

HOPE ON A LOST DARK ROAD...

I will lead the blind down a new path, guiding them along an unfamiliar way. I will turn darkness into light in front of them. I will make rough places smooth. These are the things I will do for them, and I will never abandon them. Isaiah 42:16

These are the things the Father will do for you. He will take you to the unknown... you may feel like you are stumbling, flailing, losing your confidence... you wonder why you feel so lost if you were sure you were following God's lead.

But this is His divine purpose. He is your guide. He honors your faith and courage to follow His voice – and He chose this way for you. The unfamiliar way is where the discovery lies. It where your soul's treasure is and where you will witness His delight in transforming darkness into light before you making rough ways smooth. He said "I will lead you down a new path" These are the things He will do for you. He will never abandon you

Praying that CSA trusts God on the unfamiliar path.

QUEENSLAND – RCS JONO & NAOMI BAILEY

- Please pray for the Bayside CS mission in Brisbane – that the Mission Coordinator role would be filled by the right person with a passion to lead this team of awesome leaders.
- Please pray for God's provision for several key funding needs in CS QLD. We are holding several fundraisers for new projects, office space and staff.
- Please pray that the CS tribal gathering preparations for 2012 be made in step with the Lord's direction and leading.
- Please pray for the northern region of QLD, that God would raise up CS missionaries within Agnus Waters, Yeppoon and other towns in this region.

CSA GIRLS – JODENE WATLING

- God to work in girls hearts to heal hurts from the past & things that hold them back in their lives.
- That there would be a spirit of revelation, restoration & freedom which overflows into the mission of CS.

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- Praise God for the opportunities we had to share the gospel at the Gold Coast JPA.
- Praise God for the awesome surf, awesome weather and finishing in the black financially at the Gold Coast JPA.
- Praise God for all the CS crew, local churches and sponsors that give their time and money into making the JPA events into the awesome events that they are.
- For the surfers who hear the gospel at the Gold Coast JPA, that the seeds will be watered and that they will come to have a relationship with Jesus.
- For the Cronulla JPA organisation team – that everything will come together and that finances will come through.
- For a new JPA director, as this is Al Westbury last year in this role. We are praying that someone will set up this year.

PRAYING UP A STORM – NTH NSW

- Ask that – as surf misses – God would truly open up the eyes of our hearts, that we might live day-by-day in the epicenter of His incomparably great power (Eph. 1:18-19).
- Shout into the hurricane for the surfers of the Nth Coast. Ask that they would find and grasp onto Jesus despite the swirling chaos of the world around them.
- Cry out to God that, even if the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, even if the waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging – we'll look only to Him for our strength (Ps. 46)

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Amy's journey with CS Gold Coast

One of our longest standing grommet-turned-leader Amy Hart has been a huge part of Christian Surfers on the Gold Coast, QLD.

Born and raised in Currumbin, Amy has been surfing for over 15 years both recreationally and at one point competitively. She was introduced to CS in year 12 through church. And although there was only one other girl involved at the time, for Amy Christian Surfers became a place where she could enjoy her favourite sport of surfing along with people who were into God and were encouraging to be around. Amy then went on to Activ8 in WA where CSA trains up young leaders to serve in their local missions. Through this Amy has gone on to lead a girls Surf and Study every week in Palm Beach, where around 10 girls get together to surf and to do a Bible study.

We asked Amy about CS Girls Surf & Study and here is what she had to say: "CS is just great, a good group of people to hang around. I run the Surf & Study because I love hanging out with the all the girls. Mentoring is important because everyone needs someone they can talk to and someone they can lean on, and hopefully that's what us older girls can be for the younger girls." Five years later, that is exactly what Amy is doing here on the Gold Coast and we are encouraged by her perseverance!



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Queensland, Queensland, Queensland

While most of us southerners are dreaming of heading north, we thought we might enhance the dreaming through some things that have been happening and that are about to rock the sunshine state. It is a mostly QLD featured issue so imagine the sun beating down as you soak up the goodness.

I'm sitting in the office trying to stay focused after only a few days back from long service leave (yes its been that long), and thinking of next week – going to the Bluff with a few CS boys here from WA. It's pretty hard to sit still to say the least.

The last two months have been a great blessing – to stay at home, stop and rest. To enjoy the place I live, to stop being so busy that I miss what is going on around me.

This taught me a lot about relationships and how we can be so busy that we miss what God is trying to do through them. We learn so much through interaction with others, their positive and sometimes negative impact in our lives; often we are rushing along and miss what God was trying to do. This led me to think about how I treat my relationship with God – am I doing my obligatory quiet time because as a Jesus follower that is what I'm supposed to do, or because I want to know him more, and because I don't want to miss anything of what he is doing all around me?

