

### Friday 6th

Pray for Lyall, Alison and Jake as they prepare for the summer mission training weekend that begins this evening at Upper Plenty.

### Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th

Over this weekend volunteers take part in an intensive training weekend which will equip and encourage them to assist with the mission programs that OACM will run over the summer school holidays. Pray for open hearts and minds, that all would be ready to learn and grow in new skills and knowledge.

### Monday 9th

Remember our administration staff Dawn, Kathleen and Julie as they complete tasks in readiness for leave over Christmas.

### Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th

Alison and team: A three day trip to schools in the North Eastern area of Victoria is being organised as we go to print. Tuesday through to Thursday Ali and team will visit schools in the Benalla area.

Stuart and Lyall: Marlborough PS x 2, Keilor Heights PS x 2

### Wednesday 11th

Alison: visiting schools in North Eastern Victoria  
Merv shares with the seniors at Sth Morang aged care and Sth Morang Mews.

Stuart, Lyall and Jake: Roberts McCubbin PS x 2, Park Orchards PS

### Thursday 12th

Alison: visiting schools in North Eastern Victoria  
Stuart and Steve: Mitcham PS, Tinternvale PS x 2, Croydon PS  
Merv shares with the folk at Greensborough aged care.

### Friday 13th

Praise God for all the volunteer summer mission team members. Pray they will be enthused and their churches supportive.

### Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th

Lyall, Caroline and Jake are involved at a Christmas outreach event being run by Sunbury combined churches.

### Monday 16th - Friday 20th

Over the next five days pray for Tim and Kat, Wes Steel, Sharmini, Lyall and Stephen Urmston as they finalize details for the various summer missions they are directing.

### Saturday 21st

Praise our Lord for the opportunities that are open to us in Australia to safely share the Gospel with the public. Pray that these doors will continue to be open, the message will be sensitively delivered, and well received.

### Sunday 22nd

Pray for all staff and volunteers involved in sharing the Gospel. Ask the Lord to empower, embolden and fill them to overflowing with the Holy Spirit as they serve Him.

### Monday 23rd

Pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts and minds of children and adults to receive the Good News during the summer mission programs being run in many parts of Australia. Pray for the family nights and programs that will be run at each caravan park.

### Tuesday 24th

Pray for the thousands of children, parents and teachers who have heard the Gospel over past weeks.

### Wednesday 25th

Praise God for the most precious gift we will receive this Christmas, our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Summer Missions: Over the next 3 weeks pray each day for good relationships; wisdom in dealing with people; energy; safe travel and clear communication of the Good News as teams visit holiday locations around Victoria.**

**Dec 26 - Dec 31** Wes Steel and team travel to Torquay to run children's and family programs around Torquay, Ocean Grove and Anglesea. Caravan Parks visited will be: Jan Juc, Torquay Foreshore, Riverside, Riverview, Breamlea, and Anglesea.

**Dec 27 - Jan 2** Tim and Kat Stokes, Alison and team travel to Bright for programs in caravan parks in the area. Parks visited will be: Bright Caravan Pk, Pine Valley, Porepunkah Bridge, Porepunkah Mill, Riverview, Freeburgh, Mt Buffalo, Porepunkah Pines, Harrierville, and Bright Accommodation Park.

**Dec 27 - Jan 1** Lyall, Sharmini, Merv and team travel to Belgrave to run the children's and youth programs at the Belgrave Heights Convention over the next 5 days.

**Jan 5 - Jan 11** Steve Urmston travels to Rosebud to run programs in the area. Some caravan parks visited will be: Amberlee, Tudor, and Peninsula.

Pray for Alison who will be on a mission trip to the Philippines.

**Jan 13 - Jan 17** Steve Stokes and team run programs in the caravan parks around Port Fairy.

### Friday January 24

Merv shares with residents at 'The Boulevard' in Mill park.

### January 14 - January 31

Over the next few weeks most staff take a well earned break. Pray that this time will be one of relaxation and an opportunity to recharge after an intense period of ministry, in preparation for a return to work in February.

Pray for the follow up of children after summer missions, and also all the mission leaders who will stay in contact with the children. Pray for the children who respond to the Gospel message, that the follow up they receive will be effective and fruitful for them and lead to a life long relationship with Christ.



