

HeartBeat

Gisborne transformation



Before



After

Well we were very excited and rather tired when we had

the BMI Vic State gathering at the beginning of November.

The gathering was held at our new church premises at 247 Station Road New Gisborne, where we are now permanently meeting after renting for 15 years. 'Sowing for the future' was the theme and it was good for all to see what the Lord had done and rejoice with us. He gave us a very old building and it has now been transformed (over the last 9 months) into a most suitable home for House of the Rock Church. It is definitely like we have settled into a new permanent home.

Our hearts have been enriched by the blessing of much help from the Goelst family from Tasmania and the many tradespeople they have brought to help. This wonderful family of six have stayed with us since March in their big red bus and have worked solidly to bring about this transformation.

BMI friends from the Open Door in Cheltenham and also Mt Gambier joined

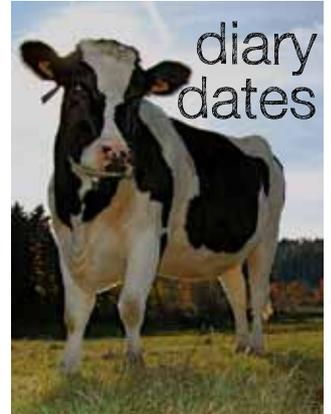
with the Gisborne locals for a memorable time of encouragement, fellowship and dedicating the church building for God's purposes.

We had an excellent time together sharing about where BMI is placed, both in Australia and internationally. 'Outreach' and 'Caring for the flock' were good and challenging messages from Hanna and Kevin.

It was a special surprise to see Ray and Rebecca Jeffries make their way from the other side of Melbourne and join us for the day. People may not know that Ray and Rebecca were John and my first pastors when we got saved in 1985 — and they have kept their eye upon us ever since. Ray and Rebecca were grateful to be prayed for and loved being part of the day.

Thanks to all who have contributed time, finances and prayer to this project. We give glory to God and trust He will continue to use us for his purposes.

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19–23 Jan 2015

'The Church' Summer School, Gisborne Vic

1–5 June 2015

National Leaders Gathering, Grindelwald Tas



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The Believers Position in Christ

Sermon extracts from a message preached in the villages of Muyayi and Lutaso in Kenya by Bishop Julius Wafula Macheusi



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus... Eph 1:1-2

We are rooted, grounded in Christ Jesus. God appointed Paul to be an apostle not according to man's will, but by God's will.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph 3:16-19

In Paul's prayer for the Ephesians we see that we are rooted, the whole family in heaven and on earth, which

is the church. The church is God's family, so it takes God's name.

Thank God we are not moved by some challenges away from the hope of the



gospel we heard. His supremacy is great. Let us examine ourselves — can others see Christ in our church? In each one of us, is Christ with His head cut off, running here and there and soon to die?

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:12

Christ has called us to fullness of life in Him (Eph 2:6-23). Walk and work in Him, get rooted and built up in him.

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Heb 6:10 KJV

My people have forgotten me, days without number... Jer 2:32

God is not unrighteous to forget. The people who forget are unrighteous. Forgetting is unrighteous! To forget means to fail to acknowledge — to fail to remember what God is doing for you and what God has done in your life. To forget even what other people have done for you (and through them you are what you are) is a sin before God.

Remember those who forget.

Bishop Julius Wafula Macheusi, BMI Kenya East Africa

Women Offload Campaign

For a long time Congolese women have suffered carrying heavy loads on their heads and backs.

This has made many of them fall sick, get health complications and a good number have died as a consequence of carrying these heavy loads.

In helping them offload some of this load, the Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD) started a programme that helps in the distribution of new and strong bicycles to vulnerable women, widows and rape victims.

The **Women Offload Campaign** has been launched to raise funds and

support this cause. One bicycle costs USD120 and the campaign's target is to get 100 bicycles to distribute before Christmas, as a special Christmas gift to these women. There are five target villages: Luvungi, Lubarika, Sange, Kiliba and Mutarule.

