

Part One of Two Parts

Headline: **TOTAL UNITY ENCOMPASSES
WORLD CONVENTION!**

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June 13-15 was the annual World Convention of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International. Nearly 3,700 participated in the 65th annual World Convention of FGBMFI in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. People had to be turned away from the brand new COPANTL Convention Center.

It was a miraculous sight of unity as nearly 30 nations came to Honduras to celebrate the moving of the Spirit through Full Gospel businessmen. Although of course there was a great Honduran nationalism spirit, there was a major inflection of complete unity all together. A wonderful spirit of openness to the Holy Spirit was much in evidence in everyone's heart.

Even the president of Honduras, Juan Orlando Hernandez, received the FGBMFI pin from FGBMFI Executive Secretary Danny Mawuenyega, to become the latest member of the Fellowship. Armando Calidonio Alvarado, the mayor of San Pedro Sula, the second largest town in Honduras, was already a member of the Fellowship.

The Holy Spirit was very much in evidence at every single meeting as hundreds responded in His presence. The anointing literally flowed from every single speaker. Spiritual, financial, and physical breakthroughs happened as many healings took place throughout the annual convention.

Phenomenal personal testimonies were in abundance as the keynote evening rally main speakers challenged the massive group: Terrence Rose (FGBMFI USA President), Mexico's Marcos Witt, and Las Vegas' Paul Goulet "brought the house down" as they spearheaded the powerful, nightly keynote speaker messages.

All were in complete unity as members pledged that "FGBMFI is the hope for all mankind!"

Of course, special meetings were held for the Ladies and the Youth as hundreds rededicated their efforts to spread the good news of the Full Gospel!

Scores of special reports were presented as many countries told of the rapid spread of their FGBMFI Chapters in their countries.

The Lord smiled down on the convention as His Name was glorified in every single minute of the World Convention.

“FGBMFI with God” was the slogan for the World Convention; that slogan turned into the heart-throb of all participants.

On the very first night, the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt. Nikolay Khachaturov, the Armenian FGBMFI President, spoke encouraging words: “The Spirit of God is here and is upon us! This organization started in my country (the Shakarians). On behalf of my people, I welcome you. The Shakarians are from Armenia. Our eyes see what God can see. The Word of God is alive. He is the beginning and the end. Armenia became the first Christian nation in the world. I urge you to not let Babylon grow in your hearts. Let’s be faithful, brothers and sisters. This move of God (FGBMFI) will never stop! I invite all of you to the birthplace of the Fellowship, Armenia!”

Bruno Caamano, President of the Alma Vision Television Network, urged the crowd: “The presence of God is in this place! That equals miracles for you!” No one was disappointed.

Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez greeted the enthusiastic supporters at the convention. He told, “Thirty years ago, I attended my first FGBMFI Chapter meeting! My country is recuperating and is going for a better future. We welcome all of you. What has happened in Honduras is a genuine work of God! My country began a process of healing. And that has already started, especially with the rising of the standards of economic advancement. We are now receiving investors from around the world. Please. Please tell the world what Honduras is like today! We are a country that believes in God! I want to ask you to continue to pray for our nation, asking God for His guidance!”

Presidential entertainment included the Honduran famous violinist Hector David from San Pedro Sula. Everyone, even the president, was dazzled by his electrifying performances.

Brenda Shakarian Rose, representing her father International President Richard Shakarian, expressed the love of her father for all the participants. A video greeting by Richard Shakarian was played for all the audience. Richard expressed, “You are on the front ranks of the final harvest! You are a part of the

final great harvest throughout the world. God is waiting on us! Miracles are what we must see. They come from our great God. You must be 'hot' for the Lord. You can see the face of God through the faces of the young people whose faces are shining with the glory of God." The International President also thanked the tremendous work of Dr. Pinel of Honduras and his 228 volunteers.

Richard had recently received a prophecy about the future of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International before the World Convention. This greatly inspired the International President; and that inspiration was passed onto the participants.

In addition to the recent personal prophecy to Richard, he recalls the prophecy from the same person from years ago: "I am still waiting upon you. You are special for the Great Commission. The Lord is not finished with Full Gospel Business Men. He is giving them a last chance."

The recent personal prophecy was told: "Give the time to Full Gospel to be ready to march with other armies for the final battle. When the Lord makes promises, we must follow the Lord. Richard Shakarian is the one the Lord has chosen. If he wants to follow the Lord, the Lord will do big, big things!"

Thursday's keynote speaker was the ever-popular evangelist from Mexico, Charles Witt. He stressed the three reasons why we worship: (1) Thankfulness, (2) Perspective and (3) Army. "We are in a fight and a war; we must trust the heart of God!"

Friday morning saw a most energetic Asian nation time to include the Indonesian and Malaysian contingency. It was most widely received as they stressed the importance of the future of FGBMFI: the youth. Indonesia and Malaysia have been taking great strides in pushing their youth to the forefront of the leadership of the Fellowship in Asia. Their energy was felt by all.

Kenneth Kristiano, head of the youth in Malaysia, gave a heart-wrenching testimony of his bitterness towards his dad, Ardian Kristiano. The audience sat spell-bound as the son described the harshness of his dad. He admitted, "I grew up dis-liking my father. But then I went to a FGBMFI 'Family Camp,' I was reminded of the scripture: 'Children, obey your parents.' The speaker said to us, 'Who wants to forgive your parents?' I started crying. I asked my father for forgiveness. I made that commitment. That night, I realized how much my father

truly loved me!” Father and son both hugged that moment at the Honduran World Convention.

