



It has almost been two months since my last prayer letter. During that time a lot of ministry has happened, but let me update you on four major events:

#1 2006 Malaysia GYI Forum



Thirty one leaders... 22 different countries... six continents. What fun and what a great time together! These leaders came from around the globe for our GYI meetings.

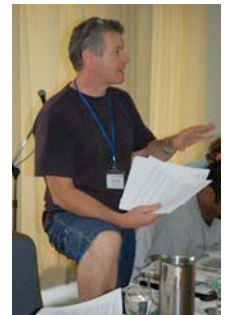
Perhaps the easiest way for me to share this event is to let you hear what some of the leaders wrote about our time together:

“This has been my first time at GYI and as an **Aussie** it has been a great experience for me. My spirit has been lifted as I have heard stories about what God is doing around the world. I am spurred on to hold up Jesus as our model for life and ministry, and to be bold about the Great Commission. Thank you for making GYI possible.” Neale

“This GYI has been powerful and inspiring—God is really using this event to focus a new generation of leaders on the priority of disciple-making. I am leaving with new energy and tools for our work in **Eastern Europe**. Thank you for your investment in GYI.” Dave

“I wish you could have been here to hear the stories of God’s working among the youth of the globe. As a national leader of Campus Crusade **Australia**, I know the strategic significance of gathering younger and older leaders together to stimulate, encourage, mentor, inspire, laugh and cry with each other. Isolation is reduced, encouragement and faith refreshed as they connect. Thanks for you prayers and support.” Bill

“We love GYI because we so value this gathering of youth leaders from around the world. We greatly benefit from the interaction, encouragement and the spurring on to fulfill the calling God has put on our hearts to reach and train the youth of **Africa**. Thanks so much.” Gary and Sharon



“The dream of seeing God build a movement of disciple-making in **England** often seems overwhelming. But the tools, encouragement, and insight I received this past week has made that dream seem possible.” Kyle

“Developing leaders for disciple-making has been in the hearts of our team in the **Philippines**. GYI has tremendously encouraged us and given us great ideas of what we need to do to see our vision become reality. Those in GYI have been very supportive and full of wisdom in helping us experience Christ’s strategy in the Philippines. Thank you for making GYI happen.” Randolph



As we met, we discussed written papers which you can download from our web site at www.globalyouthinitiative.com under the 'articles' section, These meetings proved to be extremely beneficial for everyone involved. **Again I thank you as partner in GYI for helping to make this happen.**

#2 Asia Pacific Healthy Church Conference



Over eighty leaders... nine different countries... all Asian. What a joy! They came from Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Nepal, Myanmar, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam and Hong Kong. This was our disciple-making conference hosted in Malaysia by Sonlife SE Asia.

With a real passion for worship, and a renewed passion for disciple-making: these leaders spent three days interacting around God's Word, sharing life experiences, and enjoying one another as "iron sharpens iron". Andrew and his team in Singapore, did a great job of hosting this event... as I

know people will be added to God's Kingdom in the years to come... because of his efforts.

A special joy at this conference was the translation of our training material into Mandarin and a special training track for the Chinese speaking leaders. At the end of the conference I was presented with a copy of a Mandarin Harmony of the Gospels and our training manuals translated into both Chinese and Thai.

#3 Thailand training

Over 100 leaders in Thailand were exposed to the new translation of the GHC manual into the Thai language. Conducting this training for the first time in Thailand, Don Roscoe and Andrew Tay traveled to both KHON KAEN and then CHIANG MAI in the far Northwest. The reception was extremely well received and requests have been received for additional training locations next year.



#4 Middle East Training

Over 55 Arab leaders and 10 missionaries from five countries in the Middle East met for our newly translated Arabic "Growing A Healthy Church" manual. This was defined as a "historic gathering of leaders from the Middle East". Jon Schuerholz, one of our trainers, provided the translation and funding for these men to meet together. It was a special privilege for me to see this material reaching into the heart of the war-torn Middle East.

Prayer requests:

Web-based training initiated...

This last week, six of us met for two days at the Sonlife campus to frame out our new twelve module web-based training. We hope to have a prototype ready by as early as May. **Please keep praying for this as I continue to write** and as Mike Meyers of the GHC team continue to coordinate all the technical details. **Please pray with me for \$75,000 of funding** which will be needed to develop a web-site and back-door access for global leaders outside of America.

New manual written and being designed...

Immediately when I returned from Asia, I locked myself in my office for four days and wrote our new manual entitled "Disciple-Making... How Christ Built a Movement of Multiplying Disciples". As I am writing this prayer letter...the graphic designer is hard at work putting the graphics to the manual... and then it goes to the printers to be used in Asia, Bangkok and Australia in May and June. **Please keep this project in your prayers** as much needs to happen yet to get it totally ready... graphics, power-point, printing, shipping etc.

On the Lighter Side

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

This guy wanted a boat more than anything. His wife kept refusing, but he bought one anyway.

"I'll tell you what," he told her. "In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?"

Being a good sport, she accepted.

When her husband went to the dock for his maiden voyage, this is the name he saw painted on the side: "For Sale."

These are actual excuse notes from parents excusing their children from missing school (includes original spelling):

~ My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.

~ Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.

~ Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.

~ Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

~ Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

KIDS SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more.

Melanie said, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

BRITTANY (age 4) had an earache and wanted a painkiller. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a childproof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

DI (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for awhile and then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

Char knows I love riding my motorcycle as Spring arrives... so she lovingly sent me this photo. I'm not sure what she is trying to say:))

A Florida Biker And His Babe

