

# Life @theLakes

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*Lift your eyes and look  
to the heavens:  
Who created all these?  
He who brings  
out the starry host one  
by one, and calls them  
each by name"  
Is 40:26*

## Welcome!

to Life@theLakes. It is great that you could join us in celebrating the life God has given us. We are excited about what God is doing and believe He is shaping us into a community which restores hope and healing to our broken world,

one life at a time. Our heart is for all people to connect with God - Life - and Each Other ... It is our desire that you would feel at home and find this is a community where you can grow to your full potential, learning to love God and others the same extravagant way He loves you.



# Lift up your eyes



**“I lift my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the maker of heaven and earth.” Ps 121: 1-2**

**A**s I consider the way I live my life I am conscious that God has far more grace to give me each day than I even realise, expect or seek.

I wonder how much of my day, your day, is filled with existing rather than living life to the full the way we are made to live it.

Paul writes, **“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”**

2 Cor. 9:8

I wonder how many opportunities we have missed to bring glory to God because we had our eyes on our self and the things of this world, rather than on Him and His unlimited grace.

Jonah prays, **“Those**

**who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that COULD be theirs.”**

Jonah 2:8

I wonder how many times we have said no to things because we focused on our limitations rather than on God’s limitless grace.

James declares, **“We have not because we ask not.”** James 4:2

There is so much more of God’s grace for our receiving, if only we would see, expect and seek Him.

Often we are the biggest obstacle in receiving Gods grace.

Last month, along with about a dozen others from our church, I went to Hillsong conference in Sydney. On the last night there was such a powerful experience of God’s grace over the people. I could see it and sense it

for others, but somehow I was not personally connecting. I asked God about this and this is the reply I got, “Phil, I cannot fill people who are full of themselves.” So I asked God for forgiveness, got on my knees before him and acknowledged my total dependence on Him. As I did He lifted me up, opened my eyes afresh to His incredible grace and filled my heart with a fresh commitment to love Him.

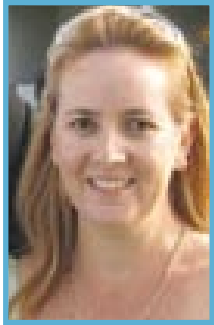
**But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”** James 4:6

Could it be we miss God’s grace because we are so full of ourselves and our way of doing things? God invites us to empty ourselves so we can be filled with Him and by Him.

Be filled to overflowing and go into the world.

*Phil Bignill*

# PNGMAF Conference



Wow what an eventful month July was... With Watoto, Alike Flodine, a team of us going to PNG, and others heading down to the Hillsong Conference in Sydney – it was a month to be encouraged, fed, ministered to and a time to minister to others.

Our trip to the MAF conference in Papua New Guinea was really exciting. Lisa Cossa – with some fantastic helpers did a great job of encouraging and equipping the kids that were there and Phil was really able to speak into the lives of the MAF staff. Although it was quite exhausting it is such a blessing and encouragement to us to be able to pray with and minister to these very special people who are

being the “hands and feet of Jesus” in a very dark place.... They also wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you for your continued support & encouragement to them through your gifts & prayers. It was so exciting to witness some of the families during their gift giving times and the excitement they had to be able to give as well as to receive - THANK YOU!

Angela Harding and I have the real privilege of being able to return to PNG on Thursday 3rd September until Tuesday 8th September. During this visit we will be spending some time just with the ladies of MAF PNG. We will be running 2 prayer retreats – “Water from the Well” - for the international women from the Friday – Sunday and then “Fragrant Offering”

with the PNG national women on the Monday. Please pray for us as we prepare for this weekend, as we seek God’s direction and wisdom of what and how to share with these very special women. Prayer is our life source and we want to encourage these women to seek God with all their heart, mind & soul and to KNOW JESUS!

