

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

NEWSLETTER

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From the Director

Dear Friends,

In our last two letters I have shared that we at House of Prayer have been going through a time of transition.

This was further evident when we laid down Pray SA Intercessors last month. Our last city wide meeting was held on Saturday November 5th and it was a time of joyful celebration as we thanked God for all His goodness towards us over the last nine years. I have felt very honoured to be the prayer co-ordinator of Pray SA, and at our last meeting I thanked Pastor Rod Denton, the founder of Pray SA, and the pastoral leadership team, as well as the wonderful intercessors who have supported us.

Pastor Ken Graham announced that the pastoral side of Pray SA as it is known would also be laid down. However, pastors co-ordinating regional networks would continue to do so autonomously.

For we intercessors, the experience was one of putting Isaac obediently upon the altar. None of us know as to the direction the Lord will now lead us. It is a time of resting and waiting until the Holy Spirit brings fresh revelation of the Father's will. We all await our new commissions.

I have felt very much like the mother eagle pushing her babies out of the nest. It is time for others to pick up the mandate of intercession after years of training. I am believing for key prayer leaders to be raised up and begin prayer meetings in other places as the movement towards transformation continues. Our calling was always to be a strength and encouragement to the church in the city and in the country. Up to 250 people from eighty different congregations, representing nearly every denomination, took part in our Pray SA monthly city wide prayer meetings. It was not uncommon for interstate people to come and experience the presence of God. The powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit never left us, including at our final meeting. We have certainty in our hearts that the Lord has laid down the calling in preparation for a new day. And isn't He always bringing us out of our comfort zones!

Intercessors' Camp

Two weeks following our final Pray SA intercessors' meeting we had a glorious time at our House of Prayer intercessors' camp at the Hahndorf Resort in the Adelaide Hills. What was initially to be a small camp resulted in 278 people attending including thirty-five from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania - all eastern seaboard States. The camp was titled "Worshipping the King and Opening the Eastern Gate". I brought teaching on the three biblical tribes of the eastern gate: Judah, Isaachar and Zebulun, as well as teaching on the pattern of Jesus found in the Tabernacle of Moses.

The time at Hahndorf was part of a prophetic journey the Lord has been leading us on for some months. In preparation, teams of intercessors prayer walked Hahndorf for three months, resulting in the Lord granting a fifty percent drop in crime. Hahndorf was settled in 1839 by Lutheran pioneers fleeing persecution in Prussia. This was not unlike Herrnhut in Germany where the Moravians in the early 1720's fled to Count Zizzendorf's estate to avoid persecution, resulting in twenty-four hour prayer watches that went on for nearly one hundred years, birthing a world wide wave of mission.

Special guests at our camp were Noel and Barbara Bell who founded Intercessors for Australia over thirty years ago. They pioneered the prayer movement in this nation. Having just returned from three weeks in Herrnhut where the Watch of the Lord is being restored, they presented us with an advent star from Herrnhut, a copy of the first Watch book produced in German, and an English copy of the Moravian daily Watch scriptures for next year.

A beautiful and sensitive time of repentance occurred on the Saturday morning when healing and release came between those currently in the Lutheran church, those who have left for various reasons, the Aboriginal people of the region, and the Jewish people who have suffered rejection and persecution.

On the final afternoon we were sensitively led in a communion service by Pastor Jan White, followed by a time of prayer for individuals which resulted in a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It went for three and a half hours and reports back indicate people received healing in various ways. Our God is an awesome God and our hearts are full of gratitude.

Australian Prayer Network

Immediately after our camp I attended two and a half days of meetings in Adelaide with Pastor Ben Gray, Brian Pickering and the regional state leaders of APN. We heard reports of the changes taking place across our nation and the key role that the APN is playing. Our hearts are so mindful of the little prayer cells dotted across the country, with groups of two to three people praying weekly for their region. God will bless such faithfulness.

