



Newsletter

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SOUNDWAVES

GOD SHINES HIS LIGHT

The Shine The Light celebration of Rhema FM's 21st anniversary in September was a great success.

In planning the September event it became very obvious from the very outset that God's hand was on all aspects of the dinner and everything fell into place even when hiccups happened. And what an inspiring evening unfolded. On this pleasant night about 80 people gathered together to celebrate this milestone in Rhema FM's history.

We were provided with the ideal venue and C3 Pastor Paul Humble was only too willing to host the occasion with the help of his musical director Simon Boots and church member Gary Hall. God inspired Dudley Scantlebury from Rhema Media in NZ to travel at his own expense especially to share the inspiring miracles behind their super successful radio and TV ministry in NZ. And also to bring

his long-time friend Eric Bradley from Rhema Newcastle to provide entertainment - the C3 Church Bible College student band played a medley of songs and everyone had the opportunity at the end of the night to join in the singing.

The meals provided by Caroline's Takeaway and Catering were very well received as was the silent auction items that were scooped up by eager bidders. MC Mark Minturn from Coastside Church was enthusiastic in encouraging everyone present to contribute to the fundraising effort. The vision cast by Dudley of what we are a part of at Rhema FM along with John Mark's video message from Rhema Newcastle encouraged donations in the amount of \$7,750 being raised

which will be used to purchase new transmission equipment.

A first-time feature at the dinner was the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to several Rhema FM volunteers and program producers. The Church of Christ received Life membership as a result of its 21 years of continuous membership of Rhema FM.

The Rhema FM Board and management expresses its gratitude to all the generous donors and those who contributed their efforts and talents to make the night such a special one for everyone attending. We look forward to your company next year as we trust in God for His blessing on our 22nd anniversary dinner next year. A planning meeting will be held on 18 Feb 2017.



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God's miracle family!

Albert Einstein once said "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

To live one's life from the perspective that everything is a miracle changes literally everything especially when we come to realise and understand how the miracle of life from the smallest quantum particle revealed under the microscope to the vastness of the universe revealed through the astonishing photos taken by the Hubble telescope, has come to be.

Our heavenly Father shows us the splendour of His creation and says to us in Genesis 1:1 that He created it all and then reveals in v26 that He has made us in His image. So likewise in 1 Corinthians 15:49 we learn that as we have borne the image of the earthly we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

It is really interesting to note that the Bible begins with God's creation of the heavens and earth and ends with His creation of the NEW heavens and earth! In Isaiah 46:10 He says, "...for I am Yahweh and there is no other. I am God and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning."

It is said that the Bible comprises nearly a third of prophecy of which 90% remains to be fulfilled in our time. Have you ever wondered where you fit into the history that God has revealed in advance between these two awesome creation events?

Consider that the Book of Acts was the only book that wasn't finished and our untold stories as God's family remain to be written in it! How exciting is that! Romans 8:19 declares that the creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. The Apostle John said in 1 John 3:2-3, "Beloved, now we are the sons of God and it doesn't appear what we shall be, but when He appears we shall be like Him..." Read Romans 8 and Psalm 139 to see how much our heavenly Father really cares about us, His children ... His little miracles! How great is His love for us through Jesus Christ. Let's share the Good News with others that they too have been created to be part of God's very own divine family! Now THAT'S a miracle!

(Tune into Creation Minute on Rhema FM for more astounding insights into our creator God's miraculous handiwork).



Some time ago CBM (Christian Blind Mission) introduced a yearly initiative called 'Miracles Day'. Together with 27 Christian radio stations around Australia they were able to share their goal to restore sight to 25,000 of the world's poorest people living with cataract blindness. It only takes \$32, 12 minutes, a painless operation for a miracle to happen ... people can see again!

Miracles Day was held on 11 September and it is still possible to support this worthy cause ... simply go to their website at www.cbm.org.au

Rhema FM was happy to be part of Miracles Day and promoted the event to listeners locally. Twenty people contacted the station to pledge their support to CBM's work of restoring sight. Luke 4:18 speaks to the practical work of our Messiah that He is now continuing to perform in us and through us today ... what a great privilege to be part of His great commission!

miracles day



INTRODUCING OUR NEW BUSINESS MANAGER ... LINDA BRETTELL



Our heavenly Father has answered our collective prayers for a qualified person to fill the role of Business Manager at Rhema FM. This was a definite miracle as it was extremely urgent that this position be filled. By the grace of God He has brought us Linda Brettell. She started with Rhema in September and has been liaising with Peter Alley, Treasurer & Ulrich Grollmus, Bookkeeper regarding her role and also Sue Montgomery who has been a great help to her settling in.

