

ULVERSTONE

BAPTIST CHURCH

UB NEWS

Christmas

EDITION

DECEMBER

2022



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

Growing deeper relationships with Christ and each other.

Welcome WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Thank you for being part of our service today.
If you are here for the first time,
we extend a warm welcome to you.



We enjoy connecting with our guests and Church family members
and invite you to join us for tea and coffee after the service.

Tea and coffee is a space where fellowship continues.
It is a space where we can chat, laugh, pray, encourage, love and care.

Welcome to all our guests today!

We would love your feedback and to connect with you.

To do so, use your smartphone camera to scan our
guest QR code then complete the form to receive a
free coffee from our in-house baristas!



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Ulverstone Baptist
Ulverstone Baptist Youth



@ub_youth

Seeing God change lives through me.

Allow Us To *Serve* You?

Each Sunday we have a team who is here to serve you.
Please ask for their assistance, they would love to help.

Sunday 4th December

Communion - Carolyn

Service Leader	Beth
Worship Leader	Kristen
Host Team	Kerri, Ian, Geoffrey, Maryanne, Carolyn, Betty.
Duty Person	Milton

Sunday 11th December

Service Leader	Nerrelie
Worship Leader	Brogan
Host Team	Dianne, Kevin, Melody, David, Rosemary, Andrew, Peggie, Carolyn.
Duty Person	David

Sunday 18th December

Mission Sunday

Service Leader	Gabrielle
Worship Leader	Kristen
Host Team	Dianne, Kevin, Melody, David, Rosemary, Andrew, Peggie, Carolyn.
Duty Person	Nathan

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December

Service Leader	Cameron
Worship Leader	Abbey
Host Team	Beth, Grenville, Leonie, Glen, Tania, Rhys, Janita, Jenny
Duty Person	Robbie

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December

No Service

Allow us to serve you throughout January 2023!

Allow Us To *Serve* You?

Each Sunday we have a team who is here to serve you. Please ask for their assistance, they would love to help.

Sunday 1st January

No Service - Prayer And Communion 8.30am

Sunday 8th January

Service Leader	Carolyn
Worship Leader	Brogan
Host Team	Beth, Grenville, Leonie, Glen, Tania, Rhys, Janita, Jenny
Duty Person	Dallas

Sunday 15th January

Service Leader	Gabrielle
Worship Leader	Kristen
Host Team	Kerri, Ian, Geoffrey, Maryanne, Carolyn, Betty.
Duty Person	Milton

Sunday 22nd January

Mission Sunday

Service Leader	Nerrelie
Worship Leader	Kristen
Host Team	Kerri, Ian, Geoffrey, Maryanne, Carolyn, Betty.
Duty Person	David

Sunday 29th January

No service - Join with us at Fairway Park,
11.30am, for a Church Family Picnic.

A word from Pastor Louis.



Make it straight and set it right!

I cannot remember a time like when the pace, fervency, and distractions were so great around Christmas. There is heightened despair, anxiety, fear and uncertainty. Amongst all this, how do we prepare our hearts so we do not lose our connection with Jesus and miss the sacred meaning?

In Isaiah 40:3, we read,

Someone, is shouting: "Clear a path in the desert! Make a straight road for the Lord our God". CEV

The excitement of then and now is that one day the prophecies would be fulfilled of the promised Messiah, the Saviour for the world. One who will usher in a new covenant for all people.

Friend, as a graced recipient of this covenant, I encourage you to be the gift! Be the miracle, and allow Jesus to live in you and lead you.

Leave no doubt, God is here with us and for us. Immanuel is present. But as always, there is a preceding preparation time before any kingdom season manifests.

