

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

NEWSLETTER

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From the Director

Dear Friends,

In my previous newsletter I reported that we had to leave our current premises at the Church of Christ campus at Aldgate because the buildings we are in are soon to be demolished for them to build a new church. We praise God that the church has now offered us alternative accommodation on the same site and we move there in about two weeks. Our new rooms have a beautiful view over a section of the Aldgate valley.

We are still believing the Lord for larger premises to establish a national prayer centre and know this will happen in His perfect timing. We are going through a time of testing and refinement. The bible says, *"These trials are only to test your faith to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it - and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold; so if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honour on the day of His return. You love Him even though you have never seen Him; though not seeing Him, you trust Him and even now you are happy with the inexpressible joy that comes from heaven itself. And your further reward for trusting Him will be the salvation of your souls."* **1 Peter 1:7-9** (Living Bible)

I am inspired by those words *"and even now you are happy with inexpressible joy that comes from heaven itself."* It is not easy to find peace in difficult circumstances and many of us have experienced situations that at times seem overwhelming. Even in these times – especially in these times – I pray we never lose that joy that comes from heaven. Happiness comes when we are happy and can be transient, but joy comes even in the night time of our soul. It is one of God's incredible gifts.

New appointments

We are making some changes to our governmental structure to further equip us for the years ahead. Anthony Moore will become our new Administrator, responsible for overseeing all of our administration which has grown a great deal since we began in 1990. He will also fulfil this role in Mission World Aid.

Cynthia Lothian will become Deputy Director of House of Prayer and Gael Harrison will be Deputy Director of Mission World Aid. Their titles reveal their job descriptions; they will assist me in directing the day to day work of House of Prayer and Mission World Aid.

The expansion of both of these ministries has brought more responsibility and I am very thankful for the servant heart of those who make up our various teams.

Solemn Assembly

By now many of you will have received our Prayer-net SA newsletter in which I reported on the forthcoming National Solemn Assembly to be held by the Australian Prayer Network in Canberra from **9-11 March**. Other prayer networks joining this strategic initiative are the Children's Prayer Network, Indigenous Prayer Network, Parliamentary Prayer Network, Rise Up Australia, and The Cause Australia. Across the nation there is a strong call for us to come together and seek the Lord according to 2 Chronicles 7:14 *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

On Sunday 11 March churches of all denominations are being asked to join the national initiative by remaining behind from 12noon until 3pm after their morning services for a time of repentance and forgiveness, coinciding with the final meeting in Canberra of the Solemn Assembly.

Many of us from South Australia will travel to Canberra to be part of this Assembly. If you would like more details please contact our office and also check out the Australian Prayer Network's website at www.ausprayer.net.org.au

I will be leading the first three hours of the Assembly on Friday from 11am-2pm and especially ask you to pray for me during this time and for Chris Hagger who will be leading the worship then, assisted by Nick Ridley.

Sonrise Ministries

Enclosed is a brochure regarding our forthcoming Sonrise School of Healing Ministries' training seminars led by Sonrise Family Ministries from Melbourne. The course will run in March, June, August, and October for one week making a total of four weeks of intensive training in prayer ministry. It will be held at YWAM at Norton Summit. The cost is \$640 with a \$40 reduction if you pay the full amount at the beginning of the course. Details are in the brochure.

We are excited that Sandra Rule has accepted our invitation to bring the course to Adelaide. The ministry is widely respected across all denominations in Melbourne for training Christians in prayer ministry.

Prayer Tower

For six and a half years prayer teams have met daily in the Lighthouse Prayer Tower in the city. Don and Honi Baker have recently retired as co-ordinators of these prayer groups and we pay tribute to them for their great service. Jane Scammell will now take over as prayer co-ordinator and Irene Moore will be responsible for the roster. They would love to know of others who could join the team, so if you could give one to two hours a week or fortnight please ring Irene at House of Prayer on 8370 1256.

There is a God-inspired connection taking place between the intercessors and the market place people here in Adelaide that is causing interest in other cities. This is exciting!

Bridges For Peace

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a seminar on 20-21 July with Rebecca Brimmer, the CEO of the international ministry Bridges For Peace, as guest speaker. Rebecca lives in Israel and will be able to update us on the current situation in the Middle East. Please note this date in your diary and watch our Towards Unity website for further details at www.towardsunity.com.au



The Mission Shop

Ruth Magarey is needing a volunteer in our shop once a month on a Friday afternoon.

Volunteers to keep the shop open on Saturday mornings are also needed.

