



# Newsletter

29 August 2010

**Welcome** *A warm welcome to all who join us today in giving worship and praise to our great God and Saviour. May this be a time of growing in grace and strengthening our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Please join us for a cuppa after the service. If you are visiting today, please sign our visitor's Book. We have an information leaflet explaining our church's ministries and activities, feel free to take one or ask for one.*

## WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
Message: Revive your Work (Habakkuk 3:1-2)  
Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

6:00 PM Pastor Peter Mechielsen  
(Pastor Jim in Leongatha)  
Message: "The only thing that matters"  
Reading: Romans 11:33-12:2

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak

## OFFERINGS

### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – J-Team

### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

### LAST WEEK

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Freewill/Pledges          | \$3,252.50 |
| COM India Childrens Home  | \$674.00   |
| WDR Pakistan Flood Appeal | \$1,371.70 |



## ROSTERS

### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: E.Oinonen, J. Gully, G. Heerdink

Next Week: J. Nicholson, M van Rossen,  
J. van Breen

### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Phillip & Paul Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

### GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: Rita Piening

## From the Pastor's Desk

Recently we had information in the newsletter about the move by political parties to remove any future funding for chaplaincy in schools. We encouraged you to contact your MPs and ask for that not to happen. Well this week I received a wonderful announcement coming out of Access Ministries regarding this issue.

### "Hooray, We've Done It!"

#### **Both Parties promise increased funding for chaplaincy**

Thanks to all of you, our dedicated supporters, who contacted your local Members of Parliament to reiterate the difference that our chaplains are making in the lives of children and young people. Together, we've achieved more chaplains and funding for the chaplaincy program.

- The Labor party announced that they will provide \$220m over 3 years to fund chaplains and pastoral carers.
- The Coalition has now announced that they will increase their initial promise of funding from \$165m over 3 years to \$220m over 4 years to solely fund chaplains.
- Both parties have committed to funding chaplains at up to a further 1000 schools Australia wide.

Our voices have been heard. Both major parties have endorsed the importance of the chaplaincy program to our schools, and the integral and distinctive part our chaplains play in their school's wellbeing team. The **ACCESS ministries'** chaplaincy program is safe for at least another three years.

Thank you for joining with **ACCESS ministries** and campaigning for kids with needs and at risk. Together, we have achieved so much."

Evonne Paddison

CEO, **ACCESS ministries**

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Congratulations to Marijke de Haan** who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this past week! What an incredible milestone. May God continue to bless you with all the health and strength you need.
- **Congratulations** also to **Ada Coe** who celebrates her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow. May God's blessings of grace and love be yours! Ada will also be moving to 5 Ben Close - a unit in Endeavour Hills in the near future.
- Pray for safe travels for **Jubilate Choir members** (and the tag-along family members) as they leave at the end of this week for 3 weeks of ministry-in-song and touring in New Zealand – this will reduce our 'church family' for a few

weeks!

- **Pia Antheunis** is spending 4 weeks in respite at Dutch Care Kilsyth. She left on Thursday and will return on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. (So she has her birthday there!)
- **Gwen Williams** has returned home, and is making slow but determined progress in her walking. Praise God for this progress.
- **John Van Neutegem** has completed five sessions of radiation therapy at the Alfred Hospital this past week, we trust this will provide relief for his cough.
- **Joanne Schapendonk** is home again after being hospitalized with a chest infection last week.
- There are many who are struggling with coughs, colds and 'flu type symptoms at this time of the year. Pray for the very young and the elderly – and all those who work in caring for them, also the ministry with children at Kids Hope, J Team, URY, kids church and crèche for the resilience the leaders need.

## Warburton WA SWIM Team

Anyone interested in being part of the team to Warburton in Jan 2011, should contact Pastor Jim or Peter Abetz ([pabetz@crca.org.au](mailto:pabetz@crca.org.au)) to express your interest.

Peter has been in touch with Sue Clark in Warburton, and she suggests we come the week of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, or the week after.

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## **URGENT PRAYER REQUEST**

We have received an urgent prayer request from COM for all missionaries, their families, home, children and both Michael and Debra Cooke (who are living in Sambalpur to oversee a Dairy Farm Project). There has been a serious outbreak of Swine flu in Orissa, particularly in and around the Sambalpur region. Up to twenty people have died in Sambalpur district this week including five in Sambalpur itself. Please pray for God's divine protection against this illness.

We value your prayers .....

