



19 May 2013

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 Br Phillip Scheepers

Message:

Reading:

6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends

Message:

Reading:

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM

6:00 PM

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church

2 – World Hunger & Thanksgiving - WDR

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church

2 – CRCA Resorces

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges \$2,866.70

Solomon Island Swim group Support \$541.90



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today:

The Cameron Family,
D & B. van Neutegem

Next Week:

A. de Vos, C. de Haan, B. Bence,
P & A. Bruinewoud

June 2

D & J. Mekking, R. Heerdink,
K. Knol

June 9

C & H. van Garderen,
J & S. van Garderen

PA & VIDEO :

Today:

David & Phillip Ellings

Next Week:

Evert & Marnice Marjee

GREETERS

Today:

Yke & Anneke Laverman

Next week:

Corry Blik

Our Worship Today

This morning we welcome **Br Phillip Scheepers** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word. This evening we have **Rev Harry berends** leading our service. May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.



Pastoral and Prayer Points

We remember on this Pentecost Sunday, God the Holy Spirit that dwells in all who believe to offer guidance and hope for life now and to come.

We understand that it is the Spirit who gives comfort to those in need and through his power we experience God's Grace daily. We acknowledge also that we pray for the working of the Spirit through the life changing Word of God to bring searching souls to Christ.

This week we remember a number of people in our midst.

Wilma Tiley is under care in the Dandenong Hospital after a fall on Tuesday.

Lorna Dixon has returned home again for which we give thanks.

Jos Berends is spending time in respite at the hostel for a couple of weeks to regain her strength

We were blessed to see Russel Painter and his wife Tess visiting from the Philippines and we wish them well during their stay

We continue to pray for the Hodder, Bonga and VanderKooy family who grieve with the recent passing of loved ones.

If you have pastoral concerns or know of others who need care please let the eldership or others know.

Harry V.

Young Adults Bible Study group came and "blitzed" our backyard – cleaning up leaves, lopping branches, cleaning gutters, mulching garden beds, refreshing the vegie patch, painting unfinished house boards and guttering...creating a play area for grandchildren...such a lot of work was done in that one day! It was both amazing and overwhelming!

Thank you, to all who participated in this love gift that came from the heart. It has meant a lot to both Jono and I, even though "Thank you" seems very inadequate!

But I am so very grateful to belong to this caring community, as is Jono.

From Jono and Henni Burggraaf

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Maggie Pretorius	May 19
Peter Van Der Berg	May 20
Lenie Zomerdijk	May 21
Lia Zaphiris	May 21
Gwen Williams	May 23

May the Lord bless you And send from above
The peace of His presence, The joy of His love.

We are still seeking volunteers to

operate the data projector during the morning and evening worship services. Please come and see the person on today and find out just how easy it is to operate.

A personal THANK YOU.....

As a member of this congregation, I am so very grateful for the loving expressions of support that keep on being extended to us...

Last Saturday, a team of young people, and a few not so young, organized by Matthew Noorbergen, from the

Church News

60th Anniversary DCRC

On July 1st., our congregation will celebrate 60 years of service to our Lord King in the wider Dandenong area.

In order to celebrate this special event, church council is seeking input and involvement from members, for ideas and suggestions, as to how we could best commemorate and celebrate this memorable occasion.

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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.		

Please contact any of the council members so we can plan a wonderful celebration for all to enjoy.

P.S. Are there any old photos we could use for a power point presentation?
Cor Span.

Dear Congregation,

Following the visit by the Rev. Garry de Vries and his wife Liz last weekend and after Church Council interviewing them at a separate meeting, Church Council have decided to put Rev de Vries forward as a nomination for replacement minister for our church. As such this will be announced this week and next week to enable you time to consider this proposal. Following both services on the 26th May church members will be invited to cast their vote for or against by acclamation. A call to ministry will then be forwarded to Garry for consideration if the vote is largely in the affirmative.

Postal votes are available for members who will be away on the 26th. Please contact Church Office staff for these.

Church Council.

CRCA Yearbooks

We will shortly be ordering the Yearbooks from the CRCA and if any one is wanting to purchase one could you please let Julie know directly on Sunday or via a phone call on 9795 0576 on Thursday as soon as possible. The cost has not been predetermined yet but should be around the \$10 amount.

CONCERT:

The Jubilate Choir in conjunction with the Moody Collegiate Men's Male Choir from Chicago U.S.A., will be giving a concert in the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church, Cnr Gladstone Rd and Outlook Drive Dandenong North on Friday night 31st May, 2013 starting at 7.30pm. This concert consists of a wide variety of modern and traditional sacred music.

A light supper will be served after the concert.

Admission Prices: \$15.00 pp; \$12.00 Concession;
\$30.00 Family (2 Adults, 2 Children)

For tickets & further information please ring Hetty on 97001128 or Janneke on 97002378

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. Gardens. This week we meet at Regina's Unit 53 Outlook Gardens. Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

OASIS GROWTH GROUP

The Oasis Growth Group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at the Burggraaf's from 7.30- 9.30 pm. Check with John and Sue Van Garderen - Ph: 8376 6556, if there are any changes. Next meeting May 21st.

