



HAPPY New Year 2026



WELL, WE FOUGHT, WE LOST BUT ... WE WIN.

Fishers of Men have been operating from our house on Underwood Road since the beginning, – now nearly 27 years. We have grown so that our home kitchen has more than doubled in size, but our output of meals for the homeless has more than quadrupled. We are stretched but able. A few months ago we received an invitation to apply for a commercial kitchen directly across the road from us and underneath the community hall where we usually hold our monthly meetings for the homeless on a Sunday evening. You might remember the picture?



With a walk-in fridge & freezer, storage & cooking areas – it looked just brilliant. The kitchen was leased previously by Meals on Wheels – with their peppercorn lease ending, we applied – many pages later; referrals; emergency plans; insurances; licences; everything you can think of had to be supplied within a limited timeframe. We got supporting letters from Meals on Wheels; our friends at LECNA; agencies we'd worked with for years and the Honourable Dr. Jim Chalmers M.P, evidencing that we were a local charity, cooking meals for the homeless and distributing those on the streets – of both Logan & the City. Even though we showed we would be happy to collaborate with Meals on Wheels and communicated verbally before the application that we would like to utilise the office space for an op shop/coffee shop, (which we were advised not to pursue) we were unsuccessful with our application.

So – we still cook more than 900-1000 meals a week from our home when directly across the road there is a perfectly good commercial kitchen we could have used (for a \$1 a year lease), which would have made our lives so much easier.

But you get that. We try to help these people and sometimes things go wrong; (did I ever tell you about the time Ronnie stole the van & keys? – it ended up in a carpark in Westend – he'd been sleeping in it), but we still loved him. So... just a small story – but I get it, Our guys cause trouble; but they are mostly still lovable – just needing a hand up. (Incidentally, one of our policies is not to accept anyone with child related offences into our program).

Ash would have worked over there 9-5 Tuesday – Friday. (looks threatening doesn't he?) we would have been able to have our lovely older ladies from Bethany over there, sorting the donations for the op shop (they look threatening too don't they?) and we would have had the guys there too – under Ash and another staff members supervision Tues & Weds arvos from 1-5 pm. They are scary.



Scary Ash

Scary Evelyn & Virginia

The Scary guys changing their lives

We did a risk assessment and strategy to ensure harm minimization. No blokes from the houses were going to be present when sporting events were on and when allowed on site, they were going to be fully supervised. But – not good enough – we were – not community enough, not collaborating enough, not using the kitchen as much as we could; and well; we just weren't right. Lisa Bradley, our local member said it would be a conflict of interest if she supported us in the process (she had the final sign off on the committees decision).

It's not that we haven't been refused because of "our guys" before... So ... we keep going. All through my life I've had the notion in the back of my head, that if we hold onto stuff too dearly, too tightly, we're in danger of losing it, but if on the other hand, we hold loosely to stuff, knowing that all came from God, all is going to God and should He require it of us – well, it's His anyway. Another niggling thought – we are to die to ourselves; take up our cross and follow Him. The whole "bless me" club hasn't been a cornerstone of our theology here at Fishers of Men and yet, He does. We can never outgive God. He has also promised; "I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, let your hands be strong" (Zech.8:136), and so we serve Him mostly without fear, with strong hands – and we are blessed to be a blessing. It is Him who saves us; and Him who then gives us the strength and wisdom to serve Him. All that we have, all that we are – He deserves it. No holds barred. Who is willing? He will bless those who pay the price... God gives us strength and trains our hands for battle. Despite opposition, despite knock-back ... ultimately ... we win ! - (Bobby & Branwen).

STREET VAN LOGAN

WEDNESDAYS ...

I have been the leader of the Logan Run for only a short while. We are a small team. Scott is regular and very appreciated as he is the one that both knows people on the street and was in their same position maybe 2 years ago. Cornelius, Andrew, Ethan, & Luke go out with us occasionally as has Jack. Wayne is a rock-solid Christian, a great connector and evangelist and readily prays for people. One of our newer team additions, Richard is from Burundi. He has a big heart for the people we serve, and can relate especially well to Africans, really empathising with them, he initially had great difficulties finding solid ground in Australia. Every second week Harbour of Hope accompanies us with a mobile community worker and a mobile nurse. They offer valuable assistance to people who are struggling. We offer our food, clothes, grocery bags, blankets, conversations and prayers, tracts and sometimes Bibles to people at Hugh Munz Park, Beenleigh Courthouse, Gould Adams Park and Woodridge Station. Many people are regulars, and we get to build relationships and a measure of trust with them. For some, we are the only people they see that are reliable, giving, trustworthy and genuinely care about them. We pray and believe that some might see a different Spirit in us and seek that Spirit for themselves. We present Jesus as the answer to our questions, the solution to our state of mind and state of life and as the key to our future. Being able to refer those who really want to change to a Fishers of Men Discipleship House opens a door for them to enter into the kingdom of God. Some do – Alex Reynolds

To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to men, that I might by all means save some.