Prayer Diary

**OAC ministries**  
Outreach And Church Ministries

*Good News in Good Ways*

November/December 2013/January 2014

## Christ in you

*"The word became flesh ... and moved into the neighbourhood."  
John 1:14 The Message*

Among the Christmas Eve congregation at 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church was a recovering alcoholic named Jim. It was his first Christmas alone, and when a young family sat down beside him, he couldn't handle it. Leaving the church, he met Pastor Thomas Tewell who asked where he was going. 'Out for a drink', he replied. Knowing Jim's history, Tewell said, 'You can't. Where's your sponsor?' 'On vacation', he replied. 'I came tonight needing a word of hope and ended up sitting beside this family. If I had my life together, I'd be here with mine.' As the pastor walked to the pulpit he prayed, 'God, give me a word of hope for Jim'. Then after welcoming the congregation he said, 'I have a request. If anyone here is a friend of Bill W's, and if you are, you'll know it, please meet me in the vestry. (Bill Wilson, better known as Bill W, co-founded Alcoholics Anonymous). Immediately people from all over the congregation began to respond. Dr Tewell says, 'While I was busy preaching about the Incarnation, the Word was becoming flesh before my eyes!'

As you celebrate Jesus' birth, remember that many around you are hurting; they've lost hope. Don't forget, 'The Word became flesh' only because Jesus went out of His way to redeem sinners, lift the fallen, encourage the despairing, and minister to the sick, the lonely and the forgotten. And He said, 'In as much as you've done it to the least ... of these ... you've done it to me.' So instead of keeping to yourself this year, reach out to those in need - go ahead, make it your best Christmas ever!

*from 'Word for Today', written by Bob and Debby Cass*



# Prayer Diary

November/December 2013/January 2014

## November

### Friday 1st

Stuart, Lyall and Jake present values seminars at Monbulk PS.

### Saturday 2nd- Sunday 3rd

Alison, Lea and Sarah Wheatland travel to the Grampians to take the junior camp studies for the Swan Hill Church of Christ. Sunday morning Stuart is running the children's program for Ringwood New Community Church.

### Monday 4th

Merv and Lea share a seniors program with the folk at Gracevale Grange nursing home in Kilsyth.

### Tuesday 5th

Lea, a 20 year old girl from Germany, has been in SA and has now joined us here in Victoria, assisting the team for a few weeks. Pray that Lea's OAC Ministries Australian experience will be a mutual blessing.

### Wednesday 6th

Over the next three days staff will be finalising and practicing the CRE Christmas schools program which will be presented in over 90 schools during the next 5 weeks. This year the teaching theme will be, 'Jesus the king'. We will be looking at the story of the wise men's search for Jesus. We will also have the usual puppets, drama, animation, and quizzes to tie it together with lots of fun.

### Thursday 7th

November, December and January open up many avenues for ministry. Ask that the Lord would guide, empower and embolden our staff and volunteers as they make use of the many opportunities that the Lord provides to share the Gospel.

### Friday 8th

Pray for our internship program: that the Lord would draw people to be involved and they will be equipped with many invaluable skills for serving Him in ministry.

### Saturday 9th

Pray for our national staff: Steve Stokes, (SA), Wes Fittell (QLD), Geoff Westlake, Rob Adams and Christine Martin (WA), Neil Clark (NSW), and Rob George, OAC International President based in SA.

### Sunday 10th

*The primary school Christmas CRE programs begin tomorrow. Pray each day that the children, teachers and parents will hear and understand the Good News. Praise God for our volunteers who are assisting the staff teams, (we often do multiple programs at each school). Pray for safety and energy as teams travel around the state.*

### Monday 11th

Today the team begin their Christmas schools presentations. Lyall, Alison, Stuart and Lea visit Ballam Park PS, Frankston this afternoon.

### Tuesday 12th

Lyall, Jake and Lea head to the Geelong area to present the Christmas program to the children at Oberon PS, Grovedale West PS and Mt Duneed PS.

### Wednesday 13th

Lyall, Jake and Lea share a Christmas presentation at Hampton PS this afternoon.

### Thursday 14th

Lyall, Jake and Lea visit Drouin PS, Drouin Sth PS and Drouin West PS.

