

Transforming Sydney & Prayer Strategy for the Spheres of Influence



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Prayer Calendar 2015

See the daily prayer points on the 2015 Prayer Calendar - www.transformingsydney.org/TSPayerCalendar.html
Note also on pages 34 and 35 is a **Daily Prayer Calendar for October to pray for the sphere of Health & Science** (In the August newsletter is a Daily Prayer Calendar for September to pray for Charity and Not for Profit Welfare - see also prayerstrategy.org)

PRAY AND ACT FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL

Even though the media is no longer focused on Nepal, the people of Nepal are struggling to rebuild their lives, livelihoods and shattered families and communities after the devastating earthquake in April. Transforming Sydney has partnered with Christian NGO Transform The Nations who are providing practical support by building schools, planting fruit trees & vegetables, and training & equipping the next generation. Please pray for the teams in Nepal, for resources to be released, and as much as you are led by God, donate to these critical projects at helpnepal.com.au – all funds go directly to the people of Nepal.

In the September edition - focus on Charity & Not for Profit Welfare

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From the Convenor

Dear friends,

There are no perfect prophets. There are very few perfect prophecies. I would expect that even experienced prophets get it wrong sometimes. Most prophets would be very happy, if they got it right 90% of the time. An even larger percentage of prophecies from God will be slightly contaminated by something the prophet has added from his own heart. This is normal even for experienced prophets, because all prophets are human.

The solution is not to reject all prophecy, but to test all prophecy. Even if a word comes from a "big name" prophet, we should not assume that it is correct.

Testing prophecies

The Bible gives a number of principles for testing a prophecy.

- ◆ 1 Cor 14:4 - It must build up the body.
- ◆ 2 Tim 3:16 - It must agree with Scripture.
- ◆ John 16:13,14 - It must exalt Jesus.
- ◆ Deut 18:22,22 - It must come true.
- ◆ Deut 13:1-5 - It must lead to God and obedience to him.
- ◆ Rom 8:15 - It must produce liberty
- ◆ 2 Cor 3:6 - It must produce life.
- ◆ 1 John 2:27 - It must be attested to the Holy Spirit in each believer.

All prophecies should glorify and honour Jesus. The bible warns us that we must not accept every person who claims to be a prophet, but test them to discover those that are sent by the Lord. Their elders must testify their qualifications as prophets first. They should consult with their elders.

Jesus warned that false prophets and deceivers would come upon the earth, and that even some of the elect would be deceived by them (Mark 13:22,23). False prophets have been present in the world in every age, but they are particularly common in times of tumult like our present age. We have seen a great outburst of prophetic activity, with all kinds of individuals and cults claiming to have the truth.

When people send messages of panic, fear, uncertainties, I ask these questions below?

- ◆ Who are these people?
- ◆ Who recommend them as prophets?
- ◆ Who tested their prophecy?
- ◆ Who gave them permission to spread these words across the body of Christ?
- ◆ Who discerned their prophecy?
- ◆ Who confirmed their prophecy?
- ◆ Who acknowledge their prophetic gifts with the body of Christ in Australia?

As leaders in this nation and watchmen of the welfare of the city with other leaders praying and discerning together we are very concerned about many prophecies going around the last three years creating panic, fear and uncertainty in many across our nation.

I would like to mention that we have in Australia the "Australian Prophetic Council" which has true prophets to discern and test all these revelations and prophecies, so I recommend that you advise your fellow brothers and sisters to seek gifted prophets before spreading words across. Their website is **www.australianpropheticcouncil.com.au**

The role of the prophetic council is to discern the true prophetic revelations that individuals receive or their pastors may send them to the prophetic council.

God bless you

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From the Editor

A blind person can choose one of four options if they want to go out into the world: use a cane, use a seeing-eye dog, trust someone to lead them, or alternatively educate themselves about the world so that they can navigate around obstacles and cross where it is safe. This works in principle, but they cannot see when things are changed or something unexpected comes.

In our Christian walk – we ARE spiritually blind without the Holy Spirit as our guide. Some Christians choose to rely on prophets and teachers to lead them – they are like a seeing-eye dog who can assist with general guidance and a few specific barriers, but they do not have the FULL picture of where God wants YOU to go. The role of prophets and teachers is not to lead us all the time; they are there to be competent in pointing us to the Way and the Holy Spirit, and can answer some questions or confirm our path. Others choose to rely on the Holy Spirit as their trusted companion for life – He will never let them down, and He will often describe to them great and wondrous things that they may never hear from fellow humans.

Read Matthew 25:1-13, Matthew 15:13-14, John 14:26, Jeremiah 33:3 and see what you think.

Grace, Bjorn Schmid

His Kingdom Come

The world waits for you.

By Leighton Walters

If you knew you were a life saver... *Would you save a life?* Of course you would. It's incredible to consider that Christians all over the world live with a mandate to change the very world that supports them... For the better. A glorious infectious flood of redemptive justice pours out into the *hearts* of humanity and out of the *hands* of His people.

His. Kingdom. Come. His Kingdom Come resonates and echoes through the human heart. The human heart, empty without purpose, waiting, *aching* to be filled with a love that transcends understanding. A love that beckons earth heavenward. A love found in the shape of a blood stained cross through the tear soaked eyes of a Saviour... Jesus. The cross of Calvary. A wooden enthronement of our King who, *crowned* with thorns and *nailed* with love for the ones holding the *hammer* loudly whispers a resounding invitation into the hearts of humanity... A question that haunts me... *yet draws me*. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34) Silence. Chilling. Heart breaking... My life, your life, *our* lives, a direct *answer* to Jesus' agonising final question cried from the bleeding lungs of a breathtaking Saviour.

This is an all inclusive invitation to restorative purpose with a Heaven infused mandate. Oh what love to include us in calling and carrying out His Kingdom Come. Bringing His Kingdom Come does not mean bringing Heaven *down*, Jesus has already done that... it is partnering *with* Jesus in lifting Earth *up* to Heaven. Reaching down to the lost, the broken, the burdened and helping them up. Kneeling down to the hungry, the homeless and the hurting and carrying them to Jesus... the only hope for humanity.

This infectious invitation that beckons our response waits at the beginning of every breath. Breathe *in*. Breathe *out*. *How would I live today to bring Earth to Heaven? How would I love today if I knew how loved I was? How would I lead today if I knew who led me?*

Jesus. *His* Kingdom. Changes *everything*. Changes the way we work, the way we drive, the way we read, the way we breathe... That we would breathe *in* His love and breathe *out* His praise. Yet, at that moment, Earth touches Heaven and Heaven invades Earth. Breathe in love. Breath out praise. *Repeat*. Live today... *As it is in Heaven*.

It's easier said than done. I would like to think I have it sorted out, *but I really don't*. I'm like you. On this journey of discovering this breathtaking and stunningly beautiful redemptive plan of the universe. Jesus *broke* my pride to enter my heart and *breaks* my heart to enter the needs of the world.

The broken, the hurting, the hungry... That is me. That is you. That is *us*. *Broken* in need of a Restorer, hurting in need of a Healer, hungry in need of a Provider. *And He is all of them and more*. Jesus came to meet us *in* our brokenness to reach out *through* our brokenness. To reach a broken world, we must let God break our heart.

Oh Lord, pour out your grace on Earth, as it is in Heaven. *Did Jesus really know what He was praying?!* *Did Jesus really know what He was getting Himself into?!* Of course He did. He is God. He was praying a dangerous declaration that is silently roaring across the earth. A Kingdom of *peace*, a Kingdom of *grace*, a Kingdom of *joy*, a Kingdom of *justice* and a Kingdom of *Love*. Jesus... *Love personified*. Jesus... *Kingdom personified*. Jesus... *The King of His Kingdom*.

A *servant* King. A *generous* King. The King that gave everything He had to reach us in our *depravity*, to offer us an *eternity*. *We can never out give God, for He has given us a gift that money cannot buy*. And. He. Lives. In. Us.

Let's be a people who give out of a revelation of what has been given. It could be a smile, it could be financial, it could be forgiveness or it could be hope... *Freely give, as we have freely received*. We can do this. Imagine what's possible if the Church would rise up in unity and expressly outwork the mandate of the Kingdom. Not with legalism or pride, but with love and compassion. To love *unconditionally*, to serve *selflessly* and to bring hope to a *searching* world.

Today, right now. Millions are in slavery. Billions are starving. Overwhelming I know. *But not really*. How big is God? *It's easy to feel disabled by the need when you forget Who enables you*. We live in the greatest days, filled with opportunity to reach across the world to feed the hungry, house the homeless, love the unloved and help the hurting. For the first time, a businessperson in *Bondi* can feed a mouth in *Bombay*, or family in *Artarmon* can house a homeless family in *Africa*, or a student in *Sydney* can help bring education to a village in *Syria*. *Let's be a people with big hearts and long hands*. The opportunities to bring Earth to Heaven are everywhere... Let's remember what Jesus has done for us and allow Him to bring Heaven to our *hearts* and allow it to overflow to our *hands*. *No one ever became poor by being generous*.

May His grace abound to you, so that His Kingdom Come *in* you, to bring it through *you*. Jesus... The King of the Kingdom. My King, your King, *our* King... *who loves us with an everlasting love that will forever bring us to our knees*.

KIDS HOPE AUS – Empowering church/school partnerships!

Matthew 19:13-14

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Our Vision:

Hope in the life of every child.

Our Mission:

KIDS HOPE AUS is a Christian ministry which partners with churches and schools to positively change the lives of vulnerable children through the power of one-to-one mentoring.

A Story of Hope

Eliza was an elective mute – for more than two years she had refused to speak to any adults, including teachers. She was matched with a KIDS HOPE AUS mentor who had been briefed that Eliza would probably never speak to her. Her mentor proved to be a reliable faithful friend



to Eliza and a few months later, when the principal walked past Eliza and her mentor, she was amazed to see the two of them engaged in animated conversation!

The Power of One

KIDS HOPE AUS is the catalyst for a growing network of church/school partnerships around Australia. These partnerships take on the challenge of supporting vulnerable children – One Child, One Hour, One Church, One School at a time – through one-to-one mentoring relationships.

One Child – a vulnerable primary school child who needs additional support from a caring adult. Teachers identify the children who would benefit from having a mentor and parents give signed permission for the children to participate.

One Hour – a small investment of one hour per week can make all the difference for a child struggling with self-esteem, confidence and social issues.

One Church – takes ownership of a program with its local school, providing a coordinator and a screened and trained team of mentors. KIDS HOPE AUS church/school partnerships offer churches the opportunity to put their faith into action, with ongoing resources and support from the KIDS HOPE AUS office.

One School – welcomes this proven intervention to increase the capacity of the children to learn by building their social/emotional resilience – at no expense to the school. Principals and teachers endorse KIDS HOPE AUS as an effective intervention into the lives of vulnerable kids.

Why KIDS HOPE AUS works

It's an opportunity for churches to connect with the community

In their desire to live out Christian faith, churches often seek ways to effectively serve their local communities. KIDS HOPE AUS offers that opportunity – with all the training, resources and ongoing support needed for church leaders, coordinators and mentors. KIDS HOPE AUS offers the church a long term community engagement strategy, rather than a short term project focus. Many churches have gone on to develop other ways of supporting their partner school communities – breakfast clubs, homework clubs, assisting with school events, offering parent education classes etc.

It's a ministry supported by prayer

Each KIDS HOPE church has a team of prayer partners who pray for the building of strong relationships between school and church and child and mentor. I believe that the foundation of prayer underpins the success of the KIDS HOPE AUS program in both churches and schools.

It's a can-do ministry

KIDS HOPE AUS offers an opportunity for ordinary people to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of children needing additional support.

