

CHURCH OF HOPE

2015 MISSIONS VISION NEWSLETTER

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LOCAL MISSIONS (Melbourne and Sydney)

With all that is happening in the world at present, a key focus both in Melbourne and in Sydney in 2015 will be on seeing the gospel shared with as many people as possible. We will also be having a greater focus on helping to equip and encourage other Christians to share their faith and to become soul winners. In Melbourne our Saturday night meeting will again have a focus on helping people to come to Christ as we encourage more people that we meet at our Flinders Street Station Outreach to attend our worship meeting.

In Sydney we will be again doing street outreaches in the city as part of our ministry. In preparation for this we are printing out 42,500 gospel tracts. Our key focus in Blacktown will be on continuing to reach out into the community in our street outreaches near the station and encouraging people to connect with our Centre activities so as to grow in their walk with the Lord.



Every Friday we hold a free lunch for the Blacktown community in our Centre from 12 noon to 1.30 pm



Shane Boucher has now been with our Church of Hope in Blacktown for 4 months. He has been to Bible College and has a heart for the marginalized people

OVERSEAS MISSIONS PROGRAM

The Primary focus in the first half of 2015 will be to help support both Bishop Benson in Africa and Pastor John Mark in India to run Pastors Fire Workshops to help equip and encourage hundreds of remote village pastors. On the 27th of this month Bishop Benson will be running a workshop in Tanzania for 100 pastors.

In the first week of March, Pastor John Mark will be running a pastors workshop for 200 pastors. We are praying that we can continue to support both Bishop Benson and Pastor John Mark by providing the finances needed to print out hundreds of workshop manuals this year to give to the poorer remote village pastors.

Our Pastors Workshop manual can be downloaded from our Church of Hope website: www.coh.org.au. All donations into our CBA Church of Hope Missions Account: BSB: 06 3001 Account No. 1036 2429 will go to the printing of Pastors Workshop Training Manuals.



Bishop Benson (pictured bottom left) has a real heart to equip remote village pastors in Africa. This year he will be running many pastors workshops in East Africa

MELBOURNE MINISTRY



The Church in Melbourne, with the support of other churches such as CLA will again be practically loving and reaching out to the marginalized each Saturday with a nutritious meal. Pastor David will again be organizing Ivan Bell and Chris Simmons to run discipleship classes before our Saturday meetings to help people to grow in their walk with the Lord.

Our Flinders Street Station outreach will again be a key focus as well as equipping others to evangelise.

THE GREATEST IS LOVE As Christians in the times that we are now living in, we can make a great difference in the world by loving others into the Kingdom of God. As God's love has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, as believers we can love all people and shine brightly. 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)

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SYDNEY AND WAGGA WAGGA MINISTRIES

Worship and seeking God's presence in all of our meetings is a key focus this year in Blacktown as we seek to help people come to Christ and to grow in their love for the Lord. Training up small group leaders and making mature disciples is all another major focus. Each week we have a Monday night prayer meeting to pray for our city and nation, leadership training on Wednesdays, a Community Lunch on Fridays as well as our Saturday Afternoon Worship meeting and street outreaches.

Neil and Pam Harvey are also focusing on developing small groups in the housing commission areas in Wagga Wagga and doing outreaches in country NSW aboriginal communities such as in Murrin Bridge.



Blacktown Centre (above) Murrin Bridge Church Hall (below)



VISION FOR BLACKTOWN MISSIONS CHURCH

- 1) To help bring hope to those in Blacktown
- 2) To help bring Kingdom values into the Community
- 3) To impact the community with the good news of the gospel through street and community outreaches
- 4) To provide a place (Community Centre) for people to connect and to grow in their Christian walk
- 5) To help make mature disciples who will transform the community with the love of God
- 6) To be a missions focused church (local and overseas)
- 7) To be a training and sending church, and
- 8) To help equip Christians in the area of evangelism

EVANGELISM AND MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

(Weekly email course using Website Teachings)



