

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NIV

'In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight' greet the New Year knowing that God leads those whose lives are committed to Him.

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God's love for the world came down at Christmas, wrapped in the birth of the baby Jesus.

Give thanks for

- the Christmas story and all it represents to Christians and their families. May it be a time of enjoyment with the focus being on the birth of our Lord and Saviour and may the Holy Spirit turn people's hearts to Christ as they hear the gospel
- for all our Board and Council members - for their time especially given freely to advance God's work
- our prayer partners - for their time and willingness to pray for and support this ministry
- **Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner** - November 8th: a wonderful time of celebration, support and fellowship. Give thanks to God for the overwhelming attendance and the generous giving of so many and the enthusiasm of all those involved in making the evening a success, and for the continued support financially and prayerfully. Praise God for His infinite goodness.

Pray for

- Evonne - for continued strength, guidance, wisdom beyond her own and good health. May she find this Christmas season a time of enjoyment, rest, refreshment, safe travel and time of reflection
- our staff: personal needs and their families; that we will seek God's word in all decisions made in our lives, at work and at home and give thanks for the work that the Lord is doing in each of us and through us
- Evonne and the Executive Team - for guidance as we plan for 2011, manage budgets and develop programs.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and donations - without these we would not be able to sustain our chaplaincy and CRE program

*ACCESS ministries office will be closed from
17th December 2010 - 4th January 2011*

Week 2

Give Thanks for

- all new appointments confirmed and commencing in 2011
- Rochelle in Chaplaincy Administration – it is great having her as part of our team
- Moss returning to work after sick leave
- Ruth returning to work after having a stent operation
- receiving a grant, given to provide Restorative Practices training to 35 of our chaplains. This program has proved very successful in Victorian schools and the chaplains that have undertaken this training are excited to be taking it back into their schools in 2011. Pray that our chaplains will use this training to help many of our students who struggle with restorative issues on a daily basis. Pray that we can receive a further grant to provide this training again in 2011 to more of our chaplains.
- the generosity of people at our recent Chaplaincy Dinner. This was a wonderful evening which showcased the ministry of ACCESS ministries chaplains within their school communities. We didn't reach our target but are very grateful for all of you who join us in our ministry through your prayers and donations.

Pray for

- the following school vacancies will be filled by the beginning of 2011:
Apollo Parkways PS; Appin Park PS – Wangarratta; Bellbrae PS; Blackburn HS – 12 month appointment;
Churchill PS; Croydon SC; Glen Waverley South PS; Hastings PS; Hawthorn SC – 12 month appointment;
Heathmont East PS; Korumburra SC; Marymede Catholic College; Mornington PS; Mornington Park PS
Parkdale SC; Sale SC; Shepparton HS; Strathewan PS; Whittlesea PS.
- interviews taking place over the first two weeks of December. Please pray for godly appointments for these schools
- chaplains who are leaving their positions due to a change in employment direction, further study opportunities and family situations. We will miss their wonderful ministry and pray that God will guide and direct them in these changes.
- schools preparing for staff changes in 2011 and those staff who have to be let go
- schools merging and the anxiety this creates in these communities
- chaplains who are experiencing health issues
- vacancies to be filled ready for the commencement of school 2011
- extra funding to continue the bushfire chaplaincies more than one day a week and provide help for new schools wishing to commence a chaplaincy program in 2011
- a great end to the school year, and that chaplains will be able to rejuvenate and relax over the Christmas break
- Ray, Marg and the girls
- the 'God appointments' that the chaplains have each day, that they will have God's wisdom and discernment, direction and clarity of thought as they continue to minister within their school communities, may they be able to relax and rejuvenate over the Christmas break and wisely prepare themselves for 2011.

Staff:

Nerida Terrill - Director of Chaplaincy
Garry Tobeck - Regional Support Manager
Adrian Irwin - Regional Support Manager
Rochelle King - Chaplaincy Administrator

Karen Danes - Chaplaincy Operations Manager/Deputy Director
Rev Moss Arnot - Regional Support Manager
Ruth Whitefield - Regional Support Manager

