

# CHURCH OF HOPE

## 2021 MISSIONS VISION NEWSLETTER

February, 2021

### Some highlights from our Sydney ministry in 2020

Last year was a year of great fruitfulness in Sydney as we launched out with several new outreaches as the Lord continued to add to our evangelism team in Sydney.

**The Apostle Paul wrote,** "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." **(Romans 8:28)**

As a result of the Covid 19 restrictions we were able to reach more people than ever before as we began to also use zoom as part of our ministry here in Blacktown.

### Following are some of the ministry highlights for 2020;

- Our evangelism team grew to a pool of around 15 committed people who all have a great heart for souls
- We launched two new fortnightly outreaches in Parramatta and Mount Druitt
- Our Blacktown, George Street Sydney and Bankstown outreaches continued to impact the lives of many
- On Thursday nights we had three outreaches operating
- Many lives were changed through the Sunday Community worship meetings and our Monday Coffee and Chat meetings
- We had a successful Christmas lunch for those who had no immediate family to celebrate Christmas with
- Our food fellowship after our church meetings helped to create a healthy church culture of love and acceptance
- We had a successful one week mission's trip to Newcastle. (Below is a photo of our ministry team on the last day of our Newcastle missions trip as we ministered in the housing commission area)
- We were able to minister to many people in Melbourne and overseas as we pioneered the use of zoom for our worship and prayer meetings in Blacktown and held our first zoom workshop meeting for pastors in India, and
- Pastor Conrad ministered in Sri Lanka for two weeks in churches in both Colombo and Point Pedro.



### BLACKTOWN CHURCH – Helping people to grow spiritually

Last year we continued to focus on helping the marginalized to become more connected to our church. Each Monday we held a Coffee and Chat meeting where we provided a free breakfast and lunch. We will again in 2021 be making this meeting one of our key focuses as we continue to look at mentoring and discipling those from the marginalized community who attend these meetings.

This year we will also continue to focus on creating healthy Christian community by providing food fellowship after our Sunday meetings and tea and coffee after our Monday night prayer meetings. A key focus this year will also be on helping those that come to our church to grow in their faith from being just converts to disciples.

This year we will also be looking at training up more volunteer care workers as Joe looks at doing some training for those with a heart to serve in a pastoral care type role. Joe has been completing a chaplaincy course through the Alphacrucis Bible College whilst doing his practical ministry experience at our church. Moses Odur and John and Nicole Botitu continue to take on greater leadership roles as we look this year at further investing in the lives of the youth and those who attend our Sunday Community Church meetings and Monday night prayer meetings.



### Care Ministry food fellowship

Creating healthy Christian community is a key focus for our church in Blacktown. Food fellowship after church helps to make people loved and accepted

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## Melbourne Ministry

Due to the Covid 19 lockdown in Melbourne last year the weekly Saturday night meetings at the Drill Hall could not be held for most of the year. However as the Covid 19 restrictions began to be lifted we began our outreaches again at the Flinders Street Station with Chris Simmons, Mick Thompson, David Schmack and Ivan Bell faithfully supporting Pastor David in reaching out each week to the lost in the city and also supporting the new people that have joined our outreach team.

Pastor David ran zoom meetings each Thursday and Saturday night during the lockdown to keep the core members of our Melbourne church together. As the lockdown conditions eased Pastor David and the leadership team and volunteers began to have open air meetings near the Drill hall with meals being also distributed to those who attended. This year we are looking at better things again as we are currently looking at entering a new church venue which has possibly become available for us to use for our Saturday meetings. Pastor Donato Diele from our Melbourne church also had his ordination service on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January whilst Pastor Conrad was in Melbourne.



Pastor David (top picture) preaching at one of the open air meetings near the Drill Hall and above with members of the Flinders Street Outreach team

## LOCAL MISSIONS

### NEW SEASON – Equipping Christians for Evangelism (A year of multiplication)

The Lord has put on Pastor Conrad's heart to train up more people this year in the area of evangelism and to train up others to pioneer new outreaches. To do this Pastor Conrad will be initially focusing this year on holding two one-month evangelism intensive schools where he will be doing four Tuesday nights of training for those interested in being further equipped in the area of evangelism.