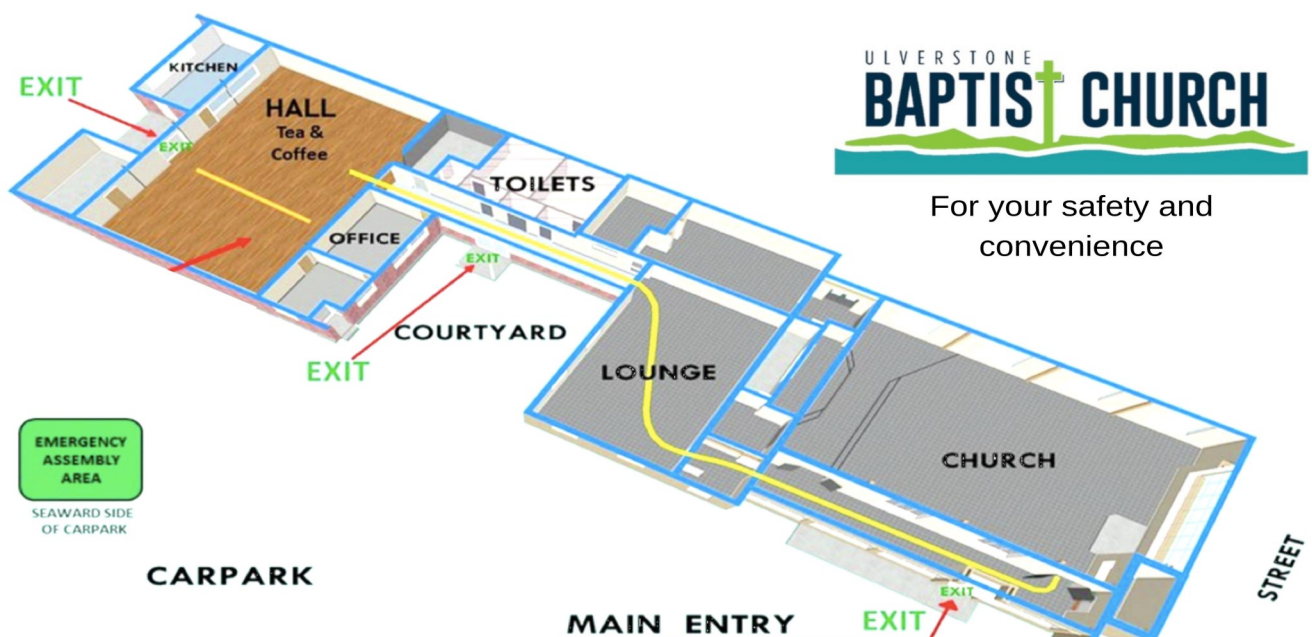
For this Christmas and Holiday season, I am asking questions of each of us, how can I make God's purpose for my life straight and smooth? How can I see lives changed through me? How can I prepare my heart and make more room for Jesus?

Friends, we need to make straight paths and set in place smooth processes. Remove incompatible forms and old habits and approach what is ahead with determination and faith. Remove the obstacles and acknowledge whatever needs to be corrected, adjusted, or reviewed, and to do it!

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to one and all.

From my family to yours,

Pastor Louis.



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SILVERSTONE
BAPTIST CHURCH

PRAISE REPORT

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He answered me. Psalm 34:3-4

Name _____ Date _____

Report. _____

We love give it to

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PRAYER REQUEST

If we ask anything according to His will, He will hear us. John 5:14

Name _____ Date _____

Request. _____

☐ Strictly Confidential
☐ Can be shared with the church

It is an honour to pray for you in your moment of need. Please fill out this card and give it to either the Pastor, Service Leader or someone on the Host team before the service.
We love to hear how God has answered your prayer, so please be sure to fill out a Praise Report.

Would you like us to contact you? Y N Phone _____

PRAYER AND PRAISE CARDS!

You'll find our prayer and praise request cards on your way in and on the coffee table in the lounge.

Anyone can fill these out as we all have prayer needs and things to praise God for.

As a church family we'd love to be able to pray for you.

PRAYER GATHERING



**Monday 5th of December, 7pm
will be the last prayer gathering for 2022.**

UBC Christmas Day Lunch



Want to know how YOU can help?

We are after helpers!

- *Preparing food the day before.
- *Hosting a table and helping to look after our guests.
- *Coming in after the dinner at 2pm on Christmas day to help clean up.

Donations of food items!

A detailed list of food items that can be gifted to the lunch is now located on the wall in the lounge . Please place your name beside the item/s.

Helping financially!

Financial gifts can be given by popping your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Day Lunch" in the offering box, or debit into our church account similarly marked.

Acc Name: Ulverstone Baptist Church

BSB: 037-013 Acc No: 921369

You are invited to our **Christmas Day Lunch**

Sunday 25th December 2022

12:00 for a 12:30 start

Ulverstone Baptist Church

60 Alexandra Road.

Each year UBC hosts Christmas lunch for anyone who will be alone or lonely over Christmas.

