

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

**NEWSLETTER**

**March 2005 Edition**

## From the Director

**D**ear Friends,

I have just returned from leading a team of intercessors to Singapore for the Asia-Oceania Prayer Convocation held from 21-25 February. There were 1700 delegates present from 45 nations, including 41 from Australia. The theme was Prepare the Way for the King of Glory. Throughout the week the Indonesians led us in very deep worship, followed by pastors from many nations giving reports before we all prayed.

The Convocation involved the three eastern gates of the World Wide Watch operating out of the Jerusalem House of Prayer For All Nations; the Lion's Gate, Golden Gate and Bethany Gate. Australia is part of the Bethany Gate along with 24 other countries, but we especially relate to the nations around us known as Oceania.

Brian Pickering, National Co-ordinator of the Australian Prayer Network, presented Australia's report. Following it, I made a presentation on behalf of our nation to Tom Hess, the Co-ordinator of the International Council of Elders for the Convocation and also the Director of Jerusalem House of Prayer for All Nations. I presented to him a beautiful banner depicting Australia with the Lion of the Tribe of Judah on top, and a copy of a new song called "The Peace of Jerusalem" written by Andrew Hagger and Robyn Payne, and sung by Esther Oakley. The CD is part of a prophetic action to build a highway of worship between Australia and Jerusalem, based on Isaiah 62:10. We are hoping to place the CD in prayer rooms throughout the nation, so if you would like a copy contact us at the House of Prayer. The cost is \$10 including postage.

At the Convocation Tom Hess made the following points.

- Many signs point to the fact that we are living in end time days and are awaiting the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Tabernacle of David is being restored across the globe, pointing to the restoration of the Church and of Israel.

- We are seeing the restoration of the apostolic and prophetic Jewish and Arab church as God is preparing for Yeshua (Jesus) to take up the throne of David and rule from the Temple Mount.
- We are seeing the continuous release of 24 hour worship/praise and prayer around the globe, just as King David instigated 24 hour worship on the Temple Mount.
- There is great expectation that we are on the verge of a huge harvest that will see millions come into the Kingdom. God is moving us from first fruits to fullness.
- Identificational repentance is taking place between nations, and strategic prayer is being made for Japan in this area.

Pastor George Annadorai from Singapore also spoke on the Tabernacle of David being restored at this time saying God was raising up the heart of David in leadership today.

The disciples lived for the second coming of Jesus; 2 Peter 3:12 says, *“as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.”* We are to hasten the day. In the last book and chapter of the bible the final prayer was “Come Lord Jesus, come!” It should be our prayer. In India three and five year old children are prophesying “Jesus is coming soon!” He asked, “Does God have to say it through toddlers because we adults are deaf?”

Luis Bush from USA preached from Revelation 22:1-2, saying the river points to the return of the King of Glory.

Pastor Niko Njotorahardjo from Indonesia addressed the question, “How must the church awaken for the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David?” We must hold to our first love for Jesus and be like David who loved the Lord with all his heart. The Tabernacle speaks to us of power to evangelize.

Pastor Michael Maelliau from the Solomon Islands pointed out that Tahiti is the farthest nation from Jerusalem, representing the biblical “ends of the earth” – Psalm 2:8-9. He stressed that the weapon of God’s army is worship, and the most important thing in the Tabernacle is God’s glory.

We all loved the times we spent in the 24 hour prayer room led by the Indonesians. During one session a time of repentance and reconciliation occurred between Indonesia and Australia, bonding us even more closely together. It is hard to describe what it is like to worship and pray with people from so many diverse backgrounds and nations who all love Jesus. Many came from nations where martyrdom is the price they pay for their faith. We have come home so enriched by the experience and inspired to continue to press on towards 24 hour worship and prayer in our own House of Prayer.

