

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER!

Each year Vision 100 has held annual prayer meetings in both the North and South of the state. We are committed to prayer because the work of church planting and raising up leaders is God's work.

Christ himself says, 'I will build my church', and it says in Ephesians 4 that he is the One who gives the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. So we need to ask God to do for us what we cannot do. Prayer must continue to be the great priority of our Vision 100 churches. As Spurgeon once said:

Without prayer what are the church's agencies, but the stretching out of a dead man's arm, or the lifting up of the lid of a blind man's eye? Only when

the Holy Spirit comes is there any life and force and power.

We recognise the urgent need for prayer, but our annual prayer meetings are not all that well attended. Despite changing the day, the time and venue, as well as the way we promote these meetings, the numbers have not increased. We might be disappointed by this, especially those who have worked hard to organise our prayer meetings. We need to harness this disappointment to maintain a holy discontent with the status quo.

But we mustn't allow ourselves to grow weary or lose heart. Then we have taken our eyes off the Ascended Christ, who persevered even to death on a cross for our salvation. We need to recognise that prayer is the most difficult work, because it is spiritual work, and we are all by nature

resistant to spiritual things. So what is needed is that we persevere in prayer. As Paul says in Romans 12, be faithful in prayer.

Our numbers might be small, but the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective. Mary Queen of Scots recognised this and once said, 'I fear Knox's prayer more than an army of ten thousand men.' We believe that God is willing and able to answer prayer, and we have seen wonderful answers to prayer in conversions, church plants, and new leaders being raised up. Christ has been at work among us, building his church.

So, let's persevere with our Vision 100 prayer meetings, expectant that God will work in us and through us, and we will see Tasmania won for Christ, for his glory.

Brian Vaatstra

FOCUS ON CAMPUS

Luke Hansard works with International students on the university campus in Hobart.

FOCUS 2010 is looking good. We have a great leadership team eager and ready to serve and a lot of international students who are eager and ready to be served!

We are now into the second week of the university year and are beginning our journey through the gospel of John at Friday Night FOCUS.

Our Home Groups start this week and we will be breaking into two groups; one for Christians where we'll do an overview of the Bible and one for non-Christians where we'll go through the basics of the Christian message.



The FOCUS Leadership Team. Left to right: Melody Valk, Michael Valk, Doori Moon, Shaun Doyle, Sumin Go, Tim Hansard, April Chivers, Jerry Ho, Luke Hansard

VISION 100 ONLINE

www.vision100.org

The Vision 100 website is a great place to find out what's happening around our state. You can subscribe to our news feed, check out upcoming events and get updates from Vision 100 network blogs.

There are lots of great resources on our website. You can find the MTS 2009 Challenge talks, video briefings, training materials and even our newsletters. You can also find out about how to become a financial partner, or how to include Vision 100 in your will.

So whether you're interested in becoming a church planter, thinking about making a bequest or just wanting to keep up with the latest news, check out www.vision100.org

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March	MTS Tasmania Shopfront March 31st 9:30am - 3:30pm
August	Ministry Challenge Conference August 27th - 29th
September	Vision 100 Prayer Days North: September 4th South: September 11th
October	Vision 100 Sunday October 24th

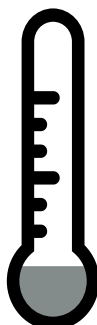
FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

As we launch into 2010 we thank God for the year that has passed and for all of the great projects we've been able to support. Your financial support has enabled us to assist MTS apprentices, give evangelistic 'Grand Plans' grants, support work at the University with FOCUS and the Uni Fellowship and to fund church planting in the Huon Valley and outreach ministry in the Midlands.

We look forward to the year ahead and pray that God will enable donors to give generously and provide the funds we need to invest in gospel ministry in Tasmania. Here is the first update on each of our projects, showing the targets we have committed to give this year and the amounts received for each of these projects so far in 2010. We'll continue to keep you updated as the year progresses.

