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missions, not something we do, but who we are!

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arrive in the USA

African Action International

PS NATHAN POLOSO
Visa Approved!



Welcome to this issue of Pulse, the magazine of CRC Missions International.

It's been exciting as I've worked on this issue to learn more about some of the many projects that are being run all over the world. So much is happening that we cannot report it all!

On 27 November eleven students (above) graduated from the PNG Missions School. The school starts again mid-May with more students eager to spread the gospel around the world.

In September this year the international people's convention will be held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, with youth and children's conferences running simultaneously. RISE UP is a great opportunity to see more of what God is doing all over the world as well as listening to excellent speakers whose lives display the heart of God for His people.

I pray that you are encouraged by the stories in this issue and realise how important you personally are to the fulfillment of our vision to have a CRC presence in every nation by the year 2045.

Katelyn Fowler

Editor of *Pulse Magazine*

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PS MIKE CRONIN

Welcome to the first issue of Pulse for 2012. Since succeeding Mike Groom as the Australian CRC Missions Director late last year I have become increasingly aware of the many facets that make up our missions work. There are exciting mission fields in which training, evangelism and church planting are taking place, as well as various aspects of mercy ministries. There are short term mission teams and long term missionaries, there is the promotion of missions in our local churches, there is finance for the fields and government regulations to be complied with, and much more. With such diversity involved it is a high priority for me to build a team to lead in all these areas. All this goes to help us fulfill our international vision of a presence in every nation by 2045.

What is a presence in a nation? It may be defined as 'an active ongoing ministry involvement' in that nation. Many CRC churches are clearly doing this. There are

exciting things happening in many nations through CRC pastors and local churches, all contributing to fulfilling the international vision. At present I am seeking to establish the full extent of this and we want to share such stories with you via the Pulse magazine. We intend that it will be produced quarterly so we can all rejoice in what God is doing around the globe through CRC pastors and churches.

We appreciate very much Katelyn Fowler, from South Eastern Christian Centre Melbourne, who has taken up the role of editing Pulse.

It is intended that Pulse will be presented on the CRC missions website once we have access to this. However in the meantime we are sending this edition by email. Please download and distribute it to your congregation.

Printed copies are available at \$1.20 per colour copy plus postage and can be ordered using the contact details at the bottom of page 2.

PHILIPPINES



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On 22 December 2011 over 90 children came to the Philippines CRC National Centre at Danao, Cebu Island for the annual Christmas celebration.

These children are from surrounding communities and are ministered to throughout the year via the "SUPERKid" outreach program.



All the children who attended received Christmas gifts. Food was provided for the children and their families.

Everyone had a lot of fun with the piñatas and other activities. Some of the children came with their families who cheered them on for the games held and were exposed to the love of Jesus in action.



The event is used to share the gospel and reward those who actively participated throughout the year.





G'DAY USA!

PS GRAEME & MOYA ENRIGHT

Graeme and Moya Enright have recently moved to the USA in order to pastor Faith Center Church in Walhalla, Southern Carolina.

They departed Australia 5th February and were welcomed by an excited church family. The church is situated on a 52 acre property which includes a school and ministry training centre. After the death of its founder, A.S. Worley, Faith Center Church had decreased in size and influence. Graeme and Moya will pastor and develop the church as well as developing the school and re-establishing the missions training centre.

Walhalla is in the Bible-belt and in a 10 mile radius there are over 150

churches varying in size from less than 50 people to churches with multi-building complexes.

Since Graeme and Moya have arrived, worship services are growing in numbers from an initial 25 and the preaching has been really well received. Small groups are run on Wednesday nights with studies, prayer, discussions and plenty of laughter. The youth have many events planned and are focusing on implementing discipleship.

Graeme and Moya were also warmly welcomed by a local group of pastors from churches in the area. Moya has since been invited to speak at a joint churches Ladies Breakfast.



The surrounding area has beautiful forests, rivers and waterfalls which are great for school outings and retreating to spend time with God.

Faith Center Academy
K4 – 12th Grade

Faith Training Center
School of Ministry

Graeme has been asked to speak in some other churches in the area and will do so after settling in and focusing his time at Faith Center.

**WELCOME
NEW PASTORS
GRAEME - MOYA
ENRIGHT**

If you'd like to support the Enrights, funds can be sent to CRC Missions International with "ENRIGHT/your surname" as the reference. You can also email graeme@livingfaith.com.au in order to receive their update newsletter.



