

Australia

Perth

We held a time of prayer between 6 and 9 p.m. Western Standard Time. This was held in a local church, with 30-35 attending. The evening began with thankfulness for the blessed state of Australia e.g. peace and prosperity which then moved into an extended time of repentance for personal and national sins e.g. ingratitude, apathy, love of comfort. Much time was spent seeking an outpouring of the Spirit upon the church in Perth, and the world, with a consequent outflow of mission into the globe.

John Yates

Sydney

Praise God for we have 147 people attended the Global Day of Prayer. It was incorporated in our normal Sunday Worship. We are a congregation comprises Mandarin speaking immigrants from Mainland China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong and other South East Asian countries.

David Wong

Uluru Rock

On Sunday morning we joined with the millions of others around the world to celebrate the Global Day of Prayer. Another time of powerful, and colourful, worship, prayers for the salvation of the lost, transformation in the church, world transformation, and a special segment praying for children at risk. Again we were blessed by dance from the Vanuatu King's Kids, and a moving presentation from an Aboriginal group who drove across the desert from Kalgoorlie, WA to be with us. They shared with us, for prayer, the very real issues facing their people and especially the children – illustrated powerfully by their young dance group – a highlight of the morning!

We are so thankful to God for the privilege of being asked to coordinate "United at Uluru", and we want in turn to thank those ministries and networks who joined with us to make the weekend the success it was. I believe the Lord was pleased with the sacrifices that were made, the servant hearts of the many who laboured, and with our worship and our prayers. I believe this was truly a united event.

Bless you all.

Jane Mackie

French Polynesia

Just a few words to let you know about our prayer day. We were 85 peoples (adults, youth & children gathering in a Restaurant for prayer. Church leaders joined us in prayer. We believe that something has happened since.

Robert William Tua

New Caledonia

We were just a small group, 17 people in a small room. I sent the information out to other people but I do not know what they did. However, as far as we are concerned, we felt that the Lord moved powerfully among us and our time together was very good.

To give some context, most of the people present were intercessors who have been praying regularly for our nation for many years, with the usual number of obstacles and discouragements to overcome. In addition, the group represented most of the ethnic groups who currently call New Caledonia home. There were Melanesians, Europeans, an American, and people from the Wallis Islands, Tahiti and Vanuatu

This year the Lord has led us along a significant path. In March there was repentance and reconciliation between two major groups of Melanesians, the original inhabitants of the country. This was to prepare the way for a time of reunification with our spiritual parents, the English and a team of intercessors came out from the UK for that occasion in April.

This in turn was to prepare the way for a time of repentance and reconciliation with representatives of some of the Polynesian islands of the Pacific (Cook Islands and Samoa), because we had killed some of their missionaries who came here 150 years ago. This is something we knew we had to do but for several years there were

blockages, until finally we accomplished this. This was done on May 14th in Australia. The date is significant because it marked the 400th anniversary since Pentecost Sunday, 14th May 1606 when the Portuguese explorer, de Quiros, declared that the newly discovered southern continent should be called the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit. Other Christians were celebrating this anniversary on the same day in different places. On the same occasion we were reunited with our spiritual children from the Torres Straits Islands, because Melanesian missionaries went there from New Caledonia in 1871. All this was in obedience to the Scripture which the Lord gave us last year that the fathers should turn their hearts back to their children and the children back to their parents in order to prepare the way of the Lord.

After all this came the Global Day of Repentance on June 3rd-4th. This was a date which you set but which fitted in perfectly with the way the Lord had been guiding us since last year. So on this day four things happened:

- 1) The team who went to Australia in May reported back on what had happened and declared 'mission accomplished'. There was a time of thanksgiving for this spiritual progress and for the confidence that the Lord had now re-written our history and had lifted the curse of the blood of the martyrs which lay over our land.
- 2) There was a spirit of division which nonetheless tried to creep into our midst to distract us. This had to be dealt with and we are glad to report that this was successful and it disappeared as quickly as it had come in, along with the tense atmosphere which accompanied it.
- 3) There was a time of repentance before God, on behalf of the sins of the various nations represented in the room, but who now live in New Caledonia. This was a relatively short time but the Holy Spirit clearly moved among us, and the repentance was all the more powerful because of the tension which had immediately preceded it.
- 4) We had been guided to take this opportunity, after the work accomplished in the preceding months, to renew our covenant with the Lord, not just as individuals but also as representatives of our nation (the people from Wallis who were present, also represent the royal family of Wallis Island). A model covenant was circulated with more prayer. It was decided, however, to keep this model covenant before the Lord for the month to come, to prepare ourselves and to come back in one month determined to sign it and to celebrate together.

