

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship / Business Men's Fellowship

Global Vision

A NEW DAY DAWNS

News and pictures from the FGB-BMF
Global Leadership Prayer Summit
in London, 2012

'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity . . . for there the Lord commanded the blessing.' - Psalm 133

Worldwide fellowship

Millions of lives have been impacted by the worldwide fellowship that grew out of the God-given vision to **Demos Shakarian**, (1913-1993), a Christian businessman and dairy farmer of Armenian origin who lived in Los Angeles.

Demos, *pictured below*, became founder of the Full Gospel Businessmen, whose story is told in the best-selling book, 'The Happiest People of Earth'. This global fellowship of laymen - its



full name is the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, or FGB for short - is still reaching millions for Christ. It has

been said that the Fellowship has probably done more to bring revival to the church at large than any other laymen's movement in the past 50 years.

Other similar groups of laymen, such as the Business Men's Fellowship (BMF) and the FGBMFA, share the same prophetic Vision as given to Demos Shakarian in 1951.

In 2011, various FGB men around the world felt a deep longing to come together – simply to pray, to see relationships strengthened, uniting in the Vision - to see that original Vision intensified.

In a remarkably rapid way, within just a few months more than 100 directors and leaders from 20 nations representing seven regions (Asia, Africa, Europe, Russia, USA, Caribbean and Canada) were winging their way to London for an FGB-BMF Global Leadership Prayer Summit, (GLPS), in January 2012.

Other nations expressed their support but were unable to attend.

Nothing quite like this Summit had

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Leaders from 20 nations came together in London for the **Global Leadership Prayer Summit**



Meeting at the FGB/BMF Summit were men with a united Vision from Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Nigeria, Russia, St Croix Virgin Islands, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States and Zambia.

‘Only God could put this Prayer Summit together . . . it was all much greater than I ever imagined’

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happened before. In London, **Rodney Radcliffe**, UK Director-at-large, *pictured below*, worked tirelessly on behalf of a small global team to make the FGB-BMF Summit a reality. Many thankful delegates declared later, ‘only God could have put this together . . . we have not experienced anything like this for 20 years’.



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Big welcome: leaders from Europe, Asia and Africa





The tangible presence of God permeated every gathering.

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Out of this passion for greater unity and purpose a new information “hub” is being created – it is called ‘**The Full Gospel Global Forum**’ – which aims to enhance the flow of information across the nations.

The aims of the Prayer Summit are listed on Page 6. Since the event, many encouraging comments from delegates have been received by **Peter Spreckley**, chairman of the UK Council of FGBMFI (UK and Ireland), which hosted the Summit. Here are just a few of the comments:

- “I was so encouraged by the love and harmony which was exhibited among the men attending the Global Prayer Summit. I was particularly blessed by the presence of the BMF (Business Men's Fellowship) leaders at the Prayer Summit. This is the first time in nearly twenty years that FGBMF and BMF have met together.” - **Bob Bignold**
- “The Global Prayer Summit was much greater than I could ever have

imagined. After more than 50 years of being involved in FGBMFI and experiencing first-hand most of the challenges that the Fellowship faced, I realised that only God by the power of the Holy Spirit could bring about peace between the vast number of men that had been hurt and either left the Fellowship or had been forced out.

“When I arrived at the Global Prayer Summit and was met by brothers from 20 nations and seven regions, I knew that it was undoubtedly ordained by the Holy Spirit.

“It was evident that God was giving us a new beginning to get our focus back on fulfilling the Vision that He had given us through Demos Shakarian in the early 1950s.”

- **Jimmy Rogers**

● “There was so much love and forgiveness shown by men from FGB and BMF, and so on, and I saw men that I had not seen in over 20 years from Asia, Singapore, UK and other nations, too.