When we depend upon organizations,  
We get what organizations can do;  
When we depend upon education,  
We get what education can do;  
When we depend upon man,  
We get what man can do;  
But when we depend upon prayer,  
We get what God can do.  
A.C. DIXON

Have a great month,  
*Julie*



# Who God is...



**H**i everyone,  
Well we are powering through Term 3 already with a great start at Kids Church!! Our Term plan is titled: "God of Wonders" and each week the children (all the age groups) are looking at who our God is!! Our aim is that our children KNOW the character of our Father in Heaven. That they will know His glory - that He is all wise, all loving, all powerful. That He is faithful, holy,

just and the creator of all things!! That No matter what tests or trails come their way – nothing will change who He is!!! The children planted sunflowers on the first week – so look out for our beautiful garden just near the hall!!

**SHOOTING STARS –** please keep your eyes out for our Shooting Stars

program (Ages Baby to 3yrs), as we are taking steps right now to start up this program again early this Term. WE have some very exciting plans that will be put into place over the next few weeks – so please pray that God will bless this special ministry!!

*Sharon*



## KICK START



**Date Claimer**  
**Discipleship and Training for**  
**10-16 yr olds**  
**Sunday 16th August**  
**Time:**  
**3:00 – 5:00pm**  
**Place: Church**



# What is a Suburban?



**H**i all,  
In the last year or so we have been working on a SUBURBAN/LAKES model for our youth program. By Lakes we mean the venue (at church) and by SUBURBAN we mean we break the big group up into small groups and meet in homes in the suburbs. Most of the young people love the SUBURBAN nights and I think it is because it is a small group setting.

### Why do Suburbans?

Here are some reflections that may help everyone understand why, no rocket science here, just observations.

SUBURBANS are really fun! SUBURBAN groups

represent all of the values that I think make church fun: They are Real, Relevant, Relaxed and Relational.

SUBURBAN groups are intimate. It's in our SUBURBAN groups that the young people share deeper. It's in these groups that students take time to lift each other up, to encourage each other.

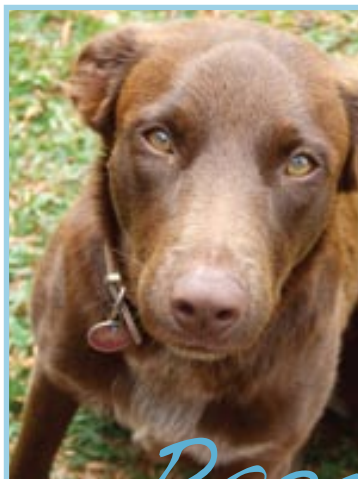
SUBURBANS are safe. In our groups the young people can be who they really are. In a large group setting, it's easy to hide behind a mask; in a SUBURBAN group, those masks are left at the door. In a SUBURBAN group a nerd can be a nerd, a jock can be a jock and nobody needs to apologize for it.

SUBURBANS are helping the young people grow. Believe it or not, young people are capable of spiritual growth. This growth happens best when questions are asked, thoughts are expressed, lessons are experienced together and their faith is made real. SUBURBANS are a great opportunity for this to happen.

SUBURBANS are a messy, frustrating and painstaking endeavour. It's much easier just to lump everyone together for another game night or lecture-style sermon. SUBURBANS take big effort, but they really do make a big difference!