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Tuesday 10am, at the church, during the school terms.

Helen van Garderen.

WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD SMALL GROUP

Anyone who is not currently in a group is welcome to come along and join or just check us out. We have started to study Galatians. All welcome. Any questions can be directed to Harry and Jannette Vanderjagt on 9703 1613 or 0438 872000.

VENTURE BIBLE STUDY

(Young Adults) is on a Monday on a fortnightly basis starting at 7:30 and meeting in the resource room at church. If you want to be part of this group let David Barrot know on 0401 073 954, it would be great to see you there."

AFRIKAANS BIBLE STUDY

We meet every second Tuesday evening at the home of the Pretorius family. We have recently completed studies on Timothy and on the books of Samuel. If you'd like to be part of this group please see Colin or Maggie Pretorius.

Ladies Fellowship Day

Advance Notice -

Due to Seniors Week and inavailability of speakers,

this year's Ladies Fellowship Day will be held on

Saturday 26th October 2013

10am – 3pm

at the Christian Reformed Church of South Gippsland in Leongatha



News from the Churches

Hi friends,

There's a update on the Catalyst blog. It will help you see how best to stay up to date with CRCA Catalyst.

You can read it here:

<http://crocatalyst.com/2013/05/10/how-to-stay-up-to-date-with-catalyst/>

Grace and peace,

Hi everyone,

This is a reprint article from our last issue. It tells such a great story we wanted to send it out again!

You can read it here:

<http://crocatalyst.com/2013/05/11/we-want-to-be-jesus-to-each-person-who-comes/>

If you want to stay up to date with Catalyst, you can read how to do that here:

<http://crocatalyst.com/2013/05/10/how-to-stay-up-to-date-with-catalyst/>

Have a terrific weekend, and be a blessing to your Mum and all the other Mums around you!

Grace and peace,

Dave Groenenboom

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In June, the Church Planting Taskforce (CPT) is running a Buy A Brick fundraising campaign. Please put the attached notice in the bulletin for the next 2 weeks. I will have a further notice after that. Clinton Berends Pastor - South Barwon CRC

PLEASE PRAY FOR G.O.S.P.E.L. THIS PENTECOST SUNDAY.

1. Pray for the believers from Ambaronda village in **Rajasthan** State where villagers have been opposing prayer meetings in their village.
2. Pray for all these people who have been receptive to the GOSPEL that may make a public faith commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and be willing to receive baptism.
3. There are some Hindu extremist groups in **Madhya Pradesh** State. They are seeking to prevent the spreading of Gospel in the region; because many folk are showing an interest in the Gospel and attend our prayer/worship groups every month.
4. Pray for the CEO who must deal with government red tape. The Government controls mission work through checks made by police. The CEO has had to attend the police station more than 10 times in the past few months. Pray that such harassment by police and other government departments will not intimidate the GOSPEL team.
5. That we will soon have finances to be able to appoint 10 more evangelists to full time church planting work. Bert Kuipers - GOSPEL



Dear friends and family,

Hello from the Solomon Islands!! Well God is good and Ana and I are certainly thankful He has brought us back together after 6 and a bit weeks apart! We are getting settled in at the SWIM base and it has been nice to meet all the people who live and work here in a whole range of capacities, using their gifts and talents in mission. It's a really friendly, close knit community residing here at SWIM, with great local participation in events and youth activities.

Its been fantastic getting to know Jair and Laretta (a mechanic and teacher from NZ). When first introduced I thought Jair was speaking Pijin (the local language), but I quickly realized he was just speaking his native Newzeelnd bro, choice hey, sweetbix bro, yeah that's cheddar cheese bro! However, whilst his English is 'different,' his Pijin language skills are amazing and it's instantly obvious that both he and Laretta are loved and respected in the wider community. It has also been nice to meet Eric Maefonea and his wife, Jemima who took over Kevin Rietveld's ministry role (I am taking over Kevin Reitveld's team facilitator role).

Eric is very passionate

about his calling and already a great source of wisdom and encouragement. He also spent considerable time introducing me to many of the people and organizations whom SWIM work with on social reform and community development programs.

Living at the SWIM base is fantastic, we have a solar power / generator setup with tank water and bore water (for the dry season) and beautiful gardens and grassy areas (and even a mini soccer pitch!). There are 5 families who have houses on the base as well as a share house for some young blokes who are at school / tafe / university and who do some security work / mechanic apprenticeships here at SWIM also. There is also the transit centre which accommodates visiting teams and already this year we have hosted conferences for youth from around the South Pacific region and two large school groups from NZ. I've also been kept very busy with Customs, processing and clearing our containers with donated building materials, education supplies and disability aids. This involves some great collaborative projects with other Christian organizations here in Honiara. Not to mention the 25 or so trips down to the immigration department to try and sort out my Visa and work permit – Willy (head of the immigration application department) now hides when I come to chase up my permit, because he is thoroughly sick of seeing me in his office!

