

FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLIES

Outreach
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**July
2009**

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mr 16:15

**Global
Ministry**

Full Gospel Assemblies – Philippines Birthed



Charter trustees (Front L to R) Pastors Ronnie Binas (3), Simeon Strauser (4), Fred Cal (5), Benjamin Alud (6), and Raymond Favichia (7).

Absent were Pastors Paul Baguitay and Edward Popovich.

With the culmination of the April 2009 Philippine Ministry Leaders Summit, Full Gospel Assemblies – Philippines has been birthed as an alliance of Full Gospel churches.

Over the past 30 years the Full Gospel Assemblies have been active in education, church building and short mission ministry throughout the Philippines. Since 2006, mission activities from the USA to the Philippines have increased to include annual youth convention leadership, ministers, pastors and family conferences, and church building.

Today the vision has expanded to bring together church fellowships and congregations throughout the country that Full Gospel Assemblies has had opportunity to join in ministry with. For the 2009 Ministry Leaders Summit, FGA Chairman, Pastor Simeon Strauser and representative Pastor Raymond Favichia were joined by church leadership, pastors, and students of the islands of Negros Occidental, Luzon, and Mindanao.

With an eye for cooperative ministry such as outreach networking, education development, pastoral mentoring and a host of national and international ministry opportunity, the new vision for the launch of Full Gospel Assemblies - Philippines was welcomed.

The following leadership have dedicated their efforts together. Pastors Ronnie Binas and Fred Cal of Lift Jesus Higher Ministries (Negros Occidental), Pastor Benjamin Alud of Share Christian Outreach (Mindanao), Pastors Simeon Strauser and Raymond Favichia (FGA-USA) as well as Bishop Paul Baguitay of Philippine Bethel Church (Luzon) and Pastor Edward Popovich (FGA-USA). All coming together to see a land touched by Jesus Christ!

From the Chairman's Office

Our God is so good! As I contemplate the hand of God upon the Church today, I am reminded of the words of the Psalmist as written in Psalm 127. There we see the reminder, 'except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. What a wonderful promise intertwined with a challenge to you today. If one can only remember that the house is to be built by the Lord! And as we offer ourselves before the Lord, we are but servants of the Lord (Jo 12:26). Today you are being called to labor in the house of the Lord. And as you are faithful to your calling, the promise here is that the Lord will.. the Lord will build the house!

..Glory to the name of our Lord

I am so thrilled to write of the refreshment in Spirit that was felt throughout the Vision 2009 PA conference held at Willow Valley Center in Lancaster. From the very opening with corporate prayer among the early arrivals, the word was 'how sweet it is to be in the presence of the Lord once again!

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Full Gospel Assemblies Upcoming Ministry

- July 19** Sunday Morning Services
New Life Fellowship, Wilmerding, PA
- Aug 8** Shiloh Bible Institute Graduation,
Washington, PA
- Aug 9** Shiloh Fellowship, Washington, PA
- Sept 13** Full Gospel Fellowship of Hazleton
20th Anniversary Celebration
- Sept 14** Opening of Parkesburg, Full Gospel Bible
Institute Study Center, Parkesburg, PA
- Oct 4-17** Full Gospel Assemblies Angolan Mission
& Revival Convention
Luanda & Saurimo, Angola

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Thursday 6/17 conference attendees (lower left) worshipped along with Minister Nehemiah Maxwell of Springfield, MA (right) and were challenged in the Word by Chairman Simeon Strauser.

Full Gospel Assemblies Prepares for October African Convention

Revival is upon us! Church leadership, pastors, and parishioners of the countries of Sao Tome, Angola, DR Congo, Gabon, Rep. of Congo, Zambia, Botswana, and Namibia and others are preparing to gather in Angola for the first Full Gospel Assemblies African convention. This convention is to be held in the city of Saurimo in the western plain land of the country.

Archbishop Antonio Kakoma of Zambia and Bishop Nhakatola of Angola are working together with Angolan President Santos in the preliminary efforts for this event expected to receive thousands seeking a special touch from God.

-you can help with food for this great opportunity-

Fresh out of decades of civil war troubles, Angola has limited crops. Food is a necessity to have available for the sojourners to the convention. FGA leadership of Zambia are now preparing to truck in the food staple *mealmealie* to Saurimo ahead of this 3 day convention to be stored there. Mealmealie cost plus shipment and related convention costs are estimated to exceed \$5000.00. U.S. Missions has received \$2165.00 toward this mission! Angolan leadership is gathering donations of items such as sugar and spices and other available items on the local market. ***All donations earmarked Angolan Mission will be dedicated to this ministry unto the Lord.***

Pastor Edward Popovich, Dir. of Min, and Pastor Simeon Strauser, will be leading the ministry team to this convention for evangelistic services and meetings with church and government leadership. As the love of Christ, and the encouragement of fellow laborers is taken with the desire to forge a foundation for African church growth, your prayers will hold them up before God.

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All in attendance were encouraged to 'catch the vision' of reaching the world for Christ as rejoicing for the revival being seen throughout the body of Full Gospel Assemblies. I reminded pastors and leadership of the promise of God as to Jacob, 'I am with thee.. and will keep thee in all places that you go....for I will not leave thee until I have done what I have spoken to you'.

Donald & Carina O'Dell of World Harvest joined the conference as special guests while FGA ministers and pastors led ministry throughout. A special thank you goes out to Archie & Mary Neale, Raymond Favichia, Cynthia Smith, and Juan Feliciano for their leading of challenging workshops. We also thank Nehemiah Maxwell, Brian & Phyllis Wheatley, Carol Bowland, Willie Smith, Jordan Thompson, Messiah's Band and the FG Assembly of Parkesburg team for their music ministry offered before the Lord for the conference.

..conference CD's available to you

PA vision 2009 conference CD's are available for \$3.00 each for evening speakers and \$18.00 (6 pc) for complete conference workshops and evening services. Please contact central office for your CD's today.

..Blessings to you

As you are the faithful servant of the Lord, may you know that by His Spirit, God will 'cause you to know the way wherein to walk'.

Pastor Simeon Strauser

Full Gospel Bible Institute Pennsylvania Study Centers Hold Graduation

FGBI Pennsylvania Study Centers of Parkesburg and Hazleton held their 2009 annual Graduation services May 31st! With the class theme of **Laborers For The Harvest**, graduates are following the call of Christ in local church ministry, counsel, educational, pastoral, and missionary ministries.

FGBI Alumna Deborah McMillan, MD of York, PA presented the Commencement Address while honored Graduate class speakers were Sandra Stokes of Thorndale and Aaron Jones of Pottstown, PA. Congratulations to all students on your accomplishments and preparation for the work of the Lord!

