

Dayspring Day

The PWMU Annual Children's Activity Day



Left: Joy Price, Martyn Archer, Jonathan Archer and Will Playfoot received medals for reading the Bible in a year. Above: Decorating 'life buoy' doughnuts.

Every year in the September School holidays, Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union (PWMU) holds a special day of activities for children on a missionary theme known as 'Dayspring Day'.

This year it was held on Wednesday, 24 September 2014. As usual, the venue was the Wycliffe Headquarters at Kangaroo Ground, where PWMU is able to have the use of a large room with adjacent lawn and garden areas.

Mrs Shona Archer was the organiser of Dayspring Day. Her nautical theme of 'Crossing the Seas' was amply illustrated in the room decorations, with pictures of ships, fake portholes, and a big net overhead with 'seaweed' and 'sea creatures'. Shona herself was

dressed as a ship's captain with some of her team dressed as sailors.

Around seventy children of varying ages were present, with parents, grandparents and interested others looking on. Dayspring Day is intended to cater for primary school aged children, as is the Dayspring magazine.

The aims of Dayspring Day are to introduce children to missionaries and mission work within the PCV and encourage them to support missionaries and develop good Christian principles. It does this by having the entire activity programme missionary focused.

The children were held spellbound as they listened to stories of boats, of missionaries who used boats in

their work and how God helped them in marvellous ways. They met characters who are present every year to encourage the children to be 'God's special missionaries'. Bible Bill (Jesse Cutler), Detective Dan (Ben Neilson) and Birthday Betty (Brialey Brightwell) encouraged the children to remember the missionaries on their birthdays. A memorable moment was when Bible Bill fell overboard and a rope was thrown to rescue him, so that he could then rescue others. This was in the context of William Carey's famous quote that all missionaries need those at home to be 'rope-holders' – supporting them in every way they can. The activity of

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decorating doughnuts as life buoys reinforced this. The stories and serious moments were interspersed with missionary themed games both indoors and outdoors, as well as short craft segments.

Several missionaries were in attendance at Dayspring Day. Mavis Price conducted a segment in which she gave an object lesson on teaching literacy in another language. At lunch-time the children were encouraged to collect an ink stamp from each missionary present they could find. Apart from Mavis, these missionaries were Dennis and Glenys Tranter, Janae Denness, Graham Hammond, Kara Dekker and Jayni Manners (who has been in Malawi with Orbus).

Each child received a show bag with a message to take home. This year they contained a liquorice strap to remind them to be rope holders, an activity booklet, sticker pictures, Bible verse craft and other things. Each family also took home a set of missionary cards with interesting facts about each missionary and their families that serve as a reminder and teaching tool.

The fun does not end on the day. The children are encouraged to work for medals throughout the year to be presented at the next Dayspring Day – reading the Bible in a year and/or by achieving certain mission themed goals such as collecting stamps for PWMU to sell, reading a missionary biography and so on. Children were encouraged to pray for missionaries at all times as well as on their birthdays.

PWMU is blessed in having

talented people so willing to run this annual children's event. Our thanks go to Shona and her helpers, and to those of our missionaries who attended. Dayspring Day is an event that we pray will continue to have significance in the lives of children within our churches.

Please pray for this work, and for the leaders who run Dayspring Day. Pray for the children who attended, that the seeds sown may bear fruit in the future.

Esther Vayne
PWMU President

'Dayspring' was the ship that was used by missionaries in the early days of missionary service to the New Hebrides (now known as Vanuatu). This ship was bought with money given by children in Victorian Presbyterian churches. So it is appropriate to use that name for the children's magazine that is produced by PWMU in honour of that piece of history. Dayspring is produced three times a year.

Dayspring Day is an initiative that grew from this magazine.

Dayspring Magazine The Children's Missionary Magazine of PWMU

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Lecturer Needed: Vanuatu

APWM is looking for a full-time lecturer for the Bachelor of Ministry program at the Talua Ministry Training Centre, Vanuatu.

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Malvern PC Carols Service

*Sunday, December 14 at 7.30pm
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FELLOW WORKERS

Leaders equipped at Australasian MOPS Conference

CEO of MOPS International, Sherry Surratt, was Keynote Speaker at the 2014 Australasian MOPS Conference held at Stanwell Tops on 17-19 October. MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a non-denominational church-based outreach ministry operating in over 100 churches around Australia. One hundred MOPS leaders, representing groups in every State and Territory, attended the Conference. The Conference was a wonderful opportunity for these women to be further equipped for leadership by Sherry Surratt who is also author of the books 'Just Lead', for women leaders in the church, and 'Brave Mom – Facing and Overcoming Your Real Mom Fears', next year's theme book for MOPS groups.

Sherry encouraged Christian leaders to be brave about stepping into their area of influence – whether it's in the office, in their living room or in their communities. In each of her addresses, she connected with Australian leaders in a gently authentic way. On the theme of brave leadership, she encouraged her listeners to consider the courage of both Jonathan and his armour bearer in 1 Samuel 14. As leaders, we might be a 'Jonathan' who needs to step out bravely in God's plan and rely on God to act, or we might be an 'armour bearer', not signed up to be the front guy but one who supports and steps forward with courage saying 'I am with you heart and soul'.

Karen Dickson, Chair of MOPS Australia, said MOPS leadership Conferences are a great way of allowing like-minded people to connect, share stories and receive encouragement.

'The 2014 Australasian MOPS Conference was one such occasion. Women in various leadership roles came from across the country. Their vision for how they could have an impact in their sphere of influence was not only revived but expanded,' Karen said.

'Leaders are glad to know they are not alone, and many of our MOPS leaders were encouraged by hearing from their leader counterparts in other states. Hearing women share their stories of how God had grown them was beyond inspirational. God, through MOPS, has touched, encouraged, grown and matured so many women and their families.'

Mothers in ministry face some special challenges, and these leaders gave up much to travel across the country for a leadership conference. The trip and time away will have been exhausting for some but many have already reported being energised in terms of faith, marriage and leadership. The opportunity

to rub shoulders with their fellow MOPS leaders and come under the teaching of such a capable, godly woman as Sherry Surratt is invaluable.

