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I was recently in Singapore for the CBMC Asia Board meeting and Singapore Conference. This was a great time of gathering with fellow CBMCer's from numerous countries. While there I had breakfast with Alice Tam (incoming CBMC Asia Chairlady from Hong Kong) and Chang Sung Kim (President, CBMC Asian Board, from South Korea). This was a time of encouragement and blessing to me. I would like to share with you a word that Alice gave me that morning. This I believe was a prophetic word for CBMC Australia. The scripture in Haggai was given to her during her personal prayer time when praying for Australia.

Haggai 2:1-9 New International Version (NIV) Emphasis mine On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, [a] the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel, 'declares the Lord. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. **Be strong, all you people of** the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty. 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty. 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord

Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty."

As Alice read this to me my heart jumped a notch and I got excited. I truly believe she has hit the mark with these words of encouragement to CBMC Australia, as we continue to look to God on the best course of action to rebuild CBMC in this country. Please pray, along with the Board, for us to obediently follow God's direction.

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https://twitter.com/CBMCAustralia in http://www.linkedin.com/company/cbmc-australia I ask that you look to God to find your place in rebuilding CBMC Australia; like Nehemiah asking people in Nehemiah 2:17 & 18 (NIV) (emphasis mine)

Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. **Come, let us rebuild** the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

As you find you place in seeing CBMC Australia rebuilt, we will again be an active ministry in this nation. Seek God to find your place in the process; we cannot do this without the current members being involved.

This encouragement to us from Sister Alice, was to know - to be sure of, what we have, and then focus on what we can do to rebuild.

Trent Frecklington

CBMC National Administrator and Co-ordinator



Let's reflect for a moment

The Annual General Meeting is past. So has the Annual Conference. What has the Board been working towards to rebuild the CBMC Ministry in the Marketplace here in Australia?

These ministry practices encompass the 'What'. As sojourners here for a few years, we are journeying together, being compelled by the love of God for us – His creation, to be active in helping His Kingdom grow.

CALLING: Called by God to be His "ambassadors" as well as "salt" and "light" in the marketplace.

PRAYER: By developing intimacy with Christ, we seek His favour and power in reaching the lost and growing Christ-followers.

TEAMS: Effective teams of business and professional men and women who support one another and share our gifts in the marketplace.

EVANGELISM: We are compelled by the love of God to bring reconciliation to His prime creation, humanity, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15 NIV

DISCIPLESHIP: In humility and love we will help each other become authentic Christ-followers.

LEADERSHIP: Servant leadership, as modelled by Jesus Christ, is the way we will conduct ourselves in the marketplace.

We have been encouraged to focus on a couple of areas to get things moving.

Nothing happens without prayer. Pray for:

- our collective servant leadership.
- our personal relationship with Jesus and growth in maturity of faith.

- our obedience and willingness to step outside our normal comfort zone and connect with others. They may be Christian needing help to see the imperative of ministry where they are – 'go and make disciples'. They may be 'not yet believers' in the Lord Jesus Christ, needing consistent, godly counsel demonstrated along with consistent godly words.

In this secular marketplace of Australia, many men only have time and focus on their business, whether they are a sole trader, or part of a large organisation, they can only focus on meeting targets. The CBMC Business Forums help people to move in their thinking and understanding that Jesus knew something when he said 'man cannot live by bread alone'. Through the group discussion of business issues, even simple material like Monday Manna, these people come to accept the fact that the Bible talks about Life, all the different aspects of life, even their business dealings with customers, suppliers, and colleagues.

There is another area we believe we need to work hard at - our relationship with the Church in Australia. We have been preparing, and still need to complete, material to assist our conversations regarding our ability to help them in regard to their missional focus. That focus and work will produce faithful people who will in turn pass on the wisdom, the Gospel, the Vision of impacting the marketplace, so Jesus can be honoured in the daily lives and work of the ambassadors of Christ, who comprise that particular part of the Bride of Christ.

You are invited to talk to us about these (or another) matters.

Tony Levick Chairman, CBMC Australia.

In Memory of Alan Maddocks

CBMC Australia notes with sadness the passing of their esteemed Brother in Christ on September 15, 2016.

Alan was both an ardent Christian, mentor, sportsman and successful business colleague. In 1983 Alan accepted the role of full time Victorian Director and then in 1990 Alan became its National Field Director. This association saw Alan attend an average of 5 prayer meetings per week plus the responsibility of organizing discipleship training programs and assisting with visitation following outreach functions.

There were in excess of 60 committees Australia wide at this stage with many of them commencing through Alan's dynamic leadership and determination.