## **Port Lincoln**

I spent a precious three days with Pastor Phyllis Lines visiting Port Lincoln to meet with intercessors there wanting to raise up a regular Pray Port Lincoln prayer group. It broke our hearts to visit Wanilla and see the horrendous devastation from the bushfires.

One of our Pray SA intercessors who lives there lost her two young grandchildren in the fire, and we wept when we visited the burnt out ruins of her son's property. I later attended a memorial service for them at St Jude's Anglican Church, Brighton.

We seem to be coming across so many people who are going through difficult times. May we all be anointed to be Christ's vessels of love and strength to them in their hour of need.

In Christ's love,

*Jenny Hagger*

## **From the Aid Administrator**

### **Containers**

The last few months have been very busy guiding our shipping containers, sometimes packed months before, safely to their destinations. The Lord has wonderfully helped us overcome every obstacle; political, financial and spiritual, when sometimes the 'giants' seemed impossible to overcome! There is no doubt that this work is very close to God's heart. We could not possibly have succeeded without Divine intervention.

All ten of the containers packed and dispatched last year have now arrived though the last two, sent to Uganda and Siberia, still have final formalities to undergo before they can be released to their respective consignees and distributed.

### **Siberia**

The Siberian container awaits confirmation of its humanitarian aid status by a committee meeting in Moscow. Please pray that we will have favour with them and the winter clothing can be distributed by Ebenezer as soon as possible while it is still winter there.

### **Uganda**

The Ugandan container has to undergo a customs check in a place called Jinja before it can be released and trucked to its final destination. There its contents will be shared by two missions that are both helping AIDS orphans.

One is a school run by Pastor Fred Mukasa, and the other a proposed orphanage run by Pastor Harrison Kyambadde who has the support of the government and civic authorities. A few items have also been consigned to Pastor Paul Kiviire to help his needy orphans.

## **Sri Lanka**

Following the tsunami we offered to send a container to Sri Lanka in co-operation with the Australia-Sri Lanka Association, but they were so overwhelmed by the generosity of the Australian public that they did not need our help at that time. Since then another group has sought our help to send a container to Sri Lanka.

## **Feedback**

We have had some wonderful feedback from Chris and David Watson of the Salvation Army Mission in Southern Tanzania as well as from Barry and Batya Segal of the Joseph Storehouse in Israel, and Alan and Janet Broadstock who are developing a new hospital in Southern Sudan. The aid we sent is, even now, being distributed to the poorest of the poor.

We also heard from Pastor Matthias Eddie in Honiara in the Solomon Islands that some recipients, as a result of the aid, actually became believers.

Here are some excerpts from the letters:

### Tanzania

*"Please pass on to the team our grateful thanks to them and to God. To see the notice inside the container door, "To Mbeya from your friends in Australia" was so moving and encouraging. I was too excited to sleep properly last night, so I got up in the middle of the night and set up my sewing machine and made the first sheet. Crazy! Yes, and the Nursery School that meets at the church building on the college grounds, was very happy to receive the little desks and chairs too!*

*Love Chris (and David and everyone here!)"*

### Israel

*"On behalf of Vision for Israel and the Joseph Storehouse, we are grateful for the time and labour you put into sending us the humanitarian aid from Mission World Aid Inc. along with many friends from Australia. We are in receipt of clothing, household goods, toys, bedding along with the 26 hospital beds, over-way tables and various other items you sent to us. We know that all of these items were donated and collected with the intention of helping the impoverished of Israel and we are doing our utmost to see that it is distributed with this purpose.*

*We would like to continue to see the bridge between Australia and Israel strengthened. We appreciate your partnering with us to be a blessing amongst the struggling Jewish and Arab populations. We can truly say that our hands jointly working together, has made an impact upon the people here.*

*Sincerely, Barry and Batya Segal with VFI & JSH team”*

#### Sudan

*“I just wanted to let you know that we have received the container in Sudan. Praise God! Thank you soooooo much! We don't know how you managed to get everything in, but the people in Sudan believe that it was packed by a machine.*