~
1 Corinthians
9:22



STREET VAN CITY

JORDAN - city run Weds nights. The city run sees up go to Roma Street Parkland, while half the team takes a walk through the city. We then go to The Valley and do the same thing there. We hand out meals to anyone who needs them and pray with anyone who needs prayer.



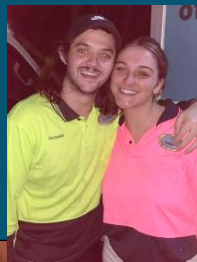
As we look back over the past year, we're amazed and grateful for all that God's been doing through our food ministry during 2025. This year our Logan Street Van has distributed approximately 17,280 meals, & 960 food parcels. Our Kids Run has distributed 3120 meals, & 768 food parcels in Logan with a further 2,080 meals being given in Logan. Our City Run has distributed 19,200 meals & 480 food parcels, with additional bread & fruit given. We have blessed anyone who comes to the door asking for a food parcel.

Overall this year we have given nearly 42,000 meals, over 2,500 food parcels, a tonne of fresh fruit and 2.5 tonnes of bread. Thank you to everyone whose donations of food, time, and finances have made this possible. Luke 6:38 - Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.



The Sunday Night City Run has been an incredible ministry this year. Zach and I have had the privilege of leading the team, though with the calibre of volunteers we have, it often feels like they're the ones leading the way. Most weeks the van is packed to capacity, with extra cars following behind, usually 15 or more volunteers ready to serve.

What makes this season so special is the team itself. We're blessed with some faithful, seasoned members who carry deep wisdom and experience, and at the same time we've seen an exciting influx of young adults who are stepping forward with fresh passion and boldness. It genuinely feels like a revival happening right in front of us, generations serving side by side, each bringing something unique and Spirit-led. It's been a blessing not only to share meals and the Word with our brothers and sisters on the streets, but also to grow together in Christ as a united team. Sunday nights have become a place of real ministry, real community, and real transformation. – Alicia Mearns



Jesus said that whoever hears his words and puts them into practice will be like a house built on a firm foundation (Matt 7:24). This promise of Christ has been repeatedly and consistently proven to be true in the lives of the volunteers that go on the fishers of men street van teams.

Newlife Brisbane a young, inner-city Church with a mission and vision to see more people more like Jesus in the Brisbane CBD and surroundings has recognised this phenomenon and have decided to act on it. In June of 2025 they set up a Newlife street team as a volunteering pathway by which members of the church could learn about the work done by Fishers of Men and the ways they could get connected to the team. Once connected, the team also serves as a way for members to come together and debrief, pray and praise God through the week post the city run.

The results have been great with the Sunday evening team being consistently full, allowing for our volunteers to spend more individual time with people on the streets ministering to them. The volunteers report having the presence of the Holy Spirit fill them while on the team with many of them reporting to have experienced a sudden burst of energy fill them on days where they felt too tired to do the whole city run. Furthermore, going out has been a fruitful training ground for members of the team to practice sharing their faith, catalysing growth in confidence which is helpful for sharing the word as well as stopping to help those doing it rough on the streets.

The team meetings have been great for reflection with members sharing their highs and lows of going out. This has been especially useful for the new Christians on the team who have just recently given their lives to Jesus. Through testimonies given by members of the team to their non-Christian friends we have also consistently had a few non-believers join the team as well. Watching the non-Christians pray and connect with us has been a great answer to prayer. Overall, we have been relishing the spiritual blessings of being obedient to the voice of God and just like Jesus said, serving is the spiritual foundation for all those volunteering.

- Caleb Muralidharan (Newlife street team leader)



26th September 2025 - Cherbourg Outreach

Our team prepared for the mission trip, praying, (very much needed) and planning on the Saturdays before. We drove up on Friday morning taking gifts, clothing and blessings.

On Friday afternoon we set up the hall in readiness for the outreach on Saturday. Satan was very active in the community because that morning, a young mother committed suicide which meant 'sorry business' for the whole community the whole day.

