

encouragement from the national leadership team

"KINGLY THINKING"

World renown Golf champion Arnold Palmer, winner of 92 championships including four US Masters and the British Open twice, is also known for his magnetic personality and unfailing sense of kindness to those he comes in contact with.

A true story is told of Arnold and a Sardi King. So much did this King enjoy playing golf and with a desire to improve his own game, he invited Palmer for a round of golf. Upon accepting, a private Jet was scheduled to pick up the US golfer and deliver him in Sardi Arabia for a days golf.

At the conclusion of this great day, the Sardi King announced to Arnold that to celebrate their game and as an on going memory, he wanted to buy Arnold a gift. Debate arose between the two, until finally Arnold agreed to the gift, saying "I have begun a collection of Golf Clubs, so perhaps you could add a club, in remembrance of our day." The King agreed. Travelling home on the plane Palmer began to think about what type of club the King would purchase. He pictured the club on display, looking forward to sharing yet another story behind that particular club.

Expecting the club to arrive shortly, Arnold began to wonder as to what may have happened to the Kings gift, for now weeks had passed with no gift arriving. Then one day with a knock on the door, a postman with certified mail appeared. Caught unaware, Palmer opened the letter to find enclosed the **title deed to a 500 acre Golf Club.**

You see, **Kings think differently.** Today our 'King', Jesus Christ sees things bigger, super abundantly, far over and above, infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes or dreams. When we see a hand held golf club, He sees a 500 acre Golf Club. Our thinking limits us; it keeps a lid on our potential.

At the limit of our imagination and at the point when we think its impossible God says "with me, nothing is impossible." His power that is at work within us is able to carry out His purpose. Today lets leave small thinking and pauperhood behind and think, act, speak and walk in the authority and power of our kingly and priestly call.

Think BIG BMi!

Blessings

Paul Glazbrook

April 2007

A Month of
Prayer and Fasting

for BMi within Australia and throughout
the Nations

Continue to join with the BMi family for a
concentrated prayer and fasting for our future.



bmi national
leadership gathering
a new day

June 12-15
Grindelwald | Tasmania

Contact: (03) 6331-9511

a BMi resource event

The pioneering Spirit lives on in us

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Our recent **Focus Conference**, 2-4th March 2007 lived up to its name. It was a time to focus on "Breakthrough." Tom & Suzanne Hatch from Blenheim, NZ, were our speakers & they blessed us with their straight forward, but profound truths. Tom spoke on the Holy Spirit breaking into our lives, on our heart breaking out & life & hope flowing out of us. Tom spoke at TVCC on the Sunday morning & had a great time. Suzanne spoke on Sunday morning at RCL, about understanding our identity for breakthrough.

Here are some memorable quotes from them:

"The church is a drowsy but stirring giant."

"Don't use God as a tool."

"God is not my crutch – He is my wheelchair."

"We cannot break out until God breaks in to our house, our mindsets & our every day lives."

"An attitude of gratitude needs to be our first response."

"We need to learn as we serve & serve as we learn."

"The world says we get our identity from what we do. Jesus says we get our identity in what He has done for us."

"The result of following hard after God is:

R – Revelation, authority in the spiritual comes from revelation

- River, we bring new life, carry new life

I – Intimacy, takes time & commitment

- Intercession, comes from intimacy & knowing God's heart

S – Seated in Heavenly places with Him

- Scope, our view expands when we sit with Jesus & see what He sees

E – Energy, passion & focus comes when we see what Jesus sees & this causes us to do what Jesus did!

- Effective, we will see the answers to our prayers & the fruit of our labours."

Tom also shared with us at RCL a prophetic word to drink again from the well of living water (Jesus).

As well as a great time of teaching & encouragement, it was great to build a deeper relationship with Tom & Suzanne & strengthen the connection between us.



On Sunday 1 April Ps Phil announced that we wouldn't be having a sermon this morning. Then he said 'April fool!' and told us we would instead be praying for the work of BMI around the world. So we distributed prayer calendar sheets and gathered in small groups for around 40 minutes or so. It was good to look over the prayer calendar and see the incredible scope of BMI internationally. Up till this point, for example, I had always known BMI Philippines to be Joe and Primrose and maybe a few others. To see the number of churches in the Philippines (and other nations around the world) really gave a great sense of belonging to something much wider than we in Australia tend to think. It was quite a powerful time of unity and prayer. No-one ate anything while we prayed, either, so that took care of the fasting. Several members of the church had been to the places we were praying for, so those individuals were able to expand even further on the information given and cover them with prayer. We look forward to seeing much fruit from this month - we're doing it again on 29 April!

Testimony of entrance upgrade for Tamar Valley Christian Church & the Caring Network.

