

# HOPESTREET - URBAN COMPASSION



## MISSION PARTNERS - SUMMER 2008

*Please pray...*

### *hopeStreet director*

- Pray for residents for Rawson House - our live-in missional community - for 2009.
- Pray for the right people for one or possibly two internship positions next year.
- Pray that people will respond to Christ as we seek to live the gospel amongst them.
- For God's wisdom and vision as we look at a strategic plan for the next five years, in particular structures that will sustain our staff, our growth and our focus on helping people meet Jesus in an authentic way.

### *woolloomooloo baptist fellowship*

- Give thanks for the supportive partnership with Northside Baptist providing help with children's ministry, music, equipment and homeless persons' breakfast.
- Give thanks for a settledness coming from location of worship in the BackShed cafe, and Street Breakfast in local community centre.
- Praise God for steady growth in individuals from Heather's counselling.
- Pray for continued sensitivity to involving all in gathering for worship.
- Pray for growth and significance of home-group in Woolloomooloo.
- Pray for preparations for traditional Christmas pageant (at least 18 years in this community).

### *woolloomooloo community development*

- Please pray for the Community Development team as they take on more and more difficult situations in the community; keep them safe and guide them in the best direction.
- Pray for the young people that are just starting their journey into hardship living on the streets, give them guidance to seek assistance and to not lose hope.
- Pray for more volunteers to assist us in the Op-shop and Creative arts space to get on top of the work in the spaces and keep them clean for the community.
- Pray for the community to come together and assist each other by building on their strengths.

### *administration*

- Praise God for Christine and Naomi who have both just joined our team.
- Praise God the faithful and generous support of so many people who believe in this work.
- Give thanks for the volunteer helper that is assisting Brendan in applying for grants.
- Pray for the Christmas Hamper Drive and the Christmas Appeal Campaign.
- Pray for our new team that we can complement one another well in our various roles.
- Pray for Christine and Naomi as they receive training and learn the ropes.

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

- Praise God for six or seven people who have recently completed drug/alcohol rehab stays and are now trying hard to maintain their new lifestyles. Pray for them to be able to continue as many of them have been down this road before and know how hard it is to maintain a new life. Pray for those who are quietly encouraging them in their efforts.
- Give thanks for increased number of customers at HaveAChat cafe and pray for the ongoing perception of the cafe as a safe place for all Glebe folk. Give thanks for volunteers and pray for them and HS Staff as they work together.
- Pray for continuation of fortnightly food hampers given out at the cafe as food becomes harder to source due to economic crisis hitting supermarkets and suppliers.
- Pray for several people whose lives are being changed as they have recently reassessed the financial aspects of their lives and had debts cancelled [Praise God!] or payments restructured - pray for future guidance and wisdom in similar matters.
- Pray for those receiving large government financial handouts - for wisdom in the use of the money, for those who will experience pressure to gamble again, for those who will experience family unrest as a result of this money being available to some and not others.
- Pray for us all as "hamper-time" comes around again and as Christmas brings its mixed bag of pleasure and pain to those who live in Glebe.

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

- Praise God for the new cleaning contracts that are working out well.
- Praise God for the cleaners who have recently been able to secure wider work opportunities.
- Pray for the team as they induct new cleaners into various locations, and invite new people into the program.

### ***inner city gambling and gatherings***

- Give thanks that the client file systems review was conducted and passed.
- Give thanks that the OH&S review was conducted and passed.
- Praise God for the great teamwork and cohesion amongst the gambling counselling staff and the 2010 ministries.
- Please pray for the gambling counselling service review in December.
- Pray for staff stress levels in gathering the required data for review.
- Pray for the current drop-off in cliental.
- Pray for those dealing with temptation, as financial crises tend to raise the frequency of gambling in an individual's life.

### ***the terrace***

- Please pray for the ongoing renovations to the house, that the bathrooms and bedrooms would be made more comfortable and accommodating.
- Please pray for the residents that have just moved on, and for the house as they seek new people to move in.
- Give thanks for the new dishwasher that has been provided just when the old one was on its last legs.

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

- Praise God for the monthly 'Sticky Issues' meetings that are building momentum.
- Pray for the core group of leaders to continue building and sharing the vision of Imagine.
- Pray for God's grace and truth to be known in the community in a way that breaks down barriers and invites people into relationship with Christ.

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

- Pray for peace each day as the women arrive and need time to off-load and share the chaos of their lives.
- Praise God for the support of particular churches and groups. The focussed interest is really appreciated and makes a real difference.