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Architecture should speak. A building should say something. Our new structure is a statement of faith. What is the significance of this impressive headquarters building? What does it have to say to the 100,000 who drive by daily on the San Diego Freeway and to the more than a million readers who will view it on the cover of this issue of VOICE. The contrast between the magnificent new headquarters, with 60,000 square feet of functional floor space, and the handful of discouraged men gathered for a breakfast meeting at Clifton's Cafeteria in Los Angeles 26 years ago is incredible. Neither Demos Shakarian, who spearheaded the effort, Miner Arganbright, who in a moment of discouragement assessed the value of the fledgling Fellowship at less than a nickel, nor any of the others could have begun to imagine how God would honor their obedience and their faithfulness.

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# PORTALS OF FAITH





1 and 2. Groundbreaking ceremonies. Miner Arganbright, one of the founding members, addresses the audience. 3. Building Committee, consisting of Paul Toberly, Glen Norwood, Virgil Mott and Cliff Powell. 4 and 5. During construction of the building, Steve Shakarian leads the headquarters staff in the first chapel service.

The robust appearance of the building shouts of the faithfulness of our God, who is able to do more than we can ask or think. The building is not a memorial to the past, but a reminder of the willingness of the Almighty to use ordinary men in an extraordinary way. He confronts each of us with the limitless possibilities of what we can be and do when filled with His Spirit.

The facility now being used for the glory of God would not exist except for the tenacity with which these men clung to the vision. Every man is subject to deep discouragement and satanic oppression. I pray that the bold designs of this building may inspire strength and encouragement

for all who see it.

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International World Laymen's Headquarters is more than a mouthful—it is a pronouncement of basic truth. Independently and without solicitation, visiting members from the East Coast, Midwest, the Northwest and Europe have expressed the feeling that the headquarters belongs to them. They have referred to it as the *home* of the Fellowship. It is a symbol of a unity that has been measurably strengthened through their involvement in the building project. Chapter members and other individuals who have given generously and sacrificially sense

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... they gave of themselves ...



by T.L. WHALEY, Retired Contractor, Redding, California



T.L. and Jean Whaley

**T**HE WORLD LAYMEN'S HEAD-  
QUARTERS—from dream to  
reality. The sure evidence that the  
hand of the Lord directed its con-  
struction is to be found in the rotun-  
da in front, the sweeping lines of the  
buttresses at each end, and the ma-  
jestic pillars and tinted glass in the  
rear.

There had been no doubt in my  
mind that somehow I would be in-  
volved in its construction the first  
time I heard that plans were under-  
way to build the international head-  
quarters for the Full Gospel Busi-  
ness Men's Fellowship. No voice  
spoke to me, but deep in my spirit  
was the confirmation that the Lord  
had plans for my involvement. He  
had already brought about cir-





cumstances in my life that would pave the way for me to leave my home and move to Southern California for 18 months to be general contractor for the job.

As I retraced the path of my life, I praised the Lord that He had brought me to the place where I was willing to be used in such a way. My childhood had been in a religious home, but the religion seemed to be centered around debating, arguments and judgmental attitudes. The very narrow approach I saw turned me away from religion.

Leaving Texas at age 17, I moved to California. There I met and married a young lady named Jean. Jean had a strong faith in God, although at the time I figured she was a little out in

left field. However, I was sure I could get that straightened out after we were married.

Jean was not easily dissuaded from her views, and I watched her for several years as she continued to live for her God. When the children came along, she faithfully taught them to rely on the Lord.

During those years she didn't try to preach to me or push me. She just lived a righteous life before me. I praise the Lord that he gave me such a wife, for during all those years not a single person ever came up to me and asked me to become a Christian. As I now live my life daily before the Lord, I try to remember that time and recognize that there may be many people who need to be introduced to



*The World Outreach Information Center on the first floor of the rotunda provides a gracious visitor's lounge*

the Lord Jesus.

Where the Lord really began to get through to me was in the area dealing with my children. I seemed to be willing to allow them to do things that Jean thought were wrong. Although I was providing food and shelter for them, I knew that I was not the spiritual head of my house.

It was also at this time, during my middle thirties, as I listened to sermons at church, that I realized I was a sinner in need of salvation. The Lord took all these circumstances and convicted me, and I was born again into His family.

Because of my parents' religious teaching, however, I would have no part of the full Gospel message. The gifts of the Spirit and speaking in tongues were part of another era, I was sure. As far as I was concerned,

they had no place in the lives of people in our time.

The Lord patiently drew me, however, and the day came when I was invited to a convention out of town. Feeling that I needed to get away from the job for awhile, I accepted the invitation. It was a Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship convention, and by the time the first song was finished the Lord had done a complete turnabout in my thinking. Suddenly I was as convinced of the truth of the gifts of the Spirit for our time as I had been of the error of the doctrine before. No one talked to me to convince me. There had been no pressure. The Lord had done the work.

