

Bronwyn Bultman shares some of the highlights from the recent Vision 100 Leaders Conference:

WE PLANT CHURCHES

"Vision 100 is a wake-up call. A reality check" said David Jones, speaking on the topic 'Why We Should Plant Churches'.

To reach even 10% of the population of Hobart, 100 new churches (of approximately 200 new Christians) would need to be started. The vision, which was born in a congregational prayer meeting in Hobart, has since spread to the rest of Tasmania.

In his address to the leaders of Vision 100 David Jones challenged everyone that Vision 100 is primarily a call to prayer. "It is a reality that the rate of conversion has slowed down to a trickle. Is that because we've stopped praying? Are we giving ourselves to prayer?"



In addition to prayer, gospel unity is crucial: "If we are to see the vision realised we need to work very hard at building gospel unity"

David Jones reminded the leaders of four key reasons to keep the vision alive:

- Because Heaven commands it
- Hell demands it
- Love compels it
- The world cries out for it

To address the topic from another angle, Mikey Lynch spoke on the topic 'Why we shouldn't plant churches'. Far from being a discouragement, Mikey acknowledged some

of the issues of disappointment, disillusionment and difficulty we face and in addressing many of the negatives was able to encourage us to keep going: "It still needs to be done. There is no plan B"

Mikey spoke about getting over the hype and getting on with it. He addressed the tough decision to plant when there are existing churches crying out for help. He spoke about how we can make concrete plans to work towards planting when it's just not possible yet.

And when it comes to evaluating success Mikey encouraged us to take the long view. It may feel like we haven't been seeing much growth, but looking at the statistics from local Reformed and Presbyterian churches and AFES over the last 10 years, each group has grown overall by around 60%.

Vision 100 is a long term vision. Mikey encouraged leaders to stay in it for the long haul and reminded us all to keep at it; in prayer, evangelism, investing in leaders and learning from mistakes.

The Vision 100 leaders conference was a great reminder of the urgency of planting churches. And it was a great encouragement to persevere despite the challenges.

From the moment I walked in and saw, emblazoned across the backdrop: "We plant churches" I was reminded of just what it is we're all about. I feel privileged to be a part of it.

Bronwyn Bultman

USA TRIP

I went to the USA in late July to mid August this in my role with The Geneva Push (thegenevpush.com), the national church planting network with which Vision 100 is affiliated. I was joined on the trip by two Geneva assessed planters: Dan Godden, who is planning to start an independent church in Wollongong next year and Richard Wilson, who has planted a Presbyterian church in Melbourne.

During the trip we visited Redeemer Presbyterian Church (New York), Capitol Hill Baptist Church and the 9 Marks Ministries team (Washington DC), Perimeter Presbyterian Church church planting staff (Atlanta) and Mars Hill Church staff (Seattle).



Mikey Lynch and other attendees at the Redeemer City to City workshops

The purpose of the trip was to:

- Attend the Redeemer City to City (redeemercitytocity.com) two day 'Gospel in the City' workshop and their four day 'Train the Trainer; course - how to coach church planters.
- Seek to build really strong relationships between Geneva and American church planting networks, so that we can co-operate well.

The discussions were very constructive and Geneva will continue to work together with 9 Marks Ministries and Redeemer City to City in the coming months. We received many valuable resources and lots of stimulating ideas.

Geneva was affirmed in our conviction that doing church planter assessment and coaching really well was the most important priority. Geneva will continue to focus on making these as good as they can possibly be.

We were also encouraged to think ahead in building a vibrant network here in Australia. The idea of 'cohorts' or 'cadres' where church planters meet together to pray for and train each other is something that we will adopt in 2012.

Mikey Lynch

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

FUND:	PLEGGED:	AMOUNT RAISED:
Nick Bultman	\$ 25,000.00	\$
Uni Fellowship	\$ 5,000.00	\$
Vanguard	\$ 9,000.00	\$2,990.00
General donations:		\$19,157.75
TOTALS:	\$ 39,000.00	\$22,147.75



This past year through your generosity we received a total of \$22,147.75 in donations. We have been able to support Nick Bultman working for Crossroads to serve their house church network and lay the foundations for church planting in Glenorchy.

We have continued to support the University Fellowship of Christians. In addition to the \$5,000 pledge given, a collection was taken at the Challenge Conference for Mikey Lynch as MTS Coordinator which amounted to \$773.40.