Thou art coming to a King  
Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and power are such  
None can ever ask too much  
... John Newton



## **Connecting with my Neighbour Conference**

On behalf of Ethnos (the organizing committee) I have been asked to relay their deep thanks and appreciation for the wonderful way we hosted the conference. It far exceeded their expectations. Personally, I want to thank every person that gave of their time to help the conference be a success. Thank you to those who organized the food, help set up the conference, helped serve the suppers and clean up and those who helped with things like sound and recording.

The conference proved to be very informative and the door knock on the Saturday afternoon gave a great opportunity speak with Muslim people and the reports back were very encouraging. We pray that God will bless these new contacts and his kingdom will grow.

## **Point to Ponder**

The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace; a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing; a picture of death, yet the key to life.

## **Pakistan Appeal**

Thank you to the congregation for your wonderful support of the flood appeal for Pakistan. Over \$1300 was raised through the one retiring offering. If you didn't have funds last week there is still an opportunity to give today. You will read elsewhere in the newsletter what WD&R workgroup is doing to help.



## **Ladies Day**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010

10am – 3pm

Langwarrin Christian Reformed Church

Speaker - **Michelle Dempsey**



## ***Volunteers needed at Outlook Gardens***

Outlook Gardens is currently in need of volunteers to assist our activity and nursing staff with our residents' social and medical appointments.

Please call 9795-7566 and speak to Hilda or Maggie if you could possibly help us.

A big thank you to all members of the congregation for their continued support and hard work.



**Care and Share** there is a meeting on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm in the Church Office meeting space** to discuss issues that arise out of the visiting and to debrief and encourage each other. Henni

## **Church Op Shop**

We open Thursdays 11.30am-4.30pm and Fridays 10am- 4.30pm. Donations can be dropped off during these times. Please remember we cannot accept

electrical items. If you would like to volunteer some time to help us either for set up on Thursdays at 10am, pack up on Fridays at 4.30pm, or general help sorting donations and sharing cuppas with customers, please speak to Anneke Laverman or Anita de Witte. We would love some extra help!

### ***Eternity***

The latest *Eternity* newspaper (August edition) is now available in the church foyer. Pick it up and have a read. There are a number of articles in there dealing with the elections under the title 'Who Would Jesus Vote For', along with a range of other very interesting articles.

### **FREE DESKS!**

We have 2 desks at the Op Shop we have not been able to sell. Would anyone like them? Please see Anita de Witte if you are interested. Also we are low on queen sized linen at the moment- donations are always welcome!

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

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| Les Barrot        | September | 1 |
| Michael Kimmer    | September | 1 |
| Christina Yong    | September | 2 |
| Heather Nicholson | September | 3 |

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

### **Pakistan flooding - Emergency Collection**

As we have been promoting, an emergency appeal is being organised by our World Development and Relief (WD&R) workgroup for the flood stricken people of Pakistan. You will have seen the images and cries for help from a nation that has been crippled by a national disaster. Through trusted Christian partners, WD&R are able to assist in our Lord's name with emergency relief, targeting some 8000 flood affected families.

Today we are holding a retiring offering today to support this appeal. If you are unprepared to assist today then there will be an opportunity to do so next week too. Please give generously to WD&R's appeal (WD&R is unable to provide receipts for tax deductible purposes.)

Please continue to pray for so many people - in such desperate situations. Please also pray that people may not succumb to diseases which often do follow from such floods. Pray that God would be compassionate to the people of Pakistan.

Bert Kuipers

**Care and Share** is looking for **more** people who can participate in its visiting program. As some of our visitors grow older themselves we need younger people to replace them. If you have some free time to offer friendship and spiritual and emotional support to others in our church community please talk to Henni Burggraaf (ph. 9791 2601)

Care and Share is the visiting program that supports the elderly and the frail and those isolated in their own homes due to disability.

### **FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

#### **THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)**

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Leader is John Nicholson. Everyone is welcome. Contact Regina Gnanathurai on 97956252

#### **OASIS GROWTH GROUP:**

meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month (but not during school holidays) at the Burggraaf's: 7:15 – 9:15 pm. New members welcome to attend. Ph: 9791 2601

#### **COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY,**

Meet at the church at 10am. All ladies are welcome we have fellowship and study God's Word every Tuesday morning.

## **VENTURE BIBLE STUDY**

(young adults bible study)

Venture Bible Study meets this Sunday at 4 at Noorbergens and the following Sunday we will meet before the Youth Service at Casey at 4 then go on to the Youth Service, if everyone could bring a snack to share and drink to share it would be great- see you all then.

If you would like to come and join please see David Barrot or ring him on 0401 073 954.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday Night Bible Study this week is at the home of Nel Steunenberg. Hope to see you all there. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

## **SOLOMON NEWS**

Greetings from Honiara. We have been blessed again in many ways, some of which we share with you here. As usual, there are also challenges and opportunities, which by God's grace we are able to or wish to respond to.