Blessings

*Walter*



Redlynch Suburban





# August

## Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9.30am New Series <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Phil Bignill</b> 5.30pm FHL Organic	<b>31</b> 6.15am Prayer for Children					<b>1</b> 9.00am Prayer at Church
<b>2</b> 9.30am Lift Up Your Eyes <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Dave Wilson</b> 5.30pm FHL Organic	<b>3</b> 6.15am Prayer for Children 8:30am Prayer at Church	<b>4</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9.30am Koala Kids 12.00pm Ministers Network	<b>5</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9.30am Koala Kids	<b>6</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9.30am Koala Kids 6:00pm Worship Practice 7:30pm Pastoral Leaders meeting	<b>7</b> 12.30pm Sparetimers 5.30pm Gecko's 7.30pm Y Zone	<b>8</b> 9.00am Prayer at Church
<b>9</b> 9.30am Lift Up Your Eyes <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Dave Wilson</b> 5.30pm FHL Organic	<b>10</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 8.00pm MIG Meeting	<b>11</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9.30am Koala Kids	<b>12</b> 6:00am Prayer at Smithfield 8:30am Prayer at Church 9.30am Koala Kids	<b>13</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9.30am Koala Kids 6:00pm Worship Practice	<b>14</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 5.30pm Gecko's 7.30pm YZone	<b>15</b> 9.00am Prayer at Church
<b>16</b> 9.30am Lift Up Your Eyes <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Walter Harnisch</b> 3.00pm Kick Start 5.30pm FHL Organic	<b>17</b> 6:15am Prayer for Children 8:30am Prayer at Church	<b>18</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9:30am Koala Kids	<b>19</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9:30am Koala Kids	<b>20</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9:30am Koala Kids 6:00pm Worship Practice	<b>21</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 5.00pm Edge Hill School Fete 5.30pm Gecko's 7.30pm Y- Zone 7.30pm DestinyRescue	<b>22</b> 9.00am Prayer at Church
<b>23</b> 9.30am Lift Up Your Eyes <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Liam Bradford</b> 5.30pm FHL Organic	<b>24</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church	<b>25</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9:30am Koala Kids	<b>26</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9:30am Koala Kids	<b>27</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 9:30am Koala Kids 6:00pm Worship Practice	<b>28</b> 8:30am Prayer at Church 5:30pm Gecko's 7:30pm YZone STRENGTH – Men's Conference	<b>29</b> STRENGTH – Men's Conference

### Regular Weekly Activities

- Sunday Service & Kids Church 9:30am
- Sunday 5.30pm Faith, Hope, Love - Organic
- Prayer & Worship at Church 8:30-9:30am each week day
- Koala Kids Play Group in Hall 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
- The Meeting Place (Prayer) Wednesdays 8-9pm
- Adult Life Groups Tuesdays and Wednesdays - see following page.
- Geckos 5.30pm Fridays in Hall
- Worship Practice 6pm Thursdays
- Youth - Yzone 7pm Fridays in Church

# Want to Connect?

Sometimes it can be a struggle to connect meaningfully with one another in a large gathering and often we can feel isolated. Finding a place to belong in a Lifegroup will draw you into a close knit, caring community where people know, love and support one another. Being in a Lifegroup involves meeting together weekly in homes where people can make natural connections in a small group best suited for them. It's an ideal way to become part of an environment that nurtures authentic Christian community, biblical teaching, and on-going discipleship.

## Join a LIFE GROUP!

**A place to find:**  
**Friendship**  
**Acceptance**  
**Prayer support**  
**Christian values**

## Lifegroups 2009

Location	Leader	Host	Night	Contact details
Kanimbla	Nadine O'Farrell	Chris Loudon	Thursday 7:30 pm	0409 721 576
Whitfield	Colleen Birrell	Colleen	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4032 4806
Kanimbla	Luke & Sarah Palmer	Luke & Sarah	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4034 1282 0403 393 397
Brinsmead	Campbell & Janine Smythe	C & J Smythe	Tuesday 7:30pm	4058 2849
Kanimbla Heights	Nadine O'Farrell	Nadine O'Farrell	Wednesday 7:30pm	0409 721 576
Kanimbla	Nadine O'Farrell	Chris Loudon	Thursday 7:30pm	0409 721 576
Woree	David and Marianne Shliahov	David & Marianne	Monday 7:30 pm	0415 872 797
Redlynch	Thomas & Mel Pashley	Thomas & Mel	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4039 0699
Redlynch	Rohan Morrell	Des & Penny Grummitt	Wednesday 7:30 pm	0417 372 146 (Rohan) 4039 3108 (Penny)
Stratford	Grant Dixon	Rick & Pat Green	Tuesday 7.30 pm	40551886 (Pat) 0411 799 717 (Grant)
Ladies KYB Mooroolbool	Faye Barrett	Faye Barrett	Tuesday 9.30 am	4053 2002
Ladies KYB Redlynch	Noelene Morris	Noelene	Wednesday 9.30 am	4039 2030
Ladies Whitfield	Julie Bignill	Julie	Wednesday 9.30 am	4032 0804

# Prayer Place



A W Tozer once said that 'what we believe about God is the most important thing about us.'

