

encouragement from the national leadership team

A wonderful time was had recently at the BMi National Pastors Gathering in Tasmania. It was a time of great refreshment in the Lord and with each other. The gathering allowed us to practically out work, one of our main core values, 'relationship'.

I love the beautiful picture that is described for us in **Acts 20:17-38** of the Apostle Paul, not coldly preaching 'relationship' or telling others how it should be done from a distance but by example he lived 'relationship'. His genuine father heart of love and care for the church of God clearly explains why, at his departure, as they knelt and prayed that tears and kissing freely flowed.

The Apostle Paul demonstrated true apostolic 'relationship' with local church elders by...

Walking the walk not just talking the talk!

(Acts 20:18) "You yourselves are well acquainted with my manner of living."

Paul's life was daily a living example. In 1 Cor 4:16 he also boldly encourages others to 'be imitators of me'. He was consistent in his values, belief and Godly behaviour. He lived by this model...

I do – You watch, I do – You help,
You do – I help, You do – I watch, You do – Others watch.

In our 'relationships' what we are, speaks far louder than what we say. The apostle Paul was the real thing.

The humble and meek absorb the resources of God in the midst of adversity!

(Acts 20:19) "Serving the Lord with all humility in tears and in the midst of adversity."

True 'relationship' with others flows out of a heart of service to the Lord and it's in adversity that covenantal relationship needs to occur.

Rob Mundle reporting on the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race that claimed 5 lives and in which only 44 of the 115 strong fleet finished said this, "Special friendships have been welded. Many will last a lifetime."

In the midst of adversity Paul did not shrink back from relationship but constantly and earnestly pushed in, proclaiming repentance. (Acts 20:21-22). Paul knew by personal experience that gold is purified through tough times. His experience was 'I have *learned* in any and all circumstances, the secret of facing every situation (even in strained relationship). The secret: Christ in me; my strength for all things. Relationships are deepened and become more meaningful when we persevere through misunderstandings and testing.

Motive is everything! (Acts 20:26-27, 32)

Paul states here, 'that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you.' Why? Because in his 'relationships' he was not compromised. He declared the 'whole' purpose, plan and counsel of God. He pointed the church he loved, to God, to His charge, protection and care. God's word alone is able to build up and give inheritance.

Paul was not motivated by money (vs 33) or the numerical size of a meeting (vs 20) but continued day and night with tears to encourage and exhort others in the Lord.

May I encourage you all, to be intentional about your relationships, God says,

'It's not good that man be alone'. Friends are to laugh with, cry with and do life together with. Friends are forged in fire. Shared experience is the basis of relationship. Be there in their ups, their downs and friendship forms. Our destiny is locked into our friendships. Jonathan was meant to inherit his father's Saul's throne, but he prepared his soul friend David for that.'

Let's imitate Paul and 'live' relationships for all to see!

Go BMi...Go the Church!

Blessings,

Paul Glazbrook

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

The changes to BMi leadership, both personnel and style, have indeed been precious and beneficial. This last conference was an opportunity to hear from each other. Opening the gathering with a plenary session where we talked about the challenges which we face, helped me to understand that I have much in common with others in the movement. It dealt away with that "got-it-all-together" façade that pastors tend to rely on. The times of fellowship and relaxation further helped to grow real intimacy and trust. Without doubt we heard God's call to kingdom from the leadership team in the brilliant world-class teaching sessions which they took, but it was also wonderful to hear the Holy Spirit speak during the informal times of relaxation fellowship and bus travel.