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The opening buffet dinner — some leaders' wives were also able to attend the evening

‘The love shown at the Summit was incredible’

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“They all came for the same purpose - to remove the obstacles that had separated us, to show love and forgiveness to and for each other, and to work together to win the lost for Jesus. - **Douglas Raine.**

● “I returned last night from the Global Prayer Summit in London. Jimmy Rogers roomed with me. The past week has been a real blessing. One of the highlights was seeing a Russian brother from



Siberia hug another brother from St. Petersburg and then they both cried. We were so touched by this meeting with leaders from many nations in Europe, Africa, Asia and Canada.” - **John Fay**

● “I thank God that I was able to attend the Global Leadership Prayer Summit! The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident throughout the five days I was in London. It was wonderful to be part of such a joyful event. The love and unity that was shown from around the world can only be described as *incredible.*” - **Gene Arnold**



The London venue for the Summit



‘We are entering a new season of unity and action in the Holy Spirit’

Rebuilding relationships

The leaders fasted and prayed in order to:

- Seek God’s heart with regard to restoring and re-building relationships.
- Move forward again in unity and harmony.
- More fully achieve God’s global Vision as given to our founder, Demos Shakarian.
- Re-establish fellowship among nations.
- Re-empower all present in Christ for global witness by creating a platform for co-operation and mutual respect and support.

The agenda for the Business Meeting at the conclusion of the Prayer Summit

was to discuss:

- Ways to strengthen unity and further God’s Vision, as given to Demos, through enhanced relationships and mutual support.
- Establish a platform for continuing interactions to fulfil a joint discerned sensing of what God now wants us to do.
- Assign forward responsibilities and cover financial needs.
- Discuss ways to follow-up and communicate after the January meetings.

“It was so encouraging to witness the great unity of heart and mind amongst all those that attended the GLPS in London,” says **Stuart Cripps**, UK National Executive Officer. That unity was reflected in the unanimous election of seven members of a Steering Group to take us forward for a year of service in

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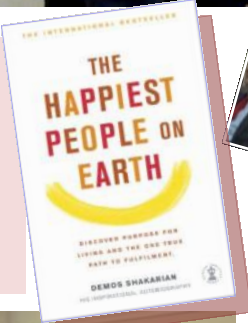
Vibrant praise and worship



'The joy of the Lord is our strength'



Praise and worship times led by Trevor Bendrien and the team were high points at the London Summit



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furthering the association between all the like-minded national groups. The appointed members of the Steering Group are:

● **Peter Spreckley**,

from the UK, is the Chairman. Peter, *pictured right*, is also



Chairman of the National Council for FGBMFI (UK & Ireland).

● **Azike Diribe** from Nigeria; International Director for FGBMFI Nigeria.

● **Bob Bignold** from the USA; National President, FGBMFA.

● **Blake Morris** from Canada; National Director for FGBMF Canada.

● **Ronny Svenhard** from USA; Chairman of the Board, BMF USA.

● **Tan Tek Seng** from Malaysia; National President, FGBMF Malaysia.

● **Stuart Cripps**, *pictured here*, is Secretary of the Global Forum. Stuart is also the National Executive Officer, FGBMFI (UK & Ireland).



He says: “We will be seeking to set up an effective networking facility for

all like-minded FGB and BMF groups throughout the world: for those who attended the summit, and for those who had previously expressed their support but who were unable to attend, and for all others committed to seeing the Vision, as given by God through Demos Shakarian, fulfilled around the globe.”

A website is under development as the communication hub for the exchange of information, providing news of forthcoming events organised by the supporting groups and featuring reports from different groups for mutual encouragement.



The new Global Forum website will be found at www.FG-GF.net, but whilst under development this web address points to the UK FGB website: www.fgbmfi.org.uk, where photographs from the Prayer Summit are available for download, with higher resolution copies available on request by using the ‘contact us’ button on the website. Stuart adds: “May the Lord bless you, as you follow your individual calling from God to see the Kingdom of God extended in your nation and throughout the world.”

'All one in Christ Jesus'



