

# CHURCH OF HOPE NEWSLETTER

## CHURCH NEWS



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2006 (A YEAR OF GROWTH)

- Attendances at Saturday night meetings grew to around 70 to 80
- Many churches have become involved in providing food for centre
- Many people became Christians during the year at the centre
- The regular attendees (around 50) have all become stronger in faith
- Cleansing streams and other discipleship classes were held
- Street outreaches continued to see many people won to Jesus
- 40,000 Greater than Gold tracts distributed (Commonwealth games)
  
- Conrad and Marian Fenton moved to Sydney to establish new work
- Pioneer work in Kings Cross established. Many won to Jesus
- Weekly Prison outreach at Parramatta Prison. 40 prisoners saved
- 30,000 tracts handed out in Sydney and Parramatta

### CHURCH OF HOPE INC: *(Affiliated with AOG)*

Inc. No. A0044845W

ABN: 12 198 982 157

Venue: 2 /7-9 Hosier Lane, Melbourne ( Next to Forum Theatre)

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## FEBRUARY 2007

## VISION FOR 2007 NEW MINISTRY DOORS

### MELBOURNE

- Church Pastor being appointed full time at Centre
- Training up of more Small Group leaders
- Raising up more small (growth) groups in centre
- Having the Centre open each day for personal ministry
- New outreach to Barwon Prison
- Multiplying Street Outreach Teams

### INDIA

- Missions Trip (To train and encourage 300 Local Pastors)

### SYDNEY

- Weekly Discipleship Classes for Parramatta Prisoners
- Raising up several Street outreach teams in Sydney
- ESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSE OF HOPE (Kings Cross) to disciple homeless and to train up small group leaders
- Assisting other local churches in evangelism

## CHURCH CENTRE REFURBISHED

During January, Mobile Maintenance Mission sent a team to repaint and refurbish the Centre at Hosier Lane. Led by Peter this team totally transformed the Centre. The Centre is now far better able to cater for the Saturday meetings.

Church of Hope would also like to thank Christian Life Assembly for providing the materials required to refurbish the Centre. A big thanks to Pastor Lucky, Cyril, George and to all who gave to this work, including Dulux and Bunnings.

### BANK DETAILS: (Church of Hope Inc.)

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT No: 1025 9368

### BANK DETAILS: (Church of Hope Care Inc.)

Inc. No. A0045695J

ABN: 83 786 787 963

BANK: CBA

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT No: 1027 6053

Donations to this account are tax deductible.

# MISSIONS TRIP TO INDIA (June-August)



Conrad and Marian Fenton will be visiting Andhra Pradesh with a small team for ten weeks to minister to several Pastors in India in the area of evangelism, kids ministry and church planting.

The trip will also be to help establish an ongoing work and connections with Pastors in India to help assist, equip and mobilise them to reach out to the still unreached villages in India. There are 600,000 villages in India and 400,000 of them have never heard the gospel. Our church is now committed to an ongoing work of helping to see the Indian Pastors equipped and supported in their work and to help see the gospel preached in the remote villages in India.

In Bangalore we will be meeting with many pastors and with the Full Gospel Businessmen's fellowship. We will then be meeting with 300 Pastors in the town of Kakinada, before holding two 15 day workshops for two groups of 50 Pastors and four crusade meetings.

All of the Pastors in India are poor, however they are all willing to sleep on mats in a large hall for the duration of the 15 day workshops. The total cost for the five weeks of ministry in this state will be \$10,000 which will cover the food expenses, hall hire, vehicle expenses for 5 weeks, the hire of mats, all printing and stationary costs, and a small allowance for all the delegates to get to and from the workshops, and the cost of holding four night crusades. It



is hoped that many Christians will support this missions trip to India in prayer and financially. The day workshops will have a teaching focus and will cover the following areas.

- i) Being a church of influence in your community
- ii) Raising up leaders and teams of influence
- iii) The Gospel message (Anointed preaching and sharing)
- iv) The importance of discipleship (Building a church of mature believers)
- v) Mobilising the church to win the lost (Everyone being given an opportunity to use their gifts)

The night meetings will have a worship and encouragement focus to help empower the Indian Pastors in their work.

Church of Hope has established a separate bank account for it's India mission's work. All donations into this account will be used to help equip and support the Pastors in India.

