
PRAYER LETTER - JULY 2008

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open the door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:2-6

Greetings from the mission of Young Life Australia.

July, the start of the second half of the year! An opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and a time to make any adjustments for the second half. For the mission it is a time to breathe a little and take stock for what is next. God the Holy Spirit is moving and our prayer is that we would see him clearly and follow where he leads.

Thank you for praying with us and standing in the gap for Aussie young people.

Northern Staff Retreat – July 14-16 sees the first northern regional staff retreat. It will be a great opportunity for Ben Staunton (Regional Director) to gather his staff and begin to impart the vision that God has laid on his heart for the region. Please **pray** for Ben as he leads this time and gathers the staff to hear God's voice.

Southern staff Retreat – Brett Kirkwood (Regional Director) gathered his staff in June. It was a great time with the staff walking away feeling encouraged and inspired in what God is doing now. The Lord is moving and we need to continue to **pray** for the southern region as they seek to reach more young people.

Travel – Glyn and Fudge will make some area visits in July to Brisbane and Melbourne. Please **pray** for this time as they follow up on the changes that have taken place with the establishment of the regions. The Lord has blessed this move with the staff feeling better cared for. Brett and Ben are doing a great job with their one day overseeing their respective regions. **Pray** for safety as Glyn and

Fudge travel and that the time will be a blessing to the areas.

Glyn & Anne – Life continues to run at a frantic pace in the Henman house. Anne continues her work as a bereavement counsellor one day a week and then she is also busy at school with reading groups, gross motor development, canteen and taxi service. The girls continue to grow, they seem to never stop eating, but at the same time they never stop running either. This semester Glyn continues his study and will attend classes each Tuesday morning. This will be the last class time and will finish his final classes next year via correspondence. **Pray** that God would continue to protect them as they lead the mission and raise a family.

A reflection – Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

To imitate Christ is the great challenge for us all. To make the sacrifice as Christ has modelled and become a fragrant offering is life giving. We often see sacrifice as losing, but in God's economy we find life and life to the full. I **pray** that as we make the daily decision to sacrifice and become a fragrant offering, that Christ will be seen clearly in all that we do.

God Bless

Glyn and the Young Life Board