Four of us, Cornelius, Steve, Caleb and myself walked around Cherbourg carrying a cross and inviting all to the meeting.

The first house we came to, 2 men came forward and asked for prayer about what had happened with their sister. Corneliu prayed and I encouraged them with a tract "10 reasons why Jesus came" by John Piper.

As we walked around the suburbs, we continued inviting people. I noticed a teenage boy coming towards us, so I went over to him and invited him to come to the meeting. His name was Kaysiah and he did come along.

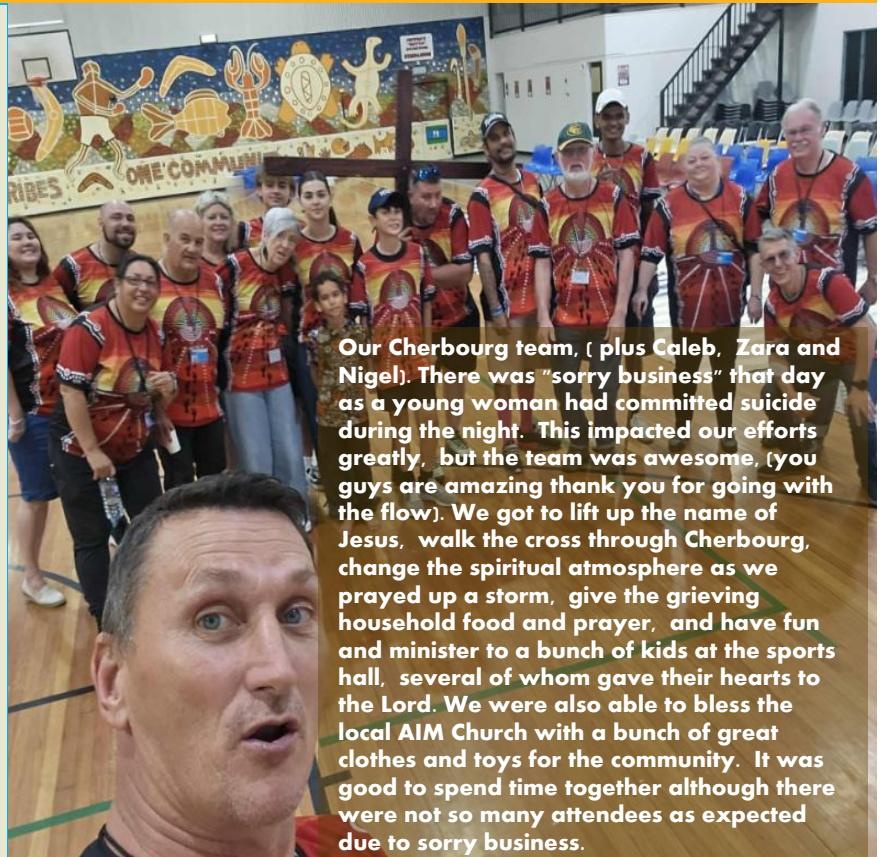
When the program started there were about 25 - 35 children there with a few parents. After playing games with the children, David gave a short message about Jesus. There was singing and worship led by Jason & Glenda, and a great BBQ.

Corneliu got talking with Kaysiah.

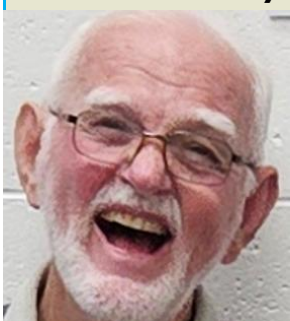
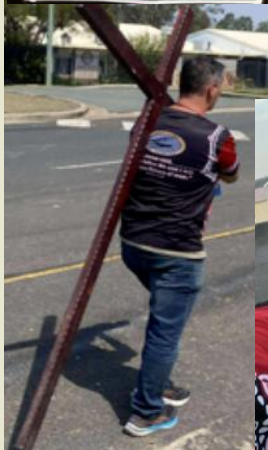
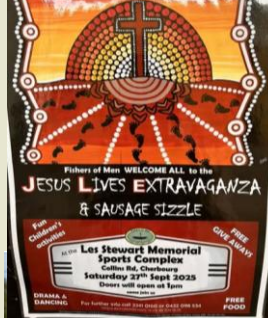
Corneliu was able to lead him to the Lord Jesus. He was so happy and excited & thanked me for inviting him.

