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Self Sustainability**



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Neville's Update

For me, it seems that most of this year has been one doctor's appointment after another or one hospital admittance followed by yet another, whether planned or unexpected. Three weeks ago I went in for another cystoscopy and came out with good news. Following the previous 3-week stint of hospital treatment, the prostate tumour in the bladder has gone and my bladder cancer had not returned so we were all grateful for that! My PSA levels are 1.5 - meaning there's still some cancer about, in the lymph nodes actually. Hormone shots and more follow-ups expected but, at the time of writing, I don't have to go to a doctor for 8 weeks. Bliss! Thank the Lord.

I will have to leave our Norwegian conference coverage to others; from my point of view it was a disaster. I started to bleed on the flight to Norway, then as soon as we arrived I was put into hospital, endured a cystoscopy and had a catheter put in, which stayed in place for most of my time there. While in hospital, I was put into an isolation ward by myself. They must have thought that I had Ebola or something else contagious; it was excruciatingly boring. I could not eat anything and my only human contact was when a nurse came in wearing bright yellow proactive attire, just to change my catheter!

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However, I managed to get to the last one and a half days of the conference, catheter and all. I missed our International Board meeting and most of the fun. Lill missed it too as she was caring for me, but she will make up for it over the next few weeks; she has returned to Norway for a Jubilee reunion and some meetings. Ian attended the whole conference because Alayne (our DMI-Japan Chairperson) was participating and he was able to go with her. The part of the conference I was eventually able to attend was great and my thanks go to all who worked so hard putting it together. Our next one will be in Kenya-2020, which I do hope I will make it to.



There are lots of things happening for the rest of the year for which I am grateful to be around to experience; weddings, a new grandchild due, speaking engagements, fundraising activities, travels when I am able, special meetings, special birthdays, new web page development and sales and promotion days. In fact I get tired thinking about it all. This is one of my issues, so please join me in prayer for energy and a measure of good health. Pray too for our fabulous team of workers and associates who actually do all the work - I just go along for the ride.

Thank you all again for your continued support and interest



God Bless, Neville & Lill

7th International DMI Conference - Norway



Although many delegates from African countries had their Visa refused, a significant number of country leaders were successful. In the Fredtun school gymnasium, international delegates from 23 countries recounted their unique in-Country experiences, how God is working in their communities and it was a delight to see folk from around the world encourage one another. At each session, several interpreters translated in various countries'



sign with the voiced message spoken in English as usual.

Pastor Josephat from Kenya was the Keynote Speaker. He provided reassuring messages focusing on the breadth and depth of God the Father's love for His sons and daughters.

In total there were 160 delegates, 30 of whom were supported. They were treated to beautiful surroundings,



Never too young to attend a DMI conference

plentiful food and fresh mountain air during a trek in the countryside. An excursion up the nearby fjord provided an opportunity for a boat ride half-way through the conference time. Daylight remained until well past 11:00pm, with it staying fairly light right throughout the night!

Kenya

The school received a very welcome, practical donation of 85 quality mattresses and blankets from an Indian family, who had recently visited the school. The progress on the 2-storey education centre has slowed due to the huge increase in the cost of building supplies. Staple foods have doubled and tripled in price, creating hardship for many. The provisions at our school have sustained the students, when added to the produce grown on site.



beneficial in assisting the faculty and staff to understand and see the bigger picture of the bible. Not only did it help improve knowledge, but DMI presented it in a way to make it easier to understand God's word. The training was received enthusiastically, providing great results.

Regulatory authorities insist that our school strengthen their accounting knowledge; they hope to employ an accounts person in the near future.



Studying accounting

Philippines

Davao

As the students enjoyed their school break, DMI board member Julieta Tupas-Uy visited with her son, Ps. Stephen John Uy, to conduct the '*Walk Through the Bible*' training. It was

Ligao

A group visited the work in Visayas to be inspired by the success of the organic farming projects undertaken there. From production to processing, marketing and selling the produce and meat products, which will one day be self-sustainability ventures they can copy in their own community.

Reroofing repairs near completion while the kitchen upgrade is still in progress. A volunteer teacher of dressmaking, encourages girls who will have the opportunity of on-the-job training at a local dressmaking shop.

Visayas

Dr Douglas Clutton, with his wife Valerie, continues to mentor farm workers as they develop and improve the quality of a large variety of fresh, local and sustainable goods for sale. As already mentioned, it is hoped that this model will be adopted by some of the deaf entering the workforce in Ligao.

Check out the sustainability projects run by these deaf folk at:
www.naturallynegros.weebly.com

Uganda



Father Heart Workshop

The news coming in from Uganda is increasingly positive; the spirit of teamwork is acknowledged by the Director,

Samuel Begumisa. Successful national youth camp, overseas visitors, the ‘Father Heart’ in-service workshops, student graduations, increase of fellowship numbers, servants meetings, pastoral visits to Mbale Secondary School where guidance and counselling was offered.



Lira - Jeff Weston with Sam interpreting

One of the Ugandan leadership has been accepted on to the 9-member Council of the Ugandan Sign Language Bible Translation Network.

Ps Richard Opwonya was able to visit Kampala following a ‘professional’ referral and check-up of his eye, which was previously damaged through shoddy surgery. Sadly, it was confirmed that the sight is completely gone. Strengthening the sight in the other eye is the only option left, for which two suitable pairs of glasses will be required.

Ps Jeff Weston led a small group from Tasmania, Australia to DMI-Uganda. The team was taken to the start-up school in Lira where students presented their work. Ps Jeff also ministered at the Immanuel Church for the Deaf Sunday service along with other pastors visiting from DR Congo and Burundi.



Left: Interim Pastors



Below: Worship Interpreters

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Myanmar



These are new entrants requiring sponsorship. Smiles will appear on their faces very soon, once they make new friends and learn sign language at the 'happy place' (Muir) school.

DMI-Myanmar Director, Pa Lian, has a final read through the 'proofs' before the Myanmar Sign Language book goes into print. Compilation of this book has taken quite some years when considering different dialects and the completion of artwork.



Members of the Berwick Church of Christ Missions Group have provided funding to enable two Filipino teachers to visit Australia. Come and meet them at this Fundraising evening where they will share some interesting facts about school life in Ligao. They will attend other local activities and a training program during their visit to South Eastern Victoria.

DMI & ELEVEN88 Unite Family Fun Night Fundraiser



Sat 16 Sept 2017 - 6.30pm

Berwick Church of Christ
432-446 Centre Rd, Berwick Vic

BYO Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks.

Entry by donation

To book a table call - Lauren: 0400556737 or Chris: 0400591670

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Prayer and Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for answer to prayer as Neville receives the positive report that no new tumours could be seen at his last examination

Give thanks for God's comfort and guidance enabling Neville's outlook to remain positive; taking each day sensibly by honouring his body's needs

Pray for continued provision for the parents of the triplets born in the DR Congo, comprising two boys and a girl

Safe travels for Lill in Norway; joy-filled meetings and fresh interest in the work of DMI

Pray for safety for the leaders, congregations and especially the newly baptised in Syria, Upper Egypt, DR Congo & Rwanda

Pray for additional strength and endurance for the Ugandan Bible School headmistress, Joyce Mubiru, as she contends with illness and hospital visits

Praise God for the leadership in Uganda; for their strength of character and constant witness to the local community via youth camps and various activities



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