That was May, 1961. I remember thinking, "Now that I know that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is real,



there's only one thing to do, and that's get it!" Every time I went to a FGBMFI meeting or a Pentecostal church, I was at the altar praying. All kinds of advice came my way: stand up, lie down, hold on, turn loose. But I found that I didn't really need any of that advice. In August, when the Lord got me to a place where I was ready, I was filled with His Spirit.

Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit turned my life around. My priorities changed when I gave the control of my life to the Spirit of the Lord dwelling in me. I found that there was no more satisfaction in maintaining a status quo. The desire to be involved in bringing people to the Lord welled up inside me.

Returning to Redding after the convention, I immediately contacted a Christian brother to help me start a Full Gospel chapter. My idea of starting a chapter was to have a group of men signed up and then ask for a charter. We started our chapter with 99 men!

I also left the lumber company where I had been working and started my own construction business. Over the years I have built churches, commercial buildings, funeral homes and custom residences. The Lord prospered us so that I was able to retire in 1977 at the age of 53 years. Jean and I did some traveling around the country to different conventions for some time.

Then the day came when the Fellowship was ready to begin construction, and on March 1, 1978, Jean and I went to Costa Mesa, California

in our motor home.

Almost immediately the devil tried to discourage and defeat us. We had been at the building site one week and had gone back to Redding for a short time when it was discovered that Jean had cancer. It was really a difficult time for us at the beginning, but the Lord gave us a tremendous peace. Jean had surgery, and all traces of the cancer were removed. She required no chemotherapy or radium treatments, and there have been no recurring symptoms.

After Jean came home from the hospital, we packed our things and moved to a mobile home in Southern California until the building was completed. Those 18 months were packed with incidents, one after the other, which kept us aware of God's hand on the construction and His presence in our lives.

The project itself was unique in that much of the material was donated by a chapter, a group of chapters, or an individual. People would come by to offer their time. One man had been touched at the World Convention but was unable to give any money. He was there the next morning, offering his services in his particular trade. Through the Spirit I was immediately aware that he had come for a much different purpose—he had a need. Right there in the middle of the construction site I prayed with him, and he became a new Christian. The Lord was reaping His harvest even before the building was occupied.

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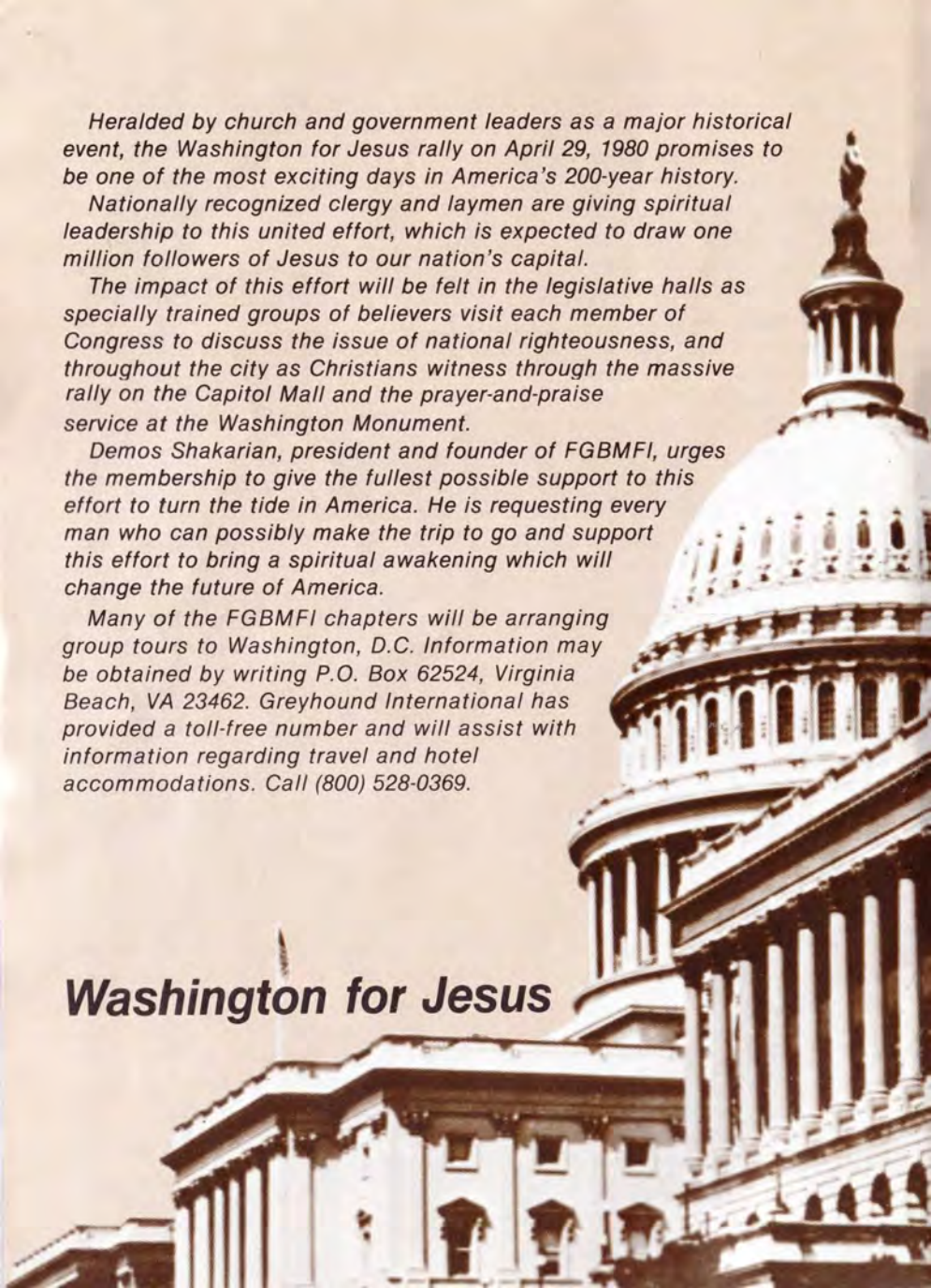
*Nationally recognized clergy and laymen are giving spiritual leadership to this united effort, which is expected to draw one million followers of Jesus to our nation's capital.*

