

PUNCHING ABOVE OUR WEIGHT

Impacting Our Nation and the Nations

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THE STORY OF VISION RECAPTURED

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN CENTRE



What's down the road !!!!

- August 15 Victoria's State gathering, Gisborne
- October 2-5 More Fire Youth Camp, South Australia
- October 10 South Australia's State gathering

Please note the International Leaders' Gathering which was to be in Kenya in November has been cancelled)

Pray for:

Continued comfort and healing for Russell and Helen Jones.

Healing for John Dickenson

Comfort for Lyn Donohue who has lost her Dad and Annette Phillipps who has lost her Mum.

Wisdom, vision and boldness for our National Leadership Team.

Bethesda Christian Centre is back on the map in Adelaide. Annette and I have known for quite some time that we would be planting into Adelaide but never knew to what extent. The Lord has shown us that HE wants us to rebirth Bethesda in the City and to rebuild the walls that the enemy had sought to destroy. The Father has shown us that we have a legacy in Adelaide an unfulfilled prophecy and mandate and that we are to revisit and re-establish Bethesda. We have leased a building at 1189- 1197 South Rd St Marys and are waiting on Council approval to have church in one end and we have opened an OP Shop in the other end. We are on a shoe string budget but we are trusting the Lord to provide. He have connected us to a lot of old Bethesda people in the shop and our ladies working there are doing a fantastic job.



2009 Bethesda Christian Centre 1189- 1197 South Rd St Marys Adelaide South Australia

We have had great support from a lot of people and we appreciate them very much Covenant Family Church in Victor Harbour did an 'Others Offering' and supplied a Truck load of stock for the shop and we thank the Lord for the relationship of the surrounding Churches.

Cliff and Audrey Roper are working with us and it has been great to get to know them. We thank you for your prayers at this time that the Lord will continue to provide people and see souls saved in our Church, God Bless
Greg and Annette Phillipps



I'm excited !! What about? You say!

Well, at the beginning of the year we felt it was time for us to go back to our roots. We discovered where River Life Church was meeting and rocked up the next Sunday. Our hearts broke for the faithful little few that had gathered. Just a remnant of what once had been. Our first thoughts were "Please get us out of here, God!" But he didn't, and we now feel so very privileged to be a small part of the rising of the new Bethesda Christian Church. "Old things have passed away, and behold, I make all things new". Big changes and new directions for the House of Love, Mercy and Grace.

While praying with our new Pastors, God showed us a dry and desolate field with a huge crack in the ground running through it, but out of this crack there was growing a beautiful, strong, green shoot. Then, as the field was being ploughed and prepared, vibrant green shoots were starting to spring up everywhere, and we felt that God was impressing on our hearts that all of this was not for us alone, but that out of the New Bethesda would grow many more Churches and ministries around the Nations! We have a Big God, big Visions, willing workers and more than we can ask or think coming our way!

AThank you, Father! I'm really excited. *Audrey Roper*



You got news. Why not email me!

Punching Above Our Weight

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"As a 20 something couple in ministry who are not yet pastoring, it was wonderful to be invited to join the BMI gathering in beautiful Tasmania this year. We were blessed to be surrounded by so many people of God who were an inspiration to people like us! To hear such diverse teaching from people such as ;

Peter Frogley, Chris Whiting, Greg Phillips and Mark Crawford is the true blessing of being in BMI. It reinforced to us that as the BMI body we are ministers, but not clones; we are united yes, but free to be who God has called us to be! We also appreciated what was shared about the more sobering side of ministry, and were encouraged that despite it being difficult and painful at times, it is ultimately worthwhile. Praise God for BMI and for all you pastors and leaders out there. Keep walking with Jesus and blessing your congregations!

Terry and Steph Barnes

THE GATHERING @ GRINDELWALD 2009

I knew before I came that it was going to be a significant time for BMI, and I strongly felt that it was right for us to

honour our leaders. The Lord proved true on both counts! Audrey and I loved being back among you. We've missed your fellowship. Thank you for your warm acceptance of us. It was a precious time of openness to God and to each other. It was what we had known of BMI in its best

moments, but even more. The potential for synergistic ministry is there for us all to embrace. The day of the one man band is over, praise God! and the day of building one another up in love has arrived! I'm already looking forward to next year, just to see how God has developed what he started last June. I was impressed with the fantastic young ministries that are a part of BMI now. Love your vision and enthusiasm! We were treated to some very sound, practical and useful teaching, as well as honest testimony of God's dealings with our lives. These all speak to me of a healthy movement with a bright future in God! *Cliff Raper*



"Yeh right Kev. Like that's going to happen"



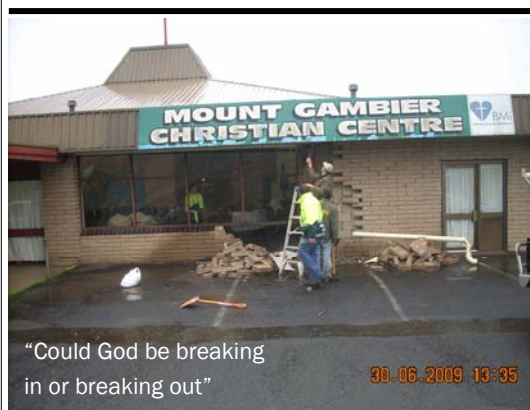
One Day of Impact @ Gisborne Victory 1



Having never actually experienced an ODI before I was very excited to see how this thing I had heard so much about went down. I was overjoyed with the direction God had chosen to take this one day conference, the message of the conference really hit the nail on the head for my own life and for many others I'm sure.

It gave me such great pleasure to work with everyone involved, also, to be able to fellowship with people I have never met, from different parts of the country was invaluable. I can now see why this conference has been labeled One Day of Impact and I hope to experience many more.

Mat O'Neill



"Could God be breaking in or breaking out"

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Recently Nigel and Gail were surprised to find a hole in the front of their building caused by a runaway caror was it?

Bloopin' on

One Sunday morning while preaching from Ephesians Chapter 6 I was in full flight and began to declare from verse 16 about taking the shield of faith to stop the.....my words became muddled up and I encouraged the people to stop the diary farts of the enemy....the fiery darts would have been better.

Someone from BMi