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ONE CHILD ONE HOUR ONE CHURCH ONE SCHOOL

KIDS HOPE AUS – Empowering church/school partnerships! (...continued)

Mentors are carefully screened and trained to spend just one hour per week at the school. Their role is not to teach, but to offer social and emotional support through activities with the children. Mentors come from all walks of life and all age groups.

It's rewarding for all participants

School principals, teachers and chaplains affirm the impact of KIDS HOPE AUS on their students. KIDS HOPE AUS is evidence-based and evaluated by teachers annually. 92.2% of students were reported as having improved behaviour, confidence and higher self-esteem.

"[Our School] was one of the first schools to have access to the KIDS HOPE AUS program thanks to the dedication and commitment of the [local church]. I thank them for providing such positive adult role models for students who need what they provide. It is in my opinion one of the most successful community partnerships happening within our education system and I am pleased that it is being implemented in schools all over Australia." Principal (QLD)

Church leaders attest to the positive impact that the KIDS HOPE AUS program has on the church itself and on the mentors.

I think what's happening through our Kids Hope program excites me (and us) more than almost any other outreach/community connection opportunity we have. An amazing relationship of trust, respect and support has developed between the school and the church, and there have been some wonderful relationships developed with our kids hope families.

Children love their mentors!

'I love Larissa and I am excited to see her each week.'

'Paul teaches me to calm down when I am angry.'

Mentors report that KIDS HOPE AUS has given them an amazing opportunity to make a difference to a vulnerable child and to live out their faith through service as a mentor.

I have been a KIDS HOPE mentor for three years and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the transformation of a young life. It is very rewarding. I have recently been matched to a new child named David. This boy has been diagnosed with borderline Asperger's Syndrome and is at least two years behind his class mates in academic work. David doesn't communicate very well. He spends morning tea and lunchtime on his own because he does not have the self-confidence to join in playing with other children. His teacher is very concerned about him and the future he faces. I am deeply challenged by the plight of this little fellow, even to the point of tears. My prayer

is that one hour a week of my friendship and one-to-one support will actually see David grow in his self-confidence and help him to see that he is wonderful person. He needs to know that he can have friends and learn to read and have a great life. One hour per week for one child.....with God's help, I can do that!

It's respectful of the secular nature of education

KIDS HOPE AUS is not a religious program in the school. Mentors are carefully trained to respect the secular nature of education. The KIDS HOPE AUS philosophy is that God's love can be demonstrated in action rather than in words, where the context demands it. KIDS HOPE is a ministry of presence rather than proclamation.

Schools want the program

KIDS HOPE AUS currently has a list of 50 schools waiting for a church partner. In our 11 years of operation, we have not had a school initiate closure of the program. Principals and Chaplains are very strong advocates of KIDS HOPE AUS.

How can you help?

Pray for the KIDS HOPE AUS program

- ♥ its growth across Australia
- ♥ For more churches to respond to the opportunity to partner a school
- ♥ For ongoing mentor recruitment to meet the needs of many vulnerable children

Advocate and support

- ♥ Talk to your church leaders about your church developing a KIDS HOPE AUS program in your local primary school.
- ♥ Talk to your local pastors' network about becoming a KIDS HOPE AUS Community of Churches – where each local primary school is matched with a local church in your community.
- ♥ Become a financial supporter to enable KIDS HOPE AUS to grow!

www.kidshopeaus.org.au/donate/give-hope-to-a-child

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ONE CHILD
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Your Will Be Done

By Paul Elarde

Surrendering our will to God is a common theme throughout the Bible. There are occasions when this theme is strikingly presented as part of major events within the New Testament.

In the agony of the garden at the beginning of Jesus Passion, He prayed to His Father, 'let your will be done not mine' (Luke 22:43). The Sermon on the Mount challenges us on many issues but one powerful phrase from what we call today the Lord's Prayer is; 'Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven' (Matt 6:10). At the beginning of Gospels, the Blessed Virgin Mary echoes this same theme of abandonment and trust in God in Her reply to the angel Gabriel, 'Let it be done to me according to your word' (Luke 1:38); the surrender that made possible the Incarnation.

So the challenge for all Christians is how well do we really live this spirit of abandonment and trust in God's will? If we are honest, I think most of us would have to admit we are a long way from the heartfelt and lived out surrender with which Mary responded.

What exactly is the will of God? If God is love, then we can safely say that God's will always reflects His perfect will of love for us. Therefore doing God's will is the best thing that can happen to us. Can we really believe this or is there some doubt or fear hiding deep inside us? The ultimate expression of God's love for us is the experience of His presence in heaven for all eternity. This He wants for all His children. All of God's actions, and therefore His will, are with this goal in mind. This is a critical understanding otherwise we can get too focused on our daily lives and miss the 'big picture'.

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More than not sinning

So building upon this logic we can safely say that it is never God's will for any of us to offend Him through sin. Here is where many of us stop. We reason if I am not sinning then I must be doing 'God's will', but 2,000 years of Christian spirituality tells us that this kind of focus is far too narrow.

Sure, God does not want us to sin, but that's a mere minimalist point of view. He wants more from His children so they can grow in holiness and be effective instruments to assist others into the experience of eternal life. In addition He wants to shower us with special gifts that can only be given when we learn to trust deeply through surrendering to His will.

The paradox of free will

When we speak of God's will, we must look at the gift that God gives us – the 'other will', our free will. Incidentally our free will means we are free to choose right or wrong actions. Contrary to today's thinking, we are not free to determine what is right and wrong, all morality is ultimately decreed by God. But our free will is seen by some as permission to do what we like. To some extent that may be true, however we can think of it more in positive terms, through the eyes of love by asking the question, 'What is it that we can offer to God that He does not already have?' The only thing we can offer to God that He does not already have is our free will – the very gift He gave us! Christianity is rich in the wisdom of the paradox and this is certainly a fascinating example.

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Why would God give us free will and then invite us to surrender it back to Him? The answer is that when we surrender our free will back to Him we are declaring – not just in words, but through action – or perhaps even more powerfully, through non action – our trust in His ability to solve the problems of our lives. Surrendering our free will is the ultimate expression of our love in action and a declaration of our trust in His Divine Providence.

It may cost us to do this and it may be impossible to see any of God's love in a particular expression of His will. It may even mean taking up our cross and following Jesus (Matt 16:24), but when we unite with Jesus we know that every Cross ends in life – eternal life - Resurrection! That's the 'big picture'. God wants to get all His children home safely – we should be sharing that same vision if we wish to understand, appreciate and treasure the will of God.

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Your Will Be Done (...continued)

Who's in the driver's seat?

Now in a practical sense, is Jesus driving your vehicle or is He just a passenger? No real, lasting fruits can result unless Jesus is in total control. Sadly many Christian ministries operate by asking God to bless their projects (ie, their will), rather than putting their ideas aside and seeking God's will. Sometimes when discerning God's will is suggested, invariably someone will say, 'well ok, but let's be practical'. At this point the warning bells should be ringing loud and clear. If being practical means abandoning prayer and discernment, then we are destined for failure. Trust, trust, trust! Oh how there is a lifetime of continual spiritual challenges to grow in this little five letter word!

So often, and men are especially guilty of this and I definitely include myself – we actually cut across God's will by thinking we have to take control of a situation. We men are taught to 'exercise our masculinity' by 'taking control' to 'achieve our full potential'. After many years in the spiritual journey I've come to realise the spiritual stupidity of this approach. Women are generally better at waiting, reflecting and imitating Mary by pondering things in their hearts (Luke 2:19) to seek God's will in prayer before, if any, action.

Next time a big challenge enters your life, surrender it in trust through non action and pray more before you make any decision to act. Don't buy the lie you that you are doing nothing.

The power is in the surrendering, not the action

When we feel the need to take control we should pause, pray and question our motivations. If we are truly honest with ourselves, often they are not as 'holy' as we first might believe. Next time a big challenge enters your life, surrender it in trust through non action and pray more before you make any decision to act. Don't buy the lie you that you are doing nothing. When you give it to God you are doing everything! No doubt this degree of trust will test your faith but if you are serious about spiritual growth, every time you feel the need to take back the worry and control, re-surrender again back to God. Here's the secret, the power is in the surrendering, not the action! The fruits of all this surrender can be truly miraculous.

We have only scraped the surface on this fascinating topic, but let us conclude by quoting the words of the great saint Padre Pio, who in spite of his deep mystical experiences, lived by a simple yet profound motto, 'pray, hope and don't worry' - an inspiring wisdom to reflect upon, especially as a means to allow the will of God to be victorious in our lives and grow in spiritual maturity.

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Are you Christians Against Poverty?

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is one of Australia's largest free debt counselling and management charity, with over 45 debt centres and representation in every state. CAP exists to set Australian families free from debt, poverty and its causes through personal, one-on-one counselling and expert financial management strategies.

Christians Against Poverty is able to provide a sustainable budget for clients, ongoing counselling and support as well as provide an avenue to show the gospel in action. CAP negotiates with creditors to allow families the ability to continue providing the necessities, as well as paying off their debts. The CAP approach focuses on showing love and compassion to families when they are so desperate for hope and a solution.

Ross Buttenshaw, CEO of CAP Australia, wants Australians to know what services are available to them and the avenues they can take toward financial freedom.

'Despite reports coming out claiming that there is little support out there for struggling families, there are actually a range of freely available, charitable organisations that want to step into the lives of families and help them lift out of debt. CAP being one of the largest of them with access to our services in every state.'

Australians are flooded with advertising and "quick-fix" solutions and often are desperate enough to fall into their traps. Christians Against Poverty is about providing hope and a solution, families need to know we are here for them.'

'People see ads on TV and don't realise they have to pay to go to these profit based agencies. They usually end up paying for these services where they could use those fees to get out of insolvency. I have had clients come through who could have kept their house if they hadn't fallen for the traps on TV,' says Margaret Paget from the Charlestown CAP Debt Centre.

Mave Peebles from the Port Macquarie Debt Centre is adamant that the solution to poverty in Australia is knowing what help you can get.

'Our CAP centre in Port Macquarie is here because we want to care for our community. There is a mindset in the government welfare agencies that they can't use organisations like us or Saint Vinnies to help. We need to work as a community to provide better emergency relief and support each other. Saint Vincent de Paul has started to partner with us and refer clients on to us because they know we need to be working together to provide for our community.'

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'We encourage government agencies to refer clients onto us; often they have huge waiting lists and often only have one or two counsellors available. Our system ensures that clients are provided a solution and ongoing support. We want to build our community and we can't do that when agencies don't ask for help.' - Margaret Paget continues.

CAP relies on the support of churches across Australia. All of our services are provided by partnering with churches, training coaches from the congregation and supplying resources, enabling churches to run as a CAP Debt Centre or to facilitate our other free programs; CAP Money and, soon to be, Job Clubs.

CAP believes in working through, and empowering, church communities to be able to provide financial assistance as Australians who are struggling with overwhelming debt can often become socially isolated and removed from society. Utilising the church to provide these much needed services has seen many Australians experience the love and compassion that comes from being a part of a church community.

'To anyone considering CAP, I would ask - why wouldn't you want to get your life on track? I wish I had got help from CAP earlier. I wouldn't have been in the position I was in if I had just reached out!' says Kim, a CAP client from Mount Annan.

Christians Against Poverty also runs a free CAP Money budgeting and financial education course for anyone who wants to learn how to handle their money better. To register for a course visit capmoneycourse.org.au and find the closest near you.

CAP also encourages anyone who is struggling with debt and worried about bills to call our toll free number 1300 227 000 and start the journey out of debt.

Prayer Requests

- ♥ Australian families struggling with debt find out about our services and take that first step towards financial freedom by calling our help number
- ♥ That more churches choose to partner with our network so we are able to allow more families to have access to our services
- ♥ Families who have been presented a budget will agree to the terms and creditors will show compassion and allow clients to live and provide for their families without stress and harassment

Lifting people out of debt and poverty

Transformation: the view from the bush

From Mark Short

God's love for the city and the centrality of cities to the vision of Kingdom transformation are undeniable. But what of our country towns, outback settlements and indigenous communities? Let me suggest three reasons why the bush matters.

