

# FROM THIS HILL

## Prayer Guide

### 2023/24

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Isaiah 49:6b



Cover photography Sam Wong



Welcome to the From This Hill 2023/24 prayer guide.

*From This Hill (FTH)* is the name for the combined missions outreach of Mayfield Baptist Church.

This name celebrates our location on the top of a hill in Mayfield, where we believe God has placed us so that our light can shine out both locally and globally.

### Did You Know?

724 languages have full Bible translations, and these are spoken by 5.16 billion people.

## Prayer Support

We are privileged to support and also have quite a number of members of our church involved in outreach ministries. You will meet them in the coming pages. This guide has been written so that you can pray for them in an informed way. We've also included a special focus on Bible Translation. Please use the facts and figures in the yellow post-it notes to inspire your praises and prayers. We encourage you to set aside time as part of your regular personal or family devotions to pray for them. Perhaps you could establish a weekly prayer cycle? If you are part of a Bible study or home fellowship group, then your group could pray for one of these ministries each meeting, or perhaps your group may covenant to focus on only one specific missionary and ministry? It's up to you!

If you are feeling short of inspiration on what to pray for, then one suggestion is to roll a dice to select a prayer focus from this list of topics. There is a cut out craft activity dice that young children may enjoy colouring in and making to help them participate in the prayer.

### Did You Know?

One in five people are still waiting for the full Bible in their own language.

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- **Relationships:** with God, family (immediate and extended), co-workers, friends, neighbours, etc.
- **Daily needs:** health, energy, safety, spiritual protection, financial provision.
- **Adaptation** to culture and climate, learning language, keeping a sense of humour, etc.
- **Ministry:** guidance, effectiveness, blessing of those ministered to, people drawn to Jesus.
- **Local Christians:** encouragement, growing faith, discipleship and witness.
- **Nationwide:** God's blessing economically, wise government, no corruption, rains in season, etc.

## Friendship Support

Most missionaries recount how encouraged they are to receive news from home - births, marriages, how the Knights and Jets are going, the weather and beaches, details of our own hobbies, work and family life. Their contact email address are included, so you can correspond with them (please recognise that they may not always have time or the internet connection speed to reply immediately). That way you will start to get to know them better, and gain deeper insights into how best to pray for them.

These missionaries send out regular prayer updates, so you can ask to be included on their mailing list. Or to receive a consolidated single monthly update from all of our FTH ministries, please email and ask to be included on our monthly prayer mailing list: [fromthishill@mayfieldbaptist.com](mailto:fromthishill@mayfieldbaptist.com)

## Financial Support

At Mayfield Baptist Church donations to the general offering are not directed to missions. Instead, we have a separate missions fund, and all donations to it are used to support outreach activities. Our annual budget is publicly available. You can donate to this either by writing *From This Hill Missions* on the front of your envelope placed in the weekly offering plate, or by direct debit.

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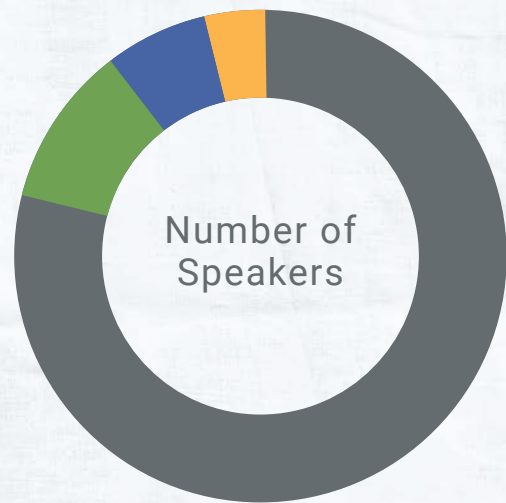
**For More Info ...** Any of the FTH team would be glad to speak with you if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Simon Iveson, Ben Livingstone, Tim MacKenzie, Lyn Morris, Tim Shaw.