MOPS groups offer a caring, accepting atmosphere where mums from church and community can develop friendships, share concerns and explore a wide range of subjects relevant to mothering and being a woman. MOPS groups run fortnightly with a program that includes hospitality, teaching, discussion, creative activity and opportunities for meaningful conversation. While mums have time for relaxation and discussion with other women, their children are cared for in the MOPPETS program. MOPS groups in Australia

and New Zealand reach over 3500 mums each year, including more than 1300 who have no other church connections. Many groups have waiting lists.

There are MOPS groups operating in the Frankston North Presbyterian Church (Victoria), Tuggeranong Presbyterian Church (ACT), and in Queensland in Capalaba Presbyterian Church, Dalby Presbyterian Church, Eternity Presbyterian Church in Helensvale, and Christlife Presbyterian Church in Toowoomba.

There are currently 109 MOPS groups in Australia represented in 19 denominations and some independent churches. There are 4,000 MOPS groups worldwide.



The purpose of MOPS is to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to reach her potential as a woman, a mother and a leader in the name of Jesus Christ.

For more information on MOPS or how to start a group in your church, visit mops.org.au or contact office@mops.org.au, 0413 693 274.

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Sadly, the history of the wider Christian church in Australia shows examples where leaders have failed to protect the people in their churches from abuse. The current Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is a direct response to such examples and highlights the changing Australian culture around issues of abuse in churches. The community's concern and interest in preventing abuse and caring for those around us who have suffered abuse is also reflected in the significant changes in government legislation and the much higher levels of compliance that churches are expected to respond to.

The PCV enacted a child sexual abuse prevention and response strategy in 1993 known as 'Breaking the Silence' and since the 2013 General Assembly of Victoria the PCV has formally adopted the Safe Church Policy and Code of Conduct. All people in positions of leadership are expected to understand and comply with these. Safe Church replaces the 'Breaking the Silence' policy and protocol across the PCV.

The establishment of the Safe Church Unit (SCU) aims to effectively implement the changes brought about by this. The SCU and the Safe Church Policy, Procedure and Practice Manual was officially launched at the General Assembly of Victoria in October of this year. The SCU consists of the Clerk of Assembly, John Wilson, and the Training & Compliance Officer, Mrs Fiona Bligh. The SCU is under the authority and oversight of the General Assembly of the PCV.

The PCV seeks to comply with government requirements and legislation in the area of abuse prevention and response. However this is not the main reason that the implementation of Safe Church is important. As Christians we want to show Christ's love and care for people - putting structures in place

to prevent and respond to abuse is a practical and effective way of doing this. The church has a calling from Jesus himself (Matthew 19:14) in regards to ministering the gospel and caring for children. Education in the response to and prevention of child abuse through Safe Church Basic Training will play a significant part in living this out within the PCV. Indeed the PCV seeks to not merely comply with legislation but rather go above and beyond to ensure that all the ministries to children in the PCV are carried out in such a way as

to do everything possible to protect the children entrusted to our care in ministry.

The SCU is responsible for the implementation of the Safe Church Policy and Code of Conduct across the whole of the PCV. Implementation includes providing the following services to the congregations, sessions, presbyteries, organisations and General Assembly of the PCV:

- assistance to congregations/organisations in matters of compliance
- education and basic training in Safe Church matters
- information and guidance in Safe Church procedures
- website provision – www.safechurchpcv.org.au
- case management
- screening for those who work with children within the denomination
- Safe Church record keeping
- support, information, advice and referrals for Safe Church matters
- establishment of compliance auditing throughout the denomination.

Developments in compliance requirements set by government and the increased scrutiny on churches in matters of abuse prevention and response mean that the launch of the SCU is ideally timed to assist the PCV in this area. The advent of Safe Church Basic Training in all presbyteries in 2015 means those people who work with children and/or are in appointed positions of leadership in the PCV will be better equipped to minister to children and others in a way that complies with legislation and best practice.

The SCU is here to help in relation to abuse matters within the church and welcomes any Safe Church related enquiries and matters. Visit the website at www.safechurchpcv.org.au for more information.

The Safe Church Unit is located at



Suite 4, 9b Salisbury Avenue, Blackburn and is open Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30am - 2.30pm.

The Training & Compliance Officer can be reached at any time by telephoning 0499 090 449 or via email safechurch@pcv.org.au.

New Criminal Offences Introduced

The Victorian Government has introduced three new criminal offences to further protect children from abuse. These new offences have serious ramifications for all people who are in leadership in churches and all those who work with children under 18.

The three new offences are:

- **a grooming offence** which targets communication, including online communication, with a child or his or her parents, with the intent of committing child sexual abuse
- **a failure to disclose offence** that requires adults to report to police a reasonable belief that a sexual offence has been committed against a child (unless they have a reasonable excuse for not doing so)
- **a failure to protect offence** that applies to people within organisations who knew of a risk of child sexual abuse by someone in the organisation and had the authority to reduce or remove the risk, but negligently failed to do so.

All allegations of child abuse are investigated by the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Teams (SOCITs) at Victoria Police.

These changes raise the expected level of awareness and readiness to act by churches in terms of prevention of and response to child abuse. The role of the Safe Church Unit is to assist the PCV in adapting to this new legislative environment.

These laws will be covered in the Safe Church Basic Training which commences in presbyteries in 2015. In the meantime the main message is that leaders and those who work with children are to treat concerns about potential or known child abuse with the utmost seriousness. It is better to voice concerns than to downplay them. The Safe Church Unit is here to help the PCV community with such concerns and can be contacted for help and advice.



Mrs Fiona Bligh is the Training and Compliance Officer for our Safe Church Unit.



FELLOW WORKERS

Changes to the Victorian Working With Children Check

The State Government of Victoria has enacted changes to the Victorian Working With Children Check (WWC Check). For the purposes of the legislation a minister of religion is anyone ordained or appointed as a recognised religious leader in an organised religious institution or an appointed leader of a local religious organisation in an institution who has general authority over operations or some of the operations of the congregation in the institution.

