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Andrew's Message

Dear Friends and Supporters.

October is an important month in the fresh hope family, as we gather the majority of our ministers together at Stanwell Tops for input, rest and connection. I am particularly excited this year, since on Monday 10 October at 7.30pm I will launch a new initiative as a part of the Church of Christ family called "Southpoint". Southpoint is a new network and interested people will be able to download our prospectus at the Southpoint website next week (visit www.southpoint.org.au). Southpoint has a primary focus on promoting God's agenda. There is no higher calling than to offer one's life in sacrifice to God and His Kingdom. This is a vitally important season for us all as we seek God's leading for our future together.

Elders of churches are invited to attend this event, as simultaneously, I will be launching a new initiative for our network known as the "Transformational Church". We intend to work with 6-8 churches over the next three years to engage them in a transformational leadership journey to calibrate the church into the future. We can only manage 6-8 churches since this is a time intensive process designed to shape the church going forward. If you are interested in this initiative, you are personally invited to join us at the Stanwell Tops auditorium on Monday night. We will have hard copies of both the Southpoint Prospectus and information on the Transformational Church initiative available to take away.

Churches of Christ in NSW is poised during this season, to assist churches in this journey, more so than at any other time in our history. The future of the Australian church is directly linked to the capacity of both lay and paid leaders to understand and practice the discipline of spiritual leadership. I invite you to prayerfully consider whether your church should be a part of this cohort. Feel free to pass this information onto your minister or eldership board as we don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to apply to



be a part of this adventure. Applications will close at the end of 2011 and interested churches will need to commit to a three year journey of partnership.

Please feel free to email us at office@freshhope.org.au if you require more information, or would like to discuss this initiative with me.

Kind regards

Andrew Ball

Executive Ministry Director



Each year our Freshhope network provides opportunities for churches to apply for **Synergy Grants**. This is a part of our heart to serve the local church on the frontier of mission.

Leadership & Catalyst Grants: The deadline is 31 October 2011

Partnership Grants: The deadline is 31 December 2011

For more information please go to www.synergyproject.org.au

Our focus for this year's grants will centre on evangelism and discipleship.

We foundationally believe that your church needs to be a discipleship community that empowers and resources people to be all that God intended them to be, in His Kingdom.

Freshhope Branding

Churches will be interested to know that Churches of Christ in NSW is the registered owner of the trade marked fresh hope logo and branding. A number of our churches and associated agencies have asked or enquired as to whether they might use the logo. If you would like to do so, we would want you to ask for permission. We have developed guidelines around the use of our logo which are in the members area of our website. Please make sure, even if your church is currently using our logo, that you download these guidelines and respect our desire for you to adhere to our protocols.

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NAVIGATE

GET YOUR BEARINGS & TAKE THE TIME TO **NAVIGATE** A **GOD FOCUSED LIFE**

UNIQUELY & SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE **AGED 18 - 24**

Navigate is a series of **5 Treks** that include intensive learning & spiritual training. It gives you a CERT IV in Christian Leadership.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 28th November.
If you are interested in applying, please email administration@navigate.org.au

WHERE **LEADERSHIP** IS CAUGHT & TAUGHT

IMPART

DESIGNED FOR THE DEEP **FORMATION OF YOUNG LEADERS**

Impart is a one year, **full-time course** committed to developing and equipping deeply formed disciples. Take a year to engage in live-in community learning experiences through the **5** intensive retreats, and get immersed in mission in a practical placement and be shaped deeply by spiritual formation and life experience.

Impart helps students work towards completing a Diploma of Christian Studies (Diploma of Theology) (complete 6 of 8 subjects in first year, accredited through ACOM).

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 28th November.
If you are interested in applying, please email reception@freshhope.org.au



Global Mission Partners

Celebration of Global Mission 2011

All are warmly invited to attend this year's Celebration of Global Mission:

Saturday October 29th, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Northside Community Church, Crows Nest, NSW

Special Guest: Hery Susanto, Academic Dean at the Bible College in Salatiga, Central Java

Featuring:

- the new partnership with Indonesia
- news from around the world including Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Sudan, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Zimbabwe
- stories of local churches engaging in global mission

\$20 includes Lunch and Refreshments

RSVP: Fri 21st October

Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners Inc

PO Box 6454 Halifax St, Adelaide 5000

08 8212 4446 or info@inpartnership.org.au

Hery Susanto will also be sharing at:

- One in Christ Ministries at Burwood Community Welfare Centre, 45 Belmore Street, Burwood on Saturday 29 October at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner
- Harvest Church of Christ, 3-5 Bryant Street, Rockdale, on Sunday 30 October 2011 at 10.00am service, followed by lunch (RSVP 9708 6037)
- Harvest Church of Christ, Rouse Hill Shoppingtown Centre (2nd floor, above Library) – Rex Money Room, on Sunday 30 October 2011 at 04.30pm service, followed by dinner (RSVP 9708 6037)
- Lunch with pastors and church leaders on Monday 31 October. Meeting at the FreshHope office, Level 1, 3 Rider Blvd, Rhodes at 1:00 pm. (RSVP 8719 2600)
- Lower Blue Mountains Church of Christ, 22 Edna Street, Warrimoo, on Monday evening 31 October, time TBA. (RSVP Phone 4753 6585 or 041723 2130)

For further information on these events contact Colin Scott at e: colin@gmp.org.au or 0401 671 349



