

## Pastors Report 2011

As I write this report, I'm reminded that life is all too short, as another year disappears under the looming shadow of the coming Christmas holidays. Yet I am so grateful to God for His wonderful provision in Jesus Christ and His presence in the Holy Spirit.

While this year certainly has gone fast, much has happened in the life of Devonport Baptist, for which, we ought to give God the praise.

- The Baptism of Elaine Woods, Michelle Reardon, Jennifer Kurwood, Charlotte & Ben Campbell.
- The many who have specifically responded to God's call upon their lives to, step out in faith, pray more, discover God's gifting for their lives, follow Jesus as Lord, renew their walk with God, seek healing and find healing and be willing to serve and give, as God directs.
- The continued improvement and upkeep of the LifeWay complex.
  - One year on and the new office block is fantastic, speaking with Denise and pastor Roger, they both agree. The "Lounge", in the office building, is also well used and appreciated by both church and community groups alike.
  - The old toilets have been renovated and greatly improved.
  - The renovated kitchen and pantry, look a million dollars, is now up to standard and has enabled us to hire our facilities with the usage of the kitchen.
  - The vestry area has also been renovated with a new kitchenette, carpet, heating and the addition of a restroom with specialty access.
  - The continued improvement of access to the West and Main Halls via a glass atrium as planned

I would like to personally thank Nigel and his team of merry men, for their skill and the countless hours of work that have made these renovations possible and affordable, thank you.

- .The willingness of our church to talk about and look into what it means to be a multi congregational church.
- The opportunity for Devonport Baptist to touch the lives of orphaned and needy children in Kitwe, Zambia, through the ReHoCH program and a mission trip to help build the first of six homes.
- The opportunity to support and share in the ministry of ONA Network with Frank & Meg Magupa in Tanzania through one of their annual eye camps.

- The leading of God as we call a Youth pastor.
- The chance to work alongside other churches, through prayer, supporting and resourcing.

I am also so very thankful and grateful for all those who willingly serve God through ministries and activities of Devonport Baptist. Without your service to God, we would not be the body of Christ within Devonport, which makes up Devonport Baptist.

Lastly and as a matter for prayer, since the closure of Chat N Choose last year, we have been approached by Devonport Council to look into what could be done, with their support, to get Chat N Choose running again. Please be in prayer regarding this ministry, which gave us an amazing opportunity to connect with our local community and the continued discussions with the Devonport Council.

I pray that God will continue to guide, encourage and bless Devonport Baptist as we Discover, Become Like and Communicate Jesus.

In His service

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