

## **Incedo Board Chair Report 2011**

Incedo is ultimately just a tool. A vehicle for people to gather to know Jesus more, and make him known. I believe that the strength of an organization lies in its ability to allow people's talents and gifts to shine. The more people's involvement contributes to and is appreciated by others, the greater the sense of belonging the individual feels. Our challenge is to continue to form a community that both provides a sense of belonging, and proclaims that God too is in the business of making people know that they belong.

I've been encouraged by the amount of interest people seem to be showing in what Incedo represents. It's actually nice to *not* claim to have a fleshed out, water tight, no-questions-left-to-answer package. For me the gathering was a tremendous time together. Both because of the warm friendship shared between us, and the challenging discussions. Although free flowing and open, they still gave a lot to think about. This I think is one of our strengths – the fact that it is OK to hold different points of view, and still be accepted and encouraged. Everyone and what they bring with them belong. We don't have a formula, and we try not to have an agenda.

I love that fact that Surge this year is about becoming more aware of migrant and refugee peoples. If any group needs to find a sense of belonging it's people trying to start a life in a strange land.

As we continue on, I think one of our catch cries ought to continue to be "Love God, love people".

It's not about loving Incedo.

It is about loving people, including those we know through Incedo.

And everyone else too.

Blair MacKenzie.

Incedo Board Chair.