Ian Roper said that Alan Maddocks was such a dynamic leader and his love for Jesus was life changing. He never missed a chance to tell people of God's love for them and I can never remember an instance where he would not follow up people who responded to an appeal from a

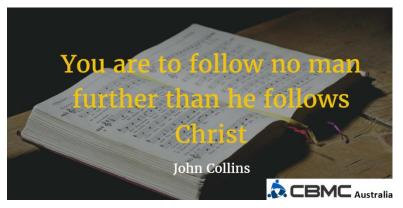
visiting speaker. He was such a great guy to be with said Ian and we were saddened to hear that he had passed away. Similar sentiments were conveyed by Ken Overton from Tasmania who was National Chairman with Alan. Ken highlighted that Alan was the greatest discipler that he had witnessed with his astute ability to follow through both in a spiritual sense and for the care of people often in his home.

Finally, in this verse that passed my desk just yesterday from Psalm 91:2, which perhaps best sumarises Alan's life, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God in him will I trust".

Thank you Ray Walker

What is Disciple-making?

Remembering who has saved us, and that we are now a new creation 'in Christ', we know that Jesus has chosen us to be His light, so that we might extend His love to His World. Thus we expect to help guide people out of darkness and see a transformation in their lives.



Disciple-making is not about head knowledge. It is not a curriculum or a program. Disciple-making will not look the same for every person, although some parts will look the same.

Disciple-making is hands on. Disciple-making is the process of helping another person grow spiritually in the context of a

relationship. Disciple-making is helping people mature in Christ to the point where they will reproduce the life of Christ in others. Disciple-making is making ourselves vulnerable, travelling the road together, weeping with them, rejoicing with them, and of course praying for them.

21st CBMC Asian Convention

We are praying for sponsors for the convention. If you know people or organisations who may be interested in sponsoring and event targeting Business Owners and Professionals from the Asian region please contact us on <u>admin@CBMCAsianConvention.com</u>

We are also looking for volunteers in the following areas:

-	Promotions	- Graphic Design
-	Prayer Warriors	- volunteers

We need you as CBMC Members and friends to pray for this event. Pray for insight, wisdom and connections as the organizing team and Board deliberate and plan for this event. We see this as a pivotal event for Australia, where we can invite our friends and colleagues for them to hear first-hand the great work CBMC does around the world. Pray for everyone involved in planning and resourcing this event.

We are one year out from the 21st CBMC Asian Convention. The Australian Board is seeking your daily prayer support so that this event may be planned well, within the required budget, and the work of CBMC throughout Asia (including Australia and New Zealand) will be strengthened bringing honour to our Lord Jesus.

Upcoming Events

Prayer meeting

Regular prayer meeting are held in the following locations

- Victoria
 - Horsham
 - Melbourne CBD
 - Burwood East
 - o Warragul
- Queensland
 - o Ipswich

Outreach events

New South Wales

• Pennant Hills – 28th November

Tasmania

- Devonport regular outreach events and forums are held
- Scottsdale Outreach on 15 October

Queensland

- Brisbane
- Camp Hill group meeting as part of Camp Hill Church of Christ men's group using Operation Timothy
- Wooloongabba Korean group meets weekly for breakfast and reflection and regular hold encouragement events

Victoria

- Melbourne Prayer meeting
- Melbourne Prayer Breakfast on 21 October

Prayer Points

- The responsibility to disciple others
- Small group meetings
- Financial release for ministry funding
- The future and succession
- Melbourne Outreach
- Korean CBMC Seminar in Brisbane
- Scottsdale outreach on 15 October
- Follow up from Tasmania Parliamentary Breakfas



- Tasmania
 - Hobart
 - Launceston
 - o Scotsdale
 - o Ulverstone



Financial Support



Have you ever considered giving a regular gift on top of your membership fee?

The CBMC ministry relies on the prayer and financial support of Christians around the country. As the ministry continues to grow there are significant expenses that come with this plan and so I would ask that you prayerfully consider your financial partnership with CBMC as we focus on reaching the marketplace with the great news – the gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

We ask you to consider the following areas for financial support: - Design and printing of marketing material - \$2,000 once off - Staffing costs - \$3,500 per month - Regional conferences & training overhead costs-\$1,000 per event - Partnerships and Sponsorship for 2017 Asian Conference



These activities cannot be done without the financial support of our members and friends. Prayerfully consider giving a once off gift or a monthly contribution towards the work of CBMC Australia.

You can give your support by cheque, credit card or bank transfer (BSB: 083054 Account number: 24 836 1213 Account Name: CBMC Australia). To donate now please complete a donation form found at : <u>http://www.cbmcaustralia.com.au/donations/</u> or for more information contact Trent at our national office at <u>admin@ cbmcaustralia.com.au</u> or call 07 3172 9365