Advice given to the Safe Church Unit

during consultation with the State Government means that the broadened scope of the WWC Check will mean that the following people in the PCV require a WWC Check in addition to those already holding a WWC Check due to participation in child-related activities:

- Ministers – regardless of whether or not their congregation includes children,
- Elders,
- Board Members,
- Appointed leaders of any ministry in the congregation – this includes music leaders, Bible study leaders, and specific ministry leaders (for example women's ministry or English teaching ministry leaders) – regardless of whether or not their ministry area includes ministry to children.

The legislation is broad in nature and on advice the PCV will err on the side of complete coverage. The message from government is that the WWC Check is the minimum standard and organisations should be careful to ensure that all appointed leaders have a WWC Check. Exemptions may apply for congregations where there are no regularly attending chil-

dren - please contact the Safe Church Unit for further information.

The WWC Check application form is now only available online. Please contact the Safe Church Unit via email or telephone with further queries or should any assistance be required. A link to the application page on the

State Government WWC Check site is in the Forms page of this website. There is no cost for the check for all volunteers in the PCV.

Why do I need a check if my appointed leadership role does not involve children?

The Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations and the Royal Commission

into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse have revealed two key areas of concern that the broadening of the Victorian WWC Check seeks to address:

- The need to change culture from 'Child sexual abuse could

never happen in my church' to 'Child sexual abuse can and does happen in churches and everyone needs to be mindful of preventing it and ready to report it'.

- The need to remove 'blocks' when a concern is raised with a leader in a church and that leader is either not mindful of the possibility of child sexual abuse occurring, perhaps even disbelieving about this or doesn't believe it is their responsibility to take the concern further.

By legislating that all appointed leaders in churches and organisations have WWC Checks the state government is seeking to both broaden awareness of child sexual abuse and assist individual leaders at all levels of church authority taking responsibility to report concerns, suspicions or known child sexual abuse.

Any queries in relation to WWC Checks can be made to the Safe Church Unit.

The Training & Compliance Officer can be reached at any time by telephoning 0499 090 449 or via email safechurch@pcv.org.au.



If you act as a leader or organise anything at church, chances are you now need to get a WWC check, even if you don't work with children.

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Meet our new Moderator

The Presbyterian Church of Victoria now has a new Moderator, the Rev David Brown. At his Induction in October at Scots Church, he delivered a powerful and memorable gospel message.

'I'm going to tell you three stories tonight,' he began, 'one about me, one about Jesus, and then I'm going to make up one about you.' His listeners exchanged intrigued glances before listening with rapt attention.

David Brown is currently the full time minister at Cheltenham Presbyterian Church. It is the first time in years that we have had a Moderator who is still serving as a full time minister, so please pray for him and the church in Cheltenham as they make sacrifices to serve in this way.

Chiara Bilyj, fw Editor

'I grew up in various places around the state of Victoria (Foster, Ellinbank, Cloverlea, Hamilton) with my four brothers, before we "settled" in Eltham in 1970. Dad was a teacher/principal, Mum a nurse. My earliest memories of church were attending Hamilton Presbyterian at age six to seven, and Flinders Presbyterian when holidaying with my paternal grandparents. As a family we stopped regular church attendance when I was about seven.

'I was astonished and delighted to become a Christian at age seventeen when my vague inclination to explore the Christian faith resulted in God making Himself known to me with great clarity, resulting in deep conviction in me. I then spent some time with the Montmorency PFA and various Bible studies before settling at the Eltham Presbyterian Church. During those years I grew and served at Eltham, sang with various groups for Campaigners for Christ, served on SU camps and completed a B.Sc. and a Diploma in Audiology. This took me to Wollongong NSW and the Anglican Church at Oak Flats, where I continued to grow and serve and where I met and married Roslyn (formerly Roslyn Berry from Taree, NSW) in 1982.

'After five years as an audiologist, the desire to move from helping people hear words (audiology), to helping them hear The Word, was too strong to resist. Encouraged by the Minister and elders at Oak Flats, we moved to Melbourne, where I studied at the PTC. During this time Roslyn and I were involved with two others in arranging guitar chords for the Rejoice! hymnbook.

'I was ordained in 1988 in the Koroit - Port Fairy Parish. After eight



years we moved to Woori Yallock (an appointment parish) and nearly twelve years later I accepted a call to Cheltenham. Over the years I have had the privilege of serving in a great variety of ways at a Presbytery level, as well as over ten years on the Christian Education and Nurture Committee and in 2011 on the STAMP team to Malawi.

'We've been blessed with four wonderful children to raise, each of whom, by God's grace, is serving Him in the Presbyterian church, and we are now blessed with four grandchildren. One of the highlights over the years for our whole family has been the annual Ministers' Family Camp, which we have rarely missed. The blessing of this camp for ministry families is, I believe, immeasurable.

'I regard it as a great honour and privilege to serve in the capacity of Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Please uphold me in prayer as I serve and, on occasion, represent the church.'

Rev David Brown

A Significant Day Ordination of Gary Wentworth

For many people, Sunday 22 June was just another day. In Leongatha, in Gippsland's south, it was a day of significance as (the now) Rev Gary Wentworth was ordained into the Leongatha Home Mission Station by the Presbytery of Gippsland, continuing the transformation of the Presbytery of Gippsland.

Leongatha has been a struggling congregation with some uncertainty for the future. In February 2013 Gary, with his wife Carolyn and son Samuel, took up a part time Exit Appointment, giving the congregation opportunity to re-establish itself within the Leongatha township and surrounding region. Over the months since, steady progress has been made, with the congregation initiating new children's and youth ministries that meet needs within the town.

As all such days should be, the ordination of the Rev Gary Wentworth was a day of encouragement. Many visitors attended the service and by the time we were called to worship by the Moderator, Rev Mark Smith, there was standing room only. The Rev John Stasse gave a fitting and stirring encouragement from 1 Peter 4:11 for

all to serve together, united in all that we do, for the great purpose of the glory of God.

The arrival and ordination of Gary continues the transformation the Gippsland Presbytery has experienced in recent years. In 2007 the Presbytery had one active ordained minister (Rev Gary Stephens) who had commenced as an Exit Appointment to the eastern most Parish of Bairnsdale in 2006. Another Exit Appointment (Rev Mark Smith, Drouin) in 2008 brought much needed help into the Presbytery. In 2011, two further appointments saw the Presbytery move from plugging holes to treading water to looking towards building for the future.

