

# CONFERENCES OZREACH

## Leadership Intensive

Saturday 18th August 36 Baden Powell St, Everton Park, Brisbane  
9:00am to 12:30pm Cost \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 lunch  
Speakers: Kevin Wilcock, Dave Fenton & David Patch  
To Book phone David Patch 0418 157 913

## Leadership Intensive

Saturday 25th August Shellcove Primary School Shellharbour  
9:00am to 12:30pm Cost \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 lunch  
Speakers: Kevin Wilcock, Gary Althorp & Fred David.  
Book with Emil: 0412 440 335

## Newcastle Conference

5th & 6th October 2007

Kim Hammond, Kevin Wilcock & Mike McGarrity will be speaking  
To book phone Life Church 4961 0211 or email  
info@ozreach.org (Registration forms coming soon)

## Leadership Intensive

Saturday 3rd November Central Church 56 Swan Street, Wollongong  
9:00am - 12:30pm Cost \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 Lunch  
Speaker: Mike Frost & Kevin Wilcock  
Book with Emil Varga: 0412 440 335  
To Book phone Life Church on 4961 0211 or email: info@ozreach.org

## Toowoomba Conference

9th & 10th November 2007

Westside Christian Church, 217-221 West Street, Toowoomba  
Kevin Wilcock & Michael McGarrity will be speaking  
To book phone Joe Casey on 0412 453 463

# GLOBEREACH

## Philippines

4th Oct - 19th Oct 2007  
Contact Tim Groenewegen  
Ph: 0428 841 020

If people want to give into this  
Trip please contact Tim or Maisie

## Philippines

8th & 9th February 2008  
Contact Ken Gibson 4951 7445  
info@globereach.info

## Burma

March 2008  
Contact Kevin Wilcock  
info@globereach.info

## Bali

2008 (Date to be confirmed)  
Contact Elly Webb  
Café Church  
café@nelsonbay.com.au

## Argentina

April 2008  
Contact Kevin Wilcock  
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## Cambodia

July 2008  
Contact Kevin Wilcock  
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# Introducing Another Great Evangelist

David & Amanda Patch are based in Brisbane where they pastor a great church which they have done faithfully for the last 17 years. David is a great personal and public soul winner. This gift has also been released in a number of his people who are beginning to see some great salvations. I recently had David minister at a small meeting at life, where people came to the Lord. David has traveled across Australia and overseas ministering. He is a good man and I recommend him to you and your church.

Love Kevin.

David & Amanda's contact details are as follows:-

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# Carpe Diem

Seize the day

21st & 22nd September

Women's Life Conference 2007

Register online at: [www.thirroul.sccc.com.au/women](http://www.thirroul.sccc.com.au/women)

# OZREACH

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contains our vision, mission, values and beliefs

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P.O. Box 2021 Dangar NSW 2309  
or direct deposit into Outreach Australia's account

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# INSPIRE

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## What about the Gospel?

Over the past few weeks I have read a couple of books on the emerging church that I would highly recommend – (“An Emergent Theology for Emerging Churches” by Ray S. Anderson and “Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church” by D.A. Carson). Carson's book asks many searching questions about the emerging church highlighting some weaknesses while Anderson seeks to put historical perspective and theological substance to the emerging church. His theological definition is:

*“An emergent theology is messianic... anointed and Spirit-led to point the way forward ... it is like the finger of John the Baptist, pointing to the world and saying, ‘here is the Lamb of God’*

*Emergent churches are missional.* Emergent churches only exist as the continuing mission of Christ in the world... like Jesus arising out of the waters of baptism, anointed by the Spirit, and moving into the streets and market places to heal, promote justice and seek peace.

*An Emergent theology is revelational...* a theology of the Word; it is the bread come down from heaven; it speaks truth and opens minds and hearts.

*Emergent churches are reformational.* Emergent churches seek to put new wine into new wineskins; they want to renew the church that already exists and translate the older formulas of faith into new paradigms of contemporary communication.

*An emergent theology is kingdom coming...* proclaims a new order of God's reign already present as a transforming spiritual, social and economic power of liberation and rehabilitation of humankind.

*Emergent churches stress kingdom living...* seek to be the gathering of all who seek the blessing of being grace-filled believers and the empowering community that sends them forth as Spirit-filled disciples.

*An emergent theology is eschatological...* has the mind of

the risen and coming Christ as well as the heart and soul of the historical Jesus. It is a theology that keeps hope alive by preparing the way of the future into the present while, at the same time, keeping the faith alive by looking 'forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God' (Hebrews 11:10).

**Emerging churches are incarnational.** Emerging churches' language is that of the people, their message is communicated through culture; their presence in the world is ordinary so as to get within arms length to embrace others with extraordinary love."

Anderson goes on to say: "An emergent theology without being embedded in emerging churches becomes isolated, speaking only to itself, and living the monastic life of those whose windows to the world are not only stained glass but unable to be opened from the inside. In the end it is pathetic.