We have also been busy working with Bethesda which has a new base manager Ant and his wife Petra (also from New Zealand and their three kids). It is a bit more challenging living out at Bethesda, since we are waiting for power to be hooked up and the generator only runs for two hours a day. Makes using a fridge/freezer almost impossible. It has also seen its fair share of rain and been seriously flooded. Ant and I spent a fair bit of time digging ditches to help mitigate further flooding and enjoying the local mosquito population. Ant then promptly came down with malaria and whilst I also got very ill, it turned out to be gastro... I was pretty disappointed it wasn't something more exotic.. like Dengue or Chugunya.

ANAs WORK

I am enjoying the spiritual culture here at work. Classes, school meetings or events always open with prayer. Sometimes I walk to the classroom and the students have started singing beautiful island gospel choruses while they are waiting for their teachers.

It is a slow task of learning the Community Based Rehabilitation Diploma student names, although I quickly learned Mary Christmas and Monolisa. Some students I recognise by the clothes they wear – some have only worn two different tops since classes started. I think that there is a bit of a variety in socioeconomic backgrounds.

None of my students own a laptop which some of the nursing students do. We just ran some basic computer training courses – I mean the basics with some learning about how to turn on and off a computer for the first time! There appears to be a range in academic background as well. Some write in beautiful

English, whilst others have grammar that really confuses me. This makes it difficult to know how to mark the students' work.

There are basic facilities here at the Uni, so all donations welcome! While there is internet, it may work two or three days a week only. Power is also not reliable. When it goes out and my fan turns off, I last about 5 to 10 minutes before I am dripping in sweat and join the other teachers under the tree. Every 1 -2 months, we get a top up of stationary supplies – this includes 1 toilet paper roll per staff. The students currently have access to 10 computers in the computer lab, but this is between some 200-students! And thanks to the help of Ian Zutt, this will soon increase from a generous donation from Covenant College (my old school) to 20! I have been enjoying helping out fortnightly at the hospital. So far I have only made one splint but hopefully might make some more soon. I have been seeing stroke patients, fractures and a 2 month old baby with brachial plexus injury (which means they have not been able to move their left arm although this is thankfully starting to regain some movement).

VISITORS

We have had our first visitors! The parents have come and had fun taking lots of photos. Dad preached in the biggest Church, SSEC Central, where there were about 500 members (but maybe 1200 people in the building) in the congregation including the first prime minister of Solomon Islands. The message about fanning the flames of gospel was well received. Church services here, as some of you may know run for 2-4 hours... a long time in the heat but this is one of the only Churches in the country to have electric fans, seats with back rests and access to flushing toilet (but as always, bring your own toilet paper!).

Dad has been very keen to spend some time fishing! We took the boat out from the Lunga river next to

SWIM

which involved Simon getting out and dragging the boat across sand banks. When I told my national colleagues, they asked me how many crocodiles we had seen. None thankfully, but makes me wonder about all the children who enjoy swimming there and it wasn't long ago a woman was attacked a bit up stream. We went with Mum and Dad to a little eco lodge for the Easter weekend – an hour and a half boat trip away from Honiara. It was one of those white sandy beach places that have turquoise blue waters and lovely snorkelling (also an incredible amount of biting insects including in the bed sheets). We went for a walk in the village and I "storied" with 4 people with disabilities. A woman who was blind (which could have been prevented), two brothers with polio (one who had a donated wheelchair from one of the previous eco lodge guests but was unable to use it as he had not been taught how to upkeep it – we took parts back to fix and hope to educate someone from his village how to maintain it) and a lady who was deaf - Helen. Helen was 42 and appears to communicate with limited signs to other family members. I wonder how easy it would be to teach her sign language or if she could use a picture communication board – makes me sad to think of 42 years of life with limited communication with the community!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are facing a few challenges as we adjust to a new culture and we would appreciate the prayer support for the following:

- To learn the local pijin language quickly so we can be effective communicators and understand some of the challenges people in our community face.
- For God's wisdom in learning our new roles of teacher and director, especially with the extra cultural nuances involved.
- The health of all SWIMs staff and their families during this Dengue fever outbreak in Honiara (the infectious disease researcher in me is a little bit excited, the SWIM management part of me is very nervous). Already one of our mechanics has caught Dengue and required ICU attention and blood transfusions (there is no blood bank in the Solomons so you need to find your own donors!).
- Prayer for the upcoming courses and training programs being facilitated at SWIM, particularly our new 'Thinking, Feeling, Doing course aimed at reducing violence against women.

Missing everyone in Australia, but thankful for the fantastic opportunity to be here in the Solomons.

Shalom!

Simon and Ana

Photos description

One - Slightly used ferry, still quite seaworthy by Solomon standards, but needs a bit of work, asking price \$100,000SD – travelling by boat here can be a bit of a nervous experience.

Two - Bonegi beach shipwreck, great place to spend a Saturday relaxing with the SWIM team.

Three - Girls from Florida Islands

Four and Five - Nugu reef clown fish and turtle during Easter weekend away with Anas parents

Six - Kids playing at the Omex woodchip mill (neighbours to the SWIM base)

Seven – Maramah beach with Honiara city in the distance

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