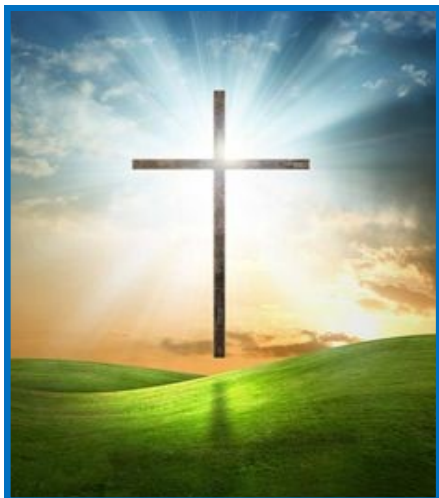


A Community of People who Worship,  
Love, Serve and Discover Jesus  
Together

AUGUST 2019



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

**For Church Family Prayer  
Support contact Peter or  
Fiona McLeod on  
5967 2755 (AH) or  
Fiona 0427 682 301 (BH)**

**For Email Prayer Chain  
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### One Love One Community (part one)

Love is a word we encounter widely in the community in which we live. It is used in an amazing variety of situations with a broad range of meaning. Advertisers use it, song writers write about it, tv shows and movies are flooded with. We love our pets, our food, our holidays, our family and on and on it goes. It appears to me it has all but lost any real meaning. Love has, like so many other things in society today, been devalued. The more we use it the less we value it. Love has in many ways become nothing more than a throw away commodity.



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The Church, that is the gathered people of God, the community of believers, cannot afford to allow the worlds devaluing of love to infiltrate, corrupt and devalue the worth of love and character of love.

Love is more than just a nice word that gives us nice feelings. Love is the key currency of God's kingdom. This should not surprise you, after all God not only loves but He is love. Love defines His nature and is discernable in all His actions. God's love is everlasting (*Psalms 107:1, 32:22, 143:8 and other Psalms, Jeremiah 31:3*). God's love brings hope and life (*John 3:16-17, 1 John 3:1, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-7*). God's love is gracious and kind (*Psalms 116:1-5, 103:8*). There is much more I could write regarding the nature of God's love, but I will leave that for another time.

Love also defines the community of God's people. The Apostle John writes it like this, *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35."*

When writing to the Corinthian church community, the Apostle Paul wrote these words about love. *1 Corinthians 13:4-8* <sup>4</sup>*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.* <sup>5</sup>*It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.* <sup>6</sup>*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.* <sup>7</sup>*It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.* <sup>8</sup>*Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.*

We say we are a community that loves. If we are a community, as we have been considering for some time, that has been called by God, transformed by God and empowered by God to live a life as disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit, then the kind of love we exhibit towards one another in the community of LBC (and indeed the wider church) must reveal love as Paul describes. Loving like this is being unstained by the world (as James writes.)

How do you think we are going?

How do you think you are going?

Pastor Stewart



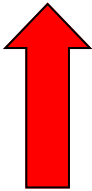
## Church Family August Events.....

- The next BLinGG Craft is on Thurs 1st August
- Men's Breakfast 3rd August
- OAM 4th August 12pm ( after morning service)
- BLinGG Ladies Camp Kangaroo Ground Wycliffe 16th—18th August.



## 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.



# Volunteers!



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## Get Involved.....



## *Study of the Old Testament*

Saturday 8am 3rd August

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 1st August 7.30pm at the church.

## **Calling all interested Men & Women!**

We are putting together a team of people who are interested in helping with the care and upkeep of our church property. This would require one morning a month to work in the garden or perform small maintenance jobs. Morning tea will be provided and lots of fun guaranteed.

Please speak with either Vicki or Jenny, email or phone the Church office if you are interested.



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

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# MISSION



# matters

*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:**

The first monthly day of designing jewelry was very successful and all were encouraged.

#### **Pray for:**

Daniel for his preparations for the new term.

Everyone to return after the two-month winter break to eagerly begin the new term on 11 August.

Wisdom for the Deputy Principal of the local high school as she seeks to source six boys to join the project in August      Many thanks Dawn



### **MAF—MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP**

#### **Marcus and Julie Grey – Chief Pilot and Office Support**

**Please pray** for the following.....Marcus has been busy conducting flight tests for our students and MAF pilots. We have had 2 recent CPL passes while another is being done today (Tuesday). Bridget passed her Instructor Rating and is now our new Grade 3 Instructor at the Training Centre.

The recycled GA8 for Timor Leste is almost ready to be ferried to Timor.

**Pray for** Marcus as he makes the trip and for the aircraft to be used to bring help and hope to the people of Timor Leste.

Julie has given notice for her position of Training Centre Administrator and will finish in October.

**Please pray** that our house sells in this current market and for all the things that need to happen as we pack up and move back to Melbourne. We are not leaving MAF and Marcus will continue in his role, travelling to different MAF programs. Thankyou so much for your continued support and prayers which we could not do without. Love from Marcus and Julie



## WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

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



Getting into the editing of all the audio material we managed to do whilst in Port Hedland. **Pray that** this will go well.

