

Sundhu Sundar Singh

One of the more unusual men to come out of India in the early part of the last century was a man named Sundar Singh. He was a Sikh who converted to Christianity and spent the rest of his life preaching to the Sikh people of Northern India and to the people of Tibet. He made several speaking tours abroad, spending time in England and Australia.

When he was converted, he was banished from his home and family. He had been raised in the loving care of his mother up to this time and retained a very special place in his heart for her. It was she who had him schooled in the local Presbyterian school there in India.

For most of his formative years he was deep devoted to the Sikh way of life and thought. When he did convert, his father banished him and even tried to poison him. He survived and continued to reach out to his father. In latter years, he was instrumental in his father's conversion to Christianity.

He is most famous for his preaching trips into Tibet where he reputedly, established a few, small, congregations. But his main claim to fame, in our way of thinking, is as the author of the words to that simple chorus song "*I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*". This was the song that he sang as he entered villages in Tibet, announcing him as a Christian, even though he wore the saffron coloured robes of a 'Sudhu', a man who is to be honoured in Tibet and Northern India as a high holy man. He would sing this song as he walked along, in the language of the people where he was walking, announcing his intentions and his belief vocally and loudly. This is why the song has its particular Hindustani melody. It is the melody of announcement, used with different words to declare the purpose of the holy men of that area.

He was the first 'Christian' preacher allowed into Tibet, and one of only a very few who have been honoured by both Tibet and India as a very special and significant person.

The area where he was able to preach has today congregations of the Slymanon District Presbyterians, a group who preach a belief in autonomous congregations, with full immersion baptism for the remission of sins. They are still active, in albeit an underground manner, in all of Pakistan, Northern India, and in rural China. Another of this group is a man named Eric Liddell, who was a missionary to China in the 1930's and 1940's and immortalized somewhat in the movie, "The Chariots Of Fire". The Slymanon District Presbyterians were very close to the thoughts of Alexander Campbell and Richard Haldane when they studied in Glasgow University.

L. M. Ancell

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.

Koinz 4 Kidz Today

Yes today is Koinz 4 Kidz, so let's fill up those collection buckets.

Sizzling Sausage Sizzle

Last Sunday's Sausage Sizzle was a sizzling success with \$368.00 being raised for Amber Drew's PNG STAMP trip. Thanks to all those who helped, particularly Chris Campbell who cooked over 150 sausages.

Jumping Juniors

The jumping juniors had a fun time hanging out with hanging in. It was great to see our teens playing games, eating pizza and just having fun with 10 of our jumping juniors kids. Thanks to our teens, Luke and Beth for a great night.

Ladies Over The Table

Ladies, grab your calendar and plan to join us for "Over the table", on Sunday, July 25. Salad greens will be provided, so bring your favorite salad topping to share. We will eat together, have a short devotional period and make decorations for the upcoming India banquet. We will meet at 4:00 at the church building and be finished around 7:00. Hope you can join us. Catherine Donnelley is in charge of crafts, Debbie Carpenter in charge of the meal.

Sunday, September 12, we will meet at the Carpenter's home to make beaded bookmarks. We will have a meal together, create, design and fellowship.

Join us at 4:00 at 4A Bright Street, Brighton East. Please bring any tools you have to cut or shape wire (jewelry making tools) and a Salad topping. Call Debbie with questions.

Singing Night

The next singing night will be held at Jules' Cseszko's home 7pm on Sunday, 25 July at: 12 Koroit St.

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Ph: 9894 8218

Bring a song if you want - and someone else, if they're so into singing. They'd come out on a winter's night for it.

Thanks be to God for the rain.

See Nancy for more details.

Bollywood Night

As you may be aware, on the 7th of August at 6.00pm at the Church Building we are having a fund raiser to help the 8 children we currently support in India! If you have spoken to Chorlian, you can imagine, this has been a significant sacrifice by all who are looking after their physical and spiritual needs!

Please be considering who you can invite to this event. \$50 per adult and children free... includes

- Dinner (provided by Lentil as Anything)
- Bollywood dancing (taught to us for free by a community minded group of Indian women)
- ...and of course great fellowship

Needless to say a lot of preparation is going into this and your support in attendance and in selling tickets will be appreciated. Please let The Donnelleys or Charlie know how many tickets you will need

Camp Revive

Set aside 24-26 Sept for Camp Revive at Candlebark Farm. We will look at 'Jesus love: God's way of changing me and then the whole world'. Want to see into God's heart and His mission? George Little from Sydney will do the bulk of the teaching. We'll be blessed to have Amber Drew teach the girls. Come along and find out!

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See Peter Randall, Nancy, Charlotte or Ruth for more details.

The Church Library

Our library is about to reopen, could you please look on your shelves, peer into your cupboards and groper under your beds. If you find any of our library books please give them to Leone Smith or Marissa Carprntr. We are currently adding over 40 new books. Thanks to all who have donated them.

Leone

Cleaning Volunteer Needed

We're looking for a family to volunteer to clean the building on 21 August. Please let Ashley or Charlotte know if you can do this.

Cordless phone unit with 3 handsets to give away

We've got an old Uniden cordless unit to give away. It's based on DECT and it's not WI-FI friendly. Please drop me an email or SMS 0407 821 897 if you want it.

