

2015 Prayer Points – CRCA Church Planting

For Sunday 12 April 2015

Pray for Wilson Christian Church, Wilson, WA

Over the past two years Wilson church, along with help from Willetton Christian Church, has run a soup kitchen in a local public housing area. Through this ministry we have been able to connect with a vast range of people; some come because they are hungry and some because they are lonely. Over this time have had the opportunity to, not only feed hungry bellies and share time with lonely people, but also to share the hope of the gospel. We have seen a number of people connect with church and we continue pray that God will increase that number. For more information about other new CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html> .

Prayer Point:

- That God will continue to give us a heart for the lost and the discipline to make time in our lives to genuinely connect with the mission field around us.

For Sunday 19 April 2015

Pray for the Vine Christian Church, Kingston, TAS

There is a growing sense of unity at the Vine Christian Church as they have restructured their Gospel Communities, and grown by one Gospel Community in the process! There are two Gospel Communities who are looking to reach young families in the Kingston area, one Gospel Community looking for ways to love and share the Gospel with Senior Citizens in Kingston, and one Gospel Community focussing on the Maranoa Heights area. Recently they had a great weekend away as a church, where the speaker Derek Brotherson used a disciple-making seminar, that resulted in our brand new Christians actively making disciples! For more information about other new CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html>.

Prayer Point:

- Please pray for these new Gospel Communities, as they look to bring the good news of Jesus to various parts of Kingston

For Sunday 26 May 2015

Pray for Pakenham Christian Community Church (PC3), Pakenham, VIC

By God's grace, the PC3 Church Plant continues to steadily gain momentum. We're currently searching for a part-time Ministry Worker to help our core group with the work being undertaken in our local community. Sunday services are now averaging around 30 people. Our main outreach ministry is the PC3 Community Cook Up where we serve dinner and desert to about 50 people on average. The recent Christmas Community Cook Up saw us serve 150+ people dinner, desert and we were blessed enough to be able to hand out Christmas gifts to our community kids too. PC3 Pals is another little program that is in operation now which is a mother's group get together. These two outreach streams tie back into our research that was completed prior to this Church Plant being started. Praise God, but we're not too far away from starting an Alpha course soon too. In terms of 'in-reach' we've been running a Sunday School program which we've called 'JAM' (Jesus and Me). We've also tried getting a Friday Night Social gathering on a monthly basis too. We've been blessed beyond measure with a really hardworking and committed core group that will see us celebrate our 4 year anniversary on 24 July. Praise God! For more information about other new CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html> .

Prayer Points:

- Wisdom for Leadership as we seek out and interview candidates for our part-time Ministry Worker
- Strength and patience for our Core group to stay the course through the valleys and mountain peaks... Church Planting isn't easy at times!
- For the annual PC3 Trivia Night where funds raised will go directly to supporting the PC3 outreach work as well as our Part-time Ministry Worker fund

For Sunday 3 May 2015

Pray for the Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship, Wongan Hills, WA

A long held vision is by the grace of our reigning King, becoming a reality as the Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship's aviation mission 'Gospelair' is due to take flight in July 2015. On March 16th- 17th, remote schools were visited in Mt Magnet and Cue some 600-680km northeast of Perth with a view to bringing the Gospel to children in isolated areas. Both principals were very keen to get either an after school 'Kid's Club' or 'Scripture in School' program underway in 3rd term and to have these run on a fortnightly basis. Pastor Geoff van Schie is currently working on flight training to gain his command instrument rating by the end of June so as to provide an all-weather capability in order to deliver a consistent service to these schools in his Cessna 172M which has been upgraded to IFR (instrument flight rules) status. One of the principals, a Christian lady widowed just four years ago, was overjoyed to be asked if prayer could be shared with her before we left. It was a privilege to wrap up a two day trip with this special time of prayer with a child of the Lord feeling the isolation in her community. For more information about new CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html>.

Prayer Points:

- The Lord's blessing on the start up of a 'Kid's Club' in Mt Magnet and RE in Cue for 3rd term this year.
- Two others very isolated schools may also come on board (Yalgoo and Wiluna).
- Strength and encouragement for Christians in remote communities who have little or no spiritual support on the ground
- Success for Pastor Geoff's efforts to gain his command instrument rating and safety for all his flights into these remote areas

For Sunday 10 May 2015

Pray For Hope Christian Community, Baldivis, WA

At Hope community Church Baldivis our Toddler Jam Ministry continues to attract people from our community. We currently have a waiting list and we're very thankful for the way in which the mums, dads and children from the wider community are opening up to us and sharing their lives. New opportunities to serve the wider community have opened up as well. We give thanks to the Lord for these opportunities to engage with our community and shine Christ's light. Recently one of the mothers from Toddler Jam, attended one of our Sunday services. Through relationships nurtured through this ministry we are praying that the Lord will draw more people to himself. For more information about new CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html>.

Prayer Points:

- That every person attending Hope will attend a home group and connect deeply in fellowship and worship.
- That the Lord will draw many non-Christians to our *Introducing God* course later in the year.

For Sunday 17 May 2015

Pray for the Meeting of the CRCA Synod, Gosnells, WA

This week delegates will gather together at the Gosnells Christian Reformed Church in WA for the triennial meeting of Synod. The Synod of the CRCA represents the churches of all the classes. Synod meets triennially with delegates, two ministers and two elders from each classis. Synod provides oversight for the ministries undertaken jointly by CRCA churches. These include church planting, overseas missions and relief work, children and youth work, raising up ministers for the gospel, intentional ministry formation, pastor-church relations, ecumenical relations, abuse prevention, and leadership development. A number of Synodical reports and overtures to Synod will also be discussed. The Church Planting Taskforce will be seeking a budget of \$100,000 over the next triennium to be used for the continuing encouragement and support of church planting work across Australia in the CRCA, churches that are intentional about bringing to gospel to those who don't yet know Christ. For more information about new CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html>.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for unity in the CRCA as we become a more diverse body, that we will be instruments of peace and reconciliation in this world.
- Pray that God will multiply the ministry of the CRCA 10, 50, and 100 fold, beyond what we can do on our own, to the glory of His name.

For Pentecost Sunday 24 May 2015

Pray for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Australia

The Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to leading people to the Lord Jesus Christ. Only the Holy Spirit can convict the lost person. Only the Holy Spirit can draw a lost person to Jesus Christ and enable him or her to trust Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has to do a work of grace in the lost person so that he or she can repent of sin and believe in Christ. This is His work and He alone can do it. No amount of persuasion can ever substitute for the Holy Spirit's work. The CRCA recognises that our first task is *"To call upon God for such an outpouring of his Spirit that his people will be assured of his love through his Word, seek to please the Saviour in all things, manifest the godly life and be filled with prayerful and sacrificial compassion for the lost in all the world."* The Holy Spirit also empowers us as individuals and churches to witness. One of the most effective ways to reach lost people with our gospel witness is through the planting of new churches. For more information about all the CRCA churches being planted, check out the link to new churches on the CRCA website: <http://www.crca.org.au/about-the-crca/new-churches.html>.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will powerfully work in those to whom you will witness and that He will empower you to faithfully share the gospel.
- Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the CRCA -that all churches will catch the missional vision of reaching the lost for Christ!