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**Richard
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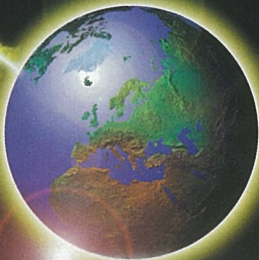
You will receive this new powerful wave of anointing that has started in the FGBMFI. This World Convention is for every chapter, leader, their friends and family.

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Richard Shakarian

International President





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Without any hesitation whatsoever we sought the permission of the President of the Republic of Georgia, one of the countries of the former Soviet Union, to show the 'Jesus Film' in all the schools of his nation. The President had been present for its first showing in Tbilisi, the capitol and Josef Stalin's birthplace, where 3000 people crowded into an audi-

torium with only 2500 seats to view the Jesus Film... and one third of them had accepted Christ.

The President considered the question, and replied, "Of course you can show the film in our schools". Then he smiled

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and in his own way asked me a question — “You show this film in your schools back in America, don’t you?”

I had to tell him that it was against the law to show religious films in schools in the United States, hoping that the example of my nation in this regard would not dampen the Georgian President’s apparent enthusiasm to cooperate in helping our ‘team’ spread the filmed story of Jesus Christ across that portion of the former Soviet Union.

Getting to the Republic of Georgia as a member of a deputation of carefully chosen Christian men, including a congressman from Ohio and other leading Americans and Canadians, had been a long road. But I was highly honored to be able to stand for Christ on that historic mission, because He had stood for me all of my life, including 398 combat missions that I flew in Southeast Asia.

I accepted Jesus Christ at twelve years of age. As I grew older I tried to live up to that commitment by filling in all the squares that I thought were required of a good Christian. I was active in my church, becoming a Sunday School teacher and a deacon. I believed that I was living 90% of my life for Jesus Christ and keeping just ten per cent for myself.

But sitting in my airplane in Vietnam at 1500 feet elevation, not a very safe place to be, it dawned upon me that I had the statistics reversed. God was getting only ten per cent of my life, and I was keeping ninety percent for myself.

It was time to turn it all over to the Lord... which I did. Following are some segments of my Christian walk after I turned it all over to God. Some think being a General is neat. But nothing compares with serving the Lord.

Eventually, I was assigned to the Pentagon where I served four years, eight months and twenty days. As a General Officer I carried much responsibility and enjoyed many privileges, but I can unequivocally state that the high point of my service in the Pentagon was the Bible study with twenty-five generals and admirals every Thursday Morning. From 6:15 to 7:15 we studied the Bible together, prayed and shared. The senior member of the Bible Class was a Four Star Navy Flag Officer, Admiral Jerry Johnson, Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

One morning a fellow came to the Bible Study seeking a Christian General or Admiral to accompany him to the Republic of Georgia in the former Soviet Union. The mission was to fulfill an invitation to come to the Georgian Republic to show a film on the life of Jesus Christ, the well known 'Jesus Film', which at that time had been shown widely in many countries of the world — except the fifteen Republics of the former Soviet Union.

En route to Georgia



That door had been opened into the former Soviet Union by the witness of Secretary of State, James Baker. He and his wife are active Christians. When Former Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs, Eduard Shevardnaze, was visiting in New York, Mr. Baker gave him a cassette copy of the Jesus Film, asking that he and his wife view it that evening in their hotel room. The very next morning Mr. Shevardnaze called Secretary of State, Baker, and said he wanted to extend an invitation to show the Jesus Film in the Republic of Georgia, his native country.

I was absent from the Bible Study that day, away on a trip, when the invitation was given for one of us to travel to the Georgian Republic on a Christian mission. Virtually every member present volunteered. When I returned I lost no time in also volunteering. I felt strongly about it, visiting the leader of our Bible Study who had made the decision. He made it abundantly clear that he had already chosen an Admiral whose hand had gone up first. I still persisted, saying, "But, Ron, I really want to go."

He finally agreed to make me first alternate.

Two weeks later the Admiral was assigned to Norfolk, Virginia and had to drop out. I had not been praying specifically for this development. It just turned out that way. As first alternate, I joined the mission to take the Jesus Film and its allied ministries of Christian evangelism to the former Soviet Union.

Although I had told the President of the Georgian Republic that we were prohibited from exhibiting the Jesus Film in our schools in America, he went right on cooperating. We continued showing the Jesus Film in Tblisi, the capitol, and a total of fifteen thousand people attended, with a third of the crowd accepting Christ following each screening. Twenty-five percent wanted to enroll in Bible study. This produced a problem. The Russian Orthodox Church was the official church in Georgia, and the priests interpreted the Bible to its members — mostly elderly people — as Communism had been the official religion of all of Russia for seventy-three years.

