



"You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance."

Ps. 65:11 (NIV)

A WORD FROM OUR CEO

As we have started 2017 we have already been giving thanks – why?

Well, because every morning, when we wake up, we have a brand new start to live as a child of God. What a precious gift! Each new day is a new beginning for the man or woman who has a living faith in a living God who invites us to begin again, again and again. He alone makes it possible, by sharing His life with us. This gift is called grace.

The passing of one year to the next is widely marked by a deliberate period of reflection concerning the year that passed and a pledge to begin anew, and the courage to embrace changes in the year to come; especially if we want to experience change around us.

Jesus can make all things new within us - and then continues His work of making all things new through us.

Paul reminded the Christians in the City of Corinth - and reminds every one of us - "whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Cor. 5:17)

Happy New Year! May the Lord bless you and your family in the Year of Our Lord, 2017.

Dawn & the **ACCESS ministries** team

February 1

Please pray that in this new year God will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to desire Him deeply above all else. Pray that God would help us release our grip on the things held too tightly so that we trust in Him, pursue Him first, above every dream, and desire His will within our hearts.

February 2

We give thanks for the rest and refreshment of all staff and volunteers over the Christmas break. We pray for the continuing health, safety and wellbeing of all those involved in the work of **ACCESS ministries**.

February 3

Please pray that our Chaplains will start the year refreshed and excited, and open to all that God has planned for them this year. Pray that ACCESS ministries would continue to gain favour as a prime Chaplaincy Service provider to schools and the broader community.

February 4 - 5

Give thanks with us for the high calibre of people we have working to provide pastoral care to school communities.

February 6

As we start a new school year please pray that vacant Chaplaincy positions in schools would be filled and for God's provision of the right person for each position.

February 7

Please continue to pray for **ACCESS ministries** CEO Dawn Penney as she leads **ACCESS ministries** into 2017.

February 8

We give thanks for the faithful work of all Support Group volunteers and pray that Support Groups would be successful in recruiting new members.

February 9

We ask that God would keep our footsteps firm on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Pray that when we are challenged with untruths, that we will trust that God's voice speaks loudly and strongly, that we are safe with Him, and that His purposes and plans will not fail.

February 10

Please pray for Finance team of **ACCESS ministries**, particularly as they work on year-end requirements and as they begin preparation for our annual audit.

February 11 - 12

We give thanks for the LightStream ministry and pray for the recruitment of further students and partners to this exciting, new God-birthed initiative.

February 13

Please pray for wisdom as we undertake discussions with Support Groups to further develop future growth strategies.

February 14

We give thanks for the successful preschool SRI program piloted in 2016. Please join us in praying for opportunities to expand the SRI program in preschools in 2017.

February 15

Please join us in praying for unity in alignment of hearts and minds of all staff to the **ACCESS ministries** vision going forward.

February 16

Please pray for His wisdom, strength and courage to be constantly present within each of us.

February 17

Please pray for the **ACCESS ministries** Leadership team, in particular pray for God's leading as we undertake the search to recruit a new Director of Programs.

February 18 - 19

Please pray for Chaplains in the unique ministry of Special Development schools. We thank God for the provision of the gifted individuals who serve in these wonderful schools.

February 20

Please pray that more schools take on the SRI program in 2017 and that our wonderful volunteers will be encouraged in their role. Pray that schools considering the SRI program would recognise the benefits and the value of SRI for the school community and then choose to engage with SRI in 2017.

February 21

As we seek to serve the broader church community through the offer of parenting programs, please pray for God's wisdom and leading as we engage with church partners in this exciting new direction.

February 22

Please continue to pray for the **ACCESS ministries** Board as they seek to serve this ministry in 2017. Please pray for the Audit Committee as they meet today.

February 23

Please pray for upcoming Chaplaincy training events. Pray also for wisdom as we commence planning the 2017 Chaplaincy Conference so that it would meet the learning needs of our Chaplains as they serve.

February 24

Please pray for God's provision of continued funding from generous donors in support of both Chaplaincy and Christian Education in schools. Please pray for God to speak into the hearts of His people and prompt them to partner with us both financially and prayerfully.

February 25 - 26

Please pray for the upcoming 2017 Federal budget and for a long term commitment to funding for the National School Chaplaincy Programme. Pray for wisdom as we engage with state and federal politicians in advocating the importance of Chaplaincy for our school communities.

February 27

We give thanks for all donors and Churches who faithfully support this ministry and make it possible.

February 28

We give thanks for the continuing privilege of providing resources that help shape and strengthen the children of today and the leaders of tomorrow. We are so thankful for a positive reception for the updated hub materials for SRI programs in Victoria, and for a strong uptake of the **ACCESS** materials by those interstate.