

# ***CHURCH OF HOPE***

## ***2023 MISSIONS VISION NEWSLETTER***

***January, 2023***

### **OVERVIEW OF CHURCH OF HOPE MINISTRIES**

This year Church of Hope will again be focusing on both evangelism and disciple making as we see a great need in this nation to see people coming to Christ and Christians being encouraged to grow in their spiritual walk.

The focus in Melbourne will continue to be on ministering to those in the marginalized community as well as continuing to reach out to the lost in the city through our evangelism outreaches each Friday.

Church of Hope NSW will again be focusing on reaching out to those in the streets of Blacktown and now also St Marys with Pastor John Botitu leading a fortnightly outreach there. This year a key focus in our Blacktown church will be on helping the marginalized Christians to grow in their Christian walk as we also make prayer a greater focus.

Evangelism will again be a big focus this year in NSW as we look at sending out more evangelism teams across Sydney and regional NSW and Victoria and equipping more Christians to share their faith.

### **CHURCH OF HOPE NSW - BLACKTOWN CHURCH**

The discipleship vision for our Blacktown church this year is to help those who attend our church to grow spiritually and to become disciple makers themselves and to connect with their callings.

To help achieve this we will continue to focus on creating healthy Christian community in our Sunday meetings as we continue to minister the word of God to those attending our meetings. Weekly bible studies will also be made available to take home.

Our leaders will also be mentoring one or two key people this year as we look at establishing more small groups to meet people's pastoral needs.

This year we will be commencing a fortnightly small group for our worship team whilst Marcia Pitt will be running a fortnightly fellowship meeting for the women. This year Pastor Conrad will continue to run a fortnightly leadership study as well as commencing a foundations class each Wednesday fortnight with the help of John Steggles and Marcia Pitt to help people to lead victorious Christian lives.



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### MELBOURNE MINISTRY (Pastor David Palmer)

The vision for Church of Hope this year is based on Isaiah 61. The first part of verse one reads, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to [a]heal the broken-hearted, ..."

(Isaiah 61:1)

This year the Lord has brought Ravi and Chris Maistry to our Melbourne church who have had experience in the area of "Inner healing" and helping people to be healed of emotional hurts. With many people coming from broken homes this couple will be a great addition to our ministry team. After sharing at our Saturday meetings this couple will be available for people to have personal ministry time. The Lord has also brought many new volunteers to Church of Hope Melbourne this year to help serve, disciple and care for those who attend our church. All volunteers have been encouraged to actively build relationships with those who attend our meetings and to minister into people's lives. Our aim this year is to also see the building that we hire being used more for discipleship and personal ministry.

### BLACKTOWN PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

The pastoral care ministry is an important part of our Blacktown ministry as people thrive in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. Having fellowship over food is a great way of creating healthy community. With many lonely and marginalized people in Blacktown, our food fellowship after church on Sunday and our monthly breakfast before our main worship meeting help us to build relationships with those in our community. As part of our care ministry, we provided a lunch for those who had no family to spend Christmas day with. Around 40 people attended throughout the course of this lunch. (Picture below)

This year we will continue to have our Monday Morning Coffee and Chat meetings for those in need of encouragement and fellowship. Marcia will also be organizing a light lunch for our fortnightly Women's Fellowship meeting. A free lunch will also be provided for those who attend our new foundations class. Donations to support our care ministry can be made into the following tax-deductible account:

**Account Name:** Church of Hope Care NSW

**BSB No:** 06 2121

**Account No:** 1089 6471





## SOULS FOCUS 2023 – CHURCH OF HOPE NSW

### EVANGELISM VISION:

- Taking church to the people (Streets)
- Encouraging back-slidden Christians to come back to Christ during our outreaches
- Taking the gospel across Sydney and Regional New South Wales and Northern Victoria
- Training up and mobilising more Christians to become soul winners and evangelists, and
- Stirring up a heart for soul winning in Churches across Australian and abroad