This year, lunch will include cold meats and salads, topped off with delicious deserts.

We would be blessed if you could join us.

Please RSVP by 11th December

Contact Yvette at the UBC office 6425 6306

(Tues & Thurs 9am to 12noon)

or Betty on 0438 254 091

Please include any dietary requirements
and let us know if you require transport.

LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Christmas

SPECTACULAR

17 & 18 DECEMBER 2022

A variety performance for the whole family celebrating the joy of Christmas

ULVERSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

Saturday 17th December 1:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 18th December 1:30pm & 7:30pm

A FREE TICKETED EVENT

LIFE Christian Church

22 Allambie Cres, Ulverstone

p. 6425 3366

e. reception@lifechristianchurch.org.au

www.lifechristianchurch.org.au



Nigel Wilkins is looking for someone to help him paint his house.
If you are able to assist he would very much value hearing from you.

MENS EVENT

Santa's Christmas Tool Run!

Sunday 11th December

Launceston Total Tools and Bunnings trip

Meet at the church 12 noon

Tea to follow

RSVP to Robbie, Rhys or Nathan



NEW YEARS DAY 2023

Sunday 1st January 2023 at 8.30 am.

If my people who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

What an awesome way to begin another new year, coming together to worship our King of Kings and Lord of Lords and acknowledge that we need Him more than ever as we move into a new and exciting year ahead.

We will spend time in worship, prayer and praying for each other.
The morning will also include communion

Let us make Jesus our priority at the start of this significant year.
God bless you all.

Baptist World Aid "Better World Gift Cards"

**Give A Gift
For A
Better World**



Better World Gifts stationery range are meaningful and impactful gifts.
All proceeds go to help respond to the immediate needs of families living in poverty. Only available online.



In 2022, many of us are mindful of the importance of choosing meaningful gifts that both speak to the heart and align with our values. Those of us who are Christians want to keep Jesus, or the world he's called us to serve, central at Christmas time.

This is where Better World Gift Cards come in. What could be more meaningful than providing a family or community overseas with something that could help them overcome poverty?

Order Your Better World Gifts Online

IT'S QUICK AND EASY!

Alternatively you can pick up a booklet and order form from our Baptist World Aid table in the sunway. Samples of what you can purchase are on display as well as cards that include a photograph of someone whose life has been transformed by receiving such gifts.



To purchase, scan the QR code or click on the link below.

<https://baptistworldaid.org.au/gift-stalls/ulverstone-baptist-gift-stall/>

UB Info Hub



Thank you to all who have filled boxes, contributed articles and finances and prayed.

UBC filled a total of **248 boxes!**

Wohoo!

We had been told that our Tasmanian boxes were headed to Fiji and Solomon Islands. However there has been a change and they have been sent to Cambodia.
Many thanks, Ruth.



NorthWest Salvos with City of Burnie Brass Band

CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE

18th December, 3pm
The Salvation Army Ulverstone
23 Victoria St



Christmas Gift



As we draw closer to Christmas, the leadership have decided to bless those whom we currently support with a special **"Christmas gift" collection.**

We recognise that for many on the field and close to home, it has been a tough year. Therefore, we acknowledge that we are blessed to be a blessing and this Christmas is no exception.

We have decided to provide an opportunity as a church family to give back to those who serve the Lord, with an offering by way of a Christmas gift to our three mission families and our local New Mornings mentor program.

We understand the pressure on families right now. However, we do not want you to miss out on being a blessing in even a small way. There is no obligation; this is a free-will offering above our tithes to convey the message that we love you, appreciate you and thinking of you this Christmas.

If you would like an opportunity to give, we are going to pass around the offering bags on **Sunday, the 18th of December**. If preferred, you can place your gift in an envelope that is clearly marked 'Christmas Gift' in the offering box located by the sunway doors or give directly through internet banking - simply make mention of it being a "Christmas gift".

The Lord says, "Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room for it".

This is a special love offering and not to be confused with the Baptist World Aid "Better World gift cards".

Thank you, Leadership Team

Join with us to spend

Christmas
EVE
together.

