



Transforming Sydney Newsletter April 2014

Welcome to the third edition of the newsletter for Transforming Sydney. This month we are focussed on the sphere of Business - Trade & Finance.

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This edition has 20 pages - it has grown a little from 4 pages in our February edition. Read on!

Engaging in Sustainable Business in a Godly Way

(By Jane Jeffery M.Ed ACU, Education Director ICGS and CIB - E: J.Jeffery@icgs.com.au M: 0409 975 845)

As we reflect on the mission of Transform Sydney* consideration must be given to the financial and business activities of the people of this great city. Work is a very real part of life of the majority of adults. This may be as employees, rewarded for their time at work by a salary, or for others it is a stay home parent supported by their employed partner. We all have to engage in activities to support and sustain ourselves and those around us; this is an inescapable aspect of being human, the men and women God created.

Before the fall Adam and Eve were given dominion over God's creation. It would have been more than just wandering about admiring the scenery and its animals and picking fruit when they were hungry. After the fall they told that "by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread" (Gen 3:19). The activities we sweat over may have changed but we still have to work hard. As we read God's word we are given many guidelines on how to approach the work in which we are engaged. There can be no doubt that this aspect of our lives is important to God.

One of the trends of recent years has been a growing interest in bringing biblical principles and practices into the work place. To discover what God wants us to do – the career we choose and the way in which we perform. At the same time there has been an increasing interest in entrepreneurship and growing small businesses. Research shows that approximately ten percent of the population are potential entrepreneurs. They have that inexplicable something that enables them to see a new way of doing something and creating a business out of it.

The Christian may call this a gift or calling from God, while those who do not see God as part of their life would see it as a talent or something they are driven to do. No matter where this comes from it has been our privilege to work with and encourage many entrepreneurs and business people.

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* Ed: see <http://www.transformingsydney.org/TSMission.html>

Engaging in Sustainable Business in a Godly Way (...continued)

These activities have taken four forms and covers twenty years of interest and activities

The starting point was a professional one, working with small companies. In addition directing the entrepreneurial programs at a number of technology parks in Australia and overseas. This work included a doctoral thesis on the commercialization of research done in universities

As part of the development programs there was always a strong emphasis of ethical business practices

One of the key features of the entrepreneurial programs was the use of world class training programs. There are many who desire to be an entrepreneur but not all have that unique gifting. Good programs include a self analysis tool to help answer that question. In addition they include guidance in many of the key skills to run and develop a sustainable company.

Outside the workplace our ministry has included a prayer ministry. The focus of this has been for those with strongholds in their lives that resist less focused prayer. From time to time this has included those experiencing difficulty in the work place.

These two areas of interest and experience has led to the development of two programs directed at those who are part of the church and who believe they have a call to be an entrepreneur.

One is a business development program with the emphasis on growing a sustainable business with strong biblical foundations.

The second is one which examines the need for strong focused prayer to help a business grow; it is entitled "Battle for your Business". The course equips the business owner to do battle in the spiritual realms for their business. The course examines the biblical basis for spiritual warfare prayer as well as examining the way in which we have prayed for countless individuals and businesses.

The last activity has been the establishment of a group called "Boardroom Prophets". The aim of this group is to encourage and equip company owners and directors to hear from God for their business. This happens in an informal dinner meeting where trust and friendship develops. On a rotating basis members share what God is doing in their business. Finally in groups of three everyone prayerfully seeks a word from God for the other two members of the small group.

Well run sustainable businesses create finances, the funding needed for families to live and the church to continue with its mission to the world. This is beyond doubt one of the important reasons to be engaged in the marketplace.

However there is another and one which will touch at the heart of the mission to transform Sydney. To truly transform Sydney each of us must fully engage in the activities God has called us to, also to perform these tasks in the way He wants then done. As the Christian business people of Sydney engage in business in a Godly way they will be part of the process of attracting others to Christ.

As light of the world let your light shine out from your business.



The **Centre for Public Christianity** (CPX) is a not-for-profit media company that offers a Christian perspective on contemporary life. We seek to promote the public understanding of the Christian faith by engaging mainstream media and the general public with high quality and well-researched print, video and audio material about the relevance of Christianity in the 21st century.

Check latest events here <http://publicchristianity.org/about>

Offering Prayer for Your Business

(By Bjorn and Lilian Schmid)

We know that your workplace or business is important to you. Former occupants and present employees have left their emotional mark in your work environment. This can lead to an entire range of problematic issues. People naturally bring their feelings and to work with them.



Spiritual and Emotional impacts are real and have a real effect upon the business environment. From the past and present some spiritual forces can accumulate in the work environment and can lead to lack of productivity, employee dissatisfaction, unnecessary anger, lack of profits, a general feeling of unease in the environment, and much more.

We can pray for your spiritual need and business need as well. Your privacy is guaranteed, nothing is recorded.

Very often, your current workplace or business is in a physical environment that has had a history of other businesses being there. Some of these businesses may not have been financially successful or have failed morally or ethically to try and be successful. It may have had spiritual attacks or curses (e.g. as a result of broken covenants/contracts/agreements), so operating your business in an environment that has a poor spiritual and/or emotional history can have a profound effect upon your business right now.

The Lord wants to clear this now right and for you to invite the Holy Spirit to enter in every space of your business and financial situation.

Prayer for Business, Finance, Trade

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus. Thank you for the Holy Spirit that is present before us as we discuss our financial future in Australia.

We thank You for bringing us to this place in our lives - a place of learning how to be better stewards for our economy and our country. You have started a good work in us and will perform it until the day of Christ's return. We welcome You as the head of our government, our banks, our industry, our financial organisations and in all our business dealings, that is pleasing to You and to each of us.

Jesus is our Lord and our high priest, and we purpose to bring Him the first fruits of our economy and worship You, the Lord our God with them. We ask you that you bless our economy and deliver every Australian business from the evil one, we say that Your word will not return to you void, but will accomplish what it says it will do.

Therefore, we believe in the name of Jesus that all of our needs are met according to Your riches in glory. We acknowledge You as Lord over our finances by giving tithes and offerings to further Your cause.

Thank you for giving us your heart concerning our budget.

Thank you for blessing our finances, in Jesus name, Amen.



With your help, people can also realise that donating their unwanted but reusable items can go a long way to helping those in need – and all with a simple click of a button! So please help spread the word about what we do by sharing news about us or getting them to visit www.heartforthehomeless.org.

With much excitement –
The Heart for the Homeless team

Generation Fire

How God Brings Transformation to the Next Generation Through the Prayer Movement

We have just had the privilege of returning from 9 days in the Philippines, what can I say; we witnessed God transform churches and people within a space of 48 hours as that is how long we had to minister to them.

