

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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“The evangelization of the world depends first upon a revival of prayer. Deeper than the need for workers; far deeper than the need for money; deep down at the bottom of our spiritual lives, is the need for the forgotten secret of prevailing, worldwide prayer.”

Robert Speer,
quoted by Dick
Eastman,
“Love on its
Knees”, p. 175

Out and About

April saw an exciting tour in the Dunedin Diocese. A team from Church Army, including Peter Lloyd, Louise Weller, Jenny Fulljames, Peter Allfrey and myself all under the guidance and organisation of Kate Nichol and her team of great cooks. We flew into Queenstown, travelled to Oamaru, Invercargill, and Dunedin. At each centre we ran a seminar which introduced Church Army and its ministry. On the Sunday morning we spoke in a number of Dunedin churches.

Since then I have been back to run a “You Can Do This” seminar at St Luke’s, Oamaru, after which I travelled down to Invercargill and Gore.

In June I began as a part-time locum at the Tapawera Community Church. This will possibly continue through the rest of the year. It will be interesting to be back in a regular parish.

June also saw a seminar at Parklands Baptist Church and in the Cobden—Runanga Parish on the West Coast. In total five seminars have taken place over the past two months. This has been most encouraging and I am now looking for more opportunities to present this motivating seminar that gives us skills in sharing our faith.

One of the challenges that has been put to me during my trips has been that of prayer. I have long believed that prayer is an essential key to effective ministry; it is also an important part of my life and discipline. So I have taken up this challenge and have put together a new 4 hour practical seminar on prayer. I have called it “Lord Teach us to Pray” a statement taken from the disciples request of Jesus in Luke 11. If you have not done anything of late to help grow the prayer life of your church, home group or for yourself personally this seminar may be very helpful.

I now offer four seminars (see page 4). These can be used as a series to help you think through your mission as a church or faith community. Indeed I am very interested in talking with churches about how I can assist you, over the long term, develop your mission into the communities of which you are part.

God go with you
Richard



Five Tips for Listening Well

Calvin Coolidge once said, "No man ever listened himself out of a job." You certainly know people who have talked themselves out of work, and perhaps some have missed opportunities because they weren't listening closely enough. Don't let this happen to you. Refine your listening skills with these five tips.

Be Prepared

Be mentally and physically ready to listen. Read appropriate material.

Shut Up

How's that for straightforward? Clearly, you're a far more effective listener when you're not talking. **Being quiet** and listening intently brings with it a good presence.

The Focus

This is the most obvious -- and most broken -- rule when it comes to listening. Be in the moment. Put other thoughts out of your mind. You can feel when people aren't truly listening to you, and you know when they are. Make sure whoever's speaking feels you are really listening.

Focus on what people are saying, and don't let yourself get stuck on any one point. Don't try to answer your question in your own mind while the person is still speaking. If you

have to, make a note on a piece of paper about a question regarding what's been said, but don't let it distract you from listening to the rest of the conversation.

Likewise, conquer your own defensiveness. If someone says something that sets you off, let it go. Move on, and continue to listen to what he's saying. This is a challenge to the most mature among us. Being able to mentally process criticism openly and maturely is one of the best career moves you'll ever make.

Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes

As a good listener, you must always listen with empathy. It's easy to let your mind chew on a point of disagreement if you hear something that bothers you -- or if you just don't like the person who's speaking -- but you'll miss what's being said. Try to see the world through the speaker's eyes.

Ask and You Shall Receive

Here are some tricks for asking good questions:

- Ask "how" and "why" questions that require a certain amount of elaboration as opposed to questions that can be answered with a yes or no.

- It often helps if you share a little bit of yourself while asking questions.

By Thad Peterson
<http://content.monster.com>

Kaye's Corner continued (from page 5)

Does this article excite you? Next week I will be in an Oamaru church learning from their ministry, especially to youth and women, as part of my B.Min study. I have been invited to preach on Sunday, present a workshop

to train pastoral visitors to care for families suffering bereavement through miscarriage, still-birth or neonatal death, and contribute to a training day on Saturday by teaching a session on hearing God's voice.

It is essential that we learn to hear God 's voice if we want to be one of the "insignificant" ones. If you are not convinced you are up to the challenge read below and hear what God has to say in his word!

Kaye

God has a positive answer		
YOU SAY	GOD SAY'S	BIBLE VERSES
You say: "It's impossible"	God say's: All things are possible...	(Luke 18:27)
You say: "I'm too tired"	God say's: I will give you rest...	(Matthew 11:28-30)
You say: "Nobody really loves me"	God say's: I love you..	(John 3:1 6 & John 3:34)
You say: "I can't go on"	God say's: My grace is sufficient...	(II Cor 12:9 & Ps 91:15)
You say: "I can't figure things out"	God say's: I will direct your steps...	(Proverbs 3:5- 6)
You say: "I can't do it"	God say's: You can do all things...	(Philippians 4:13)
You say: "I'm not able"	God say's: I am able...	(II Corinthians 9:8)
You say: "It's not worth it"	God say's: It will be worth it...	(Roman 8:28)
You say: "I can't forgive myself"	God say's: I forgive you...	(I John 1:9! & Romans 8:1)
You say: "I can't manage"	God say's: I will supply all your needs...	(Philippians 4:19)
You say: "I'm afraid"	God say's: I have not given you a spirit of fear...	(II Timothy 1:7)
You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"	God say's: Cast all your cares on me...	(I Peter 5:7)
You say: "I'm not smart enough"	God say's: I give you wisdom...	(I Corinthians 1:30)
You say: "I feel all alone"	God say's: I will never leave you or forsake you...	(Hebrews 13:5)

God determines who walks into your life....it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go."

