

Every year we say it and every year it seems ever so true when we say, "Hasn't the year flown by oh so quickly." Looking back on 2008 we can see the Lord's hand on our lives, it has been a blessed and fruitful time indeed. This has been more than apparent given the Sunday morning services have near filled the church.

I wish to commend you all, in particular those who lead departments and teams giving of your time so willingly and freely. Throughout the year I have received several testimonies of those who have returned to church after not attending for well over 10 years. On such person said, *"It's been many years since I've been to church; my life has been completely transformed since coming to Harvest. The worship, preaching, friendliness and welcome of the people has made a profound impact in my life."*

I was so thrilled to see a full house at our Christmas Eve presentation 287 in attendance with 116 visitors around 12-15 people responded to the salvation appeal, we had quite a few hands go up.

TERM 1

Summer Sunday's commenced with a series '**In Pursuit of Happiness**' the movie was screened towards the end of the series with a great role up. Our 21 day **prayer and fasting** commenced. **Rick Emmerson** was welcomed on staff, fantastic to see him and his wife back at Harvest, you have both been a real blessing to the church. The series commenced 'The Language **'Model of a 242 Church'**. No one will ever forget the extraordinary atmosphere of our **25th anniversary** celebration with over 330 people present. **Nhill cell** was launched with attendances reaching up to 35 people. 11 people were **water baptised**. Our eldership was called on to assist the **Warracknabeal** assembly in a time of difficulty, praise the Lord for the newly appointed Pastors Ps Ray & Belinda. **Tim Hall** preached at our first district leaders gathering and Sunday services, we won't forget the powerful anointing that is on the man's life. Peter Fitzgerald commenced the new believer's class. The movie, '**The Passion**', was screened at our Sunday Evening Easter weekend and our first **Sunday Lunch Unplugged** began in the first term.

TERM 2

Café Harvest 'The Titanic' proved to be a big hit with a full capacity turn out and over 109 visitors, we had several decisions on the night. **Europe/Serbia:** While the Titanic evening was happening I was in Europe for two weeks 10 days of which was on the ground ministering in 7 churches and 30 leadership meetings. Lisa Thomas' **School of Music** put's on a vocal concert with the largest turn out yet and half of the people present were visitors. **Vicki Simpsons** prophetic ministry was incredibly well received, who can forget her doing the splits with her leg on the pulpit introducing the prophetic word, 'God of the Stretch'. We applaud the good work of Kate and her team and recognise all the effort put into the event

TERM 3

Sam Solomano began recruiting people for the **Rush Mentoring** programming speaking at most of Horsham's churches. Rick is doing a great job rebuilding the youth with **31 young people** relating to the ministry. **Busy Bees** pre-school program run by Jennie Emmerson is doing a great job connecting with 12 mums. What's exciting about this is that **75% of the mums are from non-church backgrounds** – well done Jennie & team. **Harvest's Got Talent** night was a scream and there have been request for another one in 2009. Over 100 leaders turn up for the district leaders meeting with **Pastor Andrew Evans**. **Andrew & Tracey Krahe** get married, '**The Product of Conduct**' series commenced. Sandra & Kevin Wallis and the Horsham Build Team put on a successful **Watoto Dinner** at the Old Horsham, from memory I think they raised close to \$12,000. The series '**7 Laws to Lasting Success**' commenced. Our **Welcome to Harvest** Sunday introduced the following new members. Joanne Baulch & son Dillon, Neil & Lorraine Haustorfer, Heidi & Neil Lees & children Dane & Joshua, Amanda & Gary Niblett, Eddie & Patti & children Jamie, Carrie-Beth & Shelly, Andrew & Tracey Krahe & children Sarah, Rowena & Jake, Justin & Zoe Elliott & 3 children, Hannah, Hunter & Yasmin.

TERM 4

Nhill Secondary School open up all their years levels for Kate, Michelle Coulthard and Angie Adams to do the **CDO** program – Dianne Croote was instrumental in obtaining the permission to do the course at Nhill – great work Dianne. The **Rush Mentoring Training** day kicked off at Horsham College. We launch our first **C4** evening rally with guest speaker Nathan Claridge. **Roma Waterman** was our guest artist at Café Harvest proceeds going to

Watoto. Sandra Wallis announces the **Horsham Build Team** has raised over **\$60,000** towards building another home for the children at Watoto amazing – this was achieved with the assistance from the team at Ballarat and Hamilton. Pastor Leo Hart did a two part series on end time prophesy. Our much treasured and valued elder Bob Tucker sadly passed away, he will be missed. Two part series '**The Importance of Role Models & Mentors.**' **Iron and Clay** ministered at Horsham College and at Kanamaroo (Did I spell that right). Over 100 ladies turned out for the dinner night at the Old Horsham Restaurant with Karen McLeod as the speaker. Many of our people participated at **Carols by Candlelight** with one of the largest turn up's seen. Christmas Eve 'Everlasting God' saw **287** in attendance, 116 of those were visitors with about 12 people responding to the **salvation appeal**.

Projects

Praise God we have been able to complete the following projects **without having to obtain a loan**. Thankyou so much to all of you who have contributed towards the items below, your generosity is most appreciated.

- Cooler in the Extreme Kids room
- Bus
- Computer for church news/graphics
- Car park & landscaping
- Stage
- Carpet
- Two Large Screens in main church
- Projector (youth purchased this)
- Upstairs room painted and new block out curtains (youth attended to this fantastic)

I wish to personally express my gratitude to our staff, Ps Rick & Sonia as well as our eldership and board, who play a huge role in the running of the church. In addition, I am very grateful to Lyn Campbell who is our events manager and Cynthia Peterson who monitors our pastoral care/attendance. This list could be endless as we could mention each of our department leaders, Deacons, Stewards, Media, Worship team, those who serve on rosters, our Cell Leaders, all those who helped out at the working bee... We are so blessed to be pastoring a church who gives so much of themselves both to the local assembly and the community.

For those on holidays enjoy, relax and make the most of the break. God bless each and everyone of you and for those travelling a safe trip and **fun**tastic time! We look forward to an exciting, vibrant, dynamic and faith filled year!

Happy New Year Everyone!

Zoran & Kate