



"GO!" WORKSHOP QLD, MAY 2014

# Alliance Youth Australia

## Newsletter: Spring 2014

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## "GO!" Workshop, QLD!

by Henk Lee

On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Queensland had successfully conducted the first "GO!" Workshop. The aim was to provide the opportunity for QLD young adults to meet, learn and discuss practical ways where we can engage our community with the Gospel for Christ. In summary, it was enjoyable, empowering, as Peter Laughlin did an excellent job in facilitating the workshop.

When preaching the Gospel, understanding what to share and also how to live out the Gospel. What did Jesus preached and how to have a lifestyle that reflected the Kingdom of God. By studying Acts 2, we witnessed the power of the Gospel through both Words and Actions in particularly how it can impact and change the community. As a church, we discussed and identified what kind of community we lived in and what were the practical and strategic ways we can be the salt and light to them. It was really encouraging and positive to see both churches already have many existing ministries as well as coming up with new creative ideas that would reach out to their communities. Over these 2-3 years, we have noticed an exponential increase in the amount of young working adults (age 18-30) on

temporary working visa, living and working in our surrounding neighborhood. Being on foreign land, where friends & family are afar, experiences may lack, communication and culture pose barriers, many backpackers faces big challenges to survive and often suffers from loneliness, discrimination and unfavorable working conditions. How can we 'live and talk' the Gospel in ways that our contemporary community can understand and appreciate? Serve and love them, just as Christ has first loved us. The following is just an example where my church has actively engaged and leading the lost to Jesus.

This ministry called "Brisbane Backpackers (FUEL) Station" is a Christ loving family, a warm open home where people can find rest and be recharged, as we help meeting their physical and spiritual needs. brief overview, we:

- 1) Have weekly fellowship meetings & host regular outings & special events
- 2) Provide a platform for information exchange/sharing e.g. Job opportunities, accommodation... *Continued on Page 2*

## THE AMAZING MISSIONAL RACE MELBOURNE 2015

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# Vietnamese Leaders' Camp

by Nam Doan

Over the weekend of Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>, a few young leaders from the Vietnamese Alliance churches and a few from other churches, got together for the sole purpose of prayerfully thinking through and considering the issues of full-time ministry.

It has personally been on my heart for a number of years, to see a new generation of young Vietnamese men and women take up the call to full-time ministry. We have many good young people who are willing to serve and be leaders in the church but the call to full-time ministry does not appear to be something young people consider as an option.

I grew up with this thinking it was normal. However, God has been taking me through a journey now where I see this needs to change. It is for this reason, that the weekend retreat was put together.



*Ps. Nam Doan is the Youth Pastor at Kingsgrove and Agape Vietnamese Alliance Churches*

These young people were gathered together because God has put it on their heart to reflect on the issues surrounding full-time ministry. During the weekend away, Pastor Ying Yee (Milton's Point CCC) talked us through the issues of a realistic picture of ministry, the character and giftedness of the individual and the calling of God. Then Peter Laughlin took us through the necessity and benefits of undertaking theological and Biblical training.

It was a quietly reflecting on the serious nature of ministry and what it takes to get involved. Discussions, questions and prayer were aplenty as we submitted our time and lives to God.

From the feedback we received, we're looking to do this again next year. There is a big need in the Vietnamese churches and I'm so thankful that something like this can be organised to equip and encourage the current and future ministers of God's Word.



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- 3) Host FREE English lessons
- 4) Host Practical Workshops in partnership with our neighbouring business e.g. Car maintenance & buying used cars, cooking lessons, legal advises, and safety awareness
- 5) Network with other churches from other states, so if possible, as they journey into another place, they are continually surrounded and taken care of by Christ loving followers.

## "GO!" Workshop, Queensland!

by Henk Lee

Due to the nature of their work and lifestyle, Backpackers continuously come and go, and we just continuously to sow seeds and share the Gospel. In different seasons, our gracious God continues to supply us with different Christian backpackers whom also have the same vision and passion to be a part of this ministry and have utilized their gifts to really bless our local Church and the community. Though we don't always get to see the crops grow immediately, over the last 2 years we have witnessed countless lives changed or have later on seen them giving their life to Christ in another church another place. Many have returned back to their hometowns and have connected with local churches to serve and grow. If you also have the

burden for this group of people in your communities, you are very welcomed to contact me, as we would love to partnership with you and serve together in this big family of Christ.

Hopefully this GO workshop has encouraged, equipped and mobilised our young people to continually becoming the person that God has called them to be, feel their belonging in the big C&MA family, and believing and loving with conviction due to a deeper relationship with our Christ Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King. I would definitely recommend this GO-workshop to all other States as well as having a second follow up workshop in the near future.

*Henk Lee  
Team Member, Alliance Youth Australia*



## NEXT YEAR'S MAJOR EVENTS:

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**When:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015

**Where:** Meeting on the front lawns of the State Library of Victoria (Swanston St, VIC)

**Cost:** \$5 per person

**Who For:** Young Adults 18+

**Stay updated at:** [allianceyouth.org.au](http://allianceyouth.org.au) / [facebook.com/AllianceYouthAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/AllianceYouthAustralia)

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**IMPACT 2015!**

The National Alliance Youth Camp is back!

**When:** Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Where:** Melbourne, Victoria

**Who For:** Youth -18

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Save the date! More details to come!

## Alliance Youth Leaders' Prayer Meetings

by Peter Graham

Where has the year gone? It seems only yesterday that the Alliance Youth Australia (AYA) team meet for the first time for 2014 in April. At that meeting, we discussed where Alliance Youth had been, where we are now; and where we believed God was directing the ministry into the future. One thing that arose from that meeting was the conviction that we needed to do more to encourage communication and community between the C&MA youth ministries in their respective regions. The C&MA is not a collection of independent churches, rather a movement of believers who are passionate about establishing disciple-making churches that will engage in worldwide evangelisation. The youth in our churches need to know this and know that they are not alone, but are a part of a wider movement - a larger family.



As a result of this conviction, AYA over the course of this year has inaugurated a series of Alliance Youth Leaders' Prayer Meetings. The purpose of the prayer meetings have ultimately been to provide the opportunity for networking and to create and maintain relationships among the youth and young adult leaders of the C&MA. I am happy to say that as of September, Alliance Youth Prayer Meetings have been held in Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, two in New South Wales; and one upcoming in the A.C.T. I am also happy to report that each prayer meeting was well represented by youth and young adult leaders in their respective regions, with calls for further celebrations of prayer as leaders found them beneficial to their local ministries.



As Alliance Youth Australia continues to unfold plans for more Leaders' Meetings and other national events (such as the upcoming Young Adults Camp in October 2014; The Amazing Missional Race in February 2015; and IMPACT: The National Alliance Youth Camp in October 2015), I ask C&MA leaders and churches to continue to pray for and support the ministry of AYA. We can't do this work alone!

*Ps. Peter Graham  
Coordinator, Alliance Youth Australia*



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