**To help see the above vision becoming a reality in 2023 we will be doing the following outreaches and initiatives:**

- **Focused Evangelism:** (Weekly Street Church in Blacktown and fortnightly outreaches in St Marys, Penrith, Parramatta and at the Sydney University)
- **Mass Evangelism:** (Fortnightly George St Sydney outreaches - Friday night / Tuesday Lunch time)
- **Sending out more outreach teams 2x2** (Multiplication of teams means more souls)
- **Personal Evangelism:** (Sharing our faith one on one with others. Helping to equip the wider body of Christ to become soul winners)
- **Letter box evangelism** (Resourcing Christians with gospel tracts. A great way to reach the elderly)
- **Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> Fire Workshop** (A one-day evangelism fire workshop for pastors and Christians to stir up a passion for soul winning),  
**And**
- **COUNTRY TOWN EVANGELISM TRIPS**

## COUNTRY TOWN EVANGELISM TRIPS



In 2022 we held outreaches in several country towns throughout NSW. During these outreaches we really sensed that it was God's heart to reach out to those in the rural areas who in many places had not seen street preachers. The first half of this year we will be doing the following two country town evangelism trips:

### EVANGELISM OUTREACH TRIP ONE (1/4 TO 16/4/23)

Cessnock - 1<sup>st</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Taree - 6<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Kempsey - 10<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023, and

Coffs Harbour - 13<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### EVANGELISM OUTREACH TRIP TWO (24/6 TO 9/7/23)

Gundagai / Albury - 24<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June

Wangaratta (Victoria) - 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Benalla (Victoria) - 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> July, and

Shepparton (Victoria) - 6<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> July

To know more about these outreaches please call Pastor Conrad on 0413 483 858. Details of our country town outreaches in the second half of 2023 will be included in our next Missions Newsletter.

### GO FUND (To sow into our country town outreaches)

**Account Name:** Church of Hope Missions

**BSB No:** 06 3001

**Account No:** 1036 2429





### OVERSEAS MISSIONS – ZOOM WORKSHOPS

The Lord has put on Pastor Conrad's heart to recommence Zoom workshops and Pastors Meetings again for overseas pastors after Church of Hope last year focused mainly on local evangelism.

With many requests from overseas pastors for Zoom workshops and conferences, Church of Hope will again be holding these meetings from March onwards as the Lord leads.

Pastor Conrad will also be encouraging other pastors and leaders to be involved in some of the overseas zoom workshops and conferences this year.

### 17 Week Evangelism and Ministry Training Course

Church of Hope will again be running the 17-week Evangelism and Ministry Training Course by email for those who would like to participate in this course. The first running of this course commences on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. Those interested in completing this free course can do so by emailing Pastor Conrad at [churchofhope@hotmail.com](mailto:churchofhope@hotmail.com). To view the content of this course, please go to the following page on our church website: [www.coh.org.au/ministry\\_course](http://www.coh.org.au/ministry_course)

## OVERSEAS CARE MINISTRY



Church of Hope has connected with a number of faithful pastors from overseas such as Pastor John Mark from India and Bishop Benson from Africa. During the Covid 19 lockdown we also connected with pastors from Pakistan who are faithfully ministering to the Christians who are working in the brick factories for just \$3-4 dollars a day.

As funds become available in our overseas care missions account, we are able to send support to these pastors to help them to feed their orphans and to meet some of the practical needs of the poor. All donations into the following tax-deductible account go toward meeting these needs:

**Account Name:** Church of Hope Care Overseas Missions **BSB No:** 06 3001 **Account No:** 1045 1464



### ONE BIG THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND LEADERS

One big thanks to all those who have supported our faith-based Church of Hope ministries in prayer and / or financially. One big thanks also to Pastor David and the team in Melbourne and Pastors John Botitu and Antony, John Steggles, Marcia Pitt and Lito and Debbie Obejas who have served so faithfully in NSW.



### CREATING A SMALL GROUP CULTURE IN BLACKTOWN

Nurtured people become strong people. Helping to connect those from the marginalized community into a healthy small group this year will be a key focus as part of our Discipleship vision for our Blacktown church. In the above picture we see the benefits of being part of a loving small group.