

Keith Wooderson

(1) NATIONAL CONVENTION 2025

...A powerful weekend with a host of speakers and a truly international flavour with visitors from Australia, Fiji, and Indonesia....



The National Convention of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International was held on King's Birthday weekend 30 May to 2 June at the JetPark Hotel, very close to the Auckland International Airport in Manukau. A powerful weekend with a host of speakers and a truly international flavour with visitors from Australia, Fiji, and Indonesia. The weekend contained a cultural theme with a variety of groups entertaining us with their various gifts and talents.

As always, the food was excellent, the fellowship fantastic and the ministry awesome. Powerful speakers anointed by Christ brought a timely word and powerful Holy Spirit ministry. My hat goes off to the organising team who brought this Convention together and to all who contributed in so many ways. The whole event was bathed in prayer from conception, through the early part of

this year with regular prayer Zoom meetings, and at Convention.



A huge mixture of speakers participated through the weekend, commencing with Craig Patten on Friday morning, followed by Geoff Winter and Ian Johnson to the men and Aliitasi Sailimalo and Keri-Ann Hokianga to the women.

Tak Bhana was the Friday evening banquet speaker, coming with a powerful message, speaking prophetically and challenging us all as he championed unity in the body of Christ. His focus was prayer and the declaration: believing for the impossible.

Andrew Brown was our speaker at the Saturday testimony breakfast. Richard Brunton contributed in the ladies' meeting later that morning. Richard was also an elective speaker during the weekend, under the slogan: Anointed for Work.

Trevor Yaxley was the Saturday night speaker sharing powerful testimony of the various work and ministries he has been part of. He shared how he was led in business to produce various products, set up a powerful ongoing ministry 'Lifeway Ministries' and ventured into producing

entertaining children's videos being made in China for world wide production. His theme for the evening was Inspire and the declaration: Permission to Dream. A man who has done that and more.

Bryce Turner was our Sunday morning speaker, but we were not present to hear him, as Sunday for Maureen and I was all about spending time with my brother Peter's family following his death on Friday as we arrived in Auckland.

The icing on the cake of a very full weekend for me, was hearing Norm McLeod speak at both the Sunday evening meeting and at the Monday morning testimony breakfast. His powerful testimony and his challenging ministry awakened, empowered and encouraged us to walk in the supernatural power of God. Remember the statement he made more than once during these sessions; "Less Hooey and more Dooley". Simply put, let's stop talking and hearing about it, but get on and do what God has called us to do. A powerful anointing was on Norm's ministry. We were certainly empowered of God as we soaked in the presence of God on Monday morning, believing in and appreciating the shift in the Spirit that was so evident.



On Saturday and Sunday afternoons a series of electives ran; training and equipping in a variety of ways. The electives were appreciated and of a great quality. A huge thank you to everyone who facilitated these workshops.

The Board have received reports that the international guests were very encouraged by the quality of the convention. Good connections were made with Australia, Fiji and Indonesia.

Source the video / audio 'Recordings' from National Office to gain the full impact of this powerful weekend where God changed and transformed many lives through the power of His Holy Spirit.

Another amazing Convention that was so impacting and empowering for all who wanted to receive.



Keith & Maureen Wooderson
Kapiti Coast NZ

(2) FGBMFI INTERNATIONAL

The Fellowship has always been an International body since its inception under the leadership of Demos Shakarian many years ago. New Zealand has been building these links over recent times through Zoom, allowing Kiwis to have a closer connection to the greater world body.

A number of New Zealanders have shared testimony on the Global Asia Pacific fortnightly outreach meeting. These meetings are very powerful and impacting, hearing three men share a seven-minute testimony and a short message by the main speaker. This all takes place on Zoom in the comfort of your home and is a very efficient one hour meeting full of prayer, praise and encouragement.

On 22 July Regional Director Allan Levi facilitated for New Zealand a thirty- minute segment of prayer prior to the World Convention that was held on August 14th in Miami. This was a world event once again conducted on Zoom and enabled a number of Kiwis to take part.

Even more recently a Global World Day of Prayer was initiated by the International President Francis Owusu. This is the second 24-hour day of prayer that I have had the privilege of being part of.

