

Welcome to PBC

Today is part of our World Mission Weekend. A special welcome to the Groombridges, who serve with CMS in Slovenia - Mark, will be preaching today. There is a crèche for babies and toddlers and part way through the service children go out to kids' church.

If you are a visitor please fill in a welcome card and put it in the offering bag.

Are you interested in overseas mission? (Short or Long)

If so the Groombridges want you!!!for an informal and encouraging chat over dinner, on Monday. Mark and Rochelle are keen to meet and encourage any PBC members that may be thinking about short or long term mission in the near or distant future. If this is you please contact El Morris at morris.ej@gmail.com or 0431 34 88 70.

GROOMBRIDGES INFO NIGHT – Wed. June 1st

Come along and hear what God is doing in Slovenia, from Mark and Rochelle Groombridge. Wednesday 1st June 7pm Upstairs in the Church Hall.

Man up! – June 3rd

7.30pm Watch DVD from MKC, discuss over pizza (\$10 for pizza)

Next Sunday – June 5th

9.30am What we believe - 10. Communion (John S)

* Soup lunch after the service, please bring cans of soup *

5.30pm

Tim starts a new series on 'The Cross'

For Prayer

Forward points for Prayer Page to Ellen Forsyth (forsyth@zeta.org.au)

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World Mission Weekend
29th May 2011



Suffering and Mission (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

Introduction

1. Paul thanks God for their active Christian Maturity (1:2-3)

Faith, hope, and love

2. Paul thanks God for their acceptance of Jesus Christ (1:4-6)

God's election

Paul proclaims the gospel, God works powerfully and by his Holy Spirit

Thessalonians' deep conviction amidst suffering

3. News spreads about Thessalonians' conversion, maturity and hope (1:7-10)

Modelling – Imitation

News that summarises Paul's mission: from idolatry to service to God

Another aspect of mission: encouraging real hope

Suffering and Mission

Prayer

Expect suffering

Be involved in mission

Understand Christian hope

Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

3. The Gift of Supporting World Mission

World Mission is something most of us put into the 'too hard' basket. We admire missionaries who go off to other side of the world but actually what they do makes little connection with our lives.

Instead let's learn to think of PBC as a family where we all have the same purpose, to "... make Jesus known to people in the Inner West of Sydney and throughout the World."

Mark and Rochelle are simply carrying out that purpose in a different country but they are just like you and me. (Well, Mark is not just like anyone, but you get my point.) They are a normal family with normal needs and normal hopes and fears. They miss family and find evangelism hard work just as much as you do.

Therefore simple things like sending them an email / card just saying "G'Day" really encourages them. Gifts for the kids say a lot. Most of all they crave our prayers. Pray for them regularly and tell them that you are praying for them when you pray.

They need financial support to stay in Slovenia so consider either giving to PBC or supporting CMS directly. Although it is a sacrifice to give money it is not particularly hard, in the sense that once you've set up the bank transfer it happens automatically and you don't even have to remember - easy as!

However, if we are a united family at PBC then we should also consider going ourselves. What about a holiday to Europe? Visit Slovenia on a short-term mission trip and you might love it so much that you want to stay. Scary, yes, but exciting too!

- ✓ Encourage - what can you do this week to encourage a PBC misho?
- ✓ Pray - buy a copy of Operation World, and then use it!
- ✓ Give - nuff said.
- ✓ Go - short term mission trip to one of our mishos? Long term mission?

⁵In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1: 4-6)