

HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion



Mission Partners - Autumn 2008

Practising
Justice, Compassion
and Hope for

25 years

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GIVE THANKS...

2008 signals twenty-five years of the hope of Jesus hitting the streets of inner city Sydney through HopeStreet. As NSW Baptists we own a ministry which is unparalleled in its niche across Australia. Join us this year as we Celebrate God carrying toward completion the good work he has begun in us. In the words of an old BICM prayer:

*Alleluia and Amen, we have come this far,
Lord lead us the next step of the way.*

Alongside the praise points indicated within each project area, I invite you to pause and give thanks to God for:

- the many people who have been involved with and supported HopeStreet over these 25 years;
- the many people whose lives have been impacted through this ministry;
- the leading and direction that has led to each ministry and project area being started and sustained;
- God's faithfulness and wonderful provision;
- the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Rev Colin Scott
Inner City Minister and Director

PLEASE PRAY...

hopeStreet director

- o For God's Spirit energising and enabling our work this year.
- o For new staff in employment training, urban education, and community development 2010.
- o For new projects: *Chrysalis*: Residential support to assist women moving out of the sex industry; *Raising the Roof*: counseling rooms to extend the counseling service to include a GP and psychologist; Supported accommodation for people with intellectual disabilities.

woolloomooloo baptist fellowship

- o Praise for the way the children have responded to the revamped Christmas pageant this year.
- o Pray for the patient and ongoing work with kids in this community
- o Pray for the community as it receives consistency of presence and love
- o Pray for members of our community who struggle with mental health issues.
- o Pray for the counseling that goes on though out the year, that people will grow in their sense of themselves and find sustaining peace through a grounded spirituality.
- o Pray for those who have a regular therapeutic massage which is calming and hopefully nurturing
- o Pray for our small groups; Home group, Strengths Group and our Craft group.
- o Pray for those who are making angel blankets ie. Blankets with symbols that bring good memories and a sense of comfort.

woolloomooloo community development

- o Pray for the two men who have just moved into their first home ever and they are absolutely terrified; pray that they will find peace and a home in their new spaces.

fundraising & publicity

- Give thanks for the generosity of our many supporters who helped us reach our target for this year's Christmas Appeal.
- Give thanks for the churches, corporations, and individuals who got behind the Christmas Hamper drive that enabled the distribution of almost 500 hampers to the homeless and less fortunate.
- Pray for Brendan as he plans many of this year's events and organises reports on project accomplishments from 2007.

admin

- Pray for Liz as she starts full time work with HopeStreet this year, that this will help with the growth of HopeStreet.
- Pray for the team as we continue the implementation of a new donor management program.

glebe community church

- Give thanks for the fabulous helpers from Ernst & Young and KPMG who finished hamper sorting and packing in record time.
- Give thanks for the life of Deb who died just before Christmas- and her funeral, and the family reunion and reconnections that occurred at the funeral. Pray for growing relationships and faith understanding amongst the family
- Give thanks for new volunteers from outside the Glebe area who are helping in different ways
- Pray for 2008 projects- Saturdays at the Op Shop with BBQ's; new look happenings in café first Sunday of the month; a new project with intellectually disabled young adults in the Glebe area; Bow Wow Pet Help Agency; new ideas for weekend activities to involve volunteers who are available on weekends only
- Pray for a large number of people with mental health difficulties that are persistent and from which they only ever gain a small degree of relief. These difficulties cause problems in relationship and communication with others, causing family and community difficulties
- Pray for a young woman from Glebe who has been given a scholarship to Bedford College for study in 2008. Pray for financial assistance for books and clothing, for perseverance in study, for success in mixing with other students and in academic results. Give thanks for the scholarship and the understanding of college staff.

the terrace

- Thank God for the harmony and peace in The Terrace, as the men learn to live in community
- Pray for some of the men who are struggling with their addictions, that they would overcome them
- Please pray for The Terrace to become a home like environment, that the staff can continue to make it comfortable (on a budget)
- Please pray for the New Year ahead, for health, wealth and happiness.

inner city gambling and gatherings

- Give thanks for the team in our counselling service and pray for our planning for this year.
- Pray for a successful outcome for our submission for further funding. We find out in March
- Also pray for all the problem gamblers that may decide on a new start and to get some help in this New Year time.

women's space

- Pray for peace at WS and end to ongoing violence over the past month
- Pray for current staff and volunteers, for their health, safety and well-being
- Pray for 'T' and her heavy drug and homelessness situation
- Thanks to God for supplies of food, toiletries and gifts over Christmas
- Pray for the right staff member to join the team and wisdom as we conduct interviews.

cleaners with a mission (employment training program)

- Give thanks that Dave has begun as the assistant with ETP, and pray that he settles in to the new role quickly.
- Pray for Simon as he follows up new contracts and reviews existing ones.
- Pray for applications that have been submitted to fund a new role within ETP.

2010 ministry

- Please pray for the church planting initiative, and in particular the start of home groups for the year.
- Please pray for the new counselors that are needed to meet the concerns of the Gambling Counseling service.
- Pray as the 2010 staff seek to translate the gospel into the wider Table For 20 and Campbell Street activities.