Our Vanguard fundraising drive raised \$2,990 towards employing Rachel Lambert who has been a great help in easing some of the administrative burden and working towards further fundraising.

In 2011 we invested a total of \$39,773.40 towards gospel ministry in Tasmania. May God bless the work.

THE BEST NEWS

Jamie & Claire and Ryan (14), Mel (16) and little Xavier (1) - the Besters - have all been affected by the gospel of grace this year. Jamie and Ryan were baptised in early July, and Claire and Xavier in late July having been saved in the previous weeks. Mel has since been saved also and will be baptised on the 18th December!

Let's rejoice with their new church family, One Way as they share how God has worked in their lives this year.

Ryan: What got you interested in Jesus?

I was thinking about Church and Christ a bit and I knew that there was more to life. I was lucky because I was living in a house we rented from a Christian man called Steve. I had a few questions so I went over to Steve's woodwork shed next door and just started asking.

I was going through a lot at home with my Dad & My Step mum Claire and I knew that I needed help, and Steve was the only one I felt like talking to about everything. Now I don't just talk to Steve about everything, but also to God.

God helped me through the hard times and gave me good the whole way, which I am thankful for.

Jamie: How have you changed?

The first words that come to mind are stable, consistent, reliable, controlled, directed, motivated and process driven. I am building a solid foundation for my whole family to stand on.

If you asked me this question before I would have said self destructive, scattered, lost, hollow, worldly, confused and reactive driven and I was THE reason my family had no foundation or stability.

I have been continuously changing every day into someone I like since turning to Christ! I carried a massive amount of baggage around for so many years (all my life) but now it doesn't feel so heavy. My life is really improving.

The more time I spend reading, studying and living Gods words the more I feel like God is helping me.

I remember a morning walking down the driveway on my way to work and I could not wipe the smile off my face. I had a difficult day ahead but I felt incredibly strong to face the day with pure joy! I looked up and thanked God for starting the transformational process.

Life on earth is tough and will continue to be but it's not as tough now and I always have someone to talk to who listens and always wants to help. My friends and some Christians would never have seen me coming to Christ which for me is a great sign.

I now think that if I can come to Christ and my life can change so much then there is hope for every single person and I have my eyes wide open.

Claire: How will what's happened to you affect Xavier?

Xavier's life has already been so affected by what has happened to me and to our family. It can only get better from here!

The entire direction and perspective on my life has changed which is giving Xavier a simpler more wholesome and generous existence. Christianity too has totally changed our lifestyle which has had a massive affect on Xavier.

Our family is no longer so self-centred. There is much more interaction, much less stress and a whole lot more fun, which is really all that matters to Xavier right now.

In the long run, it is such an awesome feeling knowing that Xavier will be raised in a Christian family, surrounded by a loving, supportive extended family in Christ. To know Jesus from his earliest memories and to feel the wonderful security that comes from a relationship with Christ is such an amazing blessing. What a lucky boy he is!

As a parent I can't think of anything more I could want for my child than a meaningful relationship with our creator and eternal life.

Mel: Why do you want to be baptised?

As a new Christian, walking into Church and looking around me, I find myself frequently surrounded by beautiful, honest, incredible people.

The first time I went to church, I was strangely intimidated by everyone how beautiful they were. But as time has gone on, these people have become my family and surrounded me in a loving, caring environment, the one place where I am truly accepted, and able to share how I feel about God.

I want to be baptised because I feel that I am ready at this point to leave behind the sinful life I will admit I was leading previously to my Christianity. I truly want to accept Christ into my life and recognise the fact that Jesus died an incredibly painful death so that I, and everyone else, may live eternal life, if we recognise his death, for our life.

And finally, I love the concept that no matter what our ethnic background, our financial quality of life, or our family situation, we are all baptised into the one Spirit, and as we are dunked into the - often cold - ocean, we make a crystal clear statement that we've been washed of all of our sins and brought to a new life of dedication to God.

And does little Xavier like to say anything?...

AMEN!

(Xavier always backs me up when I appeal to our church to get some encouragement in their Amens!)

Graham Sayer

HELP WANTED:

We are looking for someone who is organised, good with words and willing to volunteer some of their time to be the new editor of the Vision 100 newsletter next year. Contact secretary@vision100.org for more information.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

FOCUS

The FOCUS year has ended well. Very well attended Friday Night FOCUS and a great week-long mission with MTS apprentice April Chivers at the helm.

Luke Hansard
<http://www.focustas.org>

CROSSROADS

Crossroads Pressie has been continuing to pursue the 'normal Christian life' in our Sunday afternoon Classic service and Sunday morning House services.

