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I Caught Something in Palmerston North - Did You

It wasn't a cold or the flu, no I came home changed. Did you catch it to? Ross Monk shared about **"preparing a habitation"** for God; **"praying more deeply in tongues"** and being able to **"make a demand on God"** after he has given you a revelation.

This ties in with *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law". (Deut 29:29 NIV)*

They seem to work in the order above for me. That was the impression Ross Monk gave me when I rang to have a chat. Ross shared an interesting point: it is only the King James Version that mentions habitation. He is right, I checked it out. Here is the verse. *"The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him" (Exodus 15:2 KJV)*

During the convention, and since then, God has opened up many doors (nine so far) for me to minister his love and grace. It's like a new level of love and compassion wanting to reach out and touch people. His joy hasn't left me and the gifts, especially, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits and prophecy have been evident along with the fruits of the spirit.

I cannot explain or fully comprehend it, but just accept it and move as God leads me. Look up what "habitation" means; I did and it blew me away. That the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit have taken up residence in me, WOW. Jesus says in John 14:23 that he and the Father will make their home in us.

My prayer life, especially praying in tongues, seems to have gone to another level. Ross talked about three levels. I liken it to a Mini, Holden and a Ferrari. The Ferrari is from deep down in my stomach and seems more powerful.

I was exam supervising with ninety-one university students and asked the Lord if there was anything he wanted me to do. There were still two and a half hours to go. "Kindness" came to my mind. As I

considered God's kindness, one of his characteristics (Col 3:12), I had the impression God wanted to show His kindness to the ninety-one students. How could he do that: by blessing them to remember answers to the exam questions? Now you might think I'm crazy or delusional. However, I believed him and prayed a blessing on each one of the students to recall answers to the questions. In the car afterwards there was a tangible presence of the Holy Spirit, a confirmation that I had heard right and been obedient.

Three days later I couldn't wait to get to the two exams I was supervising to see what God wanted me to do. This time it was for the other supervisor. The Holy Spirit opened a door, tears came into his eyes and he accepted my offer to pray for him and was visibly touched. He is a traditional believer, but I did not know that at the start.

At church on Sunday, the presence of God was all over me after receiving communion. I asked why and believe He said, it's the "habitation". There seems to be a greater love, compassion, peace and joy flowing through and out of me. Ross also mentioned the Lord said he would only come in if he can get out again.

The third point Ross made was "we are able to make a **demand** of God after we have had a revelation from him". It's like God has said, test me. (Mal 3:10, Rom 12:2) I believe that's what happened with the exam students.

We have all heard of prophetic words from around the country saying the fire of revival is going to happen in our backyard. Michael Livengood wisely said with all the little fires starting around New Zealand, God is going to move in many places at the same time.

It feels like I have a flaming torch and He has said to pass it on to others! Ask him yourselves and in faith pick up the torch of his fire and love and **prepare him a habitation**. Then look out as you are led and empowered by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **Don't forget to pass it on.**

