us not to look for faults and not to gossip about others. These things are destructive, shredding Christian relationships and destroying churches and fellowships. Bitterness, wrath, gossip and evil speaking of one another are to be put off, for they are carnal. We do not use carnal weapons, but the things of the Spirit in our relationships with one another.

And what are the things of the Spirit? Paul says, "Be kind to one another." The Greek word for kindness literally means to do or say a loving thing, a good thing, a pleasant thing. There is power in a kind deed and in a kind word. Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Kind words have great power in calming angry men. They can heal troubled relationships and strife-torn churches and fellowships.

When I was a young seminary student I angrily criticized an elderly Lutheran pastor for a sermon he had preached. It was one of the most shameful things I can ever remember doing. For two years he tried to get me just to smile at him and treat him kindly, but I wouldn't do it. One day I had to have an operation on a disc in my back, and who do you suppose was there to comfort me? The pastor I had criticized ministered very precious to me. His kindness melted me, and our relationship was renewed and restored.

A kind word can evoke a powerful, healing situation, and this is the atmosphere our congregations need. I have

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Len Krieger

"Excited, I said,
'You just have to have
what I got in there!'"



Art Evanson



PORTLAND POWER PACK

by **LEN KRIEGER**

**Player-piano Repairman,
Portland, Oregon**

ALTHOUGH my parents were Christians and we faithfully attended a German Baptist church, where I learned by heart the names of the books of the Bible and also the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-third Psalm and the Ten Commandments, I spent two years as a teenager in reform school. The problem was that I knew *about* God and Jesus but I did not know Jesus as my Saviour.

I grew up as part of a large family on a farm in South Dakota. When I was thirteen my dad went to be with Jesus.

Our family didn't stay together very long after that. The crash came in 1929 and my mother lost the farm and what money she had in the bank. We boys were parceled out to live with other families. This was when I became hard and belligerent and finally was sent to the reform school. When I got out I went to live with a sister and her husband in California.

My sister and brother-in-law knew Jesus and proceeded to tell me of His wonderful love. When I was nineteen I received Him as my Saviour in a little Full Gospel church, was baptized in water, and learned to love Jesus more and more. I got a job in a lumberyard and began to tell others about Him.

Through the youth fellowship in this

church I met and married a born-again Christian, and the Lord blessed our union with three children. I was employed by the lumber company for ten years and then went on to work at several different jobs. In 1945 we moved to Idaho, where after working for a building contractor for a year I started my own construction business. The Lord blessed us financially and we gave to the church and to different radio ministries, such as Charles Fuller's Old Fashioned Revival Hour. As different contractors would approach us from time to time to buy into our business, I would explain that we already had a partner, the Lord Himself.

Our construction company was in business for thirteen years, but during the last three and a half years of that time my eyes turned away from God and toward making more money, and in this blackslidden condition I began to drink and gamble.

My wife died of cancer in March 1961. That same year the bonding companies took over my business and I had only a small amount of personal things left. There were occasions during the next four and a half years that I was so full of self-pity and hurt that my thoughts were suicidal. By now I was an alcoholic. Time spent in jails, institutions and hospitals availed but little, and my health began to deteriorate alarmingly.

I moved back to Southern California and met my present wife, Betty, who had a ten-year-old son by a previous marriage. One day she came to my

apartment to see how I was and found me so ill she called an ambulance which took me to Orange County Hospital in Santa Ana. With a liver infection and out of my mind, I lay for weeks strapped to a bed by my hands and feet. The doctor told Betty that I had only a thirty percent chance of living, and that if I did live I would end up being a vegetable. But the Lord performed a miracle in my body, and shortly thereafter I walked out of the hospital a well man. However, although I tried to stop drinking by my own will power, I could not do so.

In August 1967 Betty and I were married and began to attend church, for by now I realized my need of outside help. I had had enough of my way of life, and with a repentant heart asked God to forgive me, cleanse me, and use me for His glory. Praise God He heard my cry, because on July 5, 1968 He took the desire for alcohol from me. Shortly afterwards Betty and Keith, my stepson, gave their hearts to Jesus and followed Him in water baptism.