We saw a transition from programmed style Christianity to Holy Spirit Led people and meetings. Many encountered God in a real and tangible way for the first time. Many of the worship leaders had for the first time begun to hear Angels sing as they led song. Many received visions of the glory of God, and of Jesus. We saw what was primarily a Performance type of Christianity where everything was about you have to do work to please God - to now realising they are loved By God for who they are and not what they do. The whole atmosphere of the community changed. The People were revived. There was renewed spiritual hunger and a desire to meet together to worship God and to pray for transformation.

Transformation begins first in the heart - when they received the fire of the Holy Spirit, they renewed their love for Jesus Christ, He was changing their hearts. Then as they heard God's voice they began to see what God could do by calling his people together in united prayer - so now they have set aside a time once a week to have Prayer Furnaces.

During the 9 days we travelled in different parts of the Philippines we just marvelled on how God had orchestrated the whole trip. What we have witnessed is the Holy Spirit at work bringing people together with a Kingdom purposed united by the Spirit of God with the same vision to See the Holy Spirit poured out on all flesh. Our last place we visited as a team was a city of Olongapo in Luzon Philippines - we saw hundreds of young people gather , many pastors come together and unite, and deep friendship made all for the love of Jesus in space of 24 hours.

Now we have teams that have come together, Prayer Furnaces starting and the Holy Spirit is moving bringing transformation to many people in the next generation.

The Key for Australia

I am convinced that if we are to see God transform our communities, our families and businesses it all begins in the place of prayer and encounter. Through the Prayer Movement as God raises Houses of Prayer and marries that with local gatherings of believers (Oikos) and the people make time to come together in united prayer and marry that with worship - people will have encounters with God, they will receive the fire of God in their hearts.

Through the Prayer Movement and Houses of Prayer - God will use this to see a change in the spiritual climate over our communities and through this the hearts of people will be open to the Gospel and business will begin to prosper, a fear of God will come upon the people.

We have seen in many places as the local church and pastors and leaders have come together and have worked together with a heart to see God bring transformation to a city rather than just build their local congregations - God is glorified when we are coming together - not out of uniformity but as the Holy Spirit unites our hearts.

We need to embrace the call of God over this nation - we are the Great South Land of the Spirit - our identity has to be in our relationship with God, we are called to be Fire Starters a Generation called to carry and spread the Fire of God.

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The Call to come Closer

(Posted by John Lockwood on Kingdom Builders Business's Blog 27 March 2014

[http://kingdombuildersbusiness.wordpress.com/2014/03/27/the-call-to-come-closer/.](http://kingdombuildersbusiness.wordpress.com/2014/03/27/the-call-to-come-closer/))

Over the last months I have been talking and asking God about what it means to Covenant with HIM.

Committed, Convicted, Constant and Completely “Sold out for ME” are the words that He has given. “I gave my LIFE for you to have this relationship and I love you so much, every single thing you do and think of, I want to be a part of “. “Unity, Unity, Unity!...with you and all my people”!

I then ask “well what does this Unity in Your Kingdom look like and how do we go about it”?

And HE SAID ” Committed, Convicted and Constant relationships with each other – that are ALL sold out for ME!!!!

Sounds just like your covenant to us.....I thought!

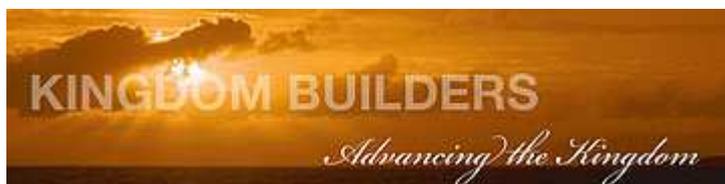
Are you telling me that we will return to how it was in the beginning of your New Testament Church (Acts 2:42-43 and 4:23-37) I asked? Is that the level of commitment we need for each other????

Ron McGatlin recently wrote (www.openheaven.com/articles/kingdom_revival/) and these words sprung out at me:

“As people of God come together, they may be coming from different places of service and activity as well as different geographical locations and cultural situations. They may be at different levels of spiritual growth in moving toward becoming mature sons of God. Yet, they can all become as of one Spirit and one mind as the Holy Spirit comes into the gathering like a bright fog and settles upon the gathering releasing the all-consuming love of God’s presence filling every heart from within and saturating every person from without in pure holy love”.

Hearts melt in the love of His manifest presence. Love flowing into all the wounded and damaged places of the soul brings healing. Pain is turned into love. Rock fences of religious boundaries and theological positions melt away in the pure love of God’s presence with us. Agendas that were created by fear, pride, mistrust, and doubt among brethren are dissolved.

John for the Kingdom Builders Team
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Canberra House of Prayer

A friendly invite and update of various gatherings and visitors at C-HOP coming up in April and May – please let your friends and networks know:

- ♥ Tues 29th April - Building towards 24/7 - City Worship and Prayer
- ♥ Fri 2nd May 6.30pm Acts 2:42 Dinner
- ♥ Sat 3rd May 9.30am-1.30pm, & 7.00-9.30pm - Love Offerings will be taken
- ♥ Sun 4th May 2.00-5.00pm

(Accommodation is still available at C-HOP for those from outside Canberra who would like to come and take part...please email us for accommodation inquiries)

We pray that as many people as possible will be able to be blessed by coming and being spiritually fed through these various ministries God is blessing us with by bringing these mighty men and women of God to teach in Canberra



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The Call to the Marketplace

(By Wesley Leake, Business Blessings)

The call to the marketplace is a call to be “fruitful and multiply”. When God created us He called us good and then blessed us saying that he had given everything to us and encouraged us to take what he has blessed us with and to be fruitful with it and to increase it in number. Yes, after the fall this became harder, however because of what Christ accomplished for us on the Cross, it is possible now to see the land redeemed and healed.

We are all called to work in a marketplace that is fallen. There are high levels of dishonesty and corruption. Of unfair treatment of workers. Of Greed and Jealousy. We have an opportunity to go into these places and give a different example of how things can be done and to bring about significant change. It may only be small to start with. A word said here, a little change there. But small things are small things, but faithfulness with a small thing is a big thing. As you are entrusted with the little, so God will grant you so much more.

Our job is literally to redeem the workplace for Christ.

The Marketplace is where the People are

In Australia we are now faced with a time when by far the majority of people in our nation do not attend Church on a Sunday. Where families used to send their kids to Sunday School on Sunday morning and the parents stayed home, this is no longer the case. I often say that the average church in Australia has 75 to 100 people attending, whereas the average business would have 500+ customers. As we equip and disciple those in our churches to be salt and light in the marketplace. One person recently emailed me to say that they never wanted to work on a Sunday in a retail store where they work, but God challenged them that Sunday is when the most people are in the store and that they need to be there to be where the people are.

