

A Ministry that shares the Gospel by reaching out to the poor, the homeless and the marginalised people of Sydney, telling them the good news of Jesus

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Inner City Ministry

I was recently thinking about the importance of the commission that God has given every believer. That we should be salt and light to the world in the location that he has placed us. Every time the Word goes out a seed is sown for Jesus. Every time we show love and compassion towards someone that person can get a glimpse into the heart of God and His character is revealed to them. We are so blessed to have received the knowledge of our great God and Saviour Jesus because Jesus tells us that this was once a mystery,

“But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.” Matt 13:16

This gives us encouragement to go into the world and share with others how our eyes and ears have been opened to this mystery. *‘The light shone into the world but the world did not understand it’ John 1:5*

Very often the light that we share can pull a person from death to life at that moment. At a recent breakfast in Belmore Park a young women named Sally (not her real name) asked for a coffee and sat down. She had a black eye and was quite bruised. We sat with her and proceeded to engage in conversation. She was very upset and disclosed that during the preceding night two men had attacked and robbed her. She continued to share about her life’s journey. Her mother had been a prostitute and her father a violent man. She had lived a life of drug addiction. We prayed with her and asked God to give her peace and reveal his love. During the prayer she was physically touched by God being overcome with shaking and tears. She then disclosed that before the prayer, she felt so much hate in her heart towards her two assailants that she was planning to find them, kill them, and then kill herself.

However, after prayer she cried with joy saying God had washed away her hate and hurt and given her a heart of peace and forgiveness towards her attackers. She said that she had never experienced such peace before and no drug had ever had such an effect. She asked for a Bible and we encouraged her to pray to God, read the Word and to fellowship with God’s children. Sally’s encounter with God that day saved her life and probably the lives of her two attackers. Please pray that Sally moves forward in her journey with God and pray also for her assailants.

As it is written: *“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”* Romans 10:15

Logan



Threads of Hope

Lalor Park Op Shop

Apart from running an Op-shop, there is ministry to do.

Henry is one of a number of people that I have been doing ministry with.

He is on the verge of being kicked out of his rental property. Henry has been through a separation from his wife and children who now live with his wife.

Unfortunately, both Henry and his wife are suffering from mental health issues.

Henry lost his last job due to depression and he struggles with just getting up out of bed and leaving the house. Just getting to the Op shop is a challenge for him. Henry is a believer and really needs a miracle to move him from his current circumstances. So we ask you to please pray for a miracle for Henry.



John Crawford in the Op shop

The retail sector is struggling and that does not exempt our Op-shop, where things are very quiet.

We are still doing the normal things such as the mini food bank, providing food for the local school who provide breakfast for hungry and disadvantaged kids as well as running the Op Shop.

Our volunteers are also having some struggles.

So please pray for us.

John Crawford

Lakemba Book Table and BBQ (South West Sydney)

We meet a broad range of people every Thursday morning. Everyone is loved by God, whether they are rich, poor, homeless or just lonely. Regulars also come and sit and have a chat as well as those who we meet for the first time.

Many share deep and personal stories that enable us to pray for them.

We provide for their physical needs through a halal barbeque and tea and coffee as it is a diverse multicultural community that we serve.

This week we gave out a lot of scriptures mainly in Bengali, Arabic and English. As we give out these scriptures, mainly New Testaments, we explain to them who Jesus is and what the New Testaments contain, with a request to come back and see us, so we can answer any questions they might have.

We have a little book called “Jesus the Bridge to God” which simply records the story of Jesus with illustrations. Many find the Bible and other books too much to read, but this little book is a big hit. (Written by Murray Marks, who also wrote “Jesus the Man who came from God”)

We also have scriptures in many languages. Some of our volunteers are Christian Arabic speakers who can engage with those who come in their own language.

We particularly value our volunteers, some of whom were previously Muslim and now want to share their new faith in Christ.



2019 Christmas Party in the city

The Upper Room - (Our Sunday meeting venue at the Salvation Army premises) wound up 2019 with a very successful Christmas dinner. About 130 people came on the day and enjoyed a special meal provided by volunteers. We are very grateful for our volunteers who helped on the day with setting up and clearing up also to those who provided music and a special message for the day.

Thanks also Eternity Café Town Hall for the supply of Coffee cards that we were able to distribute. We were also blessed with 130 Christmas hampers and 130 hygiene packs that were generously donated.

We look forward to ministering to those who attend the Sunday services again this year. and praying to see many lives changed .

Volunteer numbers are steadily increasing and bringing their God given gifts with them.



A Franciscan Benediction

(quoted in Phillip Yancey's book
"Prayer- does it make any difference")

May God bless you with discomfort

At easy answers, half- truths, and superficial relationships

So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger

At injustice, oppression and exploitation of people.

So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,

So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and

To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness

To believe that you can make a difference in the world,

So that you can do what others claim cannot be done

To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it." you shall love your neighbour as yourself" Matt: 37-39



Martin Place on a Saturday night waiting for coffee and sandwiches





JESUS CARES GALA DINNER

Jesus Cares is holding its Annual Fundraising Dinner on

Saturday night 30th May 2020 at

The Novotel Hotel, 350 Church Street Parramatta.

Start 6.30pm with dinner served at 7pm

Guest Speaker -Nick Farr-Jones A.M.

Nick attended Newington College where he played in the schools 2nd XV. He went onto study law at Sydney University and made the University's 1st XV at age of 18. He was selected to play in the Wallabies in 1984 debuting on the Grand Slam tour of the UK and Ireland. He played 63 tests in an amateur rugby career for a decade captaining the Wallabies to win the 1991 Rugby World Cup. He Captained a world XV in 1992 in 3 tests against the All Blacks celebrating New Zealand's centenary of rugby. In ducted into the Australian and international Rugby Halls of Fame and awarded an Order of Australia in 1992 for services to rugby. Nick recently served as Chairman of New South Wales rugby for 5 years standing down in 2015.

Nick is married to Angela and they have 4 children ranging from 17 to 26. He was a lawyer for a decade before moving to Paris for four years when he joined the French International Bank, Societe Generale. He returned to Sydney in 1999 and headed the Banks mining finance team for a decade before joining the private equity group Taurus Funds Management who invest and lend globally in the mined resources sector. Nick has been a Director of the NRMA, a Councilor of the city of Sydney and a Senator of the Sydney University.

LIVE AUCTION Music by ONE FAITH BAND

To book go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for Jesus Cares .

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/jesus-cares-gala-dinner-tickets-78776020197->

For more information contact Elwyn Chapman 0418 610 845 or Logan Miller 0444 558 352

There will be an opportunity at the dinner to contribute to the ongoing work of Jesus Cares Ministry

Book early to avoid disappointment .Bookings will close 15th May



Praying at Belmore Park

As the weather gets cooler we would like to have a supply of clean blankets and warm socks.

Your contributions are appreciated. Contact Logan to discuss.



Meeting and Ministry Times Inner City Ministry

Breakfast for rough sleepers 7am to 8am .

Thursdays at Belmore Park Eddy Ave.

Saturdays at Belmore Park Eddy Ave

Van Ministry every Friday and Saturday night- Meet at the Ministry Centre at 5.30pm for food preparation, fellowship, praise and worship.

Sunday Afternoon Fellowship every Sunday Afternoon (4pm – 6pm), at the Salvation Army Street level Premises, 139 Crown st, (cnr Albion Street.) Surry Hills.(Above Salvos op shop)

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Proverbs 19 v 17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, He will reward them for what they have done.