There was a change in our way of living from that time on. We started looking to the Word and fellowship with other Christians. The Lord blessed us and gave us employment. But then in 1973 I came home one evening only to be rushed to the hospital later with two light strokes and hypertension. In the hospital it was revealed to me that I would be used in helping others with problems like mine. The doctor advised me to slow down and find a way of making a living other than construction work. In prayer, I was impressed to

return to my old hobby of player-type musical instruments and use this knowledge to repair old player pianos for my income. This is just what I did and have been doing ever since.

In September 1975 we moved to Portland, Oregon with the assurance that this was in God's plan for us. One Sunday morning in May 1976 we were home watching Rex Humbard and Oral Roberts on TV. A little later in the morning I noticed a listing for GOOD NEWS and asked Betty what kind of a program it was. "I don't know," she said, "but it's probably better than the *other* news we see." And it was! We saw Demos interviewing a businessman, and both were telling of the wonderful love of Jesus. When they gave the phone numbers to call I wrote them down.

Monday I called the Portland number and talked to Art Evanson, the Fellowship's international director in Vancouver, Washington. He invited me to the businessmen's lunch the next day, and from the moment I entered the room I knew this was what I had been looking for. It was then I understood why the Lord had us move to Oregon.

The Portland convention of the FGBMFI was coming soon and we bought breakfast, luncheon and banquet tickets—we didn't want to miss anything! Dr. James Johnson spoke at the Tuesday noon luncheon and again in the evening. We rededicated our lives to Jesus and Betty was healed of skin disease and slain in the Spirit. We attended every function of the convention. On Friday noon before lunch I

went into a room set aside for prayer. There Don Ostrom and Bert Fedor prayed with me, and I was filled with the Holy Spirit and received my heavenly language. Excited, I went out and found Betty and said, "Honey, come in with me. You just have to have what I got in there." They prayed with her and she, too, began to speak in a heavenly language all her own. What wonderful peace and joy we had in the Lord!

During the Saturday breakfast meeting Earl Prickett asked those in attendance if they would like to participate financially in the Fellowship's worldwide outreach of Full Gospel ministry. We pledged \$1,000. In the next seven weeks the Lord enabled us to sell some of our personal musical items for seven times the amount of our pledge!

One morning Art Evanson called on the phone and gave me the address of a man who had seen GOOD NEWS on TV and asked that someone come and pray with him about his drinking problem. That evening Betty and I went to his home. We gave our testimony, showed him the love that Jesus had for him through His Word, and offered prayer. A few days later he called to say how glad he was that he didn't have to drink anymore. God had restored him into fellowship once again from his backslidden condition.

A week later our neighbor, Margaret, called on the telephone, asking if I would drive her husband, Martin, to the doctor. He had been getting treatments for an arthritic condition but without relief. Margaret also asked if we would

pray for him, and Betty told her we would gladly do both. After the phone call we fell on our knees and prayed for a way that we could show him the love Jesus had for him.

When I called back, Martin answered the phone. I asked if he would like to have Betty and me come to his home and pray with him. He said, "Sure, I would love to have you pray for me." That night Martin received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour and at the same time was healed from his arthritic hip that had bothered him for fifteen years. Now he is hungry for the Word and can't get enough of Bible study. He is also testifying to others what the Lord has done for him and what He can do for them through the great plan of salvation.

Last October 15 we held our first Friday noon luncheon for the Beaverton-Tigard FGBMFI chapter, of which Bob Roberts is president. These weekly

luncheons are a time of fellowship and also a time to witness to others about Jesus.

A week later, I was handed a copy of a portion of a letter received by Art Evanson, listing three men's names and addresses, one near Anchorage, Alaska, another in Ontario, California and the other in Sherwood, Oregon. I was impressed of the Lord to phone the chapter presidents near two of them and suggest that they contact these men for the Lord. I went personally to see the man in my area. I also got to talk with the lady who sent the letter to Art (she lives in our area) and gave her my phone number. She has since called back to tell me that the name she had sent from Alaska was that of her son, and that as a result both he and his wife had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

Because of the faithful prayer of that mother and the obedience of all involved, heaven is richer this day. ■

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We listen to your GOOD NEWS program, our favorite, almost every Sunday night. My husband and I usually discuss the wonderful testimonies even after it's off the air. Demos Shakarian seems to be the perfect host for the show. He radiates such a peaceful feeling of contentment to us viewers. I would consider it an honor to be on your mailing list and receive the VOICE magazine.

