



CHURCH OF HOPE

JUNE NEWSLETTER



THE HEART OF OUR MINISTRY A TRUE STORY OF A YOUNG MAN

This story illustrates the plight of so many in society today and represents a true life story of one person who has been impacted by our ministry. This real life story is just one of many in a society where so many now find themselves in a situation of hopelessness.

Conrad and Marian Fenton met this young man in the Hungry Jacks store in Dandenong in Victoria five years ago. After sharing the pain of his past, this young man gave his life to Jesus Christ. Having struggled with drugs and the loneliness of coming from a broken family, this young man became connected with a church in Warragul which has a heart for the homeless and troubled.

This young man was consistently a part of this drop-in style church, and on many occasions Conrad and Marian reconnected with him when they preached at this little church from time to time. At times he was doing well, but at times he was struggling with loneliness in a town where drugs and violence are common amongst the youth.

But this young man always acknowledged his love for Jesus. Sadly just yesterday Conrad was told that this young man had died of an overdose. The heart of Church of Hope is to see the church open to those who are hurting and lonely. In a society which now has a real problem with loneliness due to the breakdown of many families, the church must now become a place where people can meet other Christians who will help to steer them to a life of victory in Christ.

This young man is an example of how the devil is seeking to destroy this generation of youth. As a church we are hoping that one day Church of Hope will have a 24 hours 7 day a week Centre in the heart of the City, where people in desperation can find Christ through the love of other Christians and the message of the gospel.



“O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!” (Psalm 8:1)

“I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.” (Psalm 9:1-2)

NEW PREMISES REQUIRED FOR CHURCH OF HOPE

Church of Hope is now looking for new premises after the three year lease on our premises at Hosier Lane expired. Unfortunately the Landlord did not offer to renew the lease so we are now in the process of looking for some new premises. Our Church will still be at Hosier Lane until our last meeting there on Saturday the 16th of June.

In the short term we will be hiring a Hall for our Saturday night meetings and holding our mid week bible studies in a smaller shop front until we find new permanent premises. The short term venues for our meetings will be confirmed by the 7th of June.

Please refer to our Web Page: www.coh.org.au after the 10th of June to be advised of the new short term venue details for Church of Hope, which will also be made known at our final two Hosier lane meetings.

IT IS HOPED THAT MANY WILL JOIN US FOR A MEAL AND A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AT OUR LAST MEETING IN THE HOSIER LANE CENTRE. (2/7-9 Hosier Lane, Melbourne) WHICH STARTS AT 5.00 PM ON SATURDAY THE 16TH OF JUNE.

SPONSORSHIP DETAILS (Being a financial Partner)

ACCOUNT NAME: CHURCH OF HOPE INC.

BSB: 063 001

ACCOUNT: 1025 9368

SOME SYDNEY MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

- 60 Prisoners have become Christians in Parramatta Prison
- Chapel meetings are now full in Parramatta Prison
- Open Air Outreaches in George St and Campbelltown have touched many (Around 60,000 tracts distributed)
- God is raising up a ministry team for Kings Cross
- Ministry team will continue to minister in Kings Cross when Conrad and Marian are in India
- Many people have given their lives to the Lord in Sydney
- Conrad and Marian will be ministering in Sydney Church
- How awesome God is in setting up many contacts around Sydney in just 12 months and building street teams.

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CHURCH OF HOPE MELBOURNE NEWS

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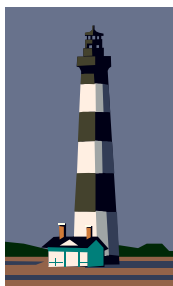


FOOD BANK / FOOD VAN

Over the past three years, several of those who have attended our city Centre have become committed Christians and attended many of our worship and bible study meetings. **Some of these people now want to commit to being a part of the Care Ministry at our Church.** Our church is now considering setting up a food bank, providing more clothes and blankets for winter, and developing other Care ministries.

The Care ministry at Church of Hope has ensured that many homeless have received a hot meal each Saturday night as well as food parcels in emergencies. In doing so, it has been far more easy to share the love of Christ and the gospel with those who have attended our church. Jesus fed the 4000 because He had compassion on the multitude who had not eaten for three days. **(Mark 8:1-9)**

It is hoped that the Care ministry will be extended to reaching out to the homeless and poor in the streets of Melbourne and the nearby High Rise apartments, as we look at sharing the gospel with the poorer and more disadvantaged people in our City in a practical manner as well. The acquisition of a food van in the future would help to make this ministry a possibility.



OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PARTNER

Church of Hope will on the 1st of June, have been located at level 2, 7-9 Hosier Lane for three years. During this time we have seen the Saturday night meetings grow until they have now reached the stage where the Centre is almost full each Saturday night.