David and Chrissy stayed on for another day and saw Kaysiah at the local Church. He wanted to be baptized, which was a blessing to know.

Another teenage boy also came to the Lord, the kids heard the gospel and had heaps of fun. Our prayer is that God would raise up the children, including Kaysiah within the community. With our God, all things are possible. Please pray for revival for Cherbourg and that the people of Cherbourg and Murgon would come out of the kingdom of darkness. Salvation is through Christ alone. He is our light. After the meeting, and clean up, we drove back to Brisbane. Our road trip had no problems, and God looked after us all the way. Praise God for what was done for his Glory ... John

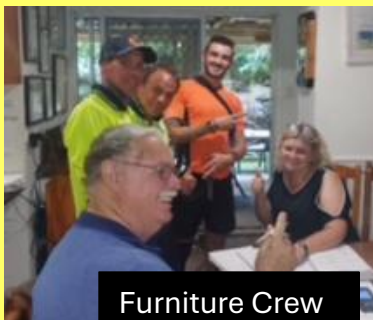


Our Cherbourg team, (plus Caleb, Zara and Nigel). There was "sorry business" that day as a young woman had committed suicide during the night. This impacted our efforts greatly, but the team was awesome, (you guys are amazing thank you for going with the flow). We got to lift up the name of Jesus, walk the cross through Cherbourg, change the spiritual atmosphere as we prayed up a storm, give the grieving household food and prayer, and have fun and minister to a bunch of kids at the sports hall, several of whom gave their hearts to the Lord. We were also able to bless the local AIM Church with a bunch of great clothes and toys for the community. It was good to spend time together although there were not so many attendees as expected due to sorry business.



Furniture

In the short time that I have been on the furniture run of Fishers of Men, there have been a few of the men, working with me on pickup and delivery. Roderick and Michael were a great team. Together we have made deliveries to various single parents, and victims of domestic violence. On one delivery to a single mother, the lady had asked for some furniture and toys for her son. When Rod and Mick opened the rear doors, the whole truck was full, from front to back with furniture, beds, side tables, lounge, large fridge, dining table, mats. The lady asked what was hers? When we said, "the whole truck load." She sat on the grass crying profusely thanking God, then hugged us multiple times. During the unloading, I made time to share and pray with her. When the load was in, including a fridge freezer, Rod, Michael, and I prayed for her. At that time when they prayed, we all felt her jolt, as if a demon came out of her. There have been many grateful moments like this, plus people eager to give what they can to bless this ministry. The guys have been able to witness and give their testimonies also. Is great to see the love of God coming through these men (even Ethan). - David Leet.



Furniture Crew



Furniture Shed

Garage Sale

The Fishers of Men garage sale report:
The Fishers of Men Garage Sale was a few busy days of gathering, sorting, and setting up – all in between bursts of rain, as we hoped the weather would hold off for the big day. Being our first garage sale, Adrian and I weren't quite sure what to expect. The first callers didn't surprise us, arriving bright and early at 6:30am, and from then on there was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. We would have loved to sell a little more but overall, we had a surprisingly good day. It was a great opportunity to meet people from the community, clear out some space, and make a few coffees for interested buyers. Thanks to extra helpers – some Fisher boys the night before dodging the rain and Zack and Alicia who helped out on the day! For our first effort, we were really pleased – and we've already picked up better ideas for next time. Tracey La Greca.



Adrian & Tracey



Kids Run

The Kid's run consists of four teams operating on a monthly roster system, with one team going out every Sunday afternoon. We bring meals and food parcels to approximately 15 disadvantaged homes with children living in Logan. These families have contacted Fishers of Men requesting help. The food is an in-road and it provides opportunity to share the Good News of God and the love Jesus has for them. In the main, it's the children who look forward to our visits they are the ones who come out to the gate and are eager to see us. We give them tracts talk to them, pray with them in difficult times and share the Gospel of Christ our Saviour. It's clear to us that the love their Heavenly Father has for them is something they are not generally aware of. At Christmas time, we give each child and adult in their home a Christmas gift and food hamper and remind them of the real meaning of Christmas. For some, Jesus has been only a cuss word and we can give them a new dimension of the meaning and understanding of His name. We trust in the Lord to water the seeds planted by our teams and that salvations will be the fruit, for His Glory. Blessings

Bob & Jan

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STAGE ONE



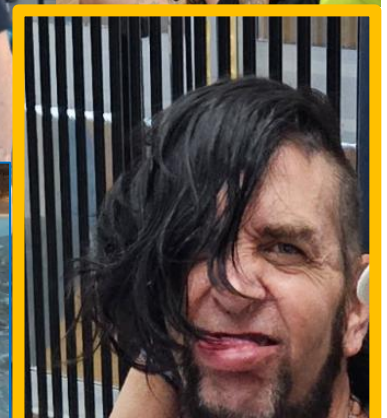
Confessions of a House Leader...

