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June

# Life @

# CHURCHLANDS

## Mission and My Dream and God's Plan for Me

From a very early age I wanted to be a missionary serving in Africa. My hero was Dr Albert Schweitzer (1875 to 1965) who was a humanitarian, theologian, organist, missionary and medical doctor working in the Belgian Congo. He built up the hospital in Lambarene and was the pastor of a congregation there. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952. With his prize money he built the leprosarium at Lambarene.

I wanted to be a nurse and work along side Doctor Schweitzer and serve and nurse the people of Africa. It never entered my mind that he was approaching old age and may not be alive when I finished my nursing training. He died on 4 September 1965, and was buried at Lambarene before I was able to complete my nursing training.

There was a lot of unrest in Belgian Congo and they fought for independence and achieved their goal. This closed my dream. I felt Africa was moved out of my reach, and I had no other country in focus - if not the Congo, then

I had to re-think where to go. This reminded me of Acts 16:6 where Paul was prevented from going east and was called to Macedonia.

At this time I knew of God but had no close relationship with him. I did not consciously know that the Holy Spirit was guiding me



into a different direction to serve our Lord in missions. Looking back I realise now how the hand of God was upon me. He brought me from Germany via England to Australia. I moved out of the Lutheran Church to the Catholic Church and then to Churchlands. I patiently waited 40 years to go on a mission trip to Africa. (Psalm 37:5, 7).

In 2004 we came to Churchlands and a mission

trip to Namibia and South Africa was advertised and I knew my time had come to start my missionary service in Africa.

Little did I know what God had in mind for me on this trip. It was a time for opening my eyes to God's work and His way of showing me a different way of mission work. (Proverbs 4:7).

I did not use my nursing skills for work but I learned about ministering and praying for the people. The Lord was teaching me the "mission of life" and undoing all my old beliefs and understanding of a missionary. I had to learn my identity in Christ (Romans 8 and James 4:8) and how to minister to people and serve God as a missionary through the ministry He had laid on my heart (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

It is a joy for me to co-ordinate missions at Churchlands.

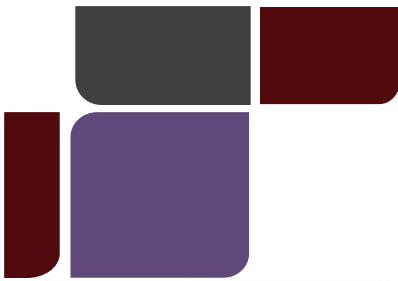
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and coffee in *The*  
*Lounge*

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**CHURCHLANDS**  
*Community Services*

## Thank You

I had so much fun giving things away. You made me look good. You made God look great!

Thank you Lea, Lyn and all who quietly contributed shampoo and conditioner, chocolate roses and their time to bless the Cafe ladies with a Mother's Day gift. They were surprised and delighted.

**Jane Speldewinde**



Well it's been a great couple of weeks at Wednesday Café and we continue to touch many people.

Two weeks ago our worship leader Ned Davies preached and following his very moving message, ten people gave their hearts to Jesus.

These new believers have been followed up by Jan East getting them involved

is all about Jesus and the basic beliefs of our Christian walk. All this happens in the Lounge at around 12.45pm following the Café. The feedback from some of the people attending has been very encouraging. We seem to be increasing in numbers and seeing some real needy people from the surrounding suburbs of Balcatta who are being mightily touched, being nourished by our food programme and also being fed spiritually.

Last week Paul Eaton gave a great message and again people were touched.

Our great chef and leader Markus advised me that there were 150 people at last week's Wednesday Café. As you can imagine a lot of work is involved in preparing, serving and then cleaning up the Café and our great team of volunteers do a magnificent job carrying out that task with such joy and humility.

However, **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS** to assist us in this most rewarding task. What we would like is for some folk



to come forward and offer their help in particular from 12.00pm to 3.00pm at the Wednesday Café. Please contact either Markus on 0419 948 108 or myself on 0402 790 787 if you can help us. Thanks.

**Mike Harold**



Many things shape our lives, who we are and how we react in certain circumstances. Most of what we experience in growing up is usually positive and helps us to mature into the people God wants us to be. However, there are situations and events that occur which also shape who we are and not necessarily in a good way. Sometimes it can be as innocuous as an older sibling teasing us, or perhaps a parent wrongly assuming it was us who was responsible for something that happened. Whilst I am sure many of us may have experienced something similar, in certain situations this may cause us to react in a negative way. What happens is, because we have been 'conditioned' in a certain way our reactions can sometimes bring us and those around us a degree of grief. In a Sozo session, God will gently identify where those lies and wounds have occurred, and we can then use the Sozo tools to deal with each and every issue. We are constantly amazed at how God will show up at each and every session and bring healing and wholeness to individuals.

If you have any questions about a Sozo session please feel free to talk to Terry or Gail after any service or you can contact us on [terry.amos@churchlands.org.au](mailto:terry.amos@churchlands.org.au) or phone on 0400 207 159.

