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Dear Friends,

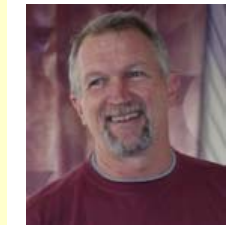
Welcome to the first of the new-look, quarterly newsletters from CCI-Australia! We've been busy cleaning up our mailing list and updating it with all our new contacts and now we are excited about, and committed to, keeping in touch with you all about the great things that are happening. The email version of this newsletter has a lot more photos...so, if you'd like to receive the newsletter via email next time let us know!

It has been a huge year for CCI-Australia and, indeed, for the Crossover movement as a whole. This newsletter will fill you in on some of the events of 2009 and will also share some of the things "in the pipeline" for 2010 and beyond.

We have been blessed through your interest and support in the past and we look forward to partnering together into the future as we **reach out to the least-reached**.

And, finally, all of us here at CCI-Australia wish you, and yours, a happy and holy Christmas! God bless you!

For the Kingdom,
Ian Jones
National Director
CCI-Australia



Moldova Mission Trip '09

After several stressful weeks of waiting for official documentation from Moldova and the USA to arrive, the team (comprising members from Australia and New Zealand) set off in mid-September on another adventure of ministry and service.

The frustrations of the preparation were soon forgotten as the team witnessed God at work in powerful and encouraging ways.

Ministry in Transnistria

The first period of the mission trip was spent in Transnistria, the hard-line Communist separatist "country within a country". Returning to one of the towns that the 2008 team worked in, this year's team was involved in many different aspects of ministry...practical, personal and evangelical.....



Team & Interpreters in Dubasari



Anyone who has ever been to a country like Moldova would know that the toilet and sanitation conditions are far from satisfactory in many places. So, this year, the team set about providing and installing a set of new toilets in the state-run orphanage that we worked in last year. Such a practical service means so much to staff and children alike and continues to assist Pastor Sergei (the local church-planter) in his valuable ministry in the community.

The team also ran programs and supplied for all the children and teenagers in the orphanage.

Whilst some of the team were installing toilets, the rest of the team was painting a kindergarten in a small village that Sergei is trying to plant a new work in. In addition to the painting there were programs for the children and other activities, too.

The local mayor was very appreciative of all our efforts and, as a result, Pastor Sergei is now starting a Bible Study and, hopefully, a church in this unreached community will follow.



There were other ministry activities conducted throughout this week, including preaching and singing at the anniversary service of Sergei's church work in the town.

It was a wonderful time of ministry, with many people touched by the Lord, new relationships established and existing relationships strengthened. God is good!

Ministry in the North

After leaving Transnistria it was back to Chisinau and then on up to Balti, the major centre of northern Moldova. Balti (pronounced "belts") was the base for the second week of ministry.

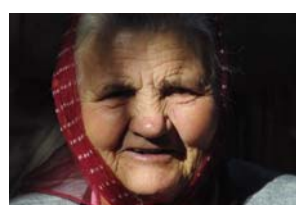
This week saw a different range of ministry activities...but the common theme of God blessing the work and touching and changing hearts.

The team ministered in several prisons, schools, university, boarding school, door-to-door evangelism, eye-testing and glasses distribution, and initial forays into previously un-reached villages.

It is an extreme privilege and honour to be a part of God's ministry throughout the world. We go where He leads and we do what He directs...and we get to see some amazing things happen....

- Children in orphanages excited to see the team return and listening to every word as the gospel is presented
- The thanks of those receiving the gift of improved vision
- Prisoners (male and female) with tears streaming down their faces as they pray to receive Christ
- The open hands and hearts of villagers
- The warm reception from the mayors of previously closed-off communities
- The appreciation of those who benefit from the practical ministry activities of the team
- The change in the lives of team members, too

Thank you for your partnership, through prayer and practical ways, in this vitally important ministry. Already we are looking forward to the opportunities that God will present for us in 2010....opportunities to take an active part in the building of the Kingdom through **reaching out to the least-reached.**



2010 STM Opportunities

CCI-Australia, in conjunction with CCI-New Zealand, is planning on sending **two short-term-mission teams to Moldova** next year. Please give some prayerful consideration to whether you might be a member of the team, or a prayer and financial supporter of the team.

