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The Missional Church

CD is available at Life Church office. Kevin recently preached this message at his church.

NEW MANUAL

Cost - \$5.00 + postage

SUPERNATURAL by Kevin Wilcock

Forge - email: vic@forge.org.au

After attending, speaking and hanging with the forge leadership, I highly recommend them as one of Ozreach's key training centres.

Helping birth and nurture the Missional Church

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OZREACH CONFERENCES

Wollongong (Leadership Intensive)

19th May 2007 Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm then Dinner

To book in phone South Coast City Church Central on 4226 6366

Cost is \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 for lunch

Newcastle

5th to 6th October

Contact Life Church on 4961 0211

OZREACH MISSION

To plant, parent and partner with churches across Australia. To empower leadership and ministry by providing relational and visionary oversight - to see them impact their communities through reaching the unchurched.

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The Incarnational and Missional Church

This topic is in some way very new to me when it comes to writing about it, but without totally understanding it or outworking it all, it has been somewhat of a practice to me, when building the local church. As I begin to write about this subject, I pray that it will become clearer to you and me in leading our churches and ministries into being more missional as we learn to see Jesus incarnated (made flesh) in our cultures, sub cultures and various people groups.

Clear and Present Danger

The truth is our churches as they exist at present will really only reach about 20 percent of our population as radical and out there as we might seem. We are not really influencing numbers of sub-culture's in our communities. That is simply what being missional and incarnational means. Some one or some group endeavouring to plant Jesus into those types of arenas.

The Mission Field

There is an interesting trend happening in an increasing measure. Certain missionaries are relocating into slums to reach those groups. It is a step that cuts right across our western way of thinking. We believe when you get saved you keep moving up in the world. This is a sign of our victorious life in Christ or so we believe. We in the western world would make financial investment and even lifestyle investment but what would you call the other?! A kingdom investment, I suppose. Hopefully none of us get so caught up in our blessings that we would struggle to make a kingdom investment.

The Church

The church in Australia is very much becoming a blue collared middle class culture often separating ourselves from either the rich or poor or other people groups. The change that we need to take might not be a location change but a mindset change in our approach. Just like the early church had to change that was only reaching Jews, it even struggled to reach a different type of Jew (Acts 6:1-7). That was until some change happened to:-

- > their eating habits. (Acts 10:14);
- > their theology of salvation (Acts 11:18);
- > their practices and traditions (Acts 15:19); and
- > their social acceptances (Galatians 2:11). The wine of what God wanted to do wasn't fitting into the church. It was not only not fitting into the wine skin but it was not transferring well or pouring out well. It was spilling over and really making a mess out there.

There is a big challenge for the church not only to plant missional churches but to emerge as a missional church incarnating itself into society where it is being heard, felt and seen.

It is sad that as a church we struggle with the whole area of incarnation. The thought of God passing through the loins of humanity, coming from the same passage we came from. It is mind boggling. To be incarnational is simply to plant Jesus into that group, culture or community as he fits everywhere, which cannot be said of our church or our own personal expression of Christianity.

Jesus - one size fits all

God was missional in His approach: *"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."* Philippians 2:6-8. He in fact was the first missional church, incarnated into a Greek, Roman, Jewish world. John 1:14 says it well: *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* He made His dwelling among us. Is there a visible Jesus in our sphere of influence at work, in our neighbourhood, at our schools?

Paul

Paul followed the example of Jesus, though he was a Jew of all Jews. He incarnated himself into society so that Christ in Him could be fleshed out: *"Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself and not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."* 1Corinthians 9:19-23.

I love to be able to pastor a church that is free of religious and traditional control. To be able to pastor a church that is working at incarnating itself into society, constantly emerging at all levels, styles and sub-culture activities.

At Life *"where church meetings are one of the things we do."* There are regular business functions, Jazz nights with restaurant and bar, art exhibitions, AA meetings daily, the homeless, mentally ill and drug addicted feed 6 days a week - approximately 700 meals a week. We have fashion shows and wine appreciation nights causing our church to emerge into society and flesh out Jesus in a culturally relevant way.