For more details, or if felt led to be a part of this trip, you can call Conrad Fenton on (02) 9683 1509 or 0413 483 858.

**CHURCH OF HOPE INC. INDIA MISSIONS ACCOUNT**

**BSB: 06 - 3001**

**ACCOUNT: 1036 2410**

## CHURCH OF HOPE VISION

- To be a church which will evangelise the streets of Melbourne and beyond with the gospel message
- To be a church which helps to equip and mobilise the wider Body of Christ in the area of evangelism
- To provide a place where people from the streets can have fellowship and a sense of belonging
- To equip and assist churches in the poorer nations such as India, in the area of evangelism and church plants
- To have a weekly Saturday night meeting with a soul winning and revival focus
- To Shepherd and help the people attending our Centre to grow in their Christian walk, and
- To practically demonstrate the love of God to the poor and needy and to reach out to those who are in prison

**“He who wins souls is wise”** (Proverbs 11:30)

## CHURCH OF HOPE CARE VISION

- To demonstrate in a practical way the love of God by providing food parcels and food to the poor
- To help assist in providing temporary accommodation for the homeless and blankets and clothing to those who are in need
- To provide practical assistance to other disadvantaged people who live in the low cost accommodation hostels and high rise flats throughout Melbourne
- To minister to those in prisons in a practical way to support other evangelism initiatives
- Our organisation will work together with other welfare, aid agencies and Christian support groups to help the marginalized community.

**“Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter, when you see the naked, to clothe him.”** (Isaiah 58:7 NIV)

*Church of Hope will be installing a phone connection for our Melbourne Centre once finances are available to extend the phone cable downstairs to our floor.*

***Our phone number will be: (03) 9662 2953***

## CHURCH DIRECTION FOR 2007

Church of Hope has now become established in the heart of the City as a church which ministers to the poor and marginalised community. Many of the people that attend our Centre have been part of the street community for several years.

Many of the people in the streets have now attended our Church for over two years and have grown in their faith. However it is hoped that 2007 will be a year of change in two areas:

- 1) The Centre Ministry activities will be increased, and
- 2) That this year many of the homeless who regularly fellowship at our church will become more established in their lives.

Having a full time Centre Pastor would be the key to seeing the following ministries expanded and developed during 2007

## GROWTH IN SMALL GROUPS

Forming small groups would enable many of the homeless to work through issues in their lives and to improve life and communication skills. “Personal Growth” bible studies will enable those attending our church to grow in their faith and life skills.

## DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE LEADERS

The development of strong leaders will enable more small groups to be developed and to increase the number of outreach teams that can be mobilised.

## MOBILISING MORE OUTREACH TEAMS

Church of Hope has a heart to see all churches active in the area of outreach and evangelism. We are hoping this year to continue to raise up more outreach teams to help see the gospel further shared with the multitudes in the City and high rise areas.

We will also be commencing a Prison outreach at Barwon Prison this year as well as encouraging all of our visitors to seek God’s plan for their life in terms of serving the Lord.

## HAVING A HOUSE OF WORSHIP

This year we are looking at taking the worship in the Centre to another level as we look to develop and expand the worship team. Worship is a key to ushering in the presence of God and in helping to see many lives touched and transformed by the love of God.

## EXPANDING THE PASTORAL MINISTRY

The importance of Pastoral Care and mentoring for those who are attending our church is imperative if we are to see them restored back to wholeness and walking in victory as a Christian. The establishing of a strong Pastoral team in 2007 will enable many more people to talk through issues which have impacted their life.

## DEVELOPING THE CARE MINISTRY

It is hoped that this very important area of our Church life can grow both within the Centre and also to impacting the streets and high rise areas where there are many practical needs.

**CHURCH OF HOPE HAS A HEART TO ENCOURAGE EVERY SINGLE CHRISTIAN TO USE THEIR GIFTS AND ABILITIES FOR GOD’S GLORY. THIS IS A KEY FOCUS IN OUR SATURDAY MEETINGS**

## CHURCH OF HOPE MINISTRY PARTNERS

If it was not for the faithful support of other Christians, our church’s ministry to the poor and homeless could not continue. The ongoing commitment of all of our church partners is greatly appreciated. We are praying that all those with a heart for our Church’s City mission will continue to support this ministry during 2007. Thanks again to all of our partners.