Mrs. R.H., New Bern, N.C.



AFTERGLOW

Dear Dr. Becker:

Two years ago I wrote a short story defending a young man I know, which was published in the September, 1976 issue of VOICE under the title, "Restoration." I thought perhaps you might be interested in a short follow-up of the young man discussed in the article.

He came to visit me during the holiday season, clean-shaven and alert. He said, "Dr. Frazier, you'll be really proud to know that I have not smoked a cigarette in nine months." Previously, I don't think it would have been an exaggeration to say that he smoked 10-20 cigarettes in one hour.

He told me that he had made all A's in college. But what impressed me the most was his later statement: "After class, I am working as a nurses' aide in the intensive care unit of the hospital of this university town. You know, I love doing this so much that I would willingly do it without pay. I really do think God has a purpose in my life. Thank you for believing in me and for the encouragement you have given me."

Especially impressed by his taking on the duties of an orderly to help people in the intensive care unit, I wrote to him after he left, telling him that this was my definition of greatness, that he had grown six inches in stature because of what he was doing, and that indeed God did have a definite purpose in his life. A couple of days later, while reading the book of Mark, I noticed Christ's definition of greatness given in these verses: ". . . but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister . . ." This young man certainly seems to be fulfilling this definition.

I have received numerous letters inquiring about this article since it was published in VOICE, and am extremely pleased with the interest shown in this young man and the way he has coped.

Sincerely Yours,
Claude A. Frazier, M.D.
Asheville, N.C.



“Look and Live”

by DEMOS SHAKARIAN

President, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International

From the challenge given in the Phoenix International Regional Convention, Saturday morning, January 29, 1977.

UNTIL WE began producing the five-hour “Good News Tonight” television programs throughout America, I never realized the many problems, frustrations, fears, pain and agony there are in the cities and homes of our land. We have had as many as 200 telephones in operation in some cities, taking calls from viewers, yet there are never enough to handle the pleas that come from those in desperate need.

When I saw the situation and understood it, God began to deal with me and to reveal the answer to the great question: What can we do about it?

Now, when God shows you something good to do, it would be a sin not to do it. When He showed me how we can bring healing to the cities and to the people in them, I accepted it as a clear-

cut mandate to obey Him.

Today when I look at a city, I see heartache everywhere. Until recently, this was not so. Because my home is a happy place, I thought almost everyone else's was too, but apparently not.

The minute “Good News Tonight” hits the television screen, 100 or more phones light up and the problems roll in—thousands of them—as in the Seattle-Tacoma area, where perhaps 500,-000 people saw the program.

As I sought a solution toward getting the job done faster, the Lord reminded me of the children of Israel, perhaps three million strong, and how Moses brought them through the Red Sea and into a desert region. They were thirsty and hungry, and longed for the leeks, onion and garlic of Egypt once again,

and so they began to complain. And with their complaining came backsliding, and God in His displeasure released snakes among them.

Now they *really* had problems, for they began to fill up with poison and die. And so they came to Moses and confessed, "We've sinned before God and we're sorry. Please talk to Him—*do something*, Moses. *Help us!*" And Moses talked to God and God gave him the remedy: "Fashion a brass serpent, put it on a pole, raise it high so that all the people can see it, and all who look, shall live."

When Moses obeyed God's orders and announced to the multitude that everyone who looked upon the serpent (a type of Christ, by whose stripes we are healed and who said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me"), would be restored to their original status, many received the news with great joy, and were healed. Perhaps there were some who ridiculed Moses, and as a result, died. But those who did look, lived. If one looked, one was healed. If ten thousand looked, ten thousand were healed at one time. And if a million looked at one time, the power of God was present to heal them all.