In 2013 Gary, Carolyn and Samuel arrived and in 2014 the Presbytery transformation from survival ministry to building ministry was wonderfully demonstrated with the Drouin congregation launching the Warragul Presbyterian Church Plant, with Christopher Dean exited to the new congregation. With



From left (members of Gippsland Presbytery in attendance prior to ordination): Stephen Deroon, Robert Boan, Cameron Garrett, Gary Wentworth, Mark Smith, Gary Stephens and Alan York.

seventy already regularly attending at Warragul, there is much to be thankful for, in this, the first year of the Parish's life.

The Presbytery remains thankful to the Exit Committee whose appointments have been discerning and have made a substantial impact for gospel work within the Gippsland Presbytery. With much prayer and hard work we hope to see the Lord build His church further in the years to come.

*Rev Gary Stephens
Clerk, Gippsland Presbytery*



FELLOW WORKERS

Gisborne Gives Thanks

Ordination of Matthew Tegart



Matthew Tegart with family including his wife Rachel and children Lachlan, Elizabeth and Alexandra.

On Saturday August 23, the Presbytery of Melbourne West, the members of the Gisborne Presbyterian Church, the then State Moderator—Very Rev David Palmer—and various friends and local representatives all gathered together at Gisborne Presbyterian Church to celebrate the joyous occa-

sion of the ordination and induction of Rev Matthew Tegart into the charge of Gisborne.

This was very much a landmark event for the Gisborne church family, as there have only ever been two ordination/inductions held at Gisborne. The last was in 1986 with Roy Taylor

and prior to that was Rev John Meek in 1856.

The Moderator of the Presbytery of Melbourne West, Rev Phil Court, led the service and preached and the Interim Moderator, Rev Douglas Robertson, led the congregation in prayer. After the service a great time of fellowship was shared in the hall and the food that the families in the church provided was amazing.

This little church in the foothills of the Macedon Ranges has had its struggles over the years, but due to the tireless effort of its Session and the Interim Moderator, Douglas Robertson, they are now looking forward to the next exciting stage of reaching out to their local community and letting them know of our wonderful Lord and Saviour – Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the congregation at Gisborne Presbyterian, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have prayerfully and practically supported the church, and also to those who have supported Matt and his family on this journey through candidacy and now full time service.

Gisborne Presbyterian Church

Good news from the Presbytery of Maroondah

The Presbytery of Maroondah have great pleasure in announcing that, on Sunday 14 September, a welcoming service was held at Warburton to welcome Rev Choul Yat and his family to Warburton Home Mission Station. There were many persons present, including friends and former parishioners of Choul, for this service of rejoicing, conducted by the Moderator

of Presbytery, Rev Dean Carrol, with the former Moderator of the GAV, Rev David Palmer, preaching the occasional sermon. Following the service, the ladies of Warburton presented a sumptuous afternoon tea, which was appreciated by all who attended. Presbytery are very pleased with this appointment by the Ministry Development Committee to continue the work

of the Church in this area.

We are also pleased to announce the ordination and induction of Elders for Woori Yallock, Andre Dahmen and Damian Meeuwissen, while Han Soo Kim was similarly ordained and inducted at Belgrave Heights.

*JD Fraser
Clerk, Presbytery of Maroondah*



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How do you handle your worst fears?



Left to right: Naval Cadets Petty Officer Sophie Hamilton, Leading Seaman Leone Sevudredre, Leading Seaman Catherine Aikman, Lieutenant Commander Amy York, HMAS Cerberus and Reverend Peter Hastie, PTC

At our annual Seafarer's Service on October 19, the St John's Bendigo congregation were treated to an excellent message by our PTC Principal, Rev. Peter Hastie, on Luke's account of the Apostle Paul's shipwreck on his journey to Rome in Acts 27. Peter asked the question, 'How do you handle your worst fears?' and then proceeded to provide encouragement from the way Paul trusted in God's promises and plans in the most dangerous of situations, encouraging us to also 'cast our anchors deep' into the solid nature of those promises God gives us in His Word.

The service was attended by members of Bendigo's Ex-Navalmen's Club, Lieutenant Commander Amy York, RAN, OAM, Cr Elise Chapman from the City of Greater Bendigo, Lisa Chesters, Federal MP of Bendigo and cadets from the TS Bendigo. (Due to restrictions on the public wearing of uniform, this year only three cadets were allowed to attend.) Morning tea followed in the hall with good conversations and fellowship with our many guests. Once again we give thanks to God for his many blessings!

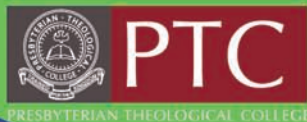
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Where is Your Faith and Trust?

Bali and Premla Shepherd run a ministry known as 'SEWAH' in Northern India. The ministry reaches out to children from poor families through its education and welfare activities. Bali and Premla were recently in Australia, speaking in churches about SEWAH.



BALI AND PREMLA SHEPHERD

(SEWAH stands for 'Society for Education and Welfare Activities in the Himalayas').

Bali, how did you become a Christian?

I was born and brought up in a Hindu family and I had never heard about Christians before. I travelled to Musoorie where there were so many Christians. I wanted to catch them out but God caught up with me in a miraculous way. I wanted to commit suicide but God stopped me every time!

Premla, how did you become a Christian?

I was a Hindu. My father became very very sick. My relatives sacrificed goats and chickens for him and he became worse. A neighbour suggested we ask a Christian minister to pray for him and one came to our house and prayed for my father. That same day my father saw a vision. There was a black man pushing him up and a white man like Jesus, pushing him down. Both were pushing and the white man won. My father slowly began to get better and I thought "Jesus is a living God that's why the minister prayed for my father and he was healed." It was at that time that I accepted the Lord.

What does the SEWAH ministry do?

I was a pastor for many years. One day God called me to reach out to Hindus with the gospel because I understood them and used to think like them. They had the same questions as I used to have. I said "God, I have family responsibilities." God said "You preach about having faith, where is your faith and trust? Trust me." Through some miraculous ways, God gave us an operating school. We began to teach Bible stories and

songs to the children and the school began to grow. Then God spoke to us through Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." That verse became the basis of our ministry. Now we have 5 schools with 300 children.

