

# HARVEST E – NEWS TERM III 2008

Hello Everyone

Spring is upon us and I'm well and truly happy to see the back end of a long and cold winter. The following is a brief update as we look back on term 3, for those of you setting off during the September break - a safe and happy holiday to you all.

## RAIN

Praise God for the rain we've been having and a huge thankyou to all of you who participated in our prayer and fasting campaign last month. The Mail Times reported we had twice as much rain for August as we did last year. Let us continue to press in and pray believing for 3 inches a month till the end of November.

## NEW MEMBERS

It's always a joy to welcome new members to Harvest – people who have decided to link hearts and hands with us in our cause to make Christ known in our region. If you weren't there the morning we welcomed these people listed below, be sure to make yourself known to them. There will be another opportunity soon to invite others who would like to attend a 'Welcome to Harvest' function.

Once again a very special welcome to Harvest for the following families.

Joanne Baulch & son Dillon

Neil & Lorraine Haustorfer

Heidi & Neil Lees & children Dane & Joshua

Amanda & Gary Niblett

Eddie & Patti & children Jamie, Corrie-Beth & Shelly

Andrew & Tracey Krahe & children Sarah, Rowena & Jake

Justin & Zoe Elliott & 3 children, Hannah, Hunter & Yasmin

## FACILITIES

I wish to commend you all on the response we've had to the upgrade of our facilities/bus. So far this year we have installed a **new cooler** in the Extreme Kids function room – The youth have raised funds and purchased the **two big projector screens** – Someone kindly donated \$6000 to go towards the **car park** which ended up costing closer to \$8000. A BIG thankyou to Ryan and team who are helping with the garden bed – Pastor Rick was relieved when we purchased a **Mac Computer** and software which has halved the amount of time he spends on church news - We purchased a new **church bus** (diesel) for \$14500.00, to date we have raised \$9,972.75 with an amount still owing of \$4527.25, if you're able to help us with this please can you contact Sonia Benson. You are an extremely generous church, to think we have done this and continue sowing and giving to missions is very inspiring!

## MISSIONS, CDO & RUSH MENTORING

So far this year our church has given \$10,030.00 towards missionary initiatives, this does not include the many of you who contribute to missions in your own personal commitments. Sandra Wallis and her team are to be applauded for the **Watoto** fundraising campaign - to date they have collectively raised \$22,230.16, they are fast tracking to their goal of \$38,000 that is needed to build the orphans home.

**C.D.O** has been approached to do the whole of the secondary school at Nhill thanks to Dianne Croot – well done Dianne - **a whole secondary school WOW** – the team is excited at the opportunity of encouraging young people to make good choices for their future. Further possibilities with Dimboola and St Bridget’s exist.

**RUSH MENTORING:** Sam Solomano has done a wonderful job getting this program off the ground recruiting mentors for the training day in October. She has had the opportunity to promote the program at the Salvos Church, Lutheran, Uniting and more to come. So far 42 prospective mentors have registered their interest to attend the training day, which is on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM – 4:00PM. For further information on the Secondary School Mentoring Program please see Sam.

### **YOUTH & CHILDREN**

Pastor Rick & Nina are doing a wonderful job rebuilding the **youth ministry**. This is always a challenge to begin with after having no main leader for 12 months. To date they have had an average of 31 youth relating to teen church and cells. Recently a coach load of youth from Warracknabeal and Horsham went to Youth Alive Melbourne. Our Horsham youth meet with Warracknabeal youth on a bi monthly basis. Sid Tapia a pro skater from Hillsong Sydney is coming down for a combined event on October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Hamilton group will come up for that also.

Jane and her team are seeing an average of 30 children at **Extreme Kids** on Sunday mornings. Jennifer Smith continues to feed the community kids breakfast. **Busy Bees** pre-school program run by Jennie Emmerson is doing a great job connecting with 12 mums. If they all turned up there would 19 kids. What’s exciting about this is that 75% of the mums are from non-church backgrounds – well done Jennie & team.