*The impact of this effort will be felt in the legislative halls as specially trained groups of believers visit each member of Congress to discuss the issue of national righteousness, and throughout the city as Christians witness through the massive rally on the Capitol Mall and the prayer-and-praise service at the Washington Monument.*

*Demos Shakarian, president and founder of FGBMFI, urges the membership to give the fullest possible support to this effort to turn the tide in America. He is requesting every man who can possibly make the trip to go and support this effort to bring a spiritual awakening which will change the future of America.*

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## STEVEN ELLINGTON

FGBMFI Member  
Holcomb, New York

**B**EFORE I WAS 13, my dad left us. I was the "man" of the family now. I felt very responsible for my mom, my sister, and my little brother. This responsibility was even more real to me as I had just become a deacon in my church.

Mom had gathered us all together that first night we were alone. She had prayed for us, reminded us that the four of us were still a family and told us that God would take care of us.

Soon I began to worry, though, because mom started going to a Bible study with a group which did not share our beliefs, and I felt mom was pulling away from the true church. Not only was I concerned about her, but I felt my newfound priesthood was threatened.

Asking me to trust her, she took me one day to a Christian

bookstore. It was a good feeling being there, yet somehow I felt I was betraying our faith. Looking around I found a book which discussed our church. It called our group a cult! Feeling I must defend our faith, I began to talk with the lady who ran the store, quoting Scriptures to prove our doctrine. She amazed me by not arguing with me. Instead she just took my hands and said, "Let's pray." Even at my age I recognized the love of Jesus flowing from that lady.

That night I prayed earnestly that the confusion I was feeling would be cleared up. Later the Lord spoke to me in a vision, telling me that I had been deceived by my earlier teaching. I prayed, asking for forgiveness, and that night I became a new Christian!

The next day and all that week I had many questions for the lady at the bookstore. The following week she took us to church with her. At that service I watched as the Lord lengthened a lady's leg, and I knew that I wanted all the Lord had for me. As people prayed for me, the Lord filled me with His Holy Spirit.

The Lord has been so good to my family. He healed my sister of ulcers and my grandmother of cancer. Through members of our church, I began to learn about the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. Before my fourteenth birthday I became a member. These men are very special to me, and I am learning a great deal from them. ***I feel such a joy at being a part of an organization where people from many denominations love each other and work together to spread the Gospel throughout the world.*** ■





*Perk tells Demos, "I want to be just like you."*

## **SAMUEL CORNELIOUS "PERK" EVANS, III**

Youngest Lifetime FGBMFI Member, Atlanta, Georgia

**I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth.** My dad's ambition had been to become a multi-millionaire, and he made it. However, the money didn't replace my dad, who always seemed too busy to share himself with me.

Mom taught my sisters and me about God, and I gave my heart to Jesus in my grandmother's Baptist church. Later my dad became a Christian, and our family drew much closer. We began going to meetings of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. At one of those meetings in Atlanta, the Lord baptized me in His Holy Spirit. Dad and I both began to participate in the Fellowship's activities, traveling to conventions and rallies around the country and even as far away as Israel.

Last year I earned money working in my father's factory and became the youngest lifetime member of FGBMFI. Since that time I have traveled to several meetings around the country to encourage young people to become involved in the Fellowship.

The unity the Lord brings among people of so many denominations speaks to people of every age. The reality of the love of Jesus shared by the members of the Fellowship is especially needed by young people today.

