

North Turramurra Church of Christ
Focus on Today's News

Chinese Reflection

On January 31st the Phillips family, Danielle, Nick, Jo, Sophie & myself left for our two week mission to Jinghong, China. Unfortunately because of health reasons Nick was not able to continue the trip any further than Brisbane Airport. We praise God for his recovery.

As a team our main reason for the mission was to bless. *Bless* the Jagelmans, *bless* their work in China, *bless* BCI & *bless* Seth Home. Our first week in China was working with the Seth Home children, so that the careers could spend the Chinese New Year with their families. We went about the daily routine of feeding, playing with, bathing & just loving the children. We also had the opportunity to take the children out into the community as a chance to represent God's love of these disabled children to the people of Jinghong. Our second week was slightly more hectic as we said goodbye to Sophie, Tina & Maddy who went to Guangzhou to get Sophie an emergency visa & passport. Praise God that it all worked out. The remaining team had the opportunity to work alongside the Leprosy Team & visit 2 villages with leprosy affected people. The 1st village was a small one with leprosy affected & their families. While we were there we prayed over and encouraged the village Christians. The 2nd village was a 'natural village' with 1 leprosy affected man. We drove 5 hours to be an example of God's love, to show the villagers that he is loved & accepted by God. While we were there we did basic hygiene training. We washed hands, clipped nail & showed them how to brush their teeth, all the while praying God's life & light over the children & their families. Thankyou for your donations of food, medicines & gifts for the children. They were all appreciated & we all found great joy in giving these gifts on your behalf.

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We left Tina, Nathan and the boys in Jinghong, for Tina to teach 2 of the Jagelman children. Please pray that they continue to settle into the different culture, their daily routines and that through this time they will grow closer as a family.

Thankyou for your donations of food, medicines & gifts for the children. They were all appreciated & we all found great joy in giving these gifts on your behalf. Thankyou to those who contributed financially to the trip, the walker & especially to the person who gave \$7000 to cover some of the airfare costs. Most importantly we would all love to thank those who carried us in their prayers while we were in China. We all feel blessed by the opportunity and we pray that we were able to bless others.
—Louise

DIVORCECARE

Following an increase in the demand for support during family break up, we are entering our second year of running DivorceCare, an internationally recognised series of DVD's and discussion.

We are conducting DivorceCare, a group for men and women needing support following separation or divorce. DivorceCare features internationally recognised experts on divorce and recovery topics including: "Facing my anger", "Facing my loneliness", "Depression", "New relationships", "KidCare" and "Forgiveness".

Meeting each Thursday 9.30am -11.00am. Childcare will be provided if requested. *For more information please call Wendy 0411060780 or Juliet 0403076913.*

Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions

THE ENEMY HAS PLANS FOR YOUR CHILDREN—DO YOU?

Based on original research among children, parents & churches, George Barna reveals his discoveries about the significance of ministry to children. He outlines what children need to become spiritual champions, how parents can provide such nurture, and the appropriate role of the local church in this developmental process.

*Join us Tuesday evenings 31 March & 7 April,
7:30pm in the church hall.*

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for his patience towards us
- Pray for the Friday Friendship group and for the leaders who prepare morning tea and lunch each month
- Pray for Phillips family as they deal with coughs and colds, learning Mandarin and as Kaiden starts Chinese pre-school
- Pray for youth small group leaders on a Friday night. Pray that they are able to provide a forum for young people to learn and understand faith
- Pray for the *transforming children into spiritual* champions course in March and April
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community as they prepare to reach out to the local community

Live, Learn, Love

One way that we can encourage one another is through prayer. We want to pray for encouragement, protection, family relationships and God's blessing on these families this week...

This week please pray for:

MONDAY: Pieter and Hanna DIJKSTAL

TUESDAY: Kate DOUGLAS

WEDNESDAY: Marena ERENS

THURSDAY: Janice FERNANDES

FRIDAY: Mervyn and Joy FIEDLER



Deuteronomy 31:6

“So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

Today

Next Sunday

9:30am **SoulCare**
Stephen Cathcart
Fruit of Longsuffering

9:30am **Praise and Communion**
Richard Oakes
Favourite Psalms

10:30am **Morning Tea**

12:30pm **Korean Community**

7:00pm **Connect @ 7**
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Philippians 2

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MOWING ROSTER

14th March 2009

Neil Barnes

Prayer Hotline

9487 3918

Hanna Dijkstal

All requests are kept
confidential and treated
with the greatest respect.

MINISTRY TEAM

Stephen Cathcart	Senior Minister	0419 460 487
Richard Oakes	Associate Minister	0434 104 555
John Park	Korean Minister	0425 833 510
Loida Dart	Chaplain	9440 3723
Louise Joyce	Office Administrator	9988 4688

Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Friday 9am.**

Please contact the office on 9988 4688 or email Louise at
office@northturramurrachurch.org.au

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am—5pm

Web site: www.northturramurrachurch.org.au

North Turrumurra Church of Christ has an intern counsellor available to provide support for a variety of life issues. \$20 a session or a voucher is available from Stephen to see the Counsellor. Please phone the church on 9988-4688.

Thanksgiving Service

A celebration for Seniors

Date: Friday 13 March

Time: 10:30am—Morning Tea

11am—Church Service

12pm—Lunch

Cost: Free

Entertainment: Pymble Ladies College.

Venue: Church of Christ _ North Turrumurra

217 Bobbin Head Road

North Turrumurra

Enquires and RSVP: Phone the church office, Lorraine, Loida

Volunteers needed

It would greatly be appreciated if people would volunteer to mow the lawn on the Manse side of the church over the next 5 months. It has previously been done by Nathan Phillips. The more people who volunteer, the less often you'll have to do it!

TV for crèche room

In the crèche room we are needing a TV that has a base of 14x14cm so it can fit on the bracket. If you have an old TV you are not using we would be grateful to have it.

Open prayer

KCEA has a once a year an open Prayer evening on Thursday 12th March at the Holy Name Catholic Church in Wahroonga. The prayer session goes from 8-9:30pm.



The current Churches of Christ NSW contribution tally for the Victorian bush fires is \$85,170.90.

Australian Christian Lobby

The Australian Christian Lobby is the Christian voice into the Federal and State Parliaments. This is a vital ministry at a time when Christian values are under such strident attack. The Annual fund raising dinner will be held on *Monday 30th March at 6:30PM at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush*. The cost is \$60 per head.

If you would like to attend the dinner please email your response to apn@ausprayernet.org.au .

Speakers at the evening will be:

- Jim Wallace Managing Director of the Australian Christian Lobby,
- Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Indigenous Affairs, and Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion.
- Tony Abbott Shadow Minister for Families, Housing and Community Services.

Mount Druitt news

For further information on Mt Druitt please see the newsletter from Jeff and Pam on the notice board.