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Reaching another one for Jesus...



June 2006



Praise Points

Praise the Lord for the sale of our family home in Melbourne (subject to the cooling off period).

PTL for the purchase of a block of land in Redland Bay.

PTL for the special time Ashlee and Joshua have had in Melbourne with our home Church and family.

PTL John has been accepted at the Nazarene Theological College, and for the approved study grant for the next 18 months. This will be a big help financially.

PTL John's Arthritis has been under control since moving to Queensland.

Up & Coming

Intern from US coming for a week in June 06.

Recharge Weekend September 06.

Central Victoria Ladies retreat August 06.

Mission trip in January 07.

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord.

We certainly live in interesting times. With all the hype surrounding the current release of the movie "The Da Vinci Code" many are wondering if there really is a conspiracy plot. Scripture reveals that there are malicious spirit beings whose plan and purpose is to keep humanity in darkness by restraining them from coming to the knowledge that the Jesus of the bible is the way, truth and the life. In short Jesus gives eternal salvation to all who believe and put their trust in Him alone. His adversary the Devil is hard at work to keep humanity in the dark of this truth. Therefore a conspiracy has been active for millennia.

In this web link <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Agora/4229/cma.html> the writer, a Christadelphian says, "There is no reason to argue anymore". His perspective, like those in the sects, non-Christian religions and unfortunately some in mainline churches agree on the same things about Jesus. They all deny His deity and see Him as "just a good person".

After going through this article you will conclude, as I did, that there are more against us than for us, as Jesus promised, "in this world we will have trouble" (John16:33). True Followers of Christ are a minority and those in agreement against them seem to be working hard at unifying even loosely under this one common false belief that Jesus is just a prophet and not God.

Nothing has changed in 2000 years, as we read in Matthew 16:13ff

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven".

So what does all this mean for me as a Christian husband, father and missionary? Well it spurs me on to work all the more to speak God's words to my family and friends, spread the Gospel to all those I meet and to convey to the church the mandate and vision for Mission.

I feel so blessed to be on the winning side even though I know it will be a battle to the end. Praise God "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor 10:4-5).

Our News

In May Ashlee and Joshua went down to Melbourne, with air fares covered by our home church, the MWC (thanks so much guys). The church wanted them there for a couple of special events; one of which was the baptism of 2 young friends that they have been an encouragement to. They had a wonderful time. Sharon and I have bought a block of land. Now we need to find a builder to build our home. We have sold our home in Melbourne and feel blessed in the way everything is progressing.

In January 2007 we have a proposed missions trip to Europe. We are looking for 8 people who have a burden for the work in Europe to join us on this trip. Our daughter Ashlee would love to come and I could use the help so we are praying that her expenses would be met miraculously, as we don't have the funds to include her in the team as yet.

Our monthly pledges have dropped considerably and we have had to re look at our expenses. By doing some part time study I will be eligible for a study grant. Also the sale of our house and building up here will save on rent. We are praying that the pledges remain steady and do not drop any further. This will help us through till our ministry starts to show fruit and bring in the finances needed to sustain us in our new work.

PRAYER POINTS



Pray for Ashlee as she works hard at finishing her final year of high school and that she prepares well for all her exams in preparation for Uni next year.

Pray for (Stop press) it appears that our house sold in just 2 days. Pray it all goes through without problems.

Pray for wisdom as we work through the process of building our new home.

Pray for Eduardo, Joshua's mate from Milan, he may be coming to see us this July during his summer break in Italy.

Pray for John as he starts Bible College in July.

Pray for John as he prepares for the annual Recharge conference in September, he has been asked to take 4 sessions on evangelism.

Pray for our continued dialogue with churches and individuals interested in reaching the unreached in our locality.

Pray for Sharon as she prepares for her speaking engagement with CWCI in Swan Hill 25-27 August.
Pray for the planning of the next proposed short term missions trip to Europe next January.
Pray and enquire of the Lord if you're to be part of this trip, let me know and I will send you info

Thanks So Much...

Sharon & I want to thank you for your partnership with us in the Lords work of expanding His Kingdom.

May the Lord Richly Bless You.

John, Sharon, Ashlee & Joshua

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