I wonder what image you have of God. I read recently about three general categories that people tend to put God into - a kindhearted grandfather, a simple old guy who smiles and laughs and delights to give good gifts to his loved ones, a stern policeman, someone who is a strict and sometimes mean killjoy with a long list of rules that must be enforced, or a cosmic repairman whose purpose is to fix life's problems when called upon to help.

Maybe none of those categories exactly fit your

image of God, but it got me thinking that the way we have been brought up and the



experiences we have had all contributed to the image we have of God. And it made me realize that the way we see God, determines whether and

how much we want to get to know him. After all who wants to have a relationship with a stern policeman, and who takes a kindhearted grandfather seriously!

None of us have a complete image of God.

Is your God too small? Too powerless?

Too unloving?

Then don't give up on him, give up on your image of him.

If we read the Bible with an open heart, prepared to allow God to reveal himself to us, and as we spend time in prayer listening to who God tells us he is, we will get to know more of his true character and nature. And we will be in awe - because he is truly an awesome God!

*Angela Harding*

## Sharlee is one of the Missionaries Centenary Lakes supports.

Below is an extract from her newsletter and thank you note (box):

### What to Learn from Each Other

Recently with my colleagues, I travelled and taught groups in different training centers. Those who attend are experienced workers who have been in ministry for 10-20 years. We had lots of laughter - sometimes different dialects and cultural groups coming together can be quite amusing in their interactions.

Coming to spend a month in the training centre was rather like their ongoing learning and retreat from their busy ministry. Nevertheless they maintained the lifestyle of getting up at 4am every morning to pray and read the Word together. It was hard to keep up with them, but for them, it seemed the most natural thing to do. When I asked how many services they preach on Sunday, they told me that it would be the whole day. When it came to the Scripture reading and hymns, these brothers' magnetic voices were loud enough to reach the sky. I guess that one

had to be moved by their contagious spirituality.

Though we may share some biblical and historical knowledge with these people, I find that there are an awful lot of things that I cannot teach my Asian colleagues. I cannot teach them about prayer and commitment. I cannot teach them about devotion or the way of the cross. I cannot teach them about suffering. Rather, they have a lot to say to me in these and many other areas.

### Too Old or Too Young?

Never think that we are too old or too young to be in ministry. During my recent trip, I met a professor from another country who has been doing this sort of itinerant teaching ministry since his retirement in 1986. Guess how old he is now? 86. Everyone calls him 'Grandpa L'. He can hardly walk without a stick and someone's help. Yet he flew to different parts of Asia frequently to conduct systematic teaching. He left his comfortable

home and family in the west and came here alone, so he can do more frequent travels. He said to me, "Till now some leaders still claim that Mary, Matthew, Mark and Martin Luther are brothers and sisters. There is a great need for bible teachers here. You have come to the right place." When I asked him when he would eventually retire, he laughed, 'I know a pastor who is 88, still running for the Lord. I got another couple of years to catch up with him.' Wow, it is so good to be encouraged by someone who ran the race ahead of me!

If you think 86 years old is pretty far from you, what do you think of a 25 year old young man planting 7 churches within five years? The church started with 8 uni. students and gradually expanded to over 600, with 6 full time workers. Most of them are new believers. I can read from their youthful and enthusiastic

faces that God is doing new things raising a new generation of leaders in this nation. Nevertheless their cries for help are loud and clear: "How can we pastor others if we are not pastored? All of our co-workers are at the similar level and we are desperately in need of teaching and mentorship. Can you come and help?"

