



## ***New Year, New Hope, New Season in God***

*As we set sail for this new year there are many things to update with our international activities. Life continually presents us with challenges and opportunities in living for Christ and His kingdom. This is no less the case for our brethren in the various nations.*

*From Philippines we have a report from Pastor Joe Chavez on a remarkable miracle which took place over the holidays. Pastor John Dean in Fiji has experienced a year he would probably rather forget and yet in God's providence he will undoubtedly find the hand of God working all things for his good.*

*Read on and get involved in your international ministry.*

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### ***Miracle in Bacolod***

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On Christmas Day 2009 leaders from City Harvest Church were gathered at the Soleo Beach Resort, San Enrique, Negros Occidental. This is about 90 minutes from the city of Bacolod.

The plan was for a time of fellowship, sharing and celebrating the year and the company of one another. Alpha Grace Samillano, 5 years old, the daughter of leaders, Jun Jun and Maraon, was playing in the small kiddies pool and being supervised by her mother Maraon. After a little while, Maraon needed to go to the cottage some ten minutes away to get a towel. She was quite confident in leaving Alpha Grace to play, as there was a lifeguard in attendance. Maraon became distracted in the cottage and returned nearly an hour later.

When she returned, she found Alpha Grace had been recovered from the adult pool. Apparently she had fallen into the pool and was found lifeless on the floor of the pool, some 4-5 feet



*Alpha Grace Samillano*

(1.2-1.5m) underwater. She had water coming out of her ears, nose and mouth. Her stomach was full of water, her tongue swollen and she was blue. There was no heartbeat or pulse; she was not breathing.

#### **She had drowned.**

Someone began CPR on Alpha Grace and worked on her for about 30 minutes but to no avail.

Joe and Primrose Chavez, BMi Philippines leaders, took Alpha Grace to the hospital at Valladolid, about 10-15 minutes away.

In the car on the way to the hospital, Primrose prayed and prophesied life to her. Primrose felt she heard a cry from Alpha Grace and some movement.

Meanwhile back at the Beach Resort the others were praying, speaking life, and calling on the resurrection power of God for Alpha Grace.

At the hospital, the doctor checked Alpha Grace but there was

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no heart beat, no pulse and no breathing. The doctor told them it is hopeless; there was no hope for Alpha Grace. The situation did seem utterly hopeless but Primrose felt life was coming to Alpha Grace.

Primrose felt the Father asked her to anoint Alpha Grace with oil, anointing her feet and her chest near her heart. Everyone was still praying in tongues and declaring life at the hospital and back at the resort. The children were crying out to the Father asking for life for Alpha Grace.

She was taken to Bacolod in an ambulance and on the way she cried out in a loud voice and woke up.

### **She came back to life.**

The doctors in the emergency department of the hospital were of course astounded. She was admitted to hospital to undergo tests for two days. The brain, heart and lungs were checked and the doctors could find NO damage at all.

Remember Alpha Grace had been dead for more than one hour before she came back to life.

When Alpha Grace woke up the next day in the hospital she said somebody pushed her into the pool and she went to sleep. After that, Jesus came and put two balls of light into her left and right hands, which she called power. And then she saw her mother waking her up. Remember she is five years old.

On Sunday, 3 January, 2010 she was dancing and worshipping together with other children in City Harvest Church, Bacolod. God is good! The impact on the church has been huge to say the least.

This is an incredible demonstration of the power of God and the willingness of the people to put into practice the teaching from the Schools of Supernatural. The people decided to believe God for the restoration of life of Alpha Grace. They refused to allow death to prevail. This is our family in the Philippines and the testimony of our brothers and sisters; our tribe!

Please share this testimony and the news of the RESURRECTION of Alpha Grace Samillano.

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## **Great Britain**

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### **PASTOR DAVID ABBOTT**

We have spoken to David Abbott on the phone and he is finally home from hospital. He has had a difficult time finally being diagnosed with malaria after being ill for some time not knowing what was happening. He is resting and has the ok to travel to Australia as we are not prone to malaria here. The weather being much warmer than UK at the moment should help him recover. He has four days to rest after arriving on 6 Jan before ministry begins.

