

April 2014

Pray for us as we show Christ to people in extreme moments of need.

Pray for those in a land of drought and fire

Give thanks for the rain that has fallen in parts of the West. Pray for good, steady rain in all drought affected areas. Give thanks for increased government drought assistance. Pray for your Christian brothers and sisters who live in these areas, that they may know God's comfort and that they may be able to speak of the true hope held in the gospel.

Pray for those who have had to move away from the Blue Mountains following the bushfires last year. Pray that they would start to make new friends, settle children into new schools and find their feet in a new place. Pray particularly for those who have moved but still have to deal with the cleaning up of their old property. Pray for those that were underinsured and are facing financial difficulties as a result. Pray for the children who are still suffering because of the trauma of those days. Pray that God's people would be able to share the gospel with those they seek to help.

Pray for the little children and those who care for them

Give thanks for the successful Directors conference that saw our Directors meet with one another in Sydney, share information and hear from guest speakers. Give thanks for a successful welcome BBQ at Hawkesbury Presbyterian Preschool. Many parents and children came and it was a great time of sharing between the church and preschool communities. Please pray for our services after a busy Term 1, for rest and recovery and for planning for Term 2.

Pray for the troubled

Pray for those in ministry, that they will be able to set their priorities according to God's agenda, and not their own. Pray that they will be able to be living sacrifices but at the same time say 'no' to requests that are not for them to solve, and will be protected from burn out, anxiety and depression.

Pray for those within the church who are suffering from the pain of present or past sexual abuse. May they be able to step out of the darkness and may there be appropriate help available when they do, particularly from God's people.

Praise God for our Counselling Co-ordinator, Hannah, who has just returned from maternity leave. Praise God for the birth of her son Samuel, now already 6 months old! Pray for Hannah and her husband as they adjust to the changes parenthood brings. Praise God for the great work done by Justine during Hannah's maternity leave.

Pray for our future

Thank God for those who are willing to partner with Jericho Road and support us as we seek out the most vulnerable and show them his love in their time of need.

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Pray for those who need protection

Pray for the work of your Christian brothers and sisters in both government and non-government organisations that seek to help children who are at risk. Pray that they would be strengthened, encouraged and upheld. Pray that they would be able to make Jesus known. Thank God for their work in often difficult circumstances.

Pray for our disability programmes

Praise God for the acquisition of 2 Perry St (next to Allowah) and for additional funds provided to be able to make the necessary additions and alterations to the property. Praise God for all out staff who work so hard and compassionately to provide the very best care and outcomes for our children and their families. Praise God for our special supporters who pray for us and financially support our ministry.

Pray that God would continue to use Allowah to proclaim that hope and peace that comes only from knowing Him as our Heavenly Father. Pray that God would continue to strengthen our Chaplain, Rhonda Daley, as she seeks to tell others of the grace and mercy that Jesus offers those who put their trust in him. Pray that the various departments of the hospital (Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health, Clerical, Recreational, Pastoral and Volunteers) would work together for the good of those for whom we seek to serve.

Pray that God would go before us as we plan the alterations and additions to 2 Perry St to make the home warm and inviting. Pray that God would direct our paths as we seek to find recurrent funding to run the Early Intervention Service and a new residential programme.

Pray for the children at Allowah

Pray for a 3 year old girl who is in the process of being transitioned to a foster carer. The new carer seems to be a good match and we believe that this will be greatly beneficial to both. The young girl has had an extremely traumatic start to life and it appears that this arrangement will provide her with the love she so desperately needs.

Pray as three of our older children are transferred to a group home together. It is wonderful that they will be able to stay together. We pray that these young adults will continue to be loved and cared for as they deserve.

Pray for After-a-Fashion

Pray for our staff as After-a-Fashion finally closes this month. Pray for those who have not yet found alternative work that they will do so soon and that they will know God's comfort in a difficult time. Thank God for the wonderful work that was able to be achieved in His name and for Jesus sake as a result of the After-a-Fashion shops over many, many years. Thank God for his faithful servants who made this possible.