

Ministry Update

Australia New Zealand South Pacific



Change is Guaranteed

2009 has been a year of change for Insight for Living Australia. Looking back is always a useful tool to give you encouragement for the future, and to celebrate how far the Lord has taken you. During the Christmas period I pray that you will make time to find a quiet nook, and reflect on the Lord's hand in your life this past year.

Last January, as we approached the new year, we could not have imagined the changes 2009 would bring. Unexpectedly we had to move premises, and shortly after, our board was saddened with the loss of our chairman, Mac Hawkins, and the retirement of a long-standing member, Rod Roberts. And then there were the new developments with the formalizing of Chuck and Cynthia's 5-Pillar vision for the ministry and the opening of a door for us to be more involved in South-East Asia.

Change is always with us, guaranteeing a roller-coaster ride of excitement, as long as you're willing to climb aboard.

Our new premises in Boronia, Melbourne, is a peaceful place where you feel the Lord's presence, a comment made by many who visit. We feel a greater sense of mission here as we have room to develop the scope of the ministry, according to His plans.

In May we reached a significant milestone as we communicated the vision for IFL Australia to grow its capability for local pastoral ministry. We are constantly working at developing new services and resources that promote Bible based teaching and application, pastoral care, mentoring, education and resources.



Mrs. Cynthia Swindoll
President
Insight for Living,
Texas, USA

During Cynthia Swindoll's visit for the Annual General Meeting in mid-October, our new chairman, Mr. Bert Guy, was elected. I've known Bert for a number of years and can attest to his love for the Lord and his respect for this ministry. As CEO of Belgrave Heights Convention, Bert worked with us in preparing and staging Chuck's worship services in 2005 and 2007 that many of you went to.

And then, after 3 years of prayer for Indonesia, I had the opportunity, with my American colleagues, to begin researching the prospect of broadcasting Chuck's daily program from Jakarta.

While we've just begun this journey of change, I know that we couldn't have taken one step in this direction without the sacrificial, and prayerful, support of our listeners.

INTRODUCING

Mr. Bert Guy, the new Chairman of the Board of Insight for Living Australia

I am delighted to have been appointed Chairman of IFL Australia. It will be difficult to fill the shoes of my close friend, Mac Hawkins, but as God leads, I will commit to bring my best "to the table" as we collectively seek to develop and grow the work of IFL in Australia.



I am currently CEO at Belgrave Heights Convention, Chairman of Bible Society Victoria, on the Board of Bethel Funerals and a member of Church Council at Syndal Baptist Church. I am married to Lyn and have two children and now seven grandchildren. In my previous life I was Company Secretary of Amcor Ltd. Lyn and I enjoy riding bikes all over the place and I have a penchant for most sporting activities.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for...

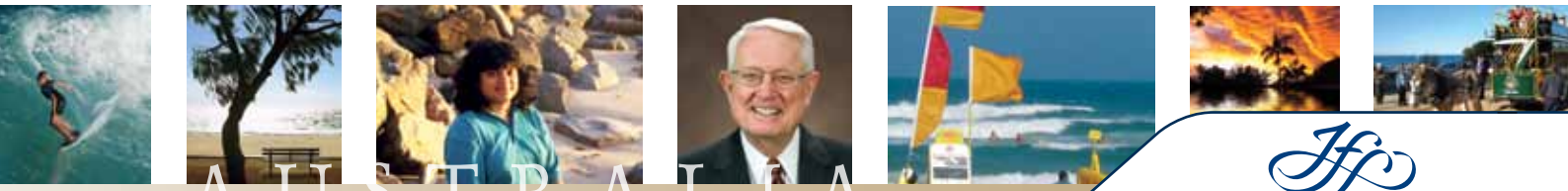
- Bert Guy, the new chairman of the Board, and for those who are being called to join us over the coming months.
- The development of our On-Line training programs which will assist us in reaching the younger generations.
- Growing power in Chuck's teaching as he starts his 75th year.
- Pastor Dodi Sasongko who is investigating the opportunities for IFLA's ministry in Indonesia.
- Wisdom in how we focus our activities in implementing the 5 Pillars Vision
- Your local radio station, or website where you listen to Chuck's program.

It is with humility, for God's grace and your belief in this ministry, that I say thank you for enabling us to undertake the Lord's work. And while change will always be with us, we are encouraged because we know that the Lord is in control and we have your support.

Blessings to you this Christmas, as we celebrate His birth.

Peter Tyrrell
Executive Director

☺☺ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
John 15:8 NIV ☺☺



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96threeFM Today's Christian Music and Inspiring Talk

As we come to the end of the year, it will be an anxious and uncertain Christmas for many as the winds of extreme and uncertain economic times prevail upon us and the world. Listeners and the community in general seriously start to question their circumstances, values and direction in life during such times.

It is during these times the ministry of 96three can (and does) have its greatest impact, as the ministry continues to broadcast the unashamedly Christian message of the "Reality of Jesus Christ" in well known and respected programs such as "Insight for Living" and Christian music.



I believe the words of the apostle Paul are very appropriate at this time:

"I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16)

Paul continues:

"How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14)

Yes, we really do serve a God that intimately cares about every detail of our life, however we need to trust him to do that!

96three seeks to broadcast the best teaching programs and Christian music that reaffirms the salvation message of the gospel, as well as challenging and encouraging our listeners in their daily walk with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Blessings in Jesus' Name

Peter McCoy
General Manager
96three Geelong



I am so glad I found IFL because listening to God's Word and His wisdom first thing in the morning is a wonderful start to the day. I've been listening to Chuck for 10 years.

I became a child of God in 1977 at the age of 40, having been raised by non-believing parents in Germany. I am forever grateful that Jesus' outstretched arm reached me and brought me out of the darkness into His light.



From February 2010 Insight for Living Australia will offer your favourite Bible Studies on line, featuring the Bible teaching of Chuck Swindoll. Visit www.insight.asn.au for more details.

Each study will follow the current teaching series heard on the radio. As you move through each study you can listen to the specific program for that lesson, and then enter your answers, thoughts and prayers in the on-line form. At any time you can save your responses and return to the study at a later date. And when you're done you can print what you've written.

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Mentoring training and inspiring God's servants

With all the unique challenges of Australian society today, church leaders sometimes seek support as they disciple Jesus' people. You can provide the mentors and the Bible-based instruction materials that will equip, inspire and encourage these servants of God.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Since our last Ministry Update in September, we have:

1. Been visited by Cynthia Swindoll, and Brian Leicht (Vice-President of International Ministries) for the AGM and a board meeting.
2. Visited Jakarta to investigate IFL Australia providing assistance to begin broadcasting Chuck's program throughout Indonesia.
3. Been contacted by 395 people for the first time.
4. Distributed 4634 Bible-focused resources from 2458 orders.
5. Begun producing local videos for the Australian website.