

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

NEWSLETTER

October 2004 Edition

From the Director

Dear Friends,

Last month when we held our annual general meetings for House of Prayer and Mission World Aid, I heard someone say on arrival, "This is always a day for celebration."

To me it is always a day of relief, when the auditor has been in, my reports are all written and the financial statements prepared! So it was good to be reminded that it was definitely a day of celebration, rejoicing in all that the Father has given into our hands over the past year. For me, it is like a farmer bringing in a report of a very good harvest.

Each year at our AGM's we find ourselves singing the lovely hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness". That is our testimony. House of Prayer was founded in 1990 and Mission World Aid in 1992. Today over seventy volunteers work either in our prayer centre, our shop, or our aid shed. They come from many different denominations but all with a heart to serve the Lord in whatever way they feel called.

Trips

Since our last newsletter I have been away on several prayer assignments. Cynthia Lothian came with me to Newcastle in July where Pastor Ben Gray, Brian Pickering and I ran a three day prayer conference for the local intercessors. It was a rich time of worship, fellowship and teaching. The group was a very enthusiastic one.

Then in August Cynthia came with me to Ballarat where I ran a three day intercessors' camp at nearby Creswick. Despite the cold weather and continuous rain (it snowed on the last day) the camp log cabins were cosy, though I was glad to have been given a warm sleeping bag! Pastor Julie Gall, from Connect Ballarat, did a great job co-ordinating the camp which was the first one held for intercessors in Ballarat and the surrounding regions. Again, like Newcastle, it was a time of coming together and building relationships for the Kingdom's sake.

We returned to Adelaide to take part in an all night prayer meeting in our little prayer room. We began at 8pm and went through to 6am, going home very blessed but bleary eyed. There is something incredibly special about waiting on the Lord throughout the night hours. In the stillness before dawn we could hear the rain gently falling on the roof. The shalom peace of God pervaded every corner of the room. We just love it! So we hope to have more all night meetings. It was especially timely with the elections coming up.

Cynthia and I then caught the plane to Canberra on September 1st to attend three days of meetings for state leaders of the Parliamentary Prayer Network. I am South Australia's representative. The network was founded twelve years ago by Peter and Lynne Klomp and they have since then faithfully prayed for Federal members of Parliament.

They have a lovely office in Canberra from where they produce a regular email prayer sheet informing us of the latest prayer needs. If you would like to be part of our South Australian group of intercessors praying for our Federal Parliamentarians, please contact our office.

During our time in Canberra Cynthia and I twice visited Parliament House to pray there. There is a small prayer room on an upper level where we spent time praying with the PPN team, as well as prayer walking the corridors. Each time I visit Parliament House in Canberra I am deeply moved at the incredible responsibility our politicians carry.

Recently Lynne Klomp spent a day with Cynthia and I in Adelaide. We visited Parliament House and had a time of sharing with two of our politicians about the work of PPN.

We then took Lynne to see the Pray SA exhibition "South Australia's Christian Heritage" in the Mortlock Wing of the State Library, which was opened recently. The House of Prayer research team, led by our librarian Pauline Redman, was invited by Pray SA to do two years research on the faith of our founding fathers. They came up with incredibly interesting information which revealed the passion, zeal and commitment of our early pioneers in establishing the gospel here. I have written about it in the latest Pray SA newsletter for anyone wanting further information. Better still, visit the exhibition and see for yourself. The Mortlock Library is open Monday to Thursday 10am-1pm and Friday 10am-12 midday.

God bless,

Jenny Hagger

From the Aid Administrator

Since June we have sent three more containers.

Firstly we sent a 20ft container to a remote settlement in the Solomon Islands called Nafinua on behalf of Portside Christian School. The people of Nafinua were delighted to receive our consignment and raised enough money themselves to forward the consignment from Honiara to their village. Their harbour is too shallow for ocean going vessels to enter, so the consignment, which included hospital beds, had to be unloaded at sea onto canoes and other smaller vessels to be taken ashore! However, as everything they import has to be received in this way, they think nothing of it.

Next we sent a 20ft container to a Salvation Army mission in Southern Tanzania run by Adelaide missionaries, Chris and David Watson, to distribute goods to AIDS orphans, among others. Chris runs a heavily subsidised secretarial college to give the poorest of the poor a chance of an education so they can earn a living. We received much help from David and Elaine Hartley of the local Salvos.

On Saturday 11 September we packed a 40ft container for the Joseph Storehouse in Israel, to distribute to the over one million people there who are living below the poverty line. How thrilled we were to see a rainbow appear directly above the container as we prayed. Many thanks to all who helped in that marathon task!

The two containers we sent to Indonesia were held up for several months by customs but have now both been released. A patient in Halmahera, who had been bedridden for months due to severe burns, has now been given a wheelchair which we packed into the container in May and is rejoicing in his newfound independence. The container for Ambon is expected to arrive there next week.

On October 9 we packed a 20ft container for Southern Sudan where a new hospital has been established by Australian missionaries, Alan and Janet Broadstock. Southern Sudan has suffered from severe persecution and genocide for several decades.

Our ninth container for the year will be packed on November 27 to be sent to schools and refugee centres in Uganda.

We rejoice in the extraordinary provision of goods and of finance to send the containers.

We sincerely thank everyone who has donated or helped, as well as the Lord who orchestrated it all.

Gael Harrison



Tribute



On August 22 our precious friend Kay Garbutt went home to be with her beloved Yeshua. With her husband Bruce, Kay was Australian Director for the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. For many years she and Bruce have taken teams up to Israel for the annual Feast of Tabernacles. She was an inspirational teacher on Israel and many hundreds came to a revelation of God's love and faithfulness to the Jewish people through her ministry.

May God comfort and strengthen Bruce and their family in this her home coming.



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We will be packing a shipping container on November 27 for Uganda. All helpers would be greatly appreciated.



Open Garden

As part of the Open Garden Scheme Nina Tonkin will be opening her garden in Stirling. There will also be a plant stall, trading table and Devonshire teas available. She has very kindly named Mission World Aid as the recipient charity.

Helpers are needed to man the gates and assist with the refreshments. If you can spare an hour or two, particularly on the Sunday, could you please contact **Gael Harrison** on **8278 3196**.

When: Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 October 10am-4.30pm
Where: 1 Braeside Place, Stirling.
Admission: \$5

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