## Bible Translation

**Imagine not being able to read** the Bible in your first language? The good news is that Scripture portions are now available in languages spoken by 90% of the world's population. So about half of the 7,000 languages in the world have some Scripture. Of those languages, 648 have a full Bible, and another 1,432 have the whole New Testament.



**5.16 billion**  
Bibles



**657 million**  
Bibles New Testaments



**434 million**  
Portions & Selections



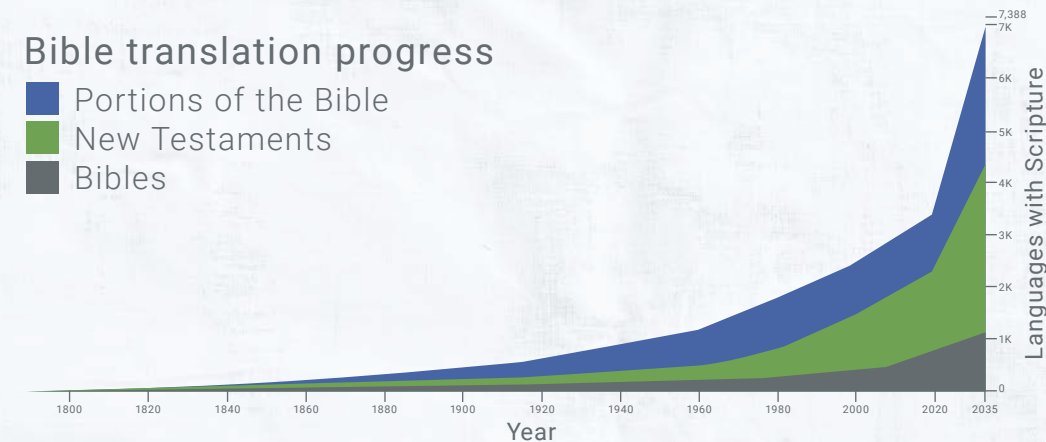
**253 million**  
No Scriptures

### *Did You Know?*

3,589 languages have at least some Scripture translated; that's about half of the world's 7000 languages.

## Bible translation progress

- Portions of the Bible
- New Testaments
- Bibles



**In the year 2010**, ten major Bible translators (American Bible Society, Biblica, Deaf Bible Society, Lutheran Bible Translators, Pioneer Bible Translators, SIL International, Seed Company, The Word for the World, United Bible Societies, and Wycliffe Bible Translators USA) came together to determine how together they could eradicate Bible poverty. Out of that meeting came the Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN) alliance

To find out more, check out:  
[wycliffe.net](http://wycliffe.net)

where they all agreed to pool their resources and collaborate with the goal of having at least a portion of Scripture translated in every living language by the year 2033.

The pace of Bible translation is increasing. It's not just the number of Bible translations being completed that is increasing rapidly, but the number of new ones that are starting.

### *Did You Know?*

A record number of 367 language projects started last year (2022) – that's a rate of one a day!



## Chris & Debi Adams

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**Chris grew up in Minnesota, USA** in a Christian family and was very involved in church, music and drama. Debi grew up near Toronto, Canada in a Christian family choosing to follow Jesus when she was 13. She was involved in her youth group, taking leadership as she got older. After a year of university she took time off to do a DTS and counselling school with YWAM. Unbeknownst to her Chris made similar decisions and they both ended up on staff in 2001 where they met and were married in 2003. Over the years they have taken on many roles including leading training schools and overseas outreaches, teaching, leading worship, counselling, discipleship, and work with women at risk.

Between 2014-17 the family moved to Newcastle to work with YWAM there as part of their sponsorship for permanent residency. It was during that time that they attended Mayfield Baptist. Since 2018 they have been back in Perth working

with YWAM. All of their children were born in Perth and are active at church, youth group and various sports throughout the year including AFL, netball, basketball, karate and ballet.