We're also commitment to changing things round so that our ministry will, God willing, be most fruitful. As part of this, we wound down our Tuesday evening 'Toilet Block Tuesday' service in the middle of the year.

The other services have been blessed by having the university students join back in and we look forward to future uni ministry involvement. Bernard is now responsible for training up people for various ministry roles, helping us concretely work towards our church goals, and equipping our ministry teams.

We also have some exciting plans coming up next year. Our House services will be coming together each Sunday for teaching, and then meeting separately during the week to build community, have biblical reflection and do mission together.

And at the end of the year we are hoping to plant a new church in Glenorchy! We plan these things with fear and trembling but also with the confidence of knowing that it is God at work in us for his good purpose.

Fiona Lockett
<http://www.crossroadshobart.org>

CORNERSTONE AND SOUL CHURCH

Can you believe it has been ten years since Cornerstone Church first started meeting at the Campbell Street

Primary School? We thank God for His care and faithful watch over this part of His church.

In that time there have been three changes in venue and two churches planted: Mt Stuart and more recently Soul church (18 months ago).

We are excited to have Luke Isham join Soul Church as "assistant to the minister". It is great to have the lost sheep return to the flock and this man really knows how to travel the long way around. From Crossroads to Cornerstone, Ridley College, a Priest at St Georges and now ... Soul Church - a big welcome to Luke, Amy and Evangeline!

The ordination of two new elders in Paul Hutchens and R'jaye Rojas was a vital step in establishing the leadership and direction of the church.

As a church, we have tried to strengthen the nets, to build a stronger gospel community within our congregation in readiness to plant another church in 2013.

Building community at Cornerstone has always been a challenge, partly because of the wide geographical range of people coming from north, south and east of the river.

The Women's ministry has been gaining momentum this year through Women's Winter Festival and the 'Mary & Elizabeth' evenings.

Sadly we say farewell to the Muggeridge family who are going to Denver, Colorado for 3 years (Rocky mountain high!). Raf has been an elder at Cornerstone for 10 years and the whole family will be sorely missed.

Social and political issues have been a big focus this year, particularly same-sex 'marriage'. Campbell's presentations at public debates and forums have involved the whole church. We have been challenged to work hard at understanding God's intentions for marriage, and strengthen our own resolve to make our marriages strong and God honouring.

Next year we plan to continue to support Heinz and Jane Maarseveen in their work with Muslims in London, Naomi Warwick in Asia, Aaron Johnstone and Luke Hansard in their university ministries. Humanly speaking our budget will be stretched yet again and we know that God will provide if we are pointing our toes in the right direction.

Campbell Markham
<http://www.cornerstonehobart.org>
<http://www.soulchurch.com.au>

SUMMERLEAS

This year we have been working away at 2 big goals for our Gospel Communities (GCs).

The first goal has been to see our GCs grow in their family expression. GCs consist of people aged from 0 - 85 (our eldest). Up until this year, however, they have been largely focused on adults.

In 2011 we have encouraged our GCs to meet at times and in ways that allow for all community members to participate and that encourage all adult members to live out their roles as spiritual brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, grandparents etc.

Our second goal has been to grow in 'communal mission'. So often our missionary efforts are done in isolation but we want our people to try and reach out to others in community. This has finally started to happen. A number of our GCs have run S.U.S courses and one of these has resulted in a baptism!

Others have started to work at the community Garden together. All of our GCs have had a go at serving at the FOCUS ministry at UTAS, whilst others have been proactive in inviting friends and contacts into their GCs for Rugby World Cup sessions, Gingerbread house type things, and regular shared meals etc.

We still have a long way to go, but the initial signs are very encouraging.

Dave Lynch
Vision 100 Newsletter December 2011 |

<http://summerleaschurch.org>

BAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bay Christian is going through a time of transition with Brian Vaatstra leaving and Josh Swarts coming in January next year. We continue to meet at the Salvation Army Centre Blackmans Bay at 4:00pm.

This year we launched BayKids, promoting it as an outreach Sunday School, but will need to rethink this, as there has been little take-up from the community. We also recast our small group meeting around discussing Sunday's sermon, prayer and the mission, which has led to better focus.

Next year we will build on this by reaching out more intentionally to our non-Christian contacts .