Pak-Tjun

People Movements

- Welcome back to those who have been travelling including the Francis Hoois, the Chins, and Peter Randall
- The Drews are in Gosford visiting with Amber
- John Cooper is at the MSOBS Lectureship in Sydney

- The Rowleys are in Sydney this weekend
- Alex Lazarev is working in Russia for a short while

Prayers Please

- For our Elders and Deacons
- For our search for a full-time worker
- For our new babies, Sam (Auld), Mackenzie (Ibbetson) and Eden (Jackel)
- For Tim Tabalujan - recovering from a dislocated shoulder
- For Hannah's health
- For the Sudanese congregation at Chadstone
- For Brian and his wife Ann Humphris (Luke Humphris' parents) in your prayers. Brian is recovering from an operation to remove a cancer.

PEARLY GATES



REPORT ON THE WORK IN COFFS HARBOUR:

TWELVE THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING, PRESENTLY

- We have varying levels of contact with 35 different people every week. Some of these are older Christians, some are new Christians, and some are studies and or contacts that we are developing. Some are direct-open bible studies and others are “studies in development”. Please pray for all of these souls as we continue to work and to grow with them. This is a good indication of the networking that we have developed over the last 2 ½ years. Networking is the start of friendships and all of our evangelistic endeavours are based on some element of friendship evangelism. You do not convert and maintain long term relationships without good foundations in friendship and communication within the group. Everyone is seen as valuable and important to the whole of our love.
- We are meeting once a month on Tuesday evenings and writing cards of encouragement and consolation to people for whom we have a bit of knowledge of their circumstances. Some of these are in the church and some are just friends and neighbours or acquaintances of some member of the congregation.
- We eat together every time we have a meeting of the church, just as did many of the New Testament church. We take a share these meals with those who are needy as well as the members of the congregation.
- We have free movie nights where every member is to bring along a friend and we sit around and have a meal together and share the movie of the evening. It is all free and it is used to build a foundation of friendship for the future.
- We are writing and publishing a small paper that goes to people that we know who need encouragement. This is a small paper, with very short articles that are designed to build positive bridges with people. We are able to leave this paper in doctors’ offices, if they agree, and to hand out in the hospitals. {We are very careful that these articles are not written to preach, but to encourage, with a contact point where people can then get in touch with us.}
- We serve up a “Christmas in July” meal for the patients who have been in the psychiatric ward of the hospital, where Jenny works. We also do give away days, hampers to the needy, and any other benevolent works that we are able to handle. (We have helped hold a wake for a community member who was a friend of one of our members.)
- We have started a ‘telescope ministry’ where we have purchased a good telescope by which we can look at the stars. We are going to use this ministry to open doors to the Aboriginal community’s children. We will then talk on the subject of “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”. This can be used as well to teach at schools on the nature of cosmology and the conflicts that exist between the various theories regarding the de-

velopment of the universe. {Needless to say, but our approach will be to substantiate the Biblical view of God being the designer and chief engineer of the cosmos.}

- We have a goal of letter-boxing the whole of Coffs Harbour three times per year, depending on the number of workers we have available for this work. We write the brochures, and we do the printing. This is done so that we are as aware as possible of the needs and concerns of those in the community. Community awareness is a very significant thing.
- We have a printed prayer list that everyone gets on Sunday. When we come to services, we relate all of the prayer needs that we are privy to, have one of the members use a small portable printer, print them up and distribute them to every person there. As answers to prayers come we duly note them and remove them from next week's prayer list.
- Marvin is free to go to an allotted amount of away preaching / teaching opportunities each year. These will vary from simple pulpit swaps to teaching at STAMP and MSOBS to missions that need to be held in different places. This is limited in number because the primary goal is to build the congregation in Coffs Harbour.
- We are currently setting ourselves up to have two additional workers come and assist us in the planting of this congregation. They are Sam White and Satish Samuel and their families. These men will be focusing their efforts on the Sikh community, the Sudanese community, the young families and the youth of the area.
- We are trying to keep everything as positive as possible at Coffs Harbour. We are there to serve people, and most importantly to serve and worship God in a manner that is based on the whole New Testament and with a love and a total surrender to Jesus as Lord. (This is the main theme that we preach, thus avoiding dogmatic-stagnation.)

Members / Contacts / Studies

1.	Marvin Ancell	19.	Helene
2.	Jenny Ancell	20.	Trish
3.	Judy Bebe	21.	Hazel
4.	Colin Bebe	22.	Susan
5.	Heather Cox	23.	Garry
6.	Dennis Yealland	24.	Karen
7.	Noeline Ensby	25.	Roy
8.	Quentin Duffy	26.	Sue
9.	Lexi Duffy	27.	Nicole
10.	Tommy Duffy	28.	Richard
11.	Daphne Riccobono	29.	Darrel
12.	Sarah Tomlinson	30.	Axel
13.	Kyle	31.	Brigitte
14.	Jessica	32.	Denise
15.	Annette	33.	Robyn
16.	Lorna	34.	Prasan
17.	Roz	35.	Jenny L.
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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 JULY 2010

July	Greeters + Assist LS	An-nounce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs + Assist LS	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp Prayer + Assist LS	PREACHING (THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL - EPHE-SIANS)	SUN ADULTS' CLASS (BOOK OF PSALMS)
18	Charles H Ash C	David T	Tim M	Ian C	Doug M	Peter R	Benny T	Steve B
25	Charles H Ash C	David T	Tim M	Ian C	David W	Gareth L	Benny T	Steve B
Mid-week	Discovery Groups – The Ephesian Letter							

DUTY ROSTER JULY 2010

	Lord's Supper	Luncheon Prep & Cleanup	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning (weekend of)
J U L	Bethany Burgin	Cath Campbell Charles Hooi Hannah C (H)	Kate Burgin Jo Drew Chorlian	Trevor B. Benny T	03 - Permezel 10 - Forbes 17 - 24 - Ana C & Nancy W 31 - Sonia & Ruth Xu