

encouragement from the national leadership team

I have just read Mark Crawford's *Kingdom Thoughts* and was encouraged again of the incredible place in which we have been called to live. The God we serve is a constant amazement to us as He continues to 'roll out' the glorious truths of His word. The difficulty for us *frail mortals* is that we are really not *frail mortals*, but NEW creations in Christ. That difficulty we face is believing what God has declared about us. We see our failings and inadequacies and find it so easy to focus on these, and because of that we find it difficult to believe God's declaration concerning us. The issue, as always, is faith. Can we get past the obvious, in our sinfulness, to embrace the forgiveness and restoration God has brought to us by faith?

My contention would be that as I *enlarge the place of my dwelling* in Christ and continue to embrace the revealed truth of the Word I am being *transformed by the renewing of my mind*. What was a *me-centred* faith of *make me feel good and get me to heaven*, grows within as we begin to see that this amazing God who has regenerated us has a much bigger plan and purpose for us than we could ever have imagined.

As Mark mentioned we *sit with Christ in heavenly places* so that we are able to survey God's world from God's perspective and that is quite different from the old '*get me to heaven*' thinking, which used, used to be where I was at!

God has called us to live on this earth and to bring heaven to earth - it is about building God's kingdom here on earth. And as He is King over every aspect of life that provides a huge dominion over which Christ has given us authority.

This is worth living for! But I can't even begin to grasp what I am to do! I need to really learn what it means to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. That is the *rarified air* God has called us to live in - and it is exciting. Some would say it is *living on the edge*. But then where else would satisfy a living son (daughter) of the living God?.

There is no ordinary for God's kids - it is all extra-ordinary - super-natural - miraculous!
Blessings,

Peter Frogley

Upcoming BMi Gatherings 07/08

2007

More Fire Youth Camp
28th Sept – 1st October

SA State Gathering
19th & 20th October

2008

NSW State Gathering
15th & 16th February

VIC State Gathering
2nd & 3rd May

National Leaders Gathering
9th - 13th June

TAS State Gathering
15th & 16th August

More Fire Youth Camp
3rd – 6th October

NSW State Gathering
7th & 8th November

The pioneering Spirit lives on in us

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



"When reflecting on the and experiences of the gathering in Tassie this year, I was really glad that Janine and I were there to be apart of it all.

It provided the opportunity to take a break from the normal routine of being separated due to work commitments, and the constancy of continually giving out, and allowed us to spend much needed time together and soak in the ministry of others.

The accommodation, facilities, conference structure, and time spent with each other were all good, and these things alone made it worthwhile attending. But for me, the single most important benefit of the conference this year was the change in my sense of belonging.

Ministry for me has taken a major shift with my returning to full time secular employment away from the family. So at the start of the gathering I felt like a fish out of water, and even felt that I no longer belonged to this group, or should be considered one of your peers. However, by the end of the gathering, I felt reconnected to the group once again. For this I am both thankful and grateful." ~ Darren Peucker

"What can one say about our recent National BMI conference? Thoroughly enjoyable. The company was delightful and the location great. Well done to all those responsible for making our yearly pilgrimage a blessed time. And our leadership input I thought was 10 out of 10. We are blessed and privileged to have these leaders in this season and yet the best is yet to come. Lovely to see Paul and Jane Crossman in our midst, it was just like old times. And the lovely Patti Vacca certainly was a highlight, especially to my wife. It appears they both have the same addiction-to shop, and when they got together, there was no stopping them. Many great friendships are refreshed and new one's formed to the betterment of BMI and The Body of Christ. The more I hear our leaders share their Kingdom Hearts, the more I believe the heart of God is revealing that without the special anointing that each one carries as their contribution to the Body of Christ, and our acceptance of those gifting's, the Church would be stunted or structurally lopsided. Ephesians 4 v 8: part of says; "And He gave gifts to men!" And Ephesians 4 v 11-16 (v11-"And He gave some as-")- The gifts He gave weren't just The normal anointings but Our Leaders-Mark, P.Vacca, Paul, Peter & Hanna, to bring us to Ephesians 4 v 15-16, and Peter Vacca's Isaiah 65 v 8: Thus says The Lord, as the new wine is found in the cluster-do not destroy it for there is a benefit (blessing) in it. Love and blessing to you all." ~ Kevin & Lyn Donohue