In reality what does this mean. Firstly we need to understand that we are not better than non-Christians in the marketplace. Sadly many non-Christians treat their staff better and are more generous than Christians are. But we are different than others. That difference is the love that we have received from Christ and the love that we have for others. And it is the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives to give us the wisdom, knowledge and understanding that we need in the various situations we face each and every day.

Each person is made in the image of God

This is key to come to grips with. We are all made in His image. From the top CEO's and Board Members to the lower level positions in a company. Each person has worth. Each person is God's greatest miracle. Each person can accomplish great things in their life. When you look at each person and see how God is at work in their life and not to write them off, it changes your perspective on them. It gives you greater compassion for them and also seeks you to pray for wisdom to know how best to work with them.

Little words can make big differences

Apart from ministering to business people, one of my roles is teaching in a business college. This has been a real eye-opener for me in as far as how much input you can have into your students and other staff people's lives. You also realize just how messed up people's lives can be when they do not have God in their lives. I've found that there is no one formula that you can use to share with them. It takes time to sit down one on one or in small groups and listen to what they have to say, asking God for revelation as to the right words to say. Sometimes those words do not come straight away, but as you go away and reflect on them God gives you deeper revelation.

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The Call to the Marketplace (...continued)

We would also love to see God step into a situation and the miraculous happen and things are all turned around instantaneously. Which does happen on occasion. But more often than not I've see how when you lack wisdom, you ask God for it, he gives it to you, sometimes without even knowing that you have received it, but because of that wisdom you start to do little things differently, or change around whole processes or have insight into people's lives so speak them the answers that they are longing to here.

It is about changing our language, not having a "thus sayeth the Lord" in front of everything that we say. But instead "I have pondering your situation and I wonder if", or "have you ever thought about?"

Prayer

It's about taking the time to pray for those in your sphere of influence. I often look at those that I work with and wonder is there anyone who is actually praying for them? I had a case recently of needing to work with someone who is one of the most difficult in our workplace. I was tempted not to take the assignment on, however the littlest of whispers came, Wes, this is an opportunity for you to pray for this person.

In all comes out of relationship

The starting place is with you and God. It is in your personal study of the word and allowing it to impact your life. It is in your own prayer life and times of quietness and reflection.

But I don't have a time with God? Then I would like to encourage you to start one. I'm not talking about spending hours with God. It may start with reflecting on one verse and meditating on it over and over and asking God to show you what he has for you in that one verse that you can apply to your life. It may be a passage of scripture. However God guides you the key is being consistent. You will be amazed at how God uses those times to give you the wisdom you need to face situations that you may not otherwise have the strength to face.

Start where you are

I'm convinced that God has a plan and a purpose for each one of us. Part of that plan and purpose is that He places us in situations to make an impact for Him. No matter how you got where you are, you are there. Ask God for the wisdom to know why you are there to do and to accomplish what He has for you in that place. If you are struggling with that, firstly be thankful for where He has placed you. Psalm 50:23 in my paraphrase says He who gives thanks, honours God and prepares the way for salvation to come. As you give thanks for your work, for the people in your work, you honour God and open the way for the salvation that you need and those around you need to come!

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Easter : A Call to Rise

(by Johnson Punnelliparambil, BTh, MA(Soc.), MA(Eng.Lit.))

Easter is undoubtedly the foundational experience of Christianity; *"...and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain"* (1 Cor 15:14). That's how significant is Jesus' resurrection in the life of a Christian. Dying is not the end of Christian life but rising from death is the challenging new way of Christian living and hope.

Rising is a challenge for everyone, not just for Christians. Easter is a time when all of us are invited to rise; rise from the many deaths of our lives. Death is the absence of life and everything that promotes life. Jesus defeated death. *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"* (Joh 10:10).

Death permeates both the personal and social spheres of human life. Sin brought death to the world. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom 6:23). Through sin the humans enter into the sphere of spiritual death and are separated from God. Through Christ Jesus we receive eternal life as a free gift and become reunited with God. Therefore, Easter is a call to rise from sin and gloriously enter into communion with God.

Living without joy and hope is not different to death. In this age of wide spread denial of God, human beings are given into deep despair. They cannot see anything beyond the material end of realities. Many of their questions never get answered because they believe only in the material world. Their quest is short lived and they are left in a deep vacuum which takes away all the joy and hope from their life. That, again, is death and here is an invitation to rise from this despair and enter into the joy and hope that the Risen Lord brings to us at the season of Easter.

Anything that curtails the fullness of life is death. There are many other faces of death around us. They are fear, guilt, falsehood, lust, crimes, negative addictions, ego, certain political ideologies, extremism, terrorism, etc. By rising from the death, Jesus defeated all these and other dehumanising and life-limiting elements of human life. Jesus' resurrection is a call for each one of us to rise from these personal and social circumstances of death: *"Sleeper, awake. Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you"* (Eph 5:14b). When we rise from the spiritual and moral death we will be Christ-like, clothed with the new self, *"which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator"* (Col 3:10).

Writing to Colossians St. Paul says *"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful"* (Col 3:12-15).

Romans 6:7-11 (NIV)

"...because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Marriage Week AUSTRALIA

www.marriageweek.org.au

We have a 16-page "Resource Kit" bringing together resources and ideas to build a vibrant, effect marriage ministry that can reach out to the wider community. It contains simple ideas on how you might participate in Marriage Week. There are no costs involved – simply follow the link below to get the complete, printable, PDF Kit emailed to you.

<http://marriageweek.org.au/run/kitform.php>

What is Proclaim 2014?

PROCLAIM 2014 is a conference on the New Evangelisation organised on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference by the National Office for Evangelisation. The first conference, PROCLAIM 2012, attracted over 400 participants each day and PROCLAIM 2014 promises to attract even more.

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PROCLAIM 2014 is about helping Catholics respond to the call to the new evangelisation, helping to build our parishes as faith communities full of disciples and missionary in outlook. PROCLAIM 2014 will draw upon Pope Francis' encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* with its theme being 'Living the Joy of the Gospel in Parishes' and uses the practical suggestions in *Rebuilt* to help those involved in parishes across Australia to Awaken to the Challenges facing the Church, Live their Missionary Call and Transform the Parish.

Keynote Speakers

The keynote speakers are Fr Michael White & Tom Corcoran, authors of the book *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Matter*. Over a number of years these two men have worked together to rebuild the parish of Church of the Nativity, at Timonium, North Baltimore (USA). In *Rebuilt* they share what they learnt along the way: successes and failures.

