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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is distributed semi-regularly via email, with Church News. It contains recent updates from Australian Christian Churches (ACC) field workers, and other ministries, that we as a church prayerfully and financially support. All content is provided to Life UC, with limited proofing/edits.

If you have any comments or questions about content, please send an email to lifemissions@lifeuc.com.au.

Regards
Sara Hodgson, Life Missions Coordinator

OUR FOCUS

Our church theme for this year is 'Make Room' and the key verse is from Matthew 6:33: "Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. Then all these less important things will be given to you abundantly."

For Life Missions, we are focusing on Making Room for Missions in our daily lives. We can do this by regularly and intentionally:

- **PRAYING** for the field workers we support
- **GIVING** to missions and special projects
- **GOING** locally and internationally, and
- **BELIEVING** for the salvation of others.

THIS MONTH'S LIFE MISSIONS UPDATE

In this month's Life Missions update, we will be hearing from Danielle Bate about our local missions' outreach, Canberra City Care.

Canberra City Care (CCC) provides practical help for people experiencing financial hardship. CCC has grown from small beginnings in 2001 to a busy community hub that offers low cost food, clothing, IT equipment and debt management to around 300 families every week. CCC now operates with the assistance of around 50 amazing volunteers and works in close relationship with a variety of community organisations within the ACT.

CCC's low cost food service, HandUp, has been involved in distributing between 200 and 400 Christmas hampers each year since 2010. Filling a hamper is a great, practical way to be a blessing in our local community. Check out the flyer for more information about how you can get involved.

**CHRISTMAS
COMMUNITY HAMPERS**

The Canberra Relief Network will be providing essential food items to families this Christmas. Canberra City Care will be offering households a complementary hamper filled with special Christmas treats as well as gifts for adults, teenagers & children.
Please join us in filling a hamper and buying a gift.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING	HOT CHOCOLATE/MILO (small tin)
GRAVY	CUSTARD
LOLLIES (no chocolates)	PANCAKE MIX
JUICE	RELISH/CHUTNEY
TUBE OF CHIPS	BONBONS
JELLY	GIFTS OR \$25 MOVIE VOUCHERS

Filled hamper bags and gifts can be dropped off at Canberra City Care during opening hours (Tues - Fri from 10am - 4pm) or at Life Unlimited Church during Sunday Services.

Contact: manager@canberracitycare.org for further details.

SOUTH ASIA – ROBERT & RHONDA

Hello Friends,

We trust you are well, including those in lock-down in Victoria!

Recently Robert took on the part-time role as Director of a self-funded new department at Alphacrusis College, The Centre for Intercultural Dialogue and Engagement (CIDE). This can be carried out remotely whilst we are in South Asia, and is partly to contribute towards the criteria for Alphacrusis becoming a University. The Role includes:

1) Intercultural Engagement: Both in the Sydney region and overseas, facilitating intercultural activities between Alphacrusis and other faiths.

2) Supervising Higher Education Inter-cultural Field Research: This currently includes a Doctorate student and others who will do Field Research in Indonesia and other contexts. The hope is that some of this research will result in a book providing the key aspects of how local communities have been transformed throughout South Asia.

3) Business Diploma: We are currently pursuing the possibility of the Vocational Training Program at the Campus in our local community being accredited with Alphacrusis College.

In all of these activities, it will mean a closer connection between the work in South Asia and Australia, with the possibility of South Asian Pioneers being sent to Sydney and beyond.

AIA Summit 2021: Mostly due to restricted International Travel, the AIA Summit March 2021 will be online. (This will be the first time in 12 years not gathering in person.) This will have some distinct advantages, with a number of students being able to share their stories and testimonies direct from Boarding Schools throughout South Asia. We will send you more details soon.

Despite the limitations of COVID, the number of new disciples amongst communities throughout South Asia has continued to increase.

Family News: A special announcement! Our daughter Emily (24) recently got engaged to David Fitzpatrick (25), a great Christian guy who Emily has known of since her time at University of Wollongong. David & Emily plan to get married on the 8th May 2021. Due to the COVID related Border controls in Australia, it is difficult for us to leave and return to Australia. This means we will return to South Asia after David and Emily's wedding in mid May 2021.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