Emerging churches without an embedded emergent theology wear religion like a costume (always a change for the next act); they hoist their sails to catch a prevailing wind (but lack a rudder by which to steer); they live off the energy of others (having a battery but no generator). In the end, they become powerless." He also argues strongly that it's about the right gospel not just right polity (church government and traditions). In other words the church has majored on form and style and argued about the how and why of what it believes rather than simply living the gospel.

Acts 15 shows us the necessity for polity as does Gal.2:1-10, but from 11-21 Paul rebukes Peter and argues strongly not simply for an emergent theology to the gentile believers in Antioch but

exposes the hypocrisy of polity that denies and threatens the living of the gospel in the current culture. This battle was over the very nature of the gospel.

The ongoing problem that has faced the church over the centuries is the battle between polity and living the gospel. Even in Pentecostal circles polity still tends to hinder a true gospel lifestyle. Polity often gets people confessing to a model of inclusiveness – this is the way it should be done - this is the way you should behave – these are the things you should abstain from - and you should come apart from the world in order to be a true believer. We all run the risk of being this way because it is risk-free and our tendency is to live out of what we have known.

The gospel IS LIVED - it can't be contained. Throughout history, whenever it's contained, there's always those who break out and break free into what the gospel is.

It's a lifestyle, it's relationship, it's community, and it's the Father's forever family about his business. It's Jesus incarnated, living in and through his people, touching and transforming the community, seeking and saving the lost, enjoying life to the full, expressing the Father's heart.

The gospel is messianic, missional, revelational, kingdom coming, kingdom living, eschatological and incarnational. Let's break free from past forms of binding polity and engage our communities through living the gospel as it really ought to be lived!

Gary Althorp

A once upon a time Jesus freak who has fought this battle in many denominational arenas.

## Globereach

**BALI** "Bali has been said to be an 'island of the gods'.

Catherine O'Brien from Café Church at Nelson Bay has followed the call of God over her life to go into this foreign nation and minister the truth of Jesus Christ. On 16th July a team of 6 ladies from Café Church flew over to Bali for a 12 day stay with Catherine. Two years ago God put on Catherine's heart the nation and the people of Bali. After living between Australia and Bali for the past two years, Catherine moved over there for a full 12 month stay during February of this year. Catherine took the team to several of the ministries and outreaches she is involved in. One of the ministries included support to a Balinese couple, Indoung & Curti who pastor a church in the area of Amed, up toward the east rural coast of Bali. There are about 80 local village people who attend the church, mainly women and children from Muslim or Hindu background, who walk for over three hours in jungle and hill terrain to get to the church. Indoung & Curti's heart is for the people to encounter Christ, to minister to the people's need for health treatment, particularly one young boy suffering from Diabetes and to also somehow raise \$2000 (AUS) for a fishing boat so they are able to gather a regular income to provide for them in this. The team were involved in many other outreaches to street kids and their families in Denpasar, providing them with food and clothing, and just showing them the love of Christ. Catherine took the team to the Balinese prison the Bali 9 and Chappelle Corby are kept. Two young men from the Bali 9 have given their hearts to Christ and it is evident with their amazing courage and strength. Catherine is like a spiritual mother to these young men; in her support, prayers and her standing with them through the trial of the death sentence still hovering over their heads.

Let's continue to hold these men and their families up to God in prayer for that sentence to be revoked. During the team's last week in Bali they were able to attend the Bali Gospel Festival, where Peter Youngren, a healing evangelist from Canada comes every year to the soccer ground in Denpasar to preach the good news, to see the blind & deaf healed, the lame walking and the Balinese Muslim's and Hindu's come to know Jesus as their God and Saviour. They saw many signs and wonders of deaf children's ears opened and blind eyes see for the first time.

Anyone wanting to support Catherine & Michael in the mission please contact Café Church at [café@nelsonbay.com.au](mailto:café@nelsonbay.com.au)

## Men's Conference

CAFÉ CHURCH - SATURDAY 04<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007

How was the conference? Excellent!

It was a privilege to be with a group of men with a common purpose; to want to improve their lives, improve their body, soul and spirit and so improve their relationship with themselves, other and with God.

From the food (body), the worship and sessions (spirit), to the hanging out with other blokes & having a laugh (soul) it was a great day.

Col Stringer taught us to listen to the voice of God and to discern truth, Kev spoke on how and why we should guard our hearts, Shane Johns gave instructions on how to maintain good health through exercise and Alan Bailey gave advice on how to have better sex with our wife (or future wife in some cases). Col then finished the day off with a session on the principles of manhood. Great stuff!

I would like to honour all the men that were there but especially the blokes who came down from Queensland and drove up from Shel Harbour. Good on ya!

Also, thank you to the hospitality team from Café Church who put on an excellent lunch and provided enough cake & bikkies to feed an army. Mmmmm, donuts!

No monkeys were harmed during the conference.

Mark McCann