



Because of distance, I am based in UK, Ben in Australia; we don't see a lot of each other. However Ben is one of those people who however rarely you meet, communication and renewed friendship is instant. Ben Gray is a man with the rare and unique talent and gifting of combining pastoring a church, involved in a National Prayer Movement and carrying global Kingdom of God vision.

Whenever you get some form of communication from Ben, those gifting's shine through. The same can be said when meeting face to face. Whenever we meet, once he has reminded me of my countries inability to play cricket(!), it is not long before we are sharing the stories of what God is doing around the world today.

Ben is a Barnabas, a son of encouragement. It says in Acts 11 that Barnabas quickly saw the evidence of God's grace in the Christians at Antioch and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith.

Whenever we meet, I come away encouraged and challenged to keep going in all that God has given me to do by an Aussie bloke who lives out his beliefs with clarity and energy empowered by the Holy Spirit. Ben Gray is a good man.

Our world needs more men like him.

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