My name is John Martin and I have known Bobby & Branwen since 1997. Yes, we are ancient. I have been a full-time house leader since 2018 (leaving for a year to get some bills paid off). This ministry is where the rubber meets the road. Many of us can relate to others, but not many have lived a life of rejection and had the Lord turn it around for others to glean from. Volunteers come and go but the Lord is looking for people to stand out, good servants, bond servants, not do-gooders. Being at number 9 is like living in a house with 12 big kids some of whom are struggling with depression, anxiety, ADHD, some may be spoilt or selfish, unthankful, addicts, thieves, liars or murderers, it's not easy. We know that Jesus died for all their sins, past, present & future. As Christians, we try not to compromise, leading the men down the straight and narrow by example. Bobby has lived through this, Branwen lives with it, set free, all because of Jesus and His grace. I remind myself of His grace every single day. This is not a game as lives hang in the balance. I know four men who died because they didn't listen to the Lord. The world, drugs and unforgiveness are not the way to shape a man's life. Here at FOM, we endeavour to give them love. God's love involves self-discipline; correction and accountability to their brother's, family and leaders. Many a time Bobby has warned the men using Proverbs 12:1, about going back to their vomit. Some listen and some don't but I find that the ones who humble themselves after falling & come back a 2nd time, seem to realise that there's safety in numbers



and that unconditional acceptance and tough love is good for them. The houses have a regime set up of teaching, learning and quiet time each day, reflecting upon the Word of God, building good habits and releases, letting Jesus take control. We offer a safe place whereby the men aren't put down but encouraged to come up and try again, to do it the right way and express themselves with control, to be themselves. Each one has an allocated mentor. Most of the time, when the men feel safe, they will open up & just work like God intended it to be. They have set tasks to do around the houses and the ones that show kindness and love toward their brothers are the lambs, responding to the voice of Jesus. Some may not be ready but the seed is planted and the Lord makes them grow. – bless you all - John

It is time for John to leave his long term role in Feb'26. We are believing for an on-fire, live in house leader, who loves the Lord and is prepared to answer the call for full-time service. If that is you, give us a call on 0432098537 or contact : branwen@fishersofmen.org.au



I think the program is working rather well

Nigel's Testimony

743: The Stage 2 House

I was born on April 24, 1979, in Elizabeth, South Australia.

During the recession years of the 1980's, my parents, two sisters, and I travelled across Australia—Perth, Darwin, up and down the Queensland coast—chasing any whisper of work that's where we went.

In 1985–86, we lived in Gladstone for about two years. While there, I became close with some kids who lived around the corner. I'd visit their house most afternoons after school, on weekends, and during holidays. If the kids weren't home, their mother would still invite me in. Her walls were covered in scripture posters. She'd take me by the hand, read them aloud, and help me memorize and recite them.

I don't remember many of those verses, but John 3:16 stuck with me. One day, she led me through the sinner's prayer. That was my first real introduction to God and Jesus.

A few days later, I had a dream.

In the dream, I was riding my bike, full of joy. I saw my sister ahead and rode around her. Further up the road, I saw a man—seven or eight feet tall, dark hair, long beard, wearing a full-brimmed black hat. He looked like The Undertaker from WWE. He made me nervous. I turned back to warn my sister, but she was gone. I looked again—he had vanished. Then I looked down, and my bike was gone. I woke up screaming.

That dream was a warning of how my life would unfold. My sister represented family. The bike—my childhood. The Undertaker—the enemy.

In 1989, we moved to Brisbane and settled there. It didn't take long for my world to unravel.

A series of events hit me hard, and as a young boy, I didn't know how to cope. I started shoplifting, skipping school, smoking cigarettes, and getting into trouble with the law.

One night, after the police brought me home for running away, Mum and Dad sat me down at the kitchen table. They told me that if I ran away again,

I should keep running—because the door would be closed to me. I called their bluff and left after an argument with my father.

