

# CONFERENCES OZREACH

## Leadership Intensive

Saturday 25th August Shellcove Primary School Shellharbour  
9:00am to 12:30pm Cost \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 lunch  
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 Fred David: 0412 284 710

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  
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Trip please contact Tim or Maisie

## Philippines

8th & 9th February 2008  
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## Bali

2008 (Date to be confirmed)  
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October 2007  
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April 2008  
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Forge is one of the trainers of Ozreach.  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

To help birth and nurture the missional incarnational church  
in Australia and beyond

## **CORE VALUES**

- A holistic approach to mission
- An action learning approach to missional leadership development
- A cross cultural mission methodology in all settings
- A grassroots movement ethos
- A diversity of approaches and models
- Networked, cross denomination structures
- A passionate action based spirituality
- Creativity, innovation and experimentation in all we do
- The priority of modeling for leadership in mission

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## **GIVING INTO OZREACH**

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# INSPIRE

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## **Emerge or Submerge. Missionalise or Internalise**

The Emmaus Road. (Luke 24:13-35)

I think we have all been on this road now and then. A road where we believe in Jesus and what He has done, but we feel His body is dead. So many believers go down this road and fall away from fellowship or just become inactive and unproductive in their faith.

Where it all starts is the form of Jesus that was first introduced to us has now changed. He no longer seems close and it is like we cannot recognise Him or receive from Him. *"As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him."* Luke 24:15-16. What also frustrates us is the way He is doing things. They had it all planned, the way He was going to do things among them. *"The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place."* Luke 24:20-21 They had this idea of a natural redemption from the Roman occupants and a return to the former ways. But God's plan was totally different it was a work from the inside out.

## **JESUS & THE EMERGENT CHURCH**

On this road Jesus spoke to them very powerfully about accepting change by sharing He was also part of all the emerging changes. And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:27 I can imagine Jesus having the following conversation:

Jesus: *"See the Passover lamb in Exodus, that's me!"*

People: *"How did you end up in a Jewish Ceremonial baked dinner?"*

Jesus: *"See the bronze snake on the pole? That's me as well."*

People: *"What, a snake! We can't work that out."*

Jesus: *"You will!"* John 3:14.

Jesus: *"See the scarlet cord in Rahab's hand - that was me."*

People: *"How did you end up in the hand of a prostitute in a brothel?"*

Jesus: *"I'm Jesus, I can emerge anywhere, anyway and in any form. In Joshua I was the captain of the Lord's Army. In Daniel I was the forth man in the fiery furnace. In Jonah I was the foreign missionary that spent 3 days in the belly of a whale. I'm the Lilly of the Valley I'm the Honey in the Rock I'm the Bread of Life I'm the Pearl of great price I'm the fullness of the God head in bodily form I'm God in skin, and I can emerge into society anywhere because with me one size fits all."*

That's why it says He is all in all and His body (us) is the fullness of Him that fills everything in every way. Ephesians 1:23.

### Let the Church Emerge

Their hearts were burning as He spoke to them about Himself. And as He did something they had seen Him do before, their eyes were opened. So often we pigeon hole people at times, that if we see them out of uniform, we sometimes don't recognise them. They were doing this with Jesus. We do it too. We especially do it with church. Most Christians would feel they don't experience church unless it is in the form of 3 praise songs 2 worship songs, an offering and a forty minute sermon. So many would be saying: *"Where's the church?"* Some would even be saying: *"Where is Jesus?"* Because church to many of us has become something we DO and not something we ARE. May I challenge us all - not to be set in our image of Jesus and His church or He just might turn up to your party and turn water into wine and blow out every theological bone in your body. We sometimes change the way we do church. Last Sunday night we had an Art Expo where about 10 artists had the opportunity to exhibit their work. The night started with some soft music and the opportunity to grab a chardonnay and check out some nice local art. After 20 minutes there were interviews with artists, testimonies, a song, a few people painting and art being sold with commission from the sale of the art going to our local mission. Then I climbed up a ladder and shared on the creativity of God. There were over 50 people that night who would never normally have come to church. You could see from that night just how set in our ways we are with a number of people just not coming and some arriving and not feeling comfortable with the

fact that a chardonnay and observing art had replaced their precious praise and worship time. Personally I believe we should learn to worship God in many forms and ways, not just in singing. One thing is for certain. If we are to ever connect with our community, we are going to have to enlarge our culture and taste of the world or eventually we will be speaking a totally different language.

Emerge

Kevin

## DOING CHURCH DIFFERENTLY Art Expo Night

On Sunday Morning 12<sup>th</sup> August Kev gave an inspirational message on the Creativity of God. He challenged us to **BE** the church and to come that night and **DO** church in a different format than the one we were accustomed to.

That night saw the auditorium set up for an Art Expo. Approximately 50 non church goers attended along with the congregation and clearly enjoyed the 'vibe' as some of our musicians had fun, improvising, while paintings were being sold, artists were interviewed, and others were producing paintings to be auctioned later that night.

Finger food and wine were passed around so people could remain in their conversation groups and Barrista's served good coffee and cake in Soul Café. Kevin stood on a ladder and spoke for 15 minutes on the Creativity of God. Great connections were made with many of the visitors and the artists, who want to be involved in the next Art Expo.

Margaret Althorp  
Expo Coordinator

### A Great Ministry in Indonesia to support:

We reported the conversion, in 2005, of the Jihad warrior - Park Hadi. We now have him back, quite worse for wear. After leaving us he found he did not have enough knowledge to build any of his converts into a body. He then went through a time where he found many Christian Pastors and people let him down. His expectations were sometimes unreal but sometimes he was somewhat justified in his reactions.

Coupled with this was the lack of discipling he had received from us and the brainwashing he had received from the Muslim Jihad. This brainwashing that had caused him to kill and burn people was really the only formed thing he had in his head and to the Muslims. Eventually he took a teaching job, teaching Al Qur'an at Abu Bakar Bash'ir's Pesantren (School).

He has a great deal of difficulty in working out what to do with the stuff the Jihad has put in him e.g. How terrible the American's are and therefore the Christians. What awful things they have done to the Arabs. How the Jews should be exterminated for stealing land from the Muslims etc, etc, etc. God may have saved him but He didn't give him any history lessons. He could only find peace when he yielded to the Spirit but that then caused conflict with his head. Now we have to try and sort him out.

They now know where he is. This makes his existence and ours somewhat tenuous. But we are trusting God. Our operation is in, what is classed as a safe area and for the 2 months he has been with us there had been no problem for them.

One of the positives is Hadi's wife. She won't have anything to do with the Muslim's so they haven't lived together while he has been at the Pesantren. Now they are together again and we are trusting God will knit them together into an effective team.

Colin & Kim Crago

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