



CHURCH OF HOPE NEWSLETTER



CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2007

Since our last Newsletter in May, much has happened at Church of Hope. After being located at Hosier Lane for the previous three years, the lease for the premises was not renewed. However God was very faithful, causing alternative venues for the Saturday night meetings to immediately become available.

Our Saturday night meetings which have been well attended for the past three and a half years are continuing to grow in size. Due to the generous support of the Lutheran Church and the availability of a hall in Richmond, these meetings continued on from the moment we left our old premises in Hosier Lane.

The Saturday night meetings have also given a number of churches the opportunity of being a part of the ministry to the street people in Melbourne. Close to 100 people attended our last Saturday night meeting when Howard Willard preached at our church. God has continued to bless our Saturday night meetings and many of those attending our church in Melbourne have grown in their faith.

The Thursday night Bible study has also not been affected by our move and has been held at the Hungry Jacks store since leaving Hosier Lane. We are now looking at relocating this to the Lutheran Church Hall on Thursdays between 5.00 and 7.00 pm from the first of November .

We are now also looking at next year hiring a bigger venue for the Saturday night meetings which are continuing to grow in size. With a strong leadership team we are also prayerfully seeking the Lord's timing to find some permanent premises again.

Our Church's move from Hosier lane also made available to us extra finances which were used in part to support a 7 week missions trip to India, in which 80 Pastors in Kakinada were equipped and trained in the area of evangelism and church planting by Conrad and Marian Fenton. Our church was able to partly support some of the expenses associated with this missions trip.



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)

David Palmer and his wife Melanie have been doing a good job running the Church in Melbourne, since Conrad and Marian Fenton moved to Sydney to pioneer a new work in Kings Cross and to establish an ongoing Missions work in India. The rental savings since moving from Hosier Lane have also enabled our Church to support some of the key ministries in India on an ongoing basis.

In Sydney, leadership training nights are now being held every Wednesday night for those involved in the Kings Cross Church Plant. Conrad and Marian are now in the process of commencing monthly BBQ outreaches in the heart of Kings Cross as they look to establish a discipleship and Ministry Training Centre in Kings Cross.

As we look to 2008, the focus of Church of Hope will be to mentor and raise up the next group of leaders as we look to expanding our street outreaches and ministries to the poor and marginalised people in Melbourne, Sydney and India.

MELBOURNE HIGHLIGHTS

- God was faithful in immediately providing two new venues for our Saturday night meetings.
- Tarun Stevenson ministered in testimony and song at one of our meetings.
- Gary Walker holds a discipleship class at Hungry Jacks each Thursday night.
- God has raised up a great ministry team in Melbourne which has a heart to see a 24/7 centre being eventually opened in the City.
- Conrad Fenton was able to share the heart of our church and its ministries on 89.9 Light Fm
- Chris Elliot recently joined our Saturday night worship meetings. His heart for worship and gifts in music and singing has encouraged many.
- Close to 100 people attended our Saturday night meeting to hear Howard Willard speak.
- God has blessed our Church since we have begun to equip and help support 130 pastors in India, and to feed 50 orphans in Bangalore. .



SATURDAY MEETINGS (Commence 5.00 pm)
German Lutheran Church, 22 Parliament Place, East Melb. (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday each month)
James Loughnan Hall, 57-65 Coppin St, Richmond (2nd and 4th Saturday of each month)

MISSIONS TRIP TO INDIA (July 16 - September 5th 2007)

INDIA MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

- A three week pastor's workshop in Kakinada equips and empowers 80 pastors in the area of evangelism and church planting. The pastors also experienced personal revival during this workshop. (Originally only 50 pastors were registered).
- The pastor's conference held in Kakinada touched many pastors, and 508 were encouraged to seek God's vision and plan for their church. (Originally only 300 were expected to attend).
- All of the children in the Bright Hope Children's Home in Kakinada were worshipping the Lord, and many of them prayed for the lepers in Kakinada.
- God's mercy has touched the Christian leper's camp, where not one child has contracted leprosy from their parents.
- Five pastor's meetings in Suryapet greatly encouraged 50 pastors who will now be meeting every month.
- Several pastor's conferences were organised in the city of Bangalore, which created a fresh passion amongst the pastors to see their churches being more active in evangelising their community.
- A young child was healed of a severe skin condition that had scarred his face. Many others were also healed.
- In Kakinada 380 pastors were given a ministry training manual, and 450 pastors were given an outreach DVD.
- Four village crusades saw every person in the village given a gospel tract and hearing the gospel message.
- It was very inspiring to see the passion of the Indian pastors praying and worshipping the Lord.
- Church of Hope will now be able to partner with some of these ministries in India, to help them see the many villages touched by the gospel message, and to help feed the 50 orphans in the orphanage in Bangalore.

Pastor Silvi from Suryapet is wanting to give 100 pastors in all 23 Districts in Andhra Pradesh our Ministry Training Manual. The cost to produce 2,300 of these manuals would be \$4,000



GOD'S LOVE FOR EVERY PERSON (Pastor John Mark from Suryapet)

During their recent trip to India, Pastor Silvi from Suryapet rang Conrad and Marian Fenton to see if they could visit him and the other pastors in Suryapet. After 21 days of continuous ministry, and only one week to rest before 14 more days of continuous ministry, Conrad really felt led of the Lord to squeeze two days of ministry in at Suryapet.

