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## HE'S MEASURING YOU UP

I just heard an interesting and true story that a big python snake had wandered into a local family residence in the Hunter region. They embraced it as a family pet, fed it, played with it, it would even curl itself up at the end of the owners bed every night.

But one night, it lay alongside of her head to head, tail to toes. Quite worried about this, the owner

lies; Beelzebub (lord of the flies); prince of darkness; Lucifer. Also a number of animals and their behaviours are likened to the schemes of the devil. For example, the birds of the air; flies; prowling like roaring lions; scorpions; foxes and snakes.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman: "Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the

front of us.

We also need to be aware of our humanity, because the devil only works with what we give him—as the scripture says: "In your anger do not sin."; "Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." Ephesians 4:26-27)

If he gets a foothold, he'll get you in a leg hold and before you know it, he'll have you on the carpet for the count.



phoned the vet the next morning explaining the event. The vet's answer was prompt and precise—put the snake in a sack and get it out of your house! Why? The owner asked. The vet's answer was as prompt as his first: "It is measuring you up."

garden?" Genesis 3:1

We need to be aware of how the devil operates. We need an understanding to his schemes, for the bible says "in order that Satan might not outwit us, for we are not unaware of his schemes." 2Corinthians 2:11.

What footholds are you possibly giving him now?

What snakes are you entertaining in your life?

Be self controlled and alert

## HE IS MEASURING YOU UP

The devil is referred to in the bible many ways: satan; the deceiver; the evil one; the enemy; the father of

Satan is a schemer and has been studying humanity since it's conception. He knows our weaknesses, our temptations, our movements; he knows what to put in

Love

Kevin



## Travel Itinerary

1st—2nd March	Toowoomba
11th March AM	Hunter Christian
11th March PM	Wollongong
30th March to 1st April	Burnie, Tasmania
26th May —5th June	U.K.
23rd June Sat	Kingsway, Sydney

24th June AM	Gungahlin Canberra
22nd July PM	Thirroul
29th July AM / PM	Campbelltown

## Great Quotes

*In building anything that outlives you, build away from yourself not around yourself..*

Dudley Daniels

*If you are forever avoiding responsibility, you will never grow up...Simon McIntre*

*What is God doing in that person's life and how does He want me to be involved...Kim Miller*

*If you don't let God sort you out before you're sent out in ministry you'll either drop out, fall out or get kicked out...Kevin Wilcock*

# CITY LIFE "BEING MISSIONAL—PUB CHURCH"

## THAT'S THE SPIRIT

Wearing a charcoal T-shirt and striped shorts, Minister Kevin Wilcock breaks into a wide grin as he greets this newcomer at The Great Northern Hotel on a cloudy Sunday afternoon.

"Can you drink on the job?" asks the newcomer, raising a beer. His eyes widen when he is told no, and his reply is both



sympathetic and cheeky. "Lucky for me this is part of today's job."

About 40 people have gathered in the hotel's Tiki Bar for Pub Church. An initiative of church City Life, it's a 90 minute or a "two beer-sometimes three" service open to everyone.

"People say they couldn't go into a church because the roof would fall in, but they will walk into a pub" Wilcock says.

"This is an accessible first step." His wife Tracey agrees, offering a simple explanation for its success. "It's not threatening, they're not going to get the Bible pushed down their throat."

Wilcock says the aim of Pub Church is not to convert or recruit more members to City Life, instead, it's about planting a seed to stimulate questions and discussion about God and each person's purpose. If this leads attendees to other churches, so be it.

"What I hope is that they might be a little bit closer in their discovery of God" he says. "There's a growing silent majority looking for a deeper lifestyle expression of faith." Singer and guitarist Daniel March is setting up on stage, before the lively room full of laughter. About one third of the attendees are from City Life and have been encouraged to bring along their friends, another third go to other

churches and the remainder don't attend any form of church. There are young couples in singlet's and thongs, families, middle-aged men with tattoos and quite often backpackers.

Conversation bounces from favourite TV shows to the end of the weekend, mutual friends and future holidays. It's a scene that would be replicated on Sunday afternoons at scores of other pubs around the world.

City Life youth leader Mel Campton, 28, has settled directly in front of March, who is moving through a series of original songs and covers, including Prince's "I Would Die For You." Campton waves her arm around the room when asked why she has come along after already attending a morning service. "Why wouldn't you?" she asks with a hearty laugh. "This atmosphere is all about community. It's about getting rid of the religiosity of church and loving people where they're at." Jim and Rhea Mackenzie have recently moved to the inner city and wanted to find a church to which they could contribute and where they could meet other

people. "They're laid-back, but their message is very grounded in the Bible." Rhea says. The couple have been to Pub Church once before but have brought along their son Nathan 23, and nephews Andrew 25, and Chris 21, for their first time. The boys are sitting on a long table at the rear of the room, sharing a plate of potato wedges.

"It's an innovative idea," Andrew says. "I go to another church every week but just wanted to check out this idea—they seem to be doing it pretty well."