I stayed with a friend for a week and a half until his parents got tired of me and brought me home. I overheard my mum telling his mum, "We told him if he ran away again, don't bring him back. Take him to the police station—they can deal with him." That was the night before my twelfth birthday. My birthday present to myself was a packet of Winfield Reds and a bottle of Coke, sitting alone in an emergency caretaker house.

That moment marked the beginning of seven chaotic years—drug and alcohol abuse, violence, crime, youth detention, hostels, everything.

By 19, my will to survive had been stripped away. I received a copy of my birth certificate and noticed some dates didn't add up. I took it to my parents, and they confirmed I was adopted. That shattered me. Any sense of self-preservation vanished. In my heart, both family and God had abandoned me. I wanted nothing to do with either. The next two years were a blur.

In 2001, I was sitting outside Oz care in South Brisbane when a bus pulled up. A guy jumped out and asked if I wanted to go to church—there'd be food, music, and preaching. I had nothing else to do, so I went.

The pastor spoke about the prodigal son and how the father was waiting for him to come home. That message pierced my heart. I went up front and received Jesus as my Savior.

I looked around that church and thought all the bad was behind me. I believed it would be clear skies and sunny days from then on. I was sorely mistaken.

Life became a rollercoaster—hills and valleys, good times and tough ones. Because I hadn't learned how to deal with my issues, they kept resurfacing and knocking me down.

On New Year's Eve 2023, through a friend and by the miracle of God, I found my birth family. It started beautifully but collapsed by April.

Suicidal and out of my mind, I sat on my bed one night, crying and screaming out to God. I told Him I was tired. I wanted to come home. I'd had enough of this world. But God, in His mercy and grace, reached down and touched me that night.

The beautiful thing is—when I came to the end of myself, I finally gave God room to move in my life.

He reminded me of Bobby and Branwen Mearns from a church we'd attended years ago and told me to contact them.

Now, fifteen months later, I'm still here. And God has been blessing me abundantly.

My life is no longer my own—it belongs to Jesus Christ. His blood paid for my sins, and that's the reason I'm still alive today.

I'm looking forward to the next chapter—the victorious life Jesus promised if I stay rooted in Him.

Dead to self, alive in Christ. Started Bible college in July, and from there, the sky's the limit.

The difference between the man born again in 2001 and the man reborn in 2025 is this: I now know who I am in Christ – and who I am without Him. Blood-washed, Born again, Spirit-filled, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.





Love looks like early mornings at the carwash, late nights on the street runs, patient listening in the office, and friendships built along the way. What our volunteers have done for the least in our community, they have done to Jesus.

As I look back on this year, I'm deeply grateful for every volunteer who has given their time, skills, and care so generously. Together, you've shown Brisbane and Logan what love truly looks like, practical, faithful, and drenched in grace.

I pray that we would remember that the greatest gift we can give is ourselves, offered to Christ in service to others, there's always room for more to join in. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus. – Ashleigh Puth

Volunteers needed 

CARWASH

Thanks to the lovely believers at New heart who support the work of Fishers of Men both financially and with the space for a carwash on their Church grounds each Saturday. Fishers of Men is able to support

the men in our discipleship houses as they pay off their SPER fines and raise much needed finance to contribute to other areas of the ministry. Thank you NEW HEART. CARWASH – EVERY Saturday – 9am TO 4pm, 199 Rochedale Road, Rochedale. \$25 for a car wash; \$65 for a detail. Thank you for supporting our efforts as you get your car washed.

“GROWING DEEP AND STRONG”

Fishers of Men has been using this comprehensive course for years.

Peter Benson, Joe Dujmovic, & John Powell taught this Discipleship program before I started a few years ago when John needed a break.

This program is as its title states, it helps old & new Christians alike, to solidify their Christian foundations & equips them to be more effective soldiers in God's army. Of course, we are only fully effective when we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit on the foundation of 'The Word of God'.

Briefly, the four (4) 'Growing Deep and Strong' Teaching & Coaching modules are very comprehensive. They are designed to establish new believers quickly with strong Biblical Foundations. Also, to free us disciples from bondages/strongholds that have been established before we started our Christian walk, & help equip us to share the Truth with people we know, love and care about.

Module 1. – Laying the Foundations.

Module one has nine sessions, covering Biblical Foundation Principles.

Module 2. – The Power of Godly Character:

has nine sessions on “the Power of building a Godly Character” in our lives.

Module 3. – The War is Real.

This is focussed on teaching & equipping the disciples to pray for people they love & care for, who have not accepted Jesus as their Lord & Saviour yet.

Module 4. – Discipling others.