Chris works in the area of Bible translation currently translating the book of Luke into Kimberley Kriol with plans to work on some more Australian-based projects with the Bible Society this year. In an effort to become more qualified in the field of Bible translation he is completing Master's degrees in linguistics (finishing 2023) and theology (with Morling, finishing 2024). This has included Bible translation field work in Uganda. Chris also regularly teaches and leads worship.

Besides being a full-time mum Debi is involved in support for pregnant and new mums without existing support structures due to domestic violence or having moved from overseas, etc. She is also involved in helping families in crisis through practical help.



**Below** The team which came from 17 countries to work together on translations of Ruth into three African languages (Feb 2023). **Bottom** Here is the team working on the Logol language from Sudan



### THE ADAMS' PRAYER POINTS

■ **For Chris & Debi (and kids)** to grow in their relationships with God and each other. Please also pray for their extended family who have sacrificed having them living nearby.

■ **Daily needs:** Please pray for their health, energy, safety, spiritual protection and financial provision.

■ **Ministry – Debi:** Please pray for the pregnant and new mums and families in need that she visits. Please also pray for her role as mother.

■ **Ministry – Chris:** Please pray for the translation work with the

Kimberley Kriol language, the translators (many of whom are elderly), and the team in Perth. Please also pray for the regular teaching that Chris does.

■ **Studies:** In an effort to become more qualified for Bible translation Chris has been studying since 2020. He is currently working on his thesis and language learning for a Masters in Linguistics (online) and doing (part-time) course-work for a Masters in Theological Studies (Morling).

■ **YWAM Perth** has around 90 staff, with teams working in areas of training, evangelism and mercy ministries.



Chris 01 Aug and Debi 16 Aug & Anniversary 07 June 2003, with Sofia 01 Nov (Year 11), Isabella 27 Jul (Year 9), Tegan 29 Nov (Year 8) and Wesley 28 June (Year 4).

**Ministry links**  
[ywamperth.org.au](http://ywamperth.org.au)





Matt 27 Dec and Heidrun 14 May, with Rebecca 25 Oct (Year 12), Amy 11 Nov (Year 10) and James 25 Nov (Year 8).

**Ministry links**  
[www.om.org/ships](http://www.om.org/ships)

Learn more about gospel needs in Logos Hope locations at [operationworld.org](http://operationworld.org)

### Did You Know?

The Logos Hope bookshop typically has over 20 different language bible translations in stock.

## BLAIR FAMILY PRAYER POINTS

📌 **Connection:** That we all would grow and stay strong in our personal faith; stay connected with family, especially in Germany; good relationships with co-workers, friends and neighbours, both local and global (which is harder).

📌 **Daily needs:** We thank God for all of His provisions and ask for spiritual, mental and physical protection.

📌 **Ships ministry** to bring help, hope and knowledge to people all over the world, and make Jesus known to those who don't know Him yet.

📌 **Ministry** here for us as a family: To be a blessing to people we are connected to through school, church, sports clubs, English conversation classes, TAFE etc, light to our neighbours.

📌 **Safe travels** for the Logos Hope and Doulos Hope, protection entering different cultures and countries, for Matt travelling to and from ships.

📌 **Leadership** of OM ships to have wisdom and hearts that are open and in tune with God's leading and guidance.



## Matt & Heidrun Blair

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Matt and Heidrun met in 1999 on the MV Doulos, and were married a year after leaving the ship in 2002. In 2004 they rejoined OM Ships serving with the Project Team for the future Logos Hope. Matt was heavily involved with the ship's drawings, design and project management. They had the great privilege of being on board Logos Hope when it was launched into ministry in February 2009. Matt served as the Maintenance Engineer, supervising the team responsible for the ship's air-conditioning and refrigeration.