"Fantastic time hang out with Family. Getting souls restored in the presence of God so we can go back in to the shadow of death, to enjoy the banquet." ~ Joshua Miller



"The BMi Leaders Gathering in June was unique in its emphasis on fellowship and relationship. I felt it was a highly successful time; it was great to be together and enjoying one another's company. It felt more like a family event than we have ever had before and I was encouraged that we had embarked on the new journey as a group of churches. For me this new dimension is already bearing good fruit and it is a blessing to see more interaction between pastors and churches. I am increasingly counting it a blessing and a privilege to be part of BMi and look forward to God increasingly our unity in the midst of our significant diversity. Despite all the rumours Tasmania turned out to be an excellent venue and one I know many people thoroughly enjoyed." ~ Peter Frogley



"Pristine setting, Beautiful people, Good food, Great time of connecting." ~ Carol Oster



Our time at the leaders gathering in June was a wonderful time indeed. It was a celebratory 'homecoming' for us after about a five year absence from the movement. We had been vitally involved in a BMi church for over 15 years (with Malcolm and Pam Busby, Almond Grove Family Church) but had moved over to Port Lincoln to help pastor a CRC church in 2001. Our connection to Bethesda goes back to 1979 when we first came to the Lord. Our time in Tazzy mightily confirmed that we truly are in the right place!

"I really enjoyed hearing from so many of the pastors. They were real. I found the environment one where I could just relax. The venue was superb as was the food. I think that we should have the next National Leaders Gathering as a pyjama party at Mark Crawford's house." ~ Damon McDermott



From the first day till the last we knew God was grafting us back into this great family of churches, we have always appreciated the heart of BMi as one of grace and truth and this heart was again exemplified over those few days.. We were excited by the open down to earth and loving relationships, the genuine compassion and care, and the zeal for Gods kingdom. Not to mention the awesome food as well!

We met lots of new people and had some rich and delightful fellowship, we are truly an eclectic bunch but all focussed on a great mission and vision.

The setting was great and we are very pleased it seems like we are going to meet there again in 08. We love Tasmania and managed to pinch a few extra days on the East Coast before the BMi gathering. This was a great time of rest and reflection (and all time surf!).

Alice and I would like to thank the BMi leadership team and all who helped put this gathering together. We were refreshed, encouraged and inspired. We can't wait till June 08! ~ Rod and Alice Dowie



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Sneak Preview

International Gathering, India July 2007



Wycliffe Simiyu, Mark Crawford, Joe Chavez & Peter Frogley enjoying themselves in a restaurant in India.



Mark got to experience an Indian Hospital first hand!!

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Peter "all processed foods are poison" Frogley enjoys several pieces of chocolate. ~ sourced from Mr

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TAS SLTT

17th & 18th August

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28th Sept – 1st October

SA SLTT

19th & 20th October

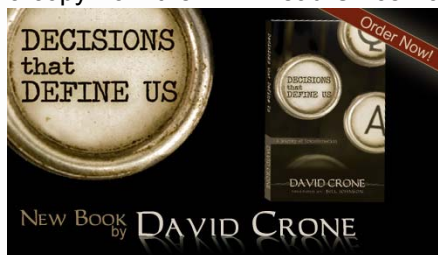
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Joshua Miller has had a strong sense for his church and for so many other churches this word. 16th July, 2007.

The word of the Lord is "this is the year that God has crowned with His

goodness and the harvest in abundance." And at the first part of this year we were looking at finances and the church and peoples finances in the church and stuff was happening and we were saying "where is the abundance?" "Where's the crowning of Your goodness, what is going on?" And my understanding of what it is; we will be able to look back and say that was the year of God's goodness. We will look back and say that was the year where God's goodness began to flow. That's when it began to flow and God is launching us into something and it is for BMi. That's for our church and it is the year for you guys here in(your own place or town) and this is the year where God is setting you up for a new thing but it isn't a new thing because it is something that has been done before, there isn't anything new in God but it will feel different. It is almost like a new direction and I know that God is doing that in me. He's going to launch you and you will be saying wow, that year really broke open. We will look and laugh like men who dreamed because this is what we dreamed of having. God is about to do some amazing stuff in each life.

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Fri 28 Sept - Mon 1 Oct 2007

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Registration: 5pm - 7pm, Fri 28 Sept

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Concludes: 11am, 1 Oct

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