Contact Ruth on 8370 1256.

Mission World Aid

Gael's report reveals the wonderful blessing that God is bestowing on our mercy ministry. What grace. At the moment three big containers are taking up space at our Mission Shed and trucks are coming and going as the men bring in the equipment needed to pack them. We have come a long way since 1992 when we packed our first container to Mozambique.

God is so good!

In His wonderful love,

Jenny Hagger

From the Deputy Director

It looks as though 2007 is shaping to be very busy judging by the huge volume of goods we have received in the last six weeks!

We duly packed three containers at the end of last year: a forty foot high cube for the Joseph Project in Israel, a forty footer for Bushfire Children's Home in Uganda, and a twenty footer full of children's books for several orphanage schools run by the New India Church of God. The one for India happened to be packed on a day of temperatures over forty degrees with extreme fire danger, so our noble packing team started at 6.30am and had most of it done before the temperature peaked. All three have arrived at the port of destination and are presently undergoing customs and import formalities.



From left: Dick Burdoff and Trevor Ellis who collected and sorted the school books seen packed here in this container for India.

The container for Uganda has arrived at the port of Mombasa in Kenya and the consignees are arranging for it to be sent by rail to the nearest station and then to their property. They are able to handle unloading a forty footer and customs' inspections. This removes a great burden of responsibility from Mission World Aid, besides almost halving our freight costs.

We also packed another forty footer for Uganda on February 3 in another day of forty degree heat. This one is for Impact Ministries based in Mbale, another orphanage and school with nine hundred pupils, which is also going to supply neighbouring clinics with hospital beds. This organization too, will take responsibility for the overland costs and arrangements.

On March 10 we will pack a forty footer for IT Share who have generously supplied us with re-conditioned computers to send to many destinations.



A fan being used to bring some relief from the searing heat while packing a container.

They have a contract to supply a computer system for the hospital in Goroka, Papua New Guinea. At present we are storing their container on our premises. When they have prepared the computers we will help pack them, together with as much hospital equipment as will be needed to fill the container. We will also help prepare all the documentation for dispatch.

On March 17 we plan to pack another forty footer for Uganda, this time for Pastor Fred Mukasa to whom we sent a shared container in 2005. He represents several pastors in his district which is about 60km west of Kampala and he too has agreed to take responsibility for the overland costs and arrangements. We are very excited about this new development as it means we can help more people, but it also means that the consignees treat the aid with much more respect.

In April we plan to pack a forty footer for Bishop Telesphore in Burundi which is now suffering terribly from flooding that is compounding their considerable problems following the war, repatriation of refugees and so forth. Bishop Telesphore is seeking funding from his government to cover the overland costs.

After that we again have requests for aid from the Philippines and Israel. Madagascar has requested a forty foot container of hospital aid.

We stand amazed and overjoyed at how the funds came in to cover the containers already sent and are keeping our eyes on Him who 'owns the cattle on a thousand hills' to supply all the funds needed for the next ones.

We are so grateful to all those who have donated money to us. Thank you so much! May the Lord restore to you all a hundred fold.

God bless,

Gael Harrison



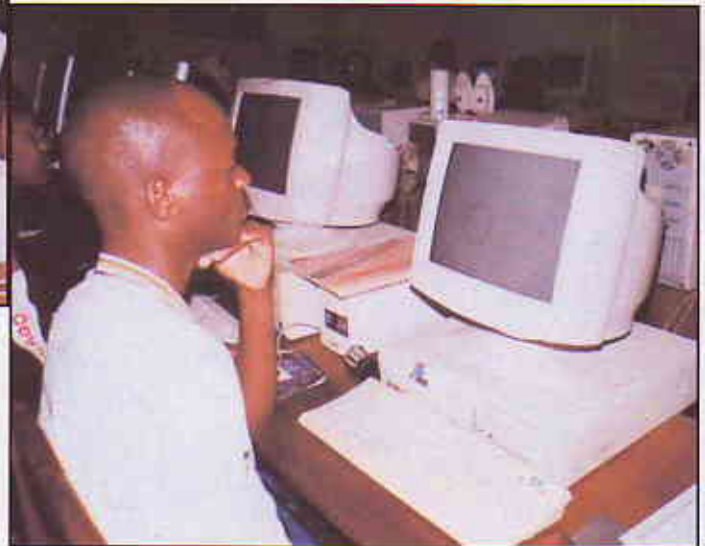
Parked container Mbeya, Tanzania



A doctor from a local hospital receiving bandages sent in the container.



Computers from the container being put to use.



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