Saturday 24th December
7pm to 8.30pm



60 Alexandra Rd, Ulverstone

| Phone 6425 6306

| www.ub.church

| Email admin@ub.church



December Prayer Focus

Each year Christmas seems to come upon us quickly. I find it very easy to get caught up in the excitement of preparations, shopping, food, presents, decorations, festivities, and company of family and friends.

But in the midst of rushing around and the anticipation of what is ahead I know that it is also important to prepare my heart and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas.

Over the coming days as Christmas draws near, starting on the 1st of December, I would like to invite you to join with me by reading 1 chapter a day through the book of Luke. The book of Luke has 24 chapters and by reading a chapter a day, by Christmas eve you will have read all 24 chapters.

Together let's reflect on the events that happened over 2000 years ago and how a tiny baby changed not only the world, but if we are willing, has the power to change our lives and make our heart His home. Yvette

Week



Hope (Hope makes life a little brighter)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises.
Romans 15:13 AMP

Thank you that you are a God of hope. For your word says that you have a plan for my life, one that has hope and a future. I am grateful that I am not alone. You are with me every moment of the day. There have been many times that I have seen your hand upon my life. You are faithful and I know you will continue to be so. Help me to hold tight to your many promises written in your word. Thank you that you are a God who saves and that my future is secure in you.

Take a moment to consider and reflect on how God has been faithful in your life. How can you offer hope to someone you know? Maybe a word of encouragement or an offer of practical help?

Week



Peace (Peace brings us all a little nearer)

Peace I leave with you. My [perfect] peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let my perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.] John 14:27 AMP

Father thank you that you are the Prince of Peace. In moments of worry or when I feel anxious and overwhelmed thank you that I can call on you and you will answer me. Help me to remember your truth and guard my heart from believing lies of the enemy. May it be your peace that rules in my heart as I draw close to you this Christmas.

Is there a situation in your life that requires God's peace. Why not surrender the situation into God's care and ask for His peace to bring rest to your heart and mind. He is big enough. He can handle it!

December Prayer Focus

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Joy (Joy makes our hearts a little lighter)

I have told you these things so that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy may be found full and complete and overflowing. John 15:11 AMP

Jesus you are the light of the world. Light cannot be hidden; it shines bright for all to see. Help me to joyfully shine your light and truth to others around me this Christmas. Your word says that You are mighty to save and that you rejoice over me with joyful singing. Remove from my heart anything that may be hindering me from experiencing your joy. Thank you, that the best gift ever given was the gift of your son Jesus and in this Christmas season, like that of the angels, I joyfully celebrate you my saviour and your love for me.

What are some creative ways in which you can demonstrate joy this Christmas? Perhaps you could write a list of all things you are grateful for that could help give your heart a spirit of Joy.

Love (Love makes those we know a little dearer)

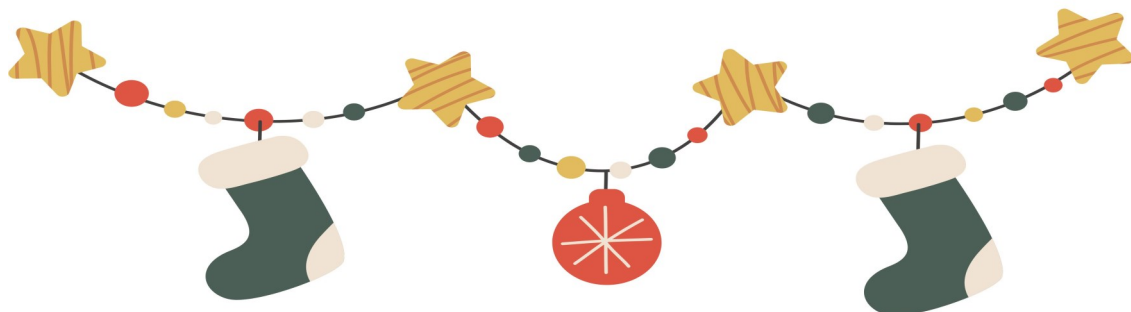
Week

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And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow. Not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 NLT

Lord, you are the source of love. I know that I can "love big" because I am created in your image. Thank you for your love, care, grace, and mercy upon my life. Thank you that because of your great love for me, you sent your only son Jesus to leave heaven and live here on earth amongst your people. Your word says that nothing can or will ever separate me from your love. It is abundant, generous, and overflowing. Help me to love others with the same measure and help me to be your hands and feet sharing your love with those who don't know you. Father, in this Christmas season, help me to fix my eyes on you rather than all that is here today and gone tomorrow. Fill my heart with your hope, peace, joy, and love.

