

# HeartBeat

## Africa Report

In April I spent almost three weeks in Africa, visiting Burundi, D R Congo, Kenya and Uganda.

The ministry theme I chose, *The Servant Leadership of Jesus*, was well appreciated and very important for the development of African churches.

Burundi was simply a stop-over enroute to D R Congo, where I spoke to leaders' gatherings and visited medical centres.

A special request comes to us from Dr Luc Mulimbalimba:

*Concerning BMi D R Congo we are doing fine and the biggest problem we are facing now is that of the malnutrition amongst children in need of food and medicine.*

*On my return from Australia I found that eleven children had already died and if we do not assist them urgently then most of them will die. Personally, after being in Australia for two months, I do not have enough finances to support them. I kindly please request you to help us by talking to other BMi churches so that these children's lives may be saved.*



I was there with Luc and saw the terrible situation. The cost of saving such a life is not great — just a few dollars goes a long way. We ask churches to consider a one-off gift to assist this desperate need.

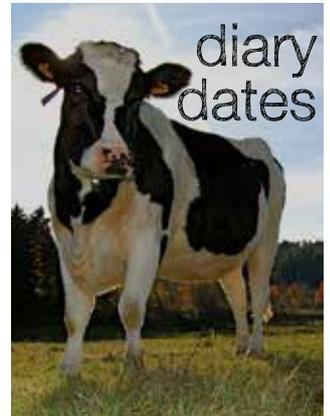


On to Kenya and the time there was very good with productive ministry. Some of the issues we have had amongst the East African churches were resolved, but there are still matters that will require ongoing attention. In Kenya Dr Luc

has three main churches near Bungoma. The supervisor of Dr Luc's churches, Pastor Ruhigita Kasika, pastors another church in Nairobi slums, near the airport.

We are exploring the possibilities of these churches either relating to BMi East Africa, or relating with Dr Luc as BMi D R Congo.

Peter Frogley



**Sat 4 July**

Victoria State Gathering

**Sat 19 Sept**

South Australia State Gathering

**Sat 10 Oct**

New South Wales State Gathering



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# India report



Pastor John and Jenny Barnes and their team recently returned from their annual trip to India and the two orphanages in Sankarapuram and Rahjamundry.

## Rajahmundry Churches

Most of us are familiar with the orphanages but perhaps are not as familiar with the relatively new gathering of churches under the BMi banner in the Rajahmundry area. We encourage you to pray for these churches and consider assisting them in their needs.

The BMi Church pastors working with Samuel and Mrs Vijaya Merupu in Rajahmundry, India are:

1. **Brenham and Mrs Hanna Dake** in the village of Ajjaram
2. **Stephen and Mrs Puspha Sirra** in the Satellite City Rajahmundry
3. **Yohan and Mrs Prema Mandalanka** with Samuel at Children's home Rajahmundry. Yohan does evening devotions at Naioth Children's Home and they run Sunday school
4. **Noah and Mrs Padma Challa** in the village of Sri Krishnapatnam
5. **Chittibabu Mandapalli** in the village of Mandapeta

6. **Rao and Mrs Santha Kolli** in Rajahmundry
7. **Abraham and Mrs Maria Kokkiripati** in the village of Samisragudem
8. **Israel and Mrs Jyothi Srimanthula** in the village of Kondapalli
9. **Satyanandam and Ms Sundaramma** Kandavalli in the village of Penikeru.

All these village churches are within 60km of Rajahmundry.

The last two mentioned couples are pastors new to BMi, although they have known Samuel for many years.

The pastors meet regularly and keep in contact via mobile phone for prayer needs and encouragement.

## Conference

We enjoyed a day of a couples conference with about 60 in attendance followed by an evening meal. John Barnes addressed the pastors on behalf of BMi after dinner.

## Particular needs

Ps Stephen Sirra lost his own church building through some ungodly dealings of others and has been meeting in his housing commission home. Stephen has a large children's ministry and at least 50 church members. They have been able to purchase a block of land and hope

to rebuild a church there as soon as funds become available.

## Australian Team Activities

Some of the pastors accompanied the Australian team to villages, where they conducted a medical clinic and set up two new sewing centres. They also ran a children's ministry and visited and prayed for people in their homes.

Of course the children are always the main reason for the time in India and we had a blessed time loving them and giving them lots of attention with craft activities and games and gifts. Taking them shopping in groups of 20 into an already crowded and small shop to choose an outfit and then shoes... the smile on their faces is worth every rupee.

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