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GATES, GATEKEEPERS AND THE HIGHER CALLING

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From the Editor

Hi everyone,
How have you been going? I pray that you have had a wonderful and prosperous year.
In November this year I attended my third FGB Singapore Boot Camp and Making Disciples in the Market Place Seminar. Once again this was a fabulous time of teaching, worshipping, and fellowshiping with people from over 8 nations. Even though I had been two times before, this time I properly understood what it means to be a Gatekeeper and what it means to be doing ministry in the market place.

- In the Boot Camp we learn to:
• Take up the cross,
• Clean up our lives,
• Fill up with the Holy Spirit,
• Seal up our lives so nothing leaks out,
• Live up to our High calling, and
• Link up with our Heavenly Father. In this session everyone had their feet washed and were prophesied over. Everyone received a very special and powerful word from The Lord.

In the Making Disciples in the Market Place Seminar, we learned that we are Kingdom Ambassadors. We have a high calling, we are called to make disciples which in turn will lead to discipling the nations. Discipling other people can happen in regular market place gate meetings, or on a one to one basis.

We will continue to explain this further in the future.

On the last day of the trip Bill Sgro and I visited the Changi War Memorial Museum and found out all about the Japanese occupation of Singapore during World War 2. It was a very moving experience. It made us both realise how good our lives are now and that what we have now needs to be protected and watched over.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who have contributed articles to this edition of the Vision Magazine. I encourage you to read these articles, and I pray that God will bless you as you read about all the great work that has been going on in FGBA this year.

May The Lord richly bless you over the Christmas season, and in 2014.



STEVE HARLOW Magazine Editor

GATES, GATEKEEPERS AND THE HIGHER CALLING

To the faithful who have focused on the future not the past during this very challenging year, you have been in good company. As this is the advice of our late founder and much loved human being, Demos Shakarian.

In the final farewell booklet to the fellowship written by Demos just before his death "THE NEW WAVE OF REVIVAL" "THE VISION INTENSIFIED", Demos made it clear in his book in the letter at the beginning of this book that (Demos speaking;) the powerful miracle Vision God gave me for the fellowship, and the world, is not over.... IT HAS JUST BEGUN! We haven't seen anything yet! And on page 19 Demos goes on to say: Demos Shakarian will NEVER be satisfied to walk in the accomplishments of the past, to be honoured for what has been accomplished. There's too much work left to be done. Demos Shakarian had his eyes on the FUTURE! I want you to join me. Seek God, obey his will, and you too will experience a fresh move of the Holy Spirit.

The direction we in FGBA have been called to go with the new strategy has been proven to be clearly a Godly driven direction.

First of all, the opposition to the changes from within the fellowship has been fascinating. Fascinating for two reasons, one, that having our membership nationwide get so low that you would expect long time fellowship contributors would applaud any attempt and effort to rally the troops around the country to strengthen our cause and our aim. But no, strong opposition was the surprise candidate, resistance to change was strongly opposed.

However, common sense prevailed in the end, and a nationwide vote of all eligible membership overwhelmingly acknowledged the changes were inevitable to take place and hence we have now begun to move into our higher calling.

The second reason is that great support has come from our women that have embraced the vision enthusiastically with clear and

single mindedness. That will inevitably see numbers begin to rise very strongly within our lady Gatekeepers.

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The changes are as listed below for all to acknowledge and officially recognise as such.

1. The company will still remain as FGBMFI, but will trade as FGBA (Full Gospel Business Australia).
2. FGBA will have our own Logo and Lapel pin to match.
3. Chapters will be known as Gates, with a revived emphasis on our higher calling to fulfil the Vision Intensified.

What is a Gate? It's the 7 Mountains (also known as Gates) as the spheres of influence within our nation. We enter in through the Gates. We are the occupiers of the Gates. We operate through the Gates and we prevail over the Gates. This is a very significant term for being an occupier and being vigilant within FGBA & our nation.

4. Members will be known as Gatekeepers.

What is a Gatekeeper? A Gatekeeper is not a member, he or she is a watchmen. God chose Israel in the beginning, He blesses her and prospers her in Jerusalem, on her very walls were watchmen. They were ever watching in case an enemy attempted to attack the very stronghold of God. Today it is you and me, we are the new watchmen.



