



Looking ahead to 2011

Our overseas BMi brethren continue on faithfully in their service for the Lord. I am always encouraged at the enthusiasm they bring to the world and particularly when I know the difficulties under which they serve the Lord.

I was privileged to spend a week with Bishop Julius Macheusi in April along with a friend from South Australia, who was particularly interested in the working of the Bethesda Savings and Credit Society. We also joined Pastors Hanna Fakhouri and Shepherd Takayidza for their Easter conference in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

In August I joined our BMi leader Mark Crawford in the Philippines to visit our churches there. It was a good opportunity to visit churches and pastors. We were privileged to be able to address gatherings of pastors and leaders as well as for me to conduct some teacher training sessions for both BMi and another local ministry.

Peter Frogley

BMi ILG in 2011

2011 sees our next International Leaders Gathering to be run concurrently with our annual National Leaders Gathering from 6–10 June 2011. This Gathering will again be at Opal Cove Resort in Coffs Harbour.

Our International Leaders will be contributing to our gathering which will make it a truly multi-national affair. Each of these men add another dimension to our understanding and appreciation of the scope and diversity of BMi.

Whilst we will be asking our International Leaders to make contribution toward costs there is still need for us to make the major contribution.

Our goal will be to bring these leaders to Australia and support them whilst here. If each church and ministry were to contribute approx. \$400 we would achieve our goal.

Your part in this

This brings great opportunity to each of our churches to buy into this exciting occasion. Pastors will have opportunity to get to know each of these men personally, in some cases for the first time. For churches there are two things we would like to encourage you to invest in:

1. HELP THEM BE HERE

Sponsor these men in coming to visit, through special events, special offerings or church investment.

2. HAVE THEM VISIT YOUR CHURCH

Invite at least one of these leaders to minister in your church prior to or following the Gathering. At this time we are not sure of the extent of their availability, but they have all expressed strong desire to get among the churches and to be able to share with the great people of BMi Australia. Don't miss this great opportunity. Please complete the form on the back page and forward your request and preferences to the BMi International Office ASAP.

Our special guests will be:



Pastor Joe Chavez, BMi leader in the Philippines (left)



Pastor Samuel Babu Merupu, BMi leader in India (right)



Pastor Eston Hakwa, BMi leader in Vanuatu (left)



Pastor Julius Macheusi, BMi leader in East Africa (right)

India

The work at Naioth orphanage in Rajahmundry is now going well after experiencing some challenges in the past year or so. Pastor John and Jenny Barnes who have faithfully taken annual teams to India are not planning a trip this year. However, Pastor Sue Dare, our first itinerant missionary, is on a mission team of three and reports on their visit to India.

Ministry opportunities, like past trips, are very varied as we visit three locations; Tiripati, Sankarapurum and Rajahmundry.

We are in Christ Special School in Sankarapurum. The new building has wonderful facilities and is a vast improvement for the children.

Saying farewell is a 3 hour social affair, which includes eating a bowl of ice-cream! At least it was in Tiripati as we said goodbye to Gali and his family. (What wonderful people and what a heart for God.)

We are becoming prosperous from the mountains of curries and rice we have been eating. Wonderful food, though curry for breakfast is a little strange. And Indian deserts!! Like biting into super concentrated pure sugar. Way too sweet.

That first half hour with the children and their infectious smiles is amazing. Warm little bodies eager to be close.

The idle time of the men standing around in the market brought to mind the parable Jesus told of the men hired from the market place.

Men and women of vision have done so much and have impacted so many. It's totally wrong for us Westerners to come in as experts. We have so much to learn from them.

Philippines

Greetings from Bacolod, Philippines. I have been very busy with studies but am pleased to be able to let everyone know that the churches in Philippines are doing well. Our training program, School of the Spirit, has been a great blessing to our leaders.

BMI churches on the island of Palawan have added another outreach church to our family of churches. BMI Negros is also doing well but it has been disappointing that two pastors have left after their support was discontinued.

The Kingdom Economic Development Group (KEDG) is well established here with our own team and our main concern as BMI leaders in the Philippines it to develop resource to help BMI pastors. I have recently begun developing a fish farming project with Tilapia; a local fish that grows quickly and is popularly used for food here in the Philippines.

Great Britain

David Abbott reports from various trips he has taken this year.

UGANDA

Thirty-seven years ago I first went to Africa and after twenty-two years gave up on my vision for children there. Salvation was limited to adults and it seemed an unmovable barrier. Last year I returned with a friend a resident missionary with the same vision in Uganda. We saw the hearts of the children and came home having seen God break the new ground successfully.

JAPAN

The annual Golden Week camp this year was for children and youth. About thirty attended which for a Christian meeting in Japan is a crowd. After different sessions different ones came and said "this is just what I needed".