Linda is an incredibly experienced person in corporate finance and has recently retired after a long career in the corporate sector. Linda attends the C3 Church in Port Macquarie with her husband Garry and has lived here for the past two years. She is a warm and encouraging person and is a great asset to the Rhema team. Let us praise God for His goodness in sending Linda to assist in His work of proclaiming the gospel.

THE MIRACLE OF OUR ANTENNA UPGRADE

Rhema FM's antenna which it shares with 2WAY FM in Wauchope is located on a tower on Mount Cairncross. Over the last 18 months the antenna was damaged twice by storms which resulted in a drop of signal strength to less than half. Recent estimates of the cost to replace the antenna amounted to \$13,000 being Rhema's share. This onerous expense has been a cause for concern and many prayers have been made for a solution to the problem.

And God has answered our prayers in a miraculous way. He arranged for the tower to be sold to new owners recently and they have unexpectedly offered to install our new antenna for free as part of their maintenance upgrade! The cost saving to Rhema FM is over \$6,000! We rejoice in God's provision - not only that but Rhema's share of the new antenna cost with 2WAY FM will hopefully be covered by insurance. What a great miracle to be thankful for ... the signal strength will be returning to 100% soon and the sound quality will be better than ever!



You're invited!

RHEMA FM's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held on

Thursday 24 November 2016 at 5.30pm (for a 6pm start)

at the **Port Macquarie Lions Club**
Hamilton Green, Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie.

The Lions Club is situated at the rear of the Bridge Club.

You will be encouraged by the progress and the exciting miracles that God has blessed Rhema FM with over the last year and how your valued support has helped achieve this. Supper and fellowship will follow and your contribution to this will be appreciated.

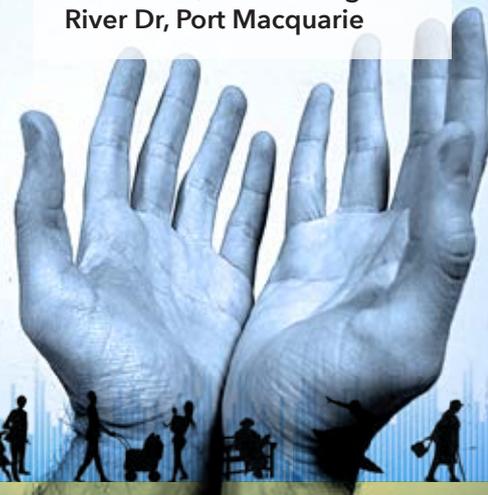
**Please join us in prayer
for the region and for
Rhema FM.**

When?

2nd & 4th Friday of each
month, 6-7pm

Where?

Rhema FM, 198 Hastings
River Dr, Port Macquarie



November Appeal...

Please take a moment to reflect on this incredible verse found in Isaiah 9:6,7 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

This verse contains within it two momentous events 1) a reference to Christ's first coming when He was born in Bethlehem in the autumn of 4BC ... as recorded in Matt 1:23 & 2:1 and Luke 2:7, and 2) a reference to Christ's second coming at the end of the age to establish the Kingdom of God as found in the gospels, Micah 4:1-3 and Daniel 7:14.

In between these two events Jesus said that He would build His church and that He would be with it to the end of the age; and further that he would confirm the word with signs following. (Matt 16:18; 28:20 & Mark 16:20). Jesus asks in His word who then is a faithful and wise servant in Matt 24:45 & 46 before sharing the parable of the talents in Matt 25 ... the one who gives God's household food in due season will be blessed when Jesus returns and finds him so doing. As Paul also encouraged Timothy to do in 2 Timothy 4:2.

Rhema FM is a listener supported ministry of God's word. Your generous donation during this appeal will nourish God's household with spiritual food that fosters growth and builds up the faith of the body of Christ (1 Pet 2:2). Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17). Thank you for supporting this vital work of broadcasting His word in message and song. (Eph 4:12).

DONATE NOW!

From the Manager's Desk

God's Perfect Timing!

I'd like to encourage you to persevere in your walk with our Lord during the times when He seems far away... in reality, He is right there with us (Heb 13:5).

When I sometimes ask where God is after seeking Him for an answer on an important issue or concern, I tend to respond in two ways: either I get discouraged and look somewhere else for answers or I can press in even more until I hear from Him. Guess which is best?! Being on our knees is the best position to move up toward God. At the end of the day, hearing God's answer is usually a matter of timing... His perfect timing. And the result is repeatedly above and beyond our expectations (Eph 3:20).

Rhema FM has been struggling for over 18 months with significant antenna issues; and there have been

many prayers offered over that time. As much as it was frustrating to be only broadcasting at less than half strength, I sensed God had a plan; and He gave me an inner peace about it. In an amazing turn of events by the hand of God, Rhema FM will have a far superior quality antenna system installed at less than half price of the previous one... praise God!! Please be encouraged, wait on God and His perfect timing.

God bless,

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