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Love, Serve and Discover Jesus
Together

JULY 2019 Newsletter



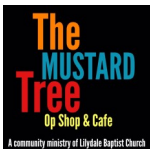
Transformational Grace

In a book titled *Habits of Grace, enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines*, the author David Mathis writes, "And when we think we have been carried far enough, that God has done for us all that we could imagine and more, grace shatters the mold again. Grace sanctifies. Grace is too wild to let us stay in love with unrighteousness. Grace is too free to leave us in slavery to sin, and too untamed to let our lusts go unconquered. Grace's power is too uninhibited to not unleash us for the happiness of true holiness... Grace is too strong to leave us passive, too potent to let us wallow in the mire of our sins."

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Prayer Support
please contact Pastor
Stewart on 0402 287 720.**

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Support contact Peter or
Fiona McLeod on
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God's grace, God's unmerited favour towards us, is seen through His love expressed on the Cross of Calvary. God's grace not only forgives, it also provides the means of forgiveness and restoration. Therefore, the apostle Paul is able to write with confidence that the old has gone the new has come, that we are a new creation in Christ Jesus all because of what God has done and continues to do.

Habits of Grace engages with three essential elements required to embrace and grow in understanding of the lifelong transformation an encounter with God's grace demands and enables. Mathis writes around deep encounters of God's word, a sincere and open prayer life that not only speaks to God but enables God's voice to be heard, and finally he discusses the importance of fellowship.

How much time do you spend in God's word? How much time do you spend in God's presence through prayer? What frame of mind or expectations do you have towards fellowship and worship? One author notes, if we rake, we only gather leaves, if we dig deep, we may uncover diamonds. I encourage you to dig deep to allow the grace of God to transform your life as you set patterns in your life to more fully experience His grace and joy.

Pastor Stewart.



Church Family July Events.....

- The next BLinGG Craft is on Thurs 4th July
- Men's Breakfast 6th July
- July 13th BLinGG Ladies Movie night
"Let There Be Light"
- July 19th Hohidia Concert 9.30 am & 7pm



COMMUNITY TABLE—NEEDS YOU!!!!

Each Tuesday during School term at the Mustard Tree we have our Community lunch. There are usually around 30-40 people. These people are from our local community and from all walks of life, who meet to enjoy a meal and have conversation together. At the moment we are in need of cooks from our congregation to join our team. If you feel led in this way please contact Gordon Taylor. Also, you are most welcome to come down and join us at 12.00 for lunch and fellowship.

Get Involved.....

Volunteers!



Stable One
more than a place to stay



Study of the Old Testament

Saturday 8am 6th July

in the Fellowship Hall

This Breakfast/Bible Study is part of a series of informal, interactive studies for men in the historical books of the Old Testament. BYO Bible and a healthy appetite for breakfast. RSVP for breakfast to Bruce - 0419 501 528 or Gordon - 0412 349 886

BLinGG Craft

Thursday 4th July 7.30pm at the church.

All ladies welcome.

BLinGG Ladies Movie Night

Date: Saturday 13th July

BRING

Time: 7pm

A FRIEND

Presenting: "Let There Be Light"



If you are interested in joining a group please speak with Pastor Stewart.

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MISSION



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How can they hear about Him (Jesus) unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14

Missionaries Financially and Prayerfully Supported by us

JEWELS OF HOPE—Lesotho—Dawn Taylor **Australian Marketing Manager**

Praise that: Dawn was kept well and safe during her time in Lesotho and the issues with the bank and computer have been resolved satisfactorily.



The JoH team in Maseru are committed to doing all they can to provide sustainability for the project and better procedures and systems have been put in place.

Pray for: All to be refreshed during the two-month winter break from the JoH program and for wisdom for the Deputy Principal of the local high school as she seeks to source six boys to join the project in August.

The team as they meet once a month to design jewelry that they will be given inspiration and creativity.

MAF—MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Marcus and Julie Grey – Chief Pilot and Office Support

Answer to prayer: Marcus was able to successfully check out the new pilot in the Timor program, back in March. We now have 3 families there.



Praise God for a great Safari to Arnhem Land with 3 students, 3 aircraft and Marcus, in May. It was a good time of learning and the students were encouraged to see what MAF does in Arnhem Land. We are keeping well, although a bit tired.