FREE EVANGELISM AND MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

This year the Lord put on Pastor Conrad's heart to run the Evangelism and Ministry Training course via emails for pastors and Christians who have expressed interest in doing this course. Each week around 400 pastors and Christians are emailed the week's teaching study guide and related teachings for the topics being covered. The weekly study guides can be downloaded from our Church of Hope website: www.coh.org.au

This course is suitable not only for pastors but for all Christians and has a particular focus on helping to equip all believers to share their faith with others. It is possible to receive the weekly email for this course by contacting Pastor Conrad at his email address churchofhope@hotmail.com and asking to be added to the weekly Monday mail out (email) list. All of our Evangelism and discipleship manuals can be downloaded from the Downloads page on our website. Please contact Pastor Conrad Fenton on 0413 483 858 if you have any questions in relation to this Evangelism and Ministry training course.

THE HARVEST IS RIPE – THE LABOURERS ARE FEW

In the book of Proverbs we read, "...And he who wins souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30) In the book of Romans we read, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15)

Every believer has a Missions field, (friends, Family, neighbours, work colleagues and fellow students) who have not yet come to Christ. Given the times that we are now living in, our focus needs to be on helping people come to Christ. Our Evangelism Fire Workshop manual and other teachings can be downloaded from our website www.coh.org.au to help you to win souls.

SUPPORTING OVERSEAS PASTORS WORKSHOPS

(Providing Manuals for Pastors Workshops)



Pastor Gideon Raju (top left photo) is one of many pastors who are downloading our weekly free Evangelism and Ministry training course study guides and teachings to help equip their network of pastors.

Pastor John Mark (above) and Bishop Benson (below) are running pastors workshops in South India and East Africa. As finances become available we sow into these workshops by providing them with workshop manuals.



Bishop Benson (pictured above holding a Pastors Workshop manual) is running a number of meetings in Tanzania from the 27th of February including a three day Pastors Fire Workshop for 100 pastors

CARE MINISTRIES – OVERSEAS AND AUSTRALIA



Bishop Benson also cares for and schools forty seven children that have come from the slums of Nairobi



CARE MINISTRIES (Local and overseas)

Church of Hope in conjunction with CLA and other churches has a heart to also practically reach out to the community with the love of Christ by providing meals and food for the marginalized both in Melbourne and NSW.

A big part of our ministry in Blacktown is also to provide free tea and coffee and meals both on Friday and Saturday to those who attend our Community Drop in Centre. Neil and Pam Harvey from Wagga Wagga, are also actively involved in reaching out to the marginalized in country NSW (see picture above) and in particular to the aboriginal communities.

As Bishop Benson and Pastor John Mark also take care of orphans, we also have a heart to support them in a practical way as they make many sacrifices to preach the gospel and to plant churches in Kenya and Andhra Pradesh. As a faith ministry we rely on others to sow into our work. Donations towards our care work can be made into our CBA Church of Hope Care accounts:

BSB No: 06 3001 Account No: 1027 6053 (Local)

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

(Donations into both these accounts are tax-deductible)

MISSIONS TRIP 2015 – NORTH INDIA AND ORISSA

Pastor Conrad has received many invitations to run pastors workshops in North India and Orissa this year. As North India has a great need for the gospel, Pastor Conrad will be visiting India again later this year to run workshops for pastors.

Donations towards this Missions trip can be made into our CBA Church of Hope India Missions Account: BSB No: 06 3001 Account No: 1036 2410

Due to the increased workload in Blacktown with the new Community Centre and the extra commitment of running the weekly Evangelism and Ministry training course, the Lord has put on Pastor Conrad's heart to step out by faith again to focus fully on the ministry. Should you wish to know more about our missions work, or to enquire about joining the India missions trip, please call Pastor Conrad on 0413 483 858.



AS A TEAM WE CAN ACHIEVE MUCH

One big thanks to all those who have helped Church of Hope in the past years. Because of the faithful support of many Church groups and CLA and many other Christians, we have been able to minister to many of the marginalized both in Melbourne and Sydney and overseas. One big thanks again to all.

We all have a unique plan for our life as Christians. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (*Ephesians 2:10*) **Working together as a team we can achieve much for God's glory, Amen**