They now live in Newcastle, where Matt manages various projects for the ship's technical department including the annual dry-docking. Heidrun's primary role has been raising the children. She trained as a physiotherapist, so from time to time is able to give people advice - in 2023 she is doing a "remedial massage course" at TAFE. She loves helping with

English classes, meeting people from different nationalities and helping them settle in Australia. She also serves the kids' school in various roles.

**OM Ships' current vessel** in service is Logos Hope and they recently acquired Doulos Hope. Ships normally remain in a port for two to four weeks and open the gangways to thousands of visitors each day. Since 1970, the ships have averaged almost one million visitors per year. The unique floating book fair offers over 5,000 titles, providing many visitors their first-ever opportunity to purchase quality educational and Christian literature. Teams go from the ship into surrounding areas to provide practical help and community care. In each port, the ship's crew joins local churches to share hope and show God's love to people whatever their circumstances, culture or background.

### DOULOS HOPE 2023 SCHEDULE

**Port Klang, Malaysia** June 21, 2023 to July 18, 2023 (TBC)

**Pasir Gudang, Malaysia** July 20, 2023 to August 15 2023 (TBC)

**Kuching, Malaysia** August 17, 2023 to September 5, 2023 (TBC)

**Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia** September 7, 2023 to October 3, 2023 (TBC)

**Bangkok, Thailand** October 18, 2023 to November 16, 2023 (TBC)

**Phnom Penh, Cambodia** December 11, 2023 to January 7, 2024 (TBC)

### LOGOS HOPE 2023 SCHEDULE

**Manama, Bahrain** June 6, 2023 to June 19, 2023 (TBC)

**Doha, Qatar** June 20, 2023 to July 2, 2023 (TBC)

**Kuwait City, Kuwait** July 3, 2023 to July 10, 2023 (TBC)

**Muscat, Oman** July 13, 2023 to July 24, 2023 (TBC)

**Salalah, Oman** July 27, 2023 to August 3, 2023 (TBC)



## Margaret Holahan

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**Margaret is serving** with the Baptist Mission Australia Ethnic Thai Team in Chiang Rai (northern Thailand). Margaret recently moved to the village of Baan Sanmana in the district of Pa O Don Chai and is hoping to build relationships with her neighbours and business owners in the community, using the small amount of language she has learnt so far. She is currently on an Education Visa and is hoping to transfer to a Volunteer Visa with the Rainbow Covenant Foundation around June/July this year. Margaret will have to leave the country in order to change her visa (most of the team cross the border into Laos to do this).

Margaret is continuing to focus on language learning with Khru Jo at SEAL Language School and Por, a local Thai nurturer. She has also taken on some administration duties within the team,

assisting the Team Leader, Muana, with organising meetings and agendas, and taking minutes. The intercultural team has a vision to empower ethnic Thai people to develop faith communities that are intrinsically linked to their cultural identity. They seek to disciple believers who are faithful witnesses within their communities as well as identifying and equipping future leaders.

**The Ethnic Thai** are experiencing many societal changes including urbanisation, globalisation and influences from alternative spiritualities. Although most Thais say they are Buddhist, many are nominal in their faith with some practicing a cultural mix of both Buddhism and Thai folk spirituality. Christianity has spread among Thailand's minority peoples, but is yet to impact the majority who are ethnically Thai.

**Top right** Marg with language trainer Por, learning body parts with assistance from Dolly.

**Bottom right** Local faith community's Christmas service.



### Did You Know?

The entire Bible was first published in Thai in 1894 and there are currently several translations of the Bible in the Thai language.

### MARG'S PRAYER POINTS

📖 **Marg's spiritual** protection and close walk with God.

📖 **Marg's adaption,** language and cultural learning.

📖 **Making new friendships** with the team and locals.

📖 **Wisdom** for the team in training and empowering local Thai believers.

📖 **Growth** of the Thai church in a form that is culturally relevant.

📖 **Stable and good government,** particularly with respect to addressing many serious public health problems such as Hepatitis, HIV and Malaria. Prostitution is a pressing social problem.



