

Emmaus Monthly

June 2005 Newsletter

Gatherings

The next Sydney Emmaus Gathering will be a welcome to the Pilgrims of Walks #102 and #103

When: Saturday 4th June

Where: Turrumurra Uniting Church.

Time: Pilgrims and Sponsors are invited to a Pre-Gathering Welcome at 5.00 pm.

The Community Gathering with a shared tea at 6.00 pm (please bring a plate of food to share)

Followed by the Worship Service at 7.00 p.m.

Speakers: Dennis Lyons and June Leadbetter

Spiro: Helen Edgerton

Walk Reports #102 & #103

MENS WALK # 102

When: Thursday 28th April - Sunday 1st May 2005

Men's Walk 102 was just awesome!

This walk was such a joy and privilege to have led, and the walk (like every walk) was a blessing and reflected so much of what Emmaus is all about.

This was due to:

- faithful praying by many people over several months
- a dedicated team with a servant heart
- support from the Emmaus community
- the work of the Holy Spirit

Every pilgrim experienced the Holy Spirit working in their lives through their three day journey, and all shared at the closing. Our Fijian brothers, both those from Fiji and those who are Australian based, also shared their journey, and affirmed from their experience on this walk, that Emmaus is right for Fiji. This really lifted our spirits, and although a lot of planning and preparation remains, we now have both feet planted firmly on that road to Emmaus via Fiji!

We also had a taste of the lovely singing by the Fijians as we heard special songs in Fijian and English, including *Amazing Grace*.

As the LD, I had a dedicated, committed team that set out to serve the pilgrims and also made my role so easy. My thanks are extended to the whole team and the Community for its support and service through the lead-up and over the three days of the walk. To the pilgrims, may you be encouraged to continue your walk through involvement in a Reunion Group and other Emmaus activities. I look forward to meeting you again at the Gathering on 4th June.

We now enter our fourth days, confident that we have all been strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit to walk each day with our Lord and Saviour and to serve Him.

DENNIS LYONS

Lay Director - Walk 102

Report for WOMENS WALK #103

When: Thursday 12th May - Sunday 15th May 2005

It was such a privilege and blessing for me to be asked to be the Lay Director for the second time, and I can say we all had a fantastic walk, and experienced God's grace in new ways. In spite of many team changes prior to the walk due to various circumstances, my thanks go firstly to a wonderful and dedicated team, which bonded so well.

The enemy did try and throw obstacles in our way before and during the walk, but the Power of prayer and the Holy Spirit prevailed, with the team and pilgrims experiencing that power on the weekend when we saw physical, spiritual healing and changed lives.

Each speaker brought something special to the weekend and shared openly and honestly and we were all challenged, uplifted and refreshed by the talks. My thanks to a wonderful group of spiritual director's who were committed, encouraging and sensitive, and gave of themselves sacrificially to both the team and pilgrims.

Our walk was a mixture of tears and moments of hilarious fun and was, I pray, a blessing to all. To see every pilgrim share at the closing was a confirmation of how special the weekend was, and it was an uplifting and blessed experience to the team and the community.

My thanks as the Lay Director go to a wonderful, loving and dedicated team and also to the community for the acts of service shown over the three days.

To the pilgrims I send my love and prayers that you will all continue on your fourth days knowing God's love and power in your lives. I look forward to seeing you all again at the gathering on the 4th June.

To God be the glory, great things He has done.

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JUNE LEADBETTER

Lay Director - Walk 103

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Future Walks

It is now time to start thinking about the next lot of walks. The dates are:

Mens Walk #104 - September 22nd - 25th 2005

Womens Walk #105 - October 6th - 9th 2005

This link will take you to the application form for both the Mens and Womens walk:

<http://www.sydneyemmaus.org.au/application.pdf>

Alarga Walk #106 - 30th March - 2nd April 2006

For further Alarga information click on this link: <http://www.sydneyemmaus.org.au/AlargaInfo.pdf>

And for a registration form click on this link: <http://www.sydneyemmaus.org.au/AlargaRego2006.pdf>

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