

# GDAY- MISSION AUSTRALIA

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## Special points of interest:

- Sorry to not get a newsletter in a while
- A special Thank you to Park Central for 4 Boxes of Goodies from home!
- No students, but plenty of work on hand
- Thank you for your continued regular support.

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## Full On

MSOBS school's 41st year opened February 7th with the Graduation ceremony of our 2 full time students: Sam White and Satish Samuel.



Cricket isn't a bug over here. And this is NOT good form. Start up day 2009

Both have been exceptional students throughout their 3 year career here. And both plan, within a year to serve one of Australia's newest Mission points: Coffs Harbour.

Within 2 weeks our Monday nights at Macquarie restarted. I have the blessing of having taught this throughout the past year and a half. Previously we studied Romans and Acts in 2 term efforts. The topic this "Autumn" is called "Life in the SON: a study of 1,2 and 3 John". This is a 7 week series. Our first class, due to Tomya's Gumbo dinner before it, had over 30 in attendance.

Our largest class yet! We had not planned to start these classes until April, so have been quite pleased by the attendance!

## AND STILL ... FULL ON

One of the ministries we seem to have found ourselves in is congregational retreats. Last year, Tomya and I hosted some 5 retreats. We finished our first one of the year last weekend. It was our second one with the Eastside congregation, located near Bondi Beach. We leave for our first trip to Tasmania at the end of the month. This will be a 10 day effort. And we will travel in May to Melbourne for a Family Workshop and MSOBS series. One of the few blessings of no full-time students is the time necessary to develop the curriculum for each effort. We have 2 more planned in August.



# So what do we do when we have no students?

With the graduation of our (2) 3rd year students and our 2nd year student not returning for financial reasons, it would seem things would be a bit quiet. But basically we just went in a series of different directions. The first of which was taking on 3 part-time students. Andrew and his wife Karen and Hannah Satish (Our recent graduate's wife) all attend classes all day on Wednesdays.

Keep in mind we were mid-Summer here. There are many things to do other than Study. The preferred occupation in Summer is the Beach. Yet, our Monday night series and these 3 part-time students show the great potential of these good people!

February was also the rebirth of an Australian ministry training program called "STAMP". This has been the visionary work of the Gosford congregation. Their goal is to attract students aged 18-25 who would like both some career training and Biblical training. It is a one year program: 6 months as a student and 6 as a worker in a congregation in Australia or New Zealand.

I was given the privilege of teaching a one week series (finishing just this past Friday) on "How to study your Bible". The 3 students travelled to Macquarie and were all exceptional students. Who knows, maybe we'll see them again in a few years!!

## MY LAPTOP HAS BEEN RESURRECTED!

**Sponsoring church:**  
**Park Central church of Christ**  
**3901 Jimmy Johnson Blvd**  
**Port Arthur, TX**  
**77642**



**Ron and Edna Wallace**  
Sunset Graduates and early Evangelists in the Sydney area.

## Updates and plans

Our schedule is filled through mid August. Currently I preach some 3 or more Sundays per month for different congregations. We are quickly approaching our second retreat of the year. Going to Tasmania sounds awesome!

The Monday night classes will continue for a few more weeks.

Tomya led a "Teacher Training Workshop" this past weekend, hosted by the Macquarie congregation. At least 7 area congregations were

involved of the 12 in Sydney. All accounts show it was a very good effort.

Micah recently took her ACT test. She will retake in a couple of months. It's hard to believe that she will be 18 this July!! She's my baby!

Elijah, Kristen and Caden will be on Furlough in the states soon. Pray for their rest and refunding for their work.

Kenzie and her husband Matt still live in Memphis and are quite active in their congregation's Youth

program.

Daniel just finished about 8 months of Youth Internship in Tulsa. He just got a full time job in Tulsa, is active with Memorial Drive and hopes to start University in August.

Tabitha graduates from AIM this next weekend. She has a job in Terre Haute, IN and hopes to return to Lubbock to attend University this Fall as well.

Thank you for your Support, Prayers and Goodies from home!

We love you!