

Gentlemen,

The Vision God has given to our Fellowship is to reach Men for Jesus Christ, to turn them from "Spiritual Death to Spiritual life", from separation from God to Relationship and Fellowship with God.

But in 2009 we face a quite different challenge than the men of the Fellowship faced at its birth in 1952. We face a fatherless generation, a generation that knows little of a fathers love, and little of biblical values. For the most part our Fellowship has missed the last two generations of men, those between 20 and 40 years of age, we call them the Joshua generation. I recently read that the percentage of young adults who have biblically based values has dropped since WWII from 65% to 4% ("A Time For Action! How to Spiritually Prepare for What's Ahead" by Bob Fraley; Christian Life outreach) and their lack of biblical values makes the task of reaching the Joshua Generation very difficult indeed.

FGBMFA accepts the call to action, to reach this lost generation. God has promised that as we move forward, He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers. The call to reach this generation comes with a price. It means that we must change; we must actively recruit and train men from the Joshua Generation to become involved in the leadership of our Chapters. It means that we must mentor these young men with love and grace. If we are to be successful in our hope to reach these young men, then we must meet them where they are.

You have a choice, you may recruit young men and make them leaders in your chapters or you can learn the words to the old hymn:

*"One by one their seats were emptied; one by one they went away. Now the circle is broken, will it be complete some day?"*

In Christ,  
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## REACHING THE JOSHUA GENERATION



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## Joshua Generation

The secular world calls them Generation "X". We call them the "Joshua Generation". When we use the term 'Joshua Generation' we are referring to the generation born during the period from roughly 1960 to the year of 2000. The "Joshua Generation" are those who were born after 1960, and like the biblical Moses we older men are called to mentor them.

Satan has tried to destroy the Joshua Generation through alcohol, drugs, secularism, relativism, and pluralism. This generation has grown up in the electronic age and cut their teeth on video games. Computers have replaced typewriters and "texting" is the new form of social communication. Along with these technological advances, this generation is now bombarded with every form of unholy lure the enemy can produce. All types of addictions are on the rise at an unprecedented rate and our ability to contain the fast rate of decline is rapidly losing its grip.

**It's time to make a change.**

**It's time to stop the bleeding**

**It time for FGBMFA to mentor the Joshua Generation**

## Why should we reach them?

We cannot afford to lose this generation. Here are some gruesome statistics:

**85% of all Children who exhibit behavior disorders,**

**90 % of homeless and runaways,**

**71 % of high school dropouts,**

**75 % of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers,**

**63 % of youth suicides;**

**70 % of juveniles in state operated institutions,**

**85 % of all youths sitting in prison...**

**... ARE FROM FATHERLESS HOMES. \*1**

\*1 New Hope International Ministries -Seattle, Washington

Our mission is to restore the heart of the Father to the children. **With the exception of Jesus, biblical mentors were not perfect; they made mistakes, just like you and I have made mistakes.** But regardless of their imperfections they spent time with their young protégés, and demonstrated by example their knowledge of the Word, the importance of prayer, and the hands-on-training as to how to proclaim the testimony of Jesus in their lives.

## Resources

Our resources can be found on [www.fgbmfamerica.com](http://www.fgbmfamerica.com)

## What does a spiritual father do?

We want to offer true fatherhood through God's love, forgiveness and acceptance. Strong fathers bring strength, stability and balance to the family.

Dr. David Cannistraci points out in his book; The Gift of Apostle, that healthy fathering is essential to a man's success at every level of Society. He says **"there are at least five similarities between a spiritual father and a natural father"** I have paraphrased Dr. Cannistraci's similarities below.

**Fathers Demonstrate Love.** They affirm their children and provide a gentle security of an unwavering commitment to their well-being.

**Fathers Train and Discipline.** Fathers take a powerful part in directing and guiding their children into activities and attitudes that will prepare them for success.

**Fathers Provide.** To "provide" means to sustain and enrich. What does a spiritual father provide for his spiritual Children? A spiritual father provides an inheritance of God's blessing, a spiritual legacy to his spiritual children.

**Fathers Reproduce.** Spiritual fathers give spiritual life to new children in the faith by becoming the means through which they enter into the new birth, and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They continue their ministries as fathers by reproducing their own ministries within their spiritual children

**Fathers Bless and Impart.** Spiritual fathers impart a spiritual blessing to their spiritual children. The apostle Paul pointed out that God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings through our relationship with Christ. (Ephesians 1:3) Paul laid his hands on his spiritual son, Timothy, and imparted gifts and spiritual blessings to Timothy. We should do the same with those God has called us to mentor.

**FGBMFA**  
**REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION**

## FGBMFA TURN ON THE LIGHTS



## OUR MISSION

- To call men back to God
- To reach men for Jesus Christ
- To help men become baptized in the Holy Spirit
- To train and equip men to fulfill the great commission
- To train and equip men to succeed in the business world
- To provide opportunity for Christian fellowship among men
- Endeavor to bring greater unity among all Christians

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**Join me as we reach this generation of young Joshua's. We will find our way forward when we set our faith in order with our Call.**

**God Bless you,**  
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