**VISA
APPROVED!**

PS NATHAN POLOSO

On 2 February 2012, Pastor Nathan Poloso was contacted by the Federal Immigration Office, informing him that his permanent residency has been granted.

Nathan was our National Chairman in the Solomon Islands for many years. In 2008, on arrival in Brisbane for our National Conference, he fell severely ill and underwent several emergency medical procedures. These operations saved his life but left him reliant on hemo-dialysis as his kidneys had failed.

With no dialysis machines or trained staff to operate even one machine in the Solomon Islands, the only thing to do was keep Nathan in Australia and for the CRC to cover his medical bills.

Now that permanent residency has been granted, all Nathan's future medical costs will be covered by Medicare. There is also the possibility of a kidney transplant in the future.

The next stage for the Poloso family is to obtain permanent residency status Nathan's wife Lydia and their two

boys, Trent and JD.

This is a wonderful answer to prayer and a testimony of perseverance. Pastor Nathan has modelled his faith in Jesus by being a great witness throughout this ordeal and he is a great example to all of us.

Thank you to those who have given so faithfully and generously towards this.

HOW CAN I PRAY?

- Praise God that Nathan's visa has been approved
- Pray that Nathan's wife Lydia and their two boys, Trent and JD, will be granted their permanent residency status
- Pray for Nathan to receive a kidney transplant
- Thank God for the generous contributions received by churches and individuals across the CRC towards Nathan's medical and living costs
- Continue to pray for the Poloso family in their challenges
- Thank God for his faithfulness and provision for the Poloso family

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

CRC Churches International has covered the medical and living costs for Pastor Nathan and his family. During 2011, the Austin Hospital where Nathan received treatment replaced his dialysis machine which he now manages himself at home instead of making weekly trips to the hospital. The hospital also graciously reduced the cost of his dialysis and then, out of sheer love and respect for Nathan, covered the cost entirely as a gift. This reduced most of the medical costs that were so quickly accumulating.

All of Nathan's initial medical costs were covered from May 2008 to February 2009. Approximately one third of the costs from that time have been covered by donations from churches and individuals.

Please prayerfully consider contributing towards this. There is just over \$200,000 still outstanding. We aim to have this debt eradicated before the end of 2012.

African Action International



African Action International (AAI) ministers in Kenya and Uganda, running projects to assist children, families and communities with basic necessities and empower them for the future. AAI's aim is to provide for physical, social, economic and spiritual needs in these countries.

As well as the larger projects, AAI assist single parent families and homeless children with accommodation, clean drinking water, medical aid and education via visiting teams. They also provide training for local pastors and leaders.

KENYA

ORPHANAGE

The Mercy Ministries Orphanage in the province of South Nyanza is home to nearly 50 children. The property is 4.5 acres and has a boys' accommodation wing, dining room, reception lounge, office, new kitchen and a storeroom.

AAI intends to complete two girls dormitories which will have ensuite bathrooms and wardrobes to facilitate bathing and dressing in the morning.

The property also includes a farm and an old tin shed which is used for church meetings and the Mercy Nursery School.



UGANDA

SCHOOL

One of their current projects is the establishment of a school in northern Uganda for children, including hearing impaired or deaf children who may otherwise be socially isolated. Stage one has been completed and the 14 acre property in Bweyale now includes a seven-classroom building which will become the primary school section. The building is on a rise opposite the hill the nearest town is built upon and can be seen from the town's main road two kilometres away. Eventually the school will include a secondary school, which is particularly needed in the area. Another building for administration and teachers is pending.

AAI have also committed to purchasing an additional 17 acres of land adjoining the current property in order to grow crops to feed the children and to raise funds for ongoing expenses. This will help the school to be as self supporting as possible in the future.

MEDICAL CLINIC

Another project, established in 2008, is the Safe Way Clinic located 15km from the capital Kampala. The clinic has a waiting room, the laboratory, and the examination room which contains three curtained examination cubicles. Working there is a qualified nurse with an advanced nursing degree, and a laboratory technician.

This clinic is a great encouragement to the local people. Those unable to pay for medical treatment are treated free of charge. Providing medical diagnosis and support releases adults to return to work, which is essential to earn income to support their families. The clinic also aims to improve diet and nutrition of patients.