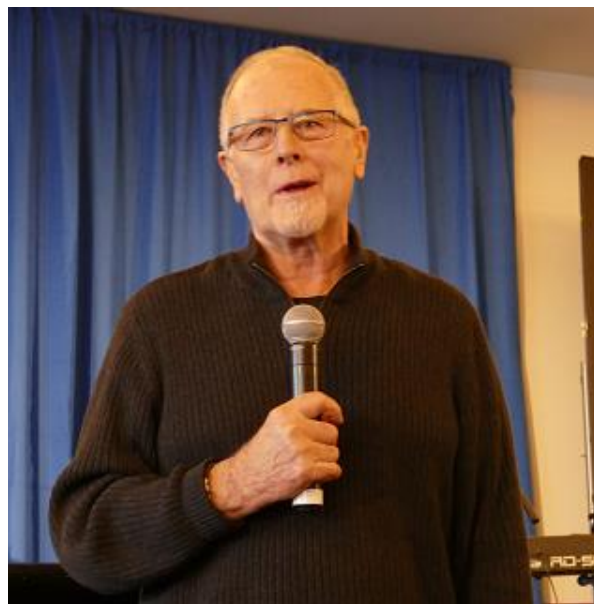
Mike Bunt, National Director



Ross Monk – by Keith Wooderson

Ross reminded us afresh, that we are 'BORN AGAIN' into the Kingdom, raised up to be seated in Heaven. God wants to take us places beyond earth bound thinking. He went on to say, that we are the people that can change the atmosphere, encouraging each of us to go to the "throne room." He encouraged us to use one key, rather than a bundle that did not work and to pray for a notable miracle. He shared of how he started moving in this realm while on the farm, praying for a cow to stand up and walk, after his father had sent him out to shoot the cow that had been down for three weeks. He prayed and the cow immediately got up. Over the weekend Ross shared stories of many miraculous healings including people being raised from the dead, encouraging us all that it was time for us to prepare God a habitation.

When Ross, who was then a farmer, became born again he was changed so dramatically that his dogs did not recognise his new language and they had to be retrained. From a very young age he can remember angelic encounters, the earliest being lifted out of a fire, where his legs and body were



burnt, by a being he could only describe as an angel. Ross was four years old. His mother had been speaking into his life, "He will not die, he will live and serve the Lord." At Convention, we witnessed a man who is committed to serving his Lord.

In 1970 Ross heard the Lord clearly speak to him, saying "I am always rescuing you." He went on to say that, he was a farmer with an anger problem. Once when severely tested by the action of a cow he cried out; 'God I can't control my anger', he heard the Lord say to him clearly, "I did not ask you to control it – get rid of it."

From 15 to 30 years of age, Ross told us, he only read a cheque book. The Lord Jesus

Christ changed all that dramatically to become a man who could expound the word of God, teach biblical principles, pastor churches and be the vessel whom God could perform miracles through.

He encouraged us all to use the testimony that God has given us, that God is doing something sovereign in this nation, that FGBMFI was born to bring change, and that the healing power of God will bring many into the Kingdom.

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Julie Calvert – by Lynette Speirs

What do you get if you incorporate wisdom, kindness, joy, sensitivity, compassion, gentleness, dignity, obedience, optimism, humility, laughter, grace, cuteness and enthusiasm??
JULIE CALVERT!!!!

Julie's sense of fun coupled together with her love for the Father, as well as all the above mentioned attributes, plus many more besides, made our sessions together enjoyable and inspiring.

In the first session, she encouraged us to trust the father completely to be able to rest in Him, as a little child would – to be able to see with the eyes of our hearts rather than questioning and wanting

to understand with our natural eyes. She taught using stories, as well as examples from her own life. I found her perspective on facing challenges or "adventures" really refreshing.

Even in the face of personal difficulties, her obvious trust in the Father kept her in a place of total trust and rest. She learnt through her trials to become a victorious overcomer rather than a victim. I loved that she encouraged us to look at our trials as "adventures".

I found her attitude really inspiring. She empowered us to believe in our ability to release kindness into the atmosphere. Because of God

living in us we can release God's positivity into our communities and our nation. We bring light into darkness simply by carrying His presence and His kindness.

Julie's closeness to the Father was tangible. Her simple trust and her ability to rest no matter what was truly inspiring.

Julie shared some of her personal journey, and the events leading up to being involved with "Healing Rooms" NZ. Her love for people and the lost was highlighted when she arrived a little late to the session as she had been sharing the love of God with a young lady in the street!

She also talked about being completely yielded to His desires. As we learn to live under grace and

truly rest, we can step out of the boat and we will not sink. Yielding is our greatest destiny.



Julie surprised us and the men next door by releasing a roar – Wow!! Unexpected, but a powerful prophetic sign – we have the Lion of Judah within us – we need to let Him out. On returning home I was reminded of a song that was brought specifically for New Zealand by Ruth Chai-Njino – wife of Jimmy Njino, speaker at the 2016 conference. The song is called 'New Zeal' and you can look it up on YouTube.

Julie's ministry while very gentle, was extremely powerful and healing.

Julie. Thank you for being such a blessing.

Carl Butler – by Barry Magee

Convention, as usual, was a "Holy Spirit" filled weekend. One of the three stars that shone brightly when he spoke or ministered was Carl Butler - a man filled with Holy Spirit fire.

Carl has travelled to over 50 countries and worked with the likes of Reinhard Bonnke, who has preached to 75 million people and raised people from the dead.