"Whatever kind of parish you're in, whatever style of Church you're leading, whatever the culture of your community, you can grow a healthy parish." (*Rebuilt*, Preface, pxviii - for more on *Rebuilt*, visit: www.rebuiltparish.com)

When? 21-23 August 2014

Where? The Concourse, Chatswood (business district in northern Sydney)

Who for? This conference is for people who are interested in the new evangelisation in parishes. It is for those who are already actively engaged and those who desire to be part of the new evangelisation. It is for those who are passionate about sharing faith through witness, proclamation and service to others.

PROCLAIM 2014 will bring together over 500 Catholics over a period of three days in Sydney and is for clergy, religious, diocesan and parish staff and volunteers; married and single people, young and old.

Why? PROCLAIM 2014 is about helping Catholics respond to the call to engage in the new evangelisation. It is about helping to build parishes as faith communities, full of disciples and missionary in outlook.

Pope Francis tells us in *Evangelii Gaudium* (EG) that "parishes play an essential role in evangelisation"(n28). PROCLAIM 2014 is also responding to this call from the Pope "to review and renew our parishes . . . to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented." (n28)

How? PROCLAIM 2014 draws upon *Evangelii Gaudium* and has as its theme 'Living the Joy of the Gospel in Parishes'. Over three days participants will be encouraged to Awaken to the Challenges facing the Church, Live their Missionary Call and Transform the Parish.

The structure of the conference allows for participants to network extensively with leaders in parish communities, members of groups and movements, personnel from diocesan agencies and to share practical ideas for making healthy and evangelising parishes.

PROCLAIM 2014 keynote speakers have successfully responded to the call to evangelisation and through their missionary efforts have rebuilt their dying Parish and brought back Catholics to a living faith. Their personal experience will provide invaluable support, ideas and pastoral initiatives for Parishes around Australia. Complementing the keynotes, specialists in a wide variety of fields from all over Australia will conduct practical workshops specifically designed to build evangelising parishes.

For more information please go to the website www.proclaimconference.com.au

Praying for Indonesia's General Election



We are honoured to support our neighbour Indonesia in prayer. The bible tells us this story:

And one of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (NAS, Mark 12:28-31)

In Jesus' teachings, our relationship with our fellow men, women and children is inseparable from our relationship with God. Love of God and love of our neighbours are two aspects of the same calling:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (NIV, John 13:34-35)

Pastor Samuel Djunaedi from Ecclesia Mission Australia wrote:

We are an Indonesia community asking our brothers and sisters in Australia to pray for Indonesia.

*Indonesia will have a **General Election on the 9th of April 2014**. we will ask the Almighty God to bring out the representatives who fear the LORD and truly love the people and will help the Nation to become the End-time Intercessional and missional country.*

Ecclesia Mission Family Churches will pray together on the 5th of April, Saturday 5 pm at Newington Community Centre Avenue of Europe.

Please pray at where you are at or come together and partaking in the this awesome worship and intercession gathering. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you,

Pastor Sam Djunaedi

Brothers and sisters, We respect the Indonesian Churches in Sydney and across Australia, and we honour their calling for our nation and their nation. Let us stand together as one Christian community and support our brothers and sisters in Sydney and Indonesia - to pray together in one spirit. The victory is the Lord's and everything belongs to Him.

Let us be One in Him who is One in us. One Lord, One spirit and one body in Jesus Christ Amen.

Lilian Schmid

Prayers and Meditations

Adopting a Senator and a Member of Parliament (MP)

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

For 2014 the Lord put in our hearts to start these initiatives: "Adopt a Senator" and "Adopt an MP". Choose one federal MP (House of Representatives) and One Senator in the Australian parliament to pray for each day.

You can get a current list of federal politicians from the Australian Parliament House website www.aph.gov.au

Adopting a Senator and MP

www.transformingsydney.org/TSAadoptASenatorMP.html

Adopting A Suburb

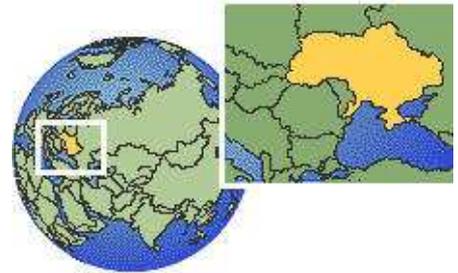
www.transformingsydney.org/TSAadoptASuburb.html

National Prayer Strategy for the 10 Domains

www.tendoamins.org

A message from Peter Kuzmic - Prayer for Ukraine

I am back from the vulnerable and explosive country of Ukraine. For your information, I am including at the end of this e-mail the ET of an article that was written in Kiev and published on February 23. Since that time, as I predicted, Putin is showing his muscles through the military control of Crimea and threatening to use armies to “defend endangered Russian minorities” within Ukraine, thus endangering the territorial integrity of that land.



This threatens the stability and peace in Europe and marks the beginning of a new Cold War era with the potential to turn into a more disastrous global conflagration.

Please pray:

1. For the right mix of wisdom, vision, and boldness for all of those engaged in preventative diplomacy and peacemaking between Ukraine and Russia.
2. Pray especially for the leadership of the European Union, USA, and United Nations that they will find an agreement for an unified and effective approach to curtail Russian ambitions to enlarge their territory and bring Ukraine under its control.
3. Pray for the leadership of Christian churches in both Ukraine and Russia not to give in to nationalist euphorias, but to exercise spiritual discernment and prophetic boldness in speaking the word of truth to power and to be constructively engaged in building bridges of reconciliation across the dangerous divides of antagonistic camps.
4. Pray that the churches on all sides will credibly witness to the unity of the body of Christ and joyfully announce the Gospel as a message of hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation in their vulnerable and despairing contexts.

LYDIA FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

ARE YOU A WOMAN OF GOD WITH A HEART FOR PRAYER?

Representing Australia, New Zealand and the islands, Lydia is made up of small groups of Christian women who set aside a regular time to pray asking the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. Together through the Word of God we seek the heart of God for His Church, His Kingdom, our community, country and nations of the world. Lydia groups are represented in several areas Australia wide, facilitated by women with commitment and perseverance through the energizing power of the Holy Spirit.

The potential power of such a prayer network is dynamic when it is channelled for the purposes of God and His Kingdom. Each time we meet we spend a dedicated time in worship, then individually ask the Holy Spirit to lead us in discussion through highlighted scriptures. We then focus on prayer and intercession and conclude with thanksgiving and praise. God’s life giving Word reveals His will.

The Lydia prayer cell is an entity in itself, growing and multiplying through the power of the Holy Spirit with numerous support networks available. There is a National and International Coordinator and Planning Team, newsletters, joint prayer days, conferences and seminars and multi lingual literature available.