As it turned out this was one of the highlights of the India trip. Five meetings were held during two days. During this time in Suryapet Conrad and Marian were introduced to Pastor John Mark, who two weeks earlier had wanted to give up on life. Had it not been for the encouragement of Pastor Silvi, he most likely would have taken his life. (How we all need each other in the Body of Christ).

His wife had been given only 6 months to live due to heart problems, he had financial debts resulting from having to borrow money to feed the orphans in the orphanage, after a ministry which had previously supported John Mark's ministry had a change of leader after the death of the founder of this ministry. Five years ago Pastor John Mark had 50 evangelists who were supported by this ministry. Now with no support coming from this ministry, all the evangelism had come to a halt.

When we came to Suryapet, Pastor John Mark was greatly encouraged during the 5 meetings. He had also had a dream of two people coming to help him the day before Marian and Conrad arrived in Suryapet. After prayer his wife was miraculously healed, and Church of Hope was able to give him some money to pay the outstanding bills in relation to the feeding of the orphans.

His proposed church building was only a slab. With no money to build the church and a pile of bricks on the concrete slab, Conrad was impressed to put before the Church of Hope Board a motion for Church of Hope to help Pastor John Mark to complete the construction of the church building. (\$AU 2,000)

Church of Hope is now giving \$AU 500 per month to help the church construction. At the meetings in Suryapet 50 Pastors attended. Now every month Pastor Silvi and Pastor John Mark are holding pastor's conferences to help encourage the village pastors. Pastor John Mark, Pastor Silvi and all the other pastors have now all been filled with a fresh passion to see the State of Andhra Pradesh won to Jesus.

CHURCH OF HOPE INC. INDIA MISSIONS ACCOUNT

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT: 1036 2410

CHURCH OF HOPE CURRENT MISSION SUPPORT

Bangalore Orphanage for 50 Children: \$250 per month

Pastor John Mark's Church: \$500 per month (4 months)

Support for Kakinada Village Pastors: (Saturday Offerings)

(All money donated into the above Missions Account goes to help the pastors provide for their families, fund Ministry work, and cover the costs of running evangelism workshops for pastors. Money to support the feeding of beggars and orphans comes from money donated to the Care Account).

BANK DETAILS: (Church of Hope Care Inc.)

Inc. No. A0045695J

ABN: 83 786 787 963

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT No: 1027 6053

Donations to this account are tax deductible.

VISION STATEMENT FOR CHURCH ON THE CROSS

- To touch the community of Kings Cross with the unconditional love of Jesus Christ
- To practically demonstrate the love of Christ through monthly community barbeques
- To communicate the gospel to every person in Kings Cross, so that every resident will know the truth of the gospel message
- For people to experience God's presence in Kings Cross through open air worship and committed prayer **(2 Chronicles 7:14)**
- To communicate the gospel to as many tourists as possible during our street outreaches
- To connect new Christians to a "Building your life on firm foundations" class
- To raise up mature House Church leaders who are able to train up the next group of House Church leaders
- To see believers disciplined and mentored in one of the House Churches or in another local church
- To *encourage* and help equip believers to find and follow God's plan for their life

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." **(1Corinthians 15:58)**



"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." **(2 Timothy 2:1-2)**

SPONSORSHIP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

CHURCH OF HOPE INC. CHURCH ON THE CROSS ACCOUNT

BSB 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT 1034 7640

SYDNEY NEWS

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Woman healed of Leukaemia in Kings Cross**
- **Muslim Lady touched by the love of God in one of our Street Outreaches**
- **Eleven people attend last week's Evangelism Training Class**
- **God is building a Ministry team in Kings Cross**



"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. **(Daniel 12:3)**

BUILDING A MINISTRY TEAM

Since coming back from India, Conrad and Marian Fenton have been focused on the ministry in Kings Cross and the establishing of a ministry team. There is now a team of 5 which is committed to coming out to Kings Cross on a Saturday afternoon.

We have now also resumed our Street Outreach in George Street Sydney. We are now holding this outreach on a Friday night and many Christians from different churches will be joining this church wide outreach. A big focus of these Friday night City outreaches will be to help raise up many street preachers.

Over the months to come we are hoping that many other church groups will be encouraged to join our ministry teams to share the gospel the multitudes who venture into the city every Friday and Saturday night.

The Wednesday night discipleship classes leading up to this Christmas will have a particular focus of equipping Christians for the work of evangelism, and to prepare them reach out to the lost in Sydney. The second focus is the equip and mentor a core team who will be a part of the ministry team when the House of Hope opens in Kings Cross. Next year the Wednesday night meetings will have a focus on training up small group leaders to run house groups in Kings Cross

We are now also in the process of getting a permit to run on the third Sunday of each month, a community BBQ in Kings Cross (Fitzroy Gardens) to practically demonstrate the love of Christ in the Community. We are trusting God to provide the finances to make these community outreaches a great success. **(Donations can be made to the Church on the Cross Account)**

CURRENT MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

- i) **Wednesday Night Evangelism Class**
- ii) **Friday Night George Street Outreach**
- iii) **Saturday Afternoon Outreach (Kings Cross)**
- iv) **Proposed Monthly Sunday BBQ Outreach**

THE HOUSE OF HOPE

The house of hope will be a two storey residential house which will be located in the heart of the Kings Cross. The bottom floor will be for pastoral ministry and the top floor for equipping Christians for ministry.