**Pray for** three people who have put their hands up to do some Old Testament translating. **Pray that** they will not back track on their decision.

**Praise for** Alexis eye surgery. He is definitely seeing much better. He is seeing at least two lines better on the eye charts at the surgeons rooms. His one month check is this Friday. After sometime he will need laser surgery for secondary cataracts which the surgeon is bulk billing.

One of our friends who is an R.I. teacher at a school in Cairns that has a high percentage of Islanders, has had some very positive responses from the kids when he tried reading from the Yumplatok Bible. The Islander teachers-aide asked if she could have the copy of the Bible. **Pray for** his further endeavors.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

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



### Praise Points

1. Praise God for your prayers for my speaking engagements for June and July. God Word has changed hundreds of women at the Makira' convention and also men at the Guadalcanal's men's convention.

2. Praise God for the strength in spite of a busy schedule

### Prayer Points

3. Pray for my next speaking engagements from the 6th -9th to speak at the West Kwara'ae Association and a number of speaking engagements

4. Pray for the ongoing training for in service pastors.

Thanks Eric

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



**Thank God** for raising up new financial supporters for this ministry, and increasing our support to 80% of budget, so we now have financial clearance to begin our new mission term (3.5 years).

**Pray for** the remaining 20% to be provided over the next few month.

Thank God for providing local helpers from the congregation of Clayton Church, who are prepared to reach out to Japanese people in authentic friendship, so they may meet the greatest friend: Jesus Christ.

**Pray that** God's Spirit will be powerfully at work among our Japanese students, friends, and acquaintances: that as they hear about God's love for them through Jesus Christ, this life-giving message will reach their hearts. Pray that when they return to Japan, they will continue to seek God, and connect with their local church.

**K PEOPLE**  
**David & Eliza**  
**Ben & Petra**



**Praise:**

Thankfulness that Davide and Eliza and their children have arrived safely in the Silk Road area and been welcomed by local friends.

**Prayer:**

That the whole family will know God's peace and patience as they experience the expected challenges of cross-cultural transition.

For the Spirit to open opportunities for David and Eliza to share Jesus with K friends and neighbors.

For team mates Ben and Petra to arrive safely in Australia for their Home Assignment.



## **POWER TO CHANGE**

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

### **Give thanks for**

Dave and Judy's trip to Canberra, Queanbeyan and Wollongong last month. Judy enjoyed connecting with her Mum, sister and niece.

Dave had a terrific 3 days at NSW-Vic mid year student conference in Wollongong where he presented a seminar, prayed during the community connection outreach afternoon and coordinated the Ministry Fair.

It was great to have Tim and Liam involved at MYC – they really valued it. We hosted a young Korean student, Daniel, before and following the conference. He came along to LBC services with us.

**Dave would appreciate prayers** as he continues to develop roles and training initiatives in the areas of risk management, leadership development and crisis response over the next few months – these are timely and strategic.

We continue to trust God for an increase in our regular financial support to address the current shortfall of our total monthly needs.



## **MAF PILOT AND HOME SUPPORT**

**David and Jen Pett (Jonathon)**

Hello from the Petts.

Please give thanks for a successful home assignment in the UK.

Also, please give thanks that the GA8 aircraft fleet, grounded last week after an accident in Sweden, have been permitted to fly again, allowing our medevac service to resume in Timor Lester.

Please pray for Jen as she has follow-up scans and tests this month, and as she handles the registrations for the CWCI conference.



## CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

### Matt Inglis Japan

**Praise God** for everything He continues to do in my life! I'm visiting family in Australia from late July-August, so **please pray** for God's hand to be on the trip, for safety, and that it will be a time of much-needed refreshment and rest. **Please pray** that God will finally enable me to have sustainable sleeping patterns. **Please pray** for God's will to be done in every facet of my life.



### Melissa van Leeuwin

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

**Pray for** my workplace as we go through some organisational structural changes in August. **Pray that** the transition to the new leadership structure will go smoothly and that everyone's stress levels will be reduced.

**Pray for** those who are diagnosed with Acute Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease. So far this year we have seen a lot of new cases, including some very severe cases.

**Praise God** for the opportunities He gives me often to share His love with those I encounter in my work.



### Dickson & Jennifer Chilele

Baptist Union Zambia



**Please pray** for Dickson Chilele as he is a Bible Study Student at the Kaniki Bible College in Zambia

**Pray for** Jennifer, his wife, as she looks after 4 of their children at home.



Partner with us



## Volunteers Needed:

### Saturday Mornings:



We are looking for willing workers to help in the op shop and café on Saturday mornings. If you would like to join the Saturday Team and work from 10.00am to 1.00pm each week (or even just once a month)

Please see Judy Huddleston or Kathy Mitchell.

### Community Garden:

A new garden plan has been drawn up and exciting changes are ahead for our Community Garden. We are about to build some raised garden beds for our vegetable crops, but we need some help. If you have a few hours to spare and feel you could help put these beds together,

Please contact Judy Huddleston



# SERMON NOTES

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