**I thank God that He has brought our family together and has allowed us to be a part of the Full Gospel Business Men. It is my great desire and prayer to one day become an International Director of this group as it works to spread the Good News of Jesus in these last days.** ■

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# MINDANAO MISSION

by DON OSTROM, FGBMFI International Director, Seattle, Washington

**M**ANILA! After three weeks aboard ship, we finally arrived in the Philippines. Neither my wife, Marlene, nor I could speak the language, we knew no one there, and we knew little of their customs. In spite of these severe limitations, the Lord faithfully honored our obedience and blessed our efforts. Marlene and I pioneered a church in Mindanao. Our first service started with two people in the congregation. I played my accordion and we began to sing "There Is Power In The Blood". God blessed and people came. Today, there are 56 churches that can be traced back to that first little church where we ministered for three years.

Tragedy interrupted this promising missionary work. My wife's father and sister were killed in a plane crash. Her mother had passed away about six months after we arrived in the Philippines. Marlene had lost her

whole family, and it was imperative that we return to the States to run the six nursing homes which her father had owned and operated.

I fully expected to return to the mission field, but the settling of the estate took nearly three years. I was confronted with the painful question, "How can a man who has been a pastor, an evangelist and a missionary be *just* a businessman?" When people would refer to me as a businessman, I would correct them with "Oh, no, I am a preacher" or "I am a missionary." I wasn't giving up the ministry. No way.

Confused, I got down on my knees in the basement of our home on Magnolia Street in Seattle and cried out, "God, I don't understand. I want to know—am I a businessman or a preacher?" As clearly as when He called me into the ministry, the Lord replied, "Son, it makes no difference to me if men call you one or the

other. As long as you do My will, you will bring glory to My name.”

God taught me some valuable lessons during that struggle. He showed me there isn't much difference between being a missionary and a Christian businessman. It's just a matter of location. It's the same work with the same goal of bringing sinners to Jesus. Only the field is different.

I have led more people to Jesus than I did when I was a missionary. In the course of my business I have witnessed to lawyers, CPA's, insurance men and doctors. The nursing homes themselves constitute a needy mission field. My staff and I

“I don't have a problem,” I replied, “but while I was in another state God told me to come and tell you that Jesus loves you and He died for you. I have been praying for you.” Tears came to his eyes as he reached across the table and reached out to Jesus.

The Seattle chapter of the Fellowship, which has almost 400 members, provides a place where we can bring men to experience genuine Christian love and be introduced to our Lord. One man so despaired of life that he had gone to the kitchen and drove a butcher knife into his chest. Although he bled profusely, he survived and today he is really alive,

## **“How can a man who has been a pastor, an evangelist and a missionary be *just* a businessman?”**

have the thrill of leading many patients to the Lord. One day one of my managers introduced me to a couple of elderly ladies saying, “These two women have just given their hearts to the Lord.” One of them said, “Mr. Ostrom, just think—after all these years, now I know where I am going.”

I have had the joy of seeing people healed in our nursing homes. It's a fact that 50 percent of the people who have come to Belmont Terrace have returned to their homes.

On a trip to Oklahoma, the Lord burdened me to pray for a Seattle attorney and instructed me to talk to him upon my return. “What's the problem, Don?” he inquired when I went into his office by appointment.

having met the Life-giver at a Saturday morning breakfast meeting of the FGBMFI.

On special occasions as many as 900 people attended a breakfast, although that's unusually high, and at our last convention there were 1500 at a banquet. These impressive figures reflect the efforts of a group of great men who have found that Jesus is their answer and who are bringing others to meet Him. We are not a “bless-me” club, we are a missionary task force. Praise God! I am still a missionary.

God taught my wife and me another important lesson soon after we arrived to take over the business. We learned that the same God who



provided for our needs while in the Philippines was able and willing to supply the needs of a businessman who trusts Him. In 1970 we owed \$256,000 and the financing we counted on fell through. We discovered firsthand that you can claim every promise in the Book. This mountain of debt—a quarter of a million dollars—was removed according to Mark 11:23, 24 “. . . whosoever shall say to this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye shall receive them and ye shall have them.”

I have learned that negative expressions tend to be self-fulfilling prophecies. Asked how I was doing, I once replied, “Well, pretty good under the circumstances.” The man questioned, “What are you doing under there?” He was right. From that moment I began to learn that my heavenly Father controls the circumstances. I began to discover something of the authority and the privilege He has given to His children, and I began practicing speaking a positive confession.

As a businessman I can speak from a different perspective than that of a preacher. The man in the marketplace knows where I am coming from. I understand what he is going through. He can relate to my experiences, especially in matters deal-

ing with money. For instance, we had been tithing on all of our homes but one, which was losing money. My wife felt that we should include that home, but I couldn't see it. Reluctantly I agreed, saying, “Lord, I am going to take this step of faith and obey You. If we go broke, at least You will get \$1,000 out of it before we go down the tube.” I don't understand how it could happen so fast, but God sent a manager to us, beds began to fill up and within weeks we were out of the red and into the black. A lot of things changed when I released that \$1,000. I had been holding on to unbelief. As long as I had been holding on with hands shut, I couldn't receive. But when I opened my hands I released God to do a miracle by an act of faith.