How many teachers do you have and are they Christian?

We have 18 teachers. Some are Christian and some are not. The non-Christian teachers have the responsibility of teaching Bible verses to the children and they also learn the Bible. Some of these teachers have come to faith in the Lord Jesus. On the first Saturday of every month all the teachers join together for Bible study.

What encourages you?

We're encouraged that we are able to teach the children from the Bible. We are free to teach them the Word of God. They have a fresh mind and the Bible verses they learn stay with them. We are very happy to see the children growing in the Word of God day by day.

What challenges does the ministry face?

We really don't have challenges! Since we give a very good education to the children we don't have many objections from the parents. We have very few problems.

Can you please tell us about the role that Scots College, Sydney, has in this ministry?

Scots College is our only financial supporter. This money is raised by the students and the school. I believe that this all from the Lord. God has convinced the people at Scots to support us. We believe that this is not our ministry, it is God's ministry. God gave us this ministry and we believe that God will sustain it.

Bangladesh

Dear Partners in Mission,

With deep regret, APWM has decided to conclude its relationship with one of our Partner Churches, the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh on 30th November, 2014.

Over the last few years we have been experiencing some difficulties with the church. We had hoped that the difficulties would be resolved through a series of changes coupled with the growing maturity of the leadership. This has not proven to be the case.

On Friday 24th October the APWM Federal Committee held its regular meeting and discussed some of the challenges that we face in this relationship. With deep regret the Committee decided to end this Partnership as at 30th November, 2014. We thank the many supporters of this ministry and the APWM NSW Committee for its many years of hard work and commitment to this ministry.

We are now in the process of ensuring as far as possible that the leaders and pastors in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh have some financial support for the next three months while they adjust to the end of the partnership.

What does this decision mean for the Presbyterian Church of Australia?

(1) That after we have made financial provision for our brethren in Bangladesh we will no longer be sending any more money to Bangladesh.

(2) That no one is authorised to ask for money on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to support the ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh or any group that may arise from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh.

(3) That only appointed representatives of the APWM Federal Committee are authorised to represent the Presbyterian Church of Australia or APWM in Bangladesh.

We express our gratitude to those who have supported this ministry.

In Christ
Kevin Murray

**PLEASE NOTE APWM NATIONAL'S NEW PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS
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AFTER THIS I LOOKED AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD COUNT, FROM EVERY NATION, TRIBE, PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND IN FRONT OF THE LAMB. (REVELATION 7:9)

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UPDATES

Surendra & May'an Wesley

(APWM/PIM, Western Australia) We are currently awaiting the approval of their visa. God-willing Surendra and May'an Wesley will be arriving in Australia in December 2014. It is anticipated that they will commence ministry in the remote mining town of Mount Magnet, Western Australia in early 2015.



Vivien Barton (Tamborine Mountain, QLD, SIM, Kenya) will serve as SIMpact coordinator assisting and mentoring short term missionaries to Kenya. Vivien is currently building partnership support and can be contacted at vivienjaybarton@gmail.com

J (Western Blacktown, NSW, CMS, Middle East) is currently preparing for ministry in the Middle East and is seeking partnership support. Please contact the National Office for details.



Yousif Kunda & Vivian Ajawin (Clayton, VIC, GRN, Australia) have commenced serving with Global Recordings Network which is located in Sydney. Yousif has been trained as a recordist to produce Bible resources in people's heart language. Vivian is serving in the GRN promotions team. Although they are currently serving they still need more support.

Paul & Elaine (Kingaroy, QLD, ICC, East Asia) will be involved in ministering to abandoned and disabled children. Please contact the National Office for details.



John & Kara Dekker (APWM National, Aspendale VIC, for Talua Vanuatu). John and Kara will take over from Glen & Rachael Connor at the Talua Ministry Training Centre, Vanuatu. John will be serving as one of the lecturers and this

year is undertaking PhD studies in Australia. As at early October they have 20% of their support target and are seeking the remainder so that they can commence in Vanuatu in early 2015. They can be contacted at johnandkaradekker@gmail.com

New Missionaries

Morris & Florianna Key

(Cornerstone Concord, NSW, APWM National Associates, Indonesia). Morris is currently the Senior Presbyterian Chaplain and the Director For the Centre for Pastoral Education at Westmead

Hospital. In January 2015 Morris will take up a position in Indonesia training and supervising Hospital Chaplains for a large group of Private Christian Hospitals in Jakarta, Indonesia.



Aaron & Katie Rigg (Eltham, VIC, MAF, Australia) God-willing, in early January, the Riggs will commence service in Arnhem Land with MAF. They are currently developing their partnership support and can be contacted at adisk@iinet.net.au

Tumirin & Sheridan Indarto

(Bundoor, VIC, Wycliffe, West Papua, Indonesia) are preparing to serve in community development and mother tongue school programmes.



Vivian To (Gracepoint, NSW, OMF, Taiwan) is preparing to serve in outreach and church planting in Taiwan. Vivian is currently developing her partnership support and can be contacted at vivhto@gmail.com

South Sudan

Tragically, South Sudan continues to experience the horror of civil war. There appears to be little way forward at this stage. We have three APWM missionaries associated with South Sudan. **Isaac Yat** is in Ethiopia with his wife, Nyariang, where for the last three months he has been in Gambella ministering to South Sudanese in refugee camps. As South Sudanese nationals



it is not safe for Isaac and his wife to return to South Sudan at this stage. **Rhys and Rhondda Hall** are in Yei in the southern part of South Sudan and are relatively safe. They continue their ministry producing media materials to aid gospel work.

APWM CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOGUE 2014

This Christmas why not give gifts to your friends and family and at the same time help someone who doesn't have the basics that we take for granted? The items below can provide for the needs of christians and others in our partner church in Myanmar. All gifts will be channelled through our partner Presbyterian Church in Myanmar.

- MOSQUITO NET (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$6 will enable a child to sleep safely from mosquitoes which can cause malaria or dengue fever.
- BLANKET (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$6 will provide a blanket for a child in a rural school.
- UMBRELLA (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$6 will provide an umbrella for a child in a rural school.
- SCHOOL UNIFORM (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$12 will provide a school uniform for a child.