Therefore, we had to go through the Kotolocas, the Grand Patriarch, the head of

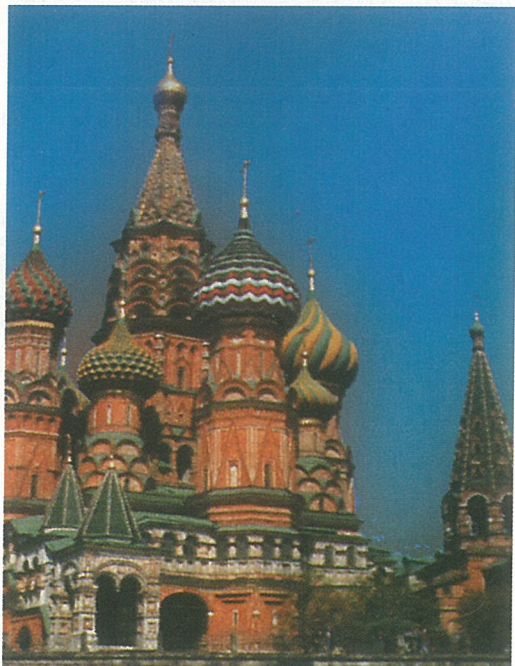
the Russian Orthodox Church of Georgia, for permission to send over books for Bible study. We pointed out that we would teach some priests to teach the Bible study courses. Then they could teach the laymen who could start courses in the Bible as a part of the Churches' ministry. The Kotolocos readily agreed. He also allowed us to show the Jesus Film in every church in the Republic, until recently a Communist nation of almost six million people.

My testimony is different because everything was going right on an impossible assignment. The Holy Spirit told me, "Make it quite clear that this was because God's hand was in this mission. I turned in my Bible for confirmation. There it was Acts 11:21 says, "The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people heard the Word and believed and turned to the Lord." (NIV)

The Lord's hand continued to be with us. With the permission and backing of the nation's President and the Kotolocos, we repeated the success of the Tblisi mission in two other cities of Georgia, Batumi and Katuisi. We not only showed the Jesus Film to large audiences, but many accepted Christ and arrangements were made to strengthen the new converts through Bible study.

Now, the hand of the Lord was not only with us, but literally stretching out across Russia, clearing the way for the Jesus Film and our ministry of evangelism. Leaders in St. Petersburg and Moscow heard of what was happening in Georgia with the Jesus Film and asked that it be brought there. Arrangements were made to proceed to the most influential and highly populated centers in the former Soviet Union.

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Georgia has a long tradition with religion.

But in Moscow it appeared as though the hand of the Lord may well have been withdrawn. On the night of our premier showing of the Jesus Film, we discovered that we were head-to-head with Ted Turner and Jane Fonda, who were premiering "Gone with the Wind" at a competing theater. But the Lord won!

Not only was the Lord winning at the Jesus Film showings, with a strong percentage coming to Christ and many following through by enrolling in Bible study, the hand of the Lord was working in other ways and with other people, totally independent of our efforts to evangelize.

Even though the old Soviet Union was no

longer, we were still accompanied by the KGB everywhere we went. At least six of the Secret Police were assigned to our deputation. On Sunday, an agent informed me that it was the proper day to visit the museum and that arrangements had been made for us to go there. I told him that I went to church on Sunday, and asked him to assist me in getting to one. He said that he didn't know where a church was, but would work on it.

In about twenty minutes he was back and drove us to a church. The Georgian people are very friendly and this congregation was especially cordial, inviting us to preach and deliver our testimonies, which we did. After the service, my KGB agent asked if he could talk to me. I said, "of course".

Here is what he said, "John, I have seen the Jesus Film twice, and have now gone to church for the first time in my life. What must I do to be saved?" What an opportunity! "Sit down here!!", I said. The hand of God was in this!

There was a couple in that church who waited to speak to me. The husband said he had been a member of the Soviet

Army for twenty-eight years. "What brought you to church, and what did you do in the Army?" I asked. "I was Professor of Atheism in my Army unit for twenty-eight years"

"How did you get here to church?" I asked. Nodding toward his wife, he said, "Ask her". She readily spoke up and told me, "We had been praying for him for twenty-eight years. One day when I returned from church, which was held in a house, because we were not allowed to have a church building ... I asked my husband if I could read something to him. He agreed.

"I read to him from the Book of Acts of how Paul had been persecuting the Christian Church. When I finished reading there were tears running down his face. He said, "I am Paul." He was converted and they have been active members of the church ever since.

God is alive and well in this world. God is doing marvelous things right now. Say "yes" when the Holy Spirit speaks to you.


Though the enemy be active, "The Lord's hand was with them [us] and a great number of people heard the

Word and believed and turned to the Lord" (Acts 11:21) in the former Soviet Union. Victory belongs to Him.

His hand can be upon you in your ministry — right where you are, or wherever he calls you to work. Let people hear the Word through you. God bless you in your ministry.

Lt. General John E. Jackson, Jr. is Commander of 15th Air Force, March Air Force Base, California. This testimony is taken from an address he gave at the FGBMFI Military Breakfast in San Antonio, Texas on March 23, 1992.