During his opening remarks and prayer, Francis stated he believed this time of prayer would be a generator of power that would bring transformation, fruitfulness, peace, joy and laughter in marriages and in our chapters. He went on to say: Heaven has been weaponised in all nations and the people aroused from their slumber to arise. He declared: laziness is to leave, diligence is to arise, and the spirit of division is to go. He declared: Life and revival is to come into the Fellowship and into the Body of Christ.

It was fantastic to be part of the number of Kiwis who fulfilled a thirty-minute slot of powerful prayer under Allan's facilitation on this occasion as well and being part of this global ministry. Can I encourage you all; take heart, the Fellowship is alive and well, functioning internationally in many Nations around the world. We might be small in numbers numerically but we have a big God and are still very much part of a global, international fellowship, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship **International**. Praise God for our brothers and sisters both here in New Zealand and around the world, who pray for us and support us.

It was great to have representatives from Australia, Fiji and Indonesia at our National Convention and for Kiwis to represent us at the Australian National Convention [5-6 September] and the Fiji, South Pacific Convention [17-18 October].

Psalm 133 comes to mind as I conclude this missive. "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (NIV)

Grace and peace to you all.

Keith Wooderson



Craig Patten

When I think of the 2025 national FGBMFI convention, the words I would use to describe it from my perspective would be : 'It was a very humbling experience' - to be trusted with His word with a dream, then to see the vision realised, understood, stepped into by many and finally see to come it pass. It was a time of equipping many men and women with confidence to step into ministries God was preparing them for and releasing them into. Looking back and seeing how all the prayers from so many, over three months of weekly prayer meetings were answered, totally blows my mind.

We didn't necessarily have every piece of the puzzle on the way. Some pieces He chose not to reveal to us until hours before the convention. Isaiah 55:11 states that every word that proceeds from God's mouth does not come back void but accomplishes everything he intends. That is what the Lord Jesus did.

For example, on the Friday we didn't have a Maori cultural group for the evening event up to 3 hours before the meeting. Then God revealed one person in the house who could do and fulfil every word He had spoken about. Namely, to have a cultural group honouring God from a Maori perspective, who welcomed people with the native language of Aotearoa into the opening banquet meeting of the FGBMFI convention (**pōwhiri**). There was hardly a dry eye in the room. Thank you Keri-Ann Hokianga for all you and your remarkable team did on that night and Ariana Levi your part too.

I am so humbled to have seen, witnessed and experienced these amazing miracles first hand at the convention. I count it an absolute honour to have played a small part in it.



I thank the Lord for those who helped me on the journey such as Peter Bilton. What a blessing to have his amazing support, administration skills, for believing in me and the vision the Lord gave me, for all his dedication in finding the perfect venue for the vision and also some of our guest speakers too. Allan and Ariana Levi our prayer team leaders, also Rod Bent and Dennis Tomes for the amazing work they did leading our incredible usher team.



I would like to honour Hugh August, who presented the challenge at last year's AGM zoom meeting, to design and plan the 2025 convention. Also John Spiers and Alvin Humm for all your hard work, which I know took great faith. This was a completely new thing the Lord was doing, never seen before. I would like to thank Graham Simpson

and all the National board for trusting in the accuracy of the word the Lord had given me, even when the financial undertaking of the convention seemed overwhelming, even when the number of events, meetings and spaces to accommodate all our guest speakers, planned for the convention, was climbing to unprecedented heights.



I would like to thank all the incredible speakers who added layer upon layer in harmony and in sync, throughout the entire convention. It is no small feat to bring 19 guest speakers together, then to see harmony and unity as seen in Psalm 133:1, but they did it perfectly. As did all the ones who took part in our different events we had on each night of the convention; the Maori culture group, the choir and the Pacific culture group. These added something very special and culturally significant to the convention.

Lastly I would like to honour and thank Mike, Felicity, Nathan, Steve and all the incredible audio video team. Another quick testimony : the Lord provided an unprecedented audio system worth over \$200,000 for only \$1800 for the entire weekend. He then provided the people required who knew how to use it, so big thanks Mike Early and Nathan Cunliffe.