The bush matters because people matter. Around one third of Australians live outside our capital cities and they are less likely to have access to quality health-care, highly-paid jobs and educational opportunities than their metropolitan cousins. But they are no less precious to God.

The bush matters because small places matter. "From little things big things grow" is a kingdom principle as well as a song lyric. Where we see a tiny seed, God sees a potential harvest. Wouldn't it be just like Jesus for the transformation of our nation to have its origin in the easily-overlooked places?

The bush matters because it shapes who we are. Regardless of where we live, the bush continues to colour our national identity. Whether it is seen as a storehouse of buried wealth or a canvas of natural beauty the bush affects our relationship with our past, our future and with God.

So what kind of servants does God use to be His agents of change in the bush? Experience tells us they can be young or old, male or female. They come from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Some have grown up in the bush, others are city-dwellers who learn to love the wide open spaces and the absence of peak hour traffic. They can be ordained pastors, teachers, farmers or business people. Some have seized 'retirement' as an opportunity to re-locate and discover new gifts and passions.

They do however have some common character traits that are in turn a manifestation of God's Spirit at work in their lives.

they are content where they are. They don't fret because their church isn't as big or as well-resourced as some well-known urban ministries. They celebrate the particular strengths of their local community and build on them, rather than being discouraged by what it lacks.

they have a sure confidence in God's wisdom, grace and power. If they live and work in a farming community they've been through drought and flood and farewelled some of their brightest young leaders who've moved to the city for study and work. If they live and work in a mining community they've been through the boom and bust of the commodity cycle. If they live and work in an indigenous community they've been through countless changes in government policy and social attitudes affecting their people. What has held them fast has been deep roots in the changeless love of God.

they have a ready willingness to connect with those around them. It's a mistake to imagine that the bush is somehow more religious than the city. In both spheres, God's people need to be proactive in connecting with the wider community rather than expect it to come to them. Living in the bush provides great opportunities to connect through sporting, civic and cultural organisations and through simply being salt and light in the schoolyard or stockyard.

So let the transformation begin!

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Helping Hands International Australia - Update News

Names below have been changed for privacy reasons.

Greetings in the name of Jesus

It has been some time since I have shared a little about what is happening within Helping Hands and our families. Over the last 6 months we have had our difficult moments and we have had some very joyful moments, the joyful moments seem to balance out the times of difficulty. The picnic in the park was one of our joyful moments, the children in particular kept asking for another picnic. The families love to come together and have the opportunities to chat and practice their English. They love having the tug of war and the sack races and any other games that we can arrange. We had families from the Iranian and Sri Lankan communities attend and each of them seem to enjoy the experience. Many of our volunteers came which helps to broaden the experience of reaching out into the wider community



We are continuing to rejoice as the Lord commands us to do, to put aside the problems that face us each day and revel in His love, mercy and grace towards His work, the volunteers and the families. Over the last few months the families have dwindled in number, many of moved to other suburbs and find it hard to get to us. Others have managed to get work rights and found some form of employment. It has given me a chance to have a much needed rest and I have cut my days to two a week instead of three until the end of the year. Ken is now working part time at school and working more in Helping Hands. He has had his hands full in the last three months working, in conjunction with other agencies, in obtaining

the release a young lady who was a student at the Yeronga High school, from the Darwin Detention centre. Her application for refugee status was rejected and she was placed back into detention and separated from her husband here in Brisbane. The situation of this young lady has deeply affected Ken and the rest of the teachers at the school and they have been working tirelessly to obtain her freedom. We now have a young mum with new baby in the Brisbane detention centre and two other clients in the Darwin detention centre. is one of our clients, he is currently in the Darwin Detention centre and his wife and 2yr old daughter are here in Brisbane. it has been a difficult time for Alma and I visit her once a week to pray with her and encourage her to keep trusting in the Lord and in the knowledge that He knows all and His plans for their family are good and that evil will not prevail. They fled Iran when threatened with death because of their Christian faith.

Many of our families have primary school age children and the financial issues that face the families are horrendous. Every week we have families come to us who are unable to pay the electricity or gas bills or the car rego, because at the same time the children may need clothes or shoes or food needs to be put on the table or school has a camp on that the child desperately wants to go on or the fridge stops working and they need to buy a new one. It is difficult for the families to survive on 89% of Newstart, they get around \$1010 (for two people, plus a little extra for the children) and pay \$300 per week for rent. Refugees are living below the poverty line and yet they are needing to pay rent, pay for utilities,



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either pay the high cost of transport (they don't get any concessions at all) or pay for a car and rego and everything else pertaining to owning a car. All of us understand the devastating high cost of living in Australia and the difficulties that we face in our everyday lives. So please give a thought and a prayer to our refugee community, especially to one little boy whose name is Abdul. Abdul would very much like to go on a school camp with his class, but his parents cannot afford to send him as they have electricity and car rego to pay before their children can have luxuries like a school camp. We would like to send him on this camp, but to do this we need to raise \$285. If you would like to help this young man have some fun and be able to forget, for even for a couple of days, the difficulties that his family face, please go to www.helpinghands.org.au and donate through our pay pal facilities. Please tag your donation Abdul camp.

The last month or so our Iranian families have been having a small get together every two weeks. It is a good opportunity for them to meet with other Australians and reminisce about their

Homeland and their families back home. Some of our supporters have come along to meet and share a meal. There is a get together on the 18th September at Concord house starting at 5pm, so if you would like to come and meet the families, feel free to join us, children are welcome. Please bring a plate of something to share.

We are fortunate in the fact that Ken has his First Aid Trainer Certificate and when there are clients who have enough English to complete the first aid exam, he holds a training day. He is taking two this week, one on Wednesday and the other on Saturday. If you are wanting to do the exam and you are free on Saturday, ring or email for further information on the exam. Last Saturday, Malathy one of our Sri Lankan mums who arrived in Australia to join her husband, received her Australian citizenship. We had the privilege of attending the ceremony with her husband Prem and their youngest daughter Abby Naya. Mala and Abby Naya were the first of my birthing experiences with our refugee mums, so it was a particularly important day for us.

We want to thank all of our supporters and friends who have been travelling this refugee road with us, to know that we have people behind us who believe in the work that the Lord has doing is a great encouragement. As you pray for us, we endeavour to pray for you. Twice a month at Concord House, we have a prayer vigil for our families, our government and the ongoing work of Helping Hands, if you would like to join us please contact us for times and days.

Galatians 6:9

"Let us not be weary in doing good for in due time we shall reap if we faint not"

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Life-Changers! Meeting God at Camp

By Stephen Leslie, August 27, 2015

In the last two months I have discovered a remarkable fact; many Christians have made life-changing, transformational decisions at a camp or retreat. Many Christians were able to process or reflect on the claims of Christ on their lives in a more focussed and honest way out of their normal context of home or school or church. It is as if the very act of 'getting away', of setting aside time for God, for meeting, listening, worshipping sharing together opens our hearts and minds to hear and respond to God.

My own experience bears testimony to this idea. Throughout my teenage years I made a series of 'commitments' whilst attending Christian camps, each one building on new revelations of God's grace and love and reflecting my growing maturity. So perhaps it is not so strange that I should move from many years of working in schools as a teacher and educational leader to working with Christian Venues Association, the peak organisation for Christian camps, retreats and conference centres in Australia.

What is it about camping that is so significant in the journey of faith? I have been thinking about this and I offer the following ideas.

1. **Location.** Most campsites are away from the city, in beautiful natural settings. We are often more aware of the beauty of nature, the vastness of the night sky, the power of the wind or waves or the wonder of native wild flowers, birds and animals. All of our senses seem to become keener and we can appreciate the words of David, the shepherd who spent many nights under a glowing night sky.
'When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man, that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?'
What this psalm expresses is the awe and wonder we can experience when we are standing uncluttered by the mundane things of life beneath the enormity of the cosmos and we get a sense of perspective. It is in this context we are suddenly aware of God, and the preposterous grace and love he offers us.
2. **Purpose.** We don't end up on a youth or church camp by accident. We choose to go, for all sorts of reasons, but that very act of choosing puts us in a frame of mind to be receptive to encountering God. Often, there is a speaker who has invested time, prayer and insight into preparing a program of talks and interactive workshops that confront us with our relationship with God – and quite often it is painfully clear we are sadly lacking in this area and need to respond and commit more fully.
3. **Relationships.** What many people who attend a camp or retreat experience is an intensity of fellowship and relationship that is not possible on a Sunday morning or evening, or even in a growth group. Having a few days to live in close proximity with others of like mind, with time and space to share aspects of our life and journey, to have fun together, to eat together, to worship and pray together – all of these interactions can be very emotionally and spiritually uplifting, freeing and encouraging. Many people are lonely and isolated, even though they work, attend church or go to a place of learning. They yearn for closer, deeper relationships, for a sense of belonging and significance, of being understood and cared for. Often, a camp setting facilitates fellowship and a level of human interaction that is becoming rare, despite how many 'friends' we might have on social media! And, in this context, people experience the power of God's love, the energy and connection of being part of a Christian community. Barriers come down, deep longings for God are released and transformative decisions are made.

Of course this is only part of the story, but the evidence that Christian camps and retreats have been significant times in the journey of faith for many Christians is numerous, consistent and strong.

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Christian Venues Association seeks to support and resource over 200 ministries around Australia. If you are looking for a great venue to hold your camp or retreat or conference, log onto www.christianvenues.org.au and use the Venue Finder or other search tabs on the home page to find a place that is convenient and well-suited to your specific goals and requirements.

Let me encourage you to consider building a camp into your ministry program. It is instructive to note that Jesus regularly 'got away' into the hills for times of prayer and communion with His Father. Some of these were on his own, at other times it involved his disciples. The resulting ministry from these retreats was powerful and fruitful. Our ministries can only benefit from following the example of the Master!

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Here Comes the King

By Paul DeWildt

As a young boy I would spend a lot of time on the farm. A good friend of the family affectionately known as Uncle Allen had a property just outside of Adelaide in South Australia where I grew up. We would spend as much time as possible down there, milking cows, rounding up sheep, bagging wheat and barley crop, and generally running amuck, as young boys do.

Now this may seem obvious to many of you, but one of the things I learned while staying on the farm is that you get the best return on your crop of wheat or barley if you plant every inch of the paddock with a good covering of seed.

One year while we were staying on the farm, there was a huge mouse plague, and if you have never seen a plague of mice then let me tell you it was an incredible sight of biblical proportions. Whenever we stepped out of the house at night we would step on mice. Mice of course love wheat and barley and they would busy themselves eating all our grain stores.

The problem is that once your grain is gone, you don't have anything to sow for the next harvest so your return the following year is not good.

The point I am making here is that if someone or something is eating your seed you won't have a good harvest. The same can be said for the Christian life.

The principle of sowing and reaping is just as important for the christian as it is for the farmer. Or at least it should be.

Jesus was all about the Kingdom of God. "The Kingdom is this", "the Kingdom is that".

He said "seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you"

Jesus said "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy he went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Again Jesus said, "The Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

The point he is making is that the Kingdom of God is so important and valuable that we ought to give our whole lives for it. We ought to invest everything we have into seeing the Kingdom come here on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus is saying that if you sow your life into it there is great reward.

And let me just say that this is not an issue of money. It is an issue of Authority.

When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven", we are praying for God's authority to be established on earth.

In the beginning it was there. We had our rightful place at the head of all created thing, at the epicentre of God's heart, in perfect relationship with our Creator.

Through Satan's influence sin entered the world and our perfect bubble burst. God's Kingdom, the Kingdom of heaven was divided as we by our own actions inadvertently took sides with the Devil.