You can contact David whilst here in Australia by calling Steve or Maureen Milner on 03 54291465 or email them on [milner@hotrock.org.au](mailto:milner@hotrock.org.au)

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*John and Jenny Barnes*

### **HAITI**

I find the quake in Haiti really hard having been there myself only in November 2009. I feel so much for the innocent people who have lost everything. But I do feel that there are some significant things about it.

The Presidential Palace and the Roman Catholic Church were destroyed. The Palace was the symbol of cruel, evil dictatorship. It stood out like a beacon in the centre of the city. The Catholic Church, again a huge building in the centre of the city. The pastors there all told us that there was no difference between them and voodoo and witchcraft. I am not saying God sent the quake but in allowing it He destroyed two symbols of evil and now the people have the chance to make a new start.

The village church where I ministered in November 2009 came down in the earthquake and so also has the home of the elderly pastor and his wife whom I stayed with for three days. No lives lost from the church members there. But in Port-au-Prince at the church I have worked with, every church member who the pastor there has been able to contact has lost relatives and friends in the quake; some members still have not been traced.

The epicentre of the quake was just off the city centre and so took the centre with it. The epicentre was the opposite side of the city to where I stay hence the pastor was okay. But both trips I have preached in schools right in the epicentre so it is probably fairly certain that some children I preached to and who responded for salvation have been killed.

An amazing thing is that on my first visit in 2008 I ministered in schools on both sides of the city but last year I only went to schools right in the epicentre of the quake. God it seems was rescuing those children ready to receive them to himself now. What a fantastic thing that those schools let me make appeals for salvation and minister to each one who responded, but a sobering thought that some of those children could be in heaven now because of those meetings. Who am I that God would give me such a privilege and honour to be the one to give them their last hope?

The brother in Denver, USA that I go with to Haiti is the lead elder of a small Pentecostal church on the edge of Denver. As soon as civilian flights are restored, (at present only registered aid organisation workers are being allowed in) he plans to go down with volunteers from his church to help the churches there in any way they can and assess the situation for future help. He hopes to go at the latest by March but much earlier if possible.

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*David Abbott*

# East Africa

## **MAYANJI CHURCH**

After having begun a new building the church at Mayanji were informed their building was on the route of a proposed oil pipeline to Uganda. The church finalised land title and applied for compensation. Finally they have received a positive report.

Thank God for the Mayanja church, the pipeline company called me yesterday and told me that a cheque of Ksh. 986,000 (Approx. AUD \$15,000) was given as compensation and they will be in our place coming for the bank account. Pastor John and the members will be able to go ahead and remove the bricks from the old site so that they are able to start a new project.

## **BETHESDA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Bethesda Girls High School is a new venture for 2009 to provide girls education at secondary level. The school provides a good environment for learning and we trust the school will soon have the proposed new building ready for use. The girls learning here will greatly appreciate those who have prayed and supported the school.

The foundation is laid as you may see from the photographs and we are believing God for finances to complete the project.

The plan is to provide the ground floor of four classrooms first and then as funds are available to complete the second floor with another four classrooms.



*Construction work on Bethesda Girls High School*

## **HISTORY OF KHAWELI**

The Khaweli Church Centre is being built within the area of the Nzoia sugar company. The company has 1,200 employees and does hire temporary laborers; up to 600 workers who work as cane cutters.

The company has 950 hectares and we thank God for it is providing our people with employment.

The friends of the ministry together with the local members have been praying and contributing slowly towards this centre and we are trusting God and believing Him to bring many to stand with us.

On Saturday 5 December 2009, was our first community-wide fundraising day for Khaweli church.



*Khaweli Church under construction*

Help us here in BMi East Africa to overcome the spirit of poverty over the land and allow God to bring a new attitude of good will and generosity.

I appreciate those ones who have written and given me encouragement.

*Bishop Julius Wafula Macheusi*

## **AFRICA VISIT**

In November I was able to visit Bungoma for just a few days, but it was well worth while to spend time with my dear friend Bishop Julius. I was able to see both the above mentioned projects and am encouraged at the good progress being made. The highlights of this time were the meeting with the leadership of the Savings and Credit Cooperative (SACCO) to discuss the ongoing program of the group. There are now over 150 members of the cooperative and many are waiting on funds to be able to take out loans to begin various micro-financing projects. This is a great opportunity to invest in the long term future of this needy area of the world.

