



# Newsletter September 2014

All athletes are disciplined in their training.  
They do it to win a prize that will fade away,  
but we do it for an eternal prize.

1 Corinthians 9: 24,25 <sup>NLT</sup>



*Our vision:* **“Growing a community of faith  
committed to Christ and making him known”**

Linking ministering communities in East Launceston, George Town,  
Hillwood, Low Head, Pipers River, Riverside & Trevallyn

# Volunteering abroad



In **John's Gospel chapter 4** there is a record of a conversation between Jesus and a woman from Samaria. The conversation revolves around water and almost immediately there is confusion as the woman talks about physical water from the well and Jesus uses water as an introduction to a talk on spiritual life. You can understand her confusion **and Jesus' metaphor when** we realise that life cannot exist without water. Water is what scientists look for on other planets as a

prerequisite to finding life, each drop able to contain millions of tiny organisms.

Water, as well as being essential for life, can, paradoxically, also be an agent of death. Water borne diseases (such as cholera, typhoid, legionella etc.)

still remain a threat to many people around the world today.

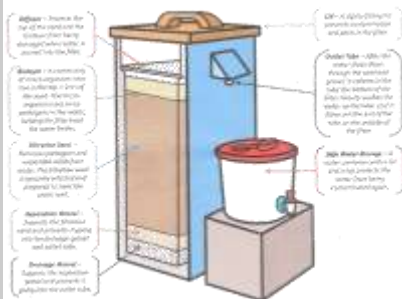
Recently God called Robyn, Rachele and I to go to Siem Reap in Cambodia on a mission trip. Although the call was very definite what we were to do was much less certain. A bit like Abram in **Gen 12. God said "Go to the land I will show you and I'll fill in the details when you get there"**. He went and so did we. Covering what we thought was every possibility we took school supplies, garden gloves, toys, books, games puzzles and 2 Bibles and 10 New Testaments in the local Khmer language. We also took baby clothes. Baby Teresa (google them) donated 30 baby suits and friends donated other clothes. Others who heard of our trip made contributions of their own to our supplies.

Two days before we left I stumbled across an organisation called Globalteer. Globalteer is a UK based NGO that provides volunteers to work in



schools, wild life refuges and sports programmes. They also partner with Trailblazer Foundation who make and supply water filters to villagers to provide a source of clean, safe drinking water. As soon as I saw the water filters I knew that was what we were to do so we signed up. Volunteer applications usually take about 10 weeks but we got through the process in 2 days. We applied on Thursday, flew out Saturday, arrived in Siem Reap on Sunday and started work on Monday. The issue of clean safe water was reinforced when we found we could only trust bottled water, even for brushing our teeth. We only used local tap water (even in up market hotels) for washing. The locals are somewhat used to it but the water can quickly bring a visitor undone.

The filters are a model of



simplicity. They consist of a concrete case containing a base layer of coarse gravel, on top of which is a layer of fine gravel, on top of which is a layer of fine sand. The whole thing is filled with water and allowed to settle. After a short period the sand creates an anaerobic environment which destroys bacteria except for the top 5 cm which grows a colony of healthy bacteria that attacks and kills unhealthy bacteria. Each filter costs about \$80.00 to make and install. The recipient pays \$3.00, which goes into a communal fund that villagers can borrow from for things like seed rice, home improvements, school fees etc. They pay 2% on the loan which goes back into the pot for others to use. Very few people default on their loans. Indeed the whole system has been so successful that other provinces have asked for it to run in their area. The hold up with expansion at the moment is a lack of trained staff in other provinces to oversee the work. Trailblazer also drill wells for people. The

## FATHERS

I think one of the greatest things about marriage is that as both husband and father, I can say anything I want to around the house. Of course, no one pays the least bit of attention.

Q. Does a dad ALWAYS snore?

A. No, only when he is asleep.

By the time a man realises that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who **thinks he's** wrong.

Charles Wadsworth

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normal flow of events is a presentation to the village, identify those who wish take up the offer, drill a well for those who need it, concrete a base to provide a clean stable base to work on and install a filter.

Water filters occupied most of our time but some of the other things we did included giving blood at the local hospital, visiting the drop in centre for pregnant women with hiv/aids, helping out at the ngo schools sports carnival and visiting local churches. We managed to find recipients for all the

things we took and they were all gratefully received. Especially rewarding was the joy expressed by people who received a water filter. It was at times quite moving.

One of the big questions that arises out of a trip like this is does the result justify the expense. It was not a cheap trip. Was it worth it? Would it not be better to just give the money?