The next National Day of Thanksgiving will be on 3rd June and already cities and country towns are planning special events and expressions of God's love through acts of kindness in their communities. More information is available on the APN website ausprayernet.com.au or thanksgiving.org.au.

Towards Unity

Pat Buchiw has for several years blessed us all with her Towards Unity Calendar of Christian Events which she puts out by email. This ministry has now come under the covering of House of Prayer and we pray blessing on Pat as she continues to serve the Body of Christ in this way. To become part of this information network of local and interstate events, email Pat on patricia@towardsunity.com.au.

Property

The Church of Christ, on whose property we are situated, has informed us that we need to move out next March before they demolish the buildings to build new church premises. Please pray that we will know where the Lord would have us move to.

Schedule

In September a team of us from House of Prayer led a three day intercessors' camp at Toowoomba held by Freedom Life Ministries. Chris Hagger led the worship and we had a rich time among intercessors from Queensland and New South Wales. Reverend John Lucas and his team blessed us so much.

Then a team came with me to Tasmania for a week as part of the Australian Prayer Network's reconciliation outreach. Tasmanians have suffered a lot of rejection since the early days of settlement, it being the second place of settlement after Sydney. The House of Prayer research team spent three months in preparation and we were deeply moved at the history of suffering this State has experienced. The Lord wonderfully met with us as we prayed and repented with the Tasmanian people. May Tasmania take its place proudly among the States of this nation, and fully come into its inheritance as an island of refuge.

Office

Our office will be closed from 23rd December until January 2nd, after which there will be reduced staffing until the end of January. We are keen for all our teams to have a good rest. We now have about eighty people rostered on prayer shifts and I believe this will increase next year.

Mission Shop

Our delightful little shop will be closed from 24th December until 3rd of January. We are seeking more volunteers to help in the shop next year.

A reduced group of volunteers will continue working in the Mission Shed due to a backlog of supplies to sort. However, please hold all items until the end of January when our full team will be back.

Christmas

Chris recently wrote a beautiful song called “Jesus is Dancing with Me”. We sang it several times at our camp. He is planning to record a CD of this song, as well as others he has written. In the hustle and bustle of this busy season of the year, may we all make the effort to spend intimate time in the Presence of Jesus Christ who died so that we could be freed from the bondage of sin and reconciled with our Heavenly Father.

He so longs to dance with us. We are the love of His life, His beautiful bride to whom He is soon coming.

God bless you as you dance with Him.

Jenny Hagger

From the Aid Administrator

Praise the Lord for His faithfulness! There have been several happy conclusions since our last newsletter. Thank you for joining us in prayer.

Containers

Siberia

We have received a positive report from Siberia about the distribution of winter clothing to prisoners and their children (English is their second language):

“For now I can confirm that all HumAid was distributed among Ministry of Justice. I am very happy because all clothes for children was distributed to special children houses on the territories of prisons – there are children whose mothers are in prison or these children was born when their mothers were prisoners.

All the rest was distributed inside very poor people in prisons of Khabarovsk region. Situation there are so awful that people, for example who finished their time in prison, do not have any clothes to go out – especially in winter. For women that was encouragement and hope that not everything in their life is lost.

Even it was not easy, this Humanitarian Aid helps to create positive attitude from Justice Ministry to Christian Ministry for prisoners. So the main task is solved. Thanks a lot for all your troubles and help!

*With His love,
Irina”*

Ceduna

The container sent to the aboriginal communities around Ceduna in South Australia was joyfully received and its contents distributed to families most in need: youth centres, schools, health centres, women's groups, and ministers' fraternal. They were so pleased that they had not been forgotten as Australians gave so generously to the tsunami victims. Here is an excerpt from their email:

"Thank you for the container of goods, it has been very much appreciated in Ceduna and surrounding district, homelands and communities. The goods were distributed to the families most in need, also to the Yalata, Oak Valley and Koonibba communities, Yalata, Koonibba and Ceduna local youth centres, ministers' fraternal, centre care, TWT, Ceduna Koonibba and Yalata women's group, local schools, Port Lincoln aboriginal health, rural services Wudinna and surrounding districts. Our office used some of the goods to assist families to set up their homes. Clients were able to take what they wanted. Through an interagency meeting goods were also distributed.

