

# HOPESTREET - URBAN COMPASSION



## MISSION PARTNERS - AUTUMN 2009

*Please pray...*

### ***woolloomooloo baptist fellowship***

- Praise God for the people within our congregation who led services and maintained street church while Bryan and Heather were on holidays.
- Give thanks for the strong sense of community and participation.
- Praise God for the generosity of the Northside Baptist partners - gift of guitar, sound equipment and percussion instruments!
- Pray for the new children's program run by Northside partners during church.
- As always, pray for congregational members struggling with life issues.
- Pray for wisdom about whether to try and change the venue for our services.

### ***woolloomooloo community development***

- Pray for our new Homeless Connector employee, Sage, as she feels her way through the many issues involved with homelessness. This is only a 12month position and is already proving to be a great asset to our team, pray that we find a sponsor or funding to continue her position.
- Pray for the women on the streets to stay safe as there is little accommodation available for them and the streets can be very intimidating and violent.
- Pray for those families in the community that have bedbugs, and make their transition while the bugs are being eradicated smooth as possible.

### ***administration***

- Pray for the team as they take on additional tasks in the absence of a Director at HopeStreet. In particular budgeting and other financial matters, infrastructure issues, and IT coordination.
- Praise God that Christine has finished her probation period with flying colours, and has agreed to ongoing employment with HopeStreet.
- Pray for Brendan and the search committee as new roles are formulated and advertised in the area of Relationships & Communications.

### ***The terrace***

- Please pray for good relationships to continue between the current residents.

### ***2010 church plant - imagine***

- Give thanks for a baptism which will be happening in a couple of weeks for a first time believer, and pray for the effect this will have on the new believer's family, that they too may receive the Gospel.

### ***glebe community church***

- Give thanks for assistance given by Tim and Naomi in helping out while Julie was away on leave. Praise God for competence of Op Shop volunteers who kept the show on the road so well during this time, and Cafe volunteers who also took tasks to hand. Praise God for the community outreach of both these activities.
- Pray for the appointment of a new Community Development/ Pastoral Care worker as second member of the Glebe Team.
- Pray for Damian Ryall, our 2009 Intern who will begin working in Glebe mid February.
- Pray that various community ventures will be vehicles that not only educate and empower people but also draw them into the orbit of HopeStreet's spiritual outreach and that they see God's relevance to their lives.
- Pray for many people suffering ill health and the opportunities for pastoral care and comfort in these situations. Pray for recovery and lessening of their ongoing suffering as they face years of poor health.
- Give thanks for the publication of our "Glebe Community Cook Book" and pray that sales will be swift and numerous. Pray for the book launch and community celebration on February 27<sup>th</sup> at HaveAChat Cafe.

### ***women's space***

- Praise God that our new staff members are settling in beautifully.
- Renee has friends asking; "What do you need for Women's Space?" which is quite exciting.
- Thank God for the new women coming to the space and some who we haven't seen for a long time who are reconnecting.
- Pray for continued peace and joy in the Space and the staff to have wisdom when interacting with the women, knowing when or if to speak, ability to be fully present with the women as though they are the only person that matters.
- Pray that staff may give a tangible sense of God's love for His grown up "little girls".

### ***inner city gambling counseling***

- Give thanks for the positive accreditation process that continues to move forward for ICGC and the wider work of HopeStreet.
- Please pray for Sondra who has a close family member who is unwell.

### ***employment training program***

- Give thanks for the new contracts that Cleaners With A Mission have been able to take on over this past quarter.
- Pray for each person involved in the program that they would be empowered to keep moving forward in readiness for wider employment opportunities.