The Lord moved powerfully through all the people who came to the convention and He did not waste a second of time, a person or the remarkable gifts or talents He had given them.

For example, on the last night of the convention, a man came up to me and asked me if his daughter could sing a song.

A very unusual request in front of an audience of about 180. I felt the Lord say, "ask the man if you can speak to his daughter". So I asked and he

went and brought her to me. I asked her what she would like to sing. She said she was a classical singer and would like to sing a rendition of "Panis Angelicus" (Bread of Angels). So I agreed and told Graham Simpson, who was host that night, that this young girl was our opening act for the evening. When she got up and sang it was such a special moment. She was amazing, a young girl with a very talented mature voice. Here is the link to watch the Sunday evening meeting with her opening song. (Videos of the evening meetings are available on YouTube)

His favour and heart expressions were clearly seen throughout every part of the convention, including the electives on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, as well as into the local community. Two teams went out from the convention and shared His love on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons led by Geoff Winter and myself. Well done Geoff. We have heard some amazing testimonies from what you and your team did. At this point I would like to thank the worship team from Manifest Love Church, a special team with the heart of the Lord like David had. We entered His presence in praise and worship (Matt 25:23 is the scripture I get for all of you who were in the worship team).

The Lord chose to do something very special for the team that I took out into the community on Sunday afternoon. We had the privilege of going into a hospital, led by His word through a special lady on the team. We got to minister His word, see Him heal people , release his prophecies and see His power at work. His presence and love spread by the team was released throughout the hospital.

The Lord spoke to me the night before with clear instructions to take a camera, musician and a team into the community, in order to bring some of that experience of Him back into the convention. So that is what we did. I would like to thank Rudy our cameraman and Mike Young our musician. Also a big thanks for Nathan Cunliffe who worked tirelessly until 2am (4hrs) on a video of what the Lord did in the community, so it could be shown the next morning in the last meeting of the convention. (Videos of the meetings are available on YouTube)

Since the convention we have seen many prayers answered, that were prayed for in the weekly zoom prayer meetings prior to the convention.

For example, the convention was beyond what we could imagine or dream (Eph 3:20); it was a remarkable success, the Lord provided the funds to meet all the expenses and obligations of the convention, and more than enough. All these prayers have been answered and the glory goes to God for that.

We also prayed that the hotel would experience growth in business. They had been struggling at the time when we accepted the venue for the convention.

Well now I can report that they are bursting at the seams. I was told that the hotel, and especially the convention centre, is booked out solid for the rest of this year with new conventions, conferences and events.

Praise God for this ! Based on my calculations, the hotel contributed over ten thousand dollars, towards the running costs of the convention in a variety of ways such as covering costs for extra rooms, food, audio and visual services etc. That shows how **Luke 6:38** applies to business : give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

My wife and I had the privilege of meeting with management of the convention centre and hotel a week after the convention to show our gratitude, by blessing all the staff with gifts and to say thank you. Thank you Neil Smith for supplying the handmade chocolates for the staff.

The last answer to prayer, and something that really has excited me the most, is the number of ministries which have been planted out of the convention.

I personally know of 15 ministries that have been planted, established and are now growing. These ministries include FGBMFI chapters, market place ministries and social services, as well as a collection of local, national and international ministries. I have had the absolute privilege to work with some of these people, to help them with their ministries.

For the privacy of these people and their ministries, I will not mention names. Please water these ministries with prayer according to 1 Corinthians 3:6. One plants, another waters, but the Lord brings the increase.

To conclude, the convention has changed my life forever, as well as for so many others. I count it an honour to have been a part of seeing the vision realised and come to pass. So, Lord, this is my prayer. Do it again, Lord, in a new way, through a different group of people and in a new location. Amen



Craig Patten, Mahurangi chapter

Ariana Levi

The 2025 National Convention was unlike any other. Ample prayer went into it, starting with Geoff Winter's teaching on effective prayer via zoom mid-February.

The following Wednesday, weekly prayer zooms began, led by Craig Patten. It was a privilege to join these corporate prayers with the topics Craig sent each week ensuring everyone came in unity. On May 5th Allan & I stayed at JetPark Hotel with our children & led a prayer walk through the conference rooms in preparation for the convention.

