

# House of Prayer For All Nations – Adelaide Inc and Mission World Aid Inc

**NEWSLETTER**

**April 2004**

## From the Director

**D**ear Friends,

This newsletter is about exciting news in the midst of difficult days.

Firstly, our apologies for getting this, our first newsletter for the year, out so late. We are going through quite a change at House of Prayer and Mission World Aid, and we have needed time to work through this. Some of these exciting changes are:

- Anthony Moore, our Chairman, has been appointed deputy Director of both House of Prayer and Mission World Aid Inc.
- Plans are underway to unite the work of Mission World Aid more closely with House of Prayer. Mission World Aid has always been the mercy ministry of House of Prayer but not everyone has understood this.
- We intend to put out one combined newsletter from now on.
- Gael Harrison has been appointed Aid Manager for Mission World Aid, and will oversight all the work under my directorship.
- The regular weekly prayer meetings on Thursdays at House of Prayer now only meet once a month. The prayer team that has operated for many years has broken up into several smaller groups to cover every day praying in our prayer room. This will also enable us to invite more intercessors to join us, where previously we did not have available space.
- Anthony Moore is now leading a men's only prayer meeting in our prayer room every fortnight at 7pm (fellowship first, worship at 7.30pm) which started on Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>. All praying men are welcome.
- Brian Pickering, the National Prayer Co-ordinator for the Australian Prayer Network, has asked me to be responsible for the intercessory arm of APN. Brian has been called up by the Lord to lead out in key national initiatives for APN and needs to be released from some of his responsibilities.
- Cynthia Lothian has been appointed Prayer Co-ordinator of our prayer teams, releasing me to concentrate more on my work in APN and Pray SA.
- A smaller core group is to be developed, releasing the Board members to only meet every second month and for a shorter time (7 hour Board meetings are challenging!)

## **Mission World Aid news**

Our 20ft shipping container to Gabon, packed in November, arrived safely, as did the 40ft container full of hospital beds that we sent in December to Ho Chi Min City in Vietnam. However, since then we have been unable to send out any further containers due to lack of funds.

We currently have goods ready to go to East Timor (two x 20ft containers), Solomon Islands (two x 20ft), and Indonesia (two x 20ft) but we have had to tell our overseas partners that we are not as yet in a financial position to send them.

This sudden drying up of our finances had led us to seek the Lord in a deeper way. For those who did send us finance over the Christmas period, we want to especially thank you because if you had not done so we would have been unable to pay our rent and would have had to close the work down! The trickle of donations that came in allowed us to also pay our electricity and other bills and the various licences needed to allow us to operate as an aid organization.

In the middle of this crisis Graham May resigned as our aid administrator. Graham worked very hard over the two years he was with us and we saw much fruit from his labours. He feels a new call to support YWAM's work in East Timor.

I'm sure that God's refining hand is upon us in these testings, and we ask you to pray that we will come through them to the glory of His precious Name.

We are now seeking a new aid administrator to replace Graham.

## **Aboriginal Communities**

One of the joys of late has been the window of opportunity we have been given to send clothing and kitchen appliances to Aboriginal communities. We received a letter from Anne Vanajek, on behalf of the Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Inc, following her visit to our shed, in which she said our support *"has made a difference to clients in improving their self-esteem and confidence as well as physical health. Your donations of clothing are very much appreciated by clients and our staff. It makes a huge difference to the service we can offer. Your operations are inspirational – I shall not forget your volunteers and their dedication to assist those less fortunate. Thank you for explaining your activities and showing us around."*

## **Solomon Islands**

After receiving our 40ft shipping container last year, Pastor Matthias Eddie wrote of the suffering being experienced from the painful effects of five years of social unrest resulting in the breakdown of law and order in which hundreds have been brutally murdered.

*"Given this situation, God has raised up Mission World Aid as His vehicle in blessing us in the Solomon Islands tremendously through its relief ministry."*

Through our aid Matthias reported that as a mission-centred ministry they were able to: proclaim the gospel and souls were saved, clothe the naked and poor, feed the hungry, heal the sick using our medicines, encourage the disheartened and demonstrate the love of God. (Matthew 25)

We receive many letters like this, encouraging us that we must never let difficult days deflect us from the work to which the Lord has called us.