OTHER PROJECTS

A village well has been built near Panyadoli, Uganda. Clean water is a basic necessity that many people in Uganda go without every day.



To support African Action International, contact africanaction@dcsi.net.au or visit their website at www.africanaction.org.au

NOLA MERRITT



a lifetime dedicated to missions

Nola Merritt felt called as a missionary at the age of 17. In the early 1970s she joined Waurm Ponds Community Church and attended the CRC Bible College at Sunrise House from 1973 to 1974. In 1975 she first went to Papua New Guinea, where she taught a Grade 5 class in a mission community school near Okapa in the Eastern Highlands. At the end of that year, Nola had to move on due to changes to the primary schools. She was asked by a group of Swiss missionaries to teach at a one-teacher International Primary School at Yonki, a town set up to install a hydro electricity scheme. She found accommodation with the Swiss missionaries and gradually became part of this mission.

In 1983 the Swiss missionaries set up a boarding school near Goroka for their own children to be educated in the German language, and Nola was appointed as the English teacher at the school. Being part of this mission, Nola was privileged to visit Switzerland a number of times for furlough, and got to know the church there.

In 1997, Nola felt that the Lord was leading her back to Geelong, where she cared for aging relatives. In 2002, the Lord then opened the door for her to go to Switzerland. She lived with a family there, assisting them with their mission: Teaching Support Services International.

In 2005 Nola returned to Geelong assisting in the Waurm Ponds Community Church office. There, Pastor Mike Groom (at the time the National Missions Director) arranged for her to go to Bethel Centre in Port Moresby, PNG. Her main work there involved assisting in the Missions Office and lecturing in the World Missions Faith Training School.

After five years at Bethel, Nola felt it was time to return to Waurm Ponds Community Church.

We honour her for her dedication to the call of God on her life and almost forty years of service in overseas mission fields.



The Colombo project

Raising funds for the establishment of a new church centre in Sri Lanka

A major project for the whole CRC Churches International movement, to build a multifunctional ministry centre in Colombo, was launched at our first International People's Convention in Adelaide, September 2010.

In a great response of faith and generosity, over \$500,000 was promised to be given over the following 5 years. This was to be used to buy the land and develop the first stage of the project, which will include a worship centre, training facility and a co-ordination base for children's homes, church planting and other development projects.

Money had been borrowed to secure the purchase of the land which we got at a very reasonable price in a prime location. By late March 2012 (18 months into this giving) almost

\$143,000 has been received from the pledges. Another \$85,000 is needed to completely own the land and meet other associated costs so far. Let's believe to see this fully covered by our second International People's Convention in Adelaide, September 2012.

This centre will provide excellent facilities for the significant ministry CRC is contributing to Sri Lanka, including ministry training schools, children's homes, bible school and church planting.

Sri Lanka is a nation rebuilding from the devastating effects of over 20 years of civil war. We have a significant contribution to make to help heal and restore this 'pearl of the Orient'.

Your contributions to this project are greatly appreciated.



BUILDING PROJECTS

PNG and Fiji

On 4th January 2012 a team of ten men from 4 CRC churches completed stage one of a building project in Papua New Guinea over two weeks.

This project is the completion of four accommodation units at Bethel Tabernacle, Port Moresby, for the Sunrise Christian School. Despite the heat, humidity and hard work, the team had a great time erecting the framework, trusses,

windows and roofing.

Stage two, bricklaying, is now in progress.



Stage three will require 3 or 4 bricklayers and a carpenter who with local help will bring the units to lock up stage. Glass will be fitted to windows and doors hung. In addition, a plumber and electrician will be needed to do the initial fit out.



Stage four will require a team of ten to return to the site to complete construction as soon as stage three is finished.



As well as trips to complete the construction in PNG, tradesmen are needed for a re-development planned in Suva, Fiji, beginning this year. This will include the construction of a preschool building, some accommodation and the main auditorium for the church congregation.

Bricklayers and an electrician are particularly needed, in addition to people with skills such as plumbing, plastering, tiling, carpentry and general support.

If you're interested in being part of a tradesman's short term missions trip to either nation, please contact Jim Hewett on **0427 001 470** or at jim.hewett@bigpond.com for plans and details on both projects.

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