



MASTER BUILDERS FELLOWSHIP QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

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MESSAGE FROM JOE BROWN

It is exciting to hear about the increased fellowship and communication, as Master Builders focuses on developing the regions. With this increased relationship we need to be promoting this Summer's International Leadership Conference. I've always enjoyed these meetings and received great blessings from them. This year I'm not only looking forward to it but also ex-

tremely excited about it. The focus and content are exactly what we are needing at Church of LIFE in Madisonville. I'm encouraging, pushing, pulling, and doing everything I can to have as many of our leaders in attendance. Brochures are available on the website, and I pray every pastor is fully promoting this year's Conference so that we will be moving forward together throughout Master Builders.
 Joe.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

HAPPENING IN REGIONS

NEW YORK REGION

BY WILSON CAIMARES

The churches in New York, for several years, have been working with other churches and ministries at different level of relationships.

Some of the churches have partnered with other churches in the community to do evangelical crusades, youth camping/retreat ministry, international crusades and other events.

We are also reorganizing one of the churches, the Bronx fellowship, in New York. Therefore, we are open and ready to continue working in this new model.

We believe that the idea of working as a region to plant churches and to have different regions within a region is excellent and it will help some regions to have more flexibility. These are issues that we are going to be working on a near future.

NORTH CAROLINA REGION

BY PETE BECK JR.

This quarter was highlighted by our cooperation and participation in the

9th annual Gospel Fest in Winston Salem. This is an outreach to the homeless and poor of east Winston. Fourteen churches participated. Two of these came down from Detroit, Lord of the Harvest and New Breed, and Hosannah came from Tennessee. Our region was well represented along with six other African American churches in the Winston Area. There were 169 purple-shirted volunteers from all these churches

Approximately 1900 homeless and/or poor were ministered to. The effort resulted in 39 salvations, 92 haircuts, 200 reading glasses and repair kits provided, 15 children's bikes, 50 birthday cakes, 670 bags of groceries (500 supplied by the Detroit churches) 172 prayer requests taken and recorded for follow up, 4 baptisms, 2 deliverances, 30 altar ministries , 6 re-dedications and 65 health screenings. Well over 3000 hotdogs and buns and many, many cold drinks were provided .

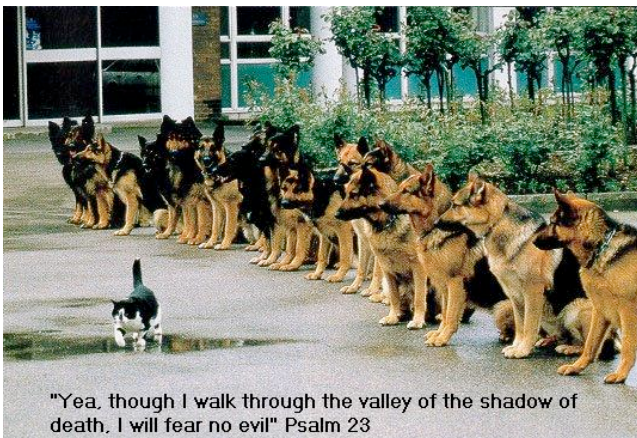
This ministry, Gospel Fest, came out of the obedience of Pastor Carol Fulton of Crossfire Church, and our region is pleased to be able to be a part of it along with many other churches. The excellent back-

ing and participation of the Detroit and Tennessee Regions made a huge difference in the outcome. Many thanks to these brethren. Neil came and participated as a general representative of Master Builders as an organization.

Pastor Bobby Wilson and a team from For You Christ Ministries in Winston Salem is now planting a new church in North Wilkesboro, NC.