Well, if the age of 86 and 25 don't strike you enough, what do you think of a 17 year old young man in my class already leading a church and preaching three

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Just a thankyou note to the church. GIA office just sent me a report showing that your church made a pledge with an increased amount. I am so encouraged by this. Would you pass on my appreciation to the church. Thank them for the part they have played. I in fact just returned to HK after speaking in a mission conference. Very encouraged to see how people responded. We serve a great God!

Blessings,

*Sharlee*



## Centenary Lakes Christian Community in Partnership with Edge Hill State School.

### ONE CHILD ONE HOUR ONE CHURCH ONE SCHOOL

**T**his month I thought I'd share a couple of stories with you all – one local and one national, collected from Kids Hope Mentors...

### LOTS OF LAUGHS

Submitted by a KHAUS Coordinator

One of our mentors has been working with Jason since the beginning of our program. There have been some ups and downs and a number of mood swings and yet there have also been lots of laughs and good times together. The other day Jason was at the office and again would almost certainly be having a few days off school due to poor behaviour. Enter the KIDS HOPE AUS.

mentor - just in time to witness the ordeal. When Jason saw her he pleaded to be allowed to spend time with her, saying "She is the only one that likes me". Now, that possibly is not quite true, but for this little man KIDS HOPE AUS. is making a big difference.

### WOW

Written by one of OUR KHAUS Mentors!

A few weeks ago I was watching my 'Mentee' participate in School Sport, the Principal came to find me – obviously very excited! He told me that Amy had just been to the office to ask for something and had been very polite and happy – this was a shock to all in the office as Amy's visits don't often follow that

pattern! He said that they can really see a

difference in her and link it to her involvement in Kids Hope!

I was privileged to read Amy's reflections on Term 2 and nearly cried when I saw she had written that a highlight was making a special friend – me! It's amazing – but it seems that one caring adult spending one hour covered with prayer with one child each week really can make a difference!

This term I hope to recruit more mentors and run another training day as the school keeps asking for more!! There is a real need for male mentors as well as females as many of our kids are lacking a good male influence in their lives. To be involved please see me and we'll start the application process!

*Lisa Cossa*



## PNG MAF Kids Program Report

**T**hanks to all who prayed for the PNG MAF conference and the Kids Program.

We had a great time with the kids as we explored what it means to “GET DOWN & STEP UP”. Our aim was to encourage the Kids that they have a vital role in God’s Family and they are a part of His plan for these times.

Our Father wants His Kids to Get Down on our knees in Prayer for it is only then we can Step Up to be all He wants us to be.

We were inspired by Kids in the Bible who were used by God in amazing ways – often leading the way for even the adults around them. We looked at the prayer that Jesus gave his disciples when they asked “Lord teach us to Pray” as well as heaps of other things the bible has to say about prayer. We shared some great worship times and generally had HEAPS of fun!

It was great to have the teenagers involved in leadership - to see them

stretch their wings and have a go. It was really special for me with this being the 3rd year I have been able to be involved – there were only 4 kids that I didn’t know – so we were able to pick up where we left off last year! The highlight for me was the opportunity to continue to grow RELATIONSHIPS with kids and their families knowing that it doesn’t end with the conference – that’s really special!

*Lisa Cossa*



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times a day? I guess that no matter how old we are in these earthly bodies, when we share the same heartbeat of God, there is no more age, generational and cultural gap. We are brothers and sisters of each other. We are here to build

the kingdom together - not because we are capable of something, but because we share the same life in us - the life of Jesus Christ, that enables us to do the incredible and the impossible. ■

## DESTINY RESCUE SUPPER

Come along to Centenary Lakes for an evening of coffee and cake, great local music, and the chance to learn more about *Destiny Rescue* and raise funds to help support their vital work.

Where: Centenary Lakes Church  
When: Friday 21st August  
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Special Guest Speaker from Destiny Rescue - Damien May plus Belinda Butler playing live.

There will be a donation bucket at the door so please give generously and let's join together to end child sexual slavery & poverty forever.

There will also be jewellery for sale with all profits going directly to Destiny Rescue.



