

# CHURCH OF HOPE

## 2025 MISSIONS VISION NEWSLETTER

January, 2025

### SUMMARY OF 2025 VISION – SOULS AND DISCIPLES

The key focus for 2025 will be on winning more souls to Christ by mobilising more Christians to become soul winners and on helping those in our Blacktown and Melbourne churches to grow deeper in their walk with the Lord.

### BLACKTOWN CHURCH – PASTORAL VISION

A continued focus this year will again be on helping those in our Blacktown church to grow spiritually. Our Sunday meetings will again have a strong teaching and pastoral focus with lunch provided after our meetings. John Steggles will continue to oversee the Monday Coffee and Chat meetings. In April Pastor Conrad will be launching a Wednesday Coffee Club meeting where people can be encouraged and discipled over a cup of tea or coffee and a free meal. Pastor Conrad will also be resuming the St Marys leadership small group this Sunday.

Those in our Blacktown church will also be encouraged to attend the five-day February Zoom workshop which will be run by Pastor Conrad.

### OVERSEAS MISSIONS TRIPS IN 2025

After many invitations to do pastors workshops overseas Pastor Conrad will again be visiting India from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of March with Lito Obejas to do pastors workshops, church meetings and crusades in Visakhapatnam, in Hyderabad and Suryapet with Pastor John Mark, and finally meetings in Bangalore. Pastor Conrad will also be visiting Pakistan from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of May to participate in meetings run by Pastor Haroon Aslam (pictured below).

To sow into these missions' trips please use our Church of Hope India Missions Account:

**BSB NO.** 06 3001 **Account No.** 1036 2410



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## FORTNIGHTLY SYDNEY UNIVERSITY OUTREACH



This year our evangelism team will continue to hold fortnightly outreaches at the Sydney University. As many of our next generation leaders will attend this university and with so many secular and ungodly influences on the university campuses now, each Thursday fortnight pastor Conrad will be taking an outreach team to the university.

### CHURCH OF HOPE MELBOURNE

This year the focus will again be on helping those who attend our Saturday night worship meetings to grow stronger in their faith. Pastor David with the help of Richard and Anne and Rene Stephen and many other faithful volunteers will continue to serve and speak into the lives of those attending our meetings to help them to grow in their faith. A focus this year will also be on equipping all volunteers to become more effective in sharing their faith with others. Nutritious meals will continue to be served as part of our meetings with practical assistance being also given to those with immediate needs.

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**



### MOBILISING EVANGELISM TEAMS

Jesus Himself said, “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, **lift up your eyes** and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!’” (John 4:35)

Given that multitudes are now in the valley of decision Pastor Conrad will also focus a lot this year on helping to equip and empower more Christians to both evangelise and to pioneer new outreaches.

A big focus also in India will be on equipping Christians to evangelise.



### EVANGELISM TRAINING

This year Pastor Conrad and others within our evangelism team will be looking at helping to equip more Christians to evangelise. On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February from 4.00 pm to 9.30 pm Pastor Conrad will be covering the evangelism component of the zoom school. (See page 3 of this newsletter for zoom link)



### THURSDAY NIGHT BLACKTOWN OUTREACH FOCUS (Helping to empower Christians to evangelise and to pioneer other outreaches)

Our two-fold focus this year for our Thursday night Blacktown outreaches is to help equip and mobilise more Christians to evangelise and to provide encouragement for our front-line evangelists.



## SYDNEY WIDE RAILWAY STATION OUTREACHES



### OUTREACHES AT ALL MAJOR RAILWAYS STATIONS

A key part of our Church of Hope evangelism outreach vision this year is to hold at least one Tuesday night outreach at all of the major Railway Stations across Sydney. This week we commenced by going to the Hornsby Railway Station and next week we will be outreaching at the Liverpool Railway Station. With the world in such turmoil at the moment and with so many people in need of salvation in Sydney, the Lord put upon the heart of Pastor Conrad to hold outreaches at all of the major railway stations this year. We now also have a core group of leaders who can lead outreaches.

### EQUIPPING AND RESOURCING CHRISTIANS WITH EVANGELISM TRAINING MANUALS AND TRACTS

Church of Hope NSW has a heart to both equip Christians to become more effective in soul winning and to freely resource believers with our Evangelism Fire (Train the trainers) workshop manual, tracts and bibles. We have just ordered 140,000 gospel tracts and 250 evangelism workshop manuals to start 2025. To sow into our printing expenses please use the following account: *Church of Hope Missions Account*

**BSB No. 06 3001 Account No. 1036 2429**



## GEORGE STREET SYDNEY MULTIPLE OUTREACHES



With so many people in the heart of Sydney in need of salvation we will be looking at holding three outreaches in George Street Sydney every Friday night whenever possible.

With John Botitu and Lito Obejas now running regular outreaches and Antony leading our Thursday night Blacktown outreach well and with a faithful team of evangelists we can now on most Friday nights have the ability to hold three outreaches led by Pastor Conrad, John Botitu and Lito Obejas. Having the new 10-seater church van has also helped to make this possible.



### ZOOM SCHOOL – 17<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> February

Pastor Conrad will be running a Zoom School for five days from Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February to Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. During this Zoom School he will be teaching from the Church of Hope 17-week Evangelism and Ministry Training Course.

Session one will commence each day at 4.00 pm with the final session concluding at 9.30 pm.

The evangelism training component of this Zoom school will be on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. The link to join any of the sessions for this workshop is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81557300683?pwd=1K3uhjWpXfsujGIYUYBb9i1LNktRjl.1>



### CARE SUPPORT (Overseas)

Through our many overseas missions' trips and now also through the pastors that connected with us through Facebook during the Covid 19 lockdown period, we now have a small group of pastors that we relate to in Pakistan. Over the past three years Pastor Conrad Fenton has held several zoom meetings and evangelism workshops for these pastors. All of these key pastors that we relate to in Pakistan, including Pastor Haroon Aslam, all have a mercy ministry to the poor Christians working in the Brick Kilns.

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 Overseas Care Ministry can be made into the following tax-deductible account:

Church of Hope Care Overseas Missions Account:

**BSB No. 06 3001      Account No. 1045 1464**



### 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 the Transformation church and many other church groups and supporters, we have been able to minister to the marginalized both in Sydney and Melbourne and abroad.

### ONE BIG THANKS TO OUR CHURCH LEADERS AND TO OUR EVANGELISM TEAM

One big thanks to all those who have faithfully served in our Church of Hope ministries in Blacktown including John Botitu, John Snr, Lito and Debbie, Antony, Susi, Elena and Marian Fenton and to all of those in our evangelism team from other churches.

Thanks to Malou, Abraham, Mini, Arlene, Laura, Fernando, Febian, Edgar, Dariush, Jeff, Daniel and all the other street evangelists for your commitment to our evangelism outreaches across Sydney and NSW.



### COFFEE CLUB – BLACKTOWN DROP-IN CARE CENTRE

- Commencing in April
- Creating a culture of belonging and acceptance
- Mentoring and discipleship focus
- Coffee and Tea and free warm meals provided



Providing hot meals and tea and coffee is an important part of our Drop-in Centre Care Ministry. To help contribute towards the Blacktown Care expenses please use the following account:

Church of Hope Care NSW Account: (for Blacktown)

**BSB No. 06 2121      Account No. 1089 6471**