Would you like to know more? “...whatever He says to you, do it.” John 2:5

Contact Jean Kelly M: 07 5476 671
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A message from Kris Schlyder - National Day of Prayer for Defence

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a former officer in the Australian Army for some 30 years before I came to saving faith in Jesus Christ, I am currently a member of the Military Christian Fellowship of Australia (MCF-A), a network of current and former members, both military and civilian, of the Australian Defence Force. www.mcf-a.org.au

On Saturday 5 April 2014 the Council of the MCF-A is holding their fourth annual National Day of Prayer for Defence. The catalyst for this concept of a National Day of Prayer for Defence was revelation received by a Canberra intercessor, Jacqueline Bedson, the wife of a civilian working in Defence. The inaugural NDOP for Defence was held on 2 April 2011.

This year the primary prayer meeting, with morning and afternoon sessions, will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Military College Duntroon in Canberra. That meeting will be led by Lieutenant Colonel Jamie van Heel, the Chairman of the MCF-A Council. There will also be prayer groups meeting in some 20 military establishments mainly throughout Australia, but also overseas. The National 24 Hour Prayer Watch of the Australian Prayer Network will be praying, and the Lord has called us, the members of the Australian Indigenous Prayer Network, to also pray wherever we are. The Lord has also called me to participate in the primary prayer meeting in the Chapel of the Royal Military College in Duntroon, Canberra.

The Council of the MCF-A have advised those praying for the ADF on the National Day of Prayer for Defence of the following prayer needs.

- ♥ 100,000 personnel in the ADF plus their families with only a small percentage who are in relationship with Jesus;
- ♥ protection of 2,200 military personnel on six operations;
- ♥ tens of thousands of military personnel who have returned from operation and who have physical, mental and spiritual injuries;
- ♥ Defence leadership changes in July with CDF, VCDF and the Service Chiefs;
- ♥ ADF Faith Under Course implementation;
- ♥ Current and future leadership within Defence Christian Military Ministries;
- ♥ AMCF Global Interaction in Capetown South Africa; and
- ♥ Opportunities to spread the gospel within the ADF.

Here are some words of explanation of some of those prayer points. The 100,000 personnel comprise both uniformed and civilian members. The 2,200 military personnel on six operations means they are deployed outside the Australian mainland. The Chief of the Defence Force (CDF) - the top uniformed officer in the whole of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) - General David Hurley AC DSC, is a praying, bible-reading follower of Christ Jesus! Praise God! However his tour of duty as CDF expires in July 2014, as do the current tours of duty of the Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Chief of Navy, Chief of Army, and Chief of Air Force.

Faith Under Fire is a Christian course conducted in units of the ADF. There are other Christian Military Ministries within the ADF apart from MCF-A, including amongst the wives and parents of serving members. The South African event is basically a gathering of members of Military Christian Fellowships from throughout the Western World.

Attached is a sheet of prayers for the ADF which the Lord gave me in 2011 and which He has had me pray weekly ever since. Please feel free to use them on Saturday 5 April 2014, and whenever the Lord may lead you to use them.

Please pray for our Australian Defence Force on Saturday 5 April 2014 as the Holy Spirit leads you, and should the Lord call you to do so, please pray for them on a regular basis. They really need our persistent prayers.

With love in Christ Jesus,

Kris Schlyder

Coordinator, Australian Indigenous Prayer Network

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Part of my weekly prayer for our Defence Force - Kris Schlyder

Heavenly Father, we pray for the politicians who have oversight of our Armed Forces, for the leaders at the head of our armed forces, and for their chaplaincy services, that You, Heavenly Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, would give to them Your Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that they may know You.

Lord God, we pray that You will open the eyes of their understanding to know that You, the Lord of Hosts, are the most important ally that Australia will ever need – far, far above the USA or the UK.

Lord, we pray that You will give our political and military leaders clear direction as to whether or not Australian armed forces should be involved in any present war or any future war.

Lord God, King David used Psalm 18, Psalm 60, Psalm 144, Psalm 149, and other Scripture to train his armies spiritually as well as physically. We pray, O Lord, that You would guide the spiritual, physical, mental, material, innovative, strategic, and tactical preparation of our armed forces for current wars and any future wars in which they may be involved. We pray for Your spiritual, physical, and mental protection of the members of our armed forces engaged in war-like activities, or in training for the same.

Gracious God, please open the eyes, ears, hearts and minds of our governmental and military leaders to the spiritual, physical, and mental healing our returned and returning servicemen and servicewomen, and their families, so desperately need – that healing which only You, Lord Jesus, can perform!!

Military service is very hard on marriages, children, relationships, parents, loved ones and friends of those serving in our armed forces ... the mortal dangers of war service, ranging from death to deep physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wounds ... the way that war changes a man or woman and the impact that has on relationships....long separations, families moving from place to place in Australia, children changing schools ... all these can have a negative, fracturing impact on marriages, families and relationships.

Loving Father, we pray that You will pour out Your great love, mercy, grace, help, salvation and healing on the families of the members of our armed forces, and that You would guide our governmental and military leaders to provide the best possible support for them while their loved ones are away.

Mighty God, we remind You of the ANZAC connection.....Lord, You have bonded us militarily and as neighbours with New Zealand these past 98 years....and now You are calling us to work together with them for Your end-time purposes. Lord, we pray that You will continue to prosper that connection, initially forged on the battlefield so long ago.

Lord, You have also bonded our two countries through ANZAC with our older brother, Israel. Please continue to prosper that bond, we ask.

Lord God of Israel, we pray that You would guide the spiritual, physical, mental, material, innovative, strategic, and tactical preparation of the Israeli Defence Force for the very difficult days to come.

Lord, we are encouraged by the public statement by the 2012 Deputy Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defence Force that the survival of Israel depends primarily on You, the Holy One of Israel – not on the strength and ability of the Israeli Defence Force.

Almighty God, we pray that You would imbue our political and military leaders in Australia with that same revelation and understanding....for You, Lord Jesus, are our rock, our defence, our great reward, and our hope for the future.

And finally, Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for the next National Day of Prayer for Defence on Saturday 5th April 2014. We pray, our Lord, that You will move the hearts of many in this nation, both within and without the armed forces, to humble ourselves and pray and seek Your face in prayer for our Defence Forces, and that You would continue to guide and prosper that prayer in the days, weeks, months and years to come.

Lord Jesus, we pray all this, in and through Your precious name, Amen

Who is the Child?

(Written by Graham McDonald, National Children's Advocate - E: graham.mcdonald@ccca.org.au)

Throughout the history of mankind the natural progression of life has been a birth ultimately followed by death at some point in time, except for a few notable exceptions that are recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

When we observe the wonder of the birth, we are immediately struck by the complete and utter helplessness of that newly born child. The life and the future of the child is in the hands of adults. Research now shows that how a child is nurtured (or not nurtured) within the first five years of life will have a significant impact on how a child will behave and survive in society as he or she comes of age.