### TERM III in BRIEF

**(JULY)**... What a scream our **talent night** was in early July, many acts, young and old participated, lots of humour and a blast of a time...**Over 100 leaders** turned up for the North Western Districts Leadership Summit & luncheon with **Pastor Andrew Evans**... Lisa Thomas’ **School of Music** has drawn the largest crowd - over half were visitors...

**(August)**... **Andrew & Tracey Krahe** got married, , **‘The Product of Conduct’** series commenced, we welcomed **new people** to Harvest, Cindy and Nina preached Sunday night, Tieran Kimber **Architect** and Jeff Witbreuk travelled up from Melbourne to discuss future plans and expansion. **Pastor Ray and Belinda Morel** were introduced to us from Warracknabeal as he preached Sunday evening. Gen Y Tag team preachers **Leah Adam’s & Alice Barber** took the floor. **Youth Alive** Melbourne had 10,000 youth turned up from the state, **Watoto Dinner** was a tremendous success, **Sunday Lunch Un-Plugged**, continues to work well with many staying for food and fellowship...

**(September)**...The series **‘7 Laws to Lasting Success’** commenced’, About 16 of our people attend the **Edge Conference**, let’s see if we can’t get more along next year.

### **COMING SOON IN TERM IV – CHECK BELOW**



**ROMA WATERMAN**

OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 10AM & 5PM

The 5PM will be a Café Harvest Watoto fund raiser evening \$10 Adults \$5 Children; 2 course meal & entertainment.

Roma is a well-known singer/songwriter; she is the founder of the Melbourne Gospel Choir, which boasts performances at the 2006 AFL Grand Final, Carols By Candlelight, Good Morning Australia, the Good Friday Appeal, It Takes Two and Dancing With The Stars. For further information be sure to log onto her website [www.romawaterman.com](http://www.romawaterman.com)



**LOUIE GIGLIO (DVD)**

OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> 5:00PM SERVICE

DVD Series Part 2 'Megaphone of Hope'

Part 1 will be screened on October 5<sup>th</sup> @ the 5PM service titled 'Anchor of Hope'

Louie is the producer of the amazing illustrative messages 1) Indescribable 2) How Great is our God and 3) Hope. If you liked his first two you won't want to miss the two part series on hope.

For a preview of his previous series log onto

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE5sF1rdxM4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE5sF1rdxM4)



**Extravagant Women's Dinner with Karen MacLeod**

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00PM - 2 course dinner for \$45.00 & The Old Horsham Restaurant. Karen is a passionate speaker who's 'tell it like it is' approach will go down well in the Wimmera. Register on line at [www.accvic.com.au/horshamdinner](http://www.accvic.com.au/horshamdinner)



**C4 WEEKEND**

November 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM & 5:00PM Rally

Nathan Claridge our guest speaker is the senior minister & visionary leader at Victory Christian Centre. He is also the director to the popular History Makers Conference in Bendigo. He is one of Australia's fastest rising next generation leaders in demand across the nation. Nathan will be ministering at our 10AM service as well as our first C4 5PM rally which is a combined event drawing our 4 regions together, Horsham, Warracknabeal, Stawell & Nhill.



**IRON & CLAY**

November 28 – 30: Back by popular demand-We are thrilled to have them visit our secondary schools as well as a Saturday concert followed by a family service Sunday. For further information on the band see [www.ironandclay.com.au](http://www.ironandclay.com.au)



**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Ladies, put aside Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 7:00PM at Ciao Amici Restaurant', to celebrate our Christmas break up. An informal evening enjoying good food and each others company. We need to know numbers in order to book tables – there is no fixed price so you can order what you wish. Please register your name at the church reception. A \$2:00 surcharge does apply so individual bills can be paid.



**DEC  
24th**

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRODUCTION**

**'EVERLASTING GOD'**

Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup> As always the Christmas Eve production is one of our feature events in the calendar. There'll be items, solo's, Extreme kids, music and more. If you're in town be sure to bring along your friends and family.