The first evangelism intensive school begins on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February with a key focus being on training the trainers to run further training schools themselves.

For the first Evangelism Intensive School Pastor Conrad will be focusing mainly on equipping those from the Sydney street evangelism team and key overseas pastors via zoom to run future Evangelism Training Schools themselves.

The second Evangelism Intensive workshop will also be live streamed and will commence on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Please contact Pastor Conrad on 0413 483 858 if you would like to join the April Evangelism Intensive School (4 Tuesday nights) or to know more about this evangelism training.



### SYDNEY EVANGELISM VISION: (CITY-WIDE)

Church of Hope (NSW) has a heart to see all of Sydney reached with the gospel in 2021; a year of harvest. To play our part in this vision, in addition to training up people to evangelise, Church of Hope NSW will also be encouraging members of our evangelism team to train up others to evangelise and to pioneer new outreaches themselves. Thursday night continues to be our main outreach as we also fellowship together as a ministry team. Each Thursday night we run two outreaches in Blacktown as we pray and minister together as a team. This year we will again be also holding fortnightly outreaches at Parramatta, Bankstown and George Street in Sydney with the purpose of both winning souls to Christ and helping to practically equip others who attend our Evangelism Intensive School to evangelize and to pioneer new outreaches themselves.



## Making Mature Disciples Vision for 2021

This year we will be having a two-fold focus of both helping Christians to grow in maturity in their faith (with a particular emphasis on those in the marginalized community) and equipping more people to evangelize in the streets of Blacktown and Sydney. As we have been praying this year for direction we have sensed the importance of doing both discipleship and evangelism well this year. The following are some of the initiatives that we will be undertaking in our Blacktown Church this year to help see those coming to our meetings grow in their walk with the Lord so that they can become all that God has planned for their life:

- Moses will continue to focus on mentoring key young people in his Sunday afternoon Bible Study
- A continued focus will be on ministering the word of God into the lives of those who attend our Sunday Worship Meetings and Monday night prayer meetings and encouraging all believers to make study of the word of God a priority in their lives
- All of our key leaders will be encouraged to mentor one or two other people this year to sow into their lives
- The Monday coffee and chat meeting (photo below) will also have a real mentoring focus as we continue to speak into the lives of those from the marginalized community
- We will be extending our care ministry to reach those who are struggling in our community with a greater focus on pastoral care in the streets. Joe, who is about to complete his chaplaincy course, will be running some training sessions to help empower people to be part of this pastoral care vision for the streets of Blacktown
- Pastor Conrad will be having a greater focus this year on mentoring the key leaders in our church and evangelism ministry team as we look at raising up and releasing more people into leadership roles this year
- Small groups will be a greater focus as we look to create more opportunities for people to be connected to a small group fellowship
- We will be encouraging those in our fellowship this year to actively use their spiritual gifts and talents, and
- Pastor Conrad will be training up Christians and pastors to run Evangelism training courses for others this year



## Key Evangelism Training Outreaches in 2021



## Blacktown Railway Station Street Church Outreach



**Blacktown Library Training Outreach:** At this venue people are also trained up to preach the gospel. Antony (pictured above right) helps to faithfully lead one of the two Blacktown outreaches each week



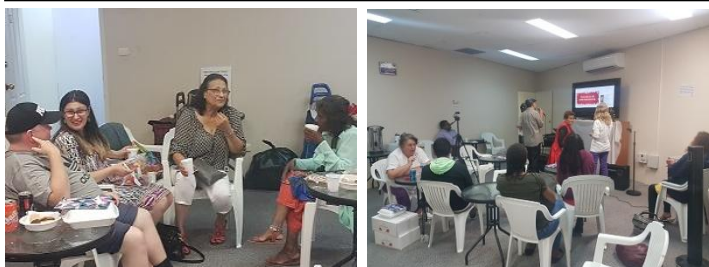
**George Street Sydney Outreach (Photo above):** This outreach is held every Friday fortnight. The Bankstown outreaches (bottom left photo) and Parramatta outreaches (bottom right photo) are held fortnightly on Wednesdays and Thursdays