On reflection I believe that it was. It gave us an opportunity to be obedient to God. He said go so we went. It makes giving personal. You can see the looks on the faces of those who benefit. It provides opportunities to meet people from a different world (almost a different planet!) and learn about them and their situation first hand. Most importantly it provided an opportunity for personal **reflection. You don't know** how well off you are until you sit down to lunch in the house of someone who has nothing. It is then that *their* generosity overwhelms *you!*

Blessings

Ian





# Riverlinks

September 2014	
1st Mon	
2nd Tue	<p><i>(each Tuesday)</i> Prayer Group – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town Home &amp; Study Groups – 1:45pm at Igglesden's home – 7:30pm at Booth's home – 7:30pm at Pedley's home – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's</p> <p><b>New Guinea Martyrs' Day Commemoration</b> – 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Launceston</p>
3rd Wed	<p><i>(each Wednesday)</i> Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's <b>Men's Shed</b> – 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Riverside Home &amp; Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's</p>
4th Thur	<p><i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's</p>
5th Fri	<p><i>(each Friday)</i> KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town Youth Group – 6:00pm at St John's Launceston Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town</p>
6th Sat	<p><b>Women's Breakfast</b> – 8:00am at St Johns L'ton</p>
7th Sun	<p><b>Father's Day</b> <b>Kids' Church</b> – 10:30am at St Oswald's Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's</p>
8th Mon	<p>Cadorna – 2:00pm</p>

September 2014	
9th Tue	
10th Wed	
11th Thur	<p>Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm</p>
12th Fri	
13th Sat	
14th Sun	
15th Mon	
16th Tue	
17th Wed	<p>Fellowship Lunch with Pamela Cornish – 11:45am at St Oswald's after Healing service <b>St Oswald's Fellowship Group</b> – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm</p>
18th Thur	<p>Prescare Legana – 10:45am</p>
19th Fri	<p>Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town</p>
20th Sat	

The deadline for the September Newsletter edition is 22<sup>nd</sup> September

# Calendar

September 2014	
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
25 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
26 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
27 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	CCCCGT Service – 6:00pm at Baptist Church
29 <sup>th</sup> Mon	
30 <sup>th</sup> Tue	

October and other dates 2014	
4 <sup>th</sup> October	CMS Tasmania Annual Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Mens Bible Conference
10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Tasmanian Youth Convention at Bicheno
19 <sup>th</sup> October	CY&F Ministry Workshop
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Preaching Workshop
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Bible Society Public Talk - Mike Raiter
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Bible Society Preaching Workshop
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Riverlinks Together 10 <sup>th</sup> Birthday with Bishop John

## Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Baptism
21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Combined Service
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids' Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Holy Communion	



TIES, SOCKS, AND UNDERWEAR AS FATHER'S DAY PRESENTS WERE A BIT UNDER-APPRECIATED BY ADAM

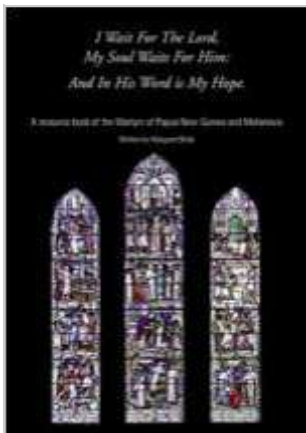
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# NEW GUINEA MARTYRS' DAY COMMEMORATION EUCHARIST

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.00 pm**  
*Holy Trinity Anglican Church*  
*Cameron Street, Launceston*

**The Anglican Church in Australia has set this day aside to remember the twelve Anglicans who died in Papua New Guinea during the Japanese invasion in 1942-43**  
**Speaker: The Rev'd Alan Bulmer, Holy Trinity, Cressy**



Coffee and dessert will follow the Service. It will be helpful if you could RSVP to Lorraine Andrews: 63448307, and there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards an ABM project. **ALL WELCOME**

## CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY-TASMANIA INC

The Annual General Meeting of Members of CMS Tasmania will be held on  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 3 pm**  
**at Christ Church Longford**

The AGM will follow a lunch at 12.30pm and a meeting at 1.30 pm celebrating the work of CMS

## Creative Storytelling

Whether in a formal setting or an informal one, a story well told is memorable, enjoyable, and an effective way to communicate truth to adults and children alike



When: Sunday 19 October 1:30-3:30 pm  
Where: St Aidan's Church Arthur St, East Launceston  
What to bring: Bible, paper, pen  
More info: James Oakley 6327 3482 or [kids\\_families@riverlinks.net.au](mailto:kids_families@riverlinks.net.au)







**MEN'S BIBLE**  
Conference

# Habakkuk

TRUSTING GOD IN DANGEROUS TIMES with PETER ADAM

**Saturday 4 October, 2014**  
The Branch Christian Church  
2 Innocent Street, Kings Meadows  
(parking behind Woolworths)

Registrations from 10.00am To register phone 6334 8145 or  
\$20 payable on the day Email: mens.bible.conf@gmail.com

International Pregnancy  
and Infant Loss  
Remembrance Event  
A memorial event remembering  
babies who have died from  
miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal  
death or infant loss  
7 pm on 14 October  
at Dayspring,  
8 Hobart Rd, Kings Meadows  
For more details contact Robyn on  
0419 544 110 or  
[robyn@rmcounselling.com.au](mailto:robyn@rmcounselling.com.au)

Are you a knitter with time & spare  
wool on your hands?

