

## WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE

Now, I'm only guessing here, but I believe you have been in this kind of situation before. Not only does it all seem impossible, the pain seem unbearable, with nothing good on the horizon, but you could swear this was déjà-vu, and you'd been here before, and not that long ago.

This is the crux of the human condition, we get into troubles all the time, and after the hundredth repetition, we're still surprised and asking the same question - why me? The really interesting part of course is that - whatever our faith or lack thereof - we still expect an answer from someone outside of ourselves as we cry upward in anguish. That's right of course, at the depth of our despair we cry out to God - our Maker, our Saviour, the Lord Almighty.

While my situation this week was not as dramatic as I have made out so far - I can certainly draw some parallels here. This week I was at work, with bad bronchitis, and facing a new role that would require more skill than what I am confident I currently possess. Deja-vu! Rewind to July 2008, first day on the job, with bad bronchitis, I'm told I will have a total of two weeks training to begin specifying a product of which I have no prior knowledge.

You can bet I started praying pretty hard this week, just as I did back in 2008. The answer back then was - I imagine similar to now. Over the past few days of thinking, praying, and discussing this opportunity with Johanna, I can now see the "Why".

God's best work is done, when he gets to start from the ground up. Take away all the ego, pretence, confidence, physical stamina, let all else rest on His mercy, wisdom and grace. Cry out for strength, thank Him for a new direction, and thank Him for how he is about to use you, to glorify Him, in whatever the situation you find yourself.

Whatever happens in the coming weeks, I know that I will not be alone, I won't have to rely on just my human mind, or my frail human body. Whenever there is a problem too big to solve, or a task too daunting to begin, I know I will have that flash of inspiration at precisely the right moment, and feel that gentle urging forward.

As a we encounter these moments of anguish as Christians - we all have this in common - we have a mighty and powerful God, who loves us, and wants us to serve him in whatever situation we find ourselves. All we have to do is trust in him, and we "...can do all things through him who strengthens.." us. Phil 4:13

Gareth Lewis

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Welcome

We welcome you this morning and hope and pray that your time with us will be spiritually uplifting and fulfilling. We look forward to seeing you again.

### CampING 2010 - The Gospel is for All

Did you have a good campING? What were some outstanding moments for you? Was it during one of the lessons where a truth became clearer for you? Maybe it was Tim's retelling of the "Blue tick hound" story? The fellowship? Watching Tim Tabaluja being told, "Love ya, man", about 7 times in 5 minutes? Watching God's timing unfold as elements of the camp came together? Meeting our Sudanese brethren again? Let's thank God for camp.

On behalf of 'Team Bazaar', thank you for bringing the snacks and souvenirs and providing the cultural experiences for the Multi-cultural night. Your generosity in giving is much appreciated. I loved all the colourful costumes that people wore, representing their heritage. Thank you to the Lazarevs, Snells, Hoois and Bee Ling for wearing their traditional outfits. Special mention too for all the football supporters who wore their colours. What a lot of fun and praise God that we could raise over \$2500 to assist the spreading of God's word and work in Papua New Guinea. This is a once a year donation that we make as a congregation to the work in PNG.

Tim kept repeating how blessed he and his family were to be at campING. Seriously, we were the blessed ones to have them teach and dwell amongst us. Thank you Alan and Debby for recommending the Talleys.

Tim firmly believed that missions are borne from our conversion experience. When we honestly meet God, we cannot help but be changed by Him, thus propelling us into a life of devotion to the one true God. Tim encouraged us to not give up in spreading the good news; that reaching out to people is also seen in serving them and finding meaningful ways to relate to them. What did you take away from camp this year? How have you been changed since the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?

God bless you as you crowd around Him. Luke 5:1  
Nancy

### Congratulations Tim!!

Great news - yesterday Timothy Tabaluja was baptised around 6pm, in our bathtub at home. Needless to say, Pauline and I are thrilled to bits and thank God for his wonderful, behind-the-scenes work. Thanks also to all of you who've interacted with Tim, taught him in numerous Bible classes, encouraged him, prayed for him (Tjing has been doing this everyday) - it does take a village to raise a child! Benny & Pauline Tabaluja

### Marvin Ancell still in hospital.

It was looking like Marvin would be discharged today however overnight, he developed some severe foot and referred pain. He has been transferred to the Coffs Base Hospital. They thought it might be a clot however this has been ruled out at this stage. A recent hairline fracture has been diagnosed in his R foot about 9 days before the surgery but the pain seemed to be gone by the time of surgery. He's been on some morphine for the pain. Hopefully the Orthopod team can make some sense when they see him tomorrow. His surgery however has gone well. Could everyone remember Marvin in their prayers.