Gatekeepers are to prevail over the Gates of the Kingdom within our nation. A Gatekeeper is a body of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit to transform the culture of nations, through discipling men and women for the work of the Kingdom of God.

5. The introduction of Women's Gates. Not mixed Gates, but they stand side by side with the Men as Women's Gates.
6. The Introduction of Young Gatekeeper Gates (under 40's). Spear-heading our future in this nation.

What does this term 'high calling' mean? It has something to do with what you were born for. Keeping in mind most people have no idea what they were born for, but their search goes on till death.

Quote from Winston Churchill, "To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour."

This reminds me of the story of Esther (Esther 4:13-14). Haman, the Kings official, had a plan for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai, who had adopted his cousin Esther, sends a message to her who is now the queen, for her to use her relationship with the King to put a stop to it. But Esther at first is afraid to approach the King.

Then Mordecai sends her this message. "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. 14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Like queen Esther, the men and women that we will identify, have not been put into that position of power and authority for their own success alone, but for such a time as this. There are what we call 'secret agents' within the 7 mountains of influence within our nation, that do not openly share their faith or even talk about it for fear that they may be labelled in some way. These are the

exact leaders in authority that we need to identify around the country and activate them for the work of the Kingdom.

I believe they will know deep within, as we talk with them, that this is what they have been waiting for all their lives. That will be our focused calling within the FGBA for the next 5 years, and then I believe the ball will continue to roll with momentum, until Godly men and woman prevail at the top of these 7 mountains of influence as Godly rulers for Him.



BILL SGRO Australian National President

FGBA GROUNDED IN PRAYER...



National Prayer Coordinator Rex Cardwell has been actively praying as our National Prayer Coordinator for all requests that come to the National Office. We thank God for Rex and pray God's richest blessings upon him and his family. We deeply appreciate all the prayer requests that have come into the National Office over the last year, and we praise God for all the answers that have occurred.

REX CARDWELL National Prayer Coordinator



“Unless the Lord builds the house those who labour, labour in vain.”

NSW/ACT

2013 has been a tumultuous year for FGBA Australia and many hearts have been unsettled and tested. In NSW/ACT, as in other states, passions have been aroused regarding the new strategy, ‘the Seven Mountains of Influence’. This strategy, introduced by the National Board, has now been officially and legally accepted.

Our State is honouring God by supporting the National leadership that God has given us at this point in FGBA Australia’s history.

The Lord has spoken to me about how to move forward spiritually for myself and for the State of NSW/ACT. The Holy Spirit asked me, ‘What is the FGBA Vision Statement?’ I said, ‘Australia under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.’ He asked me, ‘What is a Vision Statement?’ I responded, ‘Vision is what I am seeing and a statement is what I am saying.’ Again He asked me, ‘Are you seeing Australia under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and are you saying that?’ I said, ‘No, not all the time, Lord – not really.’ Suffice to say, He was saying that seeing

the vision, by faith, and speaking it forth will open our spirit for the faith of God to be released into and from our hearts - for, ‘Unless the Lord builds the house those who labour, labour in vain.’

Discerning the problems is good; not conquering them by faith in the Lord of Lords is not good – Joshua and Caleb are great examples of two men who faced massive problems and qualified themselves for the ‘promised land’ through faith in God’s Word and through faith in God’s ability to perform what He had promised.

On a practical level there will need to be more regular communication between myself and my leaders regarding the new changes.

A few encouraging Gate reports are as follows:

Gilgandra Gate has been having regular breakfast meetings with 20-30 men attending each time - not bad for a small country town and in October had 60 people attend a Pe-ter Pollock FGB meeting. This was followed by a deep sense of the Holy

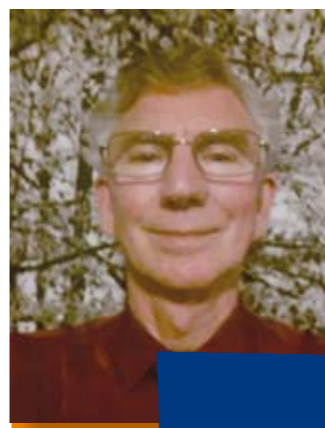
Spirit touching lives.