Brian Vaatstra
<http://www.baychristianchurch.org>

MT STUART PRESBYTERIAN

The Mt Stuart congregation has settled comfortably into a new venue at the Mount Stuart Primary School. As well as our regular weekly meetings we have a play group for parents and toddlers, a refugee support group and a men's ministry.

We aim to connect with the community through these ministries. You can keep up to date with what's going on at Mt Stuart and listen to the latest talks through our website mspc.org.au

David Jones
<http://www.mspc.org.au>

THE BRANCH

Where to start? God is good. Our new pastor Karl Deenick is a great encouragement. His first preaching series on Leviticus has been well-received by the congregation and he has done well to get to know many of us through our growth group network.

Julz Dykman (minister in training) and his wife Mel will head off to 2 years full time Bible college at the RTC starting next year with a view to

explore church planting upon their return.

Ben Vandervelde is working hard at the Adopt-a-Block initiative in the surrounding streets of our church building in Kings Meadows. Some good contacts have been made and we continue to pray for Ben as he seeks to make relationships with people so as to share the gospel with them.

Quite a number of our members are involved in going overseas as missionaries into such areas as India, Southern Sudan, and various other 'closed' countries. Please pray for us as a church to continue to be a caring, gospel-focused, evangelistic community.

Nathan Hill
<http://www.thebranch.org.au>

THE CROWDED HOUSE TASMANIA

Our church here in the North has been learning some very salient lessons about what it means to be a gospel witness to a post-Christian society, where less than 70% of the population have any intention of "going to church", be they Christian or non-Christian. Bringing the average Aussie within earshot of the message and life of the gospel, is the challenge we face week by week.

To this end our Gospel Communities have been studying to grow as groups of believers living out the reality of what it means to demonstrate the life and love of Christ as a family of families in their neighbours.

Learning what it takes to shift from individual witnessing to collective testimony, where our relationship with, and support of, each other are the keys to sharing our faith.

A special challenge before us these past months is what it means to be a truly generous church or community. And more to the point, what such a demonstration will cost each of us in time, energy and resources. These have been valuable lessons.

Brian Wilson
<http://www.thecrowdedhouse.org>

CHRISTIAN REFORMED

CHURCH OF KINGSTON

Kingston Reformed has had a pretty big year all told, with quite a bit happening. A large part of the year has been spent making plans for the future, which we hope to 'launch' in February 2012.

One key element of these plans includes gradually moving our evening service towards becoming its own, independent church, with all the new opportunities but also challenges that presents.

We also held our first 'in-house' church camp, 'Keeping it in the Family', where for five consecutive weeks we held services, seminars and mid-week Bible studies on the topic of families, church, and how they fit together.

And overlaying all of this has been the normal life of the church: visiting the sick, reaching out to the lost, spurring each other on to greater godliness, praying, serving our community, and all the other things that inevitably go into a year of life lived together.

Please pray for us that we would continue to grow in love for Jesus and one another as we strive to live out the implications of the gospel in our part of the world.

Des Smith
<http://www.crckingston.org>

REDEEMER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Redeemer Christian Church has just celebrated two years of public meetings.

When we started we had a total of 30 people attending, we are currently at about 80 people. This has been slow and steady growth. There has been a great sense of community where we help each other, doing everyday life together.

We are still running our signature event - a free sausage sizzle for the athletes during a Quadrathlon in

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September. Some of the comments to us have been, "It is so great to have you guys out here in the community with us". "Thanks for coming out to serve us". We have had ongoing conversations with some of the local stall-holders.

The ladies of Redeemer ran a Gingerbread House event where 50 people gathered, having a good night of fun, finishing off with a testimony from one of the ladies.

In the coming year we are hoping to have an MTS apprentice, Isaac Lee come on board to help. This is conditional to his house in Launceston selling, please pray! There has been a few promising openings in Cygnet, we are praying about how to best start a small house fellowship as we test how the Lord might open a door.

We currently have four non-believers attending regularly, pray for them as they mingle in our community, that they would see the light of Christ in

us and that He would draw them to faith.

Mick Elliott
<http://www.redeemercc.org.au>

UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS

I decided to live as a Christian on November 14th last year. I came to this decision because of a number of experiences I had during my time in Tasmania.

These experiences included attending SUS course, FOCUS and Citywide Gathering. Both SUS and FOCUS were very helpful in understanding the gospel and how it applied to my life. Citywide Gathering gave me an opportunity to experience friendship with Christians, during this time I really appreciated the warm-heartedness and neighbourly love toward me. Since returning home as a Christian

my experience is different, because I have been asked for help by strangers more than before. Now after experiencing Jesus' love I have been inspired to show this love to others by helping anyone who asks me. This has been one of the most exciting things for me since becoming a Christian.

