

## encouragement from the national leadership team

I want to encourage you all to be refreshed by reading 2 Samuel 5. The whole chapter is full of Holy Spirit inspiration, and verse 12 has particularly spoken to me recently:

*'And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that He had exalted his kingdom for His people Israel's sake.'*

David 'perceived,' he knew, understood, and could see by revelation that the Lord had 'established' him king over Israel, for the sake of others.

The word 'established' means to be squarely established. He was not a round peg in a square hole but rather a perfect fit, secure, settled, firmly placed, fully supplied and provided for by God to bring 'breakthrough' for his community.

Like David, God has been *establishing* us, anchoring us, to our particular location, church, ministry, job, so He can pour out His kindness to others through us.

*Someone needs to hear this:* **you** have been God-ordained, God-established to be where you are. You are established, to be poured out in your community.

Knowing we have been established by the Lord produces a certain 'sound,' the sound of confidence, the sound of purpose, the sound that knows we were born for such a time as this. Notice verse 17, the Philistines heard (the sound) that David had been anointed king... and they all went up to find him.

The enemies' desire was to capture and contain David, the one with the revelation as to *why* he existed and for *what* purpose. When we understand that God has placed us and positioned us, godly vision consumes us for the people and area God has given us.

David could not be contained or defeated but was more than a conqueror through his dependence on the Holy Spirit, who gave him instruction and strategy to defeat his enemy on every occasion.

Wow, aren't you glad God has established you to be right where you are! Now, go on and make a difference where you are.

Blessings,

*Paul Glazbrook*

# who's your buddy?



Every one of us should have three individuals in his/her life: a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy." Naturally, this is applicable to both men and women, but for reasons of maintaining moral purity and to avoid temptation, such should be of the same sex:

**A Paul** is an older man who is willing to mentor you, to build into your life. Not someone who's smarter or more gifted than you, but somebody who's been down the road. Somebody willing to share his strengths and weaknesses—everything he's learned in the laboratory of life. Somebody whose faith you'll want to imitate.

**A Barnabas** is a soul brother, somebody who loves you but is not impressed by you. Somebody to whom you can be accountable. Somebody who's willing to keep you honest, who's willing to say, "Hey, man, you're neglecting your wife, and don't give me any guff!"

**A Timothy** is a younger man into whose life you are building. For a model, read 1 and 2 Timothy. Here was Paul, the quintessential mentor, building into the life of his protégé—affirming, encouraging, teaching, correcting, directing, praying.

**Do you have these three guys in your life?** In view of the fact the Christian life is a spiritual warfare; the following is a great illustration of the importance of having someone to accountable to.

*By Howard Hendricks, Professor at Dallas Theological Seminary in Men of Integrity, Vol. 1, no. 1.*

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up... Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12*

**If you have been in army training you may be able to still hear the raspy voice of the sergeant:** "We are here to save your lives. We're going to see to it that you overcome all your natural fears. We're going to show you just how much incredible stress the human mind and body can endure. And when we're finished with you, you will be the one of the army's best!"

Then, before he dismissed the formation, he announced your first assignment. (You thought he will ask you to do something really tough—like running long distance in full battle gear or rappelling down a sheer cliff). Instead, he told you to—find a buddy.

"Find yourself a buddy," he growled. "You will stick together. You will never leave each other. You will encourage each other, and, as necessary, you will carry each other." It was the army's way of saying, "Difficult assignments require a friend. Together is better."

Who's your "buddy"?

*(author unknown)*

# national leaders' gathering

## the things that bind us together

There are many good reasons to belong to the BMi family but one reason that became even clearer to me as I reflect on last month's gathering is the level of trust that exists amongst us. A recurring element of the pastors' gatherings is the time taken to share what's happening in our lives, churches and ministries. What is always instructive is the fact that many times pastors will share their aches and failures as well as their successes and triumphs. This creates a group which is real and relationally oriented.

Some church bodies are quite competitively structured and so success oriented that acknowledgement of weakness tends not to be easily shared. But the BMi gatherings are not just a place of catharsis in self-disclosure. They are haven of faith and love where brethren care for each other and uphold each other. My highlight at the last gathering was the joy being able to be me and to see others imbibing that same joy.

~ Chris Whiting, Open Door Christian Church, VIC



We had a very special time in Tassie at Grindelwald with the BMi leaders. Again it was great fellowship and further deepening connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It was good to meet Richard and Dale from Mildura and make some connections re our next trip to India in November and for David Abbott who will be ministering at our first ever BMi Children's Camp in Jan 09. We enjoyed all the ministry and relaxation. Thanks for all the organisation work from Olivia and thanks to Mark and Annette and Peter and Kaye, Hanna and Huda and Paul and Robyn a great team. We appreciate our BMi family.

~ John and Jenny Barnes, House of the Rock Church, VIC

## administration

### from the (new) editor

At the end of June, I became BMi's new administrative officer.

Olivia has stepped down from her position as BMi's admin guru to follow God's call to South Australia. BMi has been blessed by Olivia's service just as she has been honoured and privileged to serve. We wish her all the best as she begins a new adventure in life.

I grew up in the United States (Massachusetts, north East Coast). Four years ago, I moved to Australia to study geology at the Australian National University. This year I became a permanent resident, so I'm here for the duration, however long that may be.

God had bigger plans in bringing me out here than just university: it was in my first year at the ANU that I became a Christian and began attending Ginninderra Christian Church. GCC has become a home and a family to me, and I am looking forward to getting to know the larger BMi community.

~ Melissa Janbergs, Ginninderra Christian Church, ACT

## BMi gatherings



### *everyone is invited*

#### **Tasmania State Gathering**

August 16

9:30am - 4:00pm

Venue: Tamar Valley Christian Church,  
Exeter

Cost: \$15 Adults

\$25 Couples

Includes morning tea, lunch  
& afternoon tea

Contact: 6394 4727

#### **South Australia State Gathering**

November 8

## quotebook

We do not err because truth is difficult to see. It is visible at a glance. We err because this is more comfortable.

~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn

If you have never been amazed by the very fact that you exist, you are squandering the greatest fact of all.

~ Jim Fiebig

## diary dates

#### **More Fire Youth Camp 2009**

January 23-26

(Australia Day long weekend)

Dzintari Camp Site, Normanville, SA

#### **BMi National Leadership Gathering 2009**

June 8th - 12th

Have you got something to share?

Drawn an encouraging cartoon?

Need prayer?

Had exciting times at church?

Written a poem?

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