Pray for: Students who are waiting to do their Night VFR Flight Tests. The weather has been a bit too cloudy for night flying recently. Pray for patience and good decisions. The safe delivery flight of the new aircraft from Mareeba to Timor Leste in the next month, which Marcus will be doing. We will be billeting 2 young girls next week who are coming for Work Experience at the MAF Hangar and Training Centre. The next course intake is in July when we have a couple of new students starting with us.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

**Michael & Charlotte Corden (Melora & Alexis)
Torres Strait (based in Cairns)**



Answers to prayer: The \$8000 cost to privately fund the cataract surgery needed by Alexis was given by a number of friends. The first eye has successfully been done and the second surgery will be on Wednesday 26th.

Last month Michael and Charlotte drove nearly 5,000 kms as they delivered a vehicle to Port Hedland to its owner Simeon Harry. Expenses were paid by Wycliffe and the Bible Society. Simeon (previously one of their key translators) was moved to start a translation of Daniel and the Corden's were able to do a large amount of audio recording of the Scriptures during the trip.

Pray for: Further opportunities to put the Yumplatok Bible into the hands of those who speak the language.

Three Thursday Islanders have indicated their interest in translating 3 further books of the Bible: Fr Dalton Cowley – Habakkuk, Fr Victor Blanco – Zephaniah, Simeon Harry – Daniel. Pray that they will be able to persevere in their endeavors and that others may also take up the challenge.

Pray for Alexis (who was born with some disabilities) to be able to re- establish regular bowel habits, as recent events have disrupted these and this is very upsetting to Alexis and his well-being.

Missionary News.....

SOLOMON ISLANDS

**Eric and Jemima Maefonea
(Josiah, Amos, Erima and Vicki)**



Pray For: God's provision of their financial needs this year (they are basically living by faith as friends help support them).

Their relationship with the SSEC as they train pastors, preach regularly in different churches, speak at conferences and are open to a suitable position should one become available.

The 2 boys in their university studies in Fiji (Jo) and Vanuatu (Amos). Amos will be home this month for the mid-year break – he has one more year after this to finish his law degree. The girls continuing their high school studies, Erima preparing to enter university soon.

OVERSEAS MISSION FELLOWSHIP
Simon and Meg Crittle (Melanie)
Japanese Diaspora Ministry
Melbourne OMF International



Prayer: - While their support level has increased, Simon and Meg are still short of the required amount needed for a further 4-year term with OMF. Pray with them for others to join their support team in the very near future. (LBC already gives them the maximum amount allowable under our Mission Policy.) They require a further \$8000 annually. Pray for further contacts this year with Japanese people who have a 'seeker's heart' that will lead to a clear understanding and acceptance by both husbands and wives of the Good News of Jesus. Pray for wisdom as the Crittles' write up a "Missional Business Plan" in early July to help them and OMF to clarify the ministry that they expect to have through their part time English teaching and tutoring and the expected revenue they hope it will raise towards their support.

K PEOPLE
David & Eliza
Ben & Petra



Praise: Thank God that David and Eliza's support level has enabled them to continue the work God has called them too, among the K people. The great interest in learning English has been a great encouragement to the team. The team is seeking to grow this opportunity that God has given them.

Pray for: David and Eliza as they have recently returned to the K people, that they will settle back into life with them.

Their children, Dustin, Jude & Caitlin as they reconnect with friends and get back to school.

Please pray for additional workers to join the team who are qualified teachers for long or short term, so that the team can continue to build bridges of trust in the community.

Please also pray for Ben and Petra as they commence Home Assignment soon. Pray that they will connect with Churches in Queensland to renew or commence supporting them for another term.



POWER TO CHANGE

Dave & Judy Huddleston (Tim, Liam & Caitlin) - Deputy National Director & Member Services Leader

Answers to prayer: give thanks for last week's Core Missionary Training event, coordinated by Dave. Judy provided some catering. 30 people gathered from three States over 4 days in Belgrave Heights. We are thankful for how the Lord worked amongst those present; touching hearts, guiding conversations and equipping our newest team members with timely input. We're thankful to God for the blessing of family and for the faith and development of our children. In recent weeks Judy and Dave have been privileged to get along to Caitlin's year 11 presentation ball, Scott's Monash Uni graduation and Tim's performance with Melbourne Youth Orchestra. Tim, Liam and Caitlin have just completed exams and are looking forward to mid-year breaks.

