

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

NEWSLETTER

December 2004 Edition

From the Director

Dear Friends,

On 20th November we had our last Board meetings for the year for House of Prayer and Mission World Aid. They took six and a half hours!

For House of Prayer there was much discussion about the time of transition that we are experiencing. There is now an increased urgency for us to vacate our premises at Aldgate next year as the buildings are to be demolished to make way for a car park for the Church of Christ. We need to find our long awaited promised land in order to further establish the vision God has given us. Please pray that we will find a suitable property to purchase that would house our prayer ministry, resource library, audio and tape ministries, office, and also accommodation for visitors joining us from interstate and overseas. We believe the Lord will increase our prayer ministry to cover twenty four hours of each day. The prayer room is currently used by our teams during the day Monday to Friday, but as yet we are not covering the night shifts.

House of Prayer is already a training centre for intercessors, with our teams gaining hands-on experience from our prayer leaders. We are a prophetic community and it is an awesome thing to see God release His giftings upon the teams. The promise of God is that He intends to extend our borders, so we wait in great anticipation for our new home.

Last month our House of Prayer team helped me to run the Pray SA Intercessors' Camp at Hosanna Heights. One hundred and eighty-seven people attended; fourteen of them from interstate and many from country South Australia. The camp was booked out and we had to regrettably turn people away. For many it was a life-changing event as the power and authority of God moved amongst us by His Spirit. We have an incredibly united group of people here at House of Prayer who minister the love of Christ wherever He sends them. The key for all of us in this extremely busy world is to spend time in His presence, drinking in all He has to give us before He sends us out to touch the lives of others. Many times the Lord has sent 'broken little birds' to us, but under His gentle care they have been healed and restored, and then enabled to go and minister the Kingdom of God in the authority that He gave. It is a glorious life.

At the Board meetings we also spent a considerable time discussing all the activity occurring in our mercy ministry, Mission World Aid. Gael Harrison, our Aid Administrator, gave a lengthy

report on all the shipping containers going out and the new requests coming in from third world countries. Much discussion took place about safe shipping routes, on-forwarding costs as the containers are taken by road or rail across other countries in order to reach their destination, the risks involved, and the need to pray for customs clearance and the waiving of heavy duties. Gael came with a large file full of facts and figures, having done her homework so that she could accurately report to us. We stopped the discussion from time to time to spontaneously pray. We all know that only God can do it. We need His guiding hand to lead us in our decision making. We decide to take huge steps of faith, believing for thousands of dollars of finance that we do not have. The Siberian container must go as it is winter over there and the warm clothing the team has packed is urgently needed now.

A fresh report came in from an African nation new to us. They have thousands of refugees and need clothing and basic items. Can we help? They are all praying that we can. One of our shed team plans to go out there in the new year and send us back a report. It is a land-locked country and the cost of transport overland is going up due to the huge increase in oil prices. Should we let that deter us? We pray. We want to be wise stewards. We decide they are the poorest of the poor. We are called to be Christ's ambassadors to such nations.

At the end of the Board meetings we farewelled Doug and Dawn Lloyd who have been partners with us for nine years. This couple were planning their retirement in 1993 when the Lord spoke to them in prayer and told them to go to Mozambique. They didn't even know where it was! They came to see me and eventually went for six months to help Roy and Trish Perkins at Maforga Christian Mission. Dawn mothered both staff and orphan children and Doug spent the time repairing the old buildings and fixing up the antiquated plumbing. They returned to Australia and joined our two Boards, serving faithfully in their quiet, gentle way. We will miss them.

Travel

On October 2nd Brian and I were present at The Call in Sydney when nearly 6000 young people from around the nation met at the Sydney Showgrounds to fast and pray from 7am to 7pm. Our House of Prayer team took three shifts in the prayer room overlooking the grounds and I was part of a segment leading prayer for unity. It was fantastic to see the passion, zeal, and commitment of the youth. They are indeed a radical generation.

Brian and I then went on to New Zealand for ten days visiting Christian schools in the North and South Islands. I took a seminar at Tauranga for pastors and intercessors keen to know our experience in building a house of prayer. We are recognized internationally as being the only type of house of prayer in Australia, and when we began in 1990, there was little understanding of the significance of our vision. Now we are keen to see houses of prayer planted across our nation, and this is beginning to happen.

Anthony Moore, our deputy director, has just returned from an overseas trip during which he visited the International House of Prayer at Kansas City. We have been relating to Kirk Bennett

there for two years. Kirk sent a tape back with Anthony containing prophecy for us, so we are wonderfully encouraged.