**The Bell Bay Seafarer's Mission are always  
in need of knitted beanies for visiting  
seafarers. All colours, patterns & designs in  
adult sizes will be gratefully received.**

Beanies can be left with Anne at the Parish office  
Please help!



Michael Raiter will be speaking this  
November on the topic of **"A hunger  
for God: how the Bible is good for  
your soul"**, as well as a half-day  
preaching workshop, "Preaching that connects - bringing God's Word  
into people's lives."



**Thursday, 13 November (7:30-9pm)**

- Public talk at the Door of Hope Main Auditorium

**Friday 14, November (9am-1pm)**

- Preaching workshop at St Aidan's East L'ton



You can find out more at  
[www.biblesociety.org.au/events](http://www.biblesociety.org.au/events)  
or contact the Bible Society 1300 242 537



## 5 things you can do to help Iraq's persecuted Christians

From Eternity  
newspaper

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[www.biblesociety.org.au/  
eternitynews](http://www.biblesociety.org.au/eternitynews)

*There have been Christians in Mosul for almost 2,000 years. Now, because of the barbaric and cruel actions of Islamist militants, our brothers and sisters are being forced to flee their city with nothing. They desperately need our prayers, solidarity and support.*

*Dr Patrick Sookhdeo  
- Barnabas Fund Int'l  
Director*

*"They changed our church into a mosque, ruined historic museums, and destroyed a monastery and manuscripts that were 1000 years old. Iraq is gone. Iraq is finished. We're finished. It's impossible for us to go back," – Iraqi Christian.*

If you're like us, you've probably felt outrage and despair reading about the situation in northern Iraq. Islamic militants continue to seize Christian towns. On Thursday (7 August) they **captured Iraq's largest** Christian city, Qaraqosh, forcing thousands more to flee. In the process, militants continue to demand: Christians must leave, convert or die. Three weeks ago, **Iraq's second largest** city, Mosul, which is also the site of the ancient city of Nineveh, was the first city to receive the ultimatum. It now stands empty of Christians. Cities and towns across northern Iraq are emptying of Christians, whose families have lived in the region for thousands of years. They are now sheltering in mosques,

churches, refuge camps in Kurdish cities without their belongings.

So far away from the situation, it's easy to feel helpless. But there are some things you CAN do. Here's 5 things you can do to help Iraq's persecuted Christians:

### 1. Stay informed

The situation in Iraq is changing quickly, as The Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS) seizes more and more territory every day. To support Christians in Iraq through prayer and letting others know what's going on, it's a good idea to stay on top of the news coming out of the area.

### 2. Be active on social media

Many Christians have already changed their profile picture to the arabic letter for "N" in solidarity with Christians who've had the letter painted on their homes in Mosul.

On the use of the "n" symbol, one Islamic expert wrote recently on Facebook:

*"I think for many years now Christians have seen the*

*treatment of their brothers and sisters in various places around the world and not known how to express themselves. ISIS has inadvertently given us a symbol of solidarity for Christians who are suffering.”*

Changing your profile picture to the “n” symbol is one way to show solidarity.

### 3. Write to your MP

**What’s the point? We’re so far away from Iraq, how could talking to our Government help? There are a few ways it can help. Firstly, just by talking to them about it, you are raising awareness. Secondly, you can call on the Government to use its position on the UN Security Council to get the international community to pay more attention to the suffering of Iraqi Christians. Some have called what’s happening a genocide. It’s worth raising it with your local MP as a matter needing attention.**

### 4. Pray

The first and perhaps most powerful thing you can do is: pray. Bible Society Australia has some suggested prayers:

- Please pray for the Iraqi Christians forced from their

homes in Mosul under threat of death.

- Pray for God’s protecting hand to be with them and his provision for them is plentiful in this time of urgent need.**

- Pray that the Bible Society team in Iraq is safe amongst the crisis and are able to carry out their work to reach families in desperate need.

- Pray that others would recognise the plight of their brethren and provide support for them.

### 5. Give

Christian organisations are already actively supplying food, water, hygiene materials and Scriptures to Iraqi Christian refugees. You can donate directly or by placing an envelope into the offertory plate clearly marked with your preferred support to:

ABM  
Iraq: Global Rapid Response Fund [www.abm.org](http://www.abm.org)

Bible Society  
[www.biblesociety.org.au/nineveh](http://www.biblesociety.org.au/nineveh) or by ringing 1300 242 537 during office hours.

Barnabas Fund  
Iraq: Feeding Christian Families (Project 20-246) [www.barnabasfund.org.au](http://www.barnabasfund.org.au)

The United Nations have declared its highest level of emergency for Iraq, in an effort to speed up the humanitarian response.

The UN estimates up to **1.2 million Iraqi’s** have been “internally displaced”.

Most fled on foot towards Erbil in Kurdistan.

**“The trip took 15 hours for the young and 3 days for the sick and elderly,”** said Mike Bassous who oversees the Bible Society workers in Iraq. **“The arriving refugees are kept in open fields due to the large influx of people.”**

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Ian, Robyn & Rachele's  
Mission trip to  
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