Are we seeing results? I would have to say yes, not on a high scale but we have frightened away the religious and self righteous believer and have drawn some genuine seekers into the knowledge of the Saviour and attracted a growing silent majority of believers that are looking for a deeper lifestyle expression of their faith.

Kevin

GLOBEREACH CONFERENCE

Cambodia

30th to 31st May 2007

Contact Kevin Wilcock

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Kevin Wilcock and Peter Starr will be speaking at this conference

Indonesia

Later in the year (TBC)

Contact Kevin Wilcock

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GLOBEREACH PHILIPPINES REPORT

We have been gone for almost 2 months now and it is difficult to evaluate what the Lord has done here in Bulakan. We have seen a growth in Life Church of over 20 percent and in all we have seen 250 plus make a commitment to the Lord. The two highlights would be God's provision for the extension of the school. The original quote for the 2nd floor was \$34,000.00. We only had \$8,500.00 but we found a Christian builder that has added three rooms to the top story (almost half the building)... truly a miracle. The establishing of over ten home groups within our area has been exciting, many of those attending weekly groups do not belong to the church as yet so we are expecting many more to be added to the church. The other highlight has been with our work with the other pastors in the area, all have added to their church through our work with them. The down side is that it is HOT, Very Hot.

Ken & Maisie Gibson

Anybody wanting Ken & Maisie to minister in their church or give into their ministry, please contact them on 4951 7445

PHILIPPINES YOUTH

There is an opportunity for a youth team to conduct a youth camp in the Philippines in October. Those interested in going over to this camp please contact Kevin on 0407 467 798

AFRICAN MISSION

Probably one of Australia's most influential missions worth supporting. *Kent and Ruth Hodge served with an apostle of the gospel, Archbishop Benson Idahosa, as the Christian population of Nigeria grew from 30 to 60 percent in one of the fastest church growth periods in history. Working for 20 years with fellow leaders in Nigeria under Benson Idahosa and with their Australian team, Kent and Ruth released 8,000 pastors and raised their five children. In 2006 Ken and Ruth focused further north in Africa to continue pastoral training.*

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INDONESIA

Colin & Kim Crago of Solo report:-

"We have begun our outreach to Sangrah, the poor suburb on the South side of Solo. Because we can't find a place to hold a meeting we have been transporting people to our Church. So far (in 4 weeks) 13 Muslims have confessed Christ and many others have come regularly to Church. There are now unsaved Muslims in every meeting we have. We are starting to formulate plans to start two new churches in August with 12 students. Pastor Immanuel & Pastor Harkob, two of our lecturers & experienced church planters, will oversee these church plants.

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CAMBODIA

Donna oversights two homes in Burma that need a little more support (about \$300) a month would fix the shortfall. The homes are operating very successfully in this country.

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INDIA MISSION

Apostle from India

Rev V.A. Thampy - web:www.nicog.org

A real Apostle from India Rev V.A. Thampy is visiting Australia in October and November. Thampy has been in ministry for over 50 years and has baptised over 40,000 people and planted 1600 churches. He and his network are planting one church a day at present. He has colleges, schools, education for the poor and ministries among the aids victims, prostitutes, beggars and others. To book him for your church phone Glen Maybury who is in charge of his itinerary on Ph 0423 833 357

ALBUM RELEASE - BEN WEBB

"LIFT HIGH" is the debut solo album from Ben Webb, a worship lead from both Café and Life church. The album was recorded live at Life church on 4th March in front of 200 people. The album features original praise and worship songs that Ben has written and are sung in churches throughout a number of different denominations. The songs have a fresh new sound with an alternative edge to them, which bring the energy of a youth album, combined with sensitivity and maturity of a worship album. Along with the release of the album Ben has offered to come and either teach churches these songs or minister through them. He can be contacted on 0423 342 124 or by email at: ariserecordsltd@yahoo.com. The album will be ready to purchase at the end of May and pre orders can be made through Life Church or Café Church offices.

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