



DECEMBER 2009

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Diary Dates

Feb 20 NSW State Gathering

June 7-11 National Leadership Gathering

July 17 Tasmania State Gathering

Sept 18 Victoria State Gathering

Nov 20 SA State Gathering

CORNERSTONE FAMILY CHURCH, TASMANIA

Hello fellow believers from all at Cornerstone.

As a company of God's people it has been our particular pleasure to build stronger ties with fellow believers from other Christian groups in the GeorgeTown community. There is a deep sense of respect and camaraderie born out of our love for Jesus that has seen us renew our contribution to local community events such as the ANZAC service with following activities and the GeorgeTown on Show week, where we were invited to begin the week with a combined service and complete it with entries in the parade and the activities that followed. This was a great success.

As a company of churches we will be providing a kids club for the community beginning with a holiday program and ongoing meetings

throughout the coming year. I am reminded of the scripture that says "... where brethren dwell together in unity—there God commands the blessing". We are looking forward to seeing that blessing.

We are also looking forward to and preparing for some missions trips in 2010—Valerie to the Philippines; Christine, myself and Gwenda to Kenya and beyond. I forever give thanks for the love given so generously by my brothers and sisters in Cornerstone and those who encourage us from sister BMi churches in the Tamar area.

I am reminded afresh of this great scripture—1 John 4:18— "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." Let us be consumed again with His great love!

Pastor James Cloudsdale



Entry in George Town parade



Facepainting at George Town on Show

Got news?

Prayer points? Written something to share?

Send to info@bmi.org.au or post to 200 Florey Drive, Charnwood ACT 2615

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Three phrases that sum up Christmas are:

*Peace on Earth,
Goodwill to Men, and
Batteries not included.*

Q: What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A: It's Christmas, Eve

A NEW SEASON

Well by now, you are probably overwhelmed with Christmas cards and getting ready for the Season!

This is where we hear and see the words "Seasons Greetings" everywhere.

Over the last few months, I have experienced an unusual mandate from the Father. It is rather a long story but the short version is that after a period of fasting and prayer and the medical mission in the Philippines, the Father told me that I could declare new seasons wherever I went.

Now that sounds rather clinical and possibly arrogant but when I heard that, I sat down and cried. I was so overwhelmed by the responsibility of it. I have been so careful not to just declare because it worked last time. However, ever since that time I have spoken in quite few churches and with a number of individuals and each time I have declared a new season; a new day. There have been so many testimonies coming from people about what has happened from a simple declaration. I keep hearing people talk about a new season and I see prophetic words coming about the new season.

Can I encourage you as you see the words "Season Greetings" emblazoned everywhere to embrace a "NEW SEASON" for yourself, your family and your

church. There is an opportunity, if you wish, to receive a gift from the Father this Christmas, the gift of a new season.

We have this great and wonderful privilege of leading people into life. Helping people to discover their God-given dreams and the purpose for their existence on this planet. We have this awesome opportunity to release the power of Heaven that saves people, heals people and raises them up from their hopelessness. You have such an awesome calling that really does make a difference.

Let me remind you of a passage of scripture that has been constantly coming to me over the last 6 months. It's from Galatians 6:9: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

May I truly express the love of the National Leadership Team for your support, dedication and delight in serving the Father in bringing His Kingdom to this Earth. May you experience refreshing, encouragement and strengthening during this Christmas time. May you be on the receiving end of a new season.

This next year, 2010, will be a year of the release of fresh HOPE and the restoration of dreams and visions the Father has given.

Mark and Annette Crawford

AND SO SAY ALL OF US...

Few would know it of course to look at him... but on Saturday December 5 friends and family pulled off the biggest surprise for our National Leader, Mark Crawford: a party for his 50th birthday.

There were plenty of good things there of course... plenty of food... plenty of laughter... and plenty of stirring.

A friend from his "bobby" days in London shared some interesting stories of long ago and a variety of games involved everyone.

A good night was had by all.

Hugs and congratulations Mark... from all of your BMi family.



Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.

Attributed to a 7-year-old child

VENTURE TO CENTRAL ASIA

There is a wave of people that God is calling to minister to Muslims recently. God has given me a special love for the people of Central Asia. Nine years of working with families and single men (ex asylum seekers) in Launceston has given me a passion to serve further in their land. Millions of widows and orphans, many having a mental illness; fractured grieving families; and millions people on the move in and out of these countries all shows a huge gap of need that only God can fill. This will be a challenge for me.

Three weeks ago, I was accepted as a long term partner with Interserve, a Christian cross-cultural agency. I have been offered a position in an aid agency in Central Asia and hope to work with the team in community development there for the next three years. I hope to leave in March 2010.

I seek support in prayer and financial assistance from my BMi church fellowship in Australia. Mark Crawford, my ex-pastor (now the leader of BMi) from Tamar Valley Christian Church, Exeter prayed 12 years ago over me regarding a complete change of direction in my life. That has certainly taken place.

Would you prayerfully consider the above and if you would like to support me I will send you a monthly newsletter. Contact Nada Miller on imiller@lmrs.com.au

Maria Boersma

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

- The word 'Christmas' is Old English, a contraction of *Christ's Mass*.
- Germany made the first artificial Christmas trees. They were made of goose feathers and dyed green.
- Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.
- If you received all of the gifts in the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' you would receive 364 gifts.
- More diamonds are sold around Christmas than any other time of the year.

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