Sydney Chinatown FGB Gate had the Restaurant packed out at their Outreach Dinner with 290 people present. One lady was ‘born again’ and many came forth to receive prayer.

John Szilard of the FGB Blacktown Gate had been concerned about the need for new partners (gatekeepers) – we agreed in prayer and God has added two new partners this year; one of them after he was instantly healed of cancer.

I would like to thank each NSW/ACT Gate President and their executive and all the faithful gatekeepers (partners) who have contributed to see ‘God’s kingdom come, His will be done’ in our area.

ANTHONY CONNELL
NSW/ACT State Director



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

There have been many successful events in South Australia during 2013.

In February the leaders of FGBA in South Australia gathered at Cafe Va Bené for a presentation on the new vision for FGBA by Rod Winter. This was a great starting point for the year, and a number of new people were in attendance.

There were a number of Mayoral Prayer functions during the year. These included Unley, Mount Barker, Playford, and Onkaparinga. In August the first Mayoral Prayer Dinner was held for Port Adelaide-Enfield, where Mark Mudri was the guest speaker. Salisbury held its first Mayoral Prayer Dinner in October with Lin Arnold as the guest speaker. Both of these functions were very well received.

In November we saw the official launch of Australia’s first Women’s Gate in Adelaide. Please refer to the separate article by Lorna Winter and Gate President Valmai Stasinowsky for more details.

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Another important factor is the regular state Praise and Prayer meetings at Peter and Elizabeth Lee’s home. Special thanks to Elizabeth and her team of helpers for providing a fabulous supper for our fellowship time following the meeting.

In October there was a special breakfast organised by Peter Muller at his business in the southern suburbs. Rod and Lorna Winter attended and presented the new FGBA vision to the Adelaide South members. There were some first time people in attendance as well. All up around 30 people were present. The presentation was well received, and Peter Muller was very happy with the event.

On October 25th nearly 200 people attended the 7th Mayoral Prayer Breakfast for the City of Tea Tree Gully at Sfera’s on the Park Function Centre. The main speaker was Jason Kuchel, the CEO of the Chamber of Mines

and Energy in South Australia. He shared about the journey he went through to get to that position, and also how God helped him to deal with difficult people in his work situations. Jason spoke well and was very well received.

On Monday November 4th over 30 leaders from FGBA in SA came together for a fantastic end of year dinner at Cafe Va Bené. Rod Winter and I shared our thoughts on how the year went and thanked a number of leaders in FGBA South Australia for the work they had done during the year. A great time was had by all.

Valmai Stasinowsky, Steve Harlow and I have just returned from the Boot Camp and MDM in Singapore. We have been inspired and look forward to working with all SA Gatekeepers to implement the new FGBA vision in 2014.

Blessings!

RODNEY HARRIS
SA State Secretary



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QUEENSLAND

The die has been cast, and well may you ask where to from here..... the answer is onward and upward of course..... As many of you will no doubt know, I did with help from the Lord travel to Singapore to see first-hand what Bill and other board members were on about with gatekeepers.

Some said they were not surprised as I was pro Bill, what they fail to realise is that whilst he is our properly elected National President, he can’t use me as a rubber stamp.

There were many misgivings regarding the Singapore group for I must admit I had been well grounded in the errors of their ways. I found no fault with the presentation from Singapore, they have (a vim and vigour) I have not witnessed in FGBA Australia since the mid eighties, should we care to use the model it will most probably reinvigorate some of our membership and bring in a lot of new blood, (fresh troops) not bogged down in the works of the

past. We must remember what happened, but we are not to live in history, but to learn from it so as not to make the same mistakes again and again. We should however re tell His story over and over again.

Whilst many simply stated, “you can’t do that”, “they have a different culture”, “their country is about the size of Melbourne”, plus passing judgement on some from Singapore. It crossed my mind that there might be something of use to our flagging member-ship problem. I had even questioned the motive of changing to gatekeepers as in my opinion changing the name would not increase our numbers. The terminology however has a far more responsible connotation than chapters.

