



Year in Review: 2010

As a leadership team at MBMSI, we all follow a daily devotional reading plan which guides us through the complete Old Testament and New Testament in one year. I highly recommend the daily discipline of being in God's word. I love that fact, that as a team, we are able to reflection upon the scriptures together. Even today as I am in Abbotsford and Randy Friesen (our General Director) travels in Peru, I know that we are reading the same scriptures. It builds a connection as we pray for one another, whether we are apart or together.

As I look back upon this last year, there has been so much to praise God for each day as we celebrate all that He has done in global mission. Here are just a few highlights:

### **Celebrating the Church**

- MB Church's around the world celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. MBMSI was granted favour in many of these celebration gatherings and we were able to tell stories of mission from the past and present as we called new generations to a missional vision for the future.
- On December 17<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated as 16 new missionaries graduated from MTE (Missionary Training Equipping). God is calling workers to go into the mission fields. These new missionaries will be serving in church planting teams in Europe, Asia and Latin America.
- At our October Asia Retreat and Consultation (ASRAC) in Phuket Thailand, we heard some incredible reports from our mission teams as the gospel is being shared and people are being baptized. God is at work as new churches are being planted among the least reached people groups around the globe.

### **Celebrating Team**

- There is a saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go in team." I am so glad that, as a mission, we focus on church planting in team. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 reminds us of how important it is to have team. Again and again we see teams able to triumph where individuals can often fail. We have new teams mobilizing for France/N.Africa and N.India and N.Thailand. It has been an exciting year in mobilization.
- In November, Larry Neufeld joined our leadership team (serving Mobilization & Media) and he has already made an impact. I am so grateful for this Godly man, who has responded in risk-taking obedience, to move his family to Abbotsford and join MBMSI. We have prayed for a long time for God to call someone into this leadership role.
- After 6 years with MBMSI (3 years full-time and 3 years part-time), Carlin Wienhauer will complete his service with our leadership team at the end of 2010. As Carlin wrote in his letter, "*Wonder, gratitude, grace have filled our days with MBMSI.*" Carlin has been a foundational part of our team and is an amazing source of inspiration for all of us. I truly celebrate the faithful walk of this incredible man of God. I will miss him.



### **Celebrating Prayer**

- Over the last while, I have been studying 1 John. It is filled with such clear statements of truth surrounding the gospel and the Trinity. As it says in 1 John 4:13, *“By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit.”* We celebrate that it is not by the might of man that we accomplish mission, but by the power of Trinity – God the Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit. Alone, we can accomplish nothing for we do not have the wisdom or the strength. Carlin often reminded me that prayer is the work on the ministry. By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, we present our requests to the Lord. He is so faithful each and every day.
- With Larry Neufeld’s arrival, I will be completing an interim term of leading the MBMSI communications team. It has been a time of much joy as we sought to bring praise and glory to God. My personal highlights of this last year would be the Witness magazine issue that focused on prayer as well as the presentations we created for Celebration 2010 held in Surrey, BC in July. The Shine On DVD series was also an amazing opportunity to spread God’s glory to the nations. I thank God for the privilege of serving with this wonderful team.

### **Prayer Request**

As we enter into a new year, 2011, my hope is that we will walk with faith and that we will be ready and equipped for “every good work” (Titus 3:1-8) that we will do for His service. Please join me in this prayer.

On a final note, **MBMS International** will be simplifying our name to **MB Mission**. The formal announcements will begin in January 2011 and will take about 3-4 months to complete.



This rebranding exercise has been a very long and careful process for our communications team, and we are excited about the opportunity to share more of what God has been doing, as we move forward.

As the year draws to a close, I want to thank everyone for their support of this ministry with MBMSI to which I and my family have been called. Words do not express the gratitude in my heart for each one of you who joins in building God’s kingdom. Your investment into things eternal are truly treasured gifts.

In Christ,  
J.P.

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