



Dear GGC friends,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers since last I wrote. That newsletter was written from Myanmar where exciting things continue to happen with our gospel partners there. Jill and I will be travelling back in June-July.

## Laying the foundation

The last few months have seen me laying the foundation of GGC. I have focussed on:

- **Learning** by talking with agency leaders, reading and immersing myself in the missions world
- **Speaking** about GGC at missions events and to agency leaders and church pastors
- **Earning trust** by meeting with agency leaders for them to get to know me and be able to recommend me to churches
- **Resourcing** myself by discovering and assessing the myriads of websites, articles, books and videos that could be useful to churches
- **Structuring** GGC as an organisation so that it is relevant, attractive, legal and sustainable



It's been a fascinating and stretching experience for me personally, but hopefully by God's grace it's one that results in a ministry that serves God's church and ultimately sees disciples being made of people from all tribes and nations. A good foundation for GGC will enable it in the future to become more than just my own ministry, but a network of like-minded pastors serving churches.

One essential ingredient mentioned above is me meeting with and earning the trust of mission agency leaders. Just because GGC exists doesn't mean pastors or churches will either know or bother with it. The main promotion of GGC at this stage will occur as agency leaders are confident to recommend me to help them with their missions involvement.

**Please pray that GGC's foundation be laid well in order that it be an ongoing useful instrument in God's hands.**

## GGC Team

To help me lay the foundation and build on it, four very able and experienced people have joined me on the GGC team. They share the GGC vision and will give me advice, direction and wisdom. We will meet for the first time as a group in the next few weeks. As individuals they have already been helpful to me in thinking about GGC. They are Bruce Dipple, Tim Roediger, John Menzies and Mark Fairhurst. All bring different skills and backgrounds to the task.

**Please pray that the Board's first meeting be encouraging and effective in setting a good foundation for GGC, and that we all get on well with each other!**

## Coming up

I've been asked to conduct seminars at two mission conferences coming up in July and September.

They are

the *Missions Interlink National Conference* and  
the *Sydney Missionary and Bible College's Centenary Conference*.

It is a privilege to be involved.

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I have also been asked to conduct a weeklong missions consultation with a church on the north coast sometime in the near future.

On a wider front,

the *ReachOut missions conference*,  
the *Bible Soap Opera project* and  
*Missions Interlink state committee*

are all worthwhile endeavours I am involved in.



Along with our Myanmar partnership they keep me well occupied.

**Please pray that these conferences and activities will be effective in the service of the gospel and that I do my part well in contributing to them.**

## Website

The new-look *GGC website* is up and running. It contains basic but essential information about GGC. Take a look and forward it on to others. And thanks Geoff!



## One great danger!

Finally, one thing I would earnestly ask you to pray for - that I myself grow in passion, skills and involvement in God's global mission. A great danger for me is that I become more consumed with establishing GGC than actually consumed with God and the salvation He has brought to our world through the Lord Jesus.

**Please pray that I grow in passion, skills and involvement in God's global mission.**

**Thank you again** for your interest and your prayers.

**Please pray that our glorious God, seen in the face of our Lord Jesus, be made known to our world, through churches passionately committed to making disciples of all peoples.**

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