FIRST STM TEAM:

MAY 24-JUNE 4, 2010

This team is a joint Australia and New Zealand team and will be coordinated and led by CCI_New Zealand.

If you are interested in finding out more about this team please contact our office (details below) or email: **kiwimaple@clear.net.nz**

If you are interested in joining this team you will need to confirm your interest by the end of the year.

SECOND STM TEAM:

SEPTEMBER 19- OCTOBER 2, 2010

This team will also be a joint Australia/New Zealand team and will be coordinated and led by CCI-Australia.

For further information about this team, please contact our office (see details below).

As those who have already been on our teams can attest, being a part of such a team ministry can be a life-changing experience. Perhaps next year it's your turn! We hope so.

CCI @ YOUR CHURCH!

Would you like to hear firsthand about what CCI-Australia is, and does?

If so, we'd love to look at the possibility of our National Director, Rev Ian Jones, or another CCI representative, coming to share with your church or school group.

It is a real privilege for us to have such opportunities and we'd value sharing with you in this way.

Just send us an email with your thoughts and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



GLOW - GROW - GO!



In early October, **CCI-Australia**, in partnership with the **Mackay Churches Together**, hosted a weekend **Missions Conference** in Mackay, central Queensland.

This was preceded by months of planning and prayer...and the end result was a wonderful testimony to the grace and favour of God, and the unity of the churches.

Those attending were encouraged and challenged by Rev Dr Peter Law (President of CCI-Australia) in the three main sessions and a large number of highly qualified and experienced presenters in practical electives and workshops.

Elective topics included:

- Short Term Missions
- Ministering Cross-Culturally
- Unreached People Groups
- Trends in Mission
- Opportunities for Mission (local & overseas)
- Re-entry and debriefing

The success of this inaugural conference has already prompted the organizers to be looking ahead to another conference in 2010!

If your church(s) would like to explore the possibility of hosting a similar missions conference, please drop us a line so we can discuss it further.



NEPAL, HERE WE COME!!..

We are excited about the new "field of focus" that the Lord has been guiding us to over the past couple of years....NEPAL!

In February, 2010, we will be commencing our training course for a select group of Nepalese men who are passionate about planting churches and reaching out to their people and their nation with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Nepal is predominantly a Hindu and Buddhist nation and Christian ministry in the country is mostly limited to the

major centres.

The initial work of CCI-Australia will be centred in the mid-west town of Ghorahi where we will conduct our training institute and additional medical outreach where possible.

The work in Nepal is going to be an increasingly major focus for us in the years ahead and we are praying that God will use our efforts (and your support) to see many people "...brought out of darkness into His marvellous light." (1 Peter 2:9).

Please pray with us, and for us, as we move forward in this new and exciting phase of our ministry.

Pray, especially, that we will see the necessary finances come in to support the church planters and run the training institute.

We will have more to share about our new work in Nepal in the first **COMMUNIC8** newsletter of the new year

Your Support

Here at CCI-Australia, we're doing all we can to reach the least-reached with the Gospel.

But we could do a lot more with YOUR help!

There are many ways that you can be an active partner with us in this exciting ministry...a ministry that God is using to touch lives and transform communities.

Please consider supporting the work of CCI-Australia by giving to...

- Sponsoring a national Church-Planter in Nepal (cost is \$100 per month)
- The CCI Training Institute in Nepal
- Ministry projects in Moldova
- Helping a Short-Term Mission Team Member get to Moldova
- The support of a CCI staff person
- General needs within CCI-Australia

Please contact us to find out how you can help!

Again, thanks for your interest, prayers and support.

It really does make a difference!

Sincerely,

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