



CHURCH OF HOPE

January / February 2008 Newsletter



THE HEART OF OUR MINISTRY

Church of Hope is committed to reaching out to the poor and hurting with both practical care and the life changing message of the gospel. The bible says much about God's heart for the poor and disadvantaged people in the world.

Jesus Himself said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;" **(Luke 4:18)**

The Lord also said through the Prophet Isaiah, "Is this not the fast that I have chosen; to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him,..." **(Isaiah 58:6-7)**

During 2007, many people attended our Saturday night meetings in Melbourne. Over the course of the year many lives were touched by the love of God, both during the Saturday meetings and our Friday night street outreaches. In Sydney many people within Kings Cross and Parramatta Prison were also encouraged by our ministry teams. Through all these ministries, several lives were significantly changed over the course of 2007 with many people coming to faith in Jesus Christ. In Sydney, one person who was living on the streets, has now becoming a member of our Sydney ministry team.

During 2007 ministry partnerships with three pastors in Suryapet, Kakinada and Bangalore in India were established. Each of these pastors have a large network of pastors who were equipped and trained in the area of evangelism and church planting by Conrad and Marian Fenton during their recent trip to India. As a result of this trip, opportunities have opened up to help support some of the orphans, widows and beggars in these Cities.

Several churches and Christian business people have been very faithful in partnered with our Melbourne City ministry and in also providing meals for our Saturday night meetings. Christian Life Assembly and Murrumbena Baptist church have now helped to cater for our Saturday night meals for over two years. Many other Christians and churches have also faithfully partnered with our Church in Melbourne, to help share the love of Christ practically to the many homeless and marginalised people in the City. Many of the homeless have now given their life to Jesus Christ.

During the Church of Hope Board meeting just before Christmas, a number of new initiatives and plans were agreed upon which will be implemented to improve and expand our ministries to the poor and disadvantaged. These are outlined in this newsletter. Church of Hope would also like to thank again all of those who have helped to support our mission in the City over the past years.

VISION FOR 2008

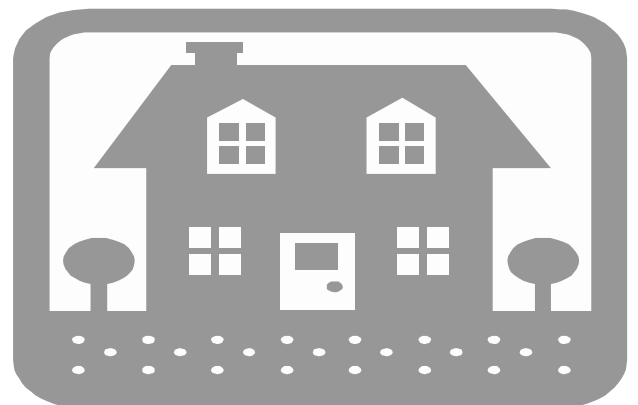
MELBOURNE



NEW LARGER PERMANENT PREMISES TO:

1. Enable more people to attend Saturday night meetings
2. Hold midweek discipleship groups and bible studies
3. Expand the care ministry (See Page 2 of Newsletter)
4. Eventually have a 24/7 drop in facility available, and
5. Have a permanent place for Worship and Prayer

SYDNEY (Kings Cross)



HOUSE OF HOPE IN KINGS CROSS TO:

1. Provide a safe place for Christian fellowship each day
2. Disciple believers (Weekly Christian foundations class)
3. Train up House Group Leaders
4. Equip and Mobilise Christians in the area of evangelism
5. Prepare Christians for missions trips
6. Provide Base for Preaching weekly Internet messages
7. Mentor Christians released from prison, and
8. Establish a House of Prayer and Worship in Kings Cross

CHURCH OF HOPE MELBOURNE NEWS

NEW PREMISES REQUIRED FOR CHURCH OF HOPE

After leaving our Hosier Lane premises on the 18th of June last year, the Lord blessed Church of Hope with two venues to enable our Saturday night meetings to continue without interruption. The German Lutheran church was most helpful in opening up its Hall for our church to use. Our church is deeply grateful to Pastor Joe and the Board at the Lutheran church, for opening up its facilities for our church. However during 2008, finding a suitable permanent Centre in the City will be a high priority for many reasons.