Bicycles are like gold in Uvira District — they are valued so much. A bicycle helps them a lot in day to day activities like carrying harvest from their farms, carrying water from the river, and even as an ambulance, transporting sick children to hospital or distributing birthing kits.



We shall be very grateful to receive your kind gift.

Dr Luc Mulimbalimba, DR Congo

To donate to the Women Offload Campaign, please contact the BMI office at info@bmi.org.au.

Bethesda Medical Centres, DRC

In September 2014 Peter Frogley travelled to DR Congo to visit Dr Luc Mulimbalimba and open medical centres in Luvungi and Kinshasa. Here is his report.



The music for the ceremony began about 10:30am and continued until the official ceremony commenced around midday with over 2,500 people in attendance. I spoke and opened the facility as Bethesda Medical Centre and welcomed the work and people to BMi. This was followed by a prolonged presentation ceremony in which I received two gifts, and Luc and his wife Delice many (including goats, chickens and the promise of other animals). It was quite a godly and moving event.

The journey is often as amusing as the final destination — for the 60km from Uvira to Luvungi Luc and I were given a police escort, with eight officers on the back of a ute. We stopped frequently at various villages along the way, with people on the roadside welcoming their local MP

and the policemen surrounding him whenever he got out. I stayed in the car!

The main hospital at Luvungi has been purpose-built with Luc's financial support and is around six buildings of reasonable standard on approximately 20 acres. The land

extends down to a large creek and is lovely picturesque country.

The centre focuses on pregnancy, birthing and children's issues and the staff and patients seem good and appreciative. Beds and other equipment had been sourced from Australia.

We then proceeded down the hill to the creek, where I opened the micro power station. It is essentially a three-metre water wheel with a generator attached, designed to power the hospital and 500-1000 homes in the village. The water levels were not yet organised to allow it to function, but we trust it will be ready soon.

We returned to Uvira with our police escort before retiring in the hotel — a powerful and godly day.

One week later I was in Kinshasa to open the medical centre there. It was a large house with several rooms for wards and consultations, etc. There are many potential patient enquiries already coming in. While I was there Luc was awaiting medical supplies in order to commence operations but

I understand it has now opened to the public (see Luc's message at the left).

We are very happy to welcome Luc, Delice and their children into the BMi family. Watch this space for your opportunity to join the next trip to Africa!



I am very happy to inform you that the Bethesda Medical centre in Kinshasa is now operational.

I bought medicine, laboratory equipment and materials and we put them in. The community and our church members are very happy to have the health centre in the area because it's the only one. We received so many people when we opened and more are coming each day. Thank you very much for your prayers — we really appreciate them.

Dr Luc Mulimbalimba



Peter Frogley

the CHURCH

BMi SUMMER SCHOOL 19–23 JAN 2015 GISBORNE VIC

We live in a day of historical ignorance.

Christian men and women rejoice in the liberty and benefits of Christian culture, but largely deny the truth of Christ's church and the doctrines that inspired and facilitated the very freedom, beauty and benefits they now enjoy. In this context the focus of the 2015 BMi summer school is 'the church'.

We will explore theological, historical and practical aspects of the church. In the process we will be exploring how the church reveals God to us and thus what a church that pleases God might look like. The summer school will offer insights from God's Word on the church — its past, its present and its victorious future.

The BMi summer school is a chance to devote four days to the exploration and study of God with other like-minded people.

The summer school has an open enrolment policy. It is ideal for pastors and also for any serious Christian wanting a better understanding of the faith. The NLT and the equipping ministries team are excited about the program and encourage all BMi pastors and leaders to attend.

Online registration is available at www.bmi.org.au/summerschool, and if you require additional hard copy brochures please contact the BMi office.