- BAG OF RICE (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$25 will provide a bag of rice for a family.
- BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$25 will help support the training of a Bible College student.
- APWM ABORIGINAL MINISTRY (AUSTRALIA)** A gift of \$25 will help support APWM Aboriginal ministry in Mount Magnet, Western Australia in conjunction with PIM.
- BIBLE COLLEGE BOOK RESOURCES (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$35 will provide book resources for the Reformed Bible Institute in Yangon.
- STATIONERY FOR ONE RURAL CHILD (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$45 will provide stationery for one rural child.
- VITAMINS AND MEDICINES FOR A RURAL VILLAGE (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$50 will provide vitamins and medicines for a rural village in Chin State.
- EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR ONE CHILD (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$60 will provide educational assistance for one year for a child.
- MEDICINE FOR BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$60 will provide medicine for students at the Reformed Bible Institute in Yangon.
- SOLAR LIGHTING EQUIPMENT (MYANMAR)** A gift of \$700 will provide lighting for children in village schools to study at night.

APWM CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOGUE 2014 ORDER FORM

HOW IT WORKS

1. You choose the item(s) on our list that you would like to purchase for your friends/family.
2. Send us your order, including payment. Please note that these gifts are **not tax deductible**.
3. We will send you the cards you have ordered. You are then free to give these cards to your friends/family for Christmas. The cards state which gift(s) you have purchased, on their behalf, for someone in Myanmar. The card does not state the monetary value of the gift.
4. APWM then sends the money to our partners in Myanmar. They will then purchase the gifts locally and distribute them to those in need.

ORDER FORM /PAYMENTS

Please fill out your details and enclose your payment (cheque or money order made out to 'APWM'). Please DO NOT send cash.

If you would like to pay by Direct Deposit the details are:

Bank: Westpac
Account Name: Australian Presbyterian World Mission
BSB: 032 260 **Account #:** 151207

Write your name in the description box and email finance@apwm.org.au informing us of your deposit.

Please mail your order form to:

APWM Christmas Catalogue 81 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood
NSW 2134
and we will send you the cards you have ordered

Item	Qty	Cost
Mosquito Net (Myanmar) \$6		
Blanket (Myanmar) \$6		
Umbrella (Myanmar) \$6		
School Uniform (Myanmar) \$12		
Bible College Student (Myanmar) \$25		
Bag Of Rice (Myanmar) \$25		
APWM Aboriginal Ministry (Australia) \$25		
Bible College Book Resources (Myanmar) \$35		
Stationery for One Rural Child (Myanmar) \$45		
Vitamins and Medicines for a Rural Village (Myanmar) \$50		
Educational Assistance for One Child (Myanmar) \$60		
Medicine for Bible College Students (Myanmar) \$60		
Solar Lighting Equipment (Myanmar) \$700		
General Donation for Myanmar		
Total		

- ☐ I enclose a cheque / money order for \$_____ or
- ☐ I have made a Direct Deposit of \$_____
- ☐ Please tick here if you do not wish to receive cards and simply want to make a donation for these items

Please note that if any item is over-subscribed then the money will be allocated to a similar need.

Name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PRAYER AND FINANCE
Response Form

Please send to: **APWM**
81 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood NSW 2134
Name _____
Address _____
Postcode _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Church _____
I would like to support the following:
Missionary's Name _____

- ☐ Please send me the missionary's prayer letter.
☐ APWM ministry in a particular country _____

Please indicate an amount
☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100
☐ other \$ _____
Please indicate how regular your payment will be:
☐ one-off ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly
☐ half-yearly ☐ yearly

Four Ways to Give

1 Cheque (made out to 'Australian Presbyterian World Mission')
2 Credit card ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Name on card: _____
Expires: ____/____
Signature: _____
Date of first payment _____
3 Direct debit
Your account name(s): _____
Signature _____
BSB _____
Account number _____
Bank name _____
Date of first payment _____

4 Direct deposit
Account: **Australian Presbyterian World Mission** BSB: 032-260
Account number: 151207
Please write your name and the surname of the missionary you are supporting in the description box.
Please also email finance@apwm.org.au telling us that you have made a deposit and provide the name of the missionary that you are supporting.

Enquiries
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Dispatches from the Front

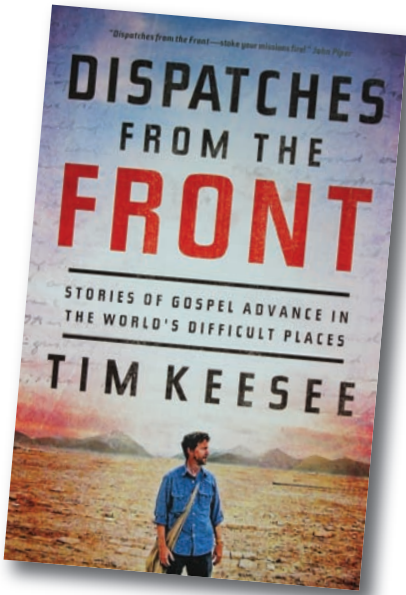
'Dispatches from the Front' by Tim Keesee is an unusual book. It's a travel journal which records the advance of the gospel in some of the worlds remote locations. There is also a 7-disc DVD series. You can watch some excerpts at www.dispatchesfromthefront.org.
You can read the Frontline a blog at www.frontlinemissions.info

Reformers Books in Sydney stocks the book www.reformers.org.au (02) 9564 3555. You may be able to order the DVD series through Reformers.

Here's a great excerpt "This amazing grace that John Newton wrote about in his day has been found by many here in West Africa in our day. The gospel is crossing borders and crushing barriers and giving sight to those who once were blind. In this corner of Christ's kingdom, a dress rehearsal is already underway for the day when the ransomed from every nation, tongue, and tribe will see their King, the King with scars on his hands. And they will sing—we will sing—for joy and wonder at the reach of such grace!"

John Piper writes about the DVD series "Beware of watching these Dispatches if you don't like being moved and inspired and shaken out of the ruts of your life. My wife and I were riveted in watching the frontline

reports of God's work recorded in the Dispatches from the Front. This is the sort of information that builds faith in the present providence of God over his mission, and stirs up action for the sake of lost and hurting people near and far. I would love to see thousands of people mobilized as senders and goers for the sake of the glory of Christ and the relief of suffering on the frontiers, especially eternal suffering."