As we survey the world scene we see that many children in developing countries do not even survive the first five years of life let alone reach their full potential. This is due to a range of medical problems including malnutrition and preventable diseases which can be bought about by natural or man-made disasters such as famines and wars. The United Nations estimates that of the 12 million slaves in the world 87% of them are women and children. The children are sold by their families or kidnapped by ruthless people and then sold into slavery. They may find themselves in the sex industry or as child labourers working in sweat shops or farming communities. Some become child soldiers and learn how to kill to survive.

Professor Patrick Parkinson's research on "Repairing the Social Environment for Australian Children and Young People" released in July 2011 has some very sobering and sad facts about our children. More than 25% of young people 16-24 years have a mental disorder. A further 24% of young people, while never having experienced a mental disorder are experiencing moderate to severe psychological distress. Children are the most vulnerable of all human beings and are totally dependent on the adults around them for their physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

After contemplating these facts, one must ask the question "Who is the child?"

To find the answer to this question, there is no better place to go than to the Holy Scriptures to hear from the Creator himself.

God says :

- ♥ The Child is made in His image.
Genesis 1:26 *"Let US make man in our image"*
- ♥ The Child is wonderfully and fearfully made.
Psalm 139:14 *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that well."*
- ♥ The Child has eternity in his or her heart.
Ecclesiastes 3:11 *"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from the beginning to the end"*
- ♥ The Child is a reward from God
Psalm 127:3 *"Sons are a heritage from the Lord; children are a reward from Him"*
- ♥ The Child is to be instructed by his or her parents about God.
Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up"*
- ♥ The Child is to be instructed to tell his or her children about God.
Psalm 78:6 *"so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born and they in turn would tell their children."*



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Who is the Child? (...continued)

Jesus says

- ♥ The Child is precious in His eyes.
Matthew 18:5 *“And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.”*
- ♥ the Child is an example of how to enter the Kingdom of God.
Matthew 18:3 *“I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”*
- ♥ The Child should not be regarded as inferior.
Matthew 18:10 *“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”*
- ♥ The Kingdom of God belongs to little children.
Mark 10:14 *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*
- ♥ It is God’s will that none of the little ones should be lost.
Matthew 18:14 *“In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.”*
- ♥ Death is preferable to causing a little child to sin against Jesus.
Matthew 18:6 *“But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”*

As one meditates upon these Scriptures there is no doubt that children are highly valued by God and the Lord Jesus. In response we should ask ourselves;

- How much value do we place on children?
- What strategies have we as individuals and the church put in place to ensure their wellbeing?
- Are we doing our part in nurturing and protecting our children?
- Who will stand up for the little children in our society and speak out against the attack on their moral, physical and spiritual wellbeing by governments, the media, schools and anti-Christian groups?
- Who will be their advocates when it comes to media and government intrusion?

If you would choose to be an advocate for the children, I suggest you sign up on one or more of these websites:

www.acl.org.au

www.collectiveshout.com

www.children.org.au

The Bible exhorts us in the Book of Proverbs to ‘speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves’.

Children of the World is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ Australia



Celebrate the National Day of Thanksgiving - Saturday 31 May 2014

The National Day of Thanksgiving is a unique opportunity for Australians to celebrate and give thanks for our God given heritage as a nation and to demonstrate the God given values of honour, respect, thankfulness and gratitude towards our fellow man that have made us the great nation we are.

It is a day for us to pause as a nation and say thank you to God and to each other for those many things we often take for granted but which really make our lives worth living. Let us use this day to be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to us during the past year.

For more information please go to the website of the National Day of Thanksgiving:

<http://thanksgiving.org.au/contactus/>

The Light Shines in the Darkness

(An Article by Dr Geoff Waugh, Renewal Journal)

The darkness cannot overcome the light (John 1:5). Revival continues to explode in spite of, and in the midst of, darkness such as the brutal massacres of Christians and others in North Korea, North Africa, Syria and the Middle East.

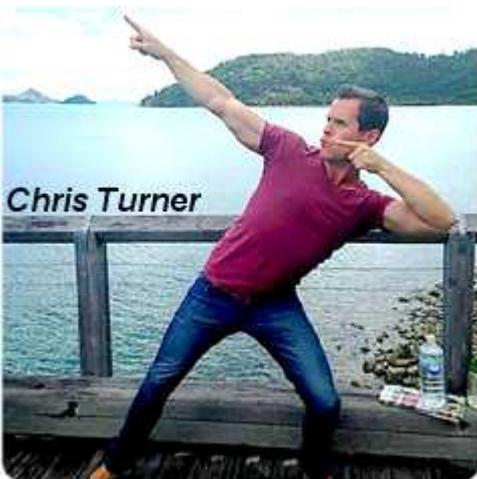


Local

Local Australian examples of healing evangelism, for example, continue to increase. Many churches now have ministry teams that pray for people at the end of each service.

Joel Shaw, a young pastor at Glory City Church in Brisbane leads youth in prayer healing evangelism in the streets and malls of Brisbane, along with others. Here's a recent example from him:

"I am just on a total high from last night! After church we went down with the young adults to Kangaroo Point. Chris Turner [youth pastor] and I were talking about all the opportunities that were all around us. As we were walking from one location to the next we saw this big bunch of young people smoking and rabbling around. Chris stopped and called out to them. At first they didn't even acknowledge that he was there. Chris called out a second time in a louder voice "HEY GUYS!" Their conversation died down and they started to listen.



"Chris said, "Have you guys seen any miracles?" Some jeered, some were serious and others quite friendly. Within 30 seconds there was a guy who admitted to having a knee problem; one prayer and he was instantly healed! A girl stepped up saying that she had period pain and she was also instantly healed.

"A guy next to me started to talk to me about his elbow. He had heaps of pain and limited movement. By this stage it was electric. I knew there wasn't a chance this guy wouldn't be healed, so I said, "Watch this!" to the other guys around me and began to pray. I felt the presence of God go through me and he stumbled backward. "WHAT THE @\$%!" He exclaimed, moving his arm around vigorously. He began to jump around and continue to stream expletives in total shock that he had been healed.

"By that time I had lost track of the other miracles that were happening all around me. Immediately another guy comes up to me and said to me something along the lines of "I need help, I have a lot of sin!" It was because of the miracles and the presence of God he was convicted of his sin! The loving kindness leads us to repentance. So as I hugged the guy with the healed arm for the 5th time, I proceed to share about the price that Jesus paid for his sin. Turns out he had been to church but was desperate to encounter the supernatural so had delved deep into witchcraft and other new age practices. I prayed for him, and he said he was so overwhelmed by God's presence. ... We got his number and his address and he is coming to church on Friday. Seriously Kingdom life is the most exciting life! That was an opportunity we could have easily walked by."