Dates	Monday 19 to Friday 23 January 2015
Venue	House of the Rock Church 247 Station Rd, New Gisborne, Vic
Cost	\$220 (includes meals except breakfast)
Earlybird	Earlybird rate of \$190 if paid in full by Friday 12 December 2014 — save \$30
Accommodation	Various billet and hotel accommodation options are available (please see the registration form for more details)
More info	Phone the BMi office on (02) 6259 3946 or email info@bmi.org.au

Program

Monday 19 January

Introduction and outline	<i>Peter Frogley</i>
The church as the body of Christ	<i>Peter Frogley</i>
The church, Israel and the great commission	<i>Chris Whiting</i>
Changes in the church in the last 50 years	<i>Peter Vacca</i>

Tuesday 20 January

The church as the bride of Christ	<i>Peter Frogley</i>
Turning points in church history	<i>Phil Oster</i>
The church as family	<i>Hanna Fakhouri</i>
Concerning persecution and martyrdom	<i>Nigel O'Reilly</i>
The church and state	<i>Chris Whiting</i>

Wednesday 21 January

The church as ministers of Christ's sacraments	<i>Phil Oster</i>
The church as ministers of forgiveness	<i>Nigel O'Reilly</i>
Church discipline	<i>John Barnes</i>
The difference between a church and a cult	<i>Chris Whiting</i>
Healing when churches abuse	<i>Kevin Donohue</i>

Thursday 22 January

The role of the pastor	<i>Kevin Donohue</i>
Church discipline and the role of elders	<i>Hanna Fakhouri</i>
Women in ministry	<i>Christine Cloudsdale</i>
Women in the church	<i>John and Jenny Barnes</i>

Friday 23 January

The church, prayer and God's grace	<i>Peter Vacca</i>
Sola Scriptura vs tradition when reading the Bible	<i>Chris Whiting</i>

Earlybird registrations are closing very soon — register now at www.bmi.org.au/summerschool

Profile

Pastor Lynden Russell
Scottsdale, Tasmania



Name	Lynden Arthur Russell
Age	37
Occupation/s	Pastor, Hilltop Christian Church Director, North East Rivers Festival Chaplain, Bridport Primary School and Ringarooma Primary School
Marital status	Single
Family	Father Arthur is deceased Mother Sherie is a full time grandmother in Bridport Four sisters: Deborah, Sharryn, Kim and Michelle (my identical twin sister)
Top three values	1. Being yourself at all times 2. Echoing Jesus (being Jesus to others) 3. Showing young people they can have fun without any substance abuse
Most important childhood lesson	Always do what your parents say
Favourite hobbies	Hiking, watersports, anything action
Favourite food	A baked/roast dinner
In ten years I will be	Ten years older, in the north east of Tassie, loving people
Most memorable moment	Winning the Derby River Derby
Most embarrassing moment	Once I had a meal with a family from church and I was drinking some milo and had to cough. I couldn't hold it back and I spat milo over all the table and in everyone's food. There was also the time I went to a political function with my fly undone.
Favourite place in the world	North East Tasmania
Biggest role model	Jesus
Favourite season	Spring to summer
Fascinating fact	I don't really like chocolate
If I had three wishes	1. For the North East to be saved 2. For Hawthorn to win three AFL premierships in a row 3. To step out of the religious mould and only have two wishes

Philippines 2015

Each year (for many years) the Tasmanians have been taking teams of people to minister with Joe and Primrose Chavez in Bacolod in the Philippines.

But in April 2015 a slightly different demographic is making the trip. A small group of young people from Ginninderra Christian Church in Canberra will be travelling to Bacolod to take part in the MPFG (Mission Possible for Future Generations) Youth Camp. The team are grateful to have the experience of Kevin Donohue in attendance, and are looking forward to a cultural and mission experience that blesses both visitors and hosts alike.

The comparative ease with which people (particularly young people) are able to travel overseas in our modern world is an incredible privilege, and we look forward to seeing many more exciting opportunities for those in Australia to link up with our brethren overseas.



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