- **The Lutheran Hall was often not big enough to hold all of those who attended our meetings. On a number of occasions, people had to be seated outside**
- **At present our Saturday night meetings are at two different venues**
- **Having a larger venue would enable our church to invite many of the poor in the inner city accommodation houses to our meetings**
- **Many of those attending our Saturday night meetings need to be equipped and mentored in their Christian walk. Recommencing mid-week bible studies, prayer nights and leadership classes will be a key focus in 2008**
- **Having our own larger premises would enable our Care ministry to be expanded to incorporate a food bank and food van ministry**
- **Having our own premises would also enable Church of Hope to begin planning for and equipping Christians with a heart for the poor to be part of a future 24 / 7 centre, where troubled people at any time would be able to receive practical help, a coffee and the gospel message in a loving and caring Christian environment.**



As a team we can achieve much.

“Building teams does not begin with a certain kind of technique; it begins with a certain kind of heart. This is an unselfish, authentic heart, desiring only God’s best. Such a heart constantly asks, How can I include others?”.

(Quote from Doing Church as a team, by Wayne Cordeiro)

As a team the church can make a profound impact on the lost and hurting in the City of Melbourne

Romana has attended the Church of Hope now for over 5 years. During this time she has grown much in her faith. Romana was a regular member of the mid-week leadership and discipleship classes which were held in the Hosier Lane Centre.

As many people are now attending our Saturday night meetings, we are now looking at recommencing our leadership training and bible classes mid-week. Romana also found great meaning and purpose in helping out practically in the old Hosier Lane Centre.

“He who wins souls is wise.” (Prov. 11:30a)

OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PARTNER

Church of Hope has now partnered with a number of other churches to see the Homeless in the City of Melbourne given a hot meal every Saturday night. The Christian Life Assembly and the Murrumbena Baptist Church have now been providing meals on a Saturday night for over two years. Many other Christians and other churches have also faithfully supported our inner City mission to the homeless.

To extend our mission to those in the inner city accommodation homes and to establish a food bank to help the poor, Church of Hope will now need to look for a larger and permanent place in the City. God has brought together teams from a number of churches with a heart for the homeless in Melbourne, to join our own ministry team at Church of Hope. Many lives have been transformed over the past four years by the gospel message and by the practical love that many people have experienced at the Saturday night meetings at Church of Hope. Many lives were also touched during the mid week meetings which were held in the Hosier Lane Centre.

Church of Hope has a heart to recommence its mid week ministry activities to include several bible and training classes, as well as opening up times during the week for people to meet with some of our Pastoral team members. Being a faith ministry, we depend on the support of other Churches and Christians to continue our work within the City. We are hoping that other Churches and Christians will consider praying about being partners in this inner City Church mission as we seek to enter into our own larger premises in the City in 2008. To know more about Church of Hope’s Melbourne City mission, please call Pastor David Palmer on 0411 370 767.

BANK DETAILS: (Church of Hope Inc.)

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT No: 1025 9368

CARE MINISTRY BANK DETAILS

(Commonwealth Bank of Australia)

Account Name: CHURCH OF HOPE CARE INC.

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT No: 1027 6053

Donations to this account are tax deductible.

INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NO: A0045695J

ABN: 83 786 787 963

EXPANDING CARE MINISTRY

Over the past three years, several of those who have attended our city Centre have become committed Christians. Many of these have now grown in their faith and are looking at helping out in some ministry roles. With this in mind, Church of Hope Care is now looking at setting up in the future a food bank when we obtain our new premises. As part of this ministry, we will also be looking at preparing food parcels to give away at Christmas. These expanded care ministries will help our church to practically share the love of Christ and the gospel message with others.