During 2010 a plan was put in place to have a five man team in place as an oversight to take care of State training, many men who were approached gave a negative response and are now very vocal about the change, some

who accepted the challenge have decided against the change, so back to the prayer closet for correction of that mistake.

Whilst godly men, willing to assist are in short supply, I firmly believe that The Lord will supply our needs. It is without doubt that we need to return to men ministering to men as we did in times past. We do not have the luxury of time to sit on our hands doing nothing it is time to make disciples of all nations. Having teams in place on the Gold Coast, Moreton (north Brisbane), and Charters Towers we will soon be able to surround the state.

It is my hope to see new gates (2 men’s) plus at least 1 women’s gate open next year. Along with this it is envisaged to introduce Dad’s for Life to Queensland during 2014.

PETER MONSON
Qld State Director



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Since February this year, when the 7 mountains/gates strategy was explained to us by the team from FGB-Singapore, we have, at our meetings, emphasised the importance of the 7 fields of influence in our society. We understand whoever is at the top of these mountains will be influential in the way our society is shaped, and therefore it is important for us to pray for those in authority as 1 Timothy 2:1-4 encourages us to do.

This one thing that pleases God is the one thing that we fail to do corporately and collectively. Demos emphasised in his book “The Vision Intensified”, “You must PREPARE yourself for the intensified vision through increased daily prayer, fasting, and making time for God seeking His voice.” (p21) It was after he literally fell on his face before God in prayer that the fellowship received life! God took over, and in 24 hours accomplished more than he could in 14 months.

Our spiritual strength, and spiritual revival, begins and ends with PRAYER. God is calling us back to our early spiritual roots, our early and at the core of this is PRAYER.

For us to be more effective we see the need of key leaders to gather together a faithful few in each place on a regular basis. At this current time we only meet monthly, for our meetings, whereas Demos met weekly. This would be the ideal, because it is then, that the new strategy of the seven mountains will sink in quicker. Constantly going over and playing the links to the seven mountains will only re-enforce the importance of praying into these areas.

The Busselton Gate gathers together 3 to 4 times a week for prayer. Though membership numbers are small, it is those few who gather together regularly that are making an impact in their town.

Recently, they held a Mayoral Breakfast, with over 191 people in attendance and had to turn people away. The Lord sees their devotion to prayer.

To wrap up this year, I would like to say to all the ladies who have been a big support, that God is going to work through you mightily and that he will enable you to go into places, where you are able to share

and demonstrate the power of God’s love. This has been a significant victory for the ladies, as our God shows no favouritism and wants the body of Christ working together. We will intend to birth a Ladies Gate here in the West after the New Year, with new ideas, new members, and with God who continuously does new things.

May everyone have a blessed Christmas and with these words from the angels in Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests.” From all of us here in the West, all the best in the new year!

MIKE MUNRO
WA State Director

TASMANIA



Tasmania Michael Gunn is the new State Director for Tasmania and has taken over from David Kleyweg. We thank God for David’s service, and we look forward to hearing about what is happening in Tasmania in 2014.



Discipling The Nations

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19



FGBA Leadership Conference

Men and Women

Wednesday 19th February 5.00pm till Sunday 23rd 12.00pm

To be held at:

Best Western Airport Motel and Convention Centre

33 Ardlie Street, Attwood, Victoria.

(Motel courtesy bus available from Airport)

Cost:

\$300.00 per delegate

(includes lunch and dinner each day and all Convention costs)

Accommodation:

Includes cooked breakfast each day

Delegates to make arrangements directly with above Motel on 1800337046, quoting FGBA to receive corporate rate.

Registration:

Contact Joy Sgro on 1300 765 114 or email joysgro@fgba.org.au

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31st January 2014

WOMEN TAKING UP *their calling*

LORNA WINTER, National Women's Director



I am going to speak to you from the perspective of being wives, mothers, grandmothers and business women and I think all of you look at this nation and even the world and wonder and worry about the direction it is taking.

We think 'what are they doing now' and 'who is making these decisions', but also think that there is nothing we can do about it. No, there is not much that we can do about it but we do have a mighty God who listens to us and acts.

