

What has God prepared for us?

1 Corinthians 2 vs. 9 – 10
“But as it is written, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,” nor has it entered into the heart of man, “the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

The three sources of human learning and knowledge are seeing, hearing and thinking. All of these fail to help us discover what God has prepared for those who love Him. This is because God has revealed these things to us, not by human effort but by His Spirit. This means that we can know what God has prepared for us, His will for us, and how we are to conduct ourselves. It shows that to know God’s will, we must know God personally and intimately and to allow Him to be God in us and to lead and direct in all areas of our lives.

He has revealed our salvation and that He is our Christian life and our future hope and now we no longer strive, but abide in Jesus Christ and enter into His rest.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Challenge produces approximately 1,000,000 papers per quarter and an average global readership of 5 -10 people per paper. The Challenge paper is having an enormous “Kingdom” impact and many people around the world are coming to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

The request is this: Will you please prayerfully consider financial support for the work of Challenge on a one off basis perhaps as a special church offering or on an ongoing basis? Challenge has seen a decline in support due to both the global financial crisis and the drought in Australia and this has placed enormous financial strain on our ability to continue the work already established.

There is much more that could be done as opportunities abound in many countries with many requesting the paper. We must focus primarily on the existing work and, as the Lord enables us in His timing, commence the new work.

We thank the Lord for your prayerful support of the work and all that He is doing through the testimony of Jesus Christ as recorded in the pages of Challenge. This is not about making the name of Challenge known but about making Jesus known and bringing the good news and hope of the gospel to a lost world.

Country profile: Australia

The Challenge team in Australia are Carl and Carolyn Carmody, John Palandri, Darryl Budge, Andrew Trezona, Bob Walker, Di Chapman, Tim Pearce, Charrisa Mitting, Roger Radbone, Pam Hayward, and Trish Wall.

Many have said that with the overseas interest Challenge should end the Australian edition and focus overseas. Our heart’s desire, like that of Paul, is to reach our own nation with the gospel. As a nation we have generally become increasingly independent and self

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sufficient, not realising the consequences of our thinking.

We are endeavouring to encourage churches and individuals to make a difference in the life of just one, and to prayerfully consider how they may share the gospel and how the Challenge paper may assist in this. Many churches have had fantastic responses to placing a Challenge stand into the local shopping centre or using them as part of a regular outreach strategy. This may include letterbox drops, handing out papers at play groups, craft groups, food and clothing hampers.

Our desire for the paper beyond 50,000/month is for the hope of the gospel to go out to all corners of our nation. Many today are looking for hope and they often turn to the new age material or to '-isms' and cults. We have the truth and the hope that Jesus gives in us, so how can we make a difference? Perhaps by just putting a Challenge paper into a waiting room or passing it on to a work colleague or neighbour.

PRAYER POINTS

- For Australia to see 75,000 papers to go out each month, with people praying specifically for the paper, for those delivering it and for those receiving it.
- Finances in general, the Australian office, for personal support and for South & Central Africa, South and Central America and India.
- The Impact Africa team is now finalised and 23 people will be involved from Australia. We are endeavouring to raise project funding for food, clothing and resources, please also pray for team safety and opportunities to share the gospel.
- Staff appointments, we are still looking for an Editor/Journalist and also a journalist to come into the work here in Perth.

PRAISE POINTS

- The success of the trip to the US of Carl and Andrew and for the opportunities to share the vision of the paper and to encourage our brothers and sisters in the Lord.
- The faithful volunteers who help wrap the papers, the regular writers who contribute to the articles for the paper and for those who give so generously towards the work of the Challenge.
- For our Partner Organisations who faithfully facilitate the production and distribution of the paper globally, as well as following up responses to the paper.

MY RESPONSE

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