

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Our work is impossible in human strength alone. Without the Holy Spirit going before us, empowering us and drawing people, all our efforts are in vain. That's why we need prayer. Together we can make a difference in our nation.

WE NEED PEOPLE CALLED TO PRAY.

Our work is impossible without an army of witnesses. Those witnesses need trained evangelists to teach, encourage, support and lead them. Working together, witnesses and evangelists can make a difference in our nation.

WE NEED PEOPLE CALLED TO GO.

Our work is impossible without money. Without adequate finance the work simply stops. We have a vision of an army of witnesses throughout the nation supported by commissioned evangelists. By the steady giving of the people of God we can continue to develop and grow. Our nation can see and hear the gospel. Together we can make a difference in our nation.

WE NEED PEOPLE CALLED TO GIVE.

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Out and About

The past three months have been filled with challenge and more challenge. I remain amazed at the grace of God and his consistency and willingness to resource us when we feel so inadequate for the tasks and responsibilities we are given to do.

The highlights of the time was four synods! I was asked by someone, "You mean you choose to be here?!" Yes I do. These events provide me with a wonderful opportunity to meet with church leaders and talk with them about their ministry responsibilities and ministry units. I have been grateful for many such conversations.

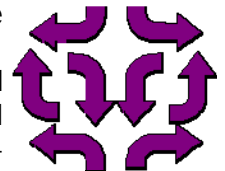
Eight days in Mt Herbert parish in mid August was great. There are wonderful people with a longing to reach their community with the gospel. Over the week I spoke at several home meetings, family night (Louise & friends came to help with this), church services and ran the "You can Do This" seminar. My prayer, as it is for the other parishes I have been in, is that they will go on to develop the information shared and be encouraged by seeing their friends and neighbours being introduced to Jesus, the friend of sinners.

Last "Walk Talk" I focused on mediation and conflict resolution. Since then I helped facilitate two meetings in Christchurch Cathedral. These were challenging events and I am grateful for the way people participated and pray that it will serve in some way to positively help the talking and thinking of the church in the face of difficult and challenging times.

I am convinced that we need to do more to help us talk better to one another where the issues are contentious and relationships are strained. To this end I encourage you to consider having a "Building Bridges—Finding Hope" seminar in your church and/or community.

Go well, Richard

If your church wants a better Minister, it only needs to pray for the one it has.



Talking Better Together

Conflicts often occur over differences of opinion, facts, perceptions or values. While no one approach or method of resolving conflicts covers every situation, developing the skills of assertive communication can be useful in a great variety of conflict situations.

W. I. N. FORMULA:

By using a technique called the W.I.N. METHOD, you can focus more easily on the real issue, express how it is affecting you and describe what you would like from the situation.

W stands for **WHEN** . . . When you . . . (state specific behaviour you don't like)
I stands for **I** . . . I feel . . . (express a feeling or thought)
N stands for **NEED** . . . I need/want . . . (specify what you want to change)

Example 1:

"When you don't call and are late for dinner, I am annoyed. I have spent a lot of time preparing the meal and have been waiting for you to come home. I need you to call in future when you are going to be late."

Example 2:

"When you make jokes about people of my race, I feel very upset and uncomfortable. I would appreciate it if you didn't tell jokes like that in the future."

When working with formulas like this one, it is important not to be too rigid. The statement must sound natural and genuine. It is not always necessary to describe the behaviour in a separate sentence, it may already be implied. For example, a one-line statement such as **"In future I'd like you to call when you're going to be late for dinner"** implies that the person is late.

The "I feel" statement is not always necessary or appropriate in some situations or environments. For example, it would not be appropriate to say to your boss **"I feel overwhelmed and angry when you give me too much work to do"**. It would be more appropriate to say, **"I have been staying late for several days now to finish my work. I would like to discuss my workload with you. When would be a good time?"**

STEP OUT- Summer Wine Geraldine 2007

Let God kick-start a year with Him as the focus...

Summer Wine is a dynamic holiday for all ages to be changed and equipped through an encounter with God. Held in Geraldine, it is the only South Island holiday event for the entire church family, having a separate stream for adults, youth, intermediates and primary kids. Each stream has their own morning and evening sessions with vibrant speakers, awesome worship and power ministry. There is plenty of time between sessions to relax, attend seminars or chill out in the on-site café- you are assured a break to do with as you choose!

