

B.M.I. Newsletter

BARNABAS MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

“Encouraging Pastors & Congregations”

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Pastors Macel & Carol Ely

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” .
Acts 4:12

NAME CHASERS by Carol Ely

My son, Macel II, recently made a statement that made me laugh. He said, “I think I’ll write a book and title it Name Chasers”.

We can all be guilty of putting too much confidence in a well-known name. Paul warns the Philippians in chapter 3 to not put confidence in flesh. In I Corinthians 3:3 he tells the Corinthian Christians that they are to be living letters of Christ.

Recently, I heard Oral Roberts tell of an experience that he had that really ministered to me. He told of how exhausted he was many years ago, it was just after one of his big tent meetings. During those days he had to put the tent up and after ministering to so many people, he had to take the tent down. A lot of work was involved. He had told his wife that he would just like to get away and drive in the country just to look at the livestock and the beautiful countryside. He noticed a nice farm and drove up to the house and asked the owner if he would mind if he just walked around awhile to look at his farm. The owner let him take his time enjoying the beauty then when he was ready to leave the man asked him if he would sit on his porch with him. He said he had an interesting story that he wanted to tell him. The man said that recently his cousin came by and spent the night with him after traveling a long distance to get to his tent meeting. He said that I asked her after the meeting, “Well, did you get to meet Oral Roberts?” and she replied, “No, I didn’t notice him too much; but I sure did see the Lord!” The man was an older man and had never given his life to the Lord. Brother Roberts prayed with him that day as he repented and made a commitment to follow the Lord.

We have been blessed tremendously by getting better acquainted with men and women of God as we travel. Some are pastors who we met through the years during our pastors’ conferences. Now we are building relationships with these men and women of God. We spend time with them and really get to know them. We are constantly amazed by their wisdom and example. The names of most of these beautiful pastors will never be recognized by the world. But to those who do know them, they are able to see someone who has The Treasure within an earthen vessel. They see someone who glows with the Glory of God, someone who directs them to Jesus. Isn’t that our goal?

THE HEART OF BARNABAS MINISTRIES: To Encourage Pastors and Their Families

How can a pastor encourage his congregation when he is in need of help himself? Most pastors hide their discouragement well with a nice suit and a smile.

The difference between someone in the congregation and the pastor is that they are called by God to be the one that leads, not by man’s wisdom, but through the power of the Holy Ghost and the direction that He gives to him.

Pastors too need a Barnabas, someone to encourage them. The encouragement sometimes comes through a listening ear by another man or woman of God who has had similar experiences. Sometimes they need another pastor to pray with them and reassure them that they will pass through the fires. Sometimes they need someone outside of their own church to talk to without weighing their words. Sometimes they need professional counseling. Often they need to get away from the crowd and seek His face.

BMI NOT ONLY NETWORKS WITH PASTORS BUT WE ALSO HAVE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS WHO VOLUNTEER TO HELP PASTORS AT NO CHARGE. WE ALSO HAVE PLACES OF REST THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS MINISTRY. AN ESSENTIAL EXTENSION OF THIS MINISTRY COMES FROM THE INTERCESSORS WHO PRAY OVER THE REQUESTS THAT ARE GIVEN.

We believe in networking. If you can think of a way that you could network with us, please contact us.

Email from a desperate pastor



“I am the pastor that ___ emailed you about. We just left a church in ___ that was nothing but trouble. After just four months at our new church, I find that this is the worst church I have ever seen for gossip in the 23 years of my ministry. People have been leaving the church over silly issues.

Now today we found out our son (backslid) is on cocaine. I don’t think I can handle this—this is too much. This far outweighs church problems.
PLEASE - PLEASE PRAY FOR US.

This is only one of many emails we receive each day. Each one represents a pastor in crisis. Their need affects not only their personal family but each person in their congregation.
PLEASE REMEMBER US.

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Pastor's Fellowship Conference

May 2-4, 2006

Hosted by: Pastor Ronnie & Patty Ball
and Souls Harbor Church in London, KY

We want to welcome you to be with us during this very special gathering. Pastor Ball has asked Barnabas Ministries International to join with the congregation of Souls Harbor for their very first Pastor's Conference.

The theme of the conference is "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THEM THAT BRING GOOD NEWS". This meeting will not only be a time for enjoying great ministry; there will also be time for relaxing fellowship. A very important aspect of BMI is to help make kingdom connections by introducing ministers to one another. This will be a great opportunity to do just that.

Hope to see you there!

FREE LODGING at Hampton Inn for full time pastors only. Deposit of \$65 is required for first night. This amount will be refunded to you after you arrive. If you are a no-show the deposit will be non-refundable.

PLEASE MAIL ROOM DEPOSITS BEFORE APRIL 21

Make checks payable to BMI and mail to P. O. Box 70707, Knoxville, TN 37938

For more information or to register call the BMI office at 865-925-1544 or send emails to PastorsAid@aol.com

Our website is under construction

Sorry for the inconvenience. Many of you have contacted BMI for meetings and noticed our schedule was full. The itinerary on the website at the present is for 2005. Speaking Calendar for 2006:

APRIL

9 (a.m.) Freedom Ministries--VA
9--12 Raven Assembly of God--VA
16 (Building Dedication)--Shield of Faith Ministries--OH
21--22 (Men's Retreat)--Delhi Christian Center--OH

MAY

2--4 Pastors' Fellowship Conference--Souls Harbor--KY
7--10 Trinity Assembly of God--KY
12--13 (Carol Speaking) Ladies Meeting--Faith Tabernacle Church of God--OH

JUNE

4--7 Trinity Life Center--VA
12--16 Full Gospel Ministerial Association of America--KY
29 p.m. (Campmeeting) Barbourville Children's Home--KY

Mark Your Calendar!



MEN'S RETREAT April 21--22 at Delhi Christian Center In Cincinnati, OH for more information call our office or the church at 513-471-6426

CAMPMEETING--June 26--30 at the Barbourville, KY Children's Home Campgrounds
Macel will be speaking Thursday evening on the 29th.
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Call 606-546-3805 for more information



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