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MISSION WEEK 2017



Our Missions Group Presentation on Sunday Night

Our second term for this year has just ended and the Mission Week Conference continued, and because it was part of our school term requirements it was compulsory for every student to participate.

Our class exams were completed on Friday and the Mission Week commenced on Saturday 17th and ended on the 20th June. Although it was quite wearing we learned a lot out of it.

Our Mission Conference's Theme was: **"Your Story in God's Mission."** The Mission Week Conference was all about Mission Works. In that programme students in their Cell groups were assigned for a country to research on and did their presentation.

The Mission research was all about the need for the Christian Gospel to go into those countries and what strategies could we use to reinforce the gospel message penetrating to those unreached people groups. The Mission Conference's research was on the countries of **Brazil, Netherland, India, East Timor and China.**

Our Main Speakers were; Dr David Hammer, Dr Phil Tait (CLTC Vice Principal Education CLTC), Dr W. K. Longgar (College Principal – CLTC) and Jim Tanner. Dr D. Hammer was speaking on the topic of "God's Mission", Dr P. Tait – "Youth," Dr W. K. Longgar – "Power encounters," and J. Tanner – "Animism: the problem in Papua New Guinea Christian Churches."

Our Countries' Prayer Points:

- Pray for Christianity in Brazil – The Gospel to reach many more.
- Pray for Christianity in Netherland – Christian population is decreasing.
- Pray for Christianity in India – For more missionaries to go to India – Christian persecution is increasing.
- Pray for Christianity in East Timor – Praise God for Christianity is leading in the country's population.
- Pray for Christianity in China – Although Islam is increasing Christianity must gain strength from God's Spirit to continue.

Possible Strategies to reach out to the unreached people groups in those countries:

- Sports – many young people are interested in sports and missionaries can use it to attract them.
- Jesus Film Ministry (Gospel Movies)
- Bible Internet
- Bible Radio Broadcasting, etc.

Christian Leaders' Training College

Despite the many challenges, we are facing, PRAYER PROGRAMME is the college's highest aspiration for success. Just as every Christian believes in praying to God for success, the CLTC does also.

The CLTC Prayer Groups

1. Bethany Fellowship – for women
2. Barnabas Fellowship – for men (just as the Encouragement group in Noro College SI)
3. Denominational Fellowships
4. Class Devotions
5. Cell Group meetings
6. Family Devotion
7. Section Fellowships
8. Half Day of Prayer – from 8:00am to 12:30pm one Tuesday every month. We pray for many countries especially for those where the Staff and Students at CLTC are coming from.
9. Community Devotion – every Tuesday morning 8:00 to 8:30am but on every Wednesday morning during holidays.
10. Sunday Community Worship Service – 9:00am.
11. Individual/Personal Devotion.
12. Cell group outreach (Ministry Sundays) – once every month to our assigned nearby local churches.

Christian Leaders' Training College Prayer Needs:

- CLTC is still facing financial crisis – ask God's help for possible recovery on this problem.
- Pray for The New Guinea Table Bird Company that is taking over the CLTC's largest project – chicken and engineering section. This company is a non – Christian company but it works with CLTC in business partnership. The managers must come to know God.
- Pray for CLTC Staff and Students' safety during this time of the National Election.

An eye-opening Dance to an earthquake

An earthquake a week ago, shook every student, staff and workers in CLTC. It struck about 9:00am PNG time and caused a few damages in my house. That was the first earthquake I ever felt in PNG.

PNG's NATIONAL ELECTION

Papua New Guinea is on her few days to cast vote and it is a restless days and nights for the candidates and campaigning supporters. Loudspeakers are put up on top of many vehicles and are carried along the road for campaign. Thousands of pigs and cows have been slaughtered for campaign meals and thousands of KINAS have been spent. It looks riskier for all international students but I don't know if we are legible to cast vote or not. The police and defence teams will provide security but prayers must also be our security.

Your prayers our support

Thank you for your prayers for without your prayers we will lose our spiritual strength.

Continue to pray for us so that we can have a successful study and successful ending. Pray also for us as we are reapplying to extend our visas for another 12 months.

Thank you Rev D. Collins for your generous financial support, on behalf of the Australia Wesleyan Methodist Church, for without your loving heart to support us we won't have ease times to do our studies here at CLTC.

May our Loving Lord bless us all.

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