CHURCH OF HOPE SYDNEY NEWS

HOUSE OF HOPE VISION

(Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see...) **John Newton**

PASTORAL

A place

- of belonging
- to mentor people
- to pray for people
- to show God's love
- for healing and deliverance
- to learn life skills
- to connect with support services
- to learn relationship skills
- to have fellowship with others
- to unwind in a safe place
- where lives will be changed
- where people are set free, and
- where people can grow in their faith

EQUIPPING

A place

- to raise up mature disciples
- to equip small group leaders
- to mentor leaders
- to equip Christians in evangelism
- to prepare people for ministry
- to help mobilise outreaches
- to prepare ministry teams
- to serve the Body of Christ
- to raise up worshipers
- to raise up prayer intercessors
- to equip and empower churches
- To raise teams to equip and to empower pastors in other nations



"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5:14&16)



OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PARTNER

SPONSORSHIP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

(Commonwealth Bank of Australia)

CHURCH OF HOPE INC CHURCH ON THE CROSS ACCOUNT

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT: 1034 7640

HOW TO BECOME PARTNERS (Melbourne or Sydney)

There are several ways that you can partner with the vision for Melbourne or Sydney (Kings Cross):

- 1) To pray for the ministries in Melbourne and or Sydney
- 2) To be a part of the Care Ministry in Melbourne (Helping out with food)
- 3) To join our street outreach teams in Sydney or Melbourne
- 4) To be a part of the Saturday night meetings (Helps, Serving, Worship), or
- 5) To help financially support the Ministries in Melbourne or Sydney in one of two ways:
 - i) By making one-off donations as the Lord leads into the Ministry or Care accounts, or
 - ii) By making a regular MONTHLY contribution into either the Sydney (Church on the Cross) or Melbourne (Church of Hope) account to help meet the cost of renting premises for ministry

Please call David Palmer (Melbourne) or Conrad Fenton (Sydney) for more details:

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NEW START IN KINGS CROSS

Upon returning on the 16th of February from India, Conrad and Marian Fenton (top picture) will begin to look for suitable premises in Kings Cross to set up the House of Hope Centre. As with the Centre in Hosier Lane, Conrad (pictured above on the first day in the Hosier Lane Centre) and his wife Marian, with the help of a small ministry team, will be starting from scratch again. The Board of Directors at Church of Hope has approved the renting of a large house in the rental range of around \$500 per week in Kings Cross.

PARTNERS (50 x \$10 p/w or 25 x \$20 p/w)

Having a committed support base of 50 partners contributing just \$40 per month or 25 partners contributing \$80 per month, would enable all other donations into the Church on the Cross account to be used for ministry. Street outreaches, discipleship and ministry training within the Centre and preaching live web site messages will all be key focuses in 2008. Free community BBQ's will also be held each month in the Fitzroy Gardens, to practically demonstrate the love of Christ in Kings Cross.

In all our Kings Cross outreaches, people will be given an invitation to attend our mid-week "Building your life on a firm foundation" class. A computer will also be set up to allow live messages to be preached through the Internet. Each week Conrad Fenton will preach a message on the web site: www.sonintl.org to encourage the wider Body of Christ. All these classes and future web page messages will commence as soon as the Centre is opened in Kings Cross.

We are praying that many will support this Kingdom vision to see Kings Cross touched by God's love. Conrad and Marian Fenton will also continue in 2008 to visit Parramatta Prison to share the gospel with the prisoners and to hold weekly street outreaches in George Street in Sydney. **To know more about our Sydney mission, please call Conrad on 0413 483 858**



INDIA MISSION



David Palmer and Conrad Fenton above after receiving their ministry credentials in 2005. Conrad Fenton has now been credentialed through the Assemblies of God in NSW after moving to Sydney in 2006 with his wife Marian.

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP

After Conrad and Marian Fenton's visit to Bangalore, Church of Hope has now decided to partner with Christ the King Ministries in Bangalore. David Palmer and Conrad Fenton (pictured left) both spent time with Reverend David when he visited our church two years ago.