For 9 years the welfare arm of the Tamar Valley Christian Church "The Caring Network" has been unable to expand its services in function and physical building area due to highway planning regulations.

After much prayer, lobbying, planning, mistakes and some desperation the Caring Network received \$130,000 in grant funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund and the State Department of Transport. The source of this funding was a last resort, and we were initially told that the wait would be at least 4-5 years. However the grant was received on our first ever application to this source, something that doesn't normally happen for a grant of this size.

The grant enabled the full upgrading of the church property highway entrance to modern safety standards, and has removed all limitations on future growth of all activities.

Behind these facts that have inspired and blessed the church community and volunteers there is a detailed testimony of the favour of God and what seemed impossible being achieved by taking every step that was possible.

The overcoming of this significant obstacle was enabled by the dedication over many years of many members of the church community, persistence and perseverance. Another significant factor was the gaining of favour with all levels of government and wider community organisations by consistent and faithful community service.

In fact it is accepted by the church congregation that selfless giving by the church into a project outside of our area of immediate influence was the final catalyst for this exciting project to take place.

The finishing of the upgrade coincided with 10 years of the Caring Network being in existence, and has released the organisation into planning only limited by our imagination and our level of walk with God. At the same time wider resources are also being given to the organisation, in the last 18 months we have been given a brand new commercial vehicle, a food catering van, a house for 5 years for crisis care accommodation, the proceeds of the sale of a transportable house, and a children's Thomas the Tank Engine ride for our community events, and the promise of a passenger van. Our future is to expand our services as an employment agency, counselling service, expanded 2nd hand goods shop, children's parties, extra support into our local schools and other outwardly focussed ideas dreamed of by our volunteers and staff.

God is extraordinarily faithful and we just can't afford to grow weary in doing good, for in due season the reward does come. We look forward to telling future testimonies of what this release means for the Kingdom of God in the Tamar Valley of Tasmania, Australia.



You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do. -Eleanor Roosevelt-

SA Pastors' Gathering - On April 16th Pastors from around South Australia gathered at Almond Grove Family Church (Aldinga) for a time of encouragement and support along with National Leadership team members Mark Crawford, Peter Frogley and Paul Glazbrook. The discussions held were centred around the theme of going the distance with a clear message that the key to longevity in the ministry is founding knowing your "call", and being who God made you to be. A copy of the paper presented by Lew McMaster (Emmanuel Christian Outreach) on burnout and ministry can be found at www.ecsm.org.au/eco.htm.

Check it out:

BMI Community Forum

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Recommended Read

DECISIONS that DEFINE US a journey of transformation

David Crone

"David Crone's book, *Decisions that Define Us*, ...brilliantly targets the heart to transform the mind. Anyone who ponders over the revelations on these pages and boldly say 'yes' to God will be launched on an irreversible journey of personal transformation. And only transformed people can become transformers." ~ Bill Johnson, Senior Pastor of Bethel Church, Redding

"These decisions have challenged and inspired us to venture into new places in God. At the Same time they have helped give us definition to the very things we had believed." ~ Mark Crawford, National Leader of BMI, Australia

"The Church has been held back from claiming and realizing her supernatural inheritance. Lack of definition guarantees that we cannot reach our intended targets. Definitions empower us as we concentrate on them. This book is not just a list of radical decisions; it is a journal from the battleground. The battles that God wages in us and through us become the making of us. They serve not only as our training ground but our providing ground."
~Graham Cooke, Founder of Future Training Institute



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BMI National 'MORE FIRE YOUTH CAMP'

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ALF Grand Final on big screen

Fri 28 Sept - Mon 1 Oct 2007

(This is a public holiday in ACT, NSW and SA)

Encounter Conference Centre

22 Bartel Boulevard
Victor Harbor, SA

Registration: 5pm - 7pm, Fri 28 Sept

(If travelling by air, bus or train, please arrive in Adelaide prior to 3pm)

Concludes: 11am, 1 Oct

(If travelling by air, bus or train, please book to leave after 2pm)

Cost: \$130.00 (All meals and accommodation)

Please note: If under 18 years old you must be part of a supervised Youth Group!

Full brochures out soon!

More details...

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"Do or Do Not, there is No try"
-Yoda, Star Wars-

Continue to Pray for the BMI Family & the National Leadership Team as we all grow and work together in the Body of Christ as one cluster

Dates For Your Diary

National Leaders Gathering

11th – 15th June 2007

VIC

18th & 19th May

TAS

17th & 18th August

SA

19th & 20th October

More Fire Conference— SA
28th Sept – 1st October

International Leaders Gathering
2nd - 11th July

Rajahmundry, India

The BMI International Leadership team will meet and minister together