Marg 25 Feb. Home church: Toongabbie Baptist Church, Sydney

**Baptist Mission Australia**



**Ministry links**  
baptistmissionaustralia.org/EthnicThai

www.facebook.com/  
RainbowCovenantFoundation/



"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And  
behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mat 28:18-20)



I thank my God always when I  
remember you in my prayers,  
because I hear of your love  
and of the faith that you have  
toward the Lord Jesus and for  
all the saints, and I pray that  
the sharing of your faith may  
become effective for the full  
knowledge of every good thing  
that is in us for the sake of  
Christ. (Philemon 4-6)

# Mayfield Baptist Church

## From This Hill

My Faith Promise to Local & Global Missions for 2023/24

(Please complete this portion of the leaflet and return it via the Sunday service Offering, or to the Church Office)

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

This Faith Promise is in support of the vision of Mayfield Baptist Church, and is an expression of my commitment to changing the world by bringing hope and healing to the nations.

- ☐ I promise to pray regularly for missions.
- ☐ I would like to receive a monthly prayer update from the Missions Team.

My preferred email is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am trusting God to release the finances necessary to enable me to fulfil the following promise over the next 12 months through until 30 June 2024:

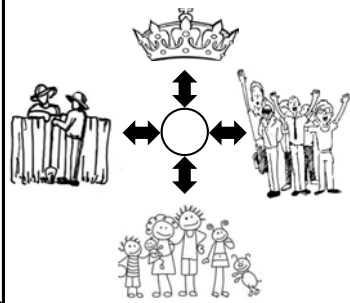
- ☐ I am able to enclose my one-off gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in an envelope marked **From This Hill**
- ☐ I will organise a Direct Debit to the **From This Hill** bank account to satisfy the following promise:

The amount I am led to give in faith promise is \$\_\_\_\_\_

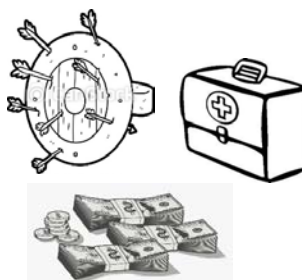
I will give this amount each    Week ☐    Fortnight ☐    Month ☐

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1. Relationships




2. Daily Needs




3. Adaptation




4. Ministry



5. Local Christians



6. Nations



### Missionary Prayer Dice

Colour, cut, fold and glue. Then roll each time you are praying for a missionary for inspiration on what to pray for!



... always being prepared  
to make a defence to  
anyone who asks you for  
a reason for the hope  
that is in you; yet do it  
with gentleness and  
respect, (1Peter 3:15)



I thank my God always when I remember you in my  
prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that  
you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I  
pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective  
for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for  
the sake of Christ. (Philemon 4-6)



For more information  
please contact Carolyn:  
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## English Conversation Classes

Every Thursday morning during term, we host free community English lessons for those whose first language is not English. Over the years our students have come from many different countries; currently most of our students are Asian. Numbers post-Covid are down but those who come attend regularly.

The morning begins with a relaxed time of chatting over morning tea before breaking into groups depending on level of fluency in English. Lessons are based on excellent resources developed by Anglicare Sydney. Our goal is to help students grow in confidence in speaking English, through

practice in a friendly and welcoming environment. Our team of volunteers is committed to loving and serving the people the Lord brings to us. This often extends beyond class. We want to be channels of God's love and, if the opportunity arises, give the reason for the hope that we have, with gentleness and respect (1Peter 3:15).

Jesus is the Saviour for all nations: *...your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation* (Rev 5:9, NLT).

Hallelujah! Let us continue to love sincerely those whom God loves (Rom 12:9, John 3:16).

### PRAYER POINTS

■ **For continuing excellence** in the lessons we offer, that they may be enjoyable and helpful.

■ **For students** to grow in confidence and ability speaking English.