The weekly prayer zooms continued, ending with prayers of thanksgiving the week after the convention. These prayers were a fundamental part of the convention.

We arrived at JetPark hotel early Thursday evening & checked into the family suite we had booked. It was an impressive room with a kitchenette, lounge & dining area, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 queen sized beds, a cot & 3 balconies. After unpacking we headed to the conference tower to deliver the boutonnieres we had collected in Hamilton. It hadn't been easy finding a florist to supply boutonnieres within the budget. In fact, every florist I asked quoted 4-6 times the budget I had been given to work with. I asked the Lord if I should give up but felt moved to try one more. Praise the Lord! He truly provides all our needs.

That evening, Allan & I walked through every hallway on every floor of the hotel, praying together, anointing the meeting rooms, entranceways & elevators as we went. There was excitement in the atmosphere, anticipating what the Lord was going to do over the long weekend.

On Friday morning we were ushered into the main ballroom by Rod Bent & his team marking the official start of the 2025 FGBMFI NZ National Convention. We were welcomed by Peter Bilton, for a time of worship (led by Doug Erutoe and the MLC worship team), testimony & prayer before we heard from Craig Patten.

Then we went upstairs for the first ladies meeting, chaired by the lovely Lina Kowalewski. After a time

of worship, Keri-Ann Hokianga greeted us with a beautiful waiata & shared about her family, her calling to be an evangelist & the struggle of leaving the job she relied on to answer that call. Ali Aliitasi shared about her calling to ministry, where it has taken her & learning to rely on God.

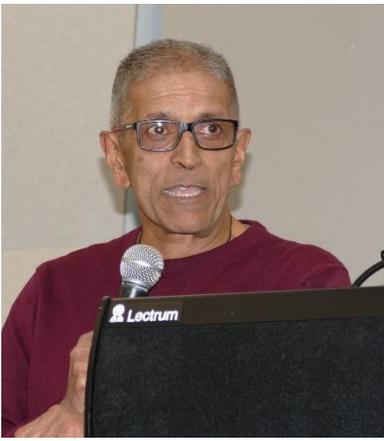


After the meeting, I introduced Keri-Ann to Ngere Paul & spoke about the Maori cultural performance that was scheduled for that evening. At that moment "Kapa Waka" was born.



That evening Ngere performed a Karanga as we entered the dinner banquet. Students from Onehunga High School waited on us & did an amazing job; handing out boutonnieres as the ladies entered, keeping our glasses full & our tables cleared.

"Kapa Waka" made their debut performance before Graham Simpson introduced our guest speaker, Tak Bhana.



Tak shared about the trials he faced saying yes to an invitation to speak in India & the encounter he had shortly after. He prophesied over the older generation of FGBMFI, encouraging them to “re-fire not retire”. We shouted grace to our mountains & were given the opportunity to purchase Tak’s books:

- Power Unlimited, on the power of the blood of Jesus
- Wired For The Supernatural, on how to be a good husband, father, boss etc
- Prayer That Works, stories of how prayer does work

On Saturday morning the testimony breakfast was chaired by my husband, Allan Levi.

Andrew Brown shared an incredible testimony where a heart attack left him on life support with doctors losing hope. His wife didn’t give up & organised a prayer chain to pray day and night. Andrew miraculously walked out of the hospital 2 months later. He emphasized the power of expectation.



Afterwards the ladies met in the Kokako room while the men had their AGM. I was honoured to chair our ladies meeting. Doug & the band led worship before Richard Brunton released the Fathers blessing. Sarah Chamberlain, from Glory

Release Ministries, shared about many mission trips alongside her husband, Jim, and learning to trust the Lord to provide. Ngere Paul, founder of Ahikaa Global shared how her relationship with her father had affected her relationship with our heavenly Father. She challenged us to face the painful things that we had been avoiding taking to the Lord to receive healing.