Since his missions to the Soviet Union, General Jackson has traveled to Mongolia to show the Jesus Film. The work of the Holy Spirit was most evident, going before them to prepare the way. Before their arrival there were some three hundred Christians in the the whole country, which is about two thirds the land mass of the United States, but less than two million population. The heads of the Mongolian Government, as well as many others, viewed the film of the Life of Jesus Christ.

A great door of friendship was opened for future Christian missionaries because the hand of God was even active in forming the Jesus Film team. At the time of their arrival, the Vice President was working on a constitution for Mongolia, which they wanted to model after that of the United States. God had placed the right man on our team, a veteran state senator whose specialty was Constitutional Law. With his help, the Constitution of the Republic of Mongolia was written. God's hand was in it. The door is wide open for Christian missions in Mongolia. 



Taken by Surprise

Robert Morgan - Salem, Oregon

Blood was seeping through the back of my shirt, which hung in rags. Bits of sand and dirt were embedded in the cuts. My face was starting to swell. Three men had “worked me over” in the gravel parking lot at Nick’s Place. I had picked a fight with a guy, not knowing he had two friends.

As I walked out with him, they followed us. Immediately, without a word, I put the first one down with a vicious kick to the groin. A straight right hand flattened and bloodied the nose of the second. The third man nailed me from the side, knocking me off balance. Then I was grabbed from behind. After they got tired of knocking me down and picking me up, they piled into their old car and roared off into the night. I wobbled back into Nick’s for another beer.

Earlier that night, the light had beckoned warmly through the cool air from the tavern windows as I drove into the parking lot. Loud music and laughter could be heard even before I opened the door. As I walked in, Nick bellowed out to me, "Glass or pitcher?"

"Don't matter", I said, "Just keep 'em coming." This was where I belonged; these were my friends. Together we could try to drown out the frustration and emptiness. And we would be happy for a little while.

The next morning at the fire station where I worked, my face was badly puffed up. It hurt to hold the coffee cup because of the swelling in my fingers. My back was sore from landing heavily on it in the gravel. My head throbbed, my stomach hurt, and my mouth tasted like the bottom of a bird cage. I was a real man.

At age fifteen, I was locked up in a mental institution because I was considered dangerous and unpredictable. There I was given electro-shock therapy. It wasn't much fun. A couple of burly aides held me down while others strapped me to the padded table with heavy leather belts. Then the gas

anesthetic mask was placed over my mouth and nose. It felt like sledge-hammer blows in my head, pounding me into unconsciousness. As my eyes closed, the brightly lit hospital room, complete with doctors and nurses, disappeared. It seemed like I just blinked and suddenly the room was dark, quiet, and empty. This took place every morning, day after day, for what seemed like an eternity.

I didn't feel a thing as the sharp electrodes were stuck into my brain. The surges of electricity didn't hurt either. None of this helped my already bad attitude. A snake would have had to crawl up to get to the level of my self esteem.

High school was rough because I felt different. I just didn't fit in. When I was seventeen, I quit and joined the army. At nineteen, I was the youngest infantry sergeant stationed in Germany. That's where I learned to drink and fight. I looked forward to the excitement of being a tough soldier out on the town. The addictive, mind-numbing pleasure of booze helped me forget the past. And I learned about sex; it was addictive, too. The year was 1960.

I also learned to cheat at cards and to loan shark. A twenty dollar loan for a week or two until payday brought back thirty. Money came easy and went fast on booze and high living. Saving money didn't occur to me until the last few months before I got out. I was discharged with the equivalent of \$20,000 in my pocket and was still too young to vote or buy a drink.

After the army I was hired as a firefighter in Multnomah County and was soon married. We had two beautiful children, a son and a daughter. By then I was an alcoholic and spent a lot of my time and money in taverns and bars. The rest went for "boy's toys".



Robert Morgan is serious about ocean sailing

By age twenty-nine I was a successful real estate speculator. One deal that year, a forty-acre property that I divided and sold, brought in enough to pay cash for a new split-level home. The part-time real estate hobby was bringing in much more than my regular job, but I spent it as fast as I made it, sometimes faster. Happiness eluded me, and money didn't help. Finally, my wife divorced me, and took our children with her. This was the price of the selfish lifestyle I had chosen.

Over the next ten years, I bought and sold real estate, became a successful free-lance photographer, and got involved in underwater gold mining. This took me to California, Montana, and Alaska. I also learned to sail, and bought a cruising sailboat.

Later I bought and equipped a larger boat for serious ocean sailing. I would cruise a month or more at a time, exploring the Oregon and Washington coasts, south Puget Sound, the San Juan and Gulf Islands, and the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Future plans included Baja, California, and the South Pacific.

Because of my high I.Q. (Mensa), I thought I should be able to find peace and happiness, but I only found that money, accomplishments, and adventure were not the answer.

“Was this a weird kind of hangover symptom? What did it mean?”

In March of 1972, I was driving home when a strange voice began to speak. It sounded like me, but it wasn't me. Words just formed on my lips and came out. There was one simple sentence: “The Bible is true and all your questions can be answered here.”