Pray for: 2-5 July – Dave taking a short break in Torquay to rest, retreat and pray.

8-12 July - Dave & Judy visiting Judy's sister and Mum in Canberra, with Dave travelling to Wollongong for the NSW-Vic mid year student conference (Dave providing input and coordinating Ministry Fair). Theme: Eternity with 100+ students expected. Tim and Liam also attending. Prayers appreciated for safe travels, quality family time and for students' lives to be powerfully impacted.

We are holding a Special Gift Appeal, seeking God's provision of additional donations to address our current total monthly needs budget shortfall (currently at 80% of budget).



MAF PILOT AND HOME SUPPORT

David and Jen Pett (Jonathon)

We still have another three weeks of home assignment to go! The UK summer is proving to be typical and has been mainly wet and cool so far. We have had some really good meetings and conversations as we have travelled around our partner churches and visited family and friends. We hope to visit LBC later this year.

Pray for: Please pray for Jen's closest family as they gather to bury her father's ashes on Monday (24 June) in the wood by their house. Please pray for wisdom in how we can help with moving Jen's mum later in the year. Please pray that we will be refreshed by the few days of holiday we have planned in Wales before we return to Cairns.

Missionaries Prayerfully Supported by us

CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS Matt Inglis—Japan

Please pray for a 3 year extension in Matt's Contracts so he can apply for a permanent visa. Please pray for his work hours to increase to make up for lost income due to one of his 4 positions being cut in half. Pray for Matt, that he will be a strong Christian influence in the workplace and for continuing opportunities to witness to others at the English Café where he works.



Melissa van Leeuwin

Centre for Disease Control in the NT
Department of Health in Alice Springs
Greetings from Alice Springs.



Pray for: Iriana a 1 year old from Alice Springs, who is seriously ill in Adelaide. Despite what all the Medical Professionals thought Iriana is no longer requiring life support, however the blood infection has badly damaged her limbs. It is very likely she will need to have one of her legs amputated. At this stage it is still not known if she will survive, as she is still very sick.

From July 1 there will be major structural changes to the organization I work for. Whilst ultimately these are not bad changes and will benefit us as employees, there is still a lot of uncertainty around how exactly these changes will look in reality. No one is losing their jobs but our leadership structures will be very different.

Dickson & Jennifer Chilele

Baptist Union Zambia



Pray for: Dickson as he studies at the Kaniki Bible College in Zambia.

Dickson and Jennifer as they will be separated for 6 weeks at a time during the term while Dickson is at Bible College.

Jennifer working to give the family a cash income, as she sells tomatoes on the side of the road whilst waiting for the maize to be ready for picking.

Their family of 6 children, that they will grow to love and serve Jesus.

Pray for the Fubela Church where Dickson is a leader. Also, he is one of the teachers involved in the discipleship training program in various centers.



Community Table: Is in recess for the school holidays but will commence again on Tuesday 16th July. We are still looking for new people to help with this important ministry. If you can cook, serve or like talking to guests around a table, please speak to Gordon Taylor.

Story Time in the Café: During the school holidays we will be having a story read in the café at 11am each morning. Please be encouraged to bring the children and grandchildren along. Enjoy a cuppa while a story is being read. You may even hear Sir Topham Hat reading a story.

School Holiday Special in the Café: School holidays are here and so are our Loaded Milkshakes – Jars of Worms or Rainbows and Unicorns. Come and visit the café and find out more.

Live Music in the Café: We will be having Celine and Dhee performing in the café Friday 5th July from 12 to 1pm. Come and join us for lunch and some great music.

Donations Wanted: We have been so blessed with donated goods this year, but things have started to slow down. Please be encouraged to clean out your wardrobes and cupboards and bring any unwanted items to The Mustard Tree.

EL KANAH MARYSVILLE

Grounds Maintenance Supervisor

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If you have what it takes and would like to make a contribution to the Australian mission field at a wonderful venue in a beautiful setting with family-friendly - accommodation.

APPLY NOW!!

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SERMON NOTES