Now while the Devil has been described as 'the god of this age' (2Corinthians 4:4) we, as born again children of the One True God, have the responsibility of wrestling Satan's kingdom away from him to re-establish God's Kingdom on earth.

We must understand that there is absolutely nothing that can compare to the Kingdom of God in Full function.

Jesus said, 'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.' But how is that going to happen while the Devil has so much influence?

The Kingdom of God is about establishing the rule of God here on

earth as it is in heaven. Jesus said "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Jesus has total authority over the Devil. He won the battle in His death and resurrection. Satan is a defeated enemy, Praise God.

But here's the thing, God's throne has not yet been fully re-established on earth. There is a great deal of resistance, and in many areas around the globe it seems that the Devil is still reigning supreme.

It's up to us, the Kingdom aligned church, Jesus body on earth, to establish a throne for Him and His Kingdom.

But it's going to cost us.

We must lay down our lives.

We must take up our cross.

We must follow in the footsteps of our God and King Jesus Christ.

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This isn't just an invitation to embrace Jesus' Authority and defeat the enemy, it's a command.

Unfortunately many church leaders today have for too long been like the farmer who has let the mice eat his seed. Or worse still we are like the greedy farmer who was so hungry he ate the seed himself, and then had nothing to sow into the field.

The mentality of some folk in the church is that we cannot win the battle. They have buried their heads in the sand and have avoided the bigger issue of sin and corruption in the world and even in the church. And then there are those who are so caught up in their own world of material possession and social statuses that they themselves have become victims of the Devil's evil schemes.

The majority of church leaders today however, are doing their best with the limited resources available and the people they have managed to gather around them.

But this is not what Jesus had in mind when He said "anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do greater things than these." John 14:12

Here Jesus is talking about the kingdom, His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. He's talking about us, his servants recognising the authority he has over the devil and the fact that we have become custodians of that authority.

He is talking about something that is so valuable that we should give our own lives just to see it established on earth as it is in heaven.

When Jesus stood up in the Synagogue that day and read from Isaiah 61 He said "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lords favour."

Then He said, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing".

Sounds to me like Jesus was talking about a whole new world to the one we live in. A New Empire!

When a new King takes a throne he has the choice to leave things as they are or to change things. But as King he has the authority to do either.

In Isaiah 61 and at its reading on that day, Jesus was revealing his intention to Change things. And only a King has authority to do that.

When young David was anointed by Samuel to succeed Saul as King, that was a declaration of what was yet to come.

David's Kingship had been established in Heaven, but it was yet to be established on earth.

In the same way, Jesus has been anointed King of Kings and Lord of Lords in heaven.

Now is the time for that Kingship to be established here on earth.

That's where we come in.

We need to fight the battles that will establish His throne. However, we do not fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and against the ruler of this Dark Age. Ephesians 6.

That means that the rules of engagement are different.

A really good question to ponder here would be 'how did Jesus exercise His authority while He was on earth?'

In answering this question, it is interesting to note that Jesus seemed to do things very differently to the way worldly leaders tend to do things.

He declared that "the first shall be last and the last shall be first."

He said "the greatest in God's kingdom will be the servant of all", and then he proceeded to live that out in his own life. It's no wonder the disciples were confused from time to time. Jesus was the Messiah; He was supposed to

rescue them from the tyranny of their oppressors. Little did they know at the time that Jesus was to rescue them from the greatest oppressor of all!

Rather than assuming a life of social standing and influence that would lead to some political coup, Jesus went about loving the common people, showing great compassion for the lost and poor of the world, seeking out known sinners and those who are downcast and marginalised in the community.

That doesn't sound like someone wielding great authority to me.

But He did preach the Kingdom of Heaven, and with great authority He cast our demons, He healed the sick and He even raised the dead back to life.

Many people recognised and were amazed at His authority, even commenting about it as he preached or read from the scriptures.

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Jesus authority was wielded in the spiritual realm. As He spoke, He spoke into a dimension we rarely even believe in, let alone see with our own eyes.

All that Jesus did was a demonstration of the Kingdom of God, and we, seeking first His Kingdom and His Righteousness, aligning ourselves with His Kingdom, must imitate Him and take up the Baton he has passed on to us.

Jesus gave His all to see Thy Kingdom Come.

Psalm 24 says “lift up your heads... that the King of Glory may come in.”

As Kingdom aligned followers of Christ we must lift up our heads. We must lift our gaze and see the Kingdom of God as it is and as it should be.

We must sow our whole lives into it unsparingly, because it is valuable beyond worth.

The result of our sowing will be the fruit of the Kingdom. The result of that fruit will be our reward in heaven.

As Jesus said, “do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where rust and moth destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where thieves cannot break in and steal, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Our task as we sow our very lives into establishing God’s Throne here on Earth is to lead communities of faith that are totally sold out to following His ways, confidently using the authority Jesus has passed on to us, doing what He did while He was on earth, (and even greater things), so that God’s Presence (His Glory) might be established within these communities, resulting in widespread repentance, miracles, signs and wonders as the lost sheep of the world come face to face with the awesome power of our amazing God.

But that wont happen if we keep our heads buried in the sand, or allow ourselves to be satisfied with the status quo.

We must lift our heads, to see the coming King, and do all we can to establish a throne for Him here on earth.

Ultimately, because of God’s Just nature, and the everlasting rules he has established, He will not forcibly make His throne here on earth. He has given dominion over earth to us, and so it is ours to offer back to Him. If we keep our heads down and do our own thing, we are inadvertently allowing Satan to remain on the throne,

which we handed to him back in the garden of Eden. But if we ‘seek first the Kingdom of God’ effectively inviting Jesus to take His place on the throne of our lives, our families, our churches, our communities and even our nations, then His presence (His Glory) will fill our lives, our families, our churches, our communities and perhaps even our nations, and then all the other things God knows we need will be added unto us as well. That’s Kingdom alignment!

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit

with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” Revelation 3:14-22

Here comes the King!

(Extract from a book Paul DeWildt is writing called Kingdom Alignment - positioning ourselves for Gods best.)

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Reclamation

Reclamation is a word that has its meaning linked with restoration and transformation. It means to restore something to its former glory, or its original state of being.

I have been working in residential home improvements for many years and have often taken up old carpet to find a beautiful hardwood floor underneath. There seems to be a great trend nowadays of restoring things back to their natural state.

In the book of Genesis it tells us the story of Adam and Eve. Adam was given the most beautiful place on earth ever created to live in. He communed with God on a regular basis and had the best of everything until the day he disobeyed God and was finally expelled with Eve from the Garden of Eden. This sinful nature was then passed down to the human race and death and sin entered the world. God in His infinite wisdom knew this would happen and activated a plan to reclaim the hearts of all people back to Him.

God is in the business of Reclamation and Transformation, to see lives changed and transformed. God sent His son into the world to take back what was stolen, the hearts of His sons and daughters. If you were the last person on earth, God the Father would still have sent His son into the world to die for you, that's how much He loves you. Jesus came to Reclaim.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says; that anyone who is in Christ is a New creation, the old has gone and the new has come. Jesus is scouting this earth to reclaim the hearts of those who will believe in Him. God has a plan for Sydney, Australia and the whole world to receive Him as their Lord and saviour. He is looking for His sons and daughters who will make themselves available to be used by Him to be the answer to somebody's prayer.

There are people in your workplace, your marketplace, your schools and colleges who are crying out to God for help day and night, and you are the answer to their prayers. We are the hands, arms, feet, and mouth of Jesus Christ here on the earth, and it is His way of reaching out to the lost through us. If we are silent in our faith then no transformation will ever take place unless we go out and be the vessel God wants you to be and to work through. God is not looking for pussycats in this hour but lions who will stand up for Him and say what He wants them to say and go where He wants them to go.

Cities can only be changed by people who are willing to go out with boldness to plunder the devil's kingdom and take back from the enemy's camp.

When you look at the life of David in the Book of 1 Samuel chapters 29 and 30, it tells the story of David running away from King Saul who was trying to kill him. David fled to the Philistines who were once his enemy. David and 600 of his men with their wives and families settled in Ziklag.

One day when David and his men were away from home, the Amalekites came and raided his home and took his wives and everything he and his men had, away. Can you imagine the anguish that their hearts were suffering at this moment, what was going through their heads, what were the Amalekites doing to their wives and children. They wept so much that they had no more strength left.

David's men were so angry at him that they were about to stone him, but David got down on his knees and inquired of God whether he should pursue the Amalekites. They chased after the Amalekites and took back everything that was taken from them, They reclaimed their families and all their belongings. We the church have to be like David and pursue the enemy that has stolen marriages, stolen our children away by addictions and worldliness, stolen peace in our homes and families, stolen our Joy, stolen friendships and relationships.

It is time to rise up in prayer and take back what the enemy has stolen from us and fight the good fight of Faith. It's time to put some legs to our prayers and go out and reclaim our cities, homes and families for Jesus. David had great joy when he took back what was taken from him and no wonder the whole of heaven rejoices when one sinner repents and turns their hearts over to Christ.

The key I believe to seeing transformation in cities for Christ is believers being full of the Holy Spirit and who are willing to go out. Phillip was full of the Holy Spirit and revival took place in Samaria in Acts 8. Paul and Silas were accused of turning the whole world upside down or causing trouble all over the world in Acts 17:6. God is looking for some troublemakers in this hour who will turn cities and countries upside down for Jesus. Just recently a woman in America by the name of Kim Davis was put in prison because she wouldn't give a marriage

license out to a gay couple. If you truly want to see transformation take place, you are going to have to make a stand for what you believe in and stop hiding behind the pulpit and the four walls of the church.

Do you want to be a God pleaser or a man pleaser?

Paul Millar, Ireland

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Developing and Testing Prophetic Ministry Today

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A: Growing in Prophetic Ministry

1. Obey the biblical command to be zealous to prophesy. (1 Cor 14:1, 12, 39)
Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.
12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.
39 So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.
2. Develop a life of prayer (and fasting).
(Acts 13: 2; 1 Cor 14:15; Luke 2:37; 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18,29; 11:1)
1 Cor 14:15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.
Luke 5:16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.
Luke 6:12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.
3. Be willing to count the cost of rejection. (Matt 5:12; 23:29 -37; Luke 11:49; Acts 7:52; Rom 11:3; Rev 2:13; 13:9 -10; 16:6; 18:24)
Matt 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Luke 11:49 Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,'
Revelation 2:13 " 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.
4. Deliberately listen to God and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
5. Intentionally seek to be filled with the Spirit.
(Luke 1:15,41,67; Acts 2:4; 10:44-45; 19:6; Eph 5:18)
Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.
6. Be aware that God will give a word, phrase,

sensation, burden, image, vision etc. which will give to the recipient a sense that it needs to be expressed. God however will never force the person to speak; the spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. (1Cor 14:32; Ps 85:8; Phil 4:7- 9).
1 Cor 14:32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.

Ps 85:8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Phil 4:7-9

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

7. Nevertheless, faith and not feeling is the key to prophetic release. (Romans 10:17; 12: 6)
Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
Romans 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;
8. If your intention is pure then “failure” is not a problem. Humility will lead to growth.
(1 Peter 5:5)
1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

B: Speaking Out a Prophecy

1. Speak clearly, audibly and slowly using language which can be understood.
2. Be sensitive as to timing.
3. Cooperate with leadership.
4. Be aware that revelation may be for private intercession, or, it could be that God wants to build on what he is showing you over a period of time.
5. With experience a “prophetic flow” develops as

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the Spirit carries the speaker along a train of thought.

