

# Prayer Update July-Aug 2011

Hi friends!

I hope you're all well. I am stoked about what God is doing amongst us here and I wanted to thank you all for your partnership with us. Your prayers, encouragement, friendship, emails, visits and generous giving have been a real blessing. We are fully aware of our weaknesses and know that unless God builds the house, we labour in vain. It's an amazing privilege to be able to approach God's throne of grace in prayer. (Thanks Jesus for opening the way!). So please ask the Lord to empower His People for godliness, ministry & mission, and to soften many hearts and gather in His elect as we proclaim the great news about Jesus to the 25,000 people living in our region.  
Chris (on behalf of CoastEC)

## **Mission...**

We are gearing up for a big month of outreach.

- For Primary School kids – Holiday Hang Out - 11th-13th July (with a team from St Matts West Penno)
- For Youth & Young Adults – Solid Rock winter mission - 15th-16th July (with the Solid Rock team)
- For Men – The Gospel According To Beer - 22nd July (Fri night, BBQ)
- For Women – His All-Satisfying Love - 26th July (Women's Coffee & Dessert Night)
- For Everyone – Church Services - 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> July (topics: suffering, and connecting with God)
- Short Course – Christianity Explored (DVD and discussion) - 4th, 11th & 18th Aug

Please pray for our people to be prayerful and bold about who they invite to various events.

Pray for many to attend, for the gospel to be shared clearly, and for many to put their trust in Jesus.

Ask that we'd follow up people well, and that they'd find their place in the Christian community.

## **Scripture...**

Lessons for year 7 will (finally) start at the Tuncurry Campus on 27<sup>th</sup> July (and then fortnightly for 5 lessons). Thanks for your prayers to get this door to open! It has been a hard slog, and I really appreciate the support! Please pray for the teachers to share Christ faithfully and for students to understand and respond with faith.

## **FIEC conference...**

CoastEC is part of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (<http://www.fiec.org.au>).

Thank God for the partnership in the gospel, the fellowship, the encouragement and the resource sharing.

Chris and Ruth will be attending the annual conference in Collaroy from 15-17 August.

Pray for safety as they travel, and for a good time of refreshing and connecting with other pastors.

## **Ministries...**

Thank God Ruth as she oversees our ministries. Please pray our ministry drivers (team leaders) – Karen, Sharon, Jeff, Brent, Leesh, Emma, Tom, Ali, and Steph – as they keep building their teams and refining their ministries.

## **Youth...**

Praise God for the growth at Grommets (yr 5-6 youth group). They've gone from 1 to 10 girls this year!

Beck's enjoying leading the girls - pray she'll grow strong friendships with them & know how to disciple them.

Thank God for how he's been working through Chicks (our high school girls homegroup).

One girl gave her life to Christ this term, and the other 4 regulars are growing in their maturity in Christ!

Pray for wisdom for Evan and Alicia, as they work out how to recruit more leaders (Ruth has just joined the team)

Pray for wisdom to transition kids from Grommets to Wired (the high school youth group) at the end of the year.

## **Another Service...??**

Pray that God would give us wisdom as we consider starting another congregation next year.

We are thinking about a 3:30pm service on a Sunday arvo that's geared to young families.

Ask for God to establish a committed core group for us to get the ball rolling.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now"*