■ **For team members:** good health and energy levels; skill and creativity in teaching; and that we grow to be more like Jesus.

■ **For students** to see God's love in us and to move towards Him.

■ **For more** students to come.

■ **For students' needs:** settling into Australia, relationships, health, employment and visa issues.



## Christmas Carols in Webb Park 2023

For many years prior to 2020 the church ran Christmas Carols in Webb Park. This event provides a wonderful and strategic opportunity for the churches of Mayfield to work together to bless the local community and build on connections formed through SRE, Maycare, HCS and other ministries of the church. With COVID restrictions now being lifted, please pray for:



### PRAYER POINTS

■ **God to raise** up the coordinators and volunteers needed in the many different roles – administration, face painting, kids activities, music, BBQs, first aid, etc. – and give us lots of creativity.

■ **Other local churches** to catch the vision for carols and that by working well together we will bring glory to God.

■ **Provision of finances** needed for all the equipment, insurance, etc., and permissions from council, etc.

■ **Good weather** and the safety of all who attend and that the power supply, sound system, rides and other equipment will operate without glitches.

■ **Many from the community** will come on the day. Pray in particular that we will invite many of our friends and those we have met through various ministries of the church, and that they will come.

■ **God to work** in people's hearts through our acts of service, through the words of the carols and through various other activities that present the gospel message, and that this will grow relationships formed through other local ministries during the year.





## Nepal

**Population of 28 million**, with 30% under 15 years old. Life expectancy 69. Literacy 85%. 8% of population live on less than US\$2.15 a day. It is one of the 48 least developed countries (LDCs). Nepal experiences frequent natural disasters such as floods, landslides and earthquakes, and the economy is still recovering from the effects of Covid 19.

In 2008 the monarchy was dissolved and Nepal was declared a democratic republic. Nepal is extremely diverse, with 127 languages and 269 ethnic groups and castes. The dominant religion is Hinduism. Officially less than 2% of the population is Christian and freedom to evangelise has come under increasing restriction in recent years. New Christians also often face rejection from family members. [josuaproject.net/countries/NP](http://josuaproject.net/countries/NP)

### Did You Know?

The first Bible translation into Nepalese was done by William Carey's Serampore Mission (New Testament published in 1821).



## Baptist World Aid & Mayfield Baptist Nepal Partnership

**BWA works** with three Christian partner organisations, across multiple urban and rural social development projects:

**Multipurpose Community development Services (MCDS)** is the social work and development arm of the Baptist Churches in Nepal. They work with individuals, groups, and local organisations to help them identify their needs and work together on solutions. The primary goals of the project are to improve livelihoods, community health, the quality of education in schools, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). The project operates through self-help groups and children's clubs.

[www.mcds.org.np](http://www.mcds.org.np)

Top Left UMN Nawalparasi team.  
Middle Left UMN Kapilvastu team.  
Bottom Left Mothers group.

**International Nepal Fellowship (INF)** is a Nepali NGO that runs health and development programs to improve quality of life, particularly for people with disabilities and living with HIV/AIDS so they can live dignified and inclusive lives. [www.inf.org](http://www.inf.org)

**United Mission to Nepal (UMN)** was established in 1954 as a cooperative effort between numerous Christian organisations from around the world. UMN teams work alongside local organisations in less-developed areas of the country, in education, livelihood, and health programs. UMN are a significant partner in BWA's child sponsor program in Nepal. [www.umn.org](http://www.umn.org)

 **BAPTIST WORLD AID**

### PRAYER POINTS

For an end to gender-based violence and alcoholism in rural communities. Pray for women to have resilience and the courage to speak up for their rights.

For the children and youth of these communities as they tackle challenges such as the caste-based system, gender inequality, child marriage and the dowry system.

That parents would see the value of sending their daughters to school, so they can thrive and have better prospects for their futures.