Being still is not always easy, especially in a society where it's not the norm, but God commands this of us. *Be still and know that I am God.*

I have been reading John's Gospel and a couple of chapters jump out, John 5 and 14, where Jesus is talking about his relationship with his father and how all authority has been given to him. In John 14: 9 Jesus is talking to Philip and says "anyone who has seen me has seen the Father". In verse 10 he says "Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work." (TNIV)

To me it speaks of how important it is to be in step and in good relationship with Jesus, this is the model he left for us.

If you want to see God move, see some radical changes to your life or the community you live in – seek him out. This will look different for each us and there is no formula to follow except obedience.

God bless,

Steve Bailey
National Director
Christian Surfers Australia




CSA Tribal Gathering

This year 155 Christian Surfers Australia (CSA) leaders converged on Victor Harbor in South Aus for the annual CSA Tribal Gathering. Set to the backdrop of the "Adare" mansion, built in the 1800's, major highlights included inspirational teaching by Neville Strachan (Eastgate Christian Community Church, Byron Bay), a Sunday dawn paddle out that was majestic and a surf film festival night which literally brought the CS mission right into the midst of this years gathering.

The theme was "the offensive" and it certainly came out in all facets of the gathering. Neville's messages filled all with courage to not be timid in faith, but to be bold in asking for open doors to share the gospel. The community surf film festival, held in the midst of the gathering, showcased several new films, live music, food and a moving tribute to our passing hero Dimitri Calantzis. Many locals and representatives from South Coast Boardriders attended the festival, with Luke (President of SCBR) receiving a gift from CSA with gratitude.

A Tribal Gathering is not complete without the resurrection Sunday dawn service and paddle out. Held at a secluded secret spot, over 200 surfers joined together in the pre-dawn darkness to trek across cliff tops to a small cove with an outside reef break. CS South Aus legend, Clint Giggins, spoke of the beginnings of the CS movement in SA and rejoiced at the continued work of CS to let the surfing community know that Jesus is alive. With songs of praise the cross was formed in the chilly waters and prayers lifted for the souls of the nation.

In 2012, the 30th annual CSA Tribal Gathering will be held in the most northern location in it's history at Coolum Beach, Queensland. Held over the Easter long weekend, 5th - 9th April 2012, the TG12 event will be held at Luther Heights Camp, a few minutes walk to some great beaches and just down the road from the classic Noosa points. Detailed information will be coming out later this year, however, now is the time to start saving and booking flights to either the Sunshine Coast or Brisbane airport.

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Duranbah to Cronulla

Duranbah, Gold Coast event saw pumping surf, perfect warm sunshine, spectators lined the beach with coffees and cakes in hand as competitors near and far lit up the waves with cut backs, air maneuvers and the occasional barrel.

Household names to the Jesus Pro Am returned this year to have another crack, like last year's series winner Ice Periera-Ryan, 2010 Coffs Harbour and Cronulla Open Men's winner Nick Squires, 2009 Coffs Harbour Open Men's winner Dale Lovelock and many others. It's encouraging to see competitors return to the Pro Am, they say they enjoy the event's friendly atmosphere and hospitality.

It was a new face that took out the Gold Coast event - local surfer Mitch Crew who knocked out Nick Squires in the finals. This event saw the largest interest from female surfers from the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and northern New South Wales. For the first time in Jesus Pro Am history we saw an insurgence in female entries with Stephanie Single from northern New South Wales taking out the Cadet Girls and Audrey Styman-Lane winning the Open Women's division.

The hospitality tent run by Beachside Christian Church helped to make the beachgoers feel welcome, with one mum writing: "Thanks to everyone for putting on a great event. Great waves and weather and super well-run. Little brother tagged along and too young to compete, he was pretty stoked at the abundance of goodies! A grommet's dream. Really appreciate the generosity and efforts of everyone. Super fun weekend!"

The Jesus Pro Am was also live-streamed thanks to the efforts of the Australian Christian Channel. People all around the world from Mexico, Czech Republic and the US logged in to watch the surfers compete.

Coming up on the 8-9th October, we will see the second concluding Jesus Pro Am event of the year hit very popular Cronulla Beach, NSW for another action packed weekend. This is a weekend not to be missed, we will once again have Australia's most talented surfers battling it out, our world famous hospitality and again this year, the local churches are coming together to run the 'Festival in the Park'. Like last year, we will have the local Christian radio station, Hope 103 doing a live

broadcast, also we will see live music, stalls and something for everyone, and if you can't make it down, we will be streaming the event live on www.jesusproam.com.au.

Why do we run the Jesus Pro Am? In the Bible in Habakkuk 2:14 it says: 'For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea'. Our heart is that Jesus' name is honored and glorified through our words and action, that surfers come closer to Jesus, and that peoples' lives are changed through knowing Jesus on a personally level. Do you want in? Go to www.jesusproam.com.au and check out previous events, become a prayer warrior, a 100/100 partner, and make sure you watch all the action streaming live on the website over the weekend!



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