

CHURCH OF HOPE

2022 MISSIONS VISION NEWSLETTER

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2022 - A YEAR FOR LOCAL EVANGELISM IN AUSTRALIA

This year we are having a far greater focus on local evangelism as we see the great need for Australia to come to Christ. For this reason we will be doing several country town outreaches in the first half of this year in NSW and one in Bacchus Marsh in Victoria. Blacktown will continue to be our base for training up and equipping Christians for evangelism. A big focus for our Thursday night Blacktown street church outreaches is to help give Christians the opportunity of sharing their faith and testimony and to provide a place of fellowship for our Evangelism team. Pastor Antony now leads the Thursday night meetings when Pastor Conrad is ministering in other areas. Pastor Conrad is now also pioneering a second fortnightly evangelism training base in Parramatta as well as taking teams to other Sydney Railway stations for one-off outreaches.



BLACKTOWN CHURCH – SEEING LIVES RESTORED

A key focus this year is to help see broken lives in Blacktown being restored as we also have a greater pastoral and teaching focus in our Thursday night street church meetings at the Blacktown Railway Station. We are now also holding monthly community breakfasts as part of our Sunday meeting as well as coffee and chat meetings on Monday as we look at helping to create healthy Christian community in Blacktown where people can feel loved and accepted.



ZOOM OVERSEAS CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

During the four month lockdown last year in Sydney Pastor Conrad began ministering on Facebook. As a result of this around 40 pastors from overseas connected with him during the lockdown period. Through these connections we held four conferences for overseas pastors in Pakistan and India via zoom. Pastor Conrad also ministered to three of Pastor Daud's church fellowships in different areas of Pakistan as well as to three churches in India. Pastor Daud (pictured below) has pioneered many churches in the poor brick kiln areas of Pakistan. Due to the success of these meetings we will be doing several Sunday 5-6 PM zoom messages in 2022 for overseas church fellowships.



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CHURCH OF HOPE MELBOURNE

Pastor David along with Chris Simmons, Donato Diele and Ivan Bell continue to oversee our ministries in Melbourne. An important part of our ministry continues to be our Friday night evangelism outreaches on the steps of Flinders Street Station. With many people in need of Christ, Pastor David is encouraging more people to join our outreaches in Melbourne.

Despite the Covid 19 restrictions in Victoria, Church of Hope has been able to continue its ministry to the poor and marginalized by offering dinner packs, food parcels, blankets and hygiene packs each Saturday to the people that we serve from the garage of the church that we are sub-leasing from in Melbourne.

We have also been blessed with many people helping to volunteer for the serving of the food parcels and meals. (See pictures below) The Greek Orthodox Church has also helped greatly by providing many meals for the poor. CLA continues to be a great support and encouragement for our Melbourne work.

Once the Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted we will resume our in-house Saturday night meetings at our leased premises in Melbourne. This year Pastor David is also looking at starting some mid week small groups to help disciple those in our Melbourne church. To contribute to our Melbourne care expenses please use our tax deductible Church of Hope Care Account: BSB No. 06 3001 Account No. 1027 6053



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 FIRE WORKSHOPS

This year Pastor Conrad (pictured above) will be running several evangelism workshops for churches to help equip more Christians to evangelise.



FREE EVANGELISM AND MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

Pastor Conrad will again be running the Church of Hope 17 week Evangelism and ministry training course by email twice during 2022. The first running of this course commences on Monday the 21st of February. Around 1,400 pastors and Christians have now completed this course over the past 6 years. Many of the pastors who have completed this course have also trained up their network of pastors at the same time. To see this course please click the following link: https://www.coh.org.au/ministry_course

SYDNEY WIDE RAILWAY STATION OUTREACHES



In the book of Acts we read,

“Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.” **(Acts 8:4)**

This year the Lord has put on the heart of Pastor Conrad to see all railways stations in Sydney having a one-off outreach. With a large team of evangelists we are now looking at mobilising more outreaches to touch the greater Sydney area with the gospel message. With an urgency now to reach people with the gospel we realise the importance of mobilising more of our evangelism team to reach out to different locations in Sydney. So far in 2022 we have already visited 10 railway stations in Sydney to distribute gospel tracts.

