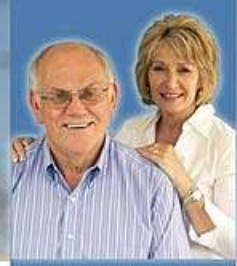


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for the cluster of tony & marilyn fitzgerald  
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## LIFE COMES AT YOU FAST

This is a phrase that is used in a television commercial here in the USA by an insurance company depicting just how quick circumstances of life can change. One moment everything can seem to be moving along peacefully and predictably when almost out of nowhere something happens that causes unexpected change.

This reality was emphasized to me on my recent return from Britain. The trip from the UK had gone very well. We had been upgraded to business class and had landed in Washington DC and boarded our flight for the short connection to Richmond a flight of only 25 minutes. Boarding was only a few minutes late and we were taxiing out to the runway. We were three planes away from take off and a short flight home when an announcement was made that we would need to hold as there was a large



thunderstorm between us and Richmond. This passed and we were again delayed because an airline had to make an emergency landing and all runways were closed. After this we were preparing for takeoff again

when the captain spoke to us and informed us that President Obama had flown into the airport by helicopter and Air Force One was about to leave with him for the Middle East, therefore all arrivals and departures were postponed.

Important Cluster Info/Dates:

Aug 5 - 11 Mission Guyana [missionguyana.org](http://missionguyana.org)

Sept 1-8 Honduras [vidadegracia.com](http://vidadegracia.com)

Sept 18-19 USA Leaders Baltimore, MD [cotnma.org](http://cotnma.org)

Oct 1 - 7 Nicaragua [flutemakerministries.org](http://flutemakerministries.org)

Oct 22-25 European Leaders Conference Plymouth, U.K.

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## LIFE COMES AT YOU FAST

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**A**fter all this cleared the captain then again spoke to us and said we would need to return to the terminal and refuel as we now did not have enough fuel left to get to Richmond. On return to the Gate we were again held as our gate was cluttered with other planes. Next there was a security alert on another plane, then a delay for a medical emergency occurred and we had to wait for help to remove a passenger from that plane. Back to the gate and further delay before eventually boarding the plane, and amongst the threat of further thunderstorms, we eventually left for Richmond. A 25 minute trip took six hours!

This was a simple inconvenience, not a life changing event; but in the days that we are living things are happening in lives that are changing, what should be a time of rest and peace, into trauma and anxiety. As governments desperately seek for answers and religion grows more irrelevant, one is continually aware that only the King and His Kingdom hold answers. We need this year more than ever to push through to find our kingdom principles not only influencing but changing the world around us.

An early phrase in our life of COTN was "Constant change is here to stay". How prophetic this is today. Can we handle the change that is before us and lead those that we are given to serve into the fullness of their destiny? Some are asking is the worst over or are we just in a lull before the storm? Good question! To look into this and other pertinent questions, I encourage each of you to attend at least one of our leaders times over the next few weeks either at the Round Table in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Baltimore USA, the European Conference in Plymouth, England or a Cluster time in Melbourne, Australia. The prophetic word that ushered in 2009 was that this year would not be a year of great harvest but would be one of repositioning and aligning ready for the harvest of 2010. From everything I can see this word is being fulfilled.

Can we handle the change that is before us and lead those that we are given to serve into the fullness of their destiny?

The rest of this year is vitality important as we hear, obey, align and prepare!

## Our Pulse in Melbourne

# Update from "Down Under"

Arriving in Melbourne Australia on 14 February 2009 was a coming together of 100's of hours of prayer and planning stemming back to October 2006 when Tony & Marilyn approached us about going to Australia.

During these 29 months we sought the Father's confirmation as a family and as a sub-cluster of churches and then planned our extraction from the leadership of the Southern Africa ministry. It was a remarkable effort by many people to grow in the grace of God, releasing us to go to Australia during what turned out to be our most fruitful yet challenging season as a sub-cluster.



Being welcomed by Tony & Marilyn at Melbourne airport, after a thirty hour plus trip, was such a moving and perfect way to end one season of our lives and begin the next. While we certainly boast in our God, the Source and Sustainer of all things, we are so grateful for every person involved in this astounding venture.

We begin our fifth month now in Melbourne and marvel at how the Lord has gone before us. We had anticipated a slow start, bedding into our new city, before the action would kick off. No chance! In these few but God-filled months, the following has transpired:

- It has been our pleasure to formalise the first simple church in Wayne & Gillian (Marilyn's sister) Knott's home in a suburb called Frankston, approximately 50 minutes drive south of the Melbourne CBD.
- We have been invited to serve on the steering team of a group of churches and ministries who have a heart for revival in the city. This contact was facilitated by Tony and Lorna & I have been received by them in the most delightful way. We are now helping this group put together a workshop on simple church planting as we trust for a move of God's Spirit across the city. Through this relationship we have been able to offer our counsel and minister into several simple church situations.
- We have also enjoyed wonderful favour in the home school network we have joined. Most notably, we are now helping a Luther pastor and his wife, who we met through the network; launch a simple church in their home.

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## Our Pulse in Melbourne

### Update from "Down Under"

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- Through an amazing display of God's favour, we are now actively involved in Melbourne University serving in an outreach into the University's nightlife culture and we've also just started a discipleship group on the campus.
- We have been able to build significant relationships with people who don't know the Lord through my soccer and through the children's ballet activities.
- On a personal note, we have been overwhelmed by God's provision and favour. Arriving in Melbourne, we were able to stay in a furnished apartment just off the inner city for 3 months, the perfect spot to fall in love with this fantastic city. Within a month, we were given a car to use indefinitely by our Lutheran pastor friends. Then as our 3 month stint in the apartment came to an end, we found the most beautiful home to rent, within 12 kilometres of the city centre – the very first place we looked at!