Wilcock welcomes to the stage Chelsea Freeman, the co-ordinator of Drug Arm's Street Outreach Service. The organization has mobile patrols that provide support, referral and information to those experiencing harm associated with alcohol and drug use. A few baseball caps are passed around and \$200 is collected for Drug Arm.

After a few more songs from March it's time for Wilcock's 10-minute sermon, which combines references to popular culture, thought-provoking anecdotes and audience interaction. The message packs a punch.

As attendees walk outside into the crisp evening, slapping each other on the back and making plans to catch up next month, it becomes clear this church focuses not on the building it is in, but facilitating something even stronger: community and connection.

**Helen Gregory**  
**The Weekender**  
**The Herald. 4/2/2012**

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## HUON VALLEY—Malcolm & Antonia Weir

We are having some great meetings here in the Huon Valley with Evangelist Eddie Coe—signs and wonders following—the sick healed, the deaf hearing, sight restored—just a taste of what is to come. We are planning 31 days RALLY IN THE VALLEY in March 2012. Non-stop pressing into His presence an unprecedented hunger for more of Jesus among the saints in the valley. A desire to stop playing church and wanting to see the LOST SAVED! We are believing for a 100 souls to

come to Christ. This land, the HUON VALLEY belongs to us—*“every place our feet tread upon He has given unto us.”* and His desire is that none should perish and all come to repentance. We are asking for 100 and He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above that which we ask or think.

This is a move of God in the valley and we are seeing a beautiful unity forming amongst the churches and a real hunger and thirst for the things of God.

Cheers

**Malcolm & Antonia Weir.**



## OZREACH CONNECT

### Southern Connect

Mike McGarrity

On **Saturday 3rd March**  
with Pastor Jeremy Hodson.  
The evening will start at **7pm** with coffee and dessert at

“The Hub”,  
37 Cambrai Avenue,  
Engadine.

Please sms or call Mike McGarrity  
**0419 277 916**, or email him at:  
[mike.mcgarritty@communitychurch.org.au](mailto:mike.mcgarritty@communitychurch.org.au)



### Northern Connect

Bernie Higgins

On **Friday 24th February 2012**  
Wine, beer, soft drink and nibbles will be provided. The evening will start at **7:30pm** at

21 Dover Road,  
Wamberal

Please get back to Bernie Higgins on  
**0419 270 156** with a response



## OZREACH CONFERENCE - 26th & 27th October 2012

With Peter McHugh



Peter has been in pastoral ministry for over 25 years. He has planted two churches and facilitated the planting of seven other churches. Peter has found himself being called to pastor other pastors. Peter has been able to enable others to experience revelation and freedom by learning how to lead from who they are in Christ. He is a gifted communicator whose greatest joy and privilege is to see people rise up and step into their identities and demonstrating the Father's love in remarkable ways. Today he and his wife Lyn, lead Stairway Church in Melbourne

### OZREACH CONFERENCE

**Friday 26th  
&  
Saturday 27th**

**OCTOBER 2012**

Please put this date into your diaries



**Flooding in Fiji** - As I write to you Nandi and the north of Fiji are experiencing serious and devastating floods, the Queensland coast of Australia is experiencing the beginning of similar flooding and the IMF have announced that they need \$1 trillion dollars to halt the decline of global economies. It is a great start to the morning!

**Step Out Step Free** - What is powerful about God's economy is that healing, recovery and restoration are not dependent on weather, finance or politics. On Monday we start yet another OSF class in Nasinu Prison with ten new inmates that all need the opportunity to restore. Please join with us in prayer for this.

### Growth and Maturing Opportunities

Six years on the work of Operation Foundation is growing and maturing and making a difference. What Ray Wilkinson is building into the lives of the senior inmates at Nasinu is so encouraging. Naca Tikoduadua's infectious enthusiasm brings such hope and life to the young inmates at Nasinu. Jill and Jeanette's ministry with the

women inmates is so personally challenging yet their daily presence is bringing a peace into that very prison. As 2012 unfolds we are interviewing more local people for volunteer positions. Step Out Step Free is now the priority class in Nasinu Prison. The craft classes in the Women's Prison are slowly transforming into genuine income-generation opportunities, counselling is taking place, lives are healing and restoration is being evidenced.

**The Good News** - We are not declining like the global economy and we don't need an injection of \$1 trillion dollars to bring true hope. This is the good news and we thank you for partnering in it. If you have anything to spare, what we would appreciate is your prayers—the true currency that helps build things of lasting value.



### RONIKA'S STORY

Many of you have heard Ronika's story over recent months and yesterday I visited the women's prison and met with a very excited Ronika.

Last week the appeal on her life sentence had been upheld and she has been granted a re-trial. No date for the re-trial has been set and she has been invited to apply for bail pending her appeal.

Ronika asked that if her bail application is successful can we continue to meet with her? The answer is an obvious yes, that is what we are called to do.

We have watched Ronika's faith in Christ emerge and grow throughout 2011. It will be a privilege to walk this next part of her journey with her.



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