Carl began life in Taranaki with a charged up Pentecostal mum whom he described as a "Super Mum". Baptised in the Holy Spirit at 16 he says he was a dreamer, but at 18 went to Australia after being challenged in many ways.

He took a big step in 1993 into a full-time ministry. In the years that followed, it was the school of hard knocks. His words were "I was crashed and crashed and crashed until there was no old Carl". After being broken, there followed a prophetic journey with NEW BEGINNINGS - The end of SELF with the words spoken, "You are now ready".

He was blasted with the power of God and the Holy Spirit, which felt like electricity. With that power came a burning desire for REVIVAL. From there God turned up the heat and revivals happened all over the place.



In 1997, he became an itinerant Minister. There were struggles and disappointments. At the time one step forwards and 2 steps backwards, but a voice would say "Get over it".

He yelled for souls and miracles and God spoke "5 Million" and great things started to happen. Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa where there were 29 crusades.

A setback in 2013 and the dream died, but came alive in 2014 with 16 weeks in New Zealand. Then Asia. Then God busted Brazil wide open. Not tradition but mission!

Carl told us – That God's plans for NZ are awesome. God is going to "power up" NZ and ONLY from God will the power come.

Jesus started it all with 120 at Pentecost so the message was "Kiwis, get ready, get the power of the Holy Spirit to heal the sick, to prosper and

to give. To empower others, to deliver, to feed, to love God and love others.

Carl finished with speaking of Elisha and his miracles with the challenge to do what he did. Give up everything, but follow JESUS. Carl's mission and passion is for the presence and power of God and to bring people into a dynamic encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks Carl – for doing that for FGBMFI.

Living According To The Lord's Purpose – Fred Stoddard

Born into a family of 12, there was plenty of sibling rivalry between 9 brothers and 1 sister. Mother told me she prayed, "If I am to have a large family may they all be boys".

Before the Anglican 'confirmation' I was busy reading War Comics with plenty of action. I sat the prep. exams and failed, calling the Even Song service, Evening Song. Frustrated, I told the Lord 'He can keep it'. The reply came 'You are to apply yourself to it and get it behind you.' It was the first time I had heard the Lord speak to me in my heart.

In church for my first communion, I asked the Lord, 'If you are real, please prove it to me.' I received a vision of the heavens looking like a million rainbows. My conscience was strengthened and set me on a straight path through my teen years.

CAREER CHOICE

My father had passed away and at sixteen years of age my mother told me to start earning a living. I decided to be a dairy farmer, using experience gained during school holidays with my brother Ray, who was share milking. After six years farming in the South Auckland region, I realised the best way to obtain my own farm was in the town supply milk industry.

I attended Young Farmers Clubs and enjoyed dancing but never meeting a lady to marry. I said 'Lord you know the right one for me'. The next dance I attended at the Crystal Palace Ballroom in Mt Eden, I noticed this attractive young lady and when approaching her for a dance a veil of light

shone over her. When dancing with Margaret I felt like being on 'cloud nine'. After a courtship of twelve months she agreed to marry me revealing to me her desire was always to marry a dairy farmer. It's interesting how the Lord gives you the desires of your heart.



Enjoying married life, we obtained a 50/50 share milking contract at Whenuapai. Our son Andrew was born in the first year. After 18 months I noticed a position at Waiau Pa, South Auckland, advertised as a 'Golden Opportunity' and applied. This I thought would help us to gain farm ownership more quickly. There were 40 applicants for this 1100-litre quota position. I said 'Lord if it's

according to your will I'll be accepted.' His will prevailed and we were awarded the position.

CONFRONTED WITH MORE CHALLENGES

Upon arriving on the farm at Waiau Pa we became aware that it had previously been fertilized with large amounts of Potassium Super for increased grass growth. As a result we encountered severe health problems with the cattle, bloat being the main one. On one occasion after breakfast I checked the cows for bloat. I observed about 75% of the herd were in danger and I took four of the worst effected to the cowshed. On the way one started to stagger so I stabbed her with the bloat knife to release pressure. In the cow yard she collapsed and died. (The vet informed me later, the sudden release of pressure caused her heart to fail.) Having treated the other 3 cows, I realised I needed help and asked "Lord, please help I've done all I can to save my herd from bloat". As I looked

back to the herd they were all grazing happily much to my relief.