C: The Limits of Contemporary Prophecy

1. We are told to test all spoken prophecy. (1 Cor 14:29; Acts 21:4-5,10-11; 1 Thess 5:19-22)
1 Cor 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.
1 Thess 5:19-22 Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.
2. It is never equated with God's words or called the "Word of God". Prophets today do not receive new revelation about the God and his plan for the salvation – history of the world. **Contemporary prophecy is therefore primarily inspirational or applicational.**
3. The dynamic relational nature of N.T. prophecy means that it is always mixed in quality (1 Cor 13:9-12).
1 Cor 13:9-12 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

D: Testing Prophecy

1. Confessional test: any true prophecy will exult the person and work of Christ, in particular his Incarnation, death resurrection and Lordship. (1 Cor 12:3; 1 John 4:1-3)
1 Cor 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.
1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.
2. Theological test: prophecies must conform to both the content and balance of the Bible. This is especially important with respect to grace and judgement. (Gal 1:8; 1 Cor 14:37-38; 1 John 4:2-

3,6; Acts 17:11)

Galatians 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.
1 Corinthians 14:37-38 If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

Acts 17:11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

3. Moral test: prophetic utterances should be weighed up against the character and motives of the speaker. (Matt 7:15-22;12:33-35; 1 Tim 6:3-10; 2 Peter 2; Jude 3-16)
Matthew 7:15-17 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.
Matthew 7:21-22 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'"
4. Order Test: those sent from God should have a desire to keep order in the church and to work with God-appointed leaders. (1 Cor 14:33,36-38; Heb 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5)
1 Cor 14:33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,
1 Cor 14:36-38 Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.
Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.
1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God

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opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

5. Spiritual discernment: the above tests can all be passed but the prophecy be, at least in part, in error, such as in timing. Since the gift of “discerning spirits” (1 Cor 12:10) is placed next to prophecy in 1 Cor 12:8 -11, and Paul teaches that prophets prophesy from their “spirits” (1 Cor 14:32), it is best to see this gift as a supernatural ability to sense what is the role of the Holy Spirit and the human spirit in a suggested prophecy.
6. Who can test: since all believers possess the anointing of the Spirit they are all in principle able to test prophecy. (1 John 2:20,27; 1 Cor 14:29; 1 Thess 5:21; 1 John 4:1- 6)
1 John 2:20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge
1 John 2:27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.
1 Thess 5:21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.

E: The Context of New Testament Prophecy

1. The examples we have in the N.T. are congregational. (Acts 11:27-30; 13: 1 -2; 21:4,7-12; 1 Cor 14:26).
Acts 11:27–30 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.
Acts 13:1–2 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
2. This is because the emphasis is on prophecy building up “the church”. (1 Cor 12:7,12,27; 14:3,12,19,24 – 25,26)
1 Cor 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
1 Cor 14:3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding

and encouragement and consolation.

1 Cor 14:12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

1 Cor 14:26 What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

F: Personal Prophecy

1. This is a word directed to an individual. (Acts 13:1- 3; 20: 10 -11)
2. It is to be tested by the same principles of all prophecy.
3. The fulfilment of a personal prophecy is dependent upon the submission and of the receiver.
4. Directive and controlling prophecy is to be rejected. Prophesying which is to the advantage of the speaker is false prophecy. (“God is saying you are to marry me.”)
5. Since all who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God (Rom 8:14 cf. v. 16) we should expect personal prophecy to be a confirmation to our spirits of what God has already told us.
6. Over-reliance on personal prophecy reduces our authority as children of God (keeps us immature and dependent) and opens us up to deception and manipulation.

G: A Prophecy Discernment Team

1. When prophecies are for an individual they should be confidentially shared with that person. (This should not involve collaboration with others; so as to avoid rumour, gossip, elaboration etc.)
2. When prophecies concern a ministry area they should be initially submitted to the coordinator of that area e.g. to the children’s pastor.
3. When prophecies concern the whole church they need to be discerned by a group those responsibilities embrace the direction of the entire local church community. This “Prophecy Discernment Group” will be composed of individuals representing the APEPT / “five -fold” ministry gifts of Ephesians 4:11 and inclusive of oversight of the various age – groups in the church. At least one of these people will be an elder representing the local congregation.

(All scriptures quoted from the ESV.)

Rev James Wilson Sydney visit October 1st-11th 2015

Please set aside one of these dates to sit under the wonderful teaching of Rev James Wilson, co-director with Jeff Daly, of the National Day of Repentance USA. He comes with a great message for our nation and amazing insight into the Father Heart of God. He is a world renown very strategic man for this time, an Anglican minister, once an advisor to Aglow International, and author of many books and he greatly encouraged Australia in establishing the Bible Breakthrough events in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne earlier this year.

Bless you,
Dianne Taylor



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How To Have An Awkward Conversation

I knew it was going to be an awkward conversation.

This leader had been a loyal and fruitful staff member for some years. But something had gone wrong.

I didn't know what had happened but I knew attitudes had changed, demeanour had altered and now we were both unhappy with how things were panning out.

So I had the awkward conversation.

It was uncomfortable to tell them that their time on our staff was coming to an end and they needed to talk with their spouse and start processing this major change.

It was awkward but then again we shouldn't be surprised that awkward conversations are just that, awkward.

I'm not sure anyone ever trained me how to have these types of conversations. I just developed my own techniques over the years and stumbled my way through them.

Some went well. Others headed south pretty quickly.

This Book Changed My Life

Then a few years ago I read a life changing book, *Crucial Conversations**.

This book is in my all-time top ten most influential books.

It literally changed my life because it gave me the practical tools to prepare for and lead an awkward conversation.

An Awkward Conversation Changed Our Marriage

I used these tools in a key conversation with my wife Di a couple of years ago.

Di and I have had a genuinely happy marriage. We rarely argue and never really get angry with each other. Grumpy. Yes. Ticked off. Yes. Out of sorts. Yes. But never shouting and sulking for days. It's just not our style.

However, we've had one ongoing point of tension.



Technology.

I'm a geek. Di isn't. She has an innate ability to do terrible things to phones, computers and iPads.

Then I have to step in and fix those problems.

Over the years I've been less than gracious when she's needed me to step up and be her tech help desk.

Reluctant doesn't even begin to describe my attitude.

It caused ongoing and unnecessary tension in our marriage so I decided to use the tools I had discovered in *Crucial Conversations*.

We had our awkward conversation and it went well.

I came to understand Di's frustrations and she mine. Thankfully we arrived at a simple conclusion that has guided us in the last two years to significantly reduced tension in our marriage.

We now have a weekly tech appointment in which I solve her problems.

It works!

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* [Ed: *Crucial Conversations - Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High* by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan & Al Switzler, McGraw-Hill Education - Europe (2004, ISBN 9780071446525 Paperback)]

How To Have An Awkward Conversation (...continued)

Let me guide you through the process of having an awkward conversation.

How To Have An Awkward Conversation

1. Prepare Thoroughly

Prepare for the conversation by writing down your answers to these simple but profound questions.

- What do I really want for myself? The other person? The relationship?
- How would I behave if I really did want that?
- What is at the heart of my concern?
- How am I thinking about this issue?
- What am I doing to make this difficult?
- Is there Mutual Respect? If not, what will it take to create it? If you don't respect the person then respect the fact Jesus died for them
- Am I telling myself a Victim or Villain story? A victim story is basically a self-pity, poor me story. A villain story frames the person as a horrible person. These stories will be playing out in your mind.
- What am I pretending not to notice about my role in the situation?

2. Guide The Awkward Conversation

Use these three steps to help you guide the conversation:

STEP ONE: SHARE YOUR FACTS, TELL YOUR STORY

- Share your facts. Start with, *"I've noticed that..."*
- Tell your story as a story, not as a fact. Use statements such as *"I'm beginning to wonder..."*
- Talk tentatively and encourage testing.

STEP TWO: EXPLORE THEIR FACTS, UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

- Understand their view, their facts and their story.
- Endeavour to understand their reasonable, rational and decent thought process.
- Ask:
 - ◆ How do you see the situation?
 - ◆ What did you see and hear?
 - ◆ How did you feel?
 - ◆ What actions did you take?



STEP THREE: MOVE TO ACTION

Make a decision as to who does what by when.

Who Needs An Awkward Conversation?

How many crucial conversations do you need to have at the moment? Who would benefit from an awkward conversation? Why not take the time now to prepare for an awkward conversation?

Even better why not train some of your leaders how to have an awkward conversation. But you might need to have one first to try out this methodology.

John Finkelde, Founder Grow a Healthy Church
<http://growahealthychurch.com/>



Always Laboring, Papua New Guinea Team made it, Solomon Islands Tractor Project Update

From Rick Rupp

Hello Everyone! Wow so many different people gave extravagantly (like Mary when she broke her jar of perfume) so we could purchase the Tractor Well Drilling Rig! I'm so excited to announce that our Solomon Islands CleanWater4Life project is one step away from shipping a 20 ft container to the Solomon Islands! The next step is obtaining the 100% tax/duty fee exemption with the government of the Solomon Islands which has been applied for. So join me in praying for the granting of the exemption to be done this next week OK?

Praise report! We now have the funds needed to pay for the 49hp Yanmar tractor including the well drilling tools and equipment including the shipping costs. What a sweet smelling sacrifice this is unto our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a beautiful display of two nations (Australians & Americans) all working together to further the kingdom of God in the Solomon Islands! Wow!

Watch the video for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTo4A-blAQ>

The other exciting news is that our three leaders from Goroka, Papua New Guinea have arrived and are now staying with me through August 30. The main focus of their coming here is for training to equip them for day & night worship and prayer in Goroka. During their time here I will switch to a day time schedule and all four of us are enrolled in the IHOPKC program called Immerse

<http://www.ihopkc.org/immerse/programs-and-registration/>



Left to right is Ps Jerry, Rick Rupp, David Gahare, Ps George

Our ongoing vision is to raise another \$120,000.00 to return and increase our ministry in the South Pacific to include 3 more Islands. By faith I'm declaring this 49hp Tractor with tools & equipment to repeat our model of providing clean drinking water for the poor is soon to be shipped! Our vision is for establishing more HOP, and for providing "free for the poor" medical clinics on several new Islands! Plus approx. \$25,000.00 to finish the Orphan/Visitor House in Fa'arau, Solomon Islands. See www.CleanWater4Life.com

To contribute our 2015 Solomon Islands projects make checks payable to **National Christian Foundation** and mail to my home address **11379 Calico Dr, Kansas City, Mo. 64137**. Write in the memo of your check (**#1121806**). Or use the donate button at www.rickrupp.com "PNG & Solomon Islands Well & Prayer Fund" with National Christian Foundation.

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Transforming the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea

Is about taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Solomon Islands & Papua New Guinea. Raising up kingdom well drilling businesses to fund the prayer movement. Our vision is to establish more Houses of Prayer, more medical clinics for the poor, more well drilling businesses, more solar light businesses. Let's empower more jobless men and women! Your \$25,000.00 contribution will send a well drill machine and Transform an entire Island! No more fetching water from rivers. Thousands of children can for the first time in their lives have clean drinking water in villages where there is no electricity or running water and be trained up to serve in local Houses of Prayer.

Notice you can give electronically! Anyone desiring to join my personal prayer and financial partnership team you may use IHOPKC eGiving link www.rickrupp.com/giving or please make checks out to **IHOPKC** (a tax deductible gift) otherwise just to Rick Rupp.

To make any size donation for my personal needs, you can mail checks:

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Always Laboring, PNG Team, Solomon Islands (...continued)

What a beautiful TRANSFORMATION is taking place here in both Papua New Guinea & Fa'arau, Solomon Islands! First God established His 24/7 HOP back in 2009! Now we have Intercessors/Concrete Block Makers/Lumberjacks/Well Drillers!

Thank you partners! Together we are empowering the poor and oppressed! Wow!

Leviticus 6:12 The Fire on the altar shall never go out!