This is designed to help the men/people being disciplined, to develop leadership skills, be the priest in their home, and coach new believers, using Modules 1 & 2, so they can start leading small groups of Christians effectively, using these “Growing Deep and Strong” modules.

I am thoroughly enjoying the time I/we are investing in these young 'Men of God', equipping & enabling them to have a new solid foundation on which they can build their lives anew. It's a great training course. ... Laurie Thomsen

If you need further information please see ...

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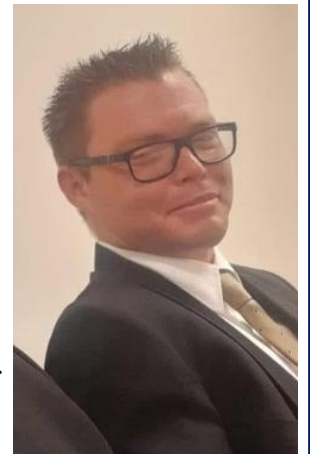


THE WALKERS - WALKING WITH JESUS.

Dear Wesley: everyone's friend, born the 3rd of May 1984, relocated to the arms of Jesus on the 15th July 2025. His passing impacted everyone who knew him, especially his dad, Wayne Walker. Wayne, a retired electrician and staunch non-Christian went to Balmoral Baptists Church café with Wes the week before Wesley died. Wes introduced his dad to Simmo and was trying to encourage his dad to seek Christ and go to church. A week later he was gone. The week after his death, Wayne was in church – seeking. We helped him with memorial arrangements, tried to assist in any way we could. Finally, it came down to it,

Wayne asked Jesus to forgive him and come into his heart. Branwen and Wayne were both crying as Wayne asked, “Do you think Wes knows?” Branwen replied with a “yes! And there's a party going on in heaven.”

Wayne has since completed the Alpha course at Balmoral Baptist, been water baptized, and is continuing fellowshiping at New Heart Balmoral Baptist with Joe and Monita and Stephen Copley faithfully picks him up each week. Nothing can bring back Wesley, but Wayne knows that one day he will see him again in heaven. What a glorious reunion that will be.



Simmo & Stephen baptising Wayne

Sunday Night Meetings ... Scary Presbyterian man

holds up crowd with scissors - ushers multitudes into the Kingdom



Korean with scissors scares the hell out of people

Korean man armed with scissors strikes terror in the heart of sinners

Hello, I am Yong, helping Fishers of Men with beauty service and evangelistic ministry. I am also affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, and for several years, I have always prayed, supported, and encouraged this gracious community. Our team was organized by the Korean Presbyterian Church to share Christ's love and the gospel with society's vulnerable and those in need. Specifically, through providing haircuts to the homeless and those facing hardship, we give them respect and love while sharing the life-giving gospel. I have seen many people return to the Lord, and I have witnessed their lives change. It is truly amazing and I thank God to see those who have suffered from despair, addiction, and sometimes illness become new creations as they meet Jesus and transform into volunteers and disciples. I can only give glory to God when I see them smiling like little children, saying, "Jesus is in me," when asked if they believe in Jesus. The worship and fellowship on Sunday nights are filled with the Holy Spirit and grace, and I can only glorify God for the numerous testimonies and the bright faces of the brothers, all thanks to this amazing work He has done. I am always grateful to Bobby and Branwen for their support and assistance to our less-than-perfect team, and I will always support their beautiful ministry. Christmas is approaching. Our merciful God has given us the wonderful Christmas gift of Jesus Christ in this world. We are sinners, and no matter how righteously and kindly we try to live, we can never be perfect, and we cannot attain salvation through our own righteousness. The wages of sin is death. Romans 3:23 states, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death." However, God loves us so much that He sent His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him will have their sins forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life. John 3:16 declares, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This is because God is a merciful being who desires even the wicked to be saved. Ezekiel 33:11 says, "Say to them, 'As surely as I live,' declares the Sovereign LORD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.'" I earnestly pray that God's wonderful gift of eternal life spreads widely across this land this Christmas. **Happy hairdressers heralding heavenly haircuts help hairy homeless**



On the first Sunday of the month we have continued to bus the homeless in for a meeting at Underwood Park Community Hall. With everyone welcome, there is a free hot meal, desert, tea/coffee etc, plus food parcels, clothes, bread, fruit & veg etc to take away. Lately there have been free haircuts on offer. We have been blessed by Jason & Glenda Hare's excellent musicianship, as well as a variety of guest ministries. Each time we meet, God shows up. "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just" [Luke 14:13-14]

Wedding Congratulations

Mr & Mrs
David & Chrissy Leet
8th August 2025



Thank You Everyone

There are a lot of people & organisations who make this work. We are grateful for you all & wish you life's richest blessings in Christ. What you do & have done touches countless lives for the better & makes a huge difference in the lives of many disadvantaged & vulnerable who are doing it tough. Thank you for helping us help them.