**Terry and Gail Amos**



## Jody 's Message

How I appreciate you all so very much and pray God's blessings on all of you. Thank you for supporting me in all the different ways that you do. I have just said goodbye to the Southern Cross mission team and I must admit it was difficult as we formed such a strong bond in the week that we were together and the pace was full on. Parting from my spiritual parents Ps John and Alaine was not easy. Now I am saturated spiritually and have the ability to continue to serve again. I am so pleased about the outcome of building into the pastors and their wives, as each year Ps John and Alaine along with Etienne Blom (prophet) see the growth and advancement of our future Southern Cross Leaders in Kenya. As their spiritual leader and mother in East Africa, I am so proud of them, especially when I get feedback from people who encounter them as a group. I feel like a mother hen gathering her chicks and directing them in the right way. These precious people are mostly from the slum areas and what they are doing to advance the Kingdom and pass on the baton is phenomenal. **It was a great pleasure to have Karen Speldewinde on the team, helping to build into the women's group.**

My ordination was one of the highlights of the whole experience. In fact it has taken a while for it to sink in. I feel very honoured and will do my utmost to fulfil my role and carry on the work God has ordained for me. So all in all, it is times like this that encourages me to carry on, to pass on the baton and win the race.

**Jody Pike**

## Report on Kenya Trip

I recently had the honour of accompanying John and Alaine on a trip to Nairobi, Kenya for the Southern Cross Association of Churches (SCAC) East Africa Leaders' Advance. We were joined by Etienne Blom from Capetown, South Africa and Jody Pike who lives in Nairobi. Both Etienne and Jody are regional SCAC facilitators. A group of pastors and their wives came from Kenya, Uganda and Burundi for leadership training, team building and fellowship. Our venue



was the Mennonite Guest House which offered very basic but secure and peaceful facilities.

For me, it was my first visit to Africa and the first time I have seen the work done by SCAC outside of Australia. It was a really humbling time as I was asked to interview and video most of the leaders and wives. At times I found myself in tears behind the camera, as I heard story after story of the work these people are doing, some of the hardships they face, but overall the joy they feel knowing that SCAC, through John and Alaine, are there to support, guide and encourage them. They told me repeatedly how they felt they were spiritually running on empty and had been hanging out for this time of refreshing and teaching. Throughout the few days we heard John McElroy

teach on how to change the spiritual atmosphere around us and we received prophetic insight from Etienne. Everyone sat and absorbed every word spoken. It was also a delight to watch Jody Pike interact with these people. She has learned to speak Swahili and can converse with them in their own tongue, which helps put them at ease. She laughs with them, cries with them and when necessary brings teaching and correction. They have a great combination of love and respect for each other.

During one session Alaine, Jody and myself met just with the wives. It was difficult to comprehend the challenges they face on a daily basis, however when I looked at them I saw the joy and determination which you only achieve through perseverance and knowing you are doing God's will. They are a walking example of Romans 5 (suffering leads to perseverance, leads to character which leads to joy). For me this is an experience I will never forget. The people I met, the relationships that were forged and the opportunity I had to witness the work done by SCAC, have changed my outlook on life. Prior to this experience, I encouraged those who felt a call to Africa but I had never felt a calling myself. That has now changed as God has given me a new understanding of His people and a new desire to do so much more than I am currently doing. I have always been able to articulate the work done by SCAC but now that I have seen it with my own eyes, I realise that my words are inadequate to explain what really happens. The cost of going on the trip

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is insignificant compared to the benefits and I would recommend to anyone to invest their time and money if given the opportunity in the future.

**Karen Speldewinde**

### Water Baptism Service

**When** - 27th May 2012

**Where** - Churchlands

**How** - Sign up at Enquiries or contact Mike Meyer on 6241 2700.

**Who** - For any believer who has not been water baptised and would like to be.

### Membership

If you are not a member of Churchlands and would like to be:

Sign up at Enquiries on Sundays or contact Mike Meyer on 6241 2700.

**Note:** next membership class is diarised for Sunday 17 June.

**Mike Meyer**

### Coming Events 2012

Churchlands

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Celebration

**Sunday 20 May 2012**

A special service to celebrate all that God has done at Churchlands over the last 25 years, honouring those who have been a part of the journey and looking forward to all that is to come! A special morning tea will follow the service.

As a leadership, we have done our best to 'officially' invite everyone, however please feel free to invite anyone who has been with us any time over the years. It will be a great day together in God!

### Family News

Congratulations to the Avins family on the birth of Jessica Faith born Monday 16 April, weighing 7lbs 1oz.

Congratulations to Diana and Shawn Fallon (and brother, Jack) on the birth of Ethan Brock, born Friday 4 May, weighing 3.4kg.

### Meet & Greet

For all people new to Churchlands—that means anyone who has been coming to the church for any amount of time over the last 12 months - we invite you on the last Sunday of every month, after the service, to have a coffee/tea in the River Room, to connect with and relate to one another and meet our staff and small group leaders.

Save The Date!

Saturday 30th June  
2.30pm - 4.30pm

"Meet in the Middle"  
Ladies Afternoon Tea

Here at  
Churchlands



SUNDAY SERVICE 9.20am

20 May—25th Anniversary

John McElroy

27 May

Steve Glanz

WEDNESDAY CHURCH

11.00am - Free Lunch

11.30 m — Message

12.30pm - Free bread, fresh fruit & veges from the food store in the rear car park

FRIDAY NIGHT 6.45pm

**18 May**

Aaron Croot

25 May

Youth event