To listen well, is as powerful a means as to talk well, and is as essential to all true conversation

Practical Prayer Evangelism

Praying for the not yet Christians works:

John Edmiston wrote: In 1993, I led a Bible Study series with a group of twenty or so rather boisterous university students who asked to be taught about prayer. In the process we had a book for the prayer points with three columns, Request, Date Entered, and Date Answered. They started praying for their friends salvation, and within a couple of weeks the converts started rolling in, two or three a week, and often ending up at the bible study. Every person 'put in the book' for prayer came to Christ, and naturally enough the prayer journal became known as the 'book of life.' If memory serves me correctly about 25 people came to Christ, through prayer alone, that semester. Prayer worked, even with inexperienced believers, who hated witnessing, and people were saved.

What are they key ingredients to such successful prayer evangelism?



- *A group of Christians gathered in unity. (Matthew 18:19,20)*
 - *Being taught in how to pray. (Luke 11:1)*
 - *And praying in faith. (Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24)*
 - *For the not yet Christians. (Romans 10:1-3, 1 Timothy 2:1-8)*
 - *Who are their neighbours?. (Luke 10:25-37)*
 - *Lovingly by name. (Exodus 33:17, Isaiah 43:1)*
 - *Regularly and persistently. (Luke 18:1-8)*
- And recording the answers and building faith. (1 Chronicles 16:4)*

That said, why does prayer evangelism work?

Prayer wrestles against the powers and principalities (Ephesians 6:10-20) that keep people in spiritual bondage (Ephesians 2:1-4, 4:17-19) and which can deceive them away from the truth (1 Timothy 4:1-4).

Prayer also opens people's spiritual eyes. (Colossians 1:9, Ephesians 1:17-19) and assists with the Holy Spirit's work of convicting them of sin, righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)

www.holytrinitynewrochelle.org/yourti82508.html

Future shaping by prayer and support

Something of the burden of funding the Field Workers position has been helped by my becoming locum at Tapawera church. This is a part time position and will probably run until the new year. However it still leaves a gap in income. A small group of us met with Peter Lloyd (CA National Director) to talk, brainstorm and pray—this has been most encouraging. I remain deeply grateful to the response many have made towards this ministry.

Please continue to pray for us and if you can help please let us know.



For Your Prayers

Giving thanks for:

Praise God for the 5 seminars held over the past 2 months in Marlborough, Oamaru, Invercargill, Christchurch and Cobden. Each event as brought encouragement and motivation to the task of witness. Pray that all may grow in this and many would see friends and family discover Jesus.

Give thanks for a couple of trips down into the deep south of Dunedin Diocese. Pray that these contacts will develop.

Give thanks for the thinking and work being done to help raise the funding to maintain our ministry

Pray for:

The ministry I shall have in the parish Tapawera over the second half of the year.

More opportunities to get alongside churches and their leadership to encourage them in the ministry of evangelism.

Way To Go!

Four practical & motivating seminars

You Can Do This - being a friend to the friends of Jesus



A 7 hour seminar
in 6 units 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.



A three evening or weekend
seminar covering a range of
critical topics that have relevance
to home and family life.

Other events

- Leader's Retreats
- Camps

Two Important 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?

Building Bridges Finding Hope

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



Lord Teach Us To Pray

A 4 hour practical seminar to help us
develop our ability to pray
with purpose and effect.



This is a newly prepared
seminar that explores a
simple pattern for prayer, journaling
and other helpful tools. The seminar
also includes time to practice our
learning.

Cost of seminars:

recommended donation of \$250
(plus travel and printing.)

The size of the group is not important

Contact Richard Dyer for more
details or to book a seminar.

Or visit www.mightymessage.com

Kaye's Corner

Have a read of this article, I
will have more to say on
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The Power of 'Insignificance'

by John Arnott

Imagine a group of
more-or-less unknown
and 'insignificant' peo-
ple willing to risk time,
energy and money to
travel half way around
the world in order to
minister to the poor
and share their lives
with brothers and sis-
ters of another nation
and totally different
culture. They came
home with much more
than that which they
gave out.

Short-term missions
are a way of igniting
passion in our hearts
to take us to a whole
new level in intimacy
with God and in minis-
try.

On returning home,
after a short-term mis-
sion, people soon real-
ize that the anointing
has increased and
they are much more
effective and fruitful in
ministry.

You see, we need
more than sound the-
ology and excellent
teaching and training.

We need more than a
commitment to faith and
practice. We need oppor-
tunity to 'have a go.

In Matthew 9: 35 to the
end, we see Jesus being
overwhelmed by the
crowds trying just to
touch Him. "The harvest
is plentiful but the labor-
ers are few." It was time
to multiply. He called the
twelve unto himself and



gave them authority to
minister in the anointing,
just as He Himself was
doing. (Matt 10: 1) and
then He sent them out to
do just that. There was
multiplication, from Je-
sus, to the twelve, to the
70 (Luke 10) and to mul-
titudes of on-fire new
believers.

And who were these
people? They were fish-
ermen, poor farmers,
housewives and even
slaves. They had been
transformed by the power
of Jesus Christ but they
didn't become specta-

tors. They became
activated, flowing in
the anointing of the
Early Church, and
allowed God to use
them in supernatural
miracles. When they
discovered that God
would use the least of
them, they soon took
the entire Roman
world and nations be-
yond.

When the ministry
became the exclusive
domain of the profes-
sional clergy, things
ground to a halt.

Today again, God is
reactivating His origi-
nal plan. He wants to
use believers to bring
the Kingdom to their
family and friends. But
they need opportunity
to discover that it is
really true and to real-
ize that God wants to,
and will use them.

There is something
you can do. God is
preparing and wanting
to use the little known,
'insignificant' people
in this world to bring
about his final har-
vest. Winning this
world and laying it at
the feet of Jesus

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