



## India and Vanuatu

*We are coming up to our BMi Month of Prayer in April. It is a great opportunity to fill our hearts with the work of God in our BMi part of the Vineyard. It is so important for us all to set aside this month as part of the family—or tribe—called BMi. This is not to be exclusive but to give us a focus that we can manage as it is difficult to pray effectively for all the world.*

*Last issue we focussed on Philippine and East African mission fields and this time we look for emphasis on India and Vanuatu.*



*Top: Ps Tensley & Beverly Vira leaving their church in Luganville, Santo to pioneer new work in Port Villa, Efarte, Vanuatu's capital*



*Bottom: Windows installed in the church on West Ambae*

### Vanuatu

It was a real blessing to return to Vanuatu last year. Pastor Eston Hakwa has a progressive vision to plant churches throughout the islands of Vanuatu.

Vanuatu Christian Fellowship held their conference on the island of Malo not far from Luganville, the largest town on Santo, over the Christmas period. A direct result of this conference was to commission Pastor Tensley and Beverly Vira to leave Santo for Port Villa to plant and establish a new church. We are believing for additional support to enable them to establish a great and flourishing church there. Support can be directed to BMi Missions and tagged Port Villa support.

We are planning and looking forward to three pastors from Vanuatu coming for the June National Leadership Gathering in Coffs Harbour. They are very much looking forward to meeting their BMi family. The Mount Gambier church have recently provided a tractor and trailer for Ambae Village on the island of Ambae, which is Pastor Eston's home village. This equipment has been a great blessing and source of provision for the village and the island as they have been able to do much work around the island of Ambae leveling ground, carting sand and freight to the provision boats as well as slashing grass for the air strip.

Thanks to everyone who has put in effort and finance to see the people of Vanuatu blessed.

*Greg Phillips*

# India

In December 2009 a team of 15 people left House of the Rock Church to travel to India for 25 days. We went following Jesus' outrageous claim that everything on the planet was placed under His control; and His will for us, His call on our life was to Go: Mathew 25.

I'm not sure exactly why God would call people from a small country church when there are so many far more qualified and capable people who could do the job, maybe it's the availability/ability thing. But one thing I know, we have never been without God demonstrating His presence and power. The work we do stands as a tribute to His love for lost people.

We arrived in India to be greeted by the usual heat and smells and the usual smiling faces. We are always humbled by the way we are treated and the sacrifice that the locals make to see that we're comfortable.



*At a village medical clinic*

## **TIRUPATHI**

Our first stop was Tirupathi. Gali Gangaraju heads up the work there which involves ministry to local pastors and their wives, a prison ministry and a local church. It's great fun to spend time in this strongly Hindu city with that family as they touch the lives of pilgrims who stop at the church on the way to one of the many Hindu shrines and temples. Gali has set up a T.V. ministry from his home where they film and edit Christian programs for distribution in India and overseas. He takes great delight in putting international guests on his program.

I think the highlight for most of the team were the visits to the prison, especially the children's prison. We are given liberty by the guards to mix freely with the men, woman and the children prisoners and bring a message about Jesus. All hearts are broken as we share Jesus' love with them and sometimes even the guards have come forward to give their life to Christ.

## **SANKARAPURUM**

Next stop Sankarapurum. The team spent five days at Christ Special School in Tamil Nadu where we had the privilege of dedicating a new facility. Four years ago we were privileged to visit a struggling orphanage and school for crippled children in rented accommodation in this country village. The children lived in terrible conditions as the ageing founder struggled to provide an education as well as food and medical needs for 80 handicapped children. By God's grace and His miraculous provision have we been able to provide a new home and school

for these precious children and fulfil a dream for a wonderful lady Mrs Banu who has devoted her life to their care.

Finally the team visited a leper colony where food was distributed and a gospel message brought and the love of Jesus was shown in real terms to an outcast group of sick people.

## **RAJAHMUNDRY**

Last stop before leaving India is Naioth Children's Home Rajahmundry. This is where we started 14 years ago. We love bringing teams here to touch the lives of so many children. We busy ourselves doing craft activities with the children, playing plenty of cricket and just spending time with young souls, hungry for someone to see them as special. We also enjoy

going to the outlying villages preaching the gospel and running medical clinics for the poor and destitute. At these clinics villagers are given free medicines such as pain relief, multivitamins, minerals, iron tonics and wounds dressed. They are prayed for and the children are entertained with games and balloons.

