



# Douglas Dispatch



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Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me . . . for My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11.29-30

With so many of our prayer supporters receiving regular updates via email, it is sometimes easy to neglect the others of you who do not have this facility. So we apologize for the lateness of this Douglas Dispatch.

God is so good! We have seen a number of salvations since we've returned to Australia! Most of these people are not part of our church, but God's kingdom is expanding in other locations around Sydney.

We rejoice that we had our first family camp as a church. It was only one night, and much time was spent in planning sessions. We wanted to emphasize our vision statement and how it compares to a New Testament church—how can we do better as everyone gets involved? Pastor Sam led the discussions.

The Lord gave us a wonderful Sunday morning on the 16th of October. Exodus from Darkness, a ministry to reach Muslims around the world, came to our church. Our service had 22 visitors. There were 2 new couples from the neighbourhood and the rest were from regular attenders inviting friends. We are praising God for both groups of visitors.

The young Muslim lady that has been visiting also came. Because she was a little late she sat in the front row. The testimony of the speaker was very powerful to her. She said that she wants to "settle things by Monday night." Please pray for Coco's salvation!



This month we are celebrating Glorious Hope's third anniversary. We hope to have a barbecue lunch and celebration time in the park adjacent to the school where we meet on the 30th of October. Pray that this will be well attended by people from the community, who we are eager to reach.

Barb's broken leg is three months old now. It is healing slowly. She is finally able to drive again and has given up using the crutches. It is still sore and swollen, but the doctor says it will still take time to get back to "normal." With the greater independence again, Barb took on three Scripture classes in the public school this term. Pray that the gospel will be made clear to these 2nd, 4th and 5th graders.

Amy and Luke are enjoying school. They have just begun their last term for the year. They enjoy their friends and seem to be excelling in their studies.



We enjoyed celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary by a holiday in the Whitsunday Islands. The family had five days Of sun and sand, good food and relaxation, and beautiful blue water. The kids especially enjoyed the swimming pool and mini-golf.

As we approach 2006, we are anticipating a full schedule of visitors: Matt's parents and some friends of theirs visiting in March/April; a drama team from Western Baptist College performing for us as an outreach in May; Matt hopes to travel to the World Cup in Germany for outreach in June; Matt's sister and brother-in-law visiting in July; probably another ministry team in July/August. We are eager for the opportunities these events will hold for ministry and evangelism.

Thanks for your ongoing prayers. We are so blessed to be your servants here in Australia.

In His service,  
*Matt, Barb, Amy & Luke Douglas*

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[www.abwedouglas.net](http://www.abwedouglas.net)

**Praise:** Several salvations; Growth at Glorious Hope; Great special meetings; Barb's recovery; Progress in plans for next year; A good holiday away

**Prayer:** Discipleship of new believers; Church anniversary outreach; Good spiritual ministry impact; 2006 planning.

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