We were so excited by what God had done that, as we approached January, I said to Marlene, “Why don't we tithe on how much money we are going to make next year?” She said, “How much are we going to make?” I answered, “Let's decide.” We set a figure by faith, and throughout the year we tithed monthly based on that expectation. I wrote a check each month, whether we actually made that much or not. The year-end statement revealed that we made exactly the amount that we had tithed on.

One of my misconceptions which God had to correct was regarding money. When necessity dictated that we take over the management of the nursing homes, I feared that if we made money I would lose my love for

Jesus. Somehow it seemed sinful to have wealth. I didn't understand that God desires His children to prosper, or that he wants to entrust wealth to His own so that there will be the needed funds to finance His work.

At the first FGBMFI convention I attended in Phoenix, I heard businessmen lifting up Jesus and still talking about God blessing their businesses. How could one make money and be close to God? Drive a Cadillac and be spiritual? No way. But, a seed was planted in my heart, and I believed that God wanted to bless both me and my business. I realized that it wasn't a sin for me to have money; it was only a sin for money to have me.

God blesses us financially, not so that we can have much, but so that we can do much for him. The more we have used for Him, the more He has entrusted to us. We began by tithing 10 percent of our income, and He has prospered us so that for the last few years we have been privileged to give up to 50 percent to reach souls for Christ.

His money, and my obedient use of it, brings glory to Jesus as it will for anyone who claims His promises and follows His principles. For instance, once on the way to an airport in Canada, I wanted to doze as the taxi took me from the hotel. "What about the driver?" God prodded me. "What about him?" I responded. "Is he ready for eternity?" That question was all I needed to witness and to share the Word. However, the driver

unleashed a torrent of anger and protested that he got nothing out of the Bible. My telling him that Jesus loved him wasn't convincing. A \$20 bill as we parted helped. He softened and said, "Maybe something in the Bible will pop out at me." I didn't see him come to Christ, but I believe that someone else will. They say, "Money talks." I want my money to talk about Jesus.

Even though Marlene and I were called home from the foreign mission field, we still have a burden for the whole world. Just a few weeks ago I participated in a FGBMFI airlift in which we shared the Good News in Denmark, Norway and Scotland. In each of those countries we saw people saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others were healed. Sometime ago Demos interviewed me on the Good News! telecast where I was able to share my faith with millions in this country and in Canada.

My story is unique. I do not have a background of crime, drugs or drunkenness. I was saved at the age of 14 and baptized in the Holy Spirit three years later. I was raised in a Full Gospel church, completed Bible school, then served the Lord as a pastor, an evangelist and then as a missionary. While God calls many businessmen into full-time ministry, He called me from the Philippines to serve Him in the marketplace. ***I still have a ministry and so does every other man who names the name of Jesus. That ministry is to bring men to Jesus.*** ■



## Portals of Faith

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that they are having a part in something special that God is doing.

### GOD IS READY

Just as definitely as God gave Demos Shakarian the vision that gave birth to this Fellowship—a vision of a lonely, sinsick world that could be changed by the power of the risen Christ—God ordained this building. The obtaining of this choice building site, the miraculous zoning, the selection of the architect and the dozens of times when the hand of God could be seen clearly during the construction process all compound the evidence that God plans to use this facility in a special way.

In the early 1940's, Dr. Charles Price, a spiritual giant, said, "Demos, you're about to witness one of the major events foretold in the Bible. 'And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh . . . .' It will happen in your lifetime, Demos, and you'll be part of it." This great man of God prophesied that a laymen's revival would bring in the last great harvest before the return of Christ.

The new world headquarters of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship is essential for what God has planned just ahead of us. Without it, we would be hindered from doing all that He purposes to accomplish.

As I listen to the building, I hear the words, "God, we are ready."

Perhaps it isn't the building I hear. It may be the voices of men like T.L. Whaley, Fred Rader and the others who have given so much of themselves to complete it. The sounds I hear may include the voices of dedicated women like T.L.'s wife who, when she learned that she had cancer, insisted that her husband proceed with the task God had assigned. I believe I hear the shout of a great army of Christian soldiers marching in cadence to the heart-beat of God and ready to take the love of Christ to the nations of the world.

Already, the men of the Fellowship are ministering in 71 nations. New doors to millions are opening, including those living in India and China. Christ's offer of peace and love is being carried to such strategic places as Egypt, Israel and Ireland.

### ARE YOU READY?

Seeing what God has done and is about to do, you may be saying, "I've not been ready to give my all to Christ, but I would like to experience the joy and the fulfillment of serving with these men who are reaching the world for Him."

