

News from our DBC mission families

The Hallams: WEC, Sydney Ben & Jess are thankful for God's continuing guidance and provision during 2017. Ben has recently been elected to the Oversight Team at their local church. **Pray** for wisdom and grace as he helps the team work through some difficult issues. Jess is having physio to try and reverse the carpal tunnel problem she has in both hands. **Pray** for her complete healing and the restoration of the nerves. Jess continues to work with the administration. **Pray** for Sophie, who is having problems with anxiety which is very unsettling for her. Pray that Ben and Jess have the wisdom from God to help her through this difficult time.

The Magupas: ONA Network Here at Ona Network, we want to thank you all for your prayers & support over this year. Praise our loving God for the nearly 900 cataract surgeries and thousands of eye examinations performed by our team in Tanzania this year. **Join us in prayer** for the planned 1200 free cataract surgeries next year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Ona Network team.

To support ONA Network financially, please use the special envelopes in the Walkway

Chris & Amy The family have received their 1 year visa & stay permit, following 9 months of processing. **Praise God!** The children are settling in well, and Elijah is happy and healthy and growing bigger every day. This has been their 3rd Christmas in SE Asia and C & A have an increasing sense of being at home there. **Thank** God for this growing sense of belonging. Chris continues to enjoy his role teaching and mentoring theological students. **Pray** for continued good health for the family, especially the children.

Jeanette James Jeanette has had a break over the Christmas / New Year period. The SIM Spiritual Life Conference was held this last week, and was lead by a team from Australia. Jeanette has been accommodating Steve and Nancy Brown during this time. The 3rd Quarter began on 10th January: **Pray** that Jeanette recovers from the nasty "bug" she picked up at conference. **Pray** for the students that they will return refreshed and ready to learn.

A Christmas Newsletter from Jeanette is available in the Walkway

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Church Family News

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Church Office

The office will be reorganizing over the summer, so if you need to come into the office over the next month, please consider ringing to ensure that someone will be there to assist you.

Give your tithes via direct deposit

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Supporting Local Churches

Pray for **Ted Nibbs** who is preaching at **Smithton Fellowship** this week. Pray for safe travelling for him and for Dawn as they support this remote fellowship.

New Prayer Brochures

Ben & Jess Hallam have new brochures, with updated information on their ministry with WEC. Get your copy from the Walkway.

Safe Churches Awareness Workshop

The next Safe Churches workshop will be held on Saturday 24th February 2018, at Devonport Churches of Christ, 9.30am-4.30pm.

If you are involved in a leadership role, or in ministry with children and vulnerable people you must complete a Safe Churches workshop every 3 years.

You MUST pre-register by THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY via churchesofchrist.org.au/scaw
Please contact the office for further information about registration, or if you are unsure if you need to attend. The cost for the workshop is \$30, which you can pay online when booking and we will reimburse (so make sure you print out a receipt :)

Annual Missions Picnic

When: 18th February
Time: After Church @ the Arboretum
Where: The Rotunda near the Kiosk
What to bring: Your lunch, folding chair, hat!
Cost: Donation towards the cost of the Rotunda is welcomed.

GIA 2018 Guide

Collect the new 2018 GIA Guide from the foyer this week. Keep informed about GIA's work around the world.



Fellowship & Tea at Spurrs

Come and join Donald and Susan at Sassafras for Fellowship and Tea on Saturday 27th January, from 4pm onwards with BBQ starting at 5.30pm. BYO meat or picnic and a cold drink. A salad to share would be welcome. For further info contact Susan or Donald on 6426 7312 / 0438 267 312

Sanctuary

Each Tuesday in the auditorium
5-6pm
An hour of quiet prayerfulness at the end of the working day. Take a moment to sit in the quiet.

Bless Fest 24 Feb—4 March

Bless Fest is coming
Watch this space
To register for SMS alerts send your mobile number to the Office:
office@devonportbaptists.org.au

Missions Trip

Have you thought about going to Indonesia on the Missions Trip in late June? Now is the time to let the missions group know so they can start sorting the details of the trip. More information is available from Jenny, Peter, Aileen, Carol, Mostyn or George.

Prayer Focus

THIS WEEK: Pray for our Tasmanian Baptist Union team:

Mission Leadership Team: Stephen Baxter, David Roffe and Jeff McKinnon
Administrator Rodney Marshall, and Council Chairperson, Wendy Marston.
Pray that they are encouraged and equipped as they perform these important state-wide leadership roles.

Wendy Marston will be preaching at LifeWay next Sunday (4th February) - pray that she will be blessed and encouraged as she prepares her message for us.