Margaret Ledson, and Don and Honi Baker joined me in Ballarat for another Australian Prayer Network forty hour prayer weekend last month. Ballarat is nationally an important city because of the birth of the Eureka Stockade movement one hundred years ago this month.

Aid Report

Fund raising

A recent garage sale held at our aid shed netted \$650.25. In October, Nina Tonkin opened her lovely garden at Stirling for a weekend as part of the Open Garden Scheme. She raised \$2024.85 for Mission World Aid. We were so blessed by her hard working effort to help us. Next year she is hoping to have a plant sale and is requesting small empty pots in which to grow cuttings. Please leave them at our shed at 98 Old Mount Barker Road, Stirling East, or put them in the bin out the front.

Containers

It is always wonderful to get reports that our containers of aid have safely arrived at their destination and are bringing blessing to the people in need. Recently we received some excellent photos of the distribution of our aid to the widows and orphans in Gabon.

Tanzania

As we reported in our last newsletter, we packed a 20ft container for the Salvation Army mission in Southern Tanzania, led by Adelaide missionaries Chris and David Watson. The container arrived en route in Dar es Salaam and was granted duty free status, but other problems have delayed its being sent on to the mission in Mbeya. Please pray for its quick release.

We were concerned to hear that David had been seriously injured in a bus crash, but thankfully he is now recovering from his injuries and has been able to return home to the mission.

Israel

News has come of the safe arrival in Haifa of the 40ft container we sent to the Joseph Storehouse. The National Insurance Institute's poverty report for 2003 showed that 1.4 million Israelis live below the poverty line – some 22.4% of the population. Around 652,000 children in Israel are defined as poor, a total of 30.8% of the children in the country. Almost 83,000 of the poor are elderly.

There are an increasing number of humanitarian aid organizations working in Jerusalem which is the poorest city in Israel, with 33% of its population below the poverty line. Our aid will be distributed to both Jewish and Arab populations.

Sudan

Our 20ft container of hospital supplies destined for a new hospital in Morobo, Southern Sudan, is still en route. It has arrived safely in Mombasa but now needs to go over one thousand miles to Morobo. Recent oil price rises are causing Gael Harrison, our Aid Administrator, to try and find the least expensive way of transporting the container this great distance. Please pray that she will be able to negotiate an alternative route to the one offered to us, which is financially too excessive. We are always wanting to be wise stewards of the money.

Uganda

An incredible effort was put in on Saturday November 27th when the team packed a 40ft container for Uganda. It was a blistering hot day with high temperatures inside the container, but everyone pressed on valiantly. It took twelve hours before the final item went in and the doors were shut. The container is being shipped to two missions, one led by Pastor Fred Mukasa and the other by Pastor Harrison Kyambadde who assists more than two thousand orphans in his district. We have been given a letter from the Vice President of Uganda granting us duty free status. The container will have to go from Mombasa to Kampala, some seven hundred and fifty miles. We purchased the container which will eventually be used to house some of the orphans.

Siberia

Thank you to all those who have been sending in winter clothes, rugs, and blankets for the Siberian container which will be packed on Saturday December 11th. Many people in Eastern Siberia live in dreary, high-rise towers where they are totally dependent on electricity to cook with and keep warm. This is often rationed to only four hours a day. The need is desperate as they are having to survive in sub-zero temperatures.

The container is being sent to the Ebenezer Emergency Fund and will be distributed in conjunction with a Russian government department. Please pray that everything in the consignment will reach those who most need it.

The Mission Shop

What a great contribution our shop volunteers have made this year! Under the guidance of Rosalie Lewis the shop always looks charming and word has spread about the good quality clothing and bric-a-brac that we stock.

The shop will close on December 24th for the Christmas break and re-open on Monday January 3rd.

Family

Please continue to pray for the healing of our son Andrew's leg which was fractured in twenty places when he had a fall while holidaying near Darwin four months ago. He is back at work on crutches.

Appreciation

On behalf of our Board members and all our House of Prayer and Mission World Aid teams, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your involvement with us throughout this past year whether in prayer, aid or finance. May God richly bless you this Christmas as we celebrate the one to whom we owe it all - Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Let us celebrate the Father's gift to us with great joy.

God bless you,

Jenny Hagger



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As already mentioned we will be packing a 20ft container to go to Siberia on Saturday December 11th. All helpers would be greatly appreciated.



Notice

The office will be closed from December 22nd until January 10th, after which there will be reduced staffing until the end of January.

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