## A WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN?

One million children are enslaved into the sex industry each year. Children that are orphaned, abandoned or living in the grip of poverty are easy targets for those who seek to exploit them. DESTINY RESCUE sets out to:

- Empower the Poor**
- Protect the Vulnerable**
- Rescue the Sexually Exploited**
- Restore the Abused**
- Be a Voice**

Join us for a FREE information night, with great entertainment and supper on

Friday night, 21st August 7.30-9.30pm.

A chance to GET INFORMED and offer a hand of HOPE.

**For more information- please see Karen Boyd or Belinda Butler.**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD update

In our June Newsletter we explained what "Operation Christmas Child" was all about. Please check it out if you missed it.

Since then a sample display of what can go in the gift boxes has been set up in the church. If you would like to take part please fill in the clip board on

the display asap. Boxes can be purchased for just \$1.00 and you can start collecting. If you have any questions please ask.

Remember, these children only ever get one gift in their lifetime and you can be the giver! Will you help put a smile on a child's face!

God bless you in anticipation.

See Noelene Morris, Sheila Neale or Carole Aargesen for more info.



# Small Group Training

A group of us embarked upon a 10 week course that laid foundations for running a small group. Run by the experienced Glen Mollenhauer and Phil Bignill our group was able to gain insight and a better understanding of the core

concepts behind a small group. We looked at topics such as group dynamics, communication, conflict resolution, team building etc. Throughout the course we were encouraged to jot a personal road map

in the areas that we had studied and build upon the skills and techniques we had learnt. This gave us all an

opportunity to discover things about ourselves and apply the new skills in real life.

This course is a great path in building your own skills along with developing others within your particular group. In other words a must for those looking into leading a group or for those that are currently leading a group. Not only insightful but enjoyable as you push your own boundaries in discovering new heights in small groups.

*Luke Palmer*



## **Saturday 12th of Sept – 7:30pm**

A Celebration of the living God that was, is and is to come.....

UNITE is a public celebration of the living God and an opportunity for the churches in Cairns to come together and join in Prayer for the youth of our region, the nation and the world.

This event will feature live music, dance and multimedia that will express the truth and joy of our faith.

Thank you and see you there

The team of 'UNITE' 2009

## Phil Sexton Testimony

From the age of 21, I was working for the one airline, quietly moving up through the ranks. I had what was considered a 'job for life'. It was more of a way of life, with stability & security rarely known in employment these days. Not many people left voluntarily. I had thought about it. Maybe my skills could be better utilised in mission aviation? There were vague plans for the distant future, but God had other plans. He often does. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD". (Isaiah 55:8 NIV)

In 2005 whilst in command of a flight, I became incapacitated. The reasons for this could not be confirmed and I was

forced to retire on medical grounds nine months later. Our world was turned upside down. There were plenty of questions, but not many answers. Thankfully we knew God cared. There was a reason He was allowing this, we just weren't sure what it was. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28 NIV)

Amazingly, within six months I had my licence back and I was ready to fly again. But who would employ me? Still more questions; uncertainty was a constant companion. We sought God and His will during this time, certain that He had a purpose behind our waiting and after another six months, a job opportunity opened in Hong Kong. We rejoiced. We gave thanks. However during this time of waiting God was revealing His will for us – to always live responsive to Him despite our circumstances. In the midst of uncertainty it isn't always easy to do.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess 5:16-18 NIV)

Another six months of uncertainty followed as I waited for a medical clearance in Hong Kong, training and working, thankful that I had the full support of the airline. Meanwhile at home my family waited, expecting to be moving to join me, but unsure of exactly when. The airline then unexpectedly failed. Back home again, we began the familiar process of waiting for God's leading. During this time He sustained us. It was still an incredibly hard time, but God was faithful, providing for us, meeting all our needs. He told us He would. "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19 NIV)

God allowed another five months to pass before I secured employment again. This time for a new airline, based in Cairns. We resisted moving our family

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to Cairns. How long would this job last? Eventually with reassurances we moved in January this year. Three weeks later I was made redundant. Now what do we do? We felt God had led us to Cairns, especially into the community at Centenary Lakes. We were embraced and accepted, supported and encouraged. We felt His arms of protection around us. "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." (Proverbs 16:9). We had planned a course. God was determining our steps.

