

Feb 10 Prayer Update



PRAISE GOD

- Our home groups (Bible study groups) are growing. We have just multiplied our Wednesday night group into 2 groups. Pray for Tom and Ali as they lead this second group. Praise God for the 3 new people who've started coming – ask that God will reveal Himself to them as they read His Word. Please also pray for God to raise up more leaders for more home groups.
- Praise God for the new people who've started coming to church since we transitioned to the 5pm time slot. Ask for them to come to a deep and sincere faith, and to partner with us in reaching the 25000 people living in the region.
- Praise God for the Solid Rock Cafe Mission during January. It was the best mission I've seen – the team did a sensational job of connecting with local youth and sharing Christ. Pray for the girls who've become Christians, and ask God for wisdom for Alicia as she meets with them on Sunday arvo's to read the Bible and pray. Pray they'd grow in their faith, and be effective witnesses amongst their family and friends.
- Praise God for the generosity of His people. He has faithfully provided the resources we've needed so far to launch to the church.
- Praise God that the youth ministries are all up and running (which includes a new youth group – Wired, and a boys home group - Barracks). Pray for Evan and Alicia as they head up the youth ministries and ask that God will sustain and energise them. Also that the kids will come to a deeper relationship with Jesus, and that the groups will grow a solid core group. Pray also that God will raise up like minded leaders to partner with us (from within the church, and other regions).

ASK GOD

- We're starting a new teaching series on 'church' (looking at the various metaphors used for church in the Bible). Pray that this will encourage and convict people attending COAST EC– to see themselves as God sees them, and to treat others as God intends them to. Pray that we'd be a church that reflects what God says about church.
- Pray for the 2 pregnant mums at church (Sharon and Ange). Ask for health and safety, and for the kids to grow up soft-hearted to Jesus.
- Pray for God to continue to equip our muso's as we seek to establish a band at church.
- We're hoping to start a 'marriage course' in the next month or so. Pray that God uses this to strengthen marriages in our church and our community.
- Forster High School said 'no' to our request to teach scripture to year 7 students next year. Ask for wisdom as we work through the issues with the school. Pray for God to overrule, and open the door. Ask that many kids might get saved.

More prayer points on the other side...

- Pray for the SRE (Primary Scripture Classes) Allocation day on the 3rd Feb. Pray that we'll be able to teach the ages we are trying to build ministries around (years 3, 5 and 6). Pray that there won't be 'clashes' as these classes are allocated, and that God's Name will be glorified through SRE.
- Pray for the local ministers association to be more open to gospel ministry. Ask for God to change some of their hearts. Ask for wisdom for Chris as he seeks to work with them (or apart from them).
- We are hoping to be a self-funded church after 3 years. Last year 25% of our giving came from local members. This year we are hoping to double that to 50% (and the year after we'll be shooting for 80%). So, please pray for the locals to give generously, and also for the continued support of our external givers.
- Alicia will be spending at least 3 hours a week in the local high schools, attending and helping to run the Christian lunch time/recess groups. Pray that this time would be really effective for building relationships with the youth, and that kids will get linked into local churches and youth groups where they can grow to know Jesus.
- Pray for Tom and Ali as they head up kids ministry. Ask that God will give them wisdom as they plan for the future, and pray that God will raise up leaders to partner with them. Pray also for the kids coming to Coasties Kids Church, particularly for the kids that are a 'handful', that they'll have soft hearts and open ears to Jesus.