Have you thought of including APWM in your will?

If you would like to include APWM in your will, then you may like to use these words as a guide:
"I give to the Presbyterian Church Property Trust for the National Committee of the Australian Presbyterian World Mission [here insert a description of the bequest together with the amount of money or description of property or other

gift] free of testamentary charges and duties for [here insert 'its general purpose' or the specific purpose you desire] and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary of the Trust shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors."
Please provide this wording to your Solicitor when seeking advice and assistance in drawing up your will.

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ON TRACK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN INLAND MISSION

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PROCLAIMING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
BY WORD AND DEED

PIM CENTENARY VISION MOVEMENT SINCE 2012

1. PLACING FOUR NEW INLAND PADRE TEAMS ACROSS AUSTRALIA

Four patrols have been filled – David and Gae McDonald – John Flynn Patrol (SA); Colin and Alison Morrow - Mungo Patrol (Vic/NSW); David and Kathy Alsop – Central Patrol (Qld); Surendra and May'an Wesley – Mid West Patrol (WA). PIM continues to look for new workers for the North West Patrol (WA) and the North Australian Patrols.

2. OBTAINING A CHURCH BUILDING/PATROL BASE PROPERTY IN DARWIN

The Darwin congregation continues to reach out in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ under the leadership of the Rev. Rob and Mrs Jeanette Duncanson. Efforts to gain what appeared to be a very suitable property in the end bore



Open air cathedral

no fruit. The search is on-going for land/existing buildings which would allow for the development of a patrol base (for the Kimberley Patrol (NT/WA) and the opening of a church building.

The Rev. Ross and Mrs Ruby Brightwell have completed a season of ministry at DPC, they have returned to Melbourne. Their labours are sincerely appreciated by all in the congregation and PIM.

3. TO DEVELOP A CHURCH/PATROL BASE IN ALICE SPRINGS

During the centenary celebrations in 2012, the Rev. Keith and Mrs Jenny Bell were appointed to initiate the new PIM congregation and prepare thereby also for the ultimate launching of the Central Australian Patrol. A multi-ethnic congregation has come together and on the last Sunday of the month 'the open air cathedral' is held. Keith (Chaplain to the NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services) and Jenny (AS Hospital volunteer) have developed a community ministry which has received good coverage in the local media. Plans are in hand for further development of church and patrol.