1. The elections for National Parliament are now over and 50 members have been elected. During the elections there were a number of disturbances to which police were called, but on the whole, it seemed to have gone smoothly. We are now in the stage of the newly elected members lobbying and positioning themselves for the formation of a government. The date for that to happen has been set for next week Wednesday. We invite you to pray for the formation of a government here. This process has in the past been challenging. Pray that Godly men may be chosen and that the whole process may go smoothly and peaceably.

2. An Advisory Board meeting of Bethesda Disability Training & Support Centre was held earlier this week. Some positive outcomes are: The first course for People With Disabilities (PWD's) has been scheduled to commence on October 11. It will finish on December 3, which coincides with the International Disability Day. We have 9 people with disabilities enrolled, and we are grateful for sponsorship for 5 of them. The official opening of the Centre is scheduled for October 12, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the course. We received a gift from one of the banks for

an amount of \$2050 (SBD) with which we will purchase a water tank to complete the kitchen. And we are proceeding with Registration with the Government as a recognised Training institution. It is all very positive. The building and establishment is just about complete under the grant we received. For the balance of this year though, we will need to manage our remaining funds very carefully to make ends meet. But we remain confident in the Lord's goodness and provision.

3. Ministry continues on a number of fronts. We welcomed Cheryl Kuitert, from St Marys NSW, who is working at the hospital laboratory as a technician. She learned to read a malaria slide, but finds the lack of technology a bit challenging. Regrettably, Tamara Rees, from the same congregation, who came to stay for 6 months or more had to return for health reasons after just a week. We wish her a good recovery. Lauretta looks forward to welcoming her parents who are coming to visit for a week from New Zealand on Tuesday.

4. The big team (28) from Wamberal NSW will be here in just a few weeks. Their container with supplies should arrive on the weekend, and Machi has been busy chartering a ship to take all the stuff for 2 staff houses for a clinic to the island of Isabel, to Samasodu Village. This will be the third trip for the team, and they are looking forward to doing the building and teaching work there as well as re-establishing relationships from last time.

5. Machi is doing another KYB in Honiara, together with Karen Hopping from SITAG. Karen has done literacy with this group of women and it is exciting to hear them read their Pijin Bibles for the first time, as well as doing the KYB lessons in Pijin.

6. Kevin continues with media work, and the teaching at the Seminary is going along well. The Prison Ministry with Lauretta and Jair is going fine.

7. We said farewell to John Wheatly Maeronga, our administrator after a year of service with us. John felt that the work here was not his real calling and he has gone back to accounting & auditing work. Nelson Rorea, who lives on base, is filling in till the end of the year, for and we are thankful.

Well that is all for now. We continue to give thanks to our God for his goodness and faithfulness in so many ways. We rejoice in the prayer support, as well as the financial gifts to the ministry, and we remain thankful to God for those who sponsor us for our personal needs. GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE

TIME!!! For all at SWIM, Kevin Rietveld.



Wantirna Christian Community Church is a vibrant family oriented church of around 200 people meeting in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne where we are endeavouring to reach the lost, grow disciples and care for the hurting. We are currently seeking two people to fill the following positions.

**Youth Co-ordinator** – 3 days per week

**Missions Co-ordinator** – 3 days per week

These roles are a combination of coordination of ministry teams and hands on involvement in ministry. We seek people who have experience in leading teams, a passion for kingdom work in and outside the church, a love for people, vision development and growing leaders.

The Youth Co-ordinator role will include working with local state schools.

The Missions Co-ordinator will have emphasis on local, national and international missions.

### **PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF**

The WD&R Committee is thankful to the churches for their support for this Appeal (which we have launched this month). The money being raised is to bring relief in the Lord's name for the worst flooding in Pakistan's history. Water is still rising in some areas and the suffering in this massive flood just goes on and on. Please keep this situation in your prayers. Just to keep you posted, we have just sent off \$A 20,000 via the CRWRC who work with their partner ILAP. They have already set up 2 tent villages in both of our targeted districts. 250 families in Nowshera district and 250 families in Charsadda. They have also started to bring water to these families. Each family has received a 10 litre container, and trucks come in daily to provide potable drinking water. They have provided daily food rations, and will this Friday start with 1 months supply of dry food rations. (You can look up these places on Google maps to see their location.) All up there are 8,000 families which is well over 60,000 people.

Bert Kuipers - WD&R publicity.

Applications close on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. More information or full Position Descriptions are available on request by emailing [admin@wccc.net.au](mailto:admin@wccc.net.au)

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