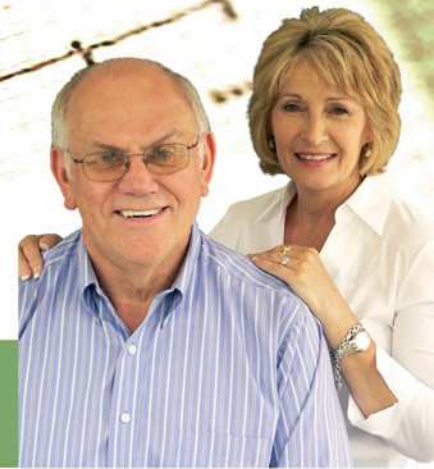




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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

from us to our Cluster family around the world!

This has been a very rewarding year for us as a Cluster and it has been a joy to see and hear of the fruit of your lives. We are thankful the way in which you embrace the servant heart of Jesus and keep a strong kingdom focus.

In a card we received recently were these words, "The heart of a servant is the sanctuary of God. Thank you for having a heart like Jesus, willing, obedient, faithful." These words were encouraging to us and we pass them on to be an encouragement to you. You are appreciated! Our prayer for you is in Psalm 31:16, "Make Your face to shine on Your servant."

### *Looking Ahead >>>*

It was prophesied for 2008 that it would be the year of "Open Gates." This became a very wide declaration across the Body of Christ and one which we embraced in our COTN family.

I would encourage all of us to take a little time at the closeout of this year to reflect on the year's journey and to define what gates we have walked through individually and corporately and how these steps have prepared us for 2009.

This year has seen both tragedies and great victories in the Body of Christ and has caused many to question, reevaluate and refocus. Remember two things from the scriptures about this kingdom. Isaiah said, it would know nothing but increase and the zeal of the Lord would perform it and Jesus said, "This kingdom suffers violence". As the gospel of the kingdom is increasing on the earth, we need to be continually aware that the Lord is performing something wonderful but it is a war we are engaged in.

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## Looking Ahead >>>

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In 2009 we will hear an even clearer call to kingdom culture, discipleship and intentionality.

Marilyn and I will continue sharing at cluster times on lessons learnt through this year and we believe that God will enable us to have the protections in place to allow us all to play our parts in this kingdom in a way that honors the King and releases His values.

Enjoy the Christmas season as we remember the birth of our Savior and King!

Love,

*Tony & Marilyn*



## CLUSTER MEETINGS / COTN CONFERENCES

Date	Region	Location
2009 Jan 9 - 10	Europe	London, UK
2009 Feb 14 - 15	Australasia	Melbourne VIC
2009 March 11 - 13	SA COTN Conf.	Durbanville, WC
2009 March 27/28	USA	Carthage, MO
2009 June	Africa	TBA
2009 September 18/19	USA	Richmond, VA
2009 Oct 22 - 25	Europe COTN Conf	Plymouth, UK

## PRAYER ALERT!

Craig & Lorna Kirkby and daughters plan to relocate from South Africa to Melbourne, Australia around the end of January. Craig is apostolic team leader of Crosswave, a sub cluster of our cluster. They will be planting in Melbourne and growing our cluster life out into Australasia. Their visa applications are now lodged with the Australian government so we ask you to pray for a speedy approval so their move can proceed on time.

Thanks for your prayers!



# COTN VALUES

IN EACH HEART COPY, WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING ONE OR MORE OF THE CORE VALUES OF COTN. THESE VALUES CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT [COTN.ORG](http://COTN.ORG) OR IN THE COTN VALUES AND PROCEDURES MANUALS (ALSO KNOWN AS THE COTN BLUE BOOK, WHICH BY THE WAY WON'T BE BLUE ANY LONGER) WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REPRINTED.