Pete III is working with several leaders in the eastern sector of our region to form a discipling team of churches. Liberty Church is working long-term in a needy section of Burlington, NC. to establish trust relationship with the intent of making disciples there.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

**ARTICLE BY
NEIL SILVERBERG,
MASTER BUILDER TEAM
LEADER**

Brothers and sisters,

Greetings. I want to write this short article urging all MB leaders to bring many leaders to this year's International Leader's Conference in Knoxville, TN, August 2nd-4th. I believe it is a very important conference in lieu of recent changes in MB. For a long time, we have wanted to have special guest, Jimmy Siebert from Waco, Tx to speak to us. He is a seasoned church planter and he has finally been able to come and be with us. I believe he will powerfully impart to us at this conference.

I recently read a book entitled The Trellis and the Vine which powerfully impacted me. The writers distinguish the difference between pastors and leaders who do 'trellis' work and those doing 'vine' work. By 'trellis' work, they mean that the majority of leaders in the church today are trained to manage organizations rather than spend their time shaping future leaders through pastoral care, discipleship and mentality. The main reason for

this is that our thinking has definitely been effected by corporate America where the bottom line is numbers of people who buy a product (or in the case of the church, how many show up).

'Vine' work, on the other hand, is where leaders work on the development (discipling) of people, especially the training of leaders. This is always the primary work that pastors are called to do, and there is nothing more important at this moment in church history. There is a desperate cry for younger leaders to emerge in the body of Christ at this time.

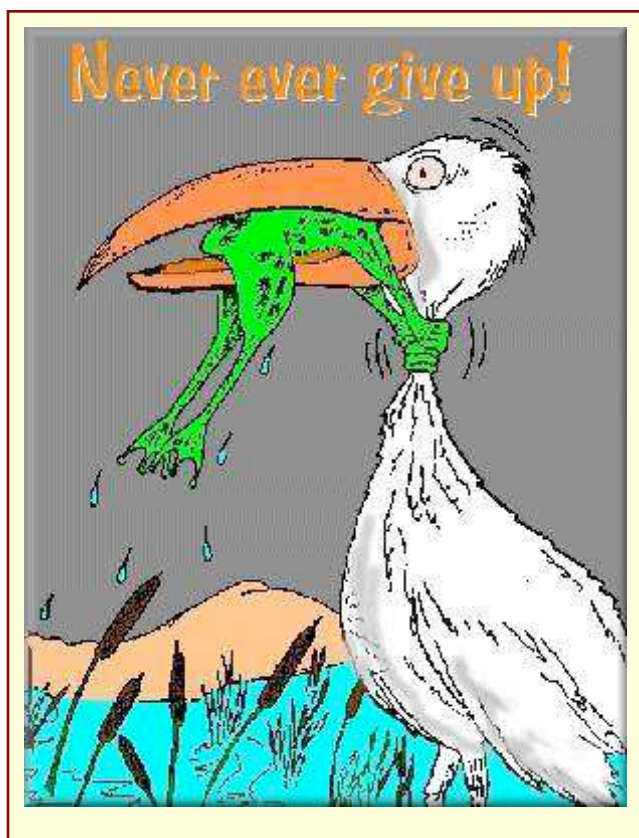
Our leadership team recently spent time in our team meeting talking about the need to raise up the next generation of leaders. We looked around the table and there were no younger leaders present (two at the table were in their 80's). We realized that unless we raise up the next generation of younger leaders there would be no one to lead us into the future. We spent the entire time together laying the groundwork for the future. In a sense, we returned to our original vision not just to have a network of churches led by a five-fold team, but raise up fivefold teams in each region. This was always our original vision and we have laid hold of it once again

Last year, I sat at a conference with leaders from six networks that I deeply love and respect. Each network reported how God is dealing with them to change if they want to remain relevant for the future. The changes they spoke of centered around raising up the next generation of leaders. I realized that this was not just something that MB is dealing with but many others as well. It is definitely the season we are in.

That's why I cannot urge pastors of MB churches enough to bring many leaders, especially younger leaders, to this year's MB conference. Pastor Seibert has been greatly used of God in equipping young people to be used of God in church planting. I believe he will greatly encourage our younger leaders for a vision for the future. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity for your church.