*God bless, Janet”*

#### Solomon Islands

*“I am writing to express the appreciation and gratitude of the recipients of the relief aid from Mission World Aid last year. The goods in kind have been distributed to the rural villages, clinics, education schools, Bible schools, families, orphans, church pastors/leaders and newly church planting areas who are most desperate for such practical assistance.*

*We are satisfied with this great achievement in helping to alleviate poverty to the most under-privileged rural communities in Solomon Islands. This we have achieved a worthy mission for Jesus Christ. Some recipients have testified of the reality of God's love and providence for them which impacted their faith and spiritual development while others accepted Christ as Lord for the first time. They asked that I convey to Mission World Aid their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the invaluable gifts kindly sent to them. God bless.*

*Yours in the Gospel, Matthias Eddie.”*

#### **Future containers**

We are planning to send containers this year to Burundi (just recovering from ten years of civil war), Namibia (AIDS orphans), the Philippines (a TB hospital), and Ukarumpa in the Papua New Guinean highlands where the Wyciffe School of Bible translation is situated. We have also been approached by many other needy areas which we are currently processing.

We have received enormous quantities of goods and clothing, but are praying for the finance needed to freight the aid as soon as possible. Please pray that we will receive the faith, wisdom, ability and finance to help those widows and orphans who are so much on God's heart.

*Gael Harrison*

## **SPECIAL ARTICLE**

Sent: Friday 28/Jan/2005 Topic: Special

- WILL GOD CONTINUE TO CONDONE OUR DISUNITY?

### **WILL GOD CONTINUE TO CONDONE OUR DISUNITY?**

**Source:** Francis Frangipane

I appreciate and defend the origins of our many denominations. Most were born as godly men fought against the sin and spiritual apostasy of their times. Their heroic stand preserved (or in some cases, restored) the truth of God in an otherwise dark world. From my heart, I thank God for our denominational heritage.

Today, however, the need to remain divided from other evangelical congregations is unjustified. We can remain unique churches with unique callings and people, yet be united spiritually, and even functionally, with other congregations in our communities. Knowing Christ has called for unity in His church, many leaders today are reexamining the legitimacy of division in the church. Today's heroes are not separating from other churches, they are working to restore the church to its one foundation and build unity upon Christ alone.

Every true Christian believes the Bible is God's sacred, eternal word. Indeed, heaven and earth will pass away, but God's word will endure forever. What was relative and powerful in the first century ought to be just as powerful today. Listen, therefore, to what Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth: "Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, 'I am of Paul,' and 'I of Apollos,' and 'I of Cephas,' and 'I of Christ.' Has Christ been divided?" (1 Cor 1:10-13a).

How strange that we smugly look upon the divisions in the Corinthian church. But why was it wrong in the first century to say "I am of Paul (or Apollos)," but permissible in these last days to say, "I am of Luther or Wesley or of the Baptists or Pentecostals"? Again, please remember, I am not suggesting we should strive for unity with churches that do not believe in Christ, or God's word, or the Holy Spirit, or the virgin birth, or the second coming. However, I am saying that, within the sphere of the born again, living church of Jesus Christ, divisions are unbiblical and wrong.

The apostle later continued, "For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?" (1 Cor 3:3) The credibility of the church is that we are not "mere men," creatures born of women without spiritual vision or destiny. We have been born again of one Spirit from above. Within our spirits is the actual spiritual substance of Christ Himself. "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor 3:16) We are the temple of God.

Our churches, like the stones of the temple, are to be laid side-by-side, building us together ". . . into a dwelling of God in the Spirit" (Eph 2:22). Paul went on to issue a warning which every Christian should heed. He said, "If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy..." (1 Cor 3:17). We have attempted to use this verse to condemn such things as cigarette smoking and sexual vices and, on an individual basis, there are obvious consequences to these sins.