God looks upon us as not just every day women, He sees us as Esther's and Deborah's, He gives us freely the 'giftings' we need and He puts a 'calling' upon our lives. It is your choice to take up your 'calling' or walk away and God will still achieve His will, but your life will be unfulfilled and you will never complete your destiny. We all lead busy lives and there are many interferences that stop us from spending time with God and listening to the Holy Spirit and all He asks is "Be still and know that I am God".

He asks us to Watch and Pray. Thank God He listens; Lot would never have got out of Sodom if Abraham hadn't asked. At this time that is what the women are doing - watch-ing and praying, we see what is happening in this nation and world and we bring them before God, we stand as Gatekeepers and take up the fight to allow or not allow or even kick out those events that are happening in our nation.

We pray the Kingdom of God into the seven gates and we expect to see and do see change. We have seen the same sex marriage poll results change from nearly all yes to 90% no when we prayed that the truth would be shown, we have seen much of the dirt come to the light in the education system and the government arena and now there is a christian presence in the Senate. Do I think this a coincidence - no I don't. I think 'what a mighty God we serve'.

We pray for men and women of God to be placed into influential positions, so that they can be part of the decision making for our nation, we pray into their lives and give them the spiritual support that they need to stand firm. We pray that FGBA Gatekeepers men and women will be anointed for the purpose of God in this nation.

We spend time in worship because our God is worthy of all praise, we share with each other and we pray with each other because we care and we have the love of Jesus with us. We have wonderful women of God who are not stepping back from taking up the fight and expecting the victory that we have in Jesus Christ.

SA WOMEN'S GATES REPORT

There is a ripple of excitement in Australia at the moment, especially in South Australia. We have just held our first Women's Gatekeepers meeting. What a momentous occasion this was for those who have put in so much hard work to establish an area of prayer that is so vital in this day and age.

Prayer is so powerful; it can be used to move Heaven and Earth. God has chosen from the beginning of time to work on the earth through humans, not independently of them.

This is a time to get excited about seeing the mighty hand of God moving in miraculous ways. Miraculous to us, but to God it is what He loves to do for His children.

I am sure that we will all be in agreement that if we look around, in the natural, the state of the world is a bit of a mess. But in prayer and reading His Word, we see with our spiritual eyes that God is in control.

This is such an opportunity for women of one mind and heart to intercede over

the seven (7) gates and put a stop to the advance of the enemy. Not only that, but many will find favour in all of these areas and have Godly input of influence.

God is raising up praying people and for those who felt that they would like to be a significant part of God's plans and purposes, this is such an opportunity.

Our first gathering in the north of Adelaide is only just the beginning. God is drawing women from all walks of life to be Gatekeepers.

This is a time to give God what is right.... Not what is left.

We often hear people pray ..".....let your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven...." Take some time to ponder this and let's bring Heaven down to earth.

We are looking forward to seeing God's handiwork as we see the gates close on all those things that are not in agreement with God's Word.

I pray that God will challenge you and you will become part of an exciting area of God's work.

VALMAI STASINOWSKY

President SA Northern Women's Gates



ADELAIDE WOMEN'S GATE
L to R top:
Valmai Stasinowsky (President),
Lorna Winter.
L to R bottom:
Sue Petch,
Colleen Martin (V President),
Sheila Dennis (Secretary/
Treasurer).



Welcome New Members

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Lionel FITNESS, Blacktown
Lee CLACY, North Canberra

QLD

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Sheila DENNIS, Adelaide Women
Valmai STASINOWSKY, Adelaide Women
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John WOODEN, Port Stephens

FGBA WEBSITE

The FGBA website is always being added to and upgraded, please have a look at the website at www.fgba.org.au. Any information you wish to upload on the site, please send to National Office. There are many events around the Nation and if you can, please attend. Thank you for your continuing financial support which enables the ongoing work of FGBA.

TESTIMONY TRACTS/VOICE

We have a great variety of Testimony Tracts available for purchase. The bookshop price list can be viewed on the web site fgba.org.au, also all the administration forms can be downloaded from the web site for your convenience.



These powerful testimonies are available in packs of 50 for \$12.50 + postage

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