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NEWS FROM DAVE TOLPUTT— DEC 2009



Hi everyone,

Grace and Peace to you all. I was reflecting on the year just coming to an end. So much has happened in it, that it feels like three years rolled into one.

One of my special delights this year has been in being able to do a little bit of field ministry. This year, I took up with a local SU schools ministry Brekkie Club! I've loved it, and the young people very much. I have been amazed at how young people have been willing to talk and chat and have fun at the same time. There are kids who literally spend the whole hour with us. I shared with one girl recently about how prayer helped my life. But how about this! The school has asked if we can run this every morning next year. I think that the school likes what the brekkie club brings to the school culture, (kids respecting each other, teachers being in an 'easy' space with students, people opening up to each other, people being cared about etc) and want that more and more. When I heard that, I knew that the next step of this ministry is around the corner. Michelle (team leader) and I are keen to assist the school to create that sort of place for students and teachers, but with a distinctive Christian flavour. The brekkie club is opening doors for young people to engage faith and many are attending churches.



Dave entertaining some young people at the breakfast club.

That's happening all over SU at present. I visited a Soar Adventures group with Brock Gravenor (Co-ordinator) recently. These kids are the most at risk in the school, but I was amazed by the grace and beauty in their spirits. I was reminded of the time Jesus healed the demoniac... and there he was sitting there clothed and in his right mind. Redemption looks different for different people. Brock tells me that 8 out of 10 boys are now regularly in church and finding Jesus in community. I know I saw peace and happiness when I met them.



It's been a wonderful year

for the team in general. The Coolamatong transition has been steadily moving along. The calibre of people on the SU Team is such a blessing to me, and none more so than Gavin and Mark down there. Both these guys have made enormous sacrifices with their families to take up God's call at Coolamatong, and I really believe that after all the challenges of the year, God is going to do something beautiful through them and their ministry.

In the middle of the year, Dave Harvey moved to America, and I took on the leadership of the schools team with Kylie Hunter for the immediate future. As we arrive at the end of the year, we are amazed at how God has worked through this team. The

Prayer Points

- Continue to pray for Jess and Taylor who had an encounter with God's people in the Solomon Islands. That they will reflect and seek Christ.
- For the teams as they go out in missions and camps
- For Gavin Osborne as he navigates the tricky work of reunifying the Coolamatong Ministry.
- For Mavis and Sophie as they enjoy the fruit of her labours through Missions.
- For the schools team as they take a well earned break.
- For me as I head to Warrnambool Theos and and camp.



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Elevate Framework is proving to be a liberating tool to help people do the most extraordinary ministries in schools. I really believe that 2010 is going to be a huge year for the schools team.

As for the Missions, you will all know that this is the business end of the season. Less than a month to go before the teams hit the road. Mavis and Sophie have done an outstanding job in preparation. I'm on Warrnambool Theos this year, and I just love the team and the Directors. How gracious they are to let an old bloke like me onto their team!

I'm also leading a camp for young adults Plunge 18+. I have a team of young ladies supporting whom I have come to really love and appreciate. We have put some real effort into getting this camp up and running, because we feel very strongly about reaching into this age group and helping them to step up to the claims of the Gospel. Please pray for this camp.



Missions are on Dec 26th-Jan 17th

All year, I have been blown away by God's hand upon us. His supply for all our needs has never lacked, and he has sent us some wonderful people to join the staff team. We have known his care over us.

We have also been so blessed by the support from friends such as yourselves. This is a faith ministry, and I see myself as a missionary to young people and families across the state. Thankyou for standing with me in your gifts and your prayers.

And 2010? I can't wait. I think SU is going to have a huge year. I hope that you will be partners with us as it unfolds. Thanks again for all your blessing to me personally and to SU. Every blessing for you and yours over this Christmas Season, and a great 2010.

Dave

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