Secondly, met with the NLT for BMi East Africa at the church in Bungoma, West Kenya. What a privilege to spend time with these men of God and hear their heart for their people and nation.

In November - December this year a small team of 6-7 people from two of our Tasmanian churches plan to join me on a mission trip to some of our African churches.

*Peter Frogley*

# BMi missionary

We have recently credentialled our first home grown missionary. Sue Dare has been appointed as missionary at large for BMi through her local church, House of the Rock in Gisborne, Victoria.

Sue has had many years experience in missions, working for with Youth With A Mission; and since joining House of the Rock she has been involved with our missions in India. Sue says:

*My passions are teaching, motivating for missions and the pastoral care and encouragement of front line workers. I feel that God told me to do 4 main things this year - become an expert teacher in the foundations of the faith, study on the subject of healing, raise up an intercession team and find travel companions. I am presently undertaking all four, in varying degrees.*

Please pray for Sue as she feels her way into this important role.

*Peter Frogley*



# Fiji

Our dear brother Pastor John Dean of Suva, Fiji has had a very challenging time recently. Since the coup in Fiji life has become increasingly difficult for the Indian minority. As a result many of Pastor John's church have relocated to other nations and most of John's own family have moved to New Zealand. As the church was so small John made the difficult decision to close the church and move to New Zealand and perhaps begin anew in a new land.

However, it did not prove as simple as had been hoped. John's property (which was also the church) needed to be sold, but with the effects of the coup this did not happen. John had no income and living in New Zealand became financially prohibitive. His wife stayed in New Zealand whilst John returned to try to sell the property. This failed and the bank repossessed the property. When I communicated with John recently he was quite despondent and wrote:

*To be honest I thought you had all forgotten us. We still struggle very much and the property has been taken by bank because I can't sell*

*nor can I pay the mortgage repayment so all is lost. We are living in a shed now.*

*Church is just few people and now Fiji has been devastated by cyclone which has resulted in no water, no electricity and life is so hard.*

*Thanks for your prayers and concern and we still love the Lord.*

*With regards to all,*

*John Dean*

*Peter Frogley*

# Opportunities

## 1. East Africa

### REGULAR SUPPORT NEEDED

All of our national leaders, except Bishop Julius Macheusi in East Africa, are in receipt of regular support from Australia. We would like to encourage one of our churches in Australia to support our African leader on a regular basis. Contact Missions Office for details.

### BETHESDA SACCO

Bethesda Savings and Credit Society is providing opportunities to invest in the work of our churches and members in East Africa. Deposits are interest-bearing (currently at 6%), so investors can profit or choose to reinvest in the ministry in East Africa. This secure initiative is a new approach to supporting churches overseas and is highly recommended.

### VISITS

Opportunities exist in East Africa for short- to long-term mis-

sion visits. Our churches would benefit from a visit from an electronics/sound system whizz, building workers, dentists, doctors, nurses and assistants. Short term visits of up to 3 months would be ideal. Be a blessing to the growing church in East Africa.

## 2. India

Sponsors are needed for children and staff at Naioth Childrens Homes in Rajahmundry, and Sankarapurm India. Sponsorship

is available for these two Children's Homes for \$35 or \$20 per month.

### **3. Philippines**

Some of the needs in the Philippines churches are:

- build a multi-purpose church building on newly acquired land in Bacolod
- build a home for Joe and Primrose Chavez that is more suitable and appropriate for ministry

#### **VISITS**

Trips to the Philippines are in planning stages and new participants are welcome. Contact the BMi office for details.

## **Finances**

### **Overseas Support**

BMi International Office does not necessarily want all overseas giving to go through the office accounts. It is sometimes more convenient to make direct transfers or take cash when visiting. It is, however, helpful and indeed important for the BMi office to be informed of monies going to BMi locations. This helps ensure that your money goes to the right place and is not doubling up on someone else's giving.

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