

# HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion



## Mission Partners - Winter 2008

### Please Pray...

#### **Director**

- Please pray for the recruiting of two new Board members. For people of skill, compassion and commitment to be available to the Spirit's call to this important role.
- Please pray for responsiveness, as we call people to follow Jesus.
- Please pray for new projects: *Chrysalis*: Residential support to assist women moving out of the sex industry; *Raising the Roof*: counselling rooms to extend the counselling service to include a GP and psychologist; Supported accommodation for people with intellectual disabilities; and a new Business Manager Position in the Employment Training Program.

#### **Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship**

- Pray for work with Homeless people and possibility of funding more direct work to help people get housed.
- Pray for Homeless Voice - the opportunity for Homeless people to talk together and take action on their own behalf.
- Pray for government policies regarding the homeless.
- Pray for appropriate boundaries for workers.
- Pray for our worship times on Sundays and the work of God's Spirit as street people drop in and pass by.
- Pray for the participation in teaching as people grapple with the issues of life and learn from the way of Jesus.
- Pray for a Special Service and picnic on June 22nd as WBF joins in celebrating HopeStreet's 25th Anniversary.
- Pray that volunteers from our projects and from suburban churches will be able to come.
- Pray for WBF's work in counseling, support groups and pastoral care that lasting growth will occur in many lives.
- Thank God for friends who come back to visit WBF from places near and far like Japan and Vanuatu.

#### **Woolloomooloo Community Development**

- Pray for little Johnny who's parents are both in jail. He is discovering the world finally through child's eyes, with the care giving to him by his uncle and HopeStreet. Pray that he has more opportunities in this life and is able to feel secure and loved.
- Pray for the young woman who is struggling with her cocaine addiction and carrying her fourth child. Pray that she is able to kick her addiction and have her child with her as a family.

#### **Administration**

- Pray for our end of year financial rapping up and audit, that it will all go smoothly
- Pray for the finances to come that are required to operate our growing projects.
- Pray for the raising up of volunteers to assist with our increase in mail and other correspondence.

#### **Inner City Gambling Counseling**

- Inner City Gambling Counseling is waiting on future 4 year funding, so we would appreciate prayers for this funding to come through and allow us to continue to help those with gambling problems.
- Also pray for the health recovery and return to work for Rhonda, one of our counselors who had a very serious injury to her jaw in a fall and who has been off work. We pray that she has a full recovery and that she will be back to continue her very good work.
- We also are thinking about a client who is currently homeless and has a big legal mess with money owed to her. She has difficulty with English and we are trying hard together with another agency to provide her with legal and emotional support. Thankfully she has not gambled for some time and has gained a new awareness of her goals in life.
- We also pray for the outreach groups as we continually look for new areas where we can offer information and access to our service.

## **Glebe Ministry**

- Please pray for a large number of people who are ill – several in hospital for operations recently, now undergoing rehab or post-op cancer treatments. Others in Mental Health Units – a couple are very unwell and will be hospitalised for some time. The disruptions caused to these people by closing of Rozelle Hospital and their relocation at Concord and RPA.
- Please pray about the unrest being caused by young people in the suburb – vandalism, terrorizing residents on the street and in their homes. [Sadly some of these girls are ex-Girls' Brigade members.]
- Pray regarding the offer of help from Good Shepherd sisters who run a program designed for young teen girls from dysfunctional backgrounds in Marrickville.
- Pray as we consider putting in place a program of Community BBQ's to help people living in the area to create a more positive community.
- Pray for local police who do a great job – last week they attended an incident where a resident's dog was brutally killed and by late that afternoon had returned to the grief stricken resident with a new pup. The owner, who is a little slow intellectually, is over the moon about his puppy. Give thanks that this happened on a day the cafe was open and he was able to come to us and talk about his loss and receive comfort.
- Praise God that the Homework Club has commenced on a Thursday afternoon at the Cafe – being run by local residents with support from Bec. First week was full house.
- Pray for outreach of various Drama-related groups working with us – Milk-crate Theatre and Ultimo TAFE teachers.
- Pray for help being available for several "hoarders" in the community with whom I am working – these people are unwell mentally and often resistant to help. The hoarding gets them into trouble with Department of Housing and can exacerbate their illnesses – both mental and physical.

## **2010 Ministry**

- Praise God that we had fifty people to Church at Sticky Sunday night. A sense of identity is developing with regulars coming along to the weekly gathering most without any Christian contact for a long time.
- Pray for those who find themselves outside of the Church and making the first steps back may find a real and loving God.
- Pray for Rhonda, one of our gambling counselors, that she will make a full recovery after her accident on the way to work.

## **Women's Space**

- Please pray for "R" who has been sick in hospital all of this year - chronic asthma.
- Please pray for the health of all the women over the coming winter
- Give thanks for a dynamic, functioning team ... at last! Pray our relationships may deepen and strengthen together!
- Pray for one of our volunteers "J" who is about to have a baby!
- Pray for "L" and "E" and "M" that they would find the courage each day to face their drug abuse issues and they would also know unconditional love here at WS.
- Praise and thanks for successful renovation of the house – brand new and much-loved paint job (and no termites!)

## **Urban Education- NEW**

- Please pray for Tim as he settles into the role of Urban Education Coordinator.
- Pray that monthly Urban Orientation tours might continue to be well attended over the winter months, and that folk will be inspired to compassionate action - in their own neighbourhoods, and in ours!
- Pray for Tim as he develops and begins to market a HopeStreet high schools programme, and that a new avenue for sharing our stories and values might open through it.

## **The Terrace**

- Please pray Sean and Joe as they seek to propagate a place of peace for the residents.
- Please pray for the residents that they will all get along as best can be expected, and that they will respect each persons need for space and privacy.
- Pray for the ongoing renovations to the house, that they will cause as little disruption as possible.
- Pray for 2 new residents to fill the current spots available.

## **Employment Training Program**

- Please pray for Simon and David as they interact with the program participants on a daily basis. Pray for discernment and the right words for the right time.
- Please pray for funding to come for the new Business Coordinator role which is hoped to start from July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Praise God for the great food being provided by Oz Harvest for the fortnightly cleaner's lunches.