After lunch we had the option to attend two of nine electives:

- Andrew Robertson, Healing & gifts of the Spirit
- Richard Brunton, Anointed for work
- Craig Patten, Treasure hunt
- Rich Cannon, How to interact with the next generation
- Geoff Winter, Evangelism - Learning how to share your faith



- John Knight, Resetting worship: Resetting Spirit Led Intimacy
- Hugh August, Baptism of the Holy Spirit & Deliverance
- Bruce Beckingsale, Testimony Training
- Creation Ministries, Tapping into the Creativity of God

That evening we gathered for our public meeting

chaired by Hugh August. After a performance from the Kowhai Singers, a community choir based in Warkworth, Trevor Yaxley the former CEO of Huhu Studios shared about the struggles he faced during his time in China with the covid lockdowns delaying the release of the movie Mosley. Huhu Studios have produced many animated shows and films including Vegetales & Buzz and Poppy.



On Sunday morning, we gathered for a time of testimony & praise, chaired by Amyas Story. We heard from FGBMFI Australia's National President, Daniel Wright.



Then Toka Bluegum spoke about coming to the Lord & faithfully serving where he was needed; laying down his own desires to do this. What an incredible servant heart he demonstrates.

Our main speaker was Bryce Turner, who had just returned from Israel. Bryce shared about his time in Israel and the truth of what is happening there. He encouraged us to get informed from reliable sources & spoke on the cost of doing what is right.



After lunch we had the option to attend two more electives.

There was a bit of a fuss trying to get the partition wall out in the main ballroom.

Question: How many FGBMFI men does it take to assemble a sliding wall?

As amusing as it was, I quickly volunteered Allan to help, sometimes you need a tradie to get the job done! Allan & Dayandra managed to get the wall segments out & the staff locked them into place, so the 2 electives could continue uninterrupted.



Our family joined Healing & gifts of the Spirit with Andrew Robertson. Our children Eva & Mirraco were especially interested in this elective; they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit when Andrew spoke at an Aglow meeting in April 2024.

Next we joined Baptism of the Holy Spirit & deliverance with Hugh August.

After dinner was our final public meeting, chaired by National President, Graham Simpson.



Aria sang for us before an energetic performance from Le La o Samoa dance group; so energetic that the stage sides started to fall down! I'm not sure if it was the performance itself or concern for their safety that kept me on the edge of my seat. Fortunately, the stage held up & the show went on. They called for volunteers (& of course some nominations) to join them. It was fantastic to see the FGBMFI men & some ladies having a go at

fa'ataupatin (a Samoan slap dance). The performance finished with high fives & applause.

Our guest speaker was Norm McLeod, a Pastor from the House of Breakthrough, in Gisborne. Norm shared his testimony, including a terrifying hostage situation which he courageously walked into to rescue a critically injured 2 year old girl. One of the newspaper headlines read "Prayer and reason help end siege." Norm also shared a newspaper article from the reunion he had with that girl over 30 years later.

Later that night after my family was asleep I was thanking the Lord for the blessings our family received from 2 different people during the convention. He reminded me how He had told me someone would pay for our accommodation at the start of the year. When the time came to book our rooms, it slipped my mind. I went to bed wondering if I had been mistaken.

On Monday morning the testimony breakfast was chaired by Barry Kowalewski, this the final meeting for the convention. After we had eaten, Doug & the band were joined by Ngere to lead us in praise & worship.

I was dancing with our daughter Alicia when a lady approached me. I'm unsure she would be comfortable with me sharing her name, so I will keep that private. She told me the Lord had asked her to bless us, usually I would protest such a request. She sensed my hesitation & insisted that I allow her to bless us. I felt the Lord nudging me to say yes, so I did & she covered the cost of our accommodation! Isn't it amazing how God answers prayers, I wasn't asking for anything, just sharing my concerns with Him. I encourage anyone reading this to hold fast to any promise from the Lord, He is faithful. You might doubt yourself, but never doubt His ability to do what He has said.

After the band finished the National Board, led by Keith Wooderson, prayed over the prayer requests. Keith has faithfully served on the National Board for many years & has now retired. Our family met Keith & his amazing wife Maureen at the national convention in Masterton, where Maureen & our daughter Alicia fell in love, we now consider them to be part of our family.

Norm McLeod, our main speaker, spoke on healing from memories & emotional triggers, forgiveness

& restoring our souls.

Barry closed the meeting and we said our goodbyes before some people returned to their rooms, some went home and some headed to their next adventure.