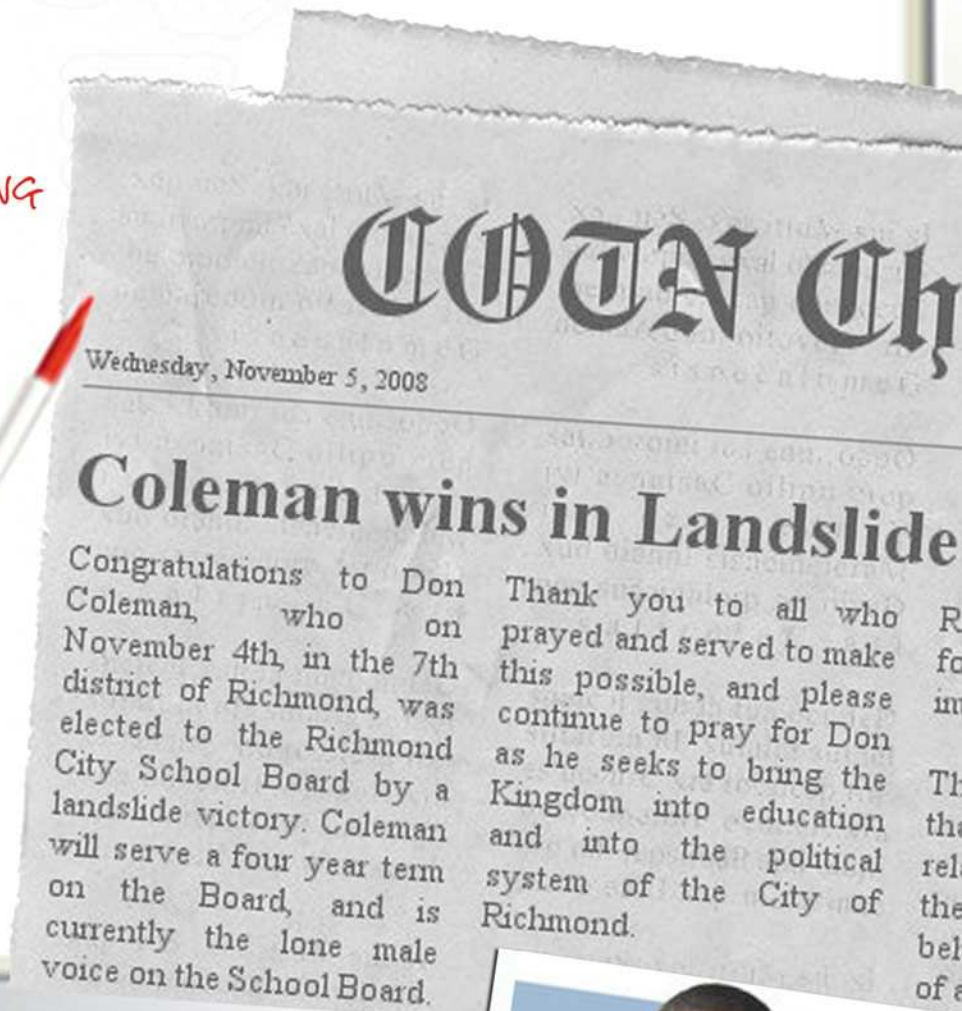
THE BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING AND EMBRACING OUR CORE VALUES MUST COME FROM AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT WE BUILD FROM RELATIONSHIP TO STRUCTURE, NOT THE REVERSE.

THE FIRST OF THE VALUES WE WILL BE LOOKING AT IS "ALIGNMENT."

THIS IS WORKED OUT PRACTICALLY IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- CHRIST CENTERED LIVES EXPRESSING THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST
- APOSTOLIC ALIGNMENT
- ACCOUNTABILITY (BEING UNDER AUTHORITY RELEASES AUTHORITY)
- THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL FATHERS AND SONS
- EXPRESSING THE FATHER HEART OF GOD

IN THE COMING YEAR, MAKING SURE WE ARE PROPERLY ALIGNED WILL POSITION US FOR SUCCESS!



