

Emmaus Monthly

June 2007 Newsletter

Commissioning of the Men's and Women's Walk Teams

When Saturday 9th June

Where Turrumurra Uniting Church (Turrumurra Ave, Turrumurra - car park entrance off Gilroy Lane)

Time 6.15pm BBQ - *we are going to supply the sausages and bread rolls
please bring a plate of salad and/or Dessert to share.*

7.00pm Gathering and Commissioning

Kitchen Pennant Pilgrims

You as part of the Sydney Community will help make it happen, through prayer, support and gifts.

TOUCH OF FIJI - GATHERING on 12 May Bula-Vinaka

What a wonderful event the last Gathering was. We were inspired, challenged and joined together in meaningful worship with about 50 beautiful Fijians from the Parramatta area led by Rev Veitinia Waqaba. Rev Immanuel Reuben from Fiji brought us the Fourth Day talk by DVD. He showed us some local farming footage to help in our understanding of the culture. Immanuel has attended Walks here and will be the key leader in establishing Emmaus in Fiji. His wife Grace and Sera who attended Walks in Sydney gave testimony to how the Walk to Emmaus brought inspiration and growth to their Christian walk.

Immanuel concluded his talk by referring to how meaningful Candelighting is as part of the Emmaus experience. Immediately after the talk the Parramatta Fijian young people brought us an action song meditation - with candles in their hands and the church lights off - it was very moving! And *we* didn't know or plan it!

Taking Emmaus to Fiji - like any new beginning it can't just happen! **You** as part of the Sydney Community can help make it happen, through prayer, support and gifts.

To support the Fiji Development Fund - send your gift to the Treasurer - Ross Swadling, 55 Pringle Avenue, Belrose NSW 2085

Womens Walk #110 Report

Our 3rd Training Day at South Turrumurra was very successful.

A very committed team was present and all enjoyed the four talks presented on the day. Please pray for more pilgrims for both walks.

Our 4th and last Training Day is on June 9th at Turrumurra Uniting.

Followed by a Gathering and Commissioning.

De Colores

Kay Dannenberg - Lay Director

Prayer for the National Secretariat

The National Emmaus Secretariat which is being held in the Dandenongs, Victoria from Friday, 1st June to Sunday, 3rd June. Sydney Community will be represented by our SD Peter Thomas and LD Bev Monk and Brian Jago will commence his term as National SD.

We need your HELP for the upcoming walks in the following areas...

Prayer

Can you remember on your walk when you were amazed at how many people had been praying for YOU? People that you didn't know, and also people from all around the world. Now it's your turn... We have the Men's and Women's Walks coming up soon. Go to the web site and select a time that suits you, www.sydneyemmaus.org.au - then click on the Prayer Vigil. Yours prayers will make a huge difference.

De Colores

Cindy Kingdom - Sydney Community Prayer Director

Kitchen

There are still many vacancies on the kitchen roster for the next two walks. Please put your name down to help and be a blessing to the pilgrims and team as you serve in the kitchen. Check the web for times and email me on kitchen@sydneyemmaus.org.au or phone 9452 3793

Tova Swadling - Kitchen Co-ordinator

Sponsoring

PILGRIMS NEEDED SPONSORS NEEDED ACTION NEEDED NOW

Time is fast approaching for the next **MENS WALK 28 June to 1 July** and **WOMENS WALK 12 to 15 July**. We need Applications - Men and Women, particularly MEN, to make the Walks a reality. The Teams are eagerly anticipating two great Walks. **TO-DAY** talk to the person you have thought of inviting or follow up a past conversation, encourage the people whom you feel would benefit from the Walk experience. **You will be blessed** by being a Sponsor. Again some folk from Fiji will attend as pilgrims and be on team. If you need help with what to do as a sponsor ring or email the Registrar - Elva Harris 02 9636 1381 Mobile 0407197 990 Email - registrar@sydneyemmaus.org.au

AGAPE - Gifts of Love

Just a friendly reminder to all the Reunion groups and Emmaus community people that the walks are coming up fast on:

28th June - 1st July 2007

Men's Walk # 109

12th - 15th July 2007

Women's Walk # 110

We need agape, so let's get our fingers busy and overwhelm the pilgrims with God's love. Remember how some of the agape touched you in some way during your walk?

Reunion groups please try to make about 4 different types of agape if you can. At least **50** pieces of each agape are needed for each walk, so that no one misses out. All contributions are welcome!

I would appreciate if you could let me know what agape you are doing and how many items as soon as possible. Agape can be delivered to me before the walk or no later than Thursday night of the walk in the Prayer Chapel at the Conference Centre.

Kim McCarthy

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OVERSEAS AGAPE

As reported in the last Newsletter an exciting request for letter Agape and prayer support was for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1 in **The Czech Republic** held 24 to 27 May. Team members were from the USA, 1xNorway, 1xSlovakia, and The Czech Republic. 15 Pilgrims were mostly Ministers. I look forward to news on how the Walk went. Women's Walk will be later in the year.

Maybe next year Emmaus Communities across the world will join with us in supporting Walk #1 in **Fiji**.

It never ceases to amaze me how **Emmaus Communities across the world** support and encourage each other. Letter Agape is so varied and meaningful.

Elva Harris - Overseas Agape