

HOPESTREET – Urban Compassion



Mission Partners – Spring 2008

Please Pray...

Director

- For God's wisdom and vision as we look at a strategic plan for the next five years, in particular engaging our local communities in the planning and continuing to connect our faith communities and community projects.
- For the right new staff. We are currently looking for two administration people and one in relationship and communications.
- That people will respond to Christ as we seek to live the gospel amongst them.

Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship

- Praise for 23 people going on the church retreat last weekend in August.
- Praise for the Street Breakfast on Sunday mornings, which has moved indoors with positive results. Around 150 people (mostly homeless) weekly share in the breakfast, 10 church teams contribute to this
- Praise God for the wonderful way the Northside Baptist church have been working with children and youth associated with the church on Sunday mornings.
- Pray for a good community time and positive outcomes for the spiritual life of the church
- Pray for the church who is again having to move our worship place, because of relationships in the community.

Administration

- Pray for the team as they search for two new administration assistants.
- Pray for the finances to come that are required to operate our growing projects.
- Pray for the raising up of volunteers to assist with our increase in mail and other correspondence.

Woolloomooloo Community Development

- Please have in your prayers the homeless community as they are confronted by the local housing community to move out of the public space in Tom Uren place.
- Please pray for us as we try and work with the community to have compassion and understanding of why people who are homeless reside here in Woolloomooloo and to encourage a sense of community for all.

Urban Education

- Praise God for the many people who have come along on Urban Orientations and Walks over winter, and for the people who've gone on to volunteer with us.
- Pray that schools will begin to enquire and book in for HopeStreet Schools programs.
- Pray that people in our communities might be empowered through opportunities to share their stories with others through school, church and business visits.

Glebe Ministry & Community Development

- Give praise for a couple of new and returned volunteers who have enabled the Op Shop and Cafe get back on an even keel after a few months of uncertainty.
- Thank God for two people who are willing to come into Glebe and do some home visiting to some shut-in folk. Pray that they will become regular in their visiting and build good relationships.
- Thank God for the encouragement given to all in the community by our recognition in recent Local Business Awards. Thank God for the general air of celebration and increase in confidence that we can “do good things in our community” – which is part of our Church Charter.
- Pray for several people who are “occasional” church goers – they come when they can get out of bed, or remember at the right time. Pray that they will be prompted to come more regularly. Pray that our services will engage with people so they WANT to come.
- Pray for several local folk in serious financial difficulties. Pray for us and various financial institutions as we seek to give help and reorganise their finances. Pray that these people will be able to meet necessary repayments and still have enough to live on.
- Pray for C who has recently come into our community and whose sister is dying in Queensland. Pray for her problems with alcohol, family unrest, and her own difficulties with faith as she seeks to put down roots and live peaceably in Glebe.
- Pray for those still suffering from severe mental illnesses and several who have attempted suicide recently and are now recovering. Pray for their ongoing care and support in the community.

2010 Ministry

- Pray for those who find themselves outside of the Church and making the first steps back may find a real and loving God.

Women’s Space

- Pray for our new co-ordinator Cheryl, that she adjusts to life at WS.
- Pray for our manager Heather, as she returns after her time off
- Pray for unity and support within the WS team as we face our busy period with Christmas
- Pray for all the women who attend the WS.

Employment Training Program

- Please pray for Simon and David as they interact with the program participants on a daily basis.
- Please pray for Rod as he settles into the new role of Business Coordinator.

The Terrace

- Please pray Sean and Joe as they seek to propagate a place of peace for the residents.
- Please pray for the residents that they will all get along as best can be expected, and that they will respect each persons need for space and privacy.
- Pray for the ongoing renovations to the house, that they will cause as little disruption as possible.

Inner City Gambling Counseling

- Pray for Rhonda who has returned after a long absence due to an injury. Although she has returned to work some hours she has another operation this week. We pray that goes well and that she recovers quickly. She is a great worker and we want to see her recover well and resume her work helping others and the service as a whole.
- We give thanks for one of our clients who received a suspended sentence in court after facing charges for a gambling related charge. He has gained great awareness of his problem and is determined to take responsibility for his bad decision and make positive choices for his future.