Thank you to the providers."

Barundi

The aid sent to Burundi has been distributed to many returning refugees, as well as those still in camps. Bicycles were allocated to evangelists. The hats we sent were much appreciated!

"On behalf of Burundi Parables Christian Ministries and myself, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all those who kindly contributed to this precious gift of different items and sent to our people in need. May God bless you richly and continue to enable you in this noble ministry of giving to the poor.

Beneficiaries of the aid included repatriated families from Tanzania, Rwanda, RD of Congo and displaced in camps, orphans, students, church members and patients. The children appreciated the nice chairs and tables which facilitated them with comfortable reading. The bicycles have been given to the evangelists who stay a bit far from the place they minister. They liked the hats, especially those living in the sunny and hot places like Bujumbura. Some evangelists were given some bicycles which are helping them to cover long distanced parishes.

Sunday School children enjoyed the items including toys you sent. Some hospital supplies were given, especially wheelchairs, to handicapped and amputee victims of war who needed them most. However, the church committee decided to keep eight of the hospital beds and related the equipment in our stores for a while. This is because we are planning to get our own church clinic in the very near future which will need such equipment.

*God bless you so much,
Bishop Ntashimikiro"*

Philippines

The staff of the hospital in Escalante City Philippines were delighted with the consignment, and the Australian missionary through whom we contacted them was ecstatic. He assured us that our volunteers could make a fortune packing containers! Here are some details from their report:

"It finally made it – wow, we were impressed with what you got in there! The head nurse said there was no room for any air even. We went there on Saturday to see it – the head doctor can't believe it. Their hospital, small as it is, services some 500,000 people if needed.

Escalante is one of the poorest areas in the Philippines with squatters making up 80% of the population. As we say in Aussie – "You are a beauty"! Personally I couldn't get over what you sent. Praise the Lord and praise the Lord and praise the Lord!!!!

*Kindest regards in Christ,
Rick"*

Namibia

The container packed in July for Namibia arrived at Walvis Bay on 2nd October and has now been delivered to the orphanage in Windhoek. An email of thanks was sent soon after receipt:

"I just want to inform you that we received the container on Saturday so today on Monday we opened it and have a look in. Everybody who was there was happy. All children and staff – we all thank GOD for that gift of love. Yes, the custom took a lot of clothes but still we got some and many toys. This is the good news we have.

*Bye,
Is Pascal Hakizimana"*

Israel

Our extra large 40ft container arrived at Haifa on 16th October and its contents were delivered by the Joseph Project to twenty-seven distribution centres. Mission World Aid Board member, Andrew Lothian, visited the warehouse just before our container arrived and marvelled at their facilities.

Indonesia

In September we packed a second 20ft container for Drs Peter and Esther Scarborough, who are ministering to Christian refugees who are still being persecuted by Muslim extremists in the Maluku Islands of Indonesia.

Tanzania

In October we packed a forty footer for the Salvation Army mission in Mbeya Tanzania, run by Major Chris and David Watson. It was filled with goods sourced by David and Elaine Hartley, among others. This has already sailed and is due in Dar es Salaam on 12th December.

Uganda

On Saturday 10th December we packed a forty footer for Pastor Harrison’s orphanage and community in Uganda. It contained an amazing lot of very expensive equipment. More next newsletter.

India

On December 10th we also packed a 20ft container full of school books for India which Trevor Ellis and Dirk Burdorf had spent all year preparing - fourteen tons of books!

Future containers

Already we are in the process of planning to send containers to Mozambique, Solomon Islands, Uganda (a different mission) and Zambia next year!

Thank you for being such wonderful financial partners in this amazing work. Your gifts have enabled all these supplies to reach the needy who so often live in appalling circumstances. As we send our last shipping containers for 2005, could you at this special and holy time of the year remember those in such desperate need and help us get these containers away.

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