



2009 Year in Review

Each year at Christmas, I have a friend in Australia who sends me a calendar. This year's calendar is entitled "The Rhythm of Life" and it includes quotes from the Bible. It is good name for a calendar as I think back over this last year and the rhythm of life at MBMSI.

Sewing & Reaping

January's calendar quote is Psalm 126:5 "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy." As I read the words of this psalm, my soul weeps for there truly is much toil in the season of sewing. We often labour in faith and in the promise of the joy that we or others will one day reap. We have been laying new foundations to strengthen our ability to serve in world missions. This last year we saw 18 new missionary candidates complete our Missionary Training Institute (MTI). These workers will be travelling to least reached countries in Europe, Africa and Asia to share the gospel. Would you join me in prayer that there will be much joy and rejoicing as the workers go into the harvest fields of missions.

Three Hats

I often speak of wearing three hats or having three different roles within MBMSI. As I contemplate some of my weariness as the year closed, I see it as all being part of the long and steady investments we are making and the growth we are experiencing.

Information Technology (I.T.)

This last year I celebrate the strengthening of our internal system both in software and hardware as we support a growing agency. I.T. success often means people have nothing bad to say. Systems are up and running. People have access to the information they need when they need it. We have been blessed with some incredible people who make it possible for us to support an organization as complex as MBMSI.

Operations

Each year I think that we cannot change as much as we did in the previous year, and yet growth and process improvement bring a natural evolution and more change. The Lord has truly been answering our prayers as new people join us in mission. Again, I am blessed to lead a team of gifted and dedicated workers with hearts to serve in mission. We are constantly building and meeting new challenges. Our new charitable registration, rebuilding of internal systems, and staff restructuring are just a few examples. The Lord is sustaining us for I can truly say it is by His strength alone that we prevail. As Nehemiah prayed as he rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem, please pray that God will continue to strengthen our hands.

Communications

This last year our focus in communications has been giving glory to God in all that we do. I hope we have been able to share with people how great is our God. I have truly enjoyed leading our communications team. The team has grown stronger. We have been able to share in words, pictures, music and video some of the miraculous work God has done around the world. If you have not been to our www.mbmsiVideo.com or www.mbmsiPhoto.com websites, I highly recommend spending just a few minutes to see glimpse of God's glory. If you want to be inspired weekly, subscribe to the stories of prayer and transformation at www.mbmsi.org/subscribe. It will change your year. Please pray that people will see the Glory of God as we share some of His stories in mission.

The Least Reached

MBMSI is all about holistic church planting that transforms communities among the least reached. In this last year, our teams of missionaries have reported hundreds of people being baptized and thousands of people being disciplined among the least reached. It is not about numbers, but it is important to know that there is reaping and many individuals are having their lives transformed by Jesus. One person at a time, we share the glory of God. New believers come together to form churches that can have a sustaining impact in a region where people do not know Christ. Communities are being transformed. Please pray that there will be many songs of joy and much reaping in the coming year.

Teamwork

At MBMSI, we plant churches in teams. We know the importance of being part of a team. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 reminds us of the benefits of working together. This last year, I have been so thankful for the team that I serve with on leadership, and the teams I serve with in all three of my roles. I am thankful for all of you who support our family as we serve in Abbotsford. Without the work of the team, none of this would have been possible.

It takes a team to plant a church. We are all part of that team.

In closing, I want to thank you for joining with us in prayer this last year. Time and time again, I know it has been your prayers that have blessed and sustained us. Your prayers help support the work of this ministry. Thank you for all of your support that makes this all possible.

In Christ,
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