Oh Father God, Lord Jesus Christ, bring us to our knees. Find us contending in prayer until the breakthrough is birthed in Jesus name. Amen

God Establish Your Topeka House Of Prayer

Meditation: John 12:3-8

*Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, *said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?" Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. Therefore Jesus said, "Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."*

Love for Jesus requires complete surrender. We are to hold nothing back. The Lord spoke to me from this scripture message about Mary using her precious perfume for Jesus. I believe Mary broke her jar of expensive perfume in hopes that it would please her Lord Jesus. Just like numerous people from Australia and America who got involved in sending finances and contending with me in prayer for God to provide another Tractor Well Drilling Rig for the Solomon Islands! For what purpose? So we can bless those desperately needing clean drinking water and more importantly share the good news of Jesus Christ! I believe many of you gave extravagantly like Mary because you live to please Jesus too!

Too many believers today have been given expensive jars of perfume, but they refuse to break them. They are hanging on to them, but they don't know for what reason. Love for Jesus requires a complete surrender. We are to hold nothing back. Nothing is more precious, nothing is more valuable, than living to serve Jesus purposes. God loves a cheerful giver and people that hold nothing back. Thank you for partnering in this "love in action" project!

My prayer to God: "Lord Jesus, my life is all I have to offer to You. It is not an expensive bottle of perfume, but I break it willingly before You. May the contents of this broken jar be an acceptable fragrance to You, O Lord. And thank You for the many others who extravagantly prayed and sent funds to help further Your kingdom purposes in the Islands of the South Pacific. Amen"

It is urgent that we return to covenant relationship with God and with one another in the Body of Christ. This is essential to provide security and protection from the spirit of this age that is destroying our children and youth, our marriages, families, congregations and communities. Why not Topeka! Why not NOW!

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Join us as we stand in the gap for Topeka and surrounding cities in worship and intercession. The Topeka HOP meets at the Open Way Church at 200 NW Gordon St. 66608. THOP meets every Friday night from 5:00pm.-10:00pm. Also on Friday nights we offer soaking prayer starting at 5pm- 6pm for those needing healing. This is a city wide prayer meeting and all churches are welcome. For information on how you can become trained or involved in participating on a worship team simply email me at rickrupp@ihopkc.org

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“Pray for Me”

By Phil Miglioratti - *PrayNetwork.org*

“Pray for me.” Driving home from preaching at a Sunday worship service, thinking about the next sermon I would present to the congregation a few weeks later, these words shot across my mind. “Pray for me.” None other than the apostle Paul, asking Christians in Ephesus (6:19) to pray for him. Those three words immediately became the text of my next sermon.

Certainly the scriptures contain these words because yet two thousand years later, the Church needs to hear and heed his appeal. It is the appeal of the Holy Spirit to remind us to “pray for one another so that you may be healed” (James 5:16) and “too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ” (Colossian 4:3).

In increasing measure, even the most veteran Christ-followers are in need of prayer that results in physical healing, an emotional strengthening of hope, or a practical blessing of help.

As daily life becomes more stressful and as families struggle to survive or even merely to function, members of the Body of Christ need to be schooled and skilled in responding to this sometime agonizing plea; “pray for me.” In increasing measure, even the most veteran Christ-followers are in need of prayer that results in physical healing, an emotional strengthening of hope, or a practical blessing of help.

We must hear this appeal when listening to the “how are you?” responses from the newest believer to the most revered servant leader. No one is immune from the trials and troubles of life. As the apostle said, “always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people” (Ephesians 6:18).

“Pray for me” praying, is the ability to enter into the pressures and problems of the simplest personal story with “powerful and effective” prayers (James 5:16). For our peers. Youth or a child in distress. Fracturing families. Weary leaders. Praying for them like Epaphras, “always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. (Colosians 4:12).

“Pray for me” is a call, sometimes a cry, for help that we must respond to by praying beyond temporal circumstances toward a deepening discipleship in the life of the person we pray for. So that. So that they stand strong, unmovable in their faith in God’s good will no matter what swirls around them, mature in their response to even an evil enemy, and fully assured “that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

“Pray for me” is also a trumpet blast for the Gospel; a call to advance the message of Christ into the lives of neighbors and neighborhoods, near and far.

The apostle issued his request for intercession so “that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:19). In other words, pray for me so that I have opportunities to witness to the salvation God presents in Jesus our Lord.

“Pray for me” is both reactive and proactive. Reactive, when we petition the Lord on behalf of another as a response to the defeats and dis-eases that have inflicted them. Proactive, when we pray toward a future of new opportunities to advance the life-transforming message of our Savior.

Sadly, the standard “pray for me” prayer so many of us offer is inadequate. The enemy we battle calls for a strategy that is more scriptural and more spiritual. Merely praying louder or longer will not bring victory. This three-word plea needs a three-letter strategy: A-s-k.

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:8)

The Lord has instructed us to ask. Paul told us “in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, (to) present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Our problem is not that we refuse or fail to ask. Our weakness is that in asking, we begin with conclusions rather

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than starting with questions. We mostly tell God information he already knows (he is omniscient, remember?) and conclude with solutions we have determined are best in each case. And, sometimes God’s grace gives us what we want, when we want it, in the way we want it. Sometimes.

Asking that begins with questions takes longer. Requires listening. Even learning. Sounds like, well, the teaching of our Lord in Matthew 7:8. He told us to ask and to seek. Asking-by-telling has no need of seeking, other than to wait for the response we have outlined in our prayer instructions to the Almighty. But asking-by-questioning is a radically different approach. After all, when you ask a question, the sensible thing to do is to be still, even silent, so you can hear the answer and discern next steps.

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For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened. (Matthew 7:8 Amplified)

So, when someone asks you to “pray for me,” don’t. Not until you have asked a few questions. Not until the asking of questions shifts your prayers from your best thoughts and wishes to discerning what is in the Father’s heart (2 Thessalonians 3:5), the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16), and the ministry of the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:8).

So, when someone asks you to pray for them, first ask . . .

- ♥ Ask the Holy Spirit to pray through you (Romans 8:26) ... Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you (Ephesians 5:18) (“let the Spirit stimulate your souls” Phillips) then seek (yield) to his leading
- ♥ Ask the person for a brief description of the who-what-where-when-why of their presenting-problem ... then ask (and listen) to them answer “how” they see/sense/discern God’s presence/ purposes in the midst of the circumstances they are asking you to pray about
- ♥ ... this may be an opportunity to ask them to pray from the insights they have just shared with you because it may be the first time they have allowed the Lord to reveal his presence and promises in the midst of their problem
- ♥ ... as they pray, ask the Spirit to give you insight into how to respond; pray from something they said? Share a scripture? Ask them what they heard from the Lord as they were praying?
- ♥ Ask others to join you in prayer. It may be appropriate to invite one or a few other persons to join you in a prayer circle for the person who asked for prayer. Ask first for that person’s permission, explaining this is like hearing in stereo when several listen and discern at the same time.
- ♥ Ask both trusted veteran intercessors as well as someone who needs deeper discipling in prayer (this will become a learning lab for them).
- ♥ Ask for feedback. After prayer (yours, the persons you have invited to pray with you for this friend, or after the person requesting prayer has said a prayer), ask a simple, wide-open question: “Have you (has anyone) received a scripture verse or a thought we might consider for further praying?” If someone shares, simply go back to asking the Holy Spirit for leading, guiding, focusing.
- ♥ Ask the person receiving prayer to update you about the issue but make the commitment to reach out if they do not give you a timely reply.

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith. (Matthew 21:22)

Ask. Questions, that is.

Seek. Stop, be silent, search scripture.

Knock . When you know you’ve heard the will of God, then knock the door down!

God is Blessing Sydney Short Report

Prepared by Lilian Schmid

Thank you pastors, priests, ministers and Christian Leaders for your prayers and your ministry across our city and state. We love you all and we say thank you.

Sydney is flourishing. We continue to uphold our beloved city and our state NSW. I say thank you Lord and thank you to everyone praying for our beloved city and state.

At a church level, God spiritual movement showed true unity at Pentecost Night in May - read the report at <http://www.transformingsydney.org/TSEventsPentecost2015.html>

With many ethnic groups (Indonesians, Koreans, Indians, Chinese and others) God is doing amazing work through these faithful people, and together we are moving forward and we give them thanks for upholding our city and nation in their prayers.

Since we started the prayer movement of Transforming Sydney God has truly blessed us and is blessing our city everyday.

The new Sydney Metro will be Australia's largest public transport project, delivering more trains and faster services for customers; see https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=3&v=LfcJa_PZ1ZU A new stand alone railway network, Sydney Metro is the chosen solution to clear the city's public transport bottlenecks and intends to deliver a quality of rail service never before seen in Australia. Interestingly it is also called "Transforming Sydney": http://sydneymetro.info/project-overview1?category=Transforming+Sydney&tool=news_feed

Major Urban Transformation Projects for our city and the State of NSW
<http://www.urbangrowthnsw.com.au/work/urban-transformation-projects.aspx>

NSW crime report: Lockout reduces Sydney CBD violence, drug use increases across state. The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research report also showed most major crimes including robbery and theft had decreased for the 24 months to December 2014. Assaults in Kings Cross have decreased by about a third, and by 26 per cent in the CBD: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-04-16/crime-statistics-and-lockout-laws-nsw-2015/6396486>

Things has improved since Mike Baird was appointed Premier last year. The Premier has worked particularly well with his federal Coalition colleagues to advance the economic situation for Sydney and NSW. This is especially evident in two primary areas. Western Sydney, a largely untapped economic resource, is being activated by some of the most ambitious plans for the region since settlement. A second airport, desperately needed for decades, will now proceed, bringing direct and indirect economic benefits.

Additionally, Mike Baird's growth strategy dovetails with the federal government's need to address its own budgetary inheritance. NSW has charged ahead of other states in terms of employment expansion and job creation. With both Queensland and Victoria recently electing Labor governments, the gap between NSW and our northern and southern neighbours should only widen.

What is good for NSW, almost always, is also good for Australia. Our Premier is a dedicated Christian who cares for his state and nation. Continue to pray or our Premier Mike Baird and all the ministers of NSW.

However, we have three main issues to pray to God for and for Him to intervene:

1. Pray that God exposes drug dealers/merchants and stops Ice and new synthetic drugs

Disturbing interim report into methamphetamine has revealed Australians consume more ice than any other country. <http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/health/the-ice-town-where-meth-use-is-so-rampant-it-has-been-nicknamed-the-south-pole/story-fneuzlbd-1227454993765>

Synthetic and Ice Drug report in Sydney http://www.druginfo.sl.nsw.gov.au/drugs/list/synthetic_drugs.html



Premier Mike Baird with Deputy Leader Gladys Berejiklian

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God is Blessing Sydney Short Report (...continued)

2. Pray for Homelessness in Sydney

Homelessness is a complex issue with no single solution. The City of Sydney's Homelessness Unit works 7 days a week to reduce homelessness and its impact in Sydney. Working in partnership with government, non-profit philanthropic organisations and the corporate sector, the City aims to:

- facilitate rough sleepers out of homelessness
- prevent people from becoming entrenched in homeless in the inner-city
- help avoid homelessness in other regions
- make sure those who do become homeless are assisted out of homelessness quickly
- enact a compassionate and proactive approach to the management of public space.

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/community-support/homelessness>

3. Pray against Domestic Violence, Child abuse, enslaved women and against slavery.

Trafficking: Women lured with student visas forced into sex slavery: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/trafficking-women-lured-with-student-visas-forced-into-sex-slavery-20140329-35q88.html#ixzz3mQ09TjRN>

Child abuse and neglect statistics <https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/child-abuse-and-neglect-statistics>

The City of Sydney has released a booklet called 'Domestic Violence is a Crime' to help people who have experienced domestic or family violence. The booklet was written by NSW Police with support from the City. The City aims to make the crime reporting process clearer and less intimidating.