## SYDNEY MISSION (KINGS CROSS)

Since arriving in Sydney on the 26th of June last year, many doors of ministry have opened for Marian and Conrad Fenton. During the second half of 2006, a number of Christians with a heart for the work at Kings Cross and Sydney become a part of the weekend outreaches.

During this time doors were also opened to minister in the Parramatta Prison, to help equip and mobilise evangelism in two churches, as well as preaching every Saturday night in George Street after having an earlier meeting for Christians at the Wayside Chapel. Over 30,000 tracts were handed out leading up to Christmas.

A number of other street outreaches were held at Martin Place (A key business area in Sydney) as well as in Campbelltown and Mossvale.

During the second half of 2006, Marian and Conrad were joined by a Christian family. Neil (a former Pastor) and his wife Pam and their 14 year old son and 6 month old baby have been a big part of the outreaches in Sydney.

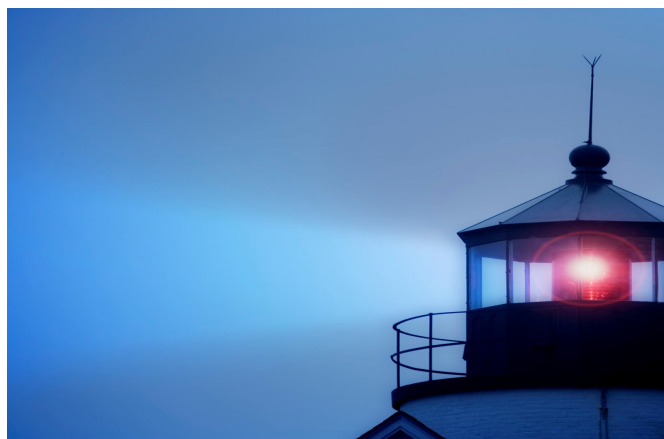
The vision for 2007 in Sydney is very much more focused this year on equipping Christians for ministry and for mobilising teams in Sydney to reach out into the streets of Sydney. **This year Conrad will be holding "Personal Growth" group studies in Parramatta Prison in conjunction with the weekly Chapel meetings.**

***THE KEY FOCUS HOWEVER IN 2007 WILL BE TO BUILD A TEAM WHICH WILL ESTABLISH A HOUSE OF HOPE IN KINGS CROSS LATER IN THE YEAR.***

This House of Hope will have *two floors* (The *top floor* for *training* and *equipping* Christians for ministry, and a *bottom floor* where people can have some fellowship and ministry).

***THE THREE MAIN PURPOSES FOR ESTABLISHING THE HOUSE OF HOPE WILL BE:***

- To provide a safe place for the homeless to visit after our street outreaches. A place where they will experience God's love, acceptance, prayer and ministry with a cup of tea or coffee,
- To provide a training facility where we can train up small group leaders and where we can disciple new believers, and
- To train up Christians for the work of the ministry, and to help develop opportunities for evangelism in Sydney and abroad.



Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify Your Father in heaven." **(Matthew 5:16)**



"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD of hosts."  
**(Zechariah 4:6b)**

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." **(John 4:24)**

## WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Each and every one of us has an important role to play in the Body of Christ. Our lives greatly impact those around us. By faithfully following God's plan for our life many lives can be impacted for all eternity.

One young eight year old Christian girl gave a bible to a man in a South Korean hospital many years ago who was expected to die. He became a believer and now has a church of over one million in South Korea.

God has a unique plan for our lives. **(Ephesians 2:10)** In following this plan for our lives we will invariably help others to fulfil their God given destiny as well.

Fullness of joy comes when we find and follow His plan for our life. It is never too late to begin following God's best plan for our life. Today are you living for God and following His best plan for your life.

Our labour for the lord is never in vain, and with it we have the promise of eternal rewards. **(Matt. 5:11-12)**

### SPONSORSHIP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

CHURCH OF HOPE INC. CHURCH ON THE CROSS ACCOUNT

BSB 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT 1034 7640



### THE HOUSE OF HOPE

The house of hope will be a large two storey residential house which will be located in the heart of the Kings Cross.