As people are most receptive to receiving a gospel tract when they see it for the first time, having one-off evangelism outreaches at all railway stations during 2022 will be the most effective way of distributing our gospel tracts. We have now had our first run of 103,000 gospel tracts printed to begin distributing at the railway stations in Sydney.

Railway Stations are a great place to distribute tracts during peak times because many people from various locations come through the exits at the railway stations. In addition to the one-off outreaches we will also be doing monthly or fortnightly outreaches at the following key railway stations in Sydney: Parramatta, Bankstown, Campbelltown and Hornsby. The focus at these four stations will be both the preaching of the gospel and the distribution of the tracts as we look at both helping to bring people to Christ and encouraging backslidden Christians to return to Christ.



COUNTRY TOWN OUTREACHES - NSW



With the pastoral support of Pastor John Botitu, Pastor Antony, Allan Bosco, John Steggles and Lito Obejas, Pastor Conrad will now be able to lead teams to several country towns this year to hold 5-6 day outreaches. After three successful outreaches to Dubbo, Lismore and Newcastle last year the Lord has put on the heart of Pastor Conrad to do the following outreaches in the first half of 2022:

Forbes/Parkes: Tuesday 22/2/22 to Sunday 27/2/22

Bathurst: Wednesday 16/3/22 to Sunday 20/3/22

Bacchus Marsh: Thursday 14/4/22 to Friday 15/4/22

Canberra: Thursday 28/4/22 to Saturday 30/4/22

Orange: Tuesday 17/5/22 to Sunday 22/5/22, and

Dubbo/Wellington: Tuesday 14/6/22 to Sunday 19/6/22 (Will also have a training focus for churches)

The whole purpose of these trips will be to saturate the towns with gospel tracts, to bring worship and the gospel message into the heart of the towns and to encourage the local Christians and churches. (Pictured below is one of our outreach teams)

We would greatly appreciate people keeping these outreaches up in prayer. For those who would like to practically help towards the expenses for these outreaches, donations can be made into our Church of Hope NSW account:

BSB No: 06 2121

Account No: 1089 6463



CARE SUPPORT (Local and overseas)

Through our many overseas missions' trips and now also through the pastors that have connected with us through Facebook during the Covid 19 lockdown period, we now have a number of pastors that we relate to through zoom meetings. As a part of our zoom meetings to the poorer churches in Pakistan and India, if possible, we try to contribute to provide a meal for those who attend. The Christians that we minister to in Pastor Daud's churches are very poor. Typically, the Christians who work in the brick kilns in Pakistan start work from the age of 6 and on average earn only \$2-3 a day. We also have pastors that we have related to for 15 years such as Pastor John Mark in India who have orphans. Being a faith-based ministry, we can only help these overseas pastors as funds come into our Church accounts. Donations for our Care Ministries can be made into the following tax-deductible accounts:

Church of Hope Care Overseas Missions Account:

BSB No. 06 3001 Account No. 1045 1464

Church of Hope Care NSW Account: (for Blacktown)

BSB No. 06 2121 Account No. 1089 6471



AS A TEAM WE CAN ACHIEVE MUCH

One big thanks to all those who have supported Church of Hope over the years. Because of the faithful support of CLA and many others, we have been able to minister to the marginalized both in Sydney and Melbourne and abroad.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS – BLACKTOWN

As part of our vision is to create healthy community in Blacktown, we have commenced again our monthly breakfasts. With great help from Pastor John Botitu who cooked a delicious breakfast and Pastor Antony, we saw a good turn up for our first breakfast with one person giving their life to Christ and others then joining our Sunday worship meeting after the breakfast. These breakfasts help people to connect with others as we look at cultivating an atmosphere of love and acceptance in all of our church meetings.



BACCHUS MARSH OUTREACH - VICTORIA



Pastor Conrad and his wife Marian will be joining members of our Melbourne church (see picture above) over Easter for a two day outreach in Bacchus Marsh. This will be our first Victorian country town outreach.

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.