## **TEAM EFFORT**

Jenny and I enjoy and rely upon the teams of people who come with us each year. We take people of all age groups. At the Children's home, Jack Curry and Nathan Glenister (both 16) cleared out a room then painted it and set it up to be used to teach welding and woodwork. Tash Ferroff and two other young girls on the team created a mural for the front wall and spent many hours playing games with the children and touching them with the love of Jesus. Their lives were also greatly impacted and they are all planning and saving for their next visit.

Rebecca Duerkop and Jenny Barnes shopped till they dropped buying new clothes for 172 children. It was a mammoth effort. Each child received a bag containing clothes, toys, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a comb, coconut oil, soap and hair ties



*The 2009-2010 India missions team from House of the Rock Church*

for the girls. Many of the gifts were brought from Australia thanks to donations from our friends and supporters.

All the children were given a medical check by the team of five nurses and then treated for minor skin disorders and head lice. Terry White Pharmacy in Sunbury donated worming tablets for all the children at Christ Special School and Naioth Children's Home.

It was a most successful trip thanks to a great team and generous support from so many people.

It's easy to look at those less fortunate and feel pity but God looks past that to those without salvation and shudders at the searing loss of His children for eternity... and so He draws whoever will go to be His hands and feet and voice to those who are perishing. God cares for all His children, no matter where they find themselves or in what state. He cares enough to take people out of their comfort zone and put them to work in desperately needy places. He cares enough to allow His own to give everything they have so that those who have nothing can have eternity with Him. He cares enough to send people to the uttermost parts of the Earth, and He equips them.

If you would like to join with us and touch the lives of those less fortunate in India, call Kim Curry on 03 54291 843.

*John & Jenny Barnes*

*This year we are hoping to bring Samuel's son Paul over to Australia for a one-year course at Hillsong Church. If anyone can help with accommodation while he is in Sydney could you please call us on 0428 262 039.*

## News



Pastor Andrew Waiblinger from the Underground in Adelaide is undertaking a sea change (whatever that means). In the past year or so Andrew has been exploring a sense of call he has had for many years to minister to youth in Germany, his home country.

Andrew has been in Germany for several months this year spying out the land and has bought an apartment in Berlin. On the 5 May this year he plans to move long term to Germany to develop the ministry. He will continue as a credentialled BMi pastor, so this will give us our first ministry in Europe. Please pray for Andrew and as you have time give him a call before he leaves on 0403 848 506.

*Peter Frogley*

## Africa

This is an up-to-date report from Kolongolo Bethesda Church which started in February 2009 in the pastor's house with a few family members. The Lord is using Pastor Joseph Wekesa in healing, deliverance and restoration gifts of miracles since then.

One lady of 35 years who has been bleeding for 3 years was prayed for and the blood stopped instantly.

A lady of 28 years called Violet Irusa had lived under demonic powers for 15 years and tied by parents on ropes as she could not talk but she is now well and talking.

Another lady aged 57 years called Mary Jaluo was suffering foot cancer and she had been recommended by doctors to have her legs cut off as the only solution. She was prayed for by pastor in August 2009 and tests show that she no longer has symptoms of cancer. God is great, she says.

Rose Nyongesa had a swollen stomach and twice undergone operations. Before going for a third operation the pastor prayed and her uterus and swollen kidney were healed. The doctor was shocked to confirm that she no longer has any swollen uterus and kidney.

Paul Khaemba had throat cancer. He was prayed for and he was healed. The doctor checked him and he was advised that no signs of cancer are any more in him.

Nicholas Juma was a heavy drinker and often unable to go back home for several days. He was prayed for and delivered. For four months now he has been reunited with his family and he's praising God.

Alice Wasike had fibroids and could not afford an operation. She was miraculously healed through prayer.

The congregation is increasing rapidly now numbering 120 adults plus youths and children.

*Bishop Julius Macheusi*



*Pastor Joseph addressing the congregation*

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# Opportunities

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## Leadership Gathering 2011

We would like to invite our international leaders to attend our Australian National Leaders Gathering in June 2011. We would also be having an International Leaders Gathering at that time. We have not had an International Leaders Gathering since 2008 and it will thus be a most important time. To facilitate this important event we need your support and we ask that you consider setting aside some finances to assist with the costs of staging this event.

## Africa

In November–December this year a small team from two of our Tasmanian churches plan to join Pastor Peter Frogley on a mission trip to some of our African churches. This is the first time more than three have visited BMi churches in Africa. There are still opportunities for others to join the team this year or a future team.

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