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leadership development



At the end of my report last year I mentioned that I was “looking forward with hope-filled anticipation for this next season.” This past year has certainly been one of newness, growth and change, but in the midst of all of this transition, God has been so good and faithful.

There have been unexpected blessings and several hope-filled moments in the midst of these transitions.

As staffing changes occurred over the summer and into the fall, so too did my unofficial job description to adjust accordingly to our needs. It has been an adventure stepping into different areas and picking up new administrative and relational responsibilities over the past number of months. It has kept me on my toes, that’s for sure. But I am continually encouraged and inspired by the many gifted leaders we have in our midst who we have the privilege of working alongside.

Thank you also, to our caring and invested MBCM board who have been incredibly supportive and affirming throughout the many changes that have come this year. What a great team!

ministry highlights for 2018:

- ▶ **Opportunities to speak in our churches:** I consider it a privilege to be welcomed by churches to come and share a message with them, this has been a life-giving interaction.
- ▶ **Collaborative endeavours:** It has been both challenging and fulfilling being involved in a number of new collaborative conversations with our ministry partners to develop resourcing and equipping for our churches.

Some of these include; sixpointeight youth gathering, inter-cultural church conversations, upcoming #churchtoo conference and the Elevation apprenticeship program. I am thankful we can sit around a table to work together and learn from one another because of our shared calling in Christ Jesus.

- ▶ **Coordinating and hosting community building events:** this includes our Regional Meetings, Nuts & Bolts Equipping series, Assembly, Refresh Pastor’s Retreat and any other opportunity we have to gather together as a large MB family.

Although I very much look forward to this coming season of motherhood, I will sincerely miss the daily connections I have with our churches and partners in ministry. I genuinely appreciate the opportunity to build relationship with our constituents and work alongside them in kingdom building ministry.

I am confident that as we welcome new staff onto the team, this desire to serve our churches will continue and grow. I see God’s hand at work and God’s love for the church, so once again I can say with confidence; I am looking forward with hope-filled anticipation for this next season and what’s in store!

**He has made everything
beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity
in the human heart;
yet no one can fathom
what God has done from
beginning to end.**

Ecclesiastes 3: 11