The booklet includes information such as:

- how to find protection
- how to apply for an apprehended domestic violence order
- who to contact for help
- emergency accommodation services.

Read more at <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/health-and-safety/domestic-violence>

Reaching all LEADERS in Australia

When I'm talking here about "Leaders" I don't just mean political leaders, I'm talking about them as well as all sorts of leaders right across Australia.

People who are business leaders, people who are leaders in their community, leaders in social clubs and sporting clubs, schools as well as spiritual leaders.

In other words, anyone who has followers is a leader!

Some time ago, God spoke to me regarding praying for all leaders in Australia and that is what I have been doing since.

The following is what I have been praying:

Thank you Father for all leaders in Australia.

Thank you Father for having your finger upon each leader in Australia and for drawing each of our hearts closer to your heart everyday so that each of our hearts will function more like your heart every day, bringing honour and glory to your name and advancing your Kingdom, here on earth as it is in Heaven.

Thank you Father for the ripple effect that will touch many more people in Australia and so restoring Australia to again be "The great South Land of the Holy Spirit!"

Amen!

Please join me in praying this prayer at least once a day and rejoice right now in what God is and will continue to do as we join Him with our prayers, fulfilling His will in and through us.

Michael De Nieuwe

DIVINE HEALING

In accordance with the teachings from the Holy Scriptures, we trust our Heavenly Father to protect and heal our bodies from sickness and disease.

We believe that Divine Healing for the body as with all redemptive blessings of God has been provided for us by the atoning death and victorious resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ;

Divine Healing is the privilege of all **believers** and it is appropriated by **faith** in **our Heavenly Father's unfailing promises** contained in the Word of God (The Bible).

I have here listed some Scriptures relating to Healing. Take the time to read them and to meditate on the Scriptures which are the Word of God. (**Note that this is not an exhaustive list.**) **Please read** them and apply them to your condition by Faith in God and Receive His Reward of Divine Health.

OLD TESTAMENT:

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| Exodus 15:26 | Numbers 12:13 | Deuteronomy 32:39 |
| 2 Chronicles 7:14 | 2 Chronicles 30:20 | Job 5 :18 |
| Psalms 6:2 | Psalms 30:2-3 | Psalms 41:4 |
| Psalms 103:3 | Psalms 107:20 | Psalms 147:3 |
| Proverbs 17:22 | Isaiah 6:10 | Isaiah 30:26 |
| Isaiah 53:4-5 | Isaiah 57:18 | Jeremiah 3:22 |
| Jeremiah 6:14 | Jeremiah 6:14 | Jeremiah 8:11 |
| Jeremiah 15:18 | Jeremiah 17:14 | Jeremiah 30:13 |
| Jeremiah 30:17 | Ezekiel 47:12 | Hosea 6:1 |
| Hosea 7:1 | Hosea 14:4 | |

NEW TESTAMENT:

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|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Matthew 4:23 | Matthew 8:16-17 | Matthew 9:21 |
| Mark 5:34 | Mark 10:52 | Mark 16:17-18 |
| Luke 4:23 | Luke 18:42 | John 12:40 |
| Acts 10:38 | Acts 28:27 | James 5: 14-15 |
| 1 Peter 2:24 | | |

The most important keys are as follows:

- 1) ASK God for your healing in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) Keep THANKING GOD every day for your Healing until it totally manifests for you and in you.
- 3) Continue to WALK in FAITH affirming the above mentioned Healing Scriptures.
- 4) Decide to walk in Divine Health always.

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REMOVE ALL POSSIBLE BLOCKAGES WHICH CAN PREVENT YOU FROM Receiving your Healings and/or your Miracles.

- a) Lack of Forgiveness towards people e.g., your spouse, your other family members, brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbours, bosses, former spouse (if divorce has affected you life etc
- b) Lack of repentance for past occult activities where you were involved either knowingly or by deception in the drug culture, witchcraft, etc
- c) Lack of repentance for offences against people (loved ones, friends, neighbours, former spouses, etc whom you have hurt by thought word or deed.

Healings were brought to ALL MANKIND THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST by the 39 stripes that THE LORD JESUS CHRIST suffered when THE LORD JESUS was WHIPPED/ FLOGGED by his wicked enemies.

Studies have been done to show that there is not a single disease that Jesus did not pay the price for by His sufferings before and on the Cross of Calvary.

By Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Henry Jacotine, 7th September 2015

Mission Day this Saturday - report!

From Timothy Scheuer, Monday, 21 September 2015

Last week I was talking to Gerard in Adelaide who shared about being with 80 other people witnessing on the streets of Adelaide over the weekend. They gave away red roses and said "we want to give you this beautiful red rose. There's a message that goes with it, would you like to hear it?" Gerard indicated that the responses they received from both men and women were very positive. They had a great time meeting people, praying with them, and sharing the gospel using the red rose intro.

I thought, "how cool"! So through last week I grappled with whether or not I could use that kind of approach for our Mission Day on Saturday...

I decided to give it a try. Here's what we did and what we experienced:

I bought red roses from Aldi - 10 for \$5. We cut the thorns off so we did not inflict injury! We put them in a bag and headed out into the new housing neighbourhood we have been targeting with prayer and going. The area is new houses and mostly middle class. There were only 4 of us participating - two pairs.

We knocked on doors and said something like, "Hi my name is Tim and this is Marina. We're from the Anglican Church. We want to introduce ourselves. What's your first name? (We have found it is mostly helpful to identify with the Anglican church in this area because it is perceived as safe and not weird)

Bill, it's great to meet you...

We'd like to give you this beautiful red rose (hand them the rose). Just like God has created this rose, he has created you. We want you to know that God loves you, Jesus loves you, and you are special to Him, you really matter (we let that sink in)!

We're wondering if there is something we could pray for, for you, or those you care about? Are there any needs?"

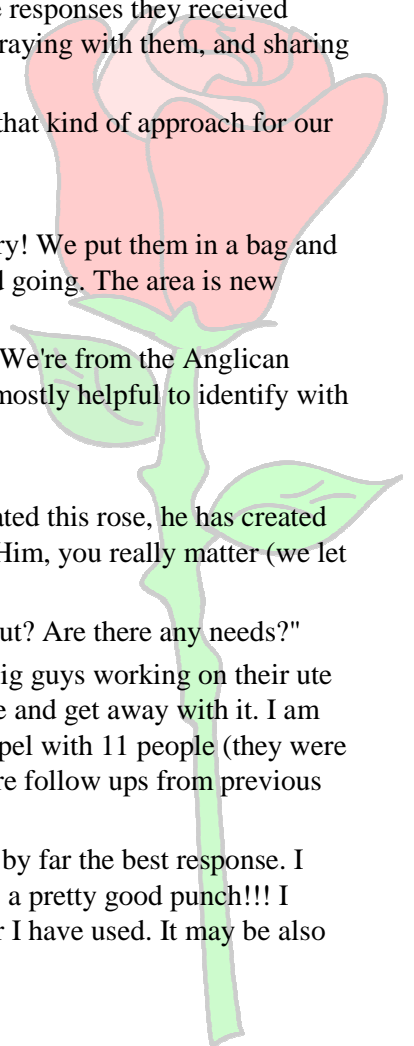
We talked with 30 households during the day. 27 accepted the red rose (including two big guys working on their ute in the shed - I would not have believed that two men could give two aussie blokes a rose and get away with it. I am now a believer!!! We did it...). 11 people received prayer, we were able to share the gospel with 11 people (they were not all the same 11). We have follow up opportunities with 16 of the 30 (3 of the 30 were follow ups from previous visits with one now being firm for DBS).

We have used a variety of gifts and introductions over the past 9 months. This has been by far the best response. I really like that the gift of the rose is tied to the message we are bringing. The rose packs a pretty good punch!!! I think peoples defences and suspicions were dropped better with this intro than any other I have used. It may be also that the ground is softening as we continue to pray and go!

Tim Scheuer

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SHAKEN & STIRRED

By Michael Huggins, <http://oxenministries.com/>

Whilst journeying to and from Russia last month I found myself taking serious notice of faces, faces in the street, faces on the metro, faces on the plane, and faces on the London Underground. What is God's longing for each individual, how much was Jesus' body aching, shaking, longing crying, as in Matthew 9 35ff.

Do I understand "Compassion" or the depth of God's Calvary concern. That old lady, that "Babushka", singing for some roubles in the Metro entrance in a temperature of -16C just to survive another day - what has she been through in life already? What beauty, what loves, what longings, what joys has Satan, our enemy, robbed her of? She had no choice where she was born anymore that I earned merit to be born into the love and security of those two dear people I was privileged to call mother and father. Who would have shown me the love of Jesus had I had been born, for example, in Uzbekistan or Kyrgysia or Bangladesh - and what if that babushka had been born instead in say Korea or the USA..?

Just one grain in a vast harvest field . *The Harvest fields are enormous.* Think of Russia, the largest country in the World, stretching across 11 time Zones with a population of 154 million. Think of the hardly known Turkic World of 125 million stretching from Europe to the Uighurs of China. Think of the Central Asian/Persian world of up to 365 million people, and the Arab World of some 222 million - and add China with some 1.1 billion souls and those fields already total some 34% of the world's population.. Then think again of a great God , God Almighty, with a great love - then do we believer in a God of the gleanings - or great enough for a great vision of a great harvest.

..but the workers are few. Yes those trained skilled workers with knarled experienced hands, the kind of ordinary folk Jesus called and disciplined. They are few. Workers - warriors - for I like to link this scripture to 1 Chronicles 12:23-38, just changing a few names and places. " -experience soldiers...brave warriors... with undivided hearts...who understood the times...armed, ready for battle ...with every type of weapon ..fully determined, of one mind.. .."-

Do we really have that vision that the God, who "can make soldiers out of slaves", will, through such people - however humble - transfer the spiritual, philosophical and working life of the countryside, towns, cities - through a people who are able:

- to pray for their unsaved neighbour, work-mates, town, country
- to rescue those who wander into sin because no one has told them of God's real love
- to confront and defeat in the very places where they exercise their power, the powers of darkness behind the slavery - bondage that is ethnic hatred, Mafia, mammon, man-organised religion, poverty, prostitution, abortion
- society changers for Jesus whatever their trade or profession

But we are called to be God's fellow-workers. Traditional doors to mission are closing rapidly in most of the areas I have mentioned. But where our churches in the West still have that burning passion to see men and women in such lands, created in the image and love of God, transformed by the power of God from the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of life, God will provide a way.. Whatever doors He chooses to open, we can, we must, respond through effective aggressive spiritual warfare - prayer. We must not lose sight of the fact that superhuman forces are met in almost every place Christ's lordship is proclaimed



But we can also resource. The vision behind Grass-root TEE that Oxen seeks to encourage and resource has such goals - it seeks in co-operation and networking with others the building up of affordable, nationally sustainable tool for the churches so to not only envision, but, on a 2 Timothy 2:2 basis, mobilise, train and equip the ordinary people of God into active service for Jesus. Islam is committed to pouring petra-dollars on a vast scale into mosque building, Islamic bookshops and beautifully bound copies of Qur'ans into Central Asia. Time is short and TEE desperately needs resourcing to help the churches build up those living stones for Jesus in so many parts of the world, including across the CIS and the 10/40 window.

Warfare means commitment to win. It means the reassessing and prioritising of projects, ambitions, time, energy and financial resources - to make Jesus King. If, for example, our Western church bricks and mortar projects became but a tithe of our world mission and mercy support, what would then be the harvest potential for Jesus?

Michael Huggins, Russia 1998

Michael Huggins has served the Open Russian Theological Academy as General Director since its foundation 11 years ago, a title he says is "a very generous courtesy as the real leadership in the hard, faithful and courageous service there is undertaken by the Russian team led by Dr Anneta Vyssotskaia (International Director), Tamara Kulesh (National Director), and Maria Vdomina (Training Coordinator)."