## **Website**

Our website is up and running and we are grateful to Cate Cahillane for setting it up. Check it out at [www.missionworldaid.org](http://www.missionworldaid.org)

Praise the Lord!

## **The Mission Shop**

Customers often remark on the charm of our little shop, lovingly looked after by Rosalie and her volunteers. We have recently been able to send finance to mission work in Cambodia, Russia, Mozambique, Israel, Vietnam, India, and the Bible Society for bible translation into Aboriginal dialects. We also purchased requested items to send out in our shipping container to Gabon last year, as well as some equipment needed in the shed to lift heavy loads.

We now sell Christian books and cards in the upper mezzanine area of the shop – a delightful place to quietly sit or browse.

## **House of Prayer**

We were very blessed to have John Alley, an apostle from Peace International in Rockhampton, come and visit us for two days in March. John is the author of The Apostolic Revelation. He gives apostolic fathering to ministries and churches in the Philippines, Cambodia, India and Australia, and his insight into our ministry was a rich deposit.

## **Ministry outreach**

As most of you know, as well as holding prayer meetings at House of Prayer, our team also helps me run the monthly Pray SA meetings held on the first Saturday of each month in the city. Some of our team also pray regularly in the Lighthouse Prayer Tower in the city and in Parliament House. We are now also planning to open up another prayer room right in the centre of Rundle Mall! The Lord is giving us many windows of opportunity. Team members also recently came with me to Ballarat and Port Macquarie for Australian Prayer Network 48 hour prayer meetings.

## **Singapore**

Nine intercessors from four States joined me in Singapore in February at the Asia-Oceania Prayer Convocation. We worshipped amongst two thousand Asians – awesome! We heard outstanding reports from many nations where to proclaim Christ is to risk death or serious persecution.

## **National Day of Thanksgiving**

Cynthia Lothian and I represented House of Prayer at the launch of the National Day of Thanksgiving by the Governor General, Major General Michael Jeffery, at Government House Canberra on 11<sup>th</sup> February. We felt so honoured to be there with a hundred Christian leaders from around the nation. We also spent time in Parliament House having briefing meetings and discussions about initiatives on the day, which will be held this year on May 29<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost weekend. The Australian Prayer Network is co-ordinating the publicity, so further details can be found on website [www.thanksgiving.org.au](http://www.thanksgiving.org.au) or the Governor General's on [www.gg.gov.au](http://www.gg.gov.au)

Each year the day will be celebrated on the Saturday of Pentecost weekend because on that day in 1606, Ferdinand de Quiros, one of our early explorers called our nation and the surrounding islands the “Southland of the Holy Spirit”!

## **Prayer**

Please uphold us in prayer – I mean this seriously.

If you feel you are not called to pray for us, or support this work, you would be greatly helping us if you could let us know so we can take you off our mailing list. We will not be offended! We are all called in different seasons to different tasks.

Whatever you are called to do, may God richly bless you as you serve Him.

In Christ's love,

Jenny Hagger

## **VISIT OF PAUL PILLAI**

We are co-ordinating the forthcoming visit of Pastor Paul Pillai to South Australia from 4-7 May.

Paul has been a friend of House of Prayer since Brian and Jenny Hagger visited Grace Bible College in India some years ago. The college is the largest indigenous bible college in Southeast Asia, with 650 students and over 2000 graduates who have planted churches in many nations.

You are warmly invited to the following meetings.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Tuesday 4 May	2-4pm	St Stephen's Lutheran Church 152 Wakefield St, Adelaide
	7.30pm	The Upper Room, Northway Christian Centre, 63 Commercial Road, Salisbury (park underneath)
Wednesday 5 May	7.30pm	Church of Christ (behind Bi-Lo) Seaview Road, Victor Harbor.
Thursday 6 May	6.30pm	Indian meal (cost \$5) at venue below.
	7.30pm	Meeting at Woodcroft Christian Centre 442 States Road, Morphett Vale (opposite junction with Doctors Road)

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