We decided to put family & community before security in employment. We would stay in Cairns long-term

despite not having secure work. God continued to test our faith as we sought a house to rent. We missed out on house after house. Then, with time running out, He asked us to confirm our commitment to stay through needing to sign a two-year lease to secure a house. We signed and the day after he signalled employment for us - this time with Air Niugini, based in Cairns. Both the house and the job were so much better than we could have imagined.

Jesus said: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NIV)." Jesus is saying that for us, trouble is guaranteed! However

he didn't leave us without hope. He went on to encourage us to always look to Him in times of trouble. He has already overcome. In Him is the victory! A friend of mine taught me this truth: There is no problem big enough that the closeness of Jesus won't fix. So... "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12: 2-3)

*Phil Sexton*



We – as a church family are running the Hot Chip Stall once again. This is a great opportunity to serve this school in a very simple but effective way. We are in need of volunteers to help cook and sell the chips. If you are able to help in this way (even if it is only for an hour) please contact Sandro or Lisa Cossa on 4053 7219 or email [snlcossa@internode.on.net](mailto:snlcossa@internode.on.net)

Thank you.





**Cancer Council**  
Queensland

On behalf of Cancer Council Queensland I am writing to thank you for your generous support of the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea held at our Centre on 28th May 2009.

I am extremely pleased to see that almost 240 people supported the event. In total \$11041.00 was raised for Cancer Council Queensland.

Thank you once again for your support in making this event such a success.

Yours sincerely,

Donaleen Simpson

Hostess: Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

## Notices

### Position Available - Volunteer Capacity - ChildSafe Coordinator

ChildSafe is a Safety Management System for children and young people. The ChildSafe program will help us create a culture of safety for children and young people. ChildSafe assists the ChildSafe Coordinator to assess safety issues and grant permission for appropriately planned programs to proceed. ChildSafe Coordinators sit within a chain of accountability and support and a range of information is provided to assist Coordinators to undertake that role. For further information please contact Mel in the Church Office.

### Finance Report

Average weekly offerings for the last 4 weeks = \$7,454 (Budget \$6,250)

#### **Giving Thought:**

*You don't give for God's sake: You give for your sake. "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives" (Deut 14:23 TLB)*

## Attention Men

### Cairns Mens Conference

28th – 29th of August 09

#### **"Strength 09"**

Speakers –

Ps Fergus McIntyre, John Wedrat and Steve Davies

Cost – TBA

(in 2008 it was about \$40)

Where – Generations Church,  
Kewarra Beach

### Morning Tea Roster

2 August	Lyn G, Alrena, Jim & Margaret
9 August	Beth T, Luke & Sarah, John C, Lisa C
16 August	Rosie & Rod, Carole A, Sheila
23 August	Robyn F, Liz C, Fay B, Kathy L
30 August	Dianne, Michelle, Coleen & David, Jill & Kylie S

### Cleaning Team Roster

1 August	Yetwan & Dean, Charlotte & Michael
8 August	Smythe Family
15 August	Robyn S, Sheena & Hamish
22 August	Harding Family
29 August	Robyn S, Jill S, Lou Mc



Greetings from Watoto!

Thank you for your generous donation to the work of Watoto in Uganda, East Africa.

We were able to donate \$3751.50 raised during their concert here at Centenary Lakes.

*From David Shliakov...*

Thank you to all of you for your help and offers of help for hosting the WATOTO children and all the help and effort that went into making the concert as successful as it was on the day. The children had a wonderful time and it was great to see so many new faces in the church. We really appreciated everyone's flexibility with the various program changes we had and your willingness to help out in unexpected and unplanned ways. So thank you again and take heart that the small roles we played over the couple of days in June may have a significant impact in the lives of the children that we had contact with, hopefully many other children back in Uganda and the people that attended the performance.





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