These unbelievable months have given us the opportunity to prepare for the work and challenge to come. We sense a 'lostness' in the people of Australia we have not felt in any other country we have had the privilege of ministering in. We need the Lord's love and power to see lost people saved, leaders trained and many, many simple church communities birthed in which the Father's heart can be embraced and true community enjoyed. As we base ourselves close to the inner city, we are trusting to be a catalyst for the advancing Kingdom of God as simple church communities start all over the greater Melbourne region, where these 'safe place' communities become the 'launch pad' for Kingdom exploits...whether that be around the block, or around the world; across the street or across the seas!

We now trust for Grant & Yuki Willems' arrival from Japan by November to serve with us in team. We have always felt that it will be crucial for a team to seize the "open doors" God has clearly opened here in Australia.

All because of Jesus,

Craig, Lonna, Hannah & Jenna



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## COTN VALUES

VALUE: AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS (OPENNESS, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY).

IN THIS DAY AND TIME WE LIVE IN, AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS, INCLUDING OPENNESS, HONESTY, AND INTEGRITY HAS NEVER BEEN OF GREATER IMPORTANCE. WITH THE INCREASE IN ONLINE COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL NETWORKING OVER RECENT YEARS, WE HAVE TO BE EVER DILIGENT AND INTENTIONAL IN MAINTAINING THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO US, EVEN IF THERE IS A COST.

THESE ONLINE "TOOLS" WE HAVE AVAILABLE CAN BE VERY USEFUL IN COMMUNICATING AND SHARING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES, BUT CAN NEVER REPLACE THE INTERPERSONAL, SIT DOWN AND HAVE A COFFEE OR A MEAL TOGETHER RELATIONSHIPS THAT GOD INTENDED US TO HAVE. WHEN WE "BREAK BREAD" TOGETHER WE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE AUTHENTIC, OPEN, AND HONEST, THAN IF WE ARE HAMMERING AWAY AT A KEYBOARD SENDING MESSAGES INTO CYBERSPACE.

JESUS SAID IN JOHN 13, "BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER." THERE IS AN AUTHENTICITY, A TRUTH, AND A REALITY THAT THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR. LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON "WHAT WE VALUE," VISIT [WWW.COTN.ORG](http://WWW.COTN.ORG).

## WALDSHUT, GERMANY

Hedwig and the leaders of the Waldshut church have decided to align themselves with a German Apostolic Network and therefore will no longer be an official part of the COTN family. Hedwig and the leaders have felt the need to relate to people geographically closer and of the same language. Although saddened not to have them as a part of the family, it is understood. We remain good friends and Tony plans to visit with them at the end of October.

# STONY & MARILYN'S Schedule

## USA

AUG 20 – 22      Charlotte, NC      Leaders Summit (Rick Joyner)

## SOUTH AFRICA

AUG 28 – 29      Cape Town      Ken Turner's Cluster Leaders  
30      Durbanville      El Shaddai Church  
SEP 1 – 3      Port Elizabeth      COTN Leaders Round Table  
4 – 9      Port Elizabeth      Harvest Christian Church

## USA

SEP 14 – 17      Charlotte, NC      Apostolic Round Table  
18 – 19      Baltimore, MD      Cluster Leadership  
26 – 28      Lititz, PA      Dove Ministries Intl.

## CANADA

OCT 2 – 4      Toronto      Dove Ministries

## TURKEY

OCT 9 – 17      Antioch      Apostolic/Prophetic Round Table

## U.K.

OCT 19 – 22      Plymouth      COTN Apostolic Council  
22 – 23      Plymouth      COTN European Leaders  
23 – 25      Plymouth      COTN European Conf.  
26      London      Louis Els Cluster leaders

## SWITZERLAND

OCT 29 - NOV 4      Switzerland      Public Meetings

## U.K.

NOV 6 – 8      Coventry, UK      Elders & Leaders Conf.(Gareth Duffey)

## AUSTRALIA

NOV 20 – 22      Melbourne      COTN Cluster/sub Cluster Leaders

## COTN EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

PRAYER KEYNOTES *from Joan Blandford, Intercessor*

### INSIDE OUT

TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,  
A FIRE MUST BE KINDLED  
WITHIN YOU, CHANGING  
YOU FROM THE INSIDE OUT  
LUKE 3:16-17 THE MESSAGE

22-25 OCTOBER 2009

COTN EUROPEAN CONFERENCE  
PLYMOUTH, SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

#### The conference will be:

A time to seek His face firstly for ourselves, for a touch of the Holy Spirit to bring us in line with His mind and power.

A time to find His plan and purpose for each of us individually and our place in COTN and then outside.

A time to catch a fresh glimpse of His Kingdom vision.

#### Please Continue to Pray:

For Mike Davies of Inspiration in Okehampton Devon U.K. who has overall administrative responsibility for the weekend.

For the worship team as they prepare the music and begin to practice.

Many have already booked in, but we need to see the remaining places filled. Pray that no-one who should be there will be missing for whatever reason.

There is still a need for a team to lead the children's side of the Conference. Please pray for the people of God's choosing to be available for this special ministry.

Fall 2009

# Leadership Conference

Baltimore, MD



CHURCH OF THE NATIONS  
INTERNATIONAL

Friday, Sept 18, 6:00pm thru Saturday, Sept 19, 3pm

Register at [www.cotnma.org](http://www.cotnma.org) (you must log in to register)

Book your own hotel, 99/night incl breakfast:

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Linthicum, MD 21090

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Saturday, Sept 19, 7:00pm

Let us know if you are intersted in joining  
a group for the game at Camden Yards.