For the dedicated staff who are implementing effective and life-changing development programs in communities in Nepal.

For Christians to have opportunities to show Jesus' love and share the good news.

For wise, corruption-free government as Nepal tackles many economic challenges.



## Ana & Steve Pickering

Steve and Ana first visited Nepal as medical students in 1993. The experience was life changing and their hope was to return to Nepal after specialising in Anaesthesia (Steve) and General Practice (Ana). In 2007 they began serving in Nepal. They have now lived in Nepal for 9 of the last 16 years, mostly at the United Mission Hospital in Tansen. They're currently working alternating years in Nepal and Australia. They returned to Australia in February 2023 after spending their 9th year in Nepal.

When in Tansen Ana works mainly in paediatrics (children's health) and as training coordinator. Steve works as an anaesthetist in the operating theatres, critical care areas, and also teaches in a program that trains nurses to administer basic anaesthetics in resource-poor settings in Nepal. "We Serve, Jesus

Heals" is the mission statement that guides the hospital work in Tansen. For over 65 years this hospital has been demonstrating Christian love through provision of medical services to the people of Tansen and beyond.



Left Participants at a recent Neonatal Resuscitation Course.  
Above Waiting area for patients' families and hanging out washing.



### PRAYER POINTS FROM UNITED MISSION HOSPITAL

- ▣ **Planning meetings** to go well for hospital growth into the future.
- ▣ **Good relationships** amongst staff members.
- ▣ **Good relationships** with local community and government officials.
- ▣ **Good people** (both foreign and local) to be drawn to the hospital to serve the community.
- ▣ **Improving standards** of care and God's healing touch in our patients' lives.
- ▣ **For the protection** of Nepali Christian staff as they navigate difficult cultural challenges.

### ANA & STEVE'S PRAYER POINTS

- ▣ **A good year** of reconnecting with friends and family.
- ▣ **Good transition** back to work life in Australia.
- ▣ **Opportunities** to meet continuing medical educational requirements by our specialty colleges.
- ▣ **Continuing opportunities** to help in Tansen despite distance.
- ▣ **Rest and rejuvenation** in preparation for future return to Nepal in 2024.
- ▣ **Appropriate opportunities** to share about our experiences in Nepal that will help to encourage and inspire others.



Steve 24 April  
and Ana 17 June



Ministry links  
[www.tansenhospital.org.np](http://www.tansenhospital.org.np)





Julie 22  
September



## SRE Waratah High with Julie Iveson

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**Julie teaches Special Religious Education (SRE)** at Callaghan College Waratah Campus ("Waratah High" for short; *waratab-h.schools.nsw.gov.au*). This is a Junior high school and has roughly 900 students. Only a small number of students attend the scripture classes, with around 40 students on the roll but only 22 or so attending each fortnight. We're hoping this number grows!

Apart from the classes, Julie coordinates and runs a lunch time group called "J.C. Jesus Chats" with the help of some volunteers, and is exploring other opportunities to get involved in the school community such as through caring for students. Brekkie Club on Thursday and Friday morning is a great way to share a smile and hear stories. Please pray I can care for kids in a way that has meaning to them.

SRE WARATAH HIGH PRAYER POINTS

▣ **Increased SRE enrolment**, and that enrolled students can be found in the playground to remind them to attend!

▣ **Inspiration and discernment** to prepare appropriately-pitched lessons, and that students respond well and have fun.

▣ **For God** to be at work in students' hearts, including one student from another faith background.

▣ **For student engagement** in the Friday lunch time "J.C. Jesus Chats" program which is like a youth group lite type program.

### Did You Know?

More Bibles have been translated into new languages already in this century than in the previous hundred years!

▣ **Good relationships** with the school administration and opportunities to get involved in other aspects of school life to care for students.

▣ **Pray for the Scripture Union camp** we are hoping to run in Term 4, that we will have a great program that the students will be able to see Jesus and grow in faith. Pray for 10 or more students to attend.