FUND:	TARGET:	AMOUNT RAISED:
Midlands	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 4,000.00
Huon Valley	\$ 20,000.00	\$
FOCUS	\$ 5,000.00	\$
Uni Fellowship	\$ 5,000.00	\$
TOTALS:	\$ 50,400.00	\$4,340.00*

*We have also received \$340.00 in general donations



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Emma Wilkins joined the Vision 100 committee in early 2007 and since then has been serving us faithfully as our Publications and Promotions Officer. Emma has done an amazing job producing the newsletter and we are very thankful for her hard work and generosity. She has put her talents to work as editor, writer and designer and we are thankful to God for her faithful service.

Emma and her husband Huw have moved to Sydney where Emma is now working as a journalist for an independent publication. Emma and Huw are enjoying life in Sydney's Inner West and have settled into church in Annandale.

From Vision 100 to Emma Wilkins, farewell and thank you.

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Currently we are drawing on a pool of about 60 students, but it's early days and who knows who will stick around?

The University ran an orientation week from the 15th -19th of February and this was a big week for the FOCUS leadership. During this week we worked hard to contact international students. We invited them to our Friday Night FOCUS and to a Tuesday welcome lunch BBQ.

The BBQ was very well attended with 100 students turning up, but the Friday night that followed was much less impressive with only 44 students joining us.

I think I was the only one who felt disappointed however; FOCUS was enthusiastic about being back together again after such a long break and the leadership team was excited about the new things we had begun work on.

As I think about what lies ahead for FOCUS this year I have mixed feelings. I'm eager to see what God will do with our new leadership team but I'm also daunted by how my role must change to bring it about. I'm eager to see what God has planned for our first Mid-Year Conference but I'm daunted by all that needs to happen to bring it about. I'm eager to see people become Christians and our young Christians grow, but I'm daunted by the hard road that lies ahead of them as they face challenges that many (Anglo?) Australian Christians will never know.

Luke Hansard

For more information about FOCUS check out their website www.focusutas.org

VISION 100 PROJECTS: 2010 AND BEYOND

Vision 100 is supporting seven key projects to further the gospel in Tasmania

Three new visionary projects in important areas of the state

- Launceston church plant (target: \$5 000 in 2010, \$20 000 in four years)
- Eastern Shore, Hobart church plant (target: \$5 000 in 2010, \$20 000 in four years)
- Northern suburbs, Hobart church plant (target: \$5 000 in 2010, \$20 000 in four years)

We currently don't have a clear idea of when or how these church plants might take place, or who will be involved. We recognise the importance of new church plants in these areas. Normally we pursue opportunities as God opens doors for us, but we also want to pray and plan in the hope that God might open a door in the future. We are gathering funds in order to inspire people to give because they are excited about these opportunities. We hope that this will motivate churches/denominations/individuals to pursue them, knowing that funding is available.

We welcome expressions of interest from churches/denominations/individuals who are interested in starting a church plant in any of these three areas.

Four existing projects currently being funded by Vision 100

- Midlands outreach through Presbyterian Inland Mission supporting Ian Tyson
- FOCUS work with Interantional students supporting Luke Hansard
- Uni Fellowship on the Hobart campus with Mikey Lynch
- Redeemer Christian Church in Huonville supporting Mick Elliott

Financial supporters can notify us if they wish their donation to go towards one of these seven projects.

REDEEMER IN THE HUON VALLEY

In November last year Redeemer Christian Church began public meetings in Huonville at the newly constructed Police and Citizens Youth Centre. The close-knit core group was so keen to get started that their initial launch plans were brought forward to the opportune time before Christmas.

This is a church plant of the Christian Reformed Churches of Kingborough, and seeks by God's grace to bring the love of Christ in the gospel to people in the Huon Valley.

Mick Elliott, a former missionary to Bolivia and SIM (Serving in Mission) representative in Tasmania, has been appointed as the pastor of the church, and is working with a strong and vibrant core group of about 40 people who all live in the area.

Previously Mick and his wife Jane were involved for 10 years with SIM in Bolivia where they encouraged the planting of churches. When they moved back to Australia they became members of the One Way Christian Community in Margate.

They have recently sold their home in Margate and on the 26th of March will be moving to the Huon Valley so they



Mick and Jane Elliott

can be part of the community they serve. As a family they're really looking forward to the move and have seen God's blessing in the whole process.

