

August 2010 Prayer Update



Hey people!

Guess what!? God has given us a baby daughter - Hannah Grace! What a blessing! Praise God.

Thanks for your friendship, encouragement, and prayerful support of CoastEC. We are excited about what God is doing amongst us, and we'd love to see His kingdom grow like crazy in this region. So please keep praying...and ask BIG.

Thanks,
Chris Ekins

Prayer Points...

- **Genesis Series** – Ask God to reveal more of Himself and His purposes for us as we study the first twelve Chapters of Genesis, starting on the 8th August. Ask for wisdom and insight into this part of scripture and for our hearts to be soft and responsive to the Spirit.
- **Babies** – Thank God for the safe arrival of babies Hannah and Aquila. Ask for their parents to be great carers and good examples of Christ-followers. Pray for Heather's pregnancy to go smoothly and for their little child to be born healthy.
- **Scripture** – Chris is still trying to negotiate with the high school principals about starting an SRE program for yr 7 in the near future. Ask for God to intervene and speed up the process and to open the door so kids can hear the gospel. Please also pray for energy for Ali, Alicia, Evan and Bruce as they teach Primary School scripture at both Forster and Tuncurry Primary Schools. Ask that kids would respond to the gospel and come to either Coasties kids church or Grommets youth group.
- **Newcomers** – Praise God for the new people who've started calling CoastEC their home church. Ask for them to find their feet quickly, and that God would equip them to partner with us in our mission.
- **New Home Groups** – Pray for Bruce Hocking as he heads up a new men's bible study at Halliday's Point and Sharon Hocking as she leads a women's group. Ask that God would draw many people from Blackhead, Redhead, Diamond Beach and surrounding suburbs into fellowship through this ministry.
- **Staffing** – Pray for wisdom as we work out what to do next year when Alicia finishes her ministry apprenticeship. Ask God to provide the resources to train more apprentices and employ other staff to head up different areas of ministry.
- **Treasurer** – Please ask for God to raise up another treasurer for us (unfortunately Grant is moving to Sydney with work).
- **Guest preachers** – Thank God for the ministry of Sam Hilton and Graeme Fuller as they cover the preaching when Chris and Sharon's baby arrived.
- **Holiday Hang Out** – Praise God for the great success of Holiday Hang Out 2010! The West Pennant Hills Mission Team was a great blessing - with hard working, servant hearts that faithfully shared the gospel. Praise God for the 35 kids that attended, and pray that they'll get linked into Coasties Kids church, and/or Grommets youth group.
- **Youth Ministries** – Praise God that the groups (Grommets, Wired and Chicks), have established a solid core of kids, and that a solid 'Christian culture' is slowly developing. The majority of the kids have very soft hearts to Jesus, and praise God for the two Grommets boys gave their life to Christ at youth last week!!! Please pray for Evan and Alicia to be sustained as they run these ministries, that other like-minded leaders will be raised up, and that these groups will bring glory to Jesus.