

# *R*EPORT ON 2005 MASTER BUILDERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**By Pete Beck**

Dear Brethren:

If you were unable to attend the recent annual conference in Florida, you missed one of the best yet. The twenty-seven workshops were well attended and excellently prepared and many reported that they were edified and equipped in a new way, which was our desire in offering them. Many thanks to all who diligently prepared and took part in these wonderful presentations. Tapes may be obtained by contacting Brother Mark Freer in Detroit.

On our first evening, Mark Johanssen, Pastor of New Covenant church in Hampton, VA and also Leadership Strategy Team leader, delivered a message on "Fit to Lead", the theme of the conference and the workshops. Mark's message set the tone for the conference.

The emphasis in the second, third and fourth evenings was on transitioning from the wonderful fellowship and ministry stages we have enjoyed for the past nine years into building together in the future. By building together, we mean committing to each other as Master Builder leaders and churches in a more profound and meaningful way to achieve the purposes of Christ and His Kingdom.

As part of this transition, I spoke on the second night concerning my original vision for forming Master Builders with Neil Silverberg nine years ago. I explained that my gift and calling was to gather and encourage relationships. I had formed some wonderful relationships over the years and came to Master Builders with several churches and brethren deeply in my heart. I knew I was getting older and desired to form an apostolic team of like minded brethren who would hopefully be able to form unselfish and covering relationships along with me for these churches. When I went to be with the Lord, I desired that these churches would have brethren who loved them and whom they could trust to cover and care for them with no hidden ambition, agendas, or mixed motives.

I am seeing this happen.

I shared that I felt like I was not the man to lead into the building stage, and that it was time to hand the leadership of the Master Builder Five Fold team to Neil Silverberg. I will still relate as

always in the past to those with whom I have built relationships. I am not retiring. But the burden of leadership is now shifted to Neil. All of the leadership laid hands on Neil. We prayed for wisdom and anointing for the task ahead. Neil then preached an excellent message on building.

The third and fourth evenings were powerfully addressed by Mike Osminski and Steve Fatow who addressed the concept of building together in a most practical and at the same time, prophetic way. To those who were unable to attend, I strongly recommend that you get all these evening tapes so as to follow the unfolding of the vision, to see where we are heading and what will be required.

For the first time we had a full track for World Missions and all nine workshops were well attended.

A Pastors' meeting to discuss the future of the annual conference and the fall and spring Regionals was held Wednesday afternoon and valuable input was received from the brethren.

Many new brethren attended and were welcomed. We recognized brethren from Renet Fellowship in Indiana and an apostolic leader from the Philippines.

Again, many thanks go to Full Gospel Tabernacle in Umatilla, FLA., for their service, and to Dennis Preston and his team for the administrative work to make the conference such a success

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You!

Pete