I was startled. My mind ran wild for a moment. “Was I hallucinating? Was this a weird kind of hangover symptom? What did it mean?”

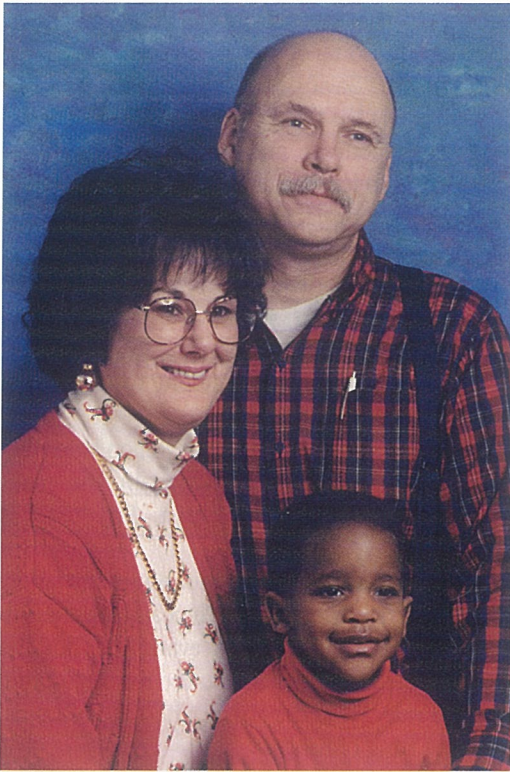
The message was strange. It was totally alien to me because religion was the furthest thing from my mind. I hadn't thought about it for years. My next thought was, “Maybe I should get a Bible and read it, just in case I missed something in Sunday School.”

God did not force me to seek

Him or trust Him, but He sure did get my attention. It was something like using a two-by-four on a mule! I was thirty by that time. I read a lot of the Bible that year, mostly the New Testament. I discovered that God cared about me. He actually liked me. I couldn't believe it! He wanted to be my friend, but there was a problem. I had rebelled against God and broken most of His laws. “I must be okay now,” I thought. “I go to church, read the Bible, and pray. What more could God want?” Everyone thought I was a Christian and so did I, but I still wasn't happy. Eight months later, on Christmas Day, I was home alone, so I turned on the television. Members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International were telling how they had become Christians. What they said made sense, and suddenly I understood what God wanted. He just wanted me, “lock, stock, and barrel”. I knew it was ‘all in’ or ‘all out’. I thought I could trust Him, so I said, “Yes!” I needed to be cleaned

Robert sailing with friends.





Robert with his family

up and made good enough to be His friend. The Bible says, if we confess our sins, He will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9 NIV). It also says, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Rom. 10: 13 NIV). So I asked God to forgive me, and He did.

Before I had called the shots, but now God was in charge. My desire for smoking, cursing, and drinking disappeared instantaneously. I never quit; they were just gone. But new things

came. I learned to read the Word of God, to pray, and to hang out with God’s people. Unfortunately, I still had many bad habits and wrong desires, but God had started me in the right direction. He wanted me to learn to trust Him and to willingly obey Him, to choose to do what was right. I am still learning.

A few weeks after being saved, I was riding my motorcycle along Marine Drive and noticed a long-haired, dirty biker sitting by his chopper, staring out at the river. I said to myself, “Lord, do you want me to go and talk to that guy?” Instantly I knew the answer. We talked for a half hour about everything except God. I had no idea what to tell him. As he was getting ready to leave, I handed him a gospel booklet. Much to my surprise, he said, “Yeah, I’ve been thinking about God.” I almost fainted! We read it together and he insisted on kneeling in the gravel and asking God to forgive him. It was great and I knew it was all God’s doing. Although I didn’t know it at the time, God had just shown me what He wanted me to do with my life.

Eventually I went to Multnomah Bible College, graduating in 1982 when I was forty. While in school I became involved in prison ministries at Rocky Brute Jail in Portland, Oregon. On my first visit, I introduced two men to the Savior. It was a great experience. I am still in contact with one of them, 22 years later.

Next I became a volunteer Chaplain at Multnomah County Correctional facility. Imagine a dozen long-haired, tattooed, hardened convicts getting up at five-thirty in the morning to pray and study God's word. Only the Lord can do that. It's called a miracle.

After 24 years with the Portland Fire Bureau, I injured my back on duty and was forced to retire at age 47. This was God's way of changing my plans to sail the South Pacific. After a brief hospitalization and six months of therapy, I joined the Prison Fellowship Ministries and have been a full-time volunteer Prison Chaplain in Salem, Oregon, for the last five years.

I do many things in the prisons: Bible classes, seminars, small groups, one-on-one visitation, Christian videos and coun-


seling. An average of 25 men attend my weekly Bible study. Some of these men are now leading others to the Savior. All the men say my weekly newsletter is the most important. It is designed to teach, encourage, and motivate men to follow Christ and to let them know me better.