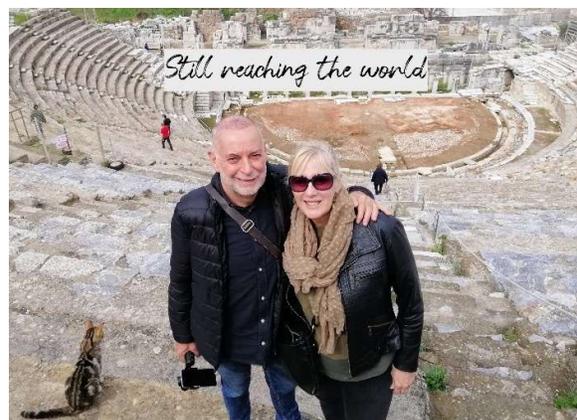
Blessings to you all,

Robert & Rhonda

VIETNAM – PAUL & DEB HILTON

MINISTERING IN A COVID WORLD

God spoke to us very clearly and said, 'What you have done so far, I now want you to multiply. Pour out your experience to others across nations.' Through the blessing of technology, we have the opportunity to bounce fresh God ideas around with others who are keen to see nations reached. Spending time with these fabulous world changers, we get to strategize, encourage, refresh and dream with them for the season we are in and for the seasons that lie ahead. This Covid season is a season. We need to be intentional about the season that is upon us and be aware of what God is saying to each one of us during this time.



LIFE SKILLS

Fiji – Last year, Bek Windsor and Deb had the privilege of training our Lifeskills program, FLOURISH, to several women who serve in other nations. One of the women trained was the AOG Women's leader for Fiji. She is reaching thousands of women in her nation. Last week she began running FLOURISH with her first group of young women. See pictures of some of these beautiful girls.



NORTH ASIA – In the midst of COVID-19, one of our FLOURISH facilitators, along with her newly trained team, ran two FLOURISH courses with 26 students. These students not only loved the course but gained newfound confidence in who they were created to be. One girl shared how she had not experienced joy for a long time, but as she went through each session, she began to open up and release burdens that she had been carrying for years. The course impacted her so much, she now wants to become a facilitator of FLOURISH herself. For security reasons, we cannot show photos.

COVID-19

We are aware that COVID-19 has been, and continues to be, a difficult season for so many. Be assured that every morning we spend time praying for you all. We pray that you sense God's strength and presence within you. That you know He will never abandon you, that He loves you and will provide for you in every season.

Thank you, friends, for being on this incredible journey with us to see lives become whole, ministries advanced and nations built.

Love
Paul and Deb

NORTH ASIA – ROSS & DONNA

SUMMER CAMP

Our team have just finished a 10-day Summer Camp for the children in the community where we are working. The highlight for the children was to star in their own video. Our production team worked with them and taught them many skills about acting and video production. On the last day of the camp, the parents of the children were invited to attend the premiere of the video. This was a great time for our team to connect with the local families.

STUDENT ENCOUNTER

We are still in Australia waiting for borders to open so we can get back on the field. We were invited over for dinner recently by our friends. They often reach out to North Asian students studying in Australia, and they invited two young North Asian students for dinner as well. One of the students, Jay, had studied many different religions and believed that all religions were good and led to God. We had a fairly robust but friendly discussion with him about Christianity and he had many questions. After we arrived home, I wondered whether we might have come on a little too strong, so I send a text to our friend and asked her. She replied, "Thank you so much for ministering to Jay. He was actually quite teary after you left. He said everything he thought he knew had been turned upside down!" Thank you, Jesus!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Health and safety for our local team.
- Our plans to return to North Asia when the borders open.
- The families of the community where we are working – for open hearts.
- Ross as he writes leadership development material for the North Asian church.
- The North Asian church as they navigate through this difficult time and are salt and light to the nation.
- Mentoring of Ben, a young North Asian leader.
- Jay and other North Asian students studying in Australia to find Jesus.

Thanks again for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry to North Asia.

Blessings,
Ross & Donna

VIETNAM – KELVIN & REBEKAH WINDSOR



We have been able to continue to help those in need as a result of COVID-19. Recently we were able to assist 52 rural families with some essentials to help get them through isolation. Your generosity is making a big impact here in Vietnam. Thank you all!

MISSIONS GIVING SUPPORT

Paul & Katrina Gliddon – Cambodia
Ross & Donna – North Asia
Paul & Deb Hilton – Vietnam
Robbie Housen – Mozambique

Josh & Belinda Groves – Lesotho
Robert & Rhonda – South Asia
Kelvin & Rebekah Windsor – Vietnam
Pan Asia Conference – Thailand

If you like to give to missions by Direct Deposit, please identify your support as 'Missions' to the Life UC bank account (Bank: NAB – BSB: 082906 – Account: 49449 4548).

Cam on! Ke a leboha! Khop khun ka! Au kun!

Life Missions Director – Ps Sean Stanton