It was an honour to be involved in many parts of this convention, we got to witness God's goodness in so many ways and we are looking forward to attending the 2025 Australian FGBMFI National Convention.

Ariana Levi, Hamilton chapter



Upcoming Event : 1

The Waikato/BOP Regional Camp will be held 28-30 November in Rotorua. Guest speaker is Murray Smith, founder of Bridges church in Cambridge.

All are welcome. Meals will be provided. You will need to bring a sleeping bag/blanket, sheet, pillow, towel and bible. Kindly contact Allan on hamiltonfullgospel@gmail.com for other details.

Waikato Bay of Plenty Regional Camp 2025



Lakeview Bible Camp

359a Hamurona Road,
Ngongotaha, Rotorua

Friday 28th November
7pm -
Sunday 30th November
1pm

Costs

If registered before the
14th of November:
\$140 Full weekend
- Accommodation and
food included
\$70 Saturday only
- Food included

Registrations made after
the 14th of November:
\$160 Full weekend
- Accommodation and
food included
\$90 Saturday only
- Food included

Bookings are essential

To register or for more
information contact
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A note from the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Regional Director

I am excited and honored
to reestablish the
Waikato/BOP annual
regional camp.
Regional camps
strengthen FGBMFI
members, encourage
greater unity between
chapters and provide
valuable opportunities for
fellowship.
My hope for this camp is
to strengthen FGBMFI,
that men will be
encouraged, inspired and
strengthened.
Ready to put what they
take away from this camp
into action

Pastor Murray Smith



Murray began his career in graphic
art.

A call to serve in church leadership
and a desire to encourage people to
become everything God purposes
for them to be, resulted in him
leading, teaching and pastoring for
over thirty years.

He and his wife Michelle have
witnessed many miracles of the
Lord's grace in people's lives and
supernatural provision.
They share their call to 2288,
releasing their home to provide
funds for the construction of a
church and community centre.

What to bring:

- Bedding
- Towel
- Bible

Love offering:

We will be receiving a love
offering to bless our guest
speaker.
I encourage you to give
generously.

Registration

Full Name:
Chapter:
Phone:
E-mail:

Email a copy of this section to:
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Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International



This is love, that we walk
according to His
commandments. This is
the commandment, that
as you have heard from
the beginning, you should
walk in it.
- 2 John 1:6

Upcoming Event : 2

The FIJI Convention will be held from 17-18 October. The flyer was circulated to our members on 6th August and is reproduced here :



Full Gospel Business Men's
Fellowship International
Asia Pacific

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International
FGBMFI New Zealand
c/o National President, Grahan Simpson
21 June 2025

To All Members of FGBMFI and Business People of Asia Pacific,
Bula Bula,

It is with great honour and heartfelt anticipation that I extend to you a warm and formal invitation to attend the **FGBMFI ASIA-PACIFIC CONVENTION**, to be held on **17th-18th October 2025** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nadi, Fiji**.

The theme for this significant gathering is:
"Love Breaks All Strongholds."

This convention will bring together men and women from across the Asia Pacific region and beyond, united in faith, fellowship and vision. We believe that this will be a powerful time of Connecting the Fiji and surrounding islands with the greater Asia Pacific region, a time of divine appointments, and fresh inspiration for the days ahead.

In addition to the spiritual focus, the convention will feature key sessions exploring **business and marketplace opportunities** in the Pacific region. Delegates will have the privilege of hearing from **Fijian Government Ministers**, including representatives from the **Ministries of Trade and Tourism**, offering insights into investment, partnership, and development prospects. A **golf tournament** is also scheduled for **16th October**, prior to the formal opening of the convention—please consider this when making your travel arrangements. Further details and program information will be released in the coming weeks.

Fiji welcomes you. Come expectant—to be a blessing and to receive a blessing. We look forward to seeing God move mightily as we stand together in love and unity.

On behalf of the organising team and the entire FGBMFI Fiji family, I encourage you to make plans now to join us for this milestone event.

Yours in Christ,

Uraia Bésake
National President
FGBMFI Fiji

RVP Asia Pacific
Mr Rudyanto Jap
Indonesia

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