Pray and ask God to show you a particular person to whom you can share God's love.



Calendar Planning



Hello all, this memo is to help us, and you, correlate planner dates for the coming year.

Historically, Life Groups have met fortnightly during evenings to help plan around other leadership meetings and events. Ideally, doing so on the first and third weeks creates little overlap or interruption for leaders' nights and limits overcrowding weekly evenings.

For those who choose to meet weekly can continue do so. From our perspective, we have found a fortnightly rotation of life groups is the most efficient use of our time and gives space between catching up and creating some social time for connecting and doing life.

I realise that Life groups or groups that meet during the day do not affect additional planning parameters.

So, when planning your group or event, it would be greatly appreciated if you could keep this sequence in mind so that our leaders are not having meetings clash and get to share in the connection as much as anyone else.

Pastor Louis

Summer Picnic Dates

Sunday January 29th

11.30am to 1pm

Sunday February 19th

Sunday March 19th

Sunday April 16th

After Church, bring your lunch and join with us at Fairway Park over the summer months.

Keep an eye out for our UBC flag. Where the flag flies, that's where we will be!

Please note that Sunday the 29th of January is the 5th Sunday of the month and there will not be a UBC



Pastor Louis will be on holiday
from December the 25th
to January the 9th 2023.

Christmas/New Year Office Hours

The church office will be closed after Tuesday the 20th of December and open again from Tuesday the 17th January 2023.

As a reminder, the office is attended on Tuesday and Thursday mornings
• from 9am to 12noon.

If for any reason you need assistance please speak with your life groups, ministry leader, elders and deacons.

Rest | Revive | Renew

As the Christmas season and 2023 approaches, we recognise that those serving on our teams are stretched thin, particularly at this time of year when family demands are higher.

Out of respect for those serving, and a way to give back to those who give their time each week, we are choosing to not have a service on Sunday 25th December, Sunday the 1st of January and Sunday the 29th of January.

We would however like to invite you to join with us for a time of prayer on January the 1st, New Year's Day at 8.30am. This will be a time of prayer and communion as we welcome and commit 2023 to the Lord.

On Sunday the 29th of January 11.30am to about 1pm, grab your lunch, picnic blanket and sunhat and join us at Fairway Park we enjoy our first 2023 Church Summer picnic together.

We understand that for a lot of people not attending a Sunday service at UBC will be different, but we know that there are several churches in Ulverstone who will be holding wonderful services on these days and would warmly welcome any guests.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the Great. Proverbs 18:16

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Direct Deposit
BSB: 037-013 Account: 921369

iGive
go to ub.church
click on "Get Connected"
then click on "Giving"

NON ELECTRONIC GIVING

Acc Name
Ulverstone Baptist Church
BSB : 037-013
Acc No: 921369

Place your offering in the offering box as you enter church on Sunday Morning.

Arrange a direct debit with your bank into our account above.

Take cash/cheque into a westpac Branch & debit it into our bank account above.

Write a cheque and post it to: Ulverstone Baptist Church.
PO Box 250
Ulverstone 7315

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity and commitment every week.

ULVERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

SOS SCHOOL^{OF} SUPERNATURAL

Two classes starting on Wednesday
30th November and 7th December
7pm.

ALL WELCOME

Blue Moose Devonport Tasmania

2022/23

Blue Moose is a catchy name for a youth space being run over the New Year in the Pathway Shed in Tarleton Street, East Devonport. If you are 16 years and over and would love the opportunity to serve in local mission, spreading the great news about Jesus, then this could be for you!