Global

During the last few years I led teams of young people from these churches on missions in the South Pacific. Healings, deliverance and salvation increase with each visit. Everyone prayed for in one pagan village reported their pain had gone, and for the first time ever the paramount chief asked for healing prayer for himself. Previously he had burned a Bible given to him. Now he is saying that a church can be built where he burned the Bible.

Last year a team saw everyone healed that they prayed for on Pentecost Island, Vanuatu. The testimonies opened the way for more salvation, deliverance, and people being filled with the Spirit and equipped for powerful service. That includes detecting and removing magic and witchcraft.

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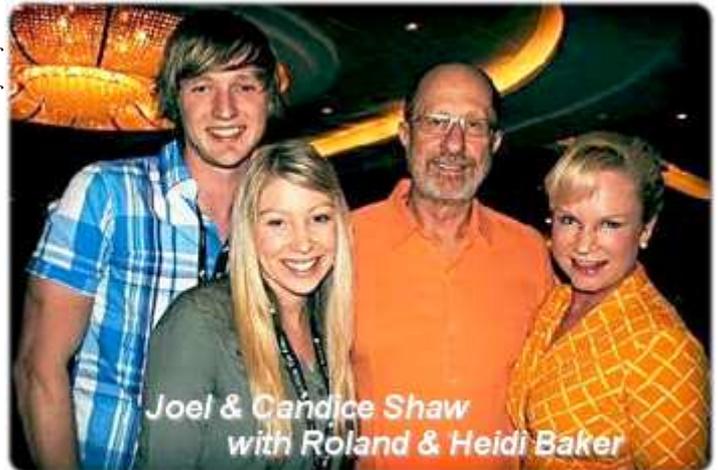
We prayed with a nurse in Port Vila (the capital of Vanuatu) who that week had been led to pray in the hospital for a girl hit by a truck who had died. After half an hour of Spirit-led prayer commanding her to live, the girl lived.

I have written more about this and the resulting transformations in South Pacific Revivals and the expanded Flashpoints of Revival (see www.renewaljournal.com).

We live through amazing revivals globally this century. One of the most obvious is with Iris Global, with Roland and Heidi Baker. They write:

“What began as a ragged band of young beggars, thieves and delinquents has developed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a closely-knit national family of thousands of churches and a broad ministry encompassing Bible schools, children’s centers, church-based orphan care, primary education, medical clinics, constant evangelistic and healing outreaches, farming, well drilling and much else. Our vision in the Lord is constantly increasing” (<http://www.irisglobal.org>).

The Light still shines. We can live in the Light. Or, to use another picture, we can hoist our sail of faith and catch the wind of the Spirit blowing powerfully in the earth.



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News & Events

Australian missionary John Short has arrived in Beijing after being released by North Korean authorities. Mr Short, 75, was arrested Sunday 16 February for leaving Christian tracts in the Korean language at a Buddhist temple. His arrest became an international incident after it was revealed there had been fears he could spend the rest of his life in a prison or labour camp as punishment for distributing the literature.

North Korea's state news agency, KCNA, said Mr Short had apologised and admitted to violating North Korean laws. It said North Korea had decided to expel him partly in consideration of his age. Mr Short was flown to Beijing in neighbouring China after 15 days under arrest in Pyongyang and is expected to soon return to Hong Kong, where he and his wife now live and base their missionary work. Thanking God for his release, Karen Short said the couple will return to South Australia soon as relatives there are planning celebrations.

Prayer Points:

- ♥ Please join with us in thanking and praising the Lord for this outcome.
- ♥ Pray the Lord will help John overcome his ordeal.
- ♥ Pray for the thousands of prisoners in North Korea serving long sentences in labour camps for following Jesus.
- ♥ Pray God will bring thorough change, freedom and complete transformation to North Korea.

Voice of the Martyrs Australia www.vom.com.au

News and Events

Verbum Dei Easter 2014

The Joy of the Cross

Date: 17 to 19 April

Where: St Joseph's Rosebery

Run by:

Verbum Dei Missionaries

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Contact Kylie on 93137099

The Australian Christian Nation Association Inc

CHRISTIAN FORUM

Hosted by Rev Hon Fred Nile
MLC

Tuesday 15 April 2014

2.00 – 4.00 pm

Theatrette, NSW Parliament House,
Macquarie Street, Sydney

Speaker: Kirralie Smith

Topic: "Halal Certification Schemes
in Australia"

Please book by Wednesday
9 April 2014

\$10 registration per person

Contact Kaia: 0401 3838 20 or
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Pastors Network & Prayer Groups Across Sydney

We encourage you to contact and attend a group that is close to you - join together and be strengthened.

NOTE: the contacts in the below link have been given to Transforming Sydney by the people concerned for the express purpose of inviting others to attend their prayer group - the details are not provided for any other purpose and we ask that you do not copy these details onto other websites and social media without the permission of the respective owners.

Please go to Transforming Sydney Website

[www.transformingsydney.org/
TSPayerGroups.html](http://www.transformingsydney.org/TSPayerGroups.html)

to find the list of all Prayer Ministries and Groups in Sydney

Stopping

Homelessness

"We see this as an exciting opportunity to improve housing supply, give people a practical way to help in the fight against homelessness, and gain access to the private rental market for many people who may otherwise be homeless"

Heather Holst, CEO

For more information call

Andrea Levey

Housing Options Coordinator

HomeGround Services

M 0414 469 518

www.homeground.org.au



27 Million Trafficked People Need Your Help To Fill in a 5 minute survey

Justin Pagotto has just launched the website I have linked below.

Social enterprises make profits which are distributed into changing the world.

It's all about making everyday purchases for everyday products and services that you would normally buy anyway but by making these purchases through this website you are **supporting the global effort to end Human Slavery/ Trafficking.**

Please take the time to check out the link below and please **fill out the 5 minute survey**, which will help them to get this awesome work started and so they can serve your needs better while your proceeds go to work ending Human Trafficking.

<http://moneyforjam.launchrock.com/>

JESUS IS _____.

is an unfinished sentence. How would you fill in the blank?

We're interested in your opinion. We know people will say all sorts of things, both positive and negative. Our hope is that as our friends, neighbours and acquaintances come in contact with the unfinished sentence "Jesus is _____," there will be people from our churches ready to listen and offer a Biblical response.

Visit the www.Jesus-is.org.au website for more information.



News and Events

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"I INVITE YOU TO PARTNER WITH ME IN REACHING ONE MILLION SOULS"
- PETER RAHME

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“Some things I've learned along the way”

A Mens Breakfast with **Tony Rawson**

Tony has received a range of local and international photographic awards in his 40 years of professional photography experience in corporate and family portrait work.