Along with our special guest Jimmy Siebert, we are also having many relevant workshops on many different topics such as Church Planting, Evangelism, and Strengthening the Local Church. I am excited about all the brothers and sisters who will be sharing in these times. We are deeply blessed with so many great servants of God in MB. I hope you will really

use this as a great opportunity to help equip your local church.



The following was put together by Buddy Walker at GoTab in the Florida Region. It is a good summation.

SEVEN APOSTOLIC TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Preach the Gospel where it is not known.

Rom 15: 20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

2. Plant Churches.

Acts 16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

3. Equip and ordain leaders.

Tit. 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you. *(Either Here or in No. 1. I would include "make disciples". Making disciples should automatically result in churches being planted. JPB)*

4. Establish sound doctrine.

2 Tim 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

5. Care for Churches.

2 Cor 11:28 Besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

6. Ministry to the Poor.

Gal 2:10 They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

7. Ethnic Reconciliation

Gal 2:11 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; 12 for before certain men

came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

Christian One Liners:

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

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Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

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It's easier to preach ten sermons Than it is to live one.

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People are funny; they want the front of the bus, Middle of the road, And back of the church.

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Opportunity may knock once, But temptation bangs on the front door forever.

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Quit griping about your church; If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

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If a church wants a better pastor, It only needs to pray for the one it has.

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Some minds are like concrete Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

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I don't know why some people change churches; What difference does it make which one you stay home from?

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A lot of church members singing 'Standing on the Promises' are just sitting on the premises.

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Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.

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Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

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Forbidden fruits create many jams.

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God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

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God grades on the cross, not the curve.

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God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'

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He who angers you, controls you!

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Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

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The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

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We don't change the message, The message changes us.

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You can tell how big a person is By what it takes to discourage him.

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GREAT WORDS FROM PAUL

“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

KINGDOM MANNERS

The following is from a blog on business etiquette, which I believe would help us all if applied to the Kingdom of God which we serve.

“Manners, politeness, courtesy, call it what you will...This may seem like a strange subject to write a blog about, but I have witnessed a couple of incidents recently where much unpleasantness could have been avoided if only the parties involved had observed a little common courtesy towards each other, right from the start.

I'm going to sound like an old codger now, but my mother was a stickler for manners, and taught us to behave with courtesy to everyone. She was, and still is, a great believer in "do as you would be done by".

Sometimes, the seemingly trivial acts we perform are the most important. Courtesy is an example. We refer to it in different ways, such as civility, good manners, politeness, decency, respect for others, thoughtfulness, consideration. Whatever we call it, courtesy is NOT trivial.

Good manners cost nothing and can have a profound effect on other people. We can literally make someone's day by paying attention to these little things, which then has a knock-on effect in our own lives. Just take a few moments to think about it, and how you feel when someone has been "nice" to you.

Manners can be overlooked in business. Who amongst us hasn't returned a 'phone call, or replied to an email? How many of us have invested time and sometimes money compiling a new business proposal, or a report, sent a carefully crafted

and polite letter or email with the attachment or a request and had no response? Is this because businesses are rushing around too? Do they ignore anything that doesn't produce a measurable return on investment? Or is it because of the rise of social media and the many communication options now available? Perhaps we sadly just expect less these days.

Courtesy is about building relationships with people, and in the business world it is people that influence your success or failure. If you feel comfortable with someone, as they do with you, better communication and trust will develop, leaving less room for misunderstandings.

There is a great opportunity out there for businesses that pay attention to detail, for those that can deliver and delight with polite, timely responses. There is a chance to capitalize on their attention to detail, their ability to communicate, their prompt return calls.

Compared with the other challenges of running a business, this is easy! You don't need qualifications, you don't need training, you don't need a coach. You just need to remember the manners your mother taught you.”