I found being a Christian in Japan more difficult than in Australia in terms of how uncommon Christianity is in Japan. Also, I have found difficult to interact with other Japanese Christians because there are much fewer social gathering and activities. This has made it hard for me to form strong bonds among Christian people in Japan. But still I am grateful to be a Christian.

Rina Minoura - Former Japanese exchange student
<http://www.ufcutas.org>

CHALLENGE CONFERENCE 2011

Are you interested in church leadership? Are you interested because you are called to do it? Or because it's an indoor job with no heavy lifting?

This year's conference at Camp Clayton was challenging in two ways: it challenged you to think about full time ministry at the same time as challenging you to examine your own motives.

Andrew Cameron, Moore College lecturer and guest speaker at the conference, helped us to look inside ourselves to find our "Inner Ninja". He showed us how to move stealthily yet subversively at work; strategically blending in to the crowd at times and standing firm and pulling out the nunchuks at other times.

Is desire bad? How should I act at work? Should I leave my workplace to get away from its corrupting influence? Andrew tackled these tricky ethical questions and others by firmly placing the fulcrum of each issue in Jesus.

Andrew is uniquely qualified to speak on ethics, having written a very thick book on ethics and Christianity: *Joined up Life: A Christian Account of How Ethics Works*. (He reassures us that the only reason the book is so thick is that it has lots of thin bits in it.)

Guest speaker Des Smith, of the Reformed Church of Kingston, plunged into the book of Philemon to show us

how Paul's request that a slave be freed teaches us that spiritual slavery is so much worse than any physical slavery. The question of "Should I go into Ministry? Or should I stay?", becomes, "How can I turn slaves into brothers for eternity?"

While it may be tempting to follow your friends into MTS traineeship and leave behind your annoying workmates and a job you don't like, full time ministry should be taken very seriously. You need to want to do it, you need to be able to do it, and you need the gift.

The clear message was that ministry can be very good if done for the right reasons, and very bad if done for the wrong ones. The weekend provided an opportunity to reflect on our own motives and consider these questions.

But it wasn't all deep theology and C.S. Lewis references, there was a spit roast pig on offer and a dedicated barista.

The big announcement this year was that because of the raging success of this Challenge Conference, next year there will be two separate conferences.

Will Longbottom

ABOUT THE VISION 100 IT TEAM

The Vision 100 IT evolved out of the Crossroads Church IT Team in 2006. The team is currently:

- Christian De Kievit
- Mikey Lynch
- Alan Reader
- Jonno Haines

We provide a whole range of IT services for churches and other ministries in the Vision 100 Network. These services include:

- websites
- mailing lists
- podcasts

The ministries we currently serve are:

- vision100.org - Vision 100 Resources
- crossroadshobart.org - Crossroads Presbyterian Church
- cornerstonehobart.org - Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
- summerleaschurch.org - Summerleas Christian Church
- soulchurch.com.au - Soul Presbyterian Church
- focustas.org - FOCUS
- ufcutas.org - University Fellowship of Christians
- twbcsouth.org - Tasmanian Women's Bible Convention
- onewaymargate.org - One Way Christian Church
- godvsevil.org - Uni Fellowship Mission Event Site 2012

We are always willing to help out more churches in the Vision 100 Network, or provide new services to existing 'clients'.

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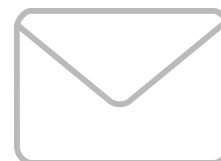
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FAREWELL BRONWYN BULTMAN

Bronwyn Bultman has been our Publications Officer for the past two years. She has edited, produced and designed the Vision 100 newsletters during this time.

Bron will be sad to leave the role. She has really enjoyed being part of the Vision 100 committee.

With two small children at home and a church plant on the way, she has decided to focus on her responsibilities at home and supporting Nick as they seek to reach Glenorchy with the gospel.

We thank God for the ways Bron has been able to serve our network and we pray for Nick and Bron as they plan and prepare to plant a church in Glenorchy.

Coming up in early 2012:

The Preachers' Workshop - Feb 5th 1:30-3:00pm
Christian Reformed Church of Kingston

MTS Shopfront - 15th Mar 10:00am-4:00pm
Ross Bakery Stables

The Spiritual Life of the Leader - Apr 5th
Organised by The Geneva Push
More details TBA