***Even more important, the bottom line question is, "Are you ready to spend eternity with Jesus?" Some of the men who hammered and sawed on this structure were not ready when they arrived, but they received Jesus while they were here. That is really what this building is all about.*** ■



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1. *To witness to God's presence and power in the world today through the message of the total Gospel for the total man, and by this to reach men for Jesus Christ, especially those having the same social, cultural or business interests as the person doing the witnessing.*

2. *To provide a basis of Christian fellowship among all men everywhere through an organism not directly associated with any specific church but cooperating with all those of like mind, and to inspire its members to be active in their respective churches.*

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International does not start churches. Rather, we desire solely to be a service arm to existing ones.

3. *To bring about a greater measure of unity and spirit of harmony in the body of Christ, where members are united in a common effort for the good of the whole body.*

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## They Gave of Themselves

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Fellowship members from many areas made donations toward the building—trusses from Ohio, lumber from Canada, chapel materials from California, and furnishings from many areas. Talent. Money. Time. Construction materials. Whatever the Lord had provided us we were bringing, all for a common cause. This was the formula the Lord used to create the headquarters, and it is really the formula for the organization itself: laymen from all walks of life and from scores of denominational backgrounds offering what the Lord has given them. He provides the talents, gifts and time, and we offer it all back to Him.

Of course the construction was not completed without problems. We had our share of them—some humorous and some aggravating. I had learned years before, however, that we “count the cost” before undertaking a project. Knowing that the Lord had called me to do the job, I also knew that he would equip me for whatever I had to face. He helped me to work out a very difficult situation regarding the framing of the building, and at a savings of fifty percent over what the lowest bid had been. He gave me strength and wisdom to deal with dismissing unqualified people. He gave me a sense of humor when I listed my construction telephone under “FGBMFI, Costa Mesa” and began to receive hundreds of calls regarding the

World Convention. I can say without any reservation that He provided *all* my needs.

During all those months of building I had a real sense of the Lord's direction. Even so, when the first gathering was held there, shortly before the building was completed, the Lord impressed on me anew the meaning behind the building. It was definitely a beautiful and functional building, and it was badly needed so that the day-to-day work of the Fellowship could be handled. But the global outreach of the Fellowship was so evident in the gathering of men from around the world, all standing in the auditorium lifting their hands in praise to God. That moment placed everything in perspective and made the whole time worthwhile.

I have counted it a real joy to be a part of bringing reality where there was once a dream. I praise the Lord for a faithful wife who shared this feeling of dedication to that dream with me, and who stood behind me every step of the way, sharing the joys and sorrows with me. I praise Him for sending a young businessman, Kelly Constable, to pray with us each morning, and for the rededication of Kelly's life to the Lord. ***Most of all I praise Him for that love which He wants the whole world to experience, and that He is willing to use me and thousands more in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship to spread that love throughout the whole world.*** ■

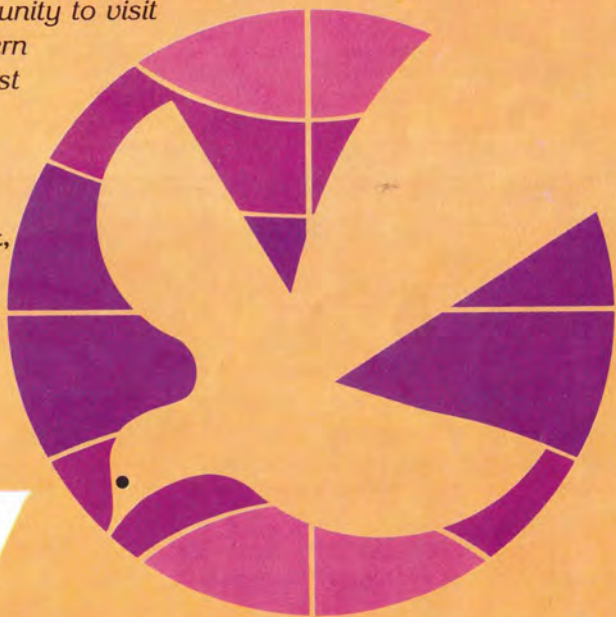


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# YES



by **FRED RADER**

Retired Administrator, GSA Motor Pool Redding, California

**WHAT DO YOU SAY** when your best friend asks you to move from your home, go to another part of the country and spend 18 months building a building—all without pay? During most of my life I would have laughed and said, “You must be joking. Why would I consider such a thing?” But in March, 1978, I said “Yes.”

The building was the Full Gospel international headquarters building in Costa Mesa, California. The question was being asked by T.L. Whaley, who had just agreed to become general contractor for the building—for the same pay I was offered!