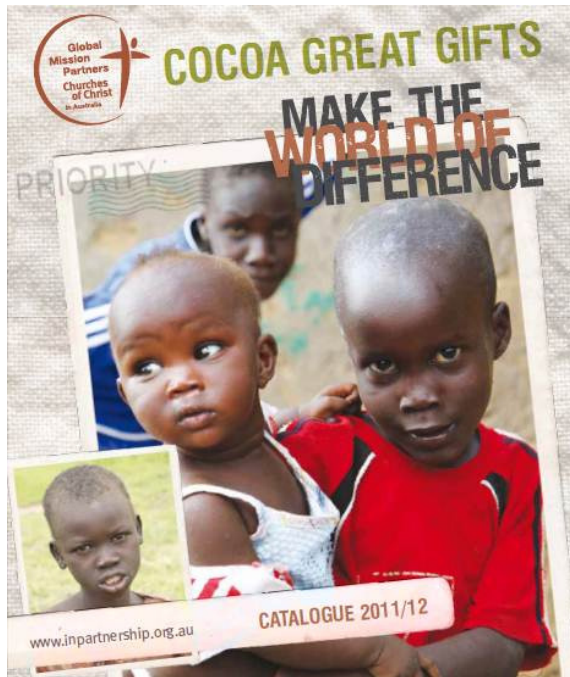
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COCOA Great Gifts on the Way



The COCOA (Churches of Christ Overseas Aid) Great Gift catalogue will be arriving in the mail or via your church very soon. Selecting a COCOA Great Gift and choosing to give COCOA Great Gift cards is a special way to meet real needs and involve others in making a positive difference overseas.

One COCOA partner, Jabulani Xaba, director of Khayelihle Children's Village in Zimbabwe, reports, "God's love is so amazing. He has seen Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) through difficult times of harsh economy, bad weather and political instability. Warm hearted people have continued to support us despite all odds, by providing us with seeds for crops and vegetables and with dairy cows. All these gifts have helped KCV to be what it is today.

"Vegetables grown in the KCV garden include chomoullier, spinach, cabbages, rape, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, green beans and onions. In the family unit gardens, which are supervised by the house mothers, children learn how to grow and nurture seeds so as to produce good vegetables. Crops such as maize and sorghum are also grown. Some of these are put into the silage pit for feed for the dairy cows during winter time and some is stored for the children's consumption. These seeds go a long way in providing food for the children.

"The gift of a dairy cow makes a big difference at KCV. A cow means more milk for the children and also generates income for the Village. The dairy project is a core project for KCV. Currently, about 200 litres of milk are produced every day. The children have milk in their diet, which is especially good for our children who are on antiretroviral treatment. We so much appreciate all these gifts and praise God for His love and favour."

The process of partnering overseas via a COCOA Great Gift is quite easy. You select a gift or gifts from the catalogue and send, fax or telephone the order to the GMP office. We receipt your tax deductible gift and send you a card including a picture of the gift for you to pass on to the person you have in mind. It may be for Christmas, a birthday, a thank you, an anniversary or any special occasion. Tell us what it is and we will print the card to suit you. You can also order online via our website at www.inpartnership.org.au. Your support means the ministry of COCOA continues to grow in its impact.



Volunteer needed for Vanuatu

Churches of Christ Conference in Vanuatu (CCCV) is looking for a volunteer (preferably with a background in the Churches of Christ) to strengthen their operating systems, human resource practices and financial systems. Volunteers will be provided with a living and accommodation allowance, airfares, and insurance. Only citizens or permanent residents of Australia are eligible to apply for this assignment.

To find out more and how to apply for the role, visit www.australianvolunteers.com or contact Nancy Zele on nzele@australianvolunteers.com.

Expressions of Interest

Are you interested in being trained to be a chaplain during times of natural or human disaster? You could make a significant contribution to those in need during such a devastating crisis in their lives. If you are an endorsed Churches of Christ Chaplain or Minister, and this is a way you would like to contribute, then we are looking for Expressions of Interest to enable us to screen, interview and choose two people to attend the fully funded one week training course in Feb 2012. Once trained you may be called upon to be deployed in a time of natural or human disaster.

Please send your Expression of Interest by 3 November to:

Wayne Morris (Careworks Ministry Facilitator) wayne@careworks.org.au

Diary Dates for 2011 & 2012

Make sure you enter these dates in your 2012 Diary now and plan to be involved:

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| 9 – 12 October 2011 | Ministers Awakening @ The Tops – registrations open online at www.thetops.com.au |
| 29 October 2011 | Celebration of Global Mission. Northside Community Church
10:30 – 3:00pm |
| 28 November 2011 | Applications for NAVIGATE 2012 close |
| 2 December 2011 | Applications for IMPART 2012 close |
| 16 – 18 March 2012 | The Transformational Church Cohort |



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6-9 April 2012	Collide
4 – 5 May 2012	Annual Conference. Northside Community Church
23 July 2012	Deep Day
23 – 27 July 2012	Contemplative Retreat
3 – 5 August 2012	Southpoint Spiritual Retreat
7 – 9 August 2012	Ministry Endorsement Pilgrimage
22 – 26 September 2012	Born to Win Camp 1
27 September – 1 October 2012	Born to Win Camp 2
2 – 5 October	Drastic
8 – 10 October	Awakening