

## National "Pray for CSA day" Saturday November 20, 2010

"Who else is like the Lord among the gods? Who is glorious in holiness like Him? Who is so awesome in splendour, a wonder-working God?"  
Exodus 15:11

On every coastland and headland of this beautiful country, JOIN WITH US to pray for the souls of the searching. The grommets, the fully grown leather-backed-salt-crusteds men, and the treasured women of the waves. Pray we see the Holy Spirit in action as He transforms our surfing communities.

However you want to do it – mountaintop prayer and worship sess with your local crew, to a private day of prayer and fasting. God loves to hear us. And He loves even more to answer! (Matthew 7:11)

### This season prayer for CSA:

"He saw no one was helping you, and wondered why no one intervened. Therefore He Himself stepped in to save you through His mighty power and justice" Is 59:16

.... Such an amazing love, hey! Pray knowing He sees you in the tough times, and is busy saving you, protecting you and making perfect all your plans.

### Please pray for:

#### Jesus Pro Am October 8-9 Cronulla, NSW

- Praise God He uses these events to bring His love to people who have never heard about the real Jesus.
- Pray that the local surfing community sees the truth of Jesus in the way the CS crew loves them at this event.
- Pray for smooth running, awesome waves and good vibes!!

### Local Missions:

- The harvest is bursting full, pray that God raises up a new wave of crew hooked on spreading the love of Jesus in their surfing communities.
- Pray for our own commitment to the cause... especially when things look impossible, money has run out and it's cold and raining. Pray God uses these dark times to show His power in our local missions.
- Praise God we have SO much freedom in our local missions – pray we bust the lid off radical in the way we use this freedom!
- Pray for safety and protection in the crazy goings-on in local missions!!

### CS Girls:

- Praise God for the new CS Girls mission starting up in Wollongong.
- Pray for wisdom and unity in initial stages as it gets up and running.

NB: at the time of going to press, Neri our prayer coordinator broke a tooth! Please keep her in your ongoing prayers and for her protection in the position she is in with CS! The enemy prowls...

For more info email Nerida, National Prayer Coordinator:  
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Q&A

## Slava

CSA Media Coordinator

After 8 years of assimilation in Australia (inc. exposure to pies, Midnight Oil, thongs & hundreds of snags at CS camps), this humble lad from the European backwoods of Moldova (hello.... where!?) has proved a valuable asset to the CS National Team arsenal, providing graphics, design & a heart reppin' it for God's green earth & those that are oppressed. It's a big "Zdarova" (Russian version of g'day) to Slava Cehovskih.

**Where are you from & what brought you to Oz?** Grew up in Moldova, studied in the US and in 2002 got a job in Sydney, so moved to Australia. (\*Editor's note: For all of those who never listened in geography at school, Moldova is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, located between Romania and Ukraine.)

**Did anyone surf where you originally came from?** The Black Sea is about 200km from where I lived, I heard you can surf there occasionally, but no-one I knew surfed.

**What do you love about Australia?** Opportunity that exists here, positive and down to earth people, and the ocean!

**Have you converted to Vegemite yet?** Love it. Looking forward to it every CS trip.

**What got you into surfing?** I think when I was about 18 I watched *Point Break*, also my girlfriend at the time surfed. Been dreaming of surfing since then, and the dream came true when I was 24 and finally had a chance to surf for the first time when I visited a friend in Santa Cruz.

**How long have you been involved with CSA for?** 8 years.

**What is your current role with CSA & what does it involve?** I look after all the design needs of CSA nationally – website, email, *Inside* newsletter, t-shirts, hoodies, etc. I'm on CSA national team, we meet 3 times a year to pray and plan the way forward.

**You are doing this by faith, right?.... what compelled you take this leap of faith?** Love of Jesus transforming my life. And God blessed me with surfing and CS, so I love being a part of it. Also, realising the need CSA has for this role and my previous experience in it, I've been working with CSA for 5 years previously doing similar work, just without an official role.

**You're also quite into justice & mercy, what has driven that passion & how has that been expressed within your role in CS?** I've been convicted about God's heart for the poor and oppressed, and how serious that is. We live in a wealthy country, and we can either support oppression of the poor (usually by not caring about it) or we can try to do something to bring some healing to "the least of these". So we've tried to use Fair Trade t-shirts and other products for CSA, where was possible.

