

Focus on Today's News

'What on earth am I here for?' This is how author Rick Warren begins his book entitled, 'The Purpose Driven Life'. Once we understand our purpose it helps us to live the average 25, 550 days that we have here on earth. One purpose that God has created us for is 'otherlyness'. We are created for one another. As a result, we give ourselves to helping others, such as:

- Korean community— The elders have provided \$75 pw to assist Pastor John and Mi to live in Pymble and minister to the Korean community.
- The Mt Druitt Church of Christ Child Care Centre was established as a Community resource and Christian Ministry to families in the area. This ministry was strengthened considerably recently with the appointment of Emma Bate as Chaplain and Family Worker at the Centre. It's early days, but here are some of Emma's reflections so far:

Emma, how are you finding the role?

"Loving it! I feel so privileged to be a support, and offer help to people in need. At this stage it's about being available, being flexible, establishing trust and building relationships."

How are the parents and staff responding?

"They're everyday Aussies with typical needs and challenges, but I'm amazed at their openness in sharing personal issues, emotional needs, and spiritual questions. I think it really helps to have someone listen to them and place value on them."

Any prayer needs?

"I have a vision for God to be more "present" here. With limited time, pray that I'll be able to meet and connect with everyone. Many staff and family have been touched by cancer and other health issues lately – please pray for healing."

We pray God's ongoing grace upon Emma and this ministry – for His wisdom, sensitivity and boldness in all her interactions.

- China mission – we are able to assist the Jaglemen's in fulfilling their vision of reaching Jinghong for Christ. As we take part in mission, whether it is caring of those who are hurting, participating in a mission trip or assisting others, it enlarges our capacity to be used by God.

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E M A I L , N E W S a n d P R A Y E R

In the church foyer there is a sign up sheet for those who wish to receive the 'China Mission Prayer News' by email. This will help us to pray for our team and for the Jagelman's. All monies and resources given by our church will be presented to the Jagelman's so that they are able to continue their tireless work in China.

For sale: Sharp phone/FAX Machine FO-P610 model with replacement film. Purchased January 2006 only used 5 Months Price \$500. *For further information please contact Gael Boon on 9144 6060*

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Just a reminder that the church's AGM is coming up on the 27th July at 11:15am

Feel like a break? Then this is for you...

Adults only GETAWAY at The Tops Conference Centre, an activity of Prime Time Ministries. Roger Foletta is the guest speaker and will speak on "MANAGING CHANGE." From 11th to 14th August, cost is a reasonable \$180 per person twin share, (including all meals). For further information grab a registration form or see John Hunter.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the generosity of people towards the China mission
- Pray for those who are grieving over the loss of their family member or friends. We continue to pray for the Finnie family, the McMahon's, Bunny and Birch families
- Pray for Richard that he will be refreshed on his holiday from 27th June to 11th July
- Pray for the final *GriefCare* course on Tuesday evening
- Pray for Greg, Louise, Tina, David, Stephen and Daniel as they prepare themselves physically, mentally and spiritually for the mission trip to China
- Pray for the nomination and election of elders in our church community
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community.

Help Needed

A minimum of two people are needed from the Praise and Communion service to volunteer to help out with Morning Tea for the 13th of July. *For more details please see Lorraine Hensby*

If you wish to make alterations to your service in the roster in the Praise and Communion service please ring Rea Saxby

Live, Learn, Love

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Entertainment Books are available

Containing vouchers for dining, accommodation, theatres, sports and 25% to 50% off at cafes and restaurants. Valid until 2009.

The cost is \$65 and the proceeds go to missions. If you want to purchase an entertainment book with over \$15000 worth of savings. See Victoria Littlemore or jaschas@hotmail.com

Opportunities to Change

There are a couple of ways to change and impact your world. One way is to help shape the lives of young people by:

1. Teaching Year 6 Scripture at North Turramurra Public School on Wednesdays 1030-11am
2. Teach 6-9 year olds on Sunday morning 3 times every 8 weeks at WWJ (Walking With Jesus)

It's in the envelope

There are a number of ways that help us to be planned strategic givers to the Lord. There are two common ways to give:

1. Envelopes - these are available in the foyer. They are dated so that you can give each week in a systematic planned way. Please take a packet of envelopes
2. If you would like to give your offering by direct debit please use the following and see your bank to begin the process of being a planned deliberate giver to God. BSB 032188 A/C 132924

HILLSONG TICKETS

If anyone would like to purchase a ticket or tickets to the Hillsong Conference, both Cheree and the Talls have some discounted tickets. Please call Cheree on 0409 302 277 or contact the Talls at: tall.icon@bigpond.com

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.

Church Ski Weekend

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

Where: Old Adaminaby 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!

The Future

The elders are still keen to recruit a person to oversee the music at both the SoulCare and Connect services on Sundays. At present this is a volunteer position but into the future could become a paid position.

For further information please speak to Ivan Joyce.

Ending Elders Nominations

Today is the final day to nominate elders for 2008-2010. Nominations close tonight at 8:30pm. Please confirm with the person you wish to nominate and then ask them to write and sign their name on the