Kenneth challenged the receptive crowd, “Many problems in this world are started by family failures. I challenge parents to positively encourage your children! Fathers, promise to raise your children in the culture of the Word of God! Make the commitment that you will raise your children in a Godly manner. Today, speak restoration and healing!” Hundreds responded to the unity call among parents and children.

Numerous young-spirited Asian businessmen gave their powerful, transforming testimonies; and how their businesses miraculously succeeded. Richard Ling, an outstanding businessman/manufacturer from Malaysia, told how he invests in the lives of his 1,400 employees. He gave details of how he was taught at the age of 19 the spiritual laws of sowing and reaping. (See his personal testimony in this issue)

Being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, the Asian businessmen testimonies were interrupted with an urgent and immediate call to prayer for the Democratic Republic of Congo. News reports, at that very moment, told of killing and looting in the streets of the capital. FGBMFI Executive Secretary Danny Mawuenyega prayed with Dr. Pierre Fwelo Fumu, International Director for Central Africa, for an instantaneous miracle in that nation.

Many Indonesian youth spoke, representing the future of FGBMFI, as the young people testified. The Indonesia youth were a part of the awakening of the “young lions” of FGBMFI! The youth urged: “The talent God gives to you is your gift to God!”

Successful Malaysian businessman, and former Minister of Health for Malaysia, Datuk Chua, gave his personal testimony. In addition to telling of his personal healing of a detached retina in his eyes, he gave an historical perspective: “The blood of the Chinese martyrs was the foundation for what is now the largest church in the world (China)! FGBMFI is the most effective marketplace to fulfill the Great Commission in our world!” The audience roared their approval.

Sprinkled throughout the events was the musical entertainment germane to the Honduran culture: flowery dresses, mariachis, and much more. Highlighting the Friday night music was the appearance with many songs by the University of

Honduras de San Pedro Sula Chorale and orchestra. Everyone in attendance approved of this classy entertainment.

Friday night keynote speaker was Terrence Rose, FGBMFI USA President. In addition to giving his riveting personal testimony of deliverance from the addiction of alcohol, Terrence stressed: “I’ve been set free by Him!”

Terrence pushed to the approving crowd, “Jesus is a miracle worker! The Son of God has paid the price for you. You are in the middle of two destructive forces. All of us have a need. Too many of us are waiting for God to be on the scene. Hear this: YOU have the power to pray for your need! Satan, you are a liar! You have been defeated. You must put a voice to your faith! Truth is a higher law than natural law! Does anyone in here have a voice? Agree with what God says! The devil wants you to think that you are already judged and cursed. Jesus destroyed sin and death. Raise your VOICE to God!”

Terrence and his wife, Brenda Shakarian, then proceeded to lay hands on those who came forward and many, many were touched by the power of God!

Saturday morning was the Latin American explosion. Many told of the power of God at work in their Latin American nation. Faith was built up to many who received that impartation from the Latin leaders.

Saturday afternoon was the time for the youth of FGBMFI to be displayed. No one was disappointed. The energy level was phenomenal.

Milton Valle from La Ceiba, Honduras, through his anointed ministry and music, helped to raise the faith level of all. His unbelievable, anointed vigor got the youth to a fever pitch as he extolled: “God is the sponsor of dreams!”

Many youth from around the world testified of the merit of FGBMFI!

Many tears were shed as Randall Mena from Costa Rica shared his personal testimony of wanting to commit suicide; until Jesus intervened.

Charles from Ghana told of his work among the youth of Africa, as well as the youth of the Chinese. He also prayed for the International President Richard Shakarian. The leader of the Honduran youth girls testified that her alcohol therapist told her about Christ. She urged: “Change the youth and the nation will change!”

Brenda Shakarian enthusiastically greeted the youth. Jimmy Hughes then impacted the youth with his inspiring message for youth.

On the climactic Saturday night, International President Richard Shakarian again greeting the throng via video. His final charge: “GO for the harvest of souls!”

Unprecedented, anointed worship was again provided by Aliento de Vida from Houston, Texas.

Paul Goulet, the dynamic pastor of International Church of Las Vegas, Nevada, not only invited everyone to the 2018 World Convention in Las Vegas, but told of the moving of the Holy Spirit miraculously in “sin city” Las Vegas by the removal of seven prostitution brothels recently!

Goulet’s theme for the final night was “We want more of You!”

Pastor Paul emphatically preached: “I came here to transfer something into your life! My goal is to transfer everything God wants to give you! The power of the Holy Spirit changed our lives. When you leave tonight you will be so full! God wants to use you to change families.” He preached about the “keys to the kingdom: humility, love, prayer, fasting, training men and women,” etc.

Goulet charged: “Jesus wants to give you the keys to drive you into a new destiny! When you are Full Gospel, the Spirit will take you anywhere. You were designed to be filled with the Spirit. Tonight, right now, there are people praying for you!”

To climax the finale of this outstanding and historic 65th World Convention, the altars were filled the final night as there was a tremendous impartation of the Spirit.