BOLIVIA

I made my second visit to the orphanage here and this year they were ready, of the 36 boys all but two responded to be set free from different hurt, pain and rejection. The final message was forgiveness where we all knelt on the floor in an awesome presence of God forgiving those who had hurt them. It was a precious moment.

USA

In Sheridan, Indiana I celebrated my fortieth year in ministry. The children's worship crusade taught the children to stand for God and righteousness. One night the pastor asked the children to draw or write something to give me for my anniversary. A seven-year-old boy said he was looking forward to getting the Holy Spirit. The next day his whole family came and the boy came for prayer.

INDIA

For the last three years I have not felt that I should raise the issue of baptism, but this year God said go for it so I taught on it early in the visit and pastors told me that many of the 77 children of all ages came to them with tears of conviction that they must be baptised. We celebrated the baptisms with the annual feast meal, the children's treat that is a highlight for every child there.

Pastor David Abbott

Fiji

Despite several attempts we have been unable to contact Pastor John Dean in Fiji and we do ask that you remember him in your prayers.

Africa

Kenyans have been asked to vote on a new constitution. This May pastors convened a meeting in Bungoma to make some constructive resolutions for the upcoming constitutional proposals as follows:-

1. Putting Kadhi courts in the constitution is discriminatory.
2. Kadhi courts elevate Islam above other religions.
3. No religious courts should form part of the judiciary.

Conclusively we all resolved to say 'No' to the proposed constitution. We also made commitment to use any means available to move as fast as we can to mobilize and carry out civic education, thus sensitizing the people over the understanding/hidden agenda surrounding the constitutionalising Islam in Kenya!

Two days later, May 25th 2010, the press published the ruling of the national judges ruling categorically that Kadhi courts are illegal and unconstitutional! This gives us strength.

Germany

I finally feel I have something good to report but more so on a personal level. As you know I came to Germany to fulfill what God had put on my heart a number of years ago to 'minister to youth'. Because I lost Louise it became a complete relocation to start a new life. My personal preference would have been to stay in Australia because it's such a great place to live. But my greatest desire is to serve and please my Father in heaven and do his will for my life.

Last year I came to Berlin for two months and quickly became part of a large circle of friends from the youth group. The new friendships here were maintained easily through Facebook while I was back in Australia from the middle of November last year till early May this year. God used those five months to take me through some more painful changes as well as winding up my old life and ministry.

Returning to Berlin was then a welcoming experience. God is with me and finally I find my heart is healed.

In my church I am on the team that ministers at kids church on Sunday mornings and I have two people join me to establish 'The Underground Berlin' and work among young people in the band scene. Ministry is slowly developing.

Andrew Waiblinger

Bethesda SACCO

After just four years operation we read these encouraging reports of the effectiveness of this most important ministry.

CHRISTINE MACHEUSI

The U-turn in my life was brought about by joining Bethesda SACCO. I had desired to rear a cow but lacked finances. I joined Bethesda SACCO and saved Ksh. 2000/= (two thousand shillings per month for 1 year). I was given a loan of Ksh. 72,000 with which I bought a grade cow, which has now given birth twice. I have paid off the loan from sales of milk and continue to save monthly. Looking forward to a bigger loan to buy a second and third cow and process yoghurt.



MILDRED WANYAMA

Bethesda SACCO has provided me a chance to run an independent business. It has created and helped me to create success that I wanted to my own level. Besides business, Bethesda SACCO has given me school fees for my child. Through after sell service has enabled me to learn basic business skills which are very simple but if used with efforts and consistency has helped me to make profit. The school fees loan was a solution to endless stressful nights. My advice is to urge members of Bethesda Ministry to join SACCO.



KIMILILI CHURCH

Bethesda SACCO programme has made an impact in the operation and management of my church. I am delighted to inform you that Bethesda SACCO has enabled us to erect a church. This has not only improved liquidity problem in my church but has also created positive attitude in the leadership and entire block.

I can now make a 5-year strategic plan knowing that I will be getting financial facilities from Bethesda SACCO. As a church, we intend to complete and furnish this church without begging.



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Response Slip

Yes! I/We want to be a part of the International Leaders time in Australia in 2011.

Name:

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I offer \$ _____ to assist in travel and accommodations:

Cheque enclosed (made out to Bethesda Ministries International)

Please charge my credit card (Visa/MC **only**):

Name on card:

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Bank deposit to "Bethesda Ministries International"
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Please include the reference "ILG 2011" with your deposit, and send an e-mail notification to info@bmi.org.au for our records.

We would like to have _____ or _____ visit our church to minister:

Prior to the Leaders Gathering (weekend June 4th)

Following the Leaders Gathering (June 12)

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