



The CrossWave Tide is a newsletter that serves to facilitate communication among the leaders of CrossWave Global as we share a passion for the King and His Kingdom.

From around the globe – from South Africa to Japan to Zimbabwe to New Zealand and onto Australia – we pray,
“Our Father... Your Kingdom come!”

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Dearest Friends

This third quarter issue of 2010 addresses:

- SpringTide 2010, AFRICA
- Grant & Yuki’s visa news
- Brief outline of what’s in store for the Australasia “arm” of the ministry

(1) SpringTide 2010, AFRICA

August brings along with it SpringTide 2010. It is hard to believe it was only five years ago that two church communities, one from Johannesburg and one from Queenstown, gathered together in a small little hall in Bloemfontein and shared a dream for being involved in mission around the world; in and around Africa ... northeast to Asia and ... southeast to Australasia?

Back in 2005, when we trusted for churches present in ten cities of the world by 2010, the FIFA World Cup year seemed a long way away and churches in ten cities was a dream well beyond us. Well, the World Cup has come and gone and God has done amazing things with our “five loaves and two fish”. He always responds in accordance with our faith; to the blind men, Jesus said: **“According to your faith let it be to you”** (Matthew 9:29).

While, in one sense, we never reached ten cities, God worked according to our faith in ways we could never have imagined; enlarging the ministry in so many rich and life-giving ways through the partnerships that emerged with Shiloh in Durban, Petra and Riversong in Johannesburg and of course, Christ Ambassadors in Zimbabwe. And of course, in response to this vision, we have seen a whole new “arm” of ministry open up in Japan and Down Under – and this influence is affecting a whole host of cities in Australasia.

The question that is burning in my heart is simple:

What is our dream now ... what do we trust God for by 2020?

Of course, we see **“in a mirror dimly”** (1 Corinthians 13:12). Without question, by 2020 we will be marvelling at what God did ... in ways we could never have dreamed. But without a razor-sharp vision – without a clear and compelling God-given picture of a God-intended future – we will wander in circles ... we’ll **“cast off restraint”** (Proverbs 29:18).

What is in the heart of God for the ministry in Africa over the next decade? The needs are many, of course. The problems are huge, no doubt. The **"fields are white for harvest"** like never before. Yet all we need is a clear sense of what God requires us to do. For with His call comes grace and peace and joy and provision and ... all we need.

As SpringTide 2010 gives the African churches – with guests from Japan – an excuse to celebrate all that God has amazingly done in the last five years, let us open our ears and hearts to the sound of heaven; to the Lord's heart that **"none should perish"** (2 Peter 3:9); to **"the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?'"** (Isaiah 6:8).

We are a Kingdom, missional people – this is our legacy and our destiny.

The Kirkby Clan will not be with you in body for SpringTide but you can bet your last buck we are with you in spirit.

Have a blast!

(2) The Australasian "arm"

So much has happened this year and so much lies before us in the next three months. I'll point you to the last Aussie Update I sent to bring you up to speed with all that has happened to avoid being longwinded here. I'd like to try to simply outline what is ahead so that you can keep us in your prayers. (If you did not receive the last Aussie Update, please pop me an email).

Japan...

Grant & Yuki's visa has finally come through! Thank You Father! (You may remember that we notified you that their sponsorship was approved but the second step involved matching their visa applications to the sponsorship. This has now happened – at last!)

What a journey of faith and patience! The writer to the Hebrews wrote, **"imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises"** (Hebrews 6:12). We often remember the faith part and think that if we have enough faith, it'll negate the need for patience. Well, we have learnt again the value of both aggressive faith and enduring patience.

Grant & Yuki will be in South Africa for SpringTide to share their own story but I just wanted to again commend them for their faith and patience through this last year.

The Japanese church, and Justin and the core team specifically, have also been amazing; resolving to walk forward while occupying a "holding pattern" for nearly a year is not easy to do as a church community. Well done to you all – and our prayers are with you as now prepare for Grant & Yuki's imminent departure.

After their time in South Africa, Grant & Yuki will return to Japan for a couple of weeks and then depart for Down Under in around the second week of September.

New Zealand...

Although the plan is for Grant & Yuki to spend a few days in Melbourne, Australia to assure themselves that they have in fact arrived (!), we gear up for Operation: New Zealand right away.

A number of home churches, on New Zealand's North Island, have invited me to come and do a conference/seminar with them on the weekend of the 10-12th September. With this date firmed up, we aim to follow this weekend on the North Island with a break-through focus on Rob & Megan's home city, Christchurch, on the South Island during September.

Grant & Yuki plan to spend substantial time with Rob & Megan in September as we trust for significant "go-forward" in the work in New Zealand; while I will only be in Christchurch from 13-19th September, hoping to take Lorna and the children if possible.

Australia...

When Grant & Yuki then finally get the chance to settle in Melbourne, Lorna & I brace ourselves for a hectic October.

First off, is a return trip to the city of Adelaide (South Australia). This is to follow up the significant relationships we are building in this city. Tony Fitzgerald will be joining me.

Second, is a three day gathering of leaders from across the country in Cape Schanck (two hours south of Melbourne); a group of apostle and prophet-types that are strategising together to impact the nation – a privilege that I am still wondering how I got invited into.

Third, is a ten day trip to the city of Brisbane (Queensland). The first part of the time is our annual COTN gathering with people from Launceston (Tasmania), Perth (Western Australia), the Queenslanders and ourselves from Melbourne (Victoria). The second part involves a conference/seminar I've been asked to do with two congregational churches who are wanting to transition into a simple/organic, values-based church wineskin. There is also at least one simple/organic church that has asked to meet up with me too.

Of course, the work on the ground in Melbourne alone is demanding enough and once Grant & Yuki are up and running, we have some ground to break and some decisions to make. Not for the feint of heart or the short of breath!

If you want to catch up with one part of the action on the ground here in Melbourne, check the new tab on the website, "The Gathering" – which will give you a peep into what we're doing. Click here: www.crosswaveglobal.com/The-Gathering.html

Much love – and as they say in Japan: **Ikimashou!** (Let's do it!)

Craig

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