Then the thought occurred to me; What are we doing right here in Seattle? For five hours businessmen are on television, speaking to an audience of some half a million people and lifting up Jesus—not men, Jesus! "Jesus saved me," they are saying. "I was afflicted and Jesus healed me" . . . "I was a dope addict and Jesus delivered

me" . . . "My home was breaking up and Jesus bound it together again in love."

For five hours our men lifted Jesus—higher and higher and higher! And what happened? People responded: "Pray for me. I have lost all hope and am ready to commit suicide" . . . "The doctors have given me up to die" . . . "My husband has left me" . . . "My wife is divorcing me." It was proof positive that they saw Jesus in these men and wanted Him too. And compassionate counselors were busy, encouraging them and praying for them—reconciling them to God through Jesus Christ.

As I watched, awed by it all, God spoke to my heart: "You know, you don't have to put these on one at a time. You have over 100 directors and thousands of field representatives and chapter officers. The men are trained and ready to go, and time is of the essence. Don't limit me! *You* don't have to be in all the telecasts; these men are trained and can go to perhaps 100 cities a week, lifting Jesus high and saying, 'Look to Jesus Christ; He is the answer to your problem!' And by the simple, sincere testimonies of these men, entire cities can be healed at one time!"

Friends, it is within our grasp! This is God's challenge to us! This is God's program and He is pouring out His Spirit upon it. The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship has not peaked. We have not leveled off.

As far as I am concerned, there will be no leveling off until Jesus comes! ■

THE ANSWER IS LOVE

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heard God giving a word all across this nation, calling His people to develop congregations and prayer groups which are healing places of love rather than places of torment and tension and destruction. The Holy Spirit has sealed us for the day of redemption, Paul says, and we are supposed to be letting Him develop in us all of His precious fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and

self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Instead we often let the devil use us as instruments of destruction. And the Holy Spirit is grieved.

But God is calling us to love one another, to be "tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." These things bring healing. Let us each ask ourselves if we have grieved the Holy Spirit in the area of personal relationships. If we have, let us renew our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus so that we might be the kind, loving persons God wants us to be. ■

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PROMOTED. MUN-SENG LOKE, International Director of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Singapore, went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 8. Brother Loke served his Lord and the Fellowship well, and his faithful Christian witness will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

"UN MENSAJE A LA CONCIENCIA." A Voice apology is in order to Hermano Pablo and all our Spanish speaking friends for errors in the typesetting of the above phrase in the May issue. The fact that it was set correctly on page 14 shows that we knew better than to drop the "n" in "Mensaje!"

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potential. That's exactly what it proved to be.

God loves us and knows what is best for us. Shortly after coming to the Greenville area, and needing a location for my business, I found what appeared to be a choice piece of property on Stone Avenue and offered to buy it at the quoted price. I wanted this property very badly and would ride by it often, anticipating the time I would be located there. For some reason, however, we were never able to close the deal, and I bought on East North Street instead.

I developed this property and it served my needs for a number of years. Then the property next door became available and I bought it. Two more adjoining lots were bought with a partner who put up all the money. The highway department purchased the piece on the other side of my property and later a portion of my property for the purpose of building an expressway around town. This put the remainder of my property on a corner, which was a very valuable location.

Later the City of Greenville purchased my property for the development of a coliseum. In order to avoid a lot of capital gain tax, I did some trading for property on Wade Hampton Blvd. which is a divided six-lane highway, and obtained approximately seventeen acres that I developed with a new office building and mobile home park with over 100 spaces at the rear. This property is now worth about \$500,000. The

Stone Avenue piece that I had wanted so badly years before would be worth very little more today than it was at that time!

It is possible for God to speak to us though the Scriptures, if we are within hearing distance. I have proved this on a number of occasions, one of which I will cite here.

One day, as my wife and I and her sister and brother-in-law were out riding, I drove by a piece of property that I had looked at several times. Pointing it out to them, I said, "There is a piece of property which I could buy and make some money with, but I'm afraid to do so." The words had scarcely left my lips when something within me seemed to say, "God hath not given you the spirit of fear." If God had not given me the spirit of fear, I concluded, then it must surely have come from the devil. On faith I stepped out and bought the property, and did well with it.