Below SRE teachers at Mayfield East.



## SRE in Mayfield

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**At Mayfield East and Mayfield West primary schools**, a team of 5 volunteers from various local churches teaches SRE. They have half hour lessons once per week. In 2023 there are about 82 students enrolled at "May East" and 128 at "May West".

**Ministry link**  
generate.org.au/sre/

SRE MAYFIELD EAST & WEST PRIMARY PRAYER POINTS

▣ **God's inspiration** in lesson preparation, and that he will speak through these lessons into the kids hearts.

▣ **Kids** from active Christian families to grow in their faith and have the boldness to share with their friends.

▣ **The chaplain** at Mayfield West, Tim Drough, to be able to display God's love as he cares for the school community (Tim is also the pastor at Mayfield Church of Christ and chair of the SRE Waratah High board).

### Did You Know?

If we keep up the current momentum, then we could see all languages having some Scripture by 2033!

▣ **For good relationships** with the school principals, teachers and administrative staff.

▣ **For Christian parents** to be a fragrance in the school community, P&C committee; birthday parties, etc.

▣ **For opportunities** for the SRE teachers to get involved in other aspects of the school life.





## Hunter Christian School

[www.hunterchristian.nsw.edu.au](http://www.hunterchristian.nsw.edu.au)

**Hunter Christian School** was established by Mayfield Baptist Church in 1981 and after 42 years remains a prime ministry partner of Mayfield Baptist Church. The school's vision is to empower every student to influence their world through enriched learning, enhanced resources and Christ like service. Similar to Mayfield Baptist Church, the school stands on a hill within the community and has a privileged opportunity to journey in community partnerships through education and extra-

curricular interactions. The school ignites learning through Biblical foundations and grows young people in a life of hope, purpose and influence.



**HUNTER  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL**

### HCS PRAYER POINTS

- ▣ **Students** to learn well and grow in their faith, realising the role of Christ in their life.
- ▣ **Partnering relationships** serving and witnessing faithfully in the school community.
- ▣ **Teachers** to live out their faith authentically and for evangelistic opportunities.
- ▣ **Leadership team** to continue to lead humbly and authentically in an encouraging and respectful way.
- ▣ **The School Board** to have wisdom and discernment in assessing and setting the direction of the school through Christ-like governance principles, and diligent use of resources.
- ▣ **Longevity:** That new families will recognise the opportunity to connect with the school community.

### MBFC PRAYER POINTS

- ▣ **Safety** and injury-free season for players.
- ▣ **Re-establishment** of a Ladies' team in 2024.
- ▣ **Our active** members to become good role models of Godly behaviour.
- ▣ **The chaplains** and administrators to have God's wisdom and grace.
- ▣ **The building of strong** connections so that others can be led to Christ (for God through sport).
- ▣ **The Holy Spirit** will open the hearts of non-Christian players to the Gospel.



Above Division 4 Grand Finalists 2019.  
Right Some of our players in action.



## Mayfield Baptist Football Club

(playing in Hunter Christian Churches Football Association)

**Mayfield Baptist** was a founding member club when the local churches' competition started in 1934. In 2022 three of our Men's teams qualified to play Grand Finals but no Grand Finals were played. On the last weekend in March we participated in the Ian Pettigrew Shield competition in which one of our teams came 3rd. In 2023 we have 3 teams: Div 2, Div 3, and Div 4.

About 40% regularly attend church (about 25% at MBC). Margaret Livingstone and Bob McAlpine are club chaplains. Will Hall is club president, Rob McCloskey vice president, and Dave Murray is secretary/treasurer. Church members are encouraged to attend local matches at Stevenson Park. Our motto is, *Press on towards the Goal!* Philippians 3:14.



And I will make of you a great nation, and I will  
bless you and make your name great, so that you  
will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you,  
and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in  
you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”  
(Gen 12:2-3)



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