Thanks for your kindness - Jenny

### L.P.G. (Ladies Prayer Group)

Do you need refueling during the week??  
Interested in joining a group of sisters in Christ for Prayer/Devotional Group?

Where: Belmore Road church of Christ,  
When: Fortnightly. Our first meeting for 2010 will commence on Thursday, 18 March @ 9.30am, and then we will meet on the **2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month.**



## NEWS AND NOTES

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(Please mark in your diaries: 8 and 22 April, 13 and 27 May, 10 and 24 June, 8 and 22 July, 12 and 26 August, 9 and 23 September, 14 and 28 October, 11 and 25 November.

Our final meeting for the year will be on 9 December).

What: We will be lead by Melba Abney.....on Thursday, 18 March.



If you have further suggestion on what the Ladies at Belmore Road can do to share in fellowship please contact Richard and Sally-Kate Hooi – 98505582 or [vhappyhoois@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vhappyhoois@optusnet.com.au)

## Prayers Please

- Pray for the improved health of Pauline's sister Ann in Singapore
- Continue to pray for Hannah's health
- Pray for Sonia's mother, Mdm. Zheng
- For the health of Diedre Taylor's family
- For all our mums with young babies
- Our pregnant mums Ainz, Sophie, Paula
- For the continued health of Andrew Penhall
- For Amber Drew as she settles in at STAMP
- For the Talleys as they return to Tanzania
- Pray for the Sudanese congregation at Chadstone

## People Movements

- Welcome back to Ruth Xu
- The Rowleys are away in Northern Victoria until Thursday
- Welcome back to all of our international students

## PEARLY GATES



## For the Record

## 7th March 2010

Contribution: \$903.00

Attendance: English 109, Chinese 12.

Camp Service Attendance: English - 109 and Chinese – 12

attendance for 21st Feb - English : 108 and Chinese : 14

## March Birthdays

Analene Forbes	1st
Rob Permezel	1st
Ron Smith	5th
Trevor Baker	9th
Tjing Krause	10th
Chris Permezel	11th
Alan Rowley	11th
Jessie Lin	14th
Leonie Smith	13th
Jerry Lin	18th
Mervin Lawrence	23rd
Tony Lu	28th

## Spiritual Birthdays

Tim Tabalujan	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
Analene Forbes	1978
John Cooper	Mar 1970
James Chan	Mar 1989

## Wedding Anniversaries

Vera & CK Lim	10th March 1973
Ainslie & Stephen	12th March 2004
Jenny & Marvin Ancell	25th March 2000
Rhonda & David Tabe	27th March 1999
Alice & Nicholas Merigoux	30th March 2002

We are on the web  
[www.belmoreroadchurch.org.au](http://www.belmoreroadchurch.org.au)

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Belmore Road church of Christ is a God centered, Bible based family that provides a nurturing environment to share God's truth in love.



In Jesus and through his spirit, we foster and encourage spiritual growth and understanding, offering friendship and help to those in need. We reach out to all, starting with those who are seeking the truth, people in our local community and those who we meet in our daily lives. As we have come to know God's love, we reach out and share His love with others.

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**WORSHIP ROSTER MARCH 2010**

Mar	Greeters + Assist LS	Announce (Op+CI Prayer)	Songs + Assist LS	Lord's Supper	Reading + assist LS	Sp Prayer + assist LS	Preaching - "The Sermon on the Mount"	Sun Adults' Class - "The Cross - Reflection on God's Redemption"
07	Charles H John B	John C	Richard H	Gareth L	Cedric L	Jimmy F	Tim T	CampING
14	Charles H John B	John C	Richard H	Gareth L	Nic L	Ash C	Bob A	Bob A
21	Charles H John B	John C	Scott C	Ian C	David W	Roger D	Bob A	Peter R
28	Charles H John B	John C	Scott C	Ian C	Francis H	Cedric L	Bob A	Peter R

**Mid-week**

**Discovery Groups**

**WORSHIP ROSTER MARCH 2010**

Lord's Supper	Luncheon Duty	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning
Marissa Carpenter	N/A (Camp)	Debbie Carpenter Sarah Chan Sonia	Pak Tjun C. John C.	06 - CampING 13 - R. Hooi 20 - Ruth & Nancy W 27 - Forbes