



HeartBeat

India Visit

In October Peter Frogley visited India to build relationships with pastors and attend a conference. Here is his report.

After a long journey of over thirty hours I arrived at Rajahmundry airport to be met by Samuel Babu and the BMi India National Leadership Team.



Samuel and Peter

In addition to the Naioth Orphanage (which is a ministry of HOT Rock Church in Gisborne, Victoria), there are presently eight village member churches in BMi India and there were a further seven pastors at our conference who are working with Samuel and are interested in BMi.

I spent some time both with Samuel and the pastors discussing the vision and function of BMi, as well as considering the best way for BMi to be structured with the growing opposition to Christianity in the nation of India.

We held a full day conference involving pastors, spouses and a number of invited guest pastors and wives, numbering almost thirty people. The various gatherings were very well received and a great sense of unity and purpose amongst pastors is growing under Samuel's leadership.

Sunday saw us visit Stephen Sirra's church in the settlement, where the service was conducted under a cover on the street with many children present.

I left Rajahmundry with a sense of well-being for the churches and with pastors in good heart and positive expectation for their future.

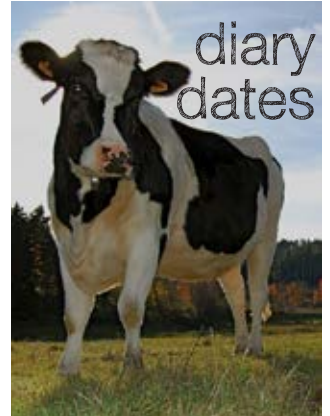


BMi India National Leadership Team

Peter Frogley



Pastors' conference



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Three Questions

John Nardusso from SouthernLife Church in Moruya reports on the recent Philippines trip.

In September Marty Woodward and I had the privilege of travelling to the Philippines to visit Joe & Primrose Chavez. We travelled with Peter Frogley and Peter Vacca — this in itself was a real treat to spend time with these two icons of BMi.

Neither Marty nor I had any experience travelling overseas so it was reassuring to do our first trip with the two Peters. Our reason for visiting the Philippines was to see where our money had been going and get a

firsthand idea of what else might need to be done. I always have three questions when someone asks if I would travel overseas with them — Is it hot, does it smell and do they speak English? Up until this point I had not left the shores of Oz.

Joe and Primrose were great hosts, spending most of their days and evenings showing us around Bacolod. We visited a number of the slum areas where they

have mission outposts. As somewhat expected, this was an affront to all sensors. Going back to my air-conditioned room in the evenings my thoughts were too much to hold in my head, so for the first time I had to write things down — first in a note book, then in long emails to my wife.

They have a formula for saving souls that is so simple. Primrose and some of the ladies will visit a new slum area (crammed on a three-wheeled motor bike taxi at substantial risk to their own wellbeing). They then gather up the children with permission and

teach them things from the Bible. The parents come along and people get converted and then they have to transport them into City Harvest Church (CHC) Bacolod. Sometimes they build a church and always send workers out to continue the ministry in that area.

Joe in the meantime ministers to the other

pastors by playing basketball and drinking coffee. He has befriended several pastors from other churches who met with us and are very keen to join the BMi movement. Joe was officially appointed the Apostle to the Philippines at the Sunday night service. This was a real privilege to witness.

The above is an over-simplification of both their roles but it is so refreshing to see things done so simply without all the workplace safety procedures, and pomp and ceremony. They are tireless workers for the kingdom.

We were also involved in planning meetings to assist them with starting up and sustaining a small business that will allow the CHC to have a sustainable income for the future. This is an ongoing project for Marty and hopefully will allow the church to become self-sufficient in the future.

I am planning to take my wife and two other couples back in February



Business meeting at Starbucks



Slum area

2016 to undertake some projects for Joe and hopefully this will become an annual event.

The small bus the Chavez family use as their main mode of transport desperately needs replacing. It is a ten-seater that they used to transport us around as well as airport transfers. They use it regularly to transport twenty young people to and from the main church. Southern Life Moruya will be contributing a significant amount when a suitable second hand vehicle is found. If you wish to help financially with this project please contact Peter Frogley.

In closing it was **hot**... but it was so exciting I did not notice it. It did **smell**... especially in the slums, but weighed up against having to live in these conditions, it was nothing. And their **English** was pretty good — they probably had a harder time understanding me. Both Marty and I have come away feeling like we have made lifelong friends with Joe & Primrose and a number of others we spent time with and we can't wait to get back there.

John Nardusso

'They do so much with so little and we do so little with so much!'

— Marty Woodward



Joe and Primrose

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