Our Church for the homeless is a faith ministry and has depended on the faithful support of many other churches and Christians who have partnered with and supported our inner City mission to the poor. We are now praying that other churches and Christians will prayerfully consider partnering with our inner city mission work, as we look now at extending our ministry in the inner City area and finding some new and slightly larger premises.

We are now in the process of looking for new premises in the City area. During the interim we will continue to hold our Saturday night meetings as usual, but in a church hall. Our Church will also have a short term lease agreement to hire out a small shop front to hold our mid week bible study and prayer meetings until the Lord gives us our new premises.

Over the past three years, God has raised up a loyal and committed leadership team at Church of Hope. All the leaders have a heart for the poor and needy in the inner city area.

To know more about our Melbourne mission, please call David Palmer on 0411 370 767

MELBOURNE MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Each Saturday night 60-80 Homeless are given a meal
- Many attending our church have now grown in their faith
- Friday night street outreaches have seen many saved
- Church of Hope now has a strong core group of leaders

BANK DETAILS: (Church of Hope Inc.)

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 06 - 3001 ACCOUNT No: 1025 9368

CARE MINISTRY BANK DETAILS CHURCH OF HOPE CARE INC.

BSB: 06 - 3001 ACCOUNT No: 1027 6053

Donations to this account are tax deductible.

INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NO: A0045695J

ABN: 83 786 787 963

CHURCH OF HOPE SYDNEY NEWS

CHURCH ON THE CROSS OUTREACH MISSION

HOUSE OF HOPE VISION

*(Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a
wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found.
was blind but now I see...)* **John Newton**

PASTORAL

A place

- of belonging
- to mentor people
- to pray for people
- to show God's love
- for healing and deliverance
- to learn life skills
- to connect with support services
- to learn relationship skills
- to have fellowship with others
- to unwind in a safe place
- where lives will be changed
- where people are set free, and
- where people can grow in their faith

EQUIPPING

A place

- to raise up mature disciples
- to equip small group leaders
- to mentor leaders
- to equip Christians in evangelism
- to prepare people for ministry
- to help mobilise outreaches
- to prepare ministry teams
- to serve the Body of Christ
- to raise up worshipers
- to raise up prayer intercessors
- to equip and empower churches
- To raise teams to equip and to empower pastors in other nations

The House of Hope will be established in the heart of Kings Cross to help see the local community come to Christ and to see broken lives restored. There will be many opportunities to be a part of this Kingdom of God vision to see the homeless in Kings Cross given a hope.

The House of Hope will also be a training venue to help mobilise Christians to evangelise the streets of Sydney and beyond, and to train up and to help empower Christians and other churches and pastors to reach the lost.

A particular focus will be to train up teams to go to India and other nations to help empower the local pastors in the area of church planting and evangelism.

“He who wins souls is wise.” (Prov. 11:30a)

The House of Hope will come under the umbrella of the Church of Hope, which is part of the Assemblies of God denomination. It is hoped that the House of Hope will be opened in Spring of this year.

The Web Site for the Church of Hope Ministries is: www.coh.org.au

To know more about this vision for Kings Cross and for the streets of Sydney, or to join an outreach team, please call Conrad Fenton on 0413 483 858.

SPONSORSHIP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

CHURCH OF HOPE INC CHURCH ON THE CROSS ACCOUNT
BSB 063 001 ACCOUNT 1034 7640



**HOUSE OF HOPE : KINGS CROSS, SYDNEY
ANTICIPATED OPENING DATE SPRING 2007**

NEW MISSION FOCUS IN SYDNEY

After having a short break in Melbourne over January, Marian and Conrad Fenton have returned back to Sydney to continue their ministry there. The focus in Sydney has been on building a ministry team for Kings Cross and Weekly Open Air outreaches in George Street Sydney and in the suburb of Campbelltown.

The emphasis this year at Parramatta Prison has been more on building up the faith of the Christians through Bible studies. In one week 14 Prisoners made a commitment to follow Christ during the two meetings which were held at the Prison. Many of the prisoners have also had a connection with Kings Cross.

Four people that we met at Campbelltown also joined our Kings Cross outreach. Two of these people were called by God to leave New Zealand to come to the Kings Cross. God is now beginning to bring together a number of people who share the vision to see the Kings Cross won to Jesus and to see the House of Hope opened to disciple and mentor those that we have been ministering to at Kings Cross.

It is hoped that many other Christians will also support the work at Kings Cross both in prayer and financially, to help see the homeless and disadvantaged there, given a hope for the future.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:SYDNEY At our George Street outreach, one of the security guards at the World Centre received from Marian an Ian McCormack testimony DVD and took it home to his Christian wife. He also watched it, was saved and totally changed. The wife bought and gave away 150 more of the DVD's to her friends and work colleagues and has now given us another 150 to give away and will give us as many as we need. This is just an example of how God can make the most of all of our time and effort that we invest in the work of the Kingdom.