

North Turrumurra Church of Christ

Focus on Today's News

There are many ways that we reach out into our world. With the love of Christ we reach out:

- *Personally* – to our friends and family
- *Locally* – through corporate events, like Friday Friendship Group
- *Nationally* – working with Rivergum to establish a Christian presence in Mt Druitt.

With the work gaining momentum at MT Druitt, Jeff will be increasing his time and effort in further establishing contacts and ministries. As a result, from September 30th Jeff will be only working at NTCofC for one day per week. In December this situation will be reviewed.

- *Globally* – specifically our mission with the Jaglemans in China. They have sent 2 teams to the earthquake effected area – the first was a team of surgeons and the second had a mix of medical and social workers. Many people have encountered Christ as a result of this tragedy with 300 people accepting the Good news in one day!

The agenda for July includes:

- Seth Home Services (SHS) set-up assistance
- SHS child care assistance
- Leprosy village—medical assistance
- Slum visits—food distribution
- Foster care village visits
- Burma visit
- Strategic talks with Christ

They are also going to utilize this time to do a retreat for the staff whilst we take care of the day-to-day operations!

Alex and Joshua express thanks for the money that has been already sent ahead. It has really helped with setting things up. They ask for prayer at this time, as they want to establish a property closer to the Burma border. Last week they looked at a place that was a very serious possibility. This has all become possible with our church financial gifts.

We give thanks to God for the opportunity to have an impact on our world!

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Combined Service

Sunday 29th June all our morning services will be meeting at **10:15am** for morning worship. The theme is 'What on earth am I here for?' and Steve Wyatt and band will be leading the music.

Administration Assistant, Assistant and Chaplain

Applications are invited for the role of Administration Assistant at the Churches of Christ Rhodes office. The position will work with other senior staff in shaping future directions for our family of Churches. There is also, a position for 2 days per week as an office assistant. Finally applications are invited for chaplain at Kempsey Correctional Service . For information please contact Sandra Noel on 8719 2600

Youth Formal Dinner

On Friday June 27th we are holding a youth formal dinner to raise money for the mission trip to China in July. We will be serving a 3-course meal to approx 40 - 50 young people.

Time: 6pm - 8:30.

Venue: North Turrumurra Church

We give thanks that the local North Turrumurra Butcher, Exclusive Meats and Cake Cuisine have donated the food for the evening.

Peter Bae is a chorister at St Andrews Cathedral in the city. They are touring the UK and Italy this coming July. You can hear these beautiful voices in Wahroonga on **Saturday 28th June**. For more information or if you wish to purchase a ticket please contact Cheree on 0409 302 277.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the new people that DivorceCare has been able to help
- Pray for those who are grieving within our church family at this time. Pray for the Finnie family, the McMahan's, the Bunny and Burton families and others as they learn how to deal with the loss of one dear to them
- Pray for the *GreifCare* course and for those to work through their grief and hurt
- Pray for the mission to China and for heart, soul and mind preparation of those participating in the China mission next month
- Pray for combined service on 29th June at 1015am
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and their family as they lead the Korean community. Pray that our time with the Korean community on Sunday would be helpful way to build community

HILLSONG TICKETS

If anyone would like to purchase a ticket or tickets to the Hillsong Conference Cheree has some discounted tickets. Please see or ring Cheree on 0409 302 277

Church Ski Weekend

When: Nights of 27,28,29 & 30 August

Where: Old Adaminaby (www.eucumbeneunits.com)

½ hour Mt Selwyn, 1 ½ hours Perisher/Thredbo

Cost: \$85 a bed for the whole 4 nights

For details contact Scott on 9487 3883 limited places are still available!

Zimbabwe Prayer focus

Churches of Christ have historically had a strong connection to Zimbabwe. *Churches of Christ National Council* and *Global Mission Partners (GMP)* are urging our churches to use these background and prayer point documents to pray for Zimbabwe in the week of **16th-22nd**. GMP has worked in Zimbabwe over a long period of time, and GMP connects with more than 200 churches who are struggling to be self-sufficient, with 60 trained pastors ministering to 20,000 people. GMP's work includes the Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) for children orphaned or abandoned due to HIV/AIDS; the Showers of Blessings Trust which combats the effects of the drought; evangelical outreach, youth conferences and work in Dadaya High School. Pray:

- For a fair & free election on **June 27th**, & quick processing of the results.
- That President Robert Mugabe will accept the electoral decision of the Zimbabwean people.
- For peace in Zimbabwe during the final days of the election campaign.
- For protection of both Robert Mugabe and Morgan Tsvangarai, and their staff and families during the election campaign.
- For relief of those who are living in poverty, those who are suffering due to the drought, and those living with the HIV/AIDS virus.
- For an economic turnaround, and the implementation of policies that end rampant inflation and food shortages.
- For protection of church workers and their ability to have a Gospel influence in an often chaotic and unstable country, particularly for those who are speaking out for justice. Pray also for human rights and aid workers, that they will be protected and not targeted by government forces.
- For the many Zimbabwean emigrants who are suffering exile from their homeland, many unwillingly and in increasingly difficult circumstances.
- That the work of the Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe will be fruitful, protected & a blessing to the people around them during this time of stress and transition. BJ Mpofu has given these specific prayer points:
 - Pray that Government issues us with another import licence to bring in maize meal as our old one is now expired.
 - Pray that Australian people give generously towards drought relief, drilling of wells which will be resuming immediately after elections and when it will be safe to continue to do so.
 - Pray for our evangelists who are on the field and working under a very threatening environment.

Prayer for Teens and Twenties

Our teens and young adults really need our prayers. If you are a parent or someone concerned about this age group and are interested in joining a weeknight prayer time for them please contact Chris Joyce 91445121.

Eager Elders

Now is the time to begin praying for the role of elders in our church community. Please pray and seek the Lord for those who may serve as elders for a two-year period 2008-2010. There is a nomination form in the foyer. Please have the person you wish to nominate write and sign their own name.

Live, Learn, Love

Uniting as one Church in Prayer

When: Sunday mornings 11:15am – 12pm for 4 weeks

Where: At the front of the chapel

Why: To lift our voices to God in prayer, as one church for our church family and the upcoming mission trip to China

Join with us to journey together in prayer for 4 weeks.