### Friday 15th

Alison, Caroline and Lea share Christmas programs at Mandama PS in Grovedale, Wexford Court PS in Norlane and Vermont Campus, Corio South.

### Saturday 16th

Pray for all those children, parents and teachers who have heard the Gospel message over the past week. May the Lord water the seeds planted during our programs.

### Sunday 17th

Pray that God will provide team members for each of the summer missions programs.

### Monday 18th

This week we begin running school programs with two teams. Today Lyall and Jake share programs at Emerald PS and Menzies Creek PS. Stuart and Alison will be at Thomastown West PS and Strathmore North PS.

### Tuesday 19th

Lyall and Jake: Serpells PS and Chalcot Lodge PS.  
Stuart and Alison: Bunyip PS, Jindivick PS and Longwarry PS

### Wednesday 20th

Stuart and Alison: Two sessions each at both Manchester PS and Highvale PS.

Lyall and Jake: Garfield PS, Labertouche PS, Darnum PS  
Remember Merv as he shares with the seniors at Hillview Lodge, Bunyip and then at the Warragul UCA Open Door outreach in the afternoon.

### Thursday 21st

Alison and Stuart: Rolling Hills PS, Yarra Road PS, Kalinda PS  
Lyall and Jake: travel to Morwell to present at Morwell Park PS, Morwell PS, Commercial Road PS and Tobruk St. PS.

### Friday 22nd

Pray for the Lord's protection for our staff in all their endeavours over this time of increased busyness and pressure.

### Saturday 23rd

Pray for clear communication of the Christmas message to both children and adults as we continue in schools over the next few weeks.

### Sunday 24th

Lyall shares a children's program at Rosanna Baptist, an outreach event for Girls Brigade. Merv shares a program with

the seniors from Karana Community in Kew this afternoon.

### Monday 25th

Alison and Caroline: Coolaroo South PS, Kingsbury PS  
Lyall and Steve Urmston: Oak Park PS, Meadows PS  
Remember Stuart as he finalises preparations for 6 days of ministry in Ballarat. Students from Christian Union (CU), Deakin University, Burwood will assist Stuart in 4 days of schools and weekend ministry.

### Tuesday 26th

Alison and Lyall: Tullamarine PS x 2, Dallas Brooks Community PS  
Stuart and CU: Canadian Lead PS x 2, Dana St. PS x 2, Buninyong PS x 2

### Wednesday 27th

Lyall and Alison: Bayswater Nth PS x 2, Kilsyth PS, Wonga Pk PS x 2  
Stuart and CU: Wendouree PS, Meredith PS, Caledonian PS

### Thursday 28th

Alison and Lyall: Glenroy West PS, Broadmeadows Valley PS  
Stuart and CU: Macarthur St. PS, Ballarat Nth PS, Pleasant St. PS

### Friday 29th

Lyall and Jake: Broadmeadows PS  
Alison and team: Orchard Grove PS x 2, Dandenong PS, Cardinia PS x 2  
Stuart and CU: Black Hill PS, Alfredton PS x 2

### Saturday 30th

Sarah Wheatland and Mel Deroon share at a playgroup outreach event at Werribee Church of Christ. Lyall and Jake present four puppet programs over the day, at the Woori Yallock Presbyterian family fun day. Stuart and CU team present skits, stories and puppets at the Ballarat Nth Baptist community carols event this evening.

## December

### Sunday 1st

Stuart and the CU team run a family church service for Ballarat Nth Baptist this morning.

### Monday 2nd

Alison and Lyall: Park Hill PS, Parktone PS

### Tuesday 3rd

Alison and Stuart: Wheelers Hill PS, Jells Park PS, Mullum PS  
Lyall and Jake: Knox Park PS, Eastwood PS

### Wednesday 4th

Alison and Stuart: Moonee Ponds West PS x 2, Little River PS  
Lyall and Jake: Mountview PS, Dromana PS. Merv shares at the North Balwyn Seniors Friendship Club Christmas luncheon.

### Thursday 5th

Alison and Stuart: Lara Lake PS x 2, Lara PS x 2  
Lyall and Jake: Ainslie Parkland PS, Ringwood Heights PS  
Merv shares with the elderly folk at Vermont village this afternoon.