We have found that one act of repentance leads to the discovery of new areas where the Lord wants us to venture out in faith. During this same period we discovered that there had been some atrocities committed in the Torres Straits, also in 1606 when the Portuguese Captain de Torres killed some people and kidnapped others from one of the islands there. The people of this island only shared their dreadful secret history in 2005, but now on the 400th anniversary, 24th August 2006, they want to commemorate this event and put things right. It so happens that the Lord has put two people of Portuguese descent in our group and they are willing to try and do something, so that these sins can be covered by the blood of Christ and so that these people can be healed of this long-lasting spiritual wound. So, the 'day' of repentance will continue in order to bring blessing to other people in the Pacific region who are in need of it.

We pray that this report of what God is doing amongst us here in this small nation will be a blessing and encouragement to you.

Stephen Schooling

New Zealand

This is Caroline & Barry Timms reporting in from **Upper Hutt, New Zealand**. We had our Global Day of Prayer Meeting this afternoon from 2- 4 pm. Well, it was forecast that there was going to be terrible weather - snow, cold, wind and rain - of course it is our winter. We had no wind, light showers, not too cold, and definitely no snow. Some didn't come out because of the weather, but we probably had between 200 - 300. Awesome. We praised, prayed, waved flags and blew the shofar. We had a number of cultural groups from within our community who were spectacular, and led us in praise and worship in their way. It was a very full and moving time, and everyone that came, left really buzzing.

Thank you for the invitation to join you

In NZ we had 20 groups (that I know of) meet in combined church events across the country. Many more churches lead special prayer times.

In Auckland we had about 1300 people throughout the day to an open air event (despite the rain! and a forecast of thunder storms!) We finished with a youth concert. A highlight was the large contingent of Korean youth that blended so well with New Zealanders. The whole day brought Maori, Pacific Islanders, European Kiwis and Foreigners well together.

It was a good stepping stone, we had a short lead up. Next year will be much, much bigger.
Andrew Miller

Samoa

Greetings from Samoa. The service went as planned. This service was broadcasted on TV to the whole country. The service began with the blowing of the shofar followed by the parade of the flags of the nations whose people are in our church. This parade was to the song "King of Kings and Lord of Lords".

The Responsive Prayer followed and I made the announcements that 198 Nations in the world stand in unity in that prayer.

I Preached on the Gift of The Holy Spirit to the Church. The passage Acts 2:1-4 was read in 15 languages from the different nations. It was great day.

I have had phone calls from people who had been blessed with the service. We continue to look forward to seeing to this going to a higher level each year.

God Bless

Rev Nu'uausala Siasia Si'utaia

Vanuatu

From the island nation of Vanuatu, also called "South Land of the Holy Spirit" by captain De Quiros in 1606,

Young people gathered together on Pentecost Sunday at the **Independence Park**, in the heart of Port Vila, to join the global family in prayer for repentance and for Christ's healing of the nations.

These group of young people who took up the challenge were from the **Inter Church Youth** of the Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC), after they given the blessings from the chairman of the Ministers' (pastors') Fraternal to go ahead and organise the event . The Inter Church Youth is an inter-denominational body.

Even though it was a last minute program, God was faithful to His word as WORD-filled prayers were offered by young people though the PA system that touched the heart of my other young people present. In the program, there was praise and worship led by young people, prayers led by young people, and items such as dances and choirs. The photo below shows a dance group from the **Christian Revival Centre** who call themselves "Black Eagles" presenting a dance to Geoff Bullock's "Great South Land", as part of the worship. During the part where prayers were to be offered for the young generation, there was also the blowing of the Cone Shell (in place of the Shofar) - this was to welcome Christ as the King of Kings, and as a call to young people to rise up as willing soldiers in God's army (**Psalms 110:3**).

Jack Daniels