Alice Springs Presbyterian Church

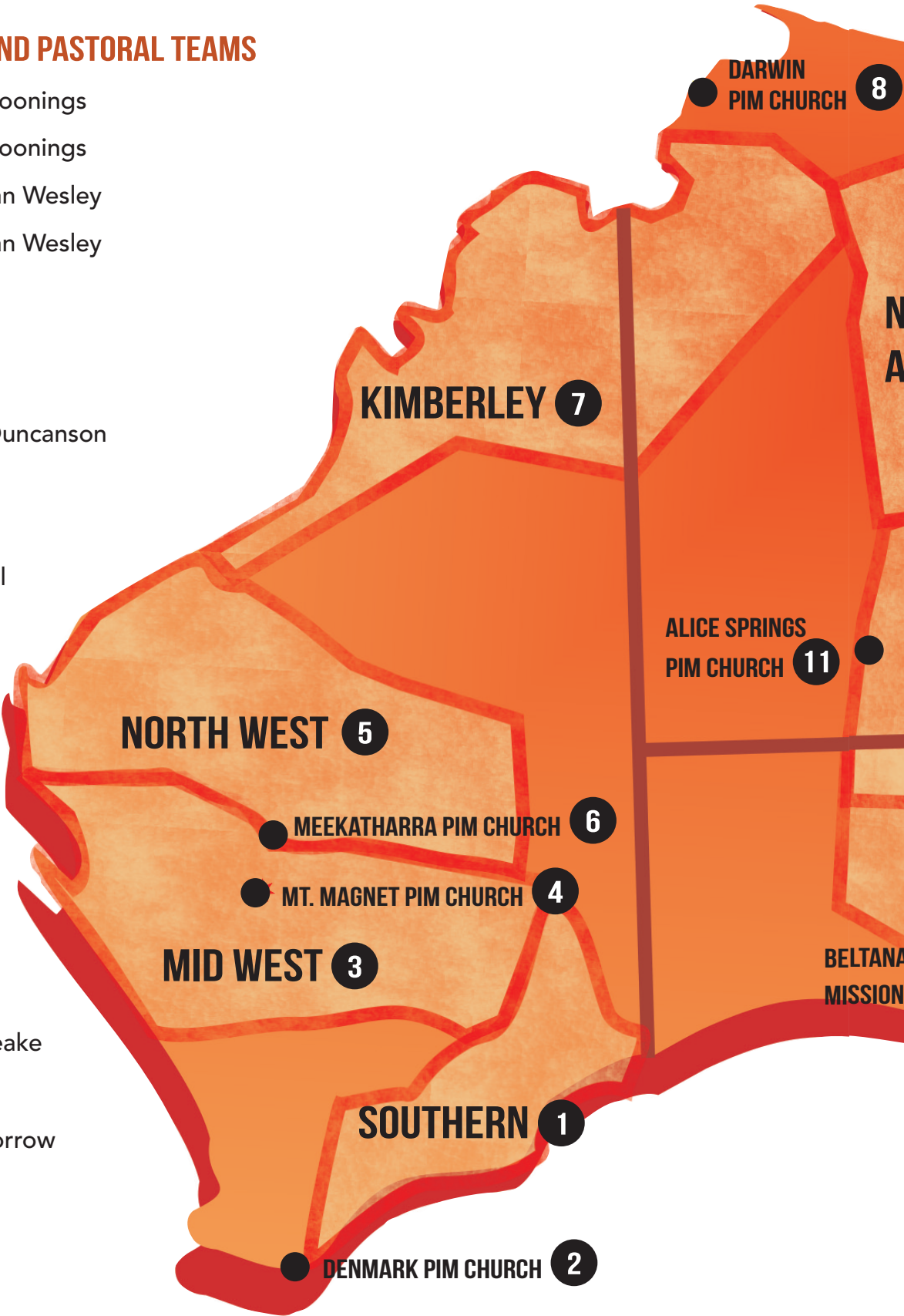
PIM PATROL TEAMS AND PASTORAL TEAMS

- 1 Chris and Sandra Woonings
- 2 Chris and Sandra Woonings
- 3 Surendra and May'an Wesley
- 4 Surendra and May'an Wesley
- 5 Vacant
- 6 Vacant
- 7 Vacant
- 8 Rob and Jeanette Duncanson
- 9 Vacant
- 10 Vacant
- 11 Keith and Jenny Bell
- 12 David and Gae McDonald
- 13 David and Gae McDonald
- 14 Roger and Margaret Crane
- 15 David and Kathy Alsop
- 16 Greg and Janet Cripps
- 17 Laurie and Gwen Peake
- 18 Vacant
- 19 Colin and Alison Morrow
- 20 Vacant

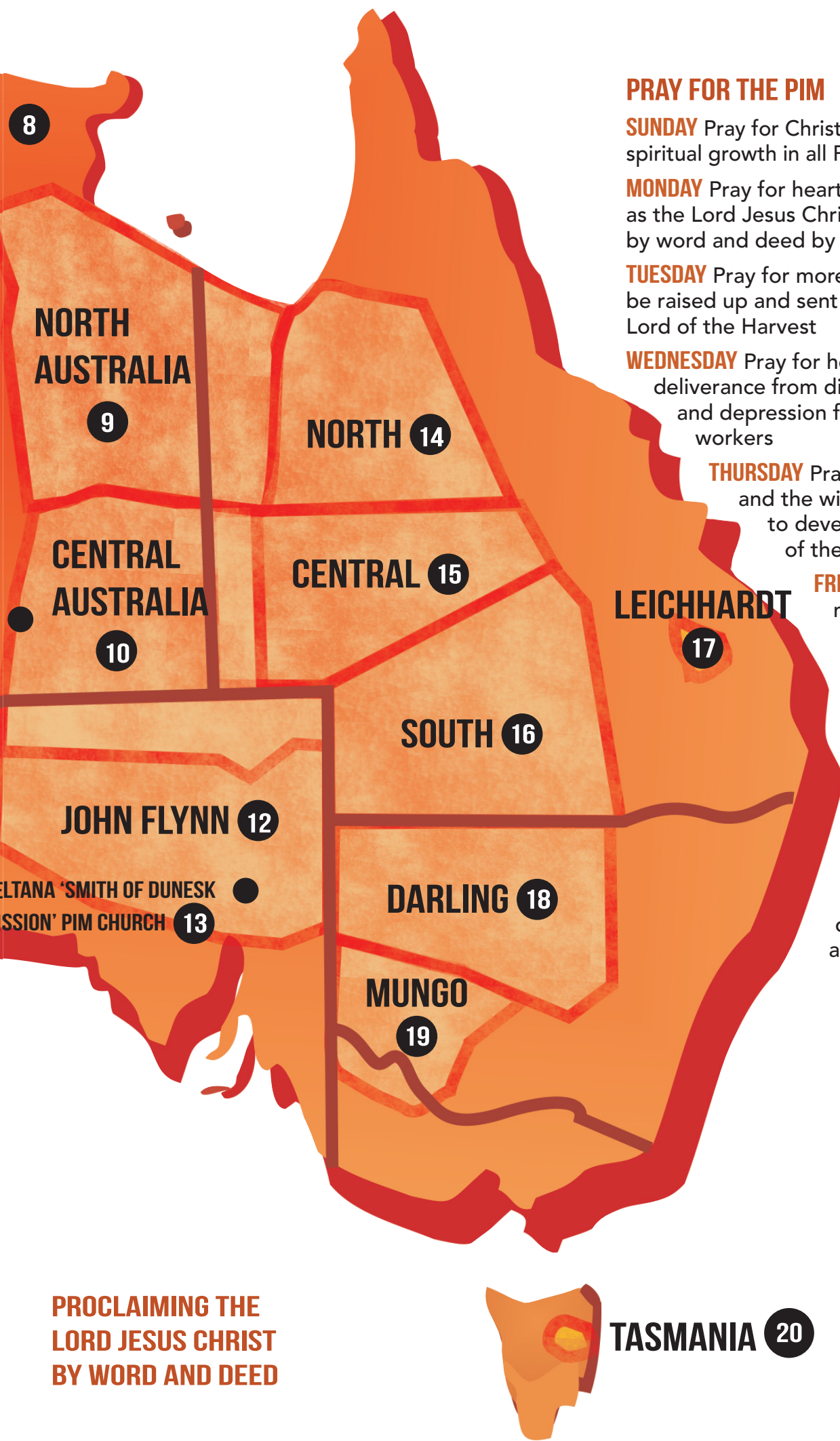
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PRESBYTERIAN INLAND MISSION 2014



PRAY FOR THE PIM

SUNDAY Pray for Christ-likeness and spiritual growth in all PIM workers

MONDAY Pray for hearts to be opened as the Lord Jesus Christ is proclaimed by word and deed by PIM workers

TUESDAY Pray for more PIM workers to be raised up and sent forth by the Lord of the Harvest

WEDNESDAY Pray for health, safety and deliverance from discouragement and depression for all PIM workers

THURSDAY Pray for the finance and the wisdom required to develop the ministry of the PIM

FRIDAY Pray for many people to become and grow as Christians through PIM patrols and churches

SATURDAY Pray that the PIM would be gospel-based and gospel-centered in all areas of its work

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TASMANIA 20

NT PRESBYTERIANS

“THE DESERT SHALL REJOICE AND BLOSSOM”

Alice Springs:
Sunday 10am 20 Parke Crescent, The Gap
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Sunday 10am Kormilda College, Berrimah
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Name _____ Phone () _____ email _____

Address _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Donation – PIM general funds	
Donation – PIM Mid West/Surendra Wesley	
Total	

Payment details:

☐ Cheque enclosed (Payable to Presbyterian Inland Mission)

☐ Charge my Credit Card ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card No.

Expiry date ____ / ____

Name on card _____ Signature _____

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