This year adult zone speakers Mark Melliush from London and Francis Noordanus from the Netherlands promise a challenging combination, centered on the theme: Step Out. The time for talking about reaching the world is over. 2007 is the time to get out of the church zone, to take some faith risks and get into the world. Catch the passion of these top-notch speakers and let them equip you for the year ahead while the younger members of the family have a similarly focused, fantastic time. They are sure to update you at the end of the day!

"The quality of locally and internationally known speakers and resource people at Summer Wine is first class. For me, the Spirit inspired teaching and the quality of sensitive worship have always realigned me with the purposes of God for my life and ministry. God turns up... I wholeheartedly commend Summer Wine as an...impacting event for the Body of Christ."

Rev. Duncan Graham. The Isaac Foundation, Christchurch.

Come and enjoy a family holiday and recharge for the year ahead. Summer Wine is not to be missed. Check out the Geraldine link at www.summerwine.org.nz for more information.

Can I be of assistance to you?

Two questions:

What is God saying to you about your church and the direction he wants you to take?

How can we assist you in achieving some aspect of this?

I run seminars—see page.4

Preach and teach on a range of topics—see web site or talk with me about the specific topics that would help develop and support the teaching of your church and/or group

I run parish camps, retreats, vestry retreats, men's breakfasts etc assist a church while the vicar/minister is away or during an interregnum

Consultancy
 Pastoral Supervision
 Conflict and Mediation issues

Great leadership is about good listening and secure responses while still preserving the space for differing approaches and perspectives

In the midst of many voices there is discovered much wisdom and learning

It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbour.
--Martin Luther

Styles of Faith Sharing

Confrontational - confident, assertive, direct, e.g. Peter (Acts 2)

But remember 1 Peter 3:15 ('be prepared to give an answer to everyone...but do this with gentleness and respect')

Intellectual - inquisitive, analytical, logical, into apologetics, e.g. Paul (Acts 17), Josh McDowell, John Dickson

But remember - don't get too argumentative

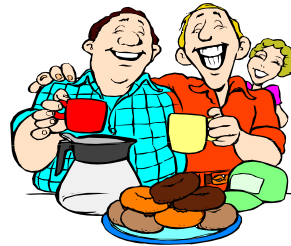
Testimonial - clear communicator, story-teller, listener, e.g. blind man (John 9)

Interpersonal - warm personality, conversational, friendship-orientated, e.g. Matthew (Luke 5.29)

But remember - avoid valuing friendships over truth-telling, challenging the 'cosy' friendship

Invitational - hospitable, relational, persuasive, e.g. Woman at the well (John 4) People are often just waiting to be asked! But remember - be careful not to just let others always share the gospel

Serving - others-centred, humble, patient, e.g. Dorcas (Acts 9)



Kaye's Corner Continued

Ministry is not about giving people a slick, culturally relevant presentation; it is about offending the mind to reach the heart. Ministry is not about making rich Christians feel good about themselves; it is about seeing the face of Jesus in the face of a starving, AIDS-infected child.

Baker's message made me uncomfortable, but the squirming was all worth it. I've decided I want to go lower—into a place of humility where the presence and power of God can be known.

I hope all of us will take that plunge.

Kaye has abridged this article written by J. Lee Grady editor of Charisma .. For more information about Heidi and Rolland Baker, visit their Web site at www.irismin.org .. <http://forums.strang.com/viewtopic.php?t=8270>

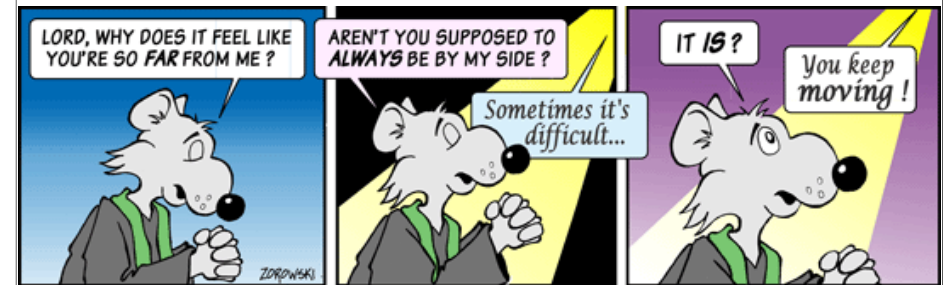
A matter of urgent prayer and action

The financial resourcing of our ministry is very critical and we urgently need to find ways to give us financial security. If you can help please let us know.