During the hay season, after a hot day in the paddock, I returned home to have a cold drink of beer, then to go out and milk the cows. While milking I had severe pain in my stomach requiring a visit to the doctor who asked 'what have you done to cause the pain'. After my explanation he replied 'that would



serve you right'. I was admitted to hospital where they found my appendix was gangrenous and removed it. Soon after, back at work, I had another attack of pain. This time worse than the appendicitis, landing me in hospital again. I felt my life ebbing away and asked the Lord to 'please take the pain away as I was too young to die'. Soon after, the pain subsided and I was discharged. The cause of the pain was not known. The Lord healed me.

MY SALVATION EXPERIENCE

While walking down to the cowshed I was reminded to thank the Lord for removing the pain. He responded by saying 'I receive your thanks but I want you'. I replied 'I don't know what you mean'.

A town milk field officer named Paul Pettit visited the farm while I was cleaning up after milking and discerned I was stressed with life. He shared with me of his love for the Lord Jesus and his experience of being Born Again. This really touched my heart.

I was visiting my younger brother a little while later and I noticed a change in him. He told me he had accepted the Lord Jesus. I replied 'What you have, I want'. He led me in a prayer where I asked Jesus into my life and received forgiveness of my sins. I had found the missing piece of the puzzle. I understood how the Lord wanted me receiving the fullness of 'His Eternal Life' being born again not of the flesh, but of His Spirit. I had a keen desire to read the Bible to know the Lord's purpose with mankind and me.

THE NEXT STEP IN A NEW DIRECTION

One morning milking the Lord asked me to resign my farming and follow Him. I desired to enjoy family life on the farm. Again, He asked me and I declined. On the third request, his unconditional love impacted my heart, I couldn't resist. I experienced dropping into an abyss without hitting the bottom then being elevated to a Heavenly realm. I was emotional. He explained I had died to my own desires and now was elevated into his heavenly realm walking with Him in Spirit and Truth. I resigned from farming and moved to Takapuna, and started a building career at 27.



MIRACLE HEALING

Having settled in Takapuna our second daughter Jenny was born. After two weeks we noticed her cry had become a screech and after a doctor's visit she was admitted to hospital with spinal meningitis. In hospital she was on life support. While preparing to sleep one night we opened the Bible at Ephesians 6 and read about putting on the full armour of God which we prayed over Jenny. The next night we both woke up at midnight, Margaret had a vision of the Lord at the end of the bed, I had an experience of a new day dawning. I rang the hospital to enquire about Jenny and the matron answered the phone and said, 'I have just fed Jennifer and she has smiled at me'. She had a miraculous full recovery.

OUR JOURNEY TO BRISBANE

We moved to Brisbane for 4 ½ years and were directed to come back to New Zealand with the word of the Lord saying "You are like Abraham going to a land you know not of." That word became a reality and we moved to Warkworth, north of Auckland.

SETTLING IN WARKWORTH

During one building contract on a tight schedule at Omaha, the Lord asked me to allow Him to be the co-ordinator and administrator while building. It was completed on time. While preparing another quote, the Lord asked me to allow him to be the husband in me to my wife and father in me to my children. To have His divine attributes imparted into myself was wonderful.

THE GOODNESS AND GRACE OF THE LORD

I have done mission work in the Solomon Islands experiencing the peace of the Lord. He said 'this is a foretaste of what is to come.' I had a malaria inoculation and during the test the Doctor diagnosed me with prostate cancer. With prayer and declaring the cancer broken off I was healed, Praise the Lord! Over the years we have experienced the blessings and favour of the Lord, with many answers to prayer.

The Christian life is a victorious and abundant life.

Regional Directors Stepping Down

At the recent Annual General Meeting Ernie Graham (Top O' South / Christchurch) and Owen Johnson (Waikato / BOP) stood down after spending many years serving the fellowship as Regional Directors. They shared some of their journey with us during the men's seminars at convention.

Ernie writes:

The first thing I heard of FGBMFI was when in 1979 some kind person gave me a copy of the book 'The Happiest People on Earth'. After reading the book I was very keen to tell my friends.