However, Paul is speaking here of more than the sins of excess and immoral pleasure. The apostle is warning against allowing division in the temple of God, the church. He says, "if any man destroys the temple" (through jealousy and strife), "God will destroy him." The context is plainly speaking in regard to divisions in the church! When pure Christianity degenerates into divided camps of ambitious people, it literally destroys the harmony, power and blessing of the "temple of God." The individual who brings or supports such carnal divisions in the church has positioned himself in a very dangerous place before God. The temple of God is holy. Our unity together is holy. Our love for one another is holy, for the Father Himself dwells in the resting place of caring attitudes and loving relationships.

Collectively, we are the dwelling place of God on earth. The warning is severe: "If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him." The Living God is a God of order; He will not dwell in ruins! Because He is a God of love, He will work with us to rebuild, but He will not sanction our fallen condition with power. He will not lend His credibility to our disorder.

When Nehemiah, living among the Jewish exiles, heard of the condition of Jerusalem and its temple, he "sat down and wept and mourned for days." The fallen condition of the temple thrust him into an extended position of "fasting and praying before the God of heaven" (Neh 1:4). The modern Jews also weep as they face the Wailing Wall, lamenting over the ruins of their temple. Paul mourned when he saw the ruined condition in Corinth. He said, "For I am afraid...that perhaps there may be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances; I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned" (II Cor 12:20-21).

And Jesus Himself wept over the divisions of Jerusalem, lamenting, "How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling" (Matt 23:37). This mourning concerning the disunified condition of the Father's house ought to be in our hearts as well. Yet, for most of us, not only have we failed to mourn our situation, we have not even grasped that our disunity, jealousy and strife is a fallen state!

While the redemption of man was always motivating Jesus, remember, His most ardent desire was His zeal for His Father's house; He was "consumed" with it (Jn 2:17). Building the house of God, the born-again, praying, loving, citywide church is still Christ's highest priority. The world is His harvest, the church is His bride. His love for the church was the basis of His last recorded prayer: that we would be one (Jn 17:20-23). It is still His highest passion today. For, until we are united in Him, the world will not believe that God has sent Him (17:21,23).

There were many reasons why Jerusalem fell to Babylon during Jeremiah's day, but underlying them all was the spiritual apostasy of the religious leaders. God Himself would have defended a humble, praying city, but in Jerusalem the spiritual leaders were corrupt. Listen, therefore, to Jeremiah's fearful revelation: "The adversary and the enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem" because of "the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests" (see Lam 4:12-13). Do we see this? Israel's enemies entered Jerusalem because the spiritual leaders were unrepentantly full of sin. Oh God, help us to see and accept that the future of our cities exists in the corporate relationship the spiritual leaders have with You and one another.

Jesus said that any city, any house "divided against itself" cannot stand (Mat 12:25). The place of spiritual protection of a community has its origins in the quality of life that exists in the spiritual leadership of that community: a vibrant, praying united church will move that city toward the blessing of God; a divided, sinful leadership will allow the adversary to enter the city's gates.

The path narrows for leadership, until our only privilege is to become Christlike in everything. However, Christlike leadership in the church can transform the world around it! You see, our cities are in disorder because the church is in disorder. James tells us that where there is jealousy and strife, "there is disorder and every evil thing" (James 3:16). Our selfish ambitions have taken our eyes off the will and purposes of God for our cities. We have become jealous of one another. Consequently, the "disorder," lawlessness and "every evil thing" we see in our society are, at least in part, rooted in the soil of a misdirected and distracted church community.

Because of this the church has lost a measure of its credibility. How can we expect the world to hear our message of love when we, as Christ's body, fail to love each other? We have no right to condemn the world for its pride and arrogance when we, the body of Christ, still refuse to humble ourselves and work with the other churches in our neighbourhoods. Over the years the world has seen many incredible ministries. However, the time of the "incredible" has passed; the hour for the credible is being established.

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