Tasmania State LTT on Saturday August 18 was a wonderful time of connecting with others from all around the state who are a part of BMi. It was great to see that there were people representing all of the State's BMi churches. It was also fantastic to hear the heart of BMi through the National Leadership Team and Peter Vacca our founding Apostle. It was a real honour to spend time with them all and hear there thoughts about the Kingdom. The theme for the day was Relationships - Family, Team, God & Church were the main topics spoken on. I got a lot out of the day and it was great to be able to connect with other Family Members of BMi and feel like Family~ Olivia Wagner



Christians in Iran Increasing - Joel Rosenberg, former political advisor to Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, wrote this on April 27, 2007,

As a former Muslim and evangelist, I have preached the Gospel to millions of Muslims for nearly two decades. I talk with Muslims and former Muslims on a daily basis. In reaching Muslims with the Gospel and message of democracy, I have seen countless lives transformed and many healed. Up to two weeks ago, I was excited to report that only within the last 12 months, estimated 45,000 Muslims have come to Christ through our ministry. By listening to my colleagues who serve in and out of Iran and by looking at the ever increasing number of hits on our web sites, I had no doubt that God is doing something great in Iran. But up to two weeks ago, I had no idea how great His work has been!

Please allow me share with you just one of the inspiring testimonials that has opened my eyes to the mighty works of Jesus in Iran. Two weeks ago, I was interviewed by one of the most popular Iranian anchors on a political program. The anchor announced the topic a few times right before the interview. The topic was "Why Iranians are converting to Christianity". In this program, I explained the reasons and cautiously confirmed that an estimated 500,000 Iranians have come to Christ since radical Muslims took over the country in 1979. After the program, the anchor reported that over 950,000 Iranians (Muslims) tuned in to watch the interview on the Internet and millions watched on satellite TV.

The anchor Mr. Maybodi, is a moderate secular Muslim who promotes regime change and democracy for Iran through his daily show. He is one of the most highly respected journalists in Iranian media today. The following day he contacted me again and said this: "after the interview last night, several prominent religious and political leaders contacted me from in and out of Iran and claimed that millions of Iranians have become a Christian just within the last few years. They are claiming that your estimate is very low!" He shared some more reports and testimonials and then added: "it seems the atrocities of the Islamic regime have caused millions of Iranians leave Islam for Christianity!" [Emphasis added]

Wow, Millions! Since this interview, I have received additional reports and testimonies confirming that the number of Muslim convert has already passed one million! I am trying to be very cautious here because there is no way to know the exact number of converts in Iran but even Muslims in Iran are claiming that the number has passed a million already. This is what I call a massive revival! This confirms that something great is about to happen in Iran which will impact the whole Muslim world. Now I know that what we are seeing today is just the tip of iceberg!

Step by step. I can't think of any other way of accomplishing anything.

Michael Jordan

LOOK AT WHAT OUR PASTORS GET UP TO!



Audrey & Cliff Roper, Jenny Templeton & Lynden Russell

Kingdom Thoughts - *Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Matt. 6:10 (NKJV)* Those who know me well will know that I have become captivated by these words and talk about them all the time. No apologies! On earth as it is in Heaven is not just a nice theme for 2007 or some quaint cliché it is how our life is supposed to be characterised.

I remind you that the church is the messenger and that the Kingdom of Heaven is the message. Jesus declared this when he began his ministry by saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". This was his entire theme of preaching. Recently I was reflecting on Ephesians and in particular this verse,

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus", Eph. 2:4-6 (NKJV)

This is an incredible thing that God has done for and to us. He has raised us out of the confines of earth and placed us in a heavenly position. However, he has also allowed us to stay on earth. You see we declare everyday, as trophies of and testimonies of his will, by the living of our lives. That is Heaven has come to earth. Wherever we go, whatever we do we are declaring that it is possible for Heaven to be on Earth. We are showing that the will of the Father is for Heaven to impact Earth and that it is possible as he has done it in us already. We are Heaven on Earth! Firstly, we have become temples of the Holy Spirit; Heaven resides in us, people who are earthly vessels. Secondly whilst we still live, move and have a being in Him we are physically located on this earth. Even though we have been seated in Heavenly places. We are able to touch earth with Heaven, only those who are in both worlds can do that. This is a major point that I encourage you to ponder, reflect and let it become revelatory to you. Don't take it too lightly for it has incredible power to transform this earth. Heaven must come to this earth because there is far too much hell here!

So go give them Heaven! On this earth as it is in Heaven!

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