BLUE MOOSE DATES:

28th Dec 2022 - 6th Jan 2023

TRAINING DAY:

19th November 9-5pm

C3 Church Devonport
45a Steele Street
Devonport

9-5pm
BYO Lunch

Please see the YD website for all details
& registration information
<https://www.youthdimension.org.au/bluemoose>

*Any questions please ring Owen Prout 0421 300 520
or Gordon Kelly 0459 999 229*

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YOUTH
DIMENSION

Pathway Shed, 45a Steele Street, Devonport, VIC 7310
28 Dec 2022, 19 Nov 2022

owen@youthdimension.org.au

JANUARY 25 — 28
THE DON CENTRE



100 DON ROAD
DEVONPORT, TAS

ALL FOR HIM



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WAGNER**



**JEAN-LUC
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**KATHERINE
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HART**

FOR REGISTRATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.ABLAZETAS.COM

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ALL FOR HIM

IT IS ALL FOR HIM

***ALL GATHERING
TOGETHER FOR
KING JESUS***

***TO GIVE OUR ALL
FOR HIM***

This is an event for the Body of Christ, organised by Ablaze and supported by a number of churches from around Tasmania.

This is a timely and significant event and we are so honoured and blessed to have the following speakers in Tasmania, who are all internationally recognised and who all believe in the Lord's plan for revival in Tasmania and Australia.

David Wagner, Jean-Luc Trachsel, Katherine Ruonala and Will Hart.

We firmly believe that they are called here to impart to us 'for such a time as this' and that the Lord has something significant planned as we gather together in unity, to worship King Jesus and give our All For Him.

There will also be a Leaders Meeting on Wednesday afternoon on the 25th January. For more information visit our website and social media platforms - www.ablazetas.com



DAVID WAGNER
FATHERS HEART MINISTRIES

Internationally recognised as an accurate and relevant prophetic voice who uses his prophetic gifting to empower, equip and encourage people to discover their destiny and identity in Christ.



JEAN-LUC TRACHSEL
IAHM, EUROPE SHALL BE SAVED,
GLOBAL EVANGELIST ALLIANCE

Is a Swiss based healing evangelist who travels internationally and who actively works to bring unity among Christians and to proclaim the gospel to this generation with mercy and compassion.



KATHERINE RUONALA
GLORY CITY CHURCH, KATHERINE
RUONALA MINISTRIES, GCN, APC

Katherine has a prophetic and healing ministry travelling internationally as a conference speaker bringing a message of love and hope to the nations.



WILL HART
IRIS GLOBAL

Iris Global's CEO, travels the world as an itinerant to bring the simplicity of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit.

BIKE FOR BIBLES



REGISTER AT
biblesociety.org.au/tas23

WHY ARE WE RIDING?

The quality of education in Egypt is low on the world scale. Teaching styles can sometimes be rigid; pupil participation is not encouraged enough. Many schools have poor infrastructure. Children often fail to properly learn literacy skills and a lack of practice can cause them to fall back into illiteracy. This need is greater than ever, as children have missed out on school and church activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Children and Adult Post Literacy project aims to build on newly learnt literary skills in students of all ages and prevent a relapse into illiteracy. This project makes Scriptures available, accessible and affordable to adults and children. Additionally, the project facilitates personal and spiritual development as individuals accept responsibility and take initiative for their ongoing learning.

Will you help us turn on the light of literacy for another 10,000 students this year?

WHEN
2nd - 6th Jan 2023

WHERE
350km, Marrawah
to Launceston

COST
\$10 registration and
\$260 on road costs

Mission

Beyond Our Community

Supporting Mission



In 2015 Stephen & Coralie Preston began a new role as the WEC Australia national directors. They are based at the WEC head office in Sydney and their purpose is to facilitate the training & sending of cross cultural workers overseas.

For more information

visit: <http://www.wec.com.au>

Email: member.care@wec.com.au

Stephen & Jocelyn have been serving with Heartstream since April 2002. Their ministry of pastoral care to those working in cross cultural ministry takes them to many countries involving 40 different organisations.

For more information

visit their Facebook page:

Heartstream Resources New Zealand



In May 2018, Craig and Kim along with their four children,

Henry, Amaya, Reuben and Elodie arrived in Cambodia to join the GIA team serving among the Khmer.

They hope to use their skills in aquaculture and paediatric nursing to build relationships with the Khmer people and to encourage them in discovering who Jesus is and how they can follow Him within their own culture.

For more information

www.globalinteraction.org.au



Ruth Cannon
Samaritans
Purse



Rob Head
Wycliffe Bible
Trans/PNG

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