My newest project is mailing my personal testimony to inmates. I prayed that there would be at least two favorable responses from the first mailing of 250. As usual God surprised me. Responses are running more than ten times what I prayed for! I intend to send one to each of the 12,000 prisoners in Oregon.

Prison Fellowship made me Oregon Volunteer of the Year a while back, but again, the credit goes to the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm just His "gopher".

Over the years God has brought many family members, neighbors, co-workers and prisoners to Himself. Some call me an evangelist, but the truth is the Lord has just allowed me to go along for the ride. He is the Savior, the Lord of Lords, and the King of Kings.

God has given me a wonderful wife and best friend, who is also involved in this work, very involved – twenty hours a day. She visited a pregnant inmate a few years ago, and three months later, brought the baby home. "Our boy", Larry, is now three.

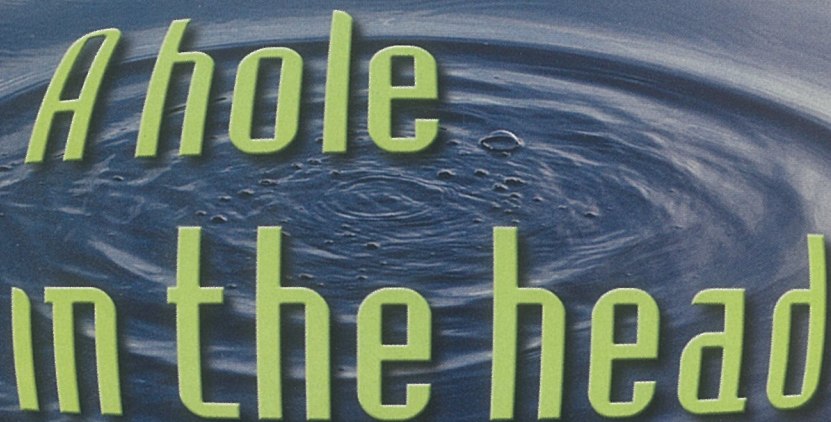
What will the future bring? I'm asking God to save so many men that "my prison", O.S.C.I., will become known as Oregon State Christian Institution. I'm convinced He can do it. Will it be easy? "No, but it wasn't easy for Jesus either." And in the midst of the battle, I will have peace, joy, and happiness. 



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The title "A hole in the head" is written in a large, green, 3D-style font. The background is a dark blue, textured surface that looks like water with ripples, suggesting a hole or a deep, turbulent area.

A hole in the head

Thomas A. Keel, San Antonio, Texas

In our mechanized and often warlike culture, head injuries are common and deadly events. I frequently dealt with head injuries during the course of my U.S. Army medical career from 1969 until forced retirement in 1989.

My medical duties began as an LVN and combat medic in Vietnam. My medical career continued on as a Battalion Surgeon after graduation from the U.S. Army Physician Assistant (P.A.) course, which I attended from 1974 to 1976.

Minor head injuries, such as scalp lacerations and being stunned ("having one's bell rung"), are common. Worse

head injuries, such as concussion and unconsciousness, secondary to shrapnel or other objects bouncing off a "steel pot" helmet are not uncommon situations for army officers and soldiers. In more than one situation, I was presented with an injured soldier, whose head injury was sufficient to ensure death, no matter how hard the U.S. Army Medical Department strived to preserve life in that person.

In January 1987, I became a head-injury statistic. My head injury left me with a large gap in my left skull that eventually was mended with a steel plate.

I have known Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord since my youth, and I accept the responsibilities of a Christian seriously. Sunday, 11 January 1987, was the usual busy day. My volunteer duties as Sunday School Director and Worship Service Music Leader at the W. O. Darby Kaseme (Base) Chapel began at 8:00 a.m. By that



Mark Knutson and Thomas Keel

afternoon I had completed my ward rounds and spent some time with my two youngsters sledding and playing in the German snow.

It was a nice day. I thought nothing could go wrong since I was a well-regarded army officer and busy chapel member. Just six weeks earlier, I had readily passed the rigorous annual Physical Training Test. That test consists of time limitations for running two miles, and doing push-ups and sit-ups. I had a number of scars from prior U.S. Army adventures, but Jesus in His sufficient grace, was always with me.

My family and I enjoyed residing at our rented German house in Firth, a suburb of Nuremberg. However, it had three stories with the bedrooms on the second, and Mary Joy, my wife, worried about the spiral stairs.

I always slept like a rock at night. Any veteran G.I. knows how to make the best of sleeping time. Mary Joy, in contrast, never had to be concerned

by early-morning alerts, she is a light sleeper.

That Sunday night I had neglected to turn off the aquarium pump in the third-floor den. It awoken Mary Joy at 2:00 a.m. on 12 January, and she alerted me about the noise. I remember climbing that one flight of spiral stairs and turning off the aquarium, but descending those stairs is a blank. I fell 20 feet down the stairs and struck my head against the block walls. I suffered a contre-coup head injury.