Delegates from Nigeria, a nation with 3,100 FGB Chapters

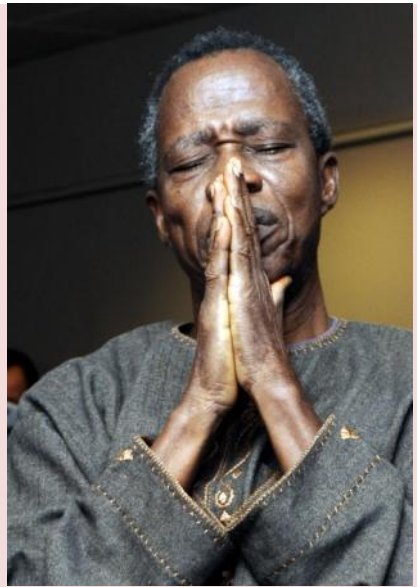


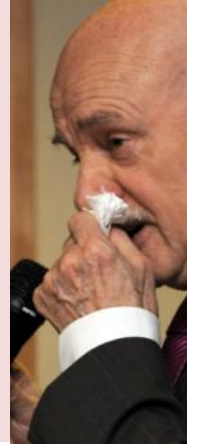
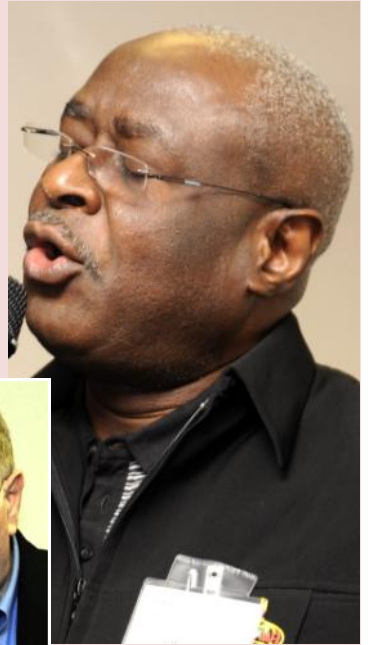
UNITED in the Holy Spirit and in the Vision!



More than 100 leaders from 20 nations united at the London Prayer Summit

Times of heartfelt prayer,
seeking God in repentance
for worldwide renewal . . .





Great Fellowship . . . and healing prayers



‘This is a new day,’ says Azike Diribe

A year ago, while praying alone, **Azike Diribe**, International director for FGB Nigeria (*pictured, right, with Bob Bignold from the U.S.*), suddenly felt the presence of God around his room . . . “then I was completely shaken about what God said to me about the situation within FGB.” The Lord reminded him to carefully re-read the prophetic book, ‘The Vision Intensified’, by Demos Shakarian, “words that are even more relevant for us today.” Azike was one of the men who subsequently had the vision for a global prayer summit. Within a year, against all the odds, it became a reality.



Testimonies and reports from the nations



Some of the **happiest** people on earth who met at the London Prayer Summit



Many other Summit pictures were taken by Ray Graham, David Riley and Mike Wiltshire (all three pictured left) and a selection are available on the web at:

www.fgbmfi.org.uk or at:
www.FG-GF.net



Moving forward in unity with renewed vision

We thank God for the amazing way He brought together the FGB-BMF Global Leadership Prayer Summit in London in 2012. Our new-found unity in the Spirit, and in the Vision, was exhilarating.

Now, as we look to the Lord Jesus Christ for direction, we are reminded of three powerful verses that highlight the unique role of the Holy Spirit:

- ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts,’ (*Zech. 4:6*).
- ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you shall be My witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth,’ (*Acts 1:8*).
- ‘Take courage and work, for I am with you, says the Lord Almighty. My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised . . . so do not be afraid,’ (*Haggai 2:4*).

The Vision Intensified

Towards the end of his life, Demos Shakarian anticipated an end-time wave of revival and holiness. He describes this move of God in his prophetic book, *The Vision Intensified*.

In this God-given Vision to reach multi-

tudes of men for Christ, Demos emphasises: “The Spirit seemed to say, ‘*I do not want a big central organisation*. Come together on occasion as a collective group to inspire and encourage each other, to light a fire bright enough for many to see.

“But in your day-in, year-out work, I want you *small, local and sensitive to Me!* I do not want uniformity. I will never take two men or two places in just the same way. Give Me outlets for *my infinite variety*.”

New information hub

As we unite in the Holy Spirit and in the Vision given to Demos, upholding one another in prayer, we look forward to the development of a new communication hub — the **Global Forum** website — for the exchange of information, providing details of forthcoming events and featuring reports from different groups for mutual encouragement.

As mentioned on Page Eight of this Summit report, the new Global Forum website will be found at:

www.FG-GF.net

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Other contact details for the Full Gospel Global Forum are currently via the FGB National Office in the UK, as follows:

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