Tony's involvement in international missions combined with his easy going positive 'can do' attitude and love for people will excite and encourage you to achieve your dreams.

Tony is based in eastern Melbourne.

Sat 5 April 2014 8am - 9.30am
Marsden Room, Mamre Homestead
181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills
Location map: <http://goo.gl/maps/KV7TW>

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER OF LOVE, IN CHRIST JESUS

If we could speak in All the languages of men and angels, and did not have Your love DAD, We would be no more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If we had All prophetic powers, and could understand All mysteries and All kinds of knowledge, and had All faith, so as to remove mountains, and did not have Your love DAD, We would be nothing at all and useless.

If we gave away All that we possessed, and delivered our body to be burned, and did not have Your love DAD, it would profit us nothing here in this World,

May we be patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not arrogant or rude, not insisting on our own way, not ever irritable or resentful, But DAD please help us to see others in the family of Christ as real true family and not just friends or those other people.

May we rejoice always in what is right DAD, never in anything that is wrong.

Help us to bear All things and endure whatever we must, to trust in All circumstances, and to be hopeful in All trials.

In Jesus' Authority we come to You DAD, asking, believing and receiving by faith. Amen DAD. In Jesus Name.

In The Service Of The KING OF ALL kings And LORD OF ALL lords. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Your Church And Nations Apostle:
James Winfree Sr.

Transforming Sydney - Spiritual Formation Program

For the Youth (18-26 years)

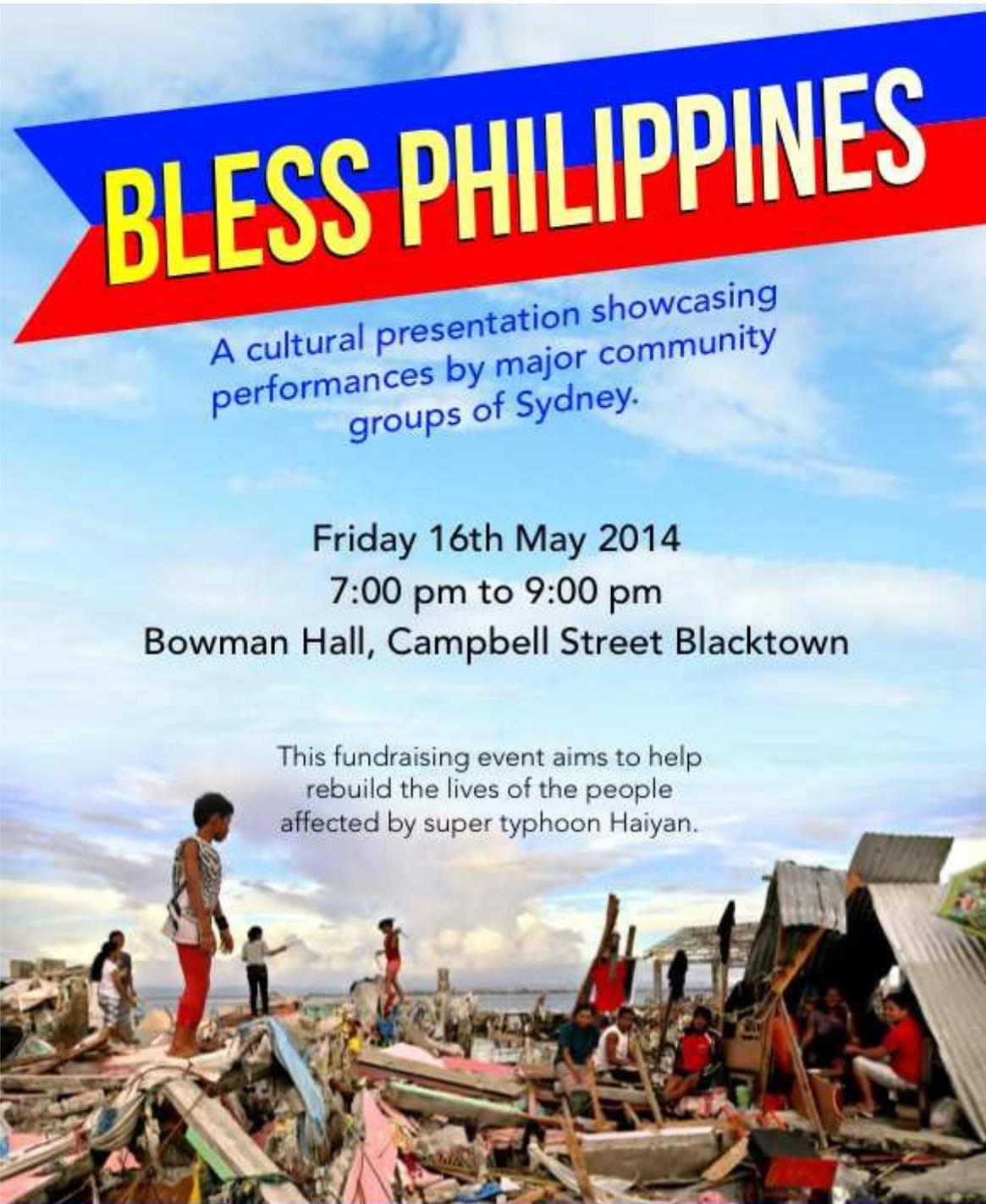
Transforming Sydney is running a Spiritual Formation Program to equip Young Adult between 18 and 26 to be ambassadors for the kingdom within their spheres of influence. If you wish to start this program next year at your church or youth group let us know.

This course consist of 3 levels of spirituality:

- ♥ Discipline in prayer, devotion, bible reading
- ♥ Introducing the Supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit with evaluation for each candidate regarding their gifts
- ♥ Developing Christ-like leaders

More information is available at <http://www.transformingsydney.org/TSPFormation.html>

To run this program with your church, please contact Bjorn and Lilian Schmid info@transformingsydney.org



BLESS PHILIPPINES

A cultural presentation showcasing performances by major community groups of Sydney.

Friday 16th May 2014
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Bowman Hall, Campbell Street Blacktown

This fundraising event aims to help rebuild the lives of the people affected by super typhoon Haiyan.

Entry Fee: **\$10** per person at the door

This event is brought to you by the Christian Churches of Blacktown and the Sikh Community. Supported by the Blacktown City Council and the Local State and Federal Members of the Parliament. All funds collected will go direct to "Gawang Laya" a charity organisation based in the Philippines. Donations are received through RJC Ministry Centre Inc. BSB 062339 Account No 1069 6497. For details contact: Ray 0430 138 707, Nick 0406 426 445 or Zahir 0419 281 330. ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