Christian Education

Week 3

Give Thanks for

- another year of faithful service by thousands of CRE teachers around the state and for the faithful work of our Team Leaders and Support Officers who provide assistance and support to our CRE teachers
- the school holidays and the opportunity they provide for refreshment for our CRE teachers and all teachers as well as for the schoolchildren
- all the behind-the-scenes administrative assistance provided to the staff and CRE teachers and others on the field by Jill, Rocio and volunteers who come and help in the office
- the growing support of CRE by our church ministers, in response to hearing about the work being done in our schools
- new and expanded programs that are planned for 2011
- continued strong and cooperative relationships with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, with which we work closely
- the timely printing of new CRE material to be used in 2011
- 'Grow a Tree for CRE', the program for Accreditation Training for January and February 2011; we need many more CRE teachers. Please pray that these programs will be filled to overflowing!
- all the Christmas presentations to students, teachers and parents

Pray for

- CRE teams as they plan their class coverage for 2011, in consultation with school staff
- godly people to respond to the advertised positions for 2011
- the planning of Professional Development programs for CRE teachers for Semester one, 2011, that we might meet the needs of our teachers
- good health and safety for all our staff and volunteers
- the appointment of new Support Officers in strategic areas
- our Field Support Managers as they prepare for 2011 with modified regions of responsibility and for those Support Officers affected by the changes
- Denise as she is away from the office on leave; for Shirley as Acting Director of Christian Education during this time
- fewer children to opt out of CRE programs where they are offered and for many new children to start CRE for the first time
- the CRE curriculum writing team as they start to prepare materials for 2011
- Ministers as they seek to promote CRE amongst their congregations
- students leaving school, exams, year 6s look at changing schools and school staff changes

Staff:

Rev Denise Nicholls - Director of Christian Education

Nola Stacey - CRE Regional Manager (Western)

Ruth Minahan - CRE Field Support Manager (Eastern)

Rocio Roman - PA - Director of Christian Education/Admin

Shirley Culhane - Curriculum Coordinator/Deputy Director

Glenys Ramsey - CRE Field Support Manager (Central)

Jill Cayzer - CE Administrator

Philip Enchelmaier - CE Admin

Administrative Services

Week 4

Give thanks for

- the **ACCESS ministries** office staff, and their dedication to God's mission in schools
- **the many faithful donors enabling** us to continue our ministry in schools throughout 2010- we give grateful thanks for that valued support
- all our volunteers who have helped us in the office during 2010 - we value and appreciate each of them
- all our Prayer Warriors who have been diligent in praying for our ministry during 2010
- over 1200 people again this year who came to hear about the great work of Chaplains at the ACCESS Chaplaincy Dinner 2010
- the great response to the 'Shaping the Future' Competition with around 500 entries from schools all over Victoria. [The competition itself received praise from Dr Michael Carr-Gregg who participated as a judge and the speaker on the night of the dinner]
- the support received from media agencies in 2010 in starting to tell our story – radio, religious and secular print and online
- the smooth transition to Openbook Howden, the new printer/distributor/warehouse for **ACCESS ministries** and the benefit this move has on the CRE team in terms of costs and efficiency
- printing and sale of the first issue of Man-Hunters comic book and pray that it appeals to children, parents and educators with its focus on the 1883 Australian gold rush era
- the implementation of the CRM database system and the great work that has gone on behind the scenes to get it to this stage
- all the supporters that sent in emails to politicians leading to election promises of ongoing funding for NSCP.

Pray for

- increased awareness throughout the communities we work with, of the great work done by chaplains and CRE teachers and will continue to do in 2011 – that **ACCESS ministries** will become a household name
- many new corporate and individual donors will become aware of our work and decide to support ACCESS in 2011
- increased favour from media: print and online, secular and religious to tell the story of our work
- smooth transition to the new database system being installed and that our supporters will be understanding of the delay in processing documents and receipts
- completion of The Sisters of The Son Series vol. 1 and for strong sales – that the amazing untold stories of six (6) Australian Christian Women (Janet Simpson, Jean Carter, Sylvia Jeans, Dorothy Mowll, Anna Hogg, Joan Ash) will be warmly received by all readers
- wisdom and innovation in the application of our marketing plans and strategies for 2011
- the ongoing process of creating the Search Kids animation project - that it will dovetail with our CRE curriculum materials and will further our ministry to children
- continued support, success and growth of our partners in promoting CRE curriculum and resources across Australia and New Zealand

Staff:

Martin Dohnt - CFO

Dennis Alphonsus - Publishing, Sales and Marketing

Elaine Letch - Payroll Accountant

Lyndal Crocker - Accounts Payable

Joy Sargeant - Reception

John Sullivan - Quality, Risk & Compliance Manager

Maria Mascitti - Management Accountant

Wendy Pepper - Accounts Receivable

Linda Cameron - Fundraising Officer

Philip Enchelmaier - Systems Administrator