
PRAYER LETTER - MAY 2010

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.

John 10:14-15 ¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The concept of the good shepherd has come to me with fresh power over the last month. What does it mean to seek the lost, bind up the injured, provide safety for the displaced, lead people in the way of the Lord, and seek to lay down our lives for those God has called us to reach? In our world of multi-layered programs, events and accountability groups, have we lost the simplistic nature of sharing life? Not sure if there is a definitive answer to the question, but I do suspect that it is tied up with the Father knowing me and me knowing the Father and his ways as modeled by Jesus.

Belarus - I wish I could have spent longer in Belarus and Lithuania visiting with Mark & Lera Hamilton. Mark & Lera have pioneered the work of Young Life in Belarus for the last 10 years. The Hamiltons have established one of the best mission plants I have seen anywhere in the world. They have taken seriously the mandate of establishing indigenous leadership to lead the charge in their own culture. There are two national staff in place raising their own support and over 30 volunteers committed to reaching Belarussian young people.

I was invited to teach at the Belarussian leadership conference and I was the one who walked away with the education.

Pray for the Hamiltons – they now live in Vilnius, Lithuania (only 30km from the border) as they cannot get a permanent

visa. **Pray** that the time that they do get in Belarus will be used wisely and effectively as they continue to disciple and shepherd these staff and volunteers.

Pray for the local staff and volunteers as they are now in full swing to run their summer camp program and are busy recruiting campers and getting clubs wound up for the year.

Maroondah (Victoria) Area Manager Replacement– I would like to welcome Adrian (AJ) Hyland to the Young Life Australia staff as the new Area Manager for Maroondah. AJ started with Young Life mid April and is busy finding his feet and getting settled into the role. **Pray** for AJ and his family as they take on this vital ministry. If you are in the area make sure you give him a call and say hi.

National/Ryde Annual Dinner – The annual dinner is on again and this year and we have secured NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione to be our guest speaker. The dinner is on the 14th May and more details are available on the website if you would like to attend. **Pray** for the night as it is a key opportunity to share the story of Young Life through the year, hear from the Commissioner and also have a little fun raising some money for Young Life.

Glyn & Anne – Anne, Glyn and the family are all doing well and enjoying life together. It has been a busy start to the year but they are now finding a little space to enjoy the autumn weather. **Thank you** for your wonderful support and encouragement.

God Bless
Glyn and the Young Life Board