- The Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner & Mayoress Nina for their support & kindness.
- Paul Taylor – Betta Memorials.
- Anne St. Presbyterian – 200 meals a Month + volunteers.
- New Hope – 200 meals + volunteers
- Hayley & the Koorong Springwood Bookstore for provision of space and resources.
- Steve - Fresh on Allamanda – a blessing.
- Coles Rochedale;
- City Tabernacle Baptist Church
- The Churches of Logan.



A big thank you to: Faith Distance ed school & Citipointe schools grade 9 cooking class – both of whom have contributed meals, with faith also sending a group of students around to do a deep clean on 2 of our food trucks. Thank you so much guys !



Thank you Rotary for the swags



Fishers of Men was successful in a community benefit fund application to fix up our garage and go solar – all over the roof. Thanks to the generosity of Resinic, a particularly, community minded solar company, our purchase was matched by them so that as well as the best solar panels ever; we were able to get a 10 pack battery system to reduce our energy costs; and become more self-sustainable. Thank you Resinic! If you ever need solar – mention us, they will give you the best treatment ever, and we will get a referral donation from them. They really are an excellent company. No joke. Resinic phone number: 1300 755 487

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in..." Matthew 25:35



The Colosseum

Mearns Meanderings

The Trevi Fountain

Ephesus

The Vatican

The family announcement

GUESS WHAT??? We are going to be **GRANDPARENTS!!!** Yes, that's right – it's been a while, but Zoie & Ash are due with a little one in June... So exciting!!!

Also ... We have been married for 30 years! To celebrate, we recently had a blast travelling for about 4 weeks, thanks to our lovely team and Leonie taking over things while we were away – a real life saver. We had an amazing time of relaxation and exploring the world, flew to Athens on the 26th of October, spent 3 nights there exploring before hopping on board an Azamara cruise. This was a terrific way to spend a couple of weeks travelling the Mediterranean in comfort, while seeing as many new places as possible every day – (during the night – the boat would travel to a new destination). We went from Athens to Ephesus/Turkey; then Crete; Sicily; Salerno; Sorrento; Rome; Livorno; (Florence & Pisa); Nice & Marseille; before hopping off the boat in

Barcelona/Spain. In Spain, staying 4 nights, we enjoyed a Flamenco show and dinner on our wedding anniversary, saw some amazing sights like the Segrada Familia and Montserrat, before we hopped over to Lisbon – Portugal – (staying there 5 nights). On the return journey, we spent 5 nights in Singapore adjusting to the weather and the time zone difference, before landing back in Brisbane on the 27th of November.

I liked the medieval village of Eze in France – a walled city on a hill with a ruined castle overlooking the sea on a rocky outcrop. The history of the various places we visited from Athens with the Acropolis, to Turkey and the Biblical places of Ephesus; to Obidos in Portugal an ancient village, over 2500 years old still surrounded by old city walls.

Thank you
Leonie for
everything

I loved the ancient cobblestones of Sicily made of lava; the Basilica purported to hold the apostle Matthew's remains in Salerno, and I absolutely hated Turkish ice-cream. But that in itself was an experience. Who likes salep and mastic (the tree sap that makes it so chewy) – not me! Yuk. But anyway, we had a good time, and God was very good to us.

Back home – only 2 kids in the nest. Zoie & Ash are in their own place, as are Zach & Alicia; both married Mearns' children are doing well and having fun – it's good to see. Zara is amazing with various activities keeping her very busy; from work "Ressy care" to Uni/study; church – Favor – and social life – it's hard to keep up, and although she's technically 'home' we rarely see her. Taking life necessarily slow, Zeke has suffered from a sporting back injury, (slipped vertebrae & 3 herniated disks) which limited his ability to do sport for about 3 months – mostly, unfortunately while the soccer season was on; but Zeke has started his own power washing business, "Zeke's Surface Solutions", and begun a relationship with the lovely Sophie from Newcastle – one of his cousin Gabby's friends. God has been good to us and we are grateful for all of it, every step of the way.

– Bobby & Branwen

Merry
Christmas



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