**Even your surfing gear is eco & sustainable – what's with that & why do you look for that type of thing?!** The green thing these days is quite trendy for some and is a joke for others. For me, same thing as with justice really – been convicted that God gave us the earth to look after and that He is pretty serious about that as well. You don't break windows and smash the walls in your rental property, same thing with the earth. No-one enjoys a plastic bag floating by in the lineup. The less toxic stuff I use, as much as possible, the less of it ends up in God's beautiful creation for us and for our kids.

**The best surf you've had was?** Little Narra, 3-4ft, 3 people out, sun was setting and reflecting off the face of the wave as you are riding, long glassy lefts, wave after wave... :)

**Something that makes you laugh is?** Arj Barker on surfing, and the old ringtone "Screaming message".

**What can people pray for you?** I'm looking for people to financially support me in my CSA role, so please pray for that. Also, pray that what I do behind the scenes for CSA would be effective and would equip the frontline CS crew to serve and share the love of Jesus with surfers in Australia.

To find out more about supporting Slava in his CSA role email slavs@christiansurfers.org.au, and please keep Slava and all other members of the CSA national team in your frequent prayers.



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## Walk in obedience

Hi all, the last 2 weeks have been a bit of a whirlwind and it is my fault this issue of *Inside* is a bit late. I attended Christian Surfers International leadership meetings and the Groundswell Conference. It was a challenging time as we went as a family, and those of you with little ones know what I'm talking about.

While away Brett David (CSI Director) gave me a book called *Movements That Change the World* by Steve Addison. I'm only a couple of chapters in but am loving it already. In the first chapter the author talks about "white-hot faith" – when people are so passionately stoked on Jesus and that they just go and follow Him. This has really challenged me and drew me to think about where I have come from and where I am at now. Stories of the first Moravian missionaries in 1728 heading off to the West Indies with no money, no mission agency to support them, knowing they may never see their homeland again, but seeing many come to Christ and heaps of churches planted.

Acts 4:13 says they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note

they had been with Jesus. The distinguishing factor was – they had been with Jesus. I so often want to make a difference in people's lives and see them come to a fullness in Christ, and try all these different things, but often I am not passionately following Jesus myself, and see little results and other times I do nothing but walk in step with Him and follow in obedience and am amazed at what God does.

Walk close and follow him, be with Jesus. Check out the stories of others in this issue of *Inside*, and their obedience to what God has called them to in their surfing communities. But most of all pray ask the Lord – what would He want you to do?

God Bless  
Steve

Steve Bailey  
National Director  
Christian Surfers Australia



JESUS PRO AM 2010 COFFS HARBOUR CADET GIRLS WINNER ELLIE JEAN COFFEY.  
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# Jesus Pro Am 2010 Coffs Harbour

Spectacular surfing, clean waves and all you can eat cake as JPA visits NSW North Coast for the second comp in the 2010 Series.

The 2010 Jesus Pro Am Series sees another amazing competition as surfers from across New South Wales and Queensland came together to take on the north NSW coast waves. Set on beautiful Diggers Beach, Coffs Harbour, in clean, fun, 2-3ft surf, the sun rose each morning to greet us with enjoyable waves and inviting vibe.

With spectacular surfing and an entertained crowd hanging on the edge of their seats, we watched as Nic Squires (JPA 2009 Wollongong winner) surfed with precision to take victory over Ice Pereira-Ryan (JPA 2010 Gold Coast winner) in the last wave of the Open Men's final heat. Phillippa Anderson continued her winning streak to claim back-to-back Coffs Harbour JPA Open Women's titles. In the cadet division, Ellie-Jean Coffey also followed suit by making it a double, winning in Coffs in 2009 and again this year for the Cadet Girls division.

In the Cadet Boys division, it was Mitchell Parkinson who also made it 2 for 2 this year after taking out the Gold Coast 2010 contest, and again in Coffs Harbour. The nephew of world tour surfer Joel Parkinson surfed brilliantly to take the win from Jackson Coffey. And no JPA would be complete without the JC Epidemic Expression Session that saw Ben Hannah soaring through the sky to become \$300 richer.