The brain floats on fluids as it is encased within the skull. Sudden acceleration/deceleration motion can cause the brain

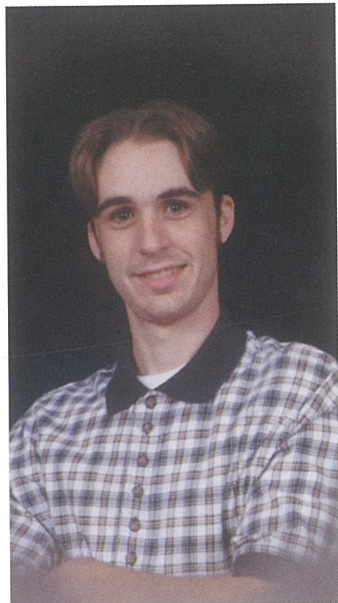
The Keel family



to shift suddenly and allow skull projections to rend brain tissue and cause bleeding. I was knocked unconscious and was promptly evacuated by ambulance to the nearest neurosurgical facility, which was at Erlangen University Hospital, in Erlangen, another Nuremberg suburb.

Subdural and epidural bleeding meant that the German neurosurgeons spent 18 of the first post-injury 48 hours operating on me, which involved several trips to the surgical

Matthew Keel



suite. Another complication was pulmonary emboli, or blood clots in the lungs. Each of these three conditions carries a 30% probability of death. Simple mathematics would indicate that I had only a 10% probability of survival, and my continued coma didn't help matters at all.

The prognosis was grim, and the physicians stated that in the small chance that I lived, I would either remain in a permanent vegetative state or be hopelessly disabled. Telephone calls to my W. O. Darby Kaserne Chapel and many Christian friends in the U.S.A. Christian friends sent them to their knees before the throne of our sovereign Father God in the name of Jesus.

There is a question about what caused my fall. Surely I was fatigued, but fatigue and early-morning activity are common events for any Physician's Assistant, particularly Army Orthopedic P.A.'s. I was physically fit, and my reflexes were quite intact. There were no conditions present that could alter my mental function, such as drugs or alcohol. Why would I go down those stairs much like a sack of potatoes? In retrospect, I believe that Lucifer's forces took the opportunity, and it worked. I can think of no other causes for the fall. Satan's attacks are usually unexpected.

I was air evacuated back to the continental U.S.A. and remained in a coma for six weeks after the Monday when the adventure began. My eyes opened on February 11th, but cognitive function did not return until the 21st.

The first few weeks of awareness were a time of confusion and distress. Organic brain syndrome, which involves mental problems that are a result of internal brain injuries rather than a psychiatric illness, is common after such a severe



Thomas Keel with daughter, Joy Marie Keel

traumatic insult to the cognitive ability. Some staff members at Brooke Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas assumed that I would always be a psychiatric burden because of my head injury.

Within the first month after cognitive function returned, my senses began to function in a more reasonable manner, but there were many barriers to hurdle.

It grieved me that my loved ones had to leave each day as I remained a hospital patient. A miracle answer to my grief was needed. Memories began to flow back into my mind, and, best of all, I remembered that prayer in the name of Jesus is answered by Almighty God's sufficient grace and faithfulness.

Then on the second day of April, my grief began to bring on tears after my family left. The

same thing happened on the third of April. I'm usually a stoic, and those nocturnal tears bothered me even more. The same tears were coming on April 4th, and it was time to do something about the grief of remaining a patient.

I was in my hospital bed with the sheet over my head. I prayed and sought God about my feelings. I saw nothing, but I had a feeling like a warm tingling from my head to my toes and slept more soundly than I had since my cognitive function had returned on 21 February. My outlook had completely changed when I awoke on 5 April.

The greatly improved outlook on being an inpatient remained until my discharge on May 28th, and has continued to grow ever since that night when the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, visited me. What better visitor could any seriously ill patient hope for but for the Spirit of the Living God, the Great Physician?

Discharge from the hospital did not bring an end to adverse situations. I had a number of disabilities that the U.S. Army Hospital and the Veterans Hospital had failed to diagnose. None of the government pro-



Thomas Keel in uniform

viders were happy to help with my rehabilitation, but prayer and faith did most of the work. The worst of the disabilities were resolved. Like Paul, I do have some thorns in the flesh, but His grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:7-9, NAS).

On 26 June, the U.S. Army made it obvious that I was not desirable for continued active duty, and forced disability retirement was pending. With time on my hands, I elected to resume my studies for a second graduate diploma, which was 50% complete prior to my injury.


I still had G.I. benefits, but the university director did not wish to have a disabled person in his classes. The matter was laid before God, and things changed. I was admitted and gained my Master of Science degree in Business Management Science in May 1989.