The Lord’s timing, of course, was perfect. Not long before I agreed to go, I had been medically retired after





36 years of government service. My wife, Mary, and I had been traveling around the country in our motor home, seeing the sights. My retirement pension covered our needs, I had just finished a nice vacation, and it seemed that the Lord had worked out every detail for me even before I knew that I would be moving to help with the building.

When I had given my life to the Lord 11 years earlier, I really didn't have any idea how exciting things would become for me. Before that time I had thought I could handle things pretty well by myself, and I didn't really have any need for God. Even though I had faithfully attended church for several years, there was no relationship with a living Christ.

Actually I had been on my own since I was 13 years old, working at whatever I could find to support myself until I was old enough to join the Army. The war came, and I stayed in until it was over. Within a year after my discharge in 1945, I was

working for the Navy in transportation. Eventually I was sent to Redding by the General Services Administration to build up a motor pool. Beginning with one vehicle, the operation grew to 750 vehicles while I was there.

It was in Redding that I met Mary, and she invited me to go to church with her. We went to Bethel Assembly of God, and I began to realize during those services that my relationship with the Lord was not really a personal one. At an Easter service I responded to an altar call and gave my heart to the Lord.

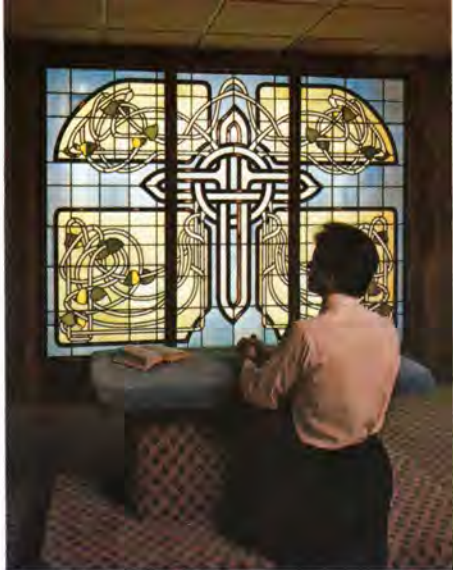
My pride got in the way, though, when I began to desire the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Actually I was pretty impressed with my position at GSA. There, I was *Mr. Fred Rader*, with my own staff and responsibility for all those government vehicles. It seemed that each time there was a call made for those who wanted the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I just couldn't respond.



The Lord is patient, however, and He worked it all out for me. At a New Year's Eve midnight service, the pastor asked for Christians to come up front to pray with those who had responded for prayer. Even though I went to pray for others, hands were laid on me, and I received such a blessing! We didn't leave the church until 3 a.m., and after arriving home I was still feeling the power of the Lord. He even gave me the sound of the wind blowing as He had in the upper room on Pentecost. No sleep came at all that night as I just continued praising the Lord.

Life became a lot more exciting after that, and then in 1978 I was invited to help with the building. The Lord blessed daily as we worked on that building. The first winter was one of the rainiest Southern California had had in several years. There were days when we weren't sure we could get the workmen into the area, but somehow the Lord always provided a way. Not once did we have to shut down the job in all those months.

Another blessing the Lord provided for me personally was the ability to keep the books for this job. In my position as manager of the GSA motor pool, I had the responsibility for the bookkeeping, but I always had someone else who actually did the work. With the feeling that I was to help with the building came the assurance that God would provide whatever I might need to fulfill the tasks He gave me. He was faithful, and there was never a day that I was



*The prayer chapel is always open to employees and visitors*

unable to give an exact account of the project.

Every day we paused for a time of prayer before the work began. We always made sure that everyone was invited. When a new sub-contractor would come in with his tough-talking men, it was just another job to them in the beginning. By the time they had worked a few days, though, they were asking questions. People were saved and filled with the Spirit, sometimes down on their knees in the mud. Each man's name was recorded so that he could be invited to the dedication ceremonies.

Frequently people would come by just to ask what was being built, and we would get to share with them what the Lord was doing. Seeds were planted daily, and only the Lord



knows what the harvest will be.

A burly truck driver who stopped by one day asked what kind of church we were building. I explained what the building was and the purpose of the Fellowship. As I mentioned that this would be a Layman's Headquarters, he asked, "What is a layman?" The Lord really opened the door for me, and we shared for over an hour. Then he received a call on his radio and had to leave, but before the day was over he was back. When he returned, I had a Bible for him. The Lord convicted him of his sin, and he was born again that very afternoon. He came back several times and shared how wonderful his life had become since he had turned it over to the Lord. He always kept his Bible in the truck. Later I realized that I didn't even know his name, but Jesus does!

Other men were saved also. When I was asked to give a status report on the building at a FGBMFI chapter meeting, I chose to tell them that we had five people saved, one filled with the Spirit, and over 200 to whom we had witnessed. That "status report" was more important to me than how far we had gotten on the building.