I've continued in the real estate business, and my present interests are houses, apartments, mobile home parks and shopping centers.

However, I would not for a moment have you think that I believe business is everything. I very well know that spiritual values are far more important than material values. But God has shown me that, according to the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, if we "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, all these things shall be added unto us" (Matt. 6:33). We may have spiritual and material blessings in this life, and in the world to come, life everlasting! ■

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For further information write, Blaine Amburgy, P.O. Box 17791, Irvine, CA 92714.



NAPLES: Italian/European Conference, Sept. 17-Oct. 2

Witnessing teams will minister throughout Italy from September 17 to September 28, then convene in Naples for a three-day Conference in one of the nation's largest sports arenas. This is the third straight year that American Full Gospel Business Men have conducted an airlift to Italy. The first two conferences were in Rome. This year, from Naples groups of businessmen and women will be routed to minister in sixteen key cities in Italy, then return to Naples for the Conference.

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The Healing of Our Marriage

by GARY BRUNSON



**Assistant Football Coach, Reitz High School,
Evanston, Indiana; President, Christian Athletes Ministries.**

OUR MARRIAGE was healed and made whole again on Friday morning, August 6, 1976 when God brought JoAnn and me into one being in Christ Jesus through the ministry of Jim Spillman in a Full Gospel Business Men's convention in St. Louis.

The background of this miracle began on December 28, 1972 when my wife received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues. We were then attending a Baptist church. I considered her experience as nothing but fanatical mysticism and immediately started a campaign to straighten her out.

About a week after this JoAnn complained of a persistent pain in her side. The doctor couldn't find anything physically wrong with her and suggested that she might be schizophrenic and should be placed in a psychotherapy ward. I pondered this for awhile and finally persuaded her to admit herself. I can remember pushing her through the

door that locked behind us. She would not be able to leave nor have any special privileges. JoAnn called me late that night to get her out because she couldn't take it.

I discussed the matter with her doctor, but he thought it best that she stay a little longer. Two nights later she again called and requested to come home, saying that she was now feeling all right. When I arrived at the hospital, I could see a marked change had taken place. No longer was she beaming, smiling or joyful. Contrary to making a liar out of her or proving her Holy Spirit baptism claim to be a fake, I soon realized that I had made her to become the most miserable person on earth. She had become withdrawn and no longer praised the Lord or spoke in tongues. I didn't know it at that time but I had caused her to quench the Spirit and yield to me, thus allowing Satan to step into the picture.

On December 28, 1973, exactly one

year from the time my wife had received the Baptism, a wonderful thing happened to me. JoAnn had taken our three children to Florida with her parents for two weeks. By this time she had grown so cold to me that when she left I told her, "I don't care if you never come back!"

The night of December 28, sick of the life I was living and tired of playing church, I fell to my knees beside the bed and cried, "God, if you are real then I want everything you have and I give myself to you." With arms outstretched I felt a warm sensation entering my fingers and going through my entire body. Burdens were released and I became a new man in Christ Jesus. At the same time I realized that I had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

When my wife was baptized in the Holy Spirit I wouldn't change churches, even though our church was spiritually dead. I didn't want to make the same mistake again so I began attending the

Bible Center Church pastored by A. D. VanHoose. Although I had called my wife and told her of my experience, when she returned three weeks later she was just as cold toward me as before, and our marriage continued to deteriorate.

In August 1974 I started the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at our high school. In two years it grew from four boys to seventy boys and girls. Jesus held the organization together, because with the problems I was having at home I could in no way do it. Each time I wanted to quit, God would impress me that I had to hang on.

In August of 1975, Jeff Catiller, one of our football players, asked me to go to a Full Gospel Business Men's dinner to hear John LeVrier. It was there that I met Ira Tabor, president of the Evansville, Indiana chapter. Ira asked me to give my testimony at a breakfast and to bring along one of our athletes.

