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Reaching another one for Jesus...



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Dear Praying Friends

Greeting In The Precious Name Of The Lord

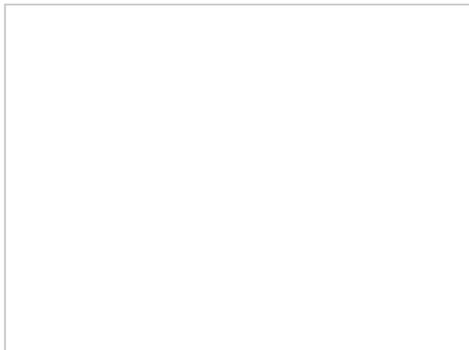
We do hope this news update finds you well. The Lord continues to amaze us in the way He is using us to share His love to the many who don't know Him. Let us share with you some of the highlights and news of the last 3 months.

Sharon's Speaking Engagement

The weekend woman's conference in Swanhill Victoria went really well. A big thankyou for your prayers for Sharon and her Mum Helen. It was also a blessing to have Shardi there with them too.

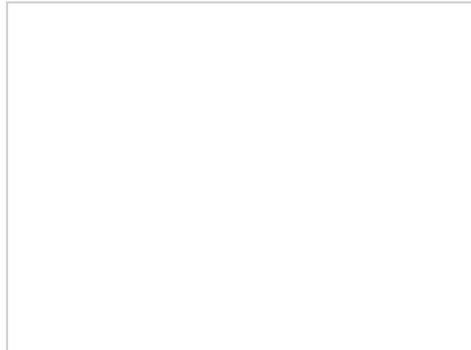
Both Sharon and her mum Helen shared their stories on the Friday evening, then on Saturday Sharon shared some insights from her mission journey. Helen spoke on "To know God is to love him", and "To obey God is to love him". Then on Sunday Sharon spoke on "willingness to serve God" and Helen spoke about "Jesus our bridegroom".

It was such a privilege to serve God in this way, and so special to speak as Mum and daughter. He is truly marvellous the way he uses us where we feel that we could never be used.



Teen Bible Study

Joshua has been attending to a guys weekly bible study since coming to Queensland. In the last two meeting we have discussed the topic of prayer. All of us were moved by the Spirit to be more committed to pray. It was a very special time to see all these young guys desiring to walk closely with the Lord. John has enjoyed getting together with the guys and encouraging them in their walk with the Lord. A few of them are very new Christians and are really keen to have conversation about God and learn more about Him.



Bible College

John has completed 2 of his 3 subjects for this term and has learned lots. He has really enjoyed being back at Bible College after many years and even though it is a challenge, he is learning lots and enjoying meeting new people and studying God's word deeply.

Youth worship ministry

Another exciting ministry that John is helping develop is a Friday night youth worship meeting. We are hoping it will also have outreach potential.

Recharge

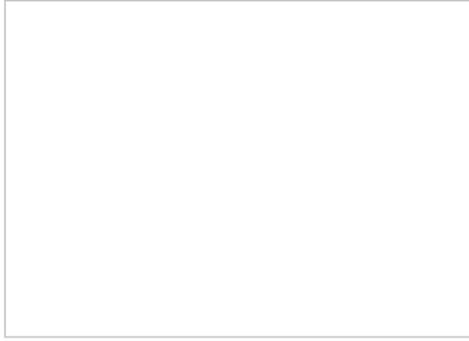
John is speaking at a weekend conference from the 22nd -24th September; it is a conference for young people. It will be a great time of meeting new people and ministry opportunities.

Missions trip January

Well, we are excited to be able to say that the mission trip that John has been organising looks like it just might happen. Praise the Lord. There are 6 people who have made a commitment, we need just one more to go ahead with the trip.

Introducing God

John recently commenced a training program with people from church who are interested in Evangelism. He will be leading them through an 8 week course called "Introducing God" by Dominic Steele. This will be helpful as we look to next year's outreach and church planting ministry in the Redland Bay area.



Family news

Ashlee's final year exams

Ashlee is coming to the end of her year 12 studies and will be very thankful when it is all over, it has been a very intensive study load. In November she has to sit an exam to get a score to enter University. She is loving being involved in the worship team at church and loves all the special friendships she has made since moving here. She has a part time job at Fasta Pasta.

Joshua has had a good year so far at school, he continues to develop his academic abilities and we are so thankful to the Lord for leading us to home schooling, it has been wonderful to watch him grow in his faith because of the constant biblical input through home schooling. He is playing soccer and loving it, their team is in the grand final.

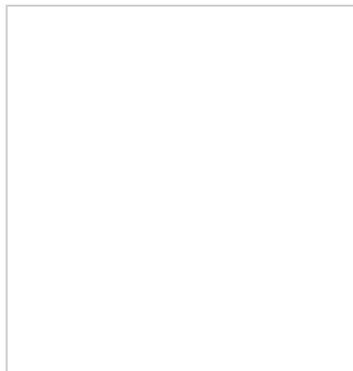
Dave and Shardi are well, Shardi is over half way through her pregnancy now, all is going very well and she has been able to continue to work in the pharmacy, for which we praise God. We are looking forward to having them up here with us for 10 days at the end of September. Dave continues to do a fantastic job with the youth at Blackburn Nth Baptist church where he is youth pastor. He has a real heart for the lost and the discipleship of young Christians. Shardi is still using her gift in singing with the worship team.

Nathaniel, Crisis Turned To Blessing

On Friday morning Sharon, her mum, and Shardi were to leave at 5:30am for their weekend speaking engagement. Sharon received a phone call from Nathaniel. He started by saying "don't worry Mum, but I'm at the hospital with a broken jaw".

He was out with his cousin playing pool when an intoxicated guy tried to pick a fight, Nathaniel walked away and the man attacked him from behind punching him in the face, breaking his jaw.

Sharon then had to leave for her weekend knowing that he was going to need an operation. He had a metal plate put into his jaw to hold it together and he was in a lot of pain. He came and stayed with us for a week in order to recover. Praise God that He brought good out of a bad situation, Up until then we hadn't seen him for 7 months. We had a wonderful time with him.



Prayer Points

Pray for the development and implementation of the vision for a worship ministry to the youth
Pray for John's ministry over the Recharge Weekend & College studies
Pray for that last candidate for the Europe mission trip
Pray for the teen group that is meeting in our home
Pray for "introducing God" ministry
Continue to pray for our son Nathaniel
Continue to pray that the Lord will provide for us financially as we minister in QLD.

John would like to make an appeal to those of you who would like to donate towards the January missions trip. write to Him or the Office for info.

Thanks So Much...

Thanks again for standing in prayer with us.

John, Sharon, Ashlee & Joshua

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