### Christmas day 2020 Lunch for those without family

As part of our vision to reach the marginalized in the Blacktown community, Pastor John and Nicole organized a Christmas lunch for those who had no one to share Christmas with. A number of people enjoyed a time of fellowship and worship as they shared a Christmas lunch together with others at our Church of Hope Centre in Blacktown. Pastor John and Nicole were greatly supported by Antony, Guru and Lito and several others who helped to make the Christmas lunch outreach a great success. (Below are some pictures of the Christmas day lunch)

Creating healthy Christian community at our Church of Hope Centre in Blacktown is again a key priority for 2021 as we look at opening up the centre more throughout the week this year so that people from the marginalized community can have a safe place to fellowship with others.



### FUTURE NSW COUNTRY TOWN OUTREACHES

After a successful missions trip to Newcastle late last year, Pastor Conrad is looking at taking more teams on short term missions trips to country towns in rural NSW this year. As part of our evangelism vision for rural NSW, we are looking at getting a truck to use as a portable mobile stage, as we look at doing several outreaches in rural country towns and cities including Newcastle in the second half of 2021 once we have completed our two Evangelism Intensive schools in February and April. A key part of these missions' trips will also be to train up and empower the local churches in the area of evangelism. Below is a picture of the type of truck that we are looking at buying. At present we have \$20,000 towards the purchase of this truck which will be a Kingdom of God resource that can be used by other churches when we are not using it. With many people doing it hard in country towns the Lord has put strongly on the hearts of both Pastor Conrad and Pastor John to also do outreaches in the rural towns and cities of NSW this year and in the aboriginal communities.



## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

### FREE EVANGELISM AND MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

Pastor Conrad is currently running the free 17 week Evangelism and Ministry Training Course for 19 pastors and leaders. We are now up to week 12 of this running of the course. The next running of this course commences on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2021. To join this free email course you can email Pastor Conrad at [churchofhope@hotmail.com](mailto:churchofhope@hotmail.com) and he will add you to the email list for this course.

### OVERSEAS PASTORS WORKSHOPS VIA ZOOM

Pastor Conrad has received invitations to do pastors workshops in several countries. As overseas travel is not likely to be possible for some time, this year Pastor Conrad will be holding workshops and conferences for overseas pastors via Zoom following the completion of the two Evangelism Intensive Schools in February and April. Last November, with the help of Antony and Guru, we began this overseas zoom ministry by holding a leadership meeting for 35 pastors in Pastor John Mark's network of pastors in India. (Pastor John Mark is pictured below right) Eight key pastors from overseas will also be joining our first Evangelism Intensive School in February to be trained up to run future evangelism training workshops for other Christians and pastors.



### CARE MINISTRIES (Local and overseas)

Church of Hope with the support of CLA and other church groups will again be practically reaching out to the marginalized in Melbourne and Blacktown by providing meals, food, blankets and hygiene packs to those in need.

We also as a church have a heart to help support the orphans being cared for by the pastors that we partner together with in India, Pakistan and Africa. This is especially the case given the effect that the Covid 19 pandemic has had on their lives. These pastors include Pastor John Mark, who has been organizing our Pastors Workshops in India for 13 years, Pastor Naveed in Pakistan and Bishop Benson in Kenya. *All donations into the following Care accounts are fully tax deductible:*

**BSB No: 06 2121 Account No: 1089 6471 (Blacktown)**

**BSB No: 06 3001 Account No: 1045 1464 (Overseas)**

**BSB No: 06 3001 Account No: 1027 6053 (Melbourne)**