



# Prayer Update

## Sept-Oct 2010

Hi brothers and sisters,

We really appreciate your partnership in the gospel expressed through your friendship, prayer, encouragement and generosity. We are still working hard to get the gospel out in Forster-Tuncurry and surrounds, and we long to see many of the 25,000 souls living in our region come to new life in Jesus. Here are some things to praise God for, and some requests to lay at His feet. In Him and for His glory,  
Chris (on behalf of CoastEC)

**God is graciously adding to our numbers** – There are currently about 40 adults and 20 kids coming to our Sunday service, and another 30 kids coming to our youth groups.

**Baptisms** - Please pray for Tami and Jess who are getting baptised at church on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Weekend Away** – we are going camping together on the 15-17<sup>th</sup> October down at Pacific Palms. Ask God for a great time of fellowship and for Him to bind us together so we are of one heart and mind about our mission and strategy.

**Change of service time** – on the 31<sup>st</sup> October we are changing from 10am to 5pm for the summer. Ask for God to bring many new people into our fellowship.

**Jonah** – we are studying the book of Jonah from 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ask for God to seize our hearts with a firm conviction to be on mission. Please pray for Dave Sheath and Ben Molyneux as they travel up the coast to preach on 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. (Thanks guys! I am looking forward to my holiday over that time!).

**Parables** – we are then going to check out some parables from Luke's gospel (starting Nov 7). Pray for boldness to invite many newcomers to hear Jesus' parables – especially over the weeks 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Christianity Explored** – pray for many to attend a short course explaining the Christian faith, kicking off on Wed night 24<sup>th</sup> Nov and going through to 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ask for many to come to faith and enter the kingdom.

**Training** – pray for Chris as he identifies and trains new bible study leaders so our home groups can expand and multiply.

**Finances** – praise God for the generosity of his people. Our (ambitious!) goal this year was to be 50% self-funded as a church, and 50% externally funded (from other churches and individuals). A big thanks to all who've given because we've hit our external goal! Please pray for us to keep growing in number and generosity as it looks like we will come in under budget for our local giving by about \$12,000 this year.

**Scripture** – Chris met with the School Executive of the Forster campus of the Great Lakes College to present our Scripture proposal and to field their questions and concerns. Since then he has written to them addressing their concerns by appealing to the current legislation. The executive have met again to discuss it, and Chris is waiting for the principal of the school (Judy) to return his calls.

**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** – praise God for raising up another treasurer. Pray for Matt as he takes this on, and for Evan as he oversees the handover.