The Huonville church will be a gospel-focused church with a Reformational understanding of the gospel, encapsulated in the catch-cries, faith alone, grace alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone. The ministry of the Word and prayer will be the heart of this new church's work.

The key goal of the church is not to take people from existing churches,

but to reach out into the Huonville community and beyond, to win them for Christ and so be engaged in building His kingdom. The hard work of the church plant, for which they need much prayer, is to reach out to people with the gospel of Jesus Christ in a community which has a dark spiritual history. Mick asks you to pray:

That more people would come to know Christ in the Valley. We want to see church growth by kingdom growth.

The group has been very excited to see growth, particularly new people coming to know Christ. Recently a couple who they were going through Introducing God with became Christians and God is working very strongly in their lives.

Growing together as a community has also been a feature of the group. They are a mix of people, most new to the Valley, with some 'native Tasmanians'. About one third are older Christians and the rest are young families.

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WELCOME BRONWYN

What is Vision 100?

Vision 100 exists to support and encourage churches that plant churches to plant churches!

Why did you decide to join the Vision 100 committee?

I was asked to join to take over Emma's role in producing the newsletter. It's the sort of thing I have some skill at and enjoy doing, so I'm happy to help out. Plus, it's nice to put that Arts degree to some use.



What excites you about Vision 100?

What excites me is the vision for God's kingdom to grow here in Tasmania. The organisation simply exists to help bring that about.

What was your first committee meeting like?

I haven't been able to attend one yet, but I think it would have been easier to do my job if I had! I'm looking forward to the next one.

What do you hope to contribute to Vision 100 as a member of the committee?

To use my skills and abilities to help keep supporters informed and inspired, for the glory of God. I hope to be able to continue to Emma's great work in sharing the stories about real people and God's great work in their lives.

Vision 100 Partners

Cornerstone Mount Stuart, Richmond & Midlands Outreach under David Jones' leadership

Crossroads South House, North House, TBT & Classic under Dan Shepheard's leadership

Kingston One Way, Bay, Summerleas & Redeemer under Brian Vaatstra's leadership

The Branch Evangelical Reformed Church under Fred van Hulst's leadership

AFES Tasmania - Northern and Southern Uni Fellowship and FOCUS under Sam Green's leadership

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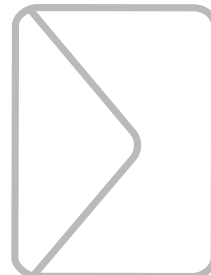
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QUESTION CORNER

If you have a question relating to church planting in general, or Vision 100 in particular, please email it to bronwynbultman@gmail.com or post it to our PO Box address. The pastors on the committee (Brian Vaatstra, David Jones, Mikey Lynch) will answer these questions in upcoming newsletters.

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Once every three months the group gets together to do something for each other to serve one another.

Just before winter one couple had moved into a new house and the group spent the day at their house splitting firewood and sharing a meal together. They have also done working bees and 'church-yard blitz', reaching out help a single mother in the local community.

In a rural community it takes time to become known and be accepted. The challenge for Redeemer is to be proactive, to build awareness and become known in the community.

The new venue, the Police and Citizens Youth Centre, has been great

in this regard. Most of the core group at Redeemer have signed up to become PCYC members. They're investing in the community and rubbing shoulders with the people there.

One of the challenges of the new venue is setting up from scratch every week. Carpet and then chairs have to be laid out over Judo mats! But there is such community spirit that it happens effortlessly and everyone chips in and does it.

After the meetings there is plenty of time for tea and coffee and talking together downstairs. A kids 'fun factory' play area has been a real bonus for families. Instead of kids saying 'can we go now?' it's mum and dad having to drag them away!

There is an undeniable 'buzz' about this new church plant, but even more exciting is their strong focus on reaching the Valley for Christ and their love for the Huonville community.

Redeemer Christian Church is part of the Vision 100 Resources network of churches, sharing its values, and receiving some initial financial support. By God's grace it will grow to be a strong church in central Huonville that will plant and support a number of churches in the surrounding district.

Redeemer meets on Sundays at 9:30am in the Police and Citizens Youth Centre, Heron St Huonville.