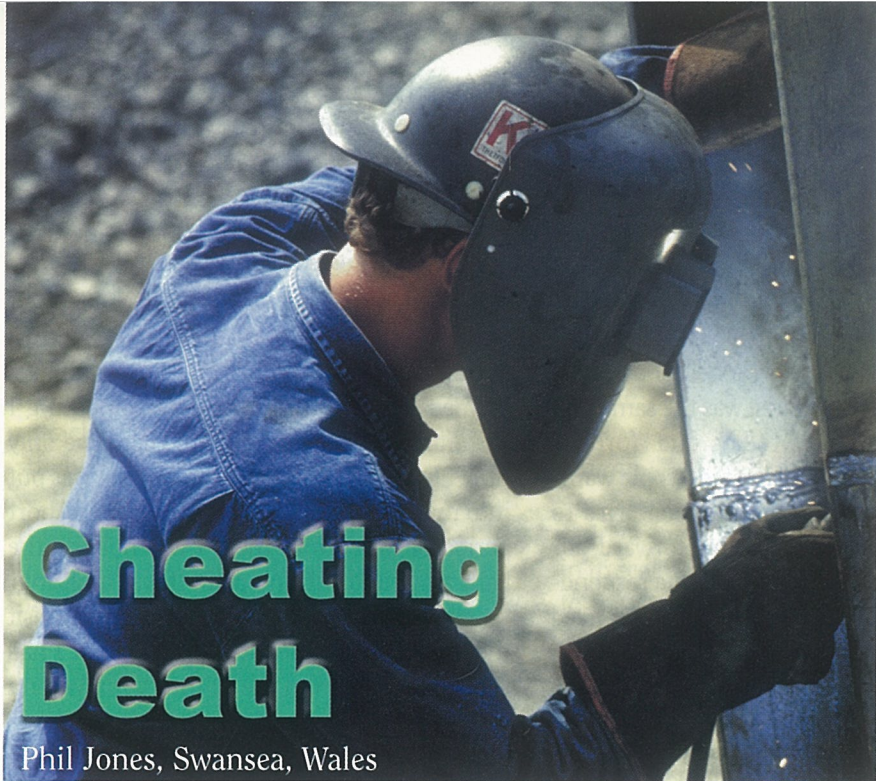
Physicians and Physician Assistant colleagues have expressed amazement at how I have been blessed since my near-death from a severe head injury. The adventure continues, and as a smelter turns iron ore into hardened steel, so adversity turns a little faith into strong and hardened faith. Ask any survivor.

The head injury experience has given me a new outlook on various issues. My faith has grown just as one would expect after God grants victory in the face of great adversities to those who love Him. Faith also initiates new responsibilities and missions.

As described in John 15:1-11 (NAS), I have been pruned, and I have the hope to grow into a more productive branch from the true vine, Jesus Christ. Once pruned, and a recipient of God's holy faithfulness and sufficient grace, I consider the glorification of God to be my duty.

From my experiences during twenty-three years of healthcare practice, I am aware that people suffer from a legion of medical syndromes. The results of various injuries, diseases, and conditions, such as cancer, leave people in need of encouragement and instruction about faith.

I do a great deal of reading each day, and the first book that I pick up each day is God's Word, the Bible. I keep a pen and scratch pad handy for taking notes about each scripture that relates to encouragement and witnessing. Those pads fill up rather quickly. 



Cheating Death

Phil Jones, Swansea, Wales

An oil refinery, with the tough guys that work there, is not always the easiest place to be a Christian. Growing up in a Bible-believing family, I committed my life to Jesus Christ at the age of 12. I was not really faced with worldly pursuits until I began my apprenticeship as a fitter.

Life went along quite well for me until my wife, Beryl, was expecting our third child and I had a coronary thrombosis. The doctors gave me six months to live. This came as a blow for my wife, to say the least. Here she was, pregnant, and facing an uncertain future with three

children to raise. Shortly after the baby was born, the evangelist, T. L. Osborn, came to our area and I was asked if I would like him to pray for me.

By that time my pain was so intense that I could hardly walk. Early on in the meeting that evening I had heard a voice say, "He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying..." It had been so clear that I had looked around to

see who was speaking, but nobody was there. Then the voice repeated its message.

After hearing the voice speak to me several times, I was convinced it could only be God, and I concluded that I'd better pay attention. T. L. Osborn preached about how Jesus Christ was the same yesterday, today and forever. When he invited people wanting to commit their lives to Jesus to come forward for prayer, many people responded. He then said, "If you need healing, come forward now." Something inside urged me to respond. On doing so, I found myself one of about two hundred people standing in front of the platform.

He quoted from the Bible, "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst." As he said that, I had a very real sense of the presence of God. He then said, "I am going to pray. I can't come down and pray for each of you because there are so many, but as Jesus said 'where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst.' Jesus is there along-

side you now." As he prayed, I felt heat going through my body. Afterwards he predicted, "You will do something tomorrow which you have not done before."

The following morning I got up and went downstairs. I went over to the cot where our baby was lying. She was three months old. I picked her up and held her over my head without even thinking about what I was doing. It seemed so natural. I was doing something I had not done before! Up until then, the only time I had held the baby was when she was put into my arms, and then it was only for a short period of time. Now, there I was holding the baby aloft, and with no pain. It was amazing!

