

City Church **Global Missions Report 1st & 2nd Quarter 2009**

Hi Church,

It's been a great start to 2009. Despite the recession we have set new benchmarks for our Missional giving. We exceeded our annual projected income for project giving by May just 5 months into the new year! Before we celebrate the people and projects that we have been able to partner with financially, let's focus for a few moments on two significant aspects of our missions vision.

First of all, the people we have been reaching with the gospel through our giving and secondly, the people being mobilised from our church. Our measuring stick for effective mission is not only measured by finances. As you read this brief report remember these two factors. When we lose sight of individual people, we have lost sight of the Kingdom of God.

This report is a brief summary of the major initiatives we have undertaken however it does not include a report on all that we do with and through our local chaplains, [City Care](#), various departmental initiatives and our regular monthly giving to missionaries in other parts of the world.

Gary Rucci *Executive Pastor - Training & Missions*

January

We invested \$5000 into Fan the Flame Ministries led by Carl Butler, an evangelist and long standing member of our church. His crusades in Uganda and Kenya resulted in more than 3,000 salvations. We salute you Carl for your faith and determination. For more information on Carl's next project visit fantheflame.websitemanimal.com.

February

Victoria's countryside was ravaged by fires destroying lives, businesses and family homes. It is estimated that the rebuilding process will cost billions. We were able to invest about \$8,000 toward the nation-wide appeal. But most importantly our chaplains, led by Lance Mergard, joined a team of 35+ ACC chaplains from all over Australia who travelled to the devastated region to comfort and counsel people through their grief.

Also included in this months giving was about \$3,000 toward our fabulous Kids Program.

March

Our very own Justin and Lisa Anamaat were sent back to China after enjoying a well deserved furlough. They oversee an incredible group of special needs children in Changsha. Your generosity amounted to more than \$15,000! Quite an incredible effort! In July, Pastor Gary and Pastor Jack will conduct a field visit to explore practical ways that we can partner with them. To find out more about their ministry visit www.chinaconcern.org.

April

We received a special offering during Easter celebrations and enjoyed the company of our missionaries in Uganda – Frank and Michelle Heyward. The funds raised will be used to help cover costs for a shipping container loaded with medical equipment for the new HOPE Medical

Centre that is currently being built. You can discover more about the impact they are having by visiting www.comeuganda.org.

Another significant relationship that we continue to invest in is with Mal Fletcher, founder of the European based organization Next Wave International. Our \$5,000 partnership will allow Mal and his team to continue with the tremendous work he is doing among church, civic and business leaders. Visit www.nextwaveonline.com.

May

Doug and Anna Boyle visited with us and shared of the truly inspiring work God has done through them in Kazakhstan. Undoubtedly the largest Teen Challenge ministry in the world, the fruit of their labour has not only transformed thousands of drug addicts but pioneered an entire movement of churches in a nation dominated by Islam.

On Mothers Day our regular missions tithe was committed to assist the ongoing work of SHINE in local schools.

June

No missions project money was received during June because of our visionary focus on the Miracle Offering. However, a significant event took place. The first Global Missions Summit was conducted. It was held on a wet Thursday night but still attracted 140 keen and committed missions-minded people. During the night we gathered into five groups which focused on different regions of the world. Each group networked around common interests and experiences in that region. There are plans underway for these groups to meet on a regular basis. For more information about these groups please see Gary. Ω