Reverend David is the founder and the Director of Christ the King Ministries and has planted 12 churches in and around Bangalore. He is also a much respected and key person in the Pastors fellowship in Bangalore, and has a big vision to see 100 churches planted in the next 7 years. **Reverend David also runs an orphanage which takes care of 48 orphans. Church of Hope Care is now helping to support this work**

This year Church of Hope will extend it's Care Ministry by establishing a Ministry and Care base in Bangalore, with Reverend David (pictured below), overseeing the work from India.

Both Conrad and Marian Fenton will be involved in November in pioneering this new work. The expansion of the Care Ministry this year in Bangalore will help to practically open up many other doors to share the gospel in India.



Conrad and Marian Fenton (Being acknowledged and thanked by Reverend David above) spent 14 days in Bangalore ministering in his churches and bible college and to several groups of Pastors in and surrounding Bangalore.

VISION FOR INDIA

Ministry Vision:

For Indian Pastors to be equipped and empowered to raise up mature disciples and Pastors who can plant "church planting" churches by:

- Equipping Indian Pastors in the areas of Leadership, Christian Doctrine, Church Planting and Evangelism.
- Helping to resource and assist the local Pastors in India, to establish Ministry Training Centres
- Supporting and financing local Indian Pastors in the areas of church planting and outreaches to the lost, and by
- Holding Pastors conferences each year to help equip and to empower the local Pastors for ministry

Care Vision:

- To develop a Care Ministry to the orphans, beggars and the widows in India (Initially in Bangalore and Kakinada), to help the local pastors to reach out also in a practical way to the lost.

The gospel message when also supported with associated acts of kindness, will help to see the Nation of India come to Christ.

IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES

(To sow into the ministry in India)

- **Pastor Silvi wants to give training manuals to 100 Pastors in each of the 23 Districts in the state of Andhra Pradesh (Each Training Manual costs only \$1 to produce)**
- **Pastor Silvi takes teams of 8 or more out every night in one three wheeler to evangelise the villages. He is praying for a 14 Seater Bus.**
- **Pastor Emmanuel in Kakinada is looking at setting up a food van to reach the beggars and poor.**



DIARY FOR 2008

- **Conrad Fenton to visit Pastor John Mark in Suryapet to dedicate his Church which was built through funds given by the Church of Hope. (February 2nd)**
 - **Conrad to preach at a 2 day Pastors workshop in Suryapet and to share at Pastor Silvi's Church. (February 2nd - 4th)**
 - **After visiting village churches in Darjeeling, Conrad will be involved in a Four day Pastors workshop in Darjeeling. Conrad will be joining Pastor Deep Ranjan from Bangalore to help equip 50 local Pastors in the area of Leadership, Church planting and Evangelism. (February 6th - 14th)**
 - **JULY (Kakinada) Conrad and Marian Fenton and a team will be returning to visit Pastor Emmanuel in Kakinada, who will be organising a two week pastors workshop.**
 - **NOVEMBER Conrad and Marian Fenton, (with a team), will be visiting Bangalore to help establish a Care Ministry in partnership with Christ the King Ministries.**
- Anyone who may feel led of the Lord to be a part of either the Kakinada trip or Bangalore mission trip this year, can contact Conrad Fenton on 0413 483 858

OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PARTNER

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

ACCOUNT: CHURCH OF HOPE INC. INDIA MISSIONS ACCOUNT

BSB: 06 - 3001

ACCOUNT: 1036 2410

Note: All money donated into this account will go towards the equipping of Indian Pastors and to help finance evangelism and church planting in India.

COMMITMENT TO TRAIN UP INDIAN PASTORS

Australia has truly been a very blessed Nation. Christians have also had freedom to worship at many great churches and have received great spiritual food. However, many Pastors in India have had little bible training and are financially very poor. Yet despite this poverty they are rich spiritually and have a great passion for the things of God.

With only 28 million Christians in a country of over 1.1 billion people, Church of Hope is committed to the India mission and in partnering with the Pastors in India. We are hoping that many other Christians and Churches will also support this mission. If you want to know more about this mission, please call Conrad Fenton on 0413 483 858