Above all else please make this a matter of urgent prayer

The Church Army is seeking to raise funds
via a stock raising scheme.

Details are being worked out but if you would like to know more about this or help out in any way feel free to contact me or Head Office, phone (09)630 2282, fax (09) 630 2201 email: chrharmy@ihug.co.nz



For Your Prayers

Giving thanks for:

The time spent in Mt Herbert and Pleasant Point parishes. Pray for the development of the things shared.

The many contacts and conversations made at the south Island synods. Pray that the ministry of Church Army will become well known, respected and used.

The way "Canterbury Kids Coach" got a good boost at Christchurch synod and for the ministry it has been having in the Barrington area of Christchurch.

Please pray for:

We give thanks for financial support that has been coming in and pray with urgency that this will continue and that a significant sponsor may be found.

Pray for the future development of our ministry in the south—for effective time to be spent in areas that are struggling and looking for encouragement

Pray for the lecture programme at BCNZ Nelson branch for the remainder of this year.

Way To Go!

Skills for our time....

How about one of these seminars?

You Can Do This

- **being a friend to the friends of Jesus**

A 6 unit

7 hours seminar

That will challenge and excite you and your church. It has helped encourage and motivate people to live out their faith.



Home Partnership

A seminar to encourage you in your marriage and family life.



Other events

- *Leader's Retreats*
- *Camps*

The important questions are:

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Building Bridges Finding Hope

- *Radical Communities in a Divided Age*
- *Mediation and Conflict Resolution*
- *Building a Relational Church*



Topics

- ◆ **Biblical foundations**--finding renewal in conflict.
- ◆ **Individual styles** of response to conflict.
- ◆ **Win-win negotiation skills.**
- ◆ **Skills to mediate** conflict between individuals.
- ◆ Tools to effectively **manage congregational conflict.**

Time

4 hour seminar to help develop an understanding of conflict and conflict resolution and mediation.

(NB If we are invited to act as mediators this seminar is part of the mediation process.)

Cost

\$200 (plus travel and printing.)

The size of the group is not important

Contact Richard Dyer for more details, cost and to book a seminar in your church

Kaye's Corner

Heidi Baker is challenging the church to return to the simplicity of the gospel.

"I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord," she said, quoting Philippians 3:8.

A petite, 46-year-old blonde, Baker told us that those who want to be used by God in powerful ways must learn to relinquish power. She said: "God told me once, 'I want you to come up to the lowest place.'"

Baker easily could have positioned herself as a Christian superstar. Fluent in several languages, she is a gifted communicator with advanced educational degrees. She also has seen astounding miracles during her 30 years of ministry, especially in Mozambique, where she and her husband, Rolland, have planted more than 7,000 "bush churches," five Bible schools and four children's feeding centres since 1990.

Just days before... Baker prayed for two blind beggars who wandered into her tent meeting at her base in Pemba, Mozambique. Both men instantly received their

sight after Baker wet her fingers with saliva and touched their eyes.

Such astounding miracles are common to Heidi and Rolland. They have seen God supernaturally multiply rice and chilli to feed hungry orphans. Heidi has watched paralytics walk for the first time after they received prayer. And indigenous pastors the Bakers trained in Mozambique have raised 53 people from the dead so far.



When it is time to minister to the sick, she often calls her trained team to do most of the praying. Sometimes she asks children to pray for the crippled and dying. **She knows that ministry is not about her.**

"It is a privilege beyond price to see the joy and affection of the Holy Spirit poured out like a waterfall on people who have known so much severe hardship, disappointment and bitter loneliness in their lives," Baker wrote recently in her online ministry report.

"From the freezing cold gypsy huts of eastern Bulgaria

to the 115 degree heat of Sudanese refugee camps, from the isolated native Inuit's of arctic Canada to the dirt-poor subsistence farmers along the Zambezi River, we see ravenous desire for God among the poor and lowly. Jesus knows their suffering, and He will make it up to them. He will be their God, and they will be His people. He will use them to shame the wise and make the world jealous of their wealth toward Him."

Because she lives "in the dirt" among the poorest people in Africa, she says, God has taught her principles from the Bible that sophisticated Western Christians struggle to understand.

"God wants to tweak some things" in the Western church, she said, noting that **we place too much importance on position, intellect and human ability.**

Being with Heidi Baker last weekend helped me reorder my priorities. I was reminded that ministry is not about visibility; it is about serving in secret.

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