As the surfers were busy shredding, volunteers and local crew from around Coffs were making sure that everyone on the beach was well caffeinated and sent into a pleasant sugar overdose from all the delicious baked goods from the local churches. Volunteers manned the BBQs serving up bacon and egg sandwiches and sausage sizzle in the arvos filling many bellies and ensuring smiles were all across the board.

Above all else there was nothing as perfect as the Lord Himself being present throughout the event. From the beach and the waves to the volunteers and the competitors, God was amongst it all bringing joy, fun and a chilled vibe to the weekend. CS crew prayed and worshipped each morning at the Prayer Tent and we knew and felt God working all things for His glory. Thank You, Jesus, for another awesome Pro Am. It's all about You!

Cindy LaFranchi



Cadet Girls winner Ellie Jean Coffey, Open Men's winner Nic Squires, Open Women's winner Philippa Anderson, Cadet Boys winner Mitchell Parkinson.



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## CS Girls Camp

The annual WA Girls camp held in July at Busselton saw a stellar cast of girls travelling from all corners of West Oz for a great weekend of surfing, hanging out & having God speak to our hearts.

The days were beautiful with fun surf sessions at Gas Bay & Smiths, with some girls choosing to take on the reef, others preferring to get axed on the straight hander shore, but surviving & coming up smiling nonetheless!

There were no shortage of smiles & eye watering laughter as we started & finished each surf with a communal car park sing & dance session to some bassy beats. We had great afternoons exploring the beautiful south west coast, laughing over lattes and even making another CS Girls film clip to 'Love Generation' - a now national phenomenon & tradition for us girls!

At night temperatures plummeted to the point where your eyes rolled back in your head. Local weather records were actually broken that weekend for being ridiculously freezing, but as completely corny as it sounds, the love kept us warm! We all shared the love by swapping blankets, lending others beanies & heaters. We looked out for each other & conquered the cold as a team.

Weather: 0 (literally!), Girls: 1.

On the weekend Jodene Watling, who flew in for the event, talked on becoming the girl and woman God has created you to be, pursuing your purpose, and shared some 'war stories' that illustrated those points.

We watched an awesome surf movie that portrayed girls out there on

the edge embracing who they were, which was a real encouragement. It really struck a chord with the girls and how God has called us all to something unique & wonderful.

The result: girls getting amped in their lives to run at the impossible, with a God who makes all things possible. It was time to pack, rack & roll from what had been another sensational girls camp - the stuff good memories are made of. The great thing is that these friendships and involvement with CS have continued on since the camp & we all got a healthy, instant 20+ boost to our Facebook friend posse. Bonus!

A standing ovation to Stef Nel for all the hard work she put into organising the camp, plus all the girls that prayed for and supported the camp - you're all priceless! Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're

worthless, but because they're priceless. Continue to pray for, encourage & support all the girls in West Oz as God leads them in developing their unique mission amidst CS WA. They are truly an inspiration that are impacting the community of girls around them!



## CS SA serve at Fantastic Noodles Pro Junior



Volunteers from Christian Surfers played a vital role in the running of South Australia's most prestigious surfing event, the *Fantastic Noodles Pro Junior*, which was held on the South Coast from 15 to 18 July.

Surfing SA's CEO Steve Reddy said he's "extremely grateful" to Christian Surfers for their support over the four day event.

"The CS crew not only cooked great barbies but also helped out in a number of other ways," Steve said.

"Whatever needed to be done, there was always someone from CS willing to lend a hand.

"We've built up a great relationship with CS over the last decade and it was good to have their support again, especially at the *Pro Junior*, which is by far the most prestigious surfing event in South Australia.

"Its \$7,000 prize money attracts elite surfers from all across the country, so it's good to know the crew from CS were there making everyone feel welcome," Steve Reddy said.

Fifteen Christian Surfers volunteered their time for the *Fantastic Pro Junior*, with members coming from the South Coast, Mid Coast, Northern Suburbs and even Mount Gambier.

Marvena Manner



Ladies of warm food and hospitality at Pro Junior: Christian Surfer volunteer Dave O'Brien and Pro Junior competitor Alex Rix.

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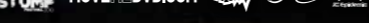
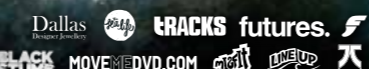
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