We had a meeting with interested Christian men and we agreed we should start a chapter in Kaikoura. The Regional Director from Christchurch came and told us how to start up a chapter.



A local pastor, Alex Marnock, encouraged us with words of knowledge. He spoke directly of what was going to happen. Everything he said over the men came true and more. There were three chapters, Nelson, Blenheim and Kaikoura, with at one stage two chapters in Blenheim.

Brian Tucker from Nelson came down to ask me to consider being Field Representative for the Top of the South. We soon saw growth. Men who were not interested before, became members and four of them went on to become pastors.

I have met many members of the fellowship at conferences in Singapore, Malaysia, Israel and Australia. I am so glad to have been a member and to have taken part in the Asia conference on two occasions in Singapore and Malaysia. Sally and I travelled with the President of FGBMFI Malaysia and the President of the Kuala Lumpur Chapter. They took us in a car all the way to Singapore as guests of the leaders of all the surrounding nations.

Sally and I have been blessed to meet men from many nations in our home in Kaikoura as they have travelled through New Zealand. We have had the pleasure of meeting many people, of being ministered to and ministering healing and words of knowledge to others. As we look back we know that we have so many friends in the Lord we would have never met but for the years of love shown to us in the fellowship.

Rod Bent has written:

Owen Johnson stepped down at the Convention from being Regional Director for the Waikato / Bay of Plenty, a position he has held for the past 18 years. He is renowned for being hardworking and very committed to the men and ministry of FGBMFI at every level.

His FGBMFI journey began back in 1980 when he joined the recently formed Te Awamutu Chapter. After several years Owen was elected to the committee, serving as Secretary and Treasurer before becoming the President in the late 1980's – a familiar journey for many Presidents. This was followed by becoming a Field Representative when Keith Wooderson was the Regional Director. When Keith stepped down in 2000 Owen was elected as the new Regional Director.

Around 2000 the Waikato Region had four active Chapters; Hamilton, Te Awamutu, Otorohanga and Rotorua, plus members in other towns. Attending various meetings kept Owen busy and he was always looking for another day in the week! He also organised the annual Regional camps, which have been a highlight of the FGBMFI year. Throw in helping organise two National Conventions at



Hamilton and Chaplaincy at Waikeria prison, overseeing his dairy farm, and we can see why he needs eight days a week!

Having experienced a major healing miracle after many years with a broken back, this has given him compassion for those hurting and strong faith in

the healing and delivering power of God. Truly Owen is a God given gift to FGBMFI and to the Body of Christ. We honour him for his selfless service to a multitude of people.

Life is Sometimes Like a Box of Chocolates (You get some you don't like)

Sometimes, you just don't know what you are going to get until you dip your hand in Life's box of chocolates.

There are times when the future can look very uncertain, maybe its health, family, business, as a number of our people are going through at this time.



Think of and pray for Erick and Amy Saunders of Te Awamutu chapter, who are going through it right now.

They have just had a herd of 200 Dairy cows stolen, worth about \$400,000, trucked away without trace.

Gone to Glory

Lewis Gibson (Otorohanga)

Lewis was a man who loved the land, loved his wife Eleanor and his family, but most of all had a deep devoted love for Jesus.

Lewis was instrumental with starting the Chapter in Otorohanga in about 1978, along with the late Sel Phillips.

He was a faithful member who during this time, fulfilled at some stage, all roles within the Chapter leadership.

He had a God given talent in being able to play several different musical instruments. He also wrote music and songs that brought inspiration and hope through Jesus.

Trevor Rive (Hamilton)

Trevor was a member of the Hamilton chapter for many years, eventually serving as President.

He had a sincere love for the Lord, and for people in need.

Jack Jensen (Auckland East)

Jack was a founding member of FGBMFI in New Zealand in 1969.

He was the first President of the Auckland Central Chapter and served as a National Board member for 6 years.

Jack participated in several air lifts to Fiji and Samoa in the early 1970's, ministering in prisons and churches. He was also active in the Jesus crusades and attended several International Conventions.

Many attended Jack's funeral where the legacy he leaves was evident in his children, grandchildren and others who shared.