He is currently preparing a T.E.E. (Theological Education by Extension) course for his Russian ORTA colleagues on the Shepherd Heart of God, and is working on an ongoing preparation for Matheteuo (also on oxenministries.com) and SEAN on the desperate need for serious committed and accountable post-Alpha discipleship across the churches in the UK. Michael also serves SEAN International www.seaninternational.com as an advisor to their Trustees.

He was a member of the founding Committee of Increase www.increasenetwork.org - stepping down this year for health and age reasons and in his words "to make room for others more able." He still serves on the linked Central Asian Vision Group.



In Remembrance

Centenary of the Armenian Genocide 1915-2015

On Tuesday 13 October, Bishop Peter Comensoli and Bishop Haigazoun Najarian, Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and New Zealand, will join with other ecumenical and civic leaders in an evening service of prayer and remembrance to commemorate the Centenary of the Armenian Genocide.

We hope that as many clergy and parishioners as possible can join in. Please pass on this invitation to your friends and neighbours from other churches as well.

This event is important for a number of reasons:

It is an important ecumenical moment for our Diocese as our Bishop joins with the Armenian Primate in prayer, in the presence of clergy and laity from surrounding Christian communities.

It is a way to connect with historic events that continue to reverberate in our time. We weren't there at the genocide in 1915, but we can 'be there' now, 100 years later, standing in prayerful solidarity with Armenian Christians who have survived and thrived against all odds.

It is a moment to be proud of our country. Australia is remembered as having made a substantial contribution to the international relief effort for Armenian survivors in the years immediately following the genocide.

It is an occasion to confront the genocidal impulses of today. Pope Francis speaks often of 'the blood of ecumenism.' In gathering to remember the Armenian genocide we will also be praying for Christians suffering persecution in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

The Armenian Genocide: What happened?

During the night of 24 April 1915, the eve of the Anzac landings at Gallipoli, the Ottoman government arrested around 250 Armenian political, religious, educational and intellectual community leaders in Constantinople (present day Istanbul). They were deported to the interior parts of the Ottoman Empire, and many were put to death.

Also during this period, thousands of Armenian men who were conscripted into the Ottoman Army were disarmed, placed in labour battalions, and later executed.

Finally, there was a mass deportation of the Armenian people to the barren deserts of Syria and Mesopotamia (present day Iraq). Intentionally deprived of food and water, they fell by the hundreds of thousands along the routes to the desert. Secrecy, deception, torture, rape,

Most Rev Bishop Peter A Comensoli

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

*Invites you to an ecumenical service
of prayer and remembrance
for the Christians of the Armenian Genocide,
and for persecuted Christians of our own time.*

Homily by

His Grace Bishop Haigazoun Najarian

Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and
New Zealand

7pm, Tuesday 13 October 2015

*Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church,
94 Archer Street, Chatswood*

Light supper will be served after the service

This ecumenical service on 13 October is also an opportunity for education - about the Armenian genocide, about the plight of persecuted Christians today, and about our ecumenical links with Armenian Christians.

RSVP appreciated by Thursday 1 October 2015 to

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starvation and pillage were some of the defining elements of these marches.

By 1923, as many as 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children had been killed or forced to abandon their cultural identity.

See: armeniangenocide.com.au

Armenian Christians trace their roots to a very early period of Christian history. In 301 Armenia was the first state to adopt Christianity as its official state religion, twelve years before Rome.

Armenian Christians have suffered immensely from multiple persecutions over the centuries and yet have continued to persevere with extraordinary resilience in faith and hope.

See: armenianchurchsydney.org.au

Daily Prayer Calendar for October - *Health and Science*

(Prepared by Lilian Schmid)

The scripture teaches us that with the Spirit we can contact God, with the Soul we can recognise our emotions, our soul, and our intellect, and with our body we can feel our physical pain.

So who am I?

- I am a Spirit Being,
- I have a Soul,
- I have a Body.

The whole human being is affected by sin; therefore we need restoration in all aspects of our Human Being (Spirit, Soul & Body).

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Prayer will bring about healing. God's Word tells us so. Accepting this, Christians often pray for the sick and believe that their prayers are answered.

Rev. Thomas R. Rogers, Ph.D. shares with us that stories about people who were healed through prayer are abundant.

Christine Hughes, a nursing student at the University of Texas with an interest in the holistic approach to nursing (involving mind, body, and spirit, Christine did a case study on a patient whose cancer tests revealed abnormal cells. The woman went to her church and was the object of healing prayers there. On her subsequent tests, her cells had returned to normal. Hughes was impressed. Then, the case led her to an even more extraordinary story. Hughes learned that the woman's grandmother had once been diagnosed with advanced cancer and had been the object of healing prayers. Her advanced cancer also disappeared (Hughes, 1997).

Witnessing these kinds of results leads to the question, "Why aren't people who are in the healing professions more involved with prayer to promote healing?"

Hospitals usually do welcome the clergy to pray with patients and they usually maintain a hospital chapel, it is also true that not many of us can attest to healing sessions that involved prayer with the medical personnel of hospitals.

We need both Healing and Medicine. God gave His blessings upon doctors, nurses, Health researches, and many people in the Health industry to show His glory.

Daily Prayer in October

During the month of October we are praying for the Department of Health in Australia. We are dedicating 31 days to pray for:

- 1 Doctors and nurses : pray for all doctors and nurses across Australia Scriptures: There are many verses that speak of using "medical treatments" such as applying bandages (Isaiah 1:6), oil (James 5:14), oil and wine (Luke 10:34), leaves (Ezekiel 47:12), wine (1 Timothy 5:23), and salves, particularly the "balm of Gilead" (Jeremiah 8:22). Also, Luke, the author of Acts and the Gospel of Luke, is referred to by Paul as "the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14).
- 2 Please pray for The Hon Sussan Ley MP Minister for Health
Scripture: (Psalm 145:8-9).
- 3 Please pray for Senator the Hon Fiona Nash Assistant Minister for Health
Scripture: John 15:16
- 4 Pray for Mental Health Programs
Scripture: 2 Peter 5:7
The Australian Government is committed to developing a more effective and efficient mental health system that improves the lives of Australians with a mental illness and their families. The Government tasked the National Mental Health Commission to undertake a review of all existing services. The Final Report of the Review, *Contributing lives, thriving communities*, presents an ambitious plan for broad, long term reform of the mental health system, which can be accessed via the Commission's website.
www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au
- 5 Please pray for Call for an increase in medical research funding
Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23
More information on this page to pray
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/MC15-007155-NHMRC-funding>
- 6 Pray for Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drugs (ANACAD)
Scripture: Ephesians 5:18
- 7 Please pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
Scripture: Jeremiah 17:14

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Daily Prayer Calendar for Oct. - *Health and Science (...continued)*

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| <p>8 Please pray for Health products and medicines and Pharmacies Scriptures: Exodus 15:26 and Proverb 4:20-22</p> <p>9 Please pray for the Public and private healthcare and hospitals, and Palliative care facilities Scripture: Exodus 15:25-26.</p> <p>10 Please pray for Medicare and the Health Funds Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:15</p> <p>11 Please pray for National Men's and Women's Health Scripture Psalm 91:1-6,10.</p> <p>12 Please pray for Rural and Regional Health Scripture: Psalm 103: 2-3</p> <p>13 Please pray for state Health Services (Ambulances and all state department responsible for Health and Medicine) Scripture: Psalm 107:20</p> <p>14 Please pray for the Travel Health Information Scripture: Psalm 91</p> <p>15 Please pray for Age Care; residents, carers and administration Scripture John 19:25-27</p> <p>16 Please pray for families & children, Youth health & wellbeing, Youth justice Scriptures: Isaiah 46:3-4 and Psalm 139</p> <p>17 Please pray for people with Arthritis & musculoskeletal conditions, their families and treating clinicians Scripture: psalm 34:19</p> <p>18 Please pray for Asthma Australia and the welfare of asthma sufferers, their families and treating clinicians Scripture: psalm 97</p> <p>19 Please pray for people with Cancer Cardiovascular disease, their families and treating clinicians Scripture: 3 John:1-2 and James 5</p> <p>20 Please pray for Child health, development & wellbeing Scripture: Isaiah 41:10</p> <p>21 Please pray for Child protection Children's services Chronic diseases Scripture: Psalm 23</p> <p>22 Please pray for people with Chronic kidney disease, their families and treating clinicians Scripture: Matthew 8:2-3</p> <p>23 Please pray for people with Chronic respiratory</p> | <p>conditions, their families and treating clinicians Scripture: Mark 5:25-34</p> <p>24 Please pray for people who are suffering from Dementia, their families and care staff Scripture Psalm 46</p> <p>25 Please pray for dental & oral health facilities and support, and their clients Scripture: Isaiah 43:18,19</p> <p>26 Please pray for people with Disabilities, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Scripture: Acts 10:38</p> <p>27 Please pray for Eye health patients, clinics and doctors Scripture: Psalm 119</p> <p>28 Please pray for Food & nutrition facilities and Dieticians Scripture: Romans 8:11</p> <p>29 Please pray for advancement of Medical Research Scriptures: Ephesians 4:27 - Ephesians 6:10</p> <p>30 Please pray for overweight & obese people and their treating professionals Scriptures Colossians 1:13 - 2 Corinthians 12:9 Pray also against corruptive and manipulative industry practices that seek to benefit unfairly from maintaining poor weight control</p> <p>31 Please pray for Veterans' health, the care of their families, ad the Department of Veterans Affairs Scripture: 1 Peter 2:24 - John 15:4,5</p> |
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Final prayer

Heavenly Father,

I bow in worship and praise before you. I plead the Blood of Jesus on my entire physical body, on my entire soul and on my entire spirit. I plead the Blood of Jesus against any natural accidents or catastrophe's that may come against me. I plead the Blood of Jesus against any diseases, illnesses or sicknesses that could possibly come against me. Father, in the name of Jesus, I have full faith and belief that the Blood of Jesus will always protect me. Father, I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to You. I gladly put myself into Your hands and I am more than willing to let You find a way to release Yourself through me. I believe in you Lord and I have faith that you are the healer and the deliverer. Heal me now in Jesus name. Amen.

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Project Update: Action Packs for Michika

Thank you for your love and concern for Nigerian Christians

The militant Islamist group Boko Haram's aim is to create an Islamic State. Their favoured method of achieving this is through high-level terrorist activities.

Boko Haram has been responsible for the displacement of more than 1.5 million Nigerians in the north-east during the last six years. They are responsible for the deaths of an estimated 13,000 people. Over 2,000 women and girls have been abducted since the start of 2014.

The predominantly Christian area of Michika has been directly targeted. Boko Haram arrived to capture the region in September 2014. As gunfire rang out, the people fled in fear and confusion to seek refuge in bushes nearby. Many of them later fled to nearby towns and villages.

Michika became a Boko Haram stronghold; scores of people were killed and homes and churches were ransacked and burned.

The area was recaptured by the military in January 2015 and the people were able to return, only to find ruin and devastation where their communities once thrived.

Late last year our Nigerian contacts asked us to help fund a project to provide aid to the Christians of Michika.

We recently received photographs of the latest distribution of aid, which included food, sleeping mats and Bibles.

The provisions were met with gratitude and great joy. Our main contact told us "Reverend Billy of the EYN [Church of the Brethren] was dumbfounded to see the magnanimous love and concern coming from Australian Christians."

Our hope is that these small gifts supplied by Australians have been used by the Lord to remind these believers that they are known, loved and cared for by Him.

Please join with us in praying for the Christians of Michika, that they will remain faithful to the Lord and steadfastly fix their eyes on Him as they rebuild their lives and that they will exemplify the love of God as they love and pray for their persecutors.

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