The Lord performed a miracle of healing in my life during this time. My medical retirement had come because of a heart condition. Two or three times a week I had to take nitroglycerine tablets. After we were well under way on the building, I began to have more problems. A specialist called both my wife and me in after taking lots of tests. He

didn't just tell me I needed surgery. He wanted to know how soon I could enter the hospital.

The day before I was to enter the hospital for some final tests, we were invited to the Shakarian's home for dinner. Before we left, they laid hands on me and prayed for the Lord to heal my heart condition. The next day I went through a battery of tests, and the doctor kept looking puzzled. Finally he told me he could find absolutely nothing wrong with my heart. He still wanted to see me later, though, and I went back two more times. The last time he said, "I don't think I will ever have to see you again." Praise the Lord!

The completion of the building was a milestone in many ways. It marked the close of a particularly momentous spiritual time for me. The lessons I learned and the strength I received will never be forgotten.

It also marked the beginning of a new move of God, in my opinion. The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship has been in existence 26 years. I am praying and believing that with the consolidation of the administrative and clerical functions in the new building, and with the increased awareness of what the Lord is doing through this organization, the next few years will see the harvest of souls doubled and tripled.

***The hand of God was very much in evidence as we built this building, and I pray and believe that He has just begun to use the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.*** ■



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Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

**1. ACKNOWLEDGE:** "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

**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). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

**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).

**Why not make your eternal decision right now:** "I am convinced by God's Word that I am a lost sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died for sinners and shed His blood to put away my sins. I NOW receive Him as my personal Lord and Saviour and will by His help, confess Him before men."

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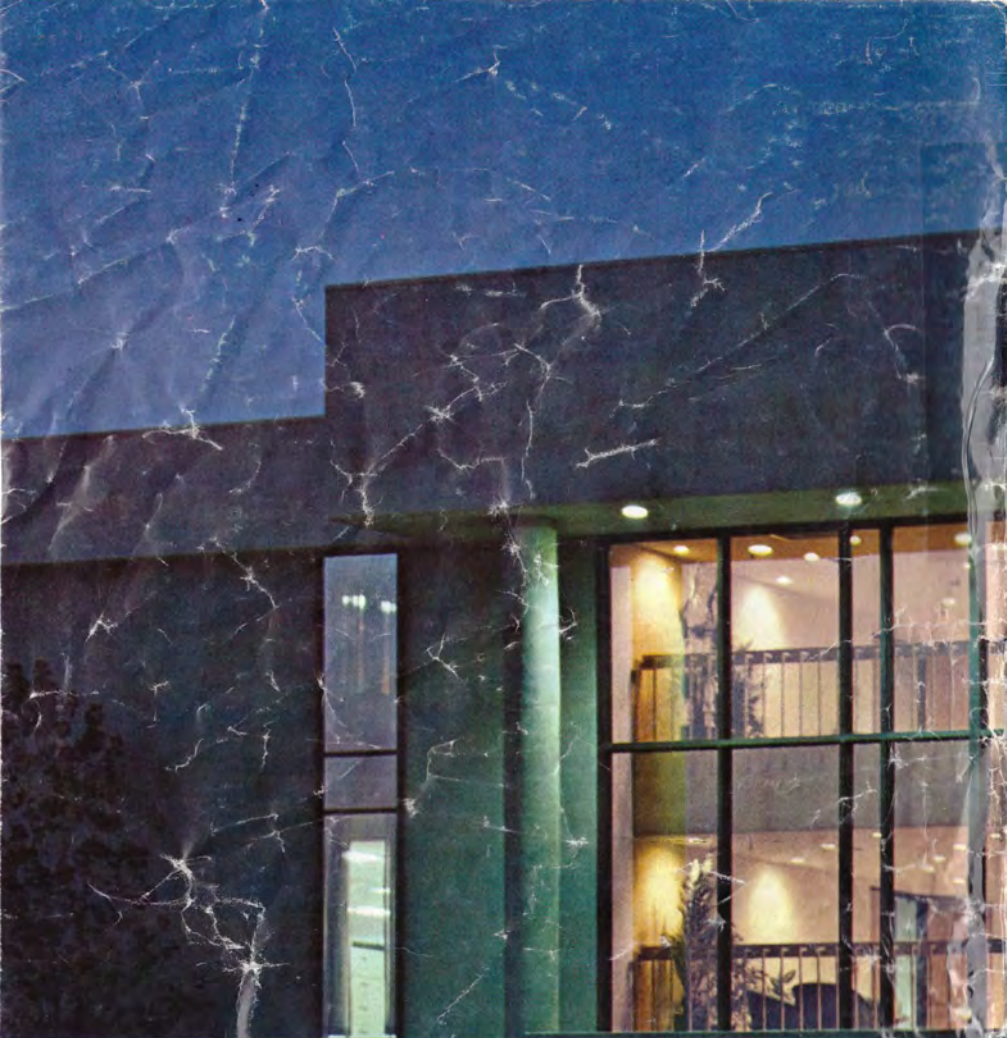
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