An evangelist from our church came to visit me and I told him about a dream – that I had been preaching from the 114th Psalm. When I explained how verse three had more or less jumped out at me when I had read the chapter, he told me, "Claim that verse, Phil. If another attack comes, it will be an attack of the enemy. The Jordan has been driven back – proclaim it."

About a week later, I was ill. It was literally like sinking. I shouted out, "The Jordan has been driven back." Just then my wife came into the bedroom and remarked that my colour had changed. (She had heard me shout.) She was concerned and called the doctor. On examining me, he shook his head, "Something's happened here and I don't know what it is." He sent me in for an EKG. The consultant asked me, "What's your name?" When I told him, he said, "There must be some mistake... I'll be right back."

When he returned, he said, "I'll send the report to your doctor." My doctor exclaimed, "It's amazing. There's a complete change compared to a year ago. The consultant can't get over it. Hopefully you will be able to start back to work. When I first examined you, you had the symptoms of a man of 70." When I thanked him, he asked, "What are you thanking me for?" I told him about the dream, and he just looked at me in amazement. God had done a miracle! That was 36 years ago now and I'm still here.


In 1979 I was invited to a Full Gospel Business Men's meeting. It so impressed me that I told my wife, "Beryl, I've seen things happening tonight, which I've been preaching about for years." She responded, "We see things like that happening at our church regularly." "This is different," I explained. "These are ordinary business men, sharing under God's anointing." I joined the FGBMFI and before long I became the president of the Swansea Chapter.

Phil Jones and his grandchildren



In 1992 I became ill and was taken to the hospital. They couldn't find anything wrong – only a scar where the coronary had taken place years before. Not knowing about my history, the doctor said, "The chart doesn't make sense. Either you should be in a coffin, or you should have had a heart transplant. It's amazing!" God had done a great work. On the day he retired, the doctor called me in to see him. He said, "I want to thank you for the encouragement you've been to me." Apparently, he had had a heart condition himself, and my case had given him real hope. God is so good!

Since my own retirement, I have been able to travel to many countries with the FGBMFI, sharing about my experiences and encouraging others.

I'm doing more now in my sixties than I was able to do in my thirties. I play with my grandchildren – sometimes even football. I have the feeling that I wear them out before they wear me out. 

Too Good to Be True?

.....Placing Your Assets In A Trust

"Put not your trust in money, put your money in trust" ...Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin had the right idea. Many individuals agree with Mr. Franklin's statement. More and more, as part of their estate plan, informed individuals have created charitable trusts that afford significant benefits.

To understand how one of these trusts works, take the case of Bill and Barbara Smith (not their real names). Bill and Barbara are in their early 60's and looking forward to retirement. In reviewing their assets, needs and giving goals, they considered what was best to do with a piece of appreciated real estate.

Twenty years ago the property cost \$25,000 and today it's worth \$250,000. If they sold it, they could reinvest the proceeds in something that could produce retirement income. One problem: *capital gains tax*. The moment they sold the property, Uncle Sam would be there with his outstretched hand, demanding tax on the gain. The Smiths would not have as much as they had hoped to reinvest for income.

They also considered selling the property and giving a portion of the proceeds to Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. The resulting *income tax charitable deduction* could then be used to help offset the capital gains tax. One problem: they needed more income than the remaining funds would be able to generate.

After considering their options, Bill and Barbara learned about a vehicle that would meet all of their objectives. The Smiths established a *charitable remainder unitrust* with Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and placed the entire property in the trust (stock can also be used). Since the trust qualifies as a charity, it sold the property without incurring any capital gains tax. The full amount of the proceeds (less closing costs) was then invested in a balance portfolio of stocks and bonds. It was the right mix to provide a 6 percent annual payout to the Smiths, plus enough added appreciation to keep the trust growing.

In January each year, the trust is revalued and 6 percent of the new value is sent to Bill and Barbara in quarterly payments. This will continue all the way through their retirement years. At the end of the trust, whatever remains will come to Full Gospel Business Men's International. Such a remainder gift will likely be far more than the original \$250,000.

Just look at a few of the benefits: (1) *lifetime income*; (2) *immediate income tax charitable deduction*; (3) *bypass of capital gains tax*; (4) *complete estate tax deduction*; (5) *a major deferred gift to Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. It's almost too good to be true!*

Do you want to learn more about charitable trusts and gift options available to you?

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6 Steps To Salvation

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 you repent, you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)
"Repent, 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." (1John 1:9)
If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall 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 believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes 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 those that believe on His name." (John 1:11, 12)

Why not make your eternal decision now?

"Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and I ask Your forgiveness. I receive You now as my personal Savior and invite You to manage my life from this day forward. Amen."

Write us to tell of your decision. We'll send you a booklet, "Now That You've Received Christ."

Yes! I have made my eternal decision. I have read the Six Steps to Salvation and have asked Jesus to be my personal Savior.

Please send me the booklet "Now That You've Received Christ."

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