My wife sued for divorce in February



1975, but somehow God got us back together. She did the same in December of that year, and again the Lord intervened. Each time I was ready to quit, God would remind me of how I had treated JoAnn and that now Satan was using her to break me the same way. The work of the athletes, my church and the FGBMFI kept me going.

In May 1976, God impressed upon me to start the Christian Athletes Ministries. I said, "Lord, you know my wife and I are not one in you." I was simply told to trust Him.

In June, Ira asked me if I wanted to go to a Fellowship convention in St. Louis. I said I would like to go and, strangely enough, was able to talk my wife into accompanying me. When Jim Spillman finished speaking that Friday morning, August 6, he started pointing out people for special prayer. We were all standing and praying, and I said, "Lord, if you

want me to be in this ministry then I want you to send Brother Spillman down here to pray about the trouble between my wife and me."

My wife told me later that she had prayed, "Lord, I need to take my eyes off of my problems and my husband and put them on you. If you want this done then have Rev. Spillman come and pray with us." We both had no sooner said this when I looked up and saw Brother Spillman beside us. He started praying for my wife and I heard her crying. I could feel God's Spirit molding us into one. My wife cried out, "Forgive me, Lord Jesus!" Brother Spillman came to me and said, "Your ministry will be greatly blessed and will open wide for you."

I took my wife by the hand and felt the Spirit of God bringing two people together who for fifteen years had experienced a living hell for a marriage. ■

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2. **REPENT:** "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. **CONFESS:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

4. **FORSAKE:** "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord . . . for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

5. **BELIEVE:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

6. **RECEIVE:** "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11,12).

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Conventions

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

July 20-23, 1977

Four Seasons Motor Inn

Jack Manning/Gerald Walker/

George Bodmer, Chmn.

P.O. Box 9970, Colorado Springs, CO 80932

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

July 27-30, 1977

Detroit Renaissance Center

Joe Ninowski/John Ninowski, Chmn.

28575 Greenfield, Southfield, MI 48076

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

August 3-6, 1977

Marriott Hotel

Claud McCulley/Walter Moore, Chmn.

861 Manitou, Rock Hill, MO

SOUTH CENTRAL GEORGIA (Macon)

August 4-6, 1977

Macon Hilton

Floyd Crowson/Mac Watson, Chmn.

1642 Winston Dr., Macon, GA 31204

ALBERTA, CANADA (Edmonton)

August 4-6, 1977

Edmonton Inn

Ken McAmmond/Jim Jarvis, Chmn.

79 Sunset Blvd., St. Albert, Alberta, Canada

DENVER, COLORADO

August 10-13, 1977

Marriott Hotel

Gerald Walker, Chairman

P.O. Box 355, Denver, CO 80201

OHIO STATE (Columbus)

August 10-13, 1977

Sheraton Columbus Hotel

Blaine Amburgy/Cosmo deBartolo, Chmn.

7 North Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036

BOISE, IDAHO

August 11-13, 1977

Rodeway Inn

Jim Howell/Bruce Gochmour/

Ralph Bass/Larry Knapp, Chmn.

1984 Panama, Boise, ID 83705

DALLAS, TEXAS

August 17-20, 1977

Dallas Hilton Hotel

Sherwin McCurdy/Don Bounds/Don Spear/

Paul Yarbrough, Chmn.

3780 Royal Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

August 18-20, 1977

Sheraton Inn

Paul Horner/William Warnock, Chmn.

220 Temple Terrace, Clarksburg, W. VA 26301

IOWA STATE (Cedar Rapids)

August 24-27, 1977

Roosevelt Royale Hotel

Lee Nystrom/Duane McLean, Chmn.

P.O. Box 801, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

August 24-27, 1977

Hershey Motor Lodge Convention Center

Dr. Jack Herd/Leo Nehrt, Chmn.

6210 Whitehill Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

August 25-27, 1977

Americana Hotel

Bruce Bowen/Fred Lawrence/

Jim McDonald, Chmn.

79 Norcrest Dr., Rochester, N.Y. 14617

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

August 25-27, 1977

Fresno Townhouse

Les Lile/Enoch Christoffersen, Chmn.

2706 N. Rowell Ave., Fresno, CA 93703