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# TONY & MARILYN'S SCHEDULE

## USA

### January 2 - 4

Jan 2	Richmond, VA	Celebration
Jan 4	Richmond, VA	I.T. Intentional Training

## U.K.

### January 8 - 17

Jan 9 - 10	London, EN	Cluster Leaders
Jan 11	Bridgewater, EN	Cluster Celebration
Jan 12 - 13	Okehampton, EN	Various
Jan 14 - 16	Bath, EN	Apostolic Round Table

## AUSTRALIA

January 21 - March 2	Schedule being finalized
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## USA

### March 6 - 8

Mar 6	Richmond, VA	I.T. Intentional Training
Mar 8	Richmond, VA	Richmond Churches

## SOUTH AFRICA

### March 8 - 22

Mar 11 - 14	Durbanville, WC	COTN S. Africa National Conference
Mar 15	Capetown, WC	
Mar 16 - 19	Stellenbosch, WC	Apostolic Council Meeting
Mar 19 - 21	Johannesburg, GP	
Mar 22	Johannesburg, GP	King's School 25th Anniversary

## USA

### April 3 - 5

Apr 3	Richmond, VA	I.T. Intentional Training
Apr 5	Richmond, VA	Richmond Churches



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# OUR PULSE IN INDIA

“NEVER UNDERSTIMATE THE POWER OF A GIFT OF THE SPIRIT”

Just over a year ago I was having a meal with a friend and his family in Iceland who told me he sensed from God that he needed to go to India and the trip was something to do with me.

I had known this man since 1977 when our lives touched on the island of Westmanner. As a powerful agent for God in the marketplace, he is used strategically for the advancement of the kingdom and has learnt to be obedient to the promptings of The Spirit. We agreed together for God's purpose in this to be made known and towards the end of 2007 he and his son traveled to Goa, India.

While praying in Goa as to the reason for this trip they met a pastor. During conversation my name was mentioned and the pastor said that my friend needed to meet his co-worker Anita from England. When they met, Anita related the story of a word of knowledge I had over her life in 1988.

Since last year I have had contact with Anita and her pastor, Matthew. Anita writes, (slightly edited):

*Dear Tony,*

*I just wanted to tell you what an impact you had on my life and how God used you to use me when you prayed over me back in 1988 in Camelford, Cornwall when I was a new Christian. It was the first big meeting I had ever been to and I was sitting at the back. The prophecy was spot on!!!*

*At the time I just wanted to run....I doubt if you remember but God said I would be living in India helping Street Children.*

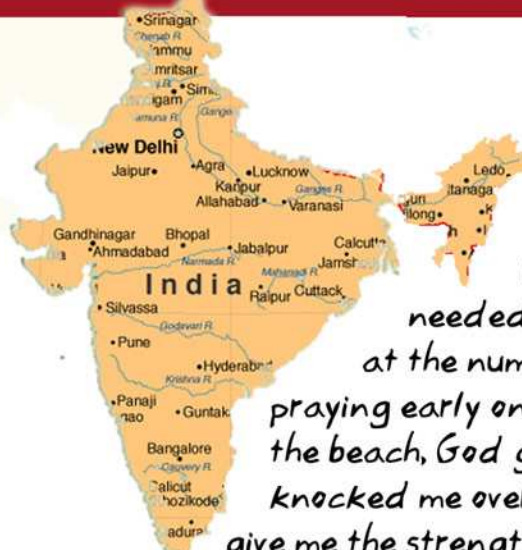
*At the time I was driving Aid trucks with four people from Kens Church to Romania...I moved house and Church after a year as my nursing job changed. On and off for 10 years, as well as nursing for the British Nursing Agency all over the world,*

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# OUR PULSE IN INDIA [...CONTINUED]

I was driving trucks to Romania, Albania and Bosnia. Now I realise that was God training me. My daughter told me in 1996 I needed a holiday and booked two tickets to Goa, India. I was appalled at the number of Street Children and poverty behind the scenes. While praying early one morning just as it was getting light going along a road towards the beach, God gave me a vision to open Homes for these Street children. It knocked me over, I asked God three things, first IF it was from Him, He would give me the strength to do this work as I was 50 then, 13 years ago; then I asked Him to bring the right people to help me, finally I asked for a confirmation as I was a real doubting Thomas.

I went to the beach that day and in a beach shack was a young man serving soft drinks. He had no customers & I noticed he was reading a NIV study bible the same as mine and in English. Well that Sunday he took me to his Church and at the end of the meeting Pastor Matthew said its so nice to have a foreigner with us, please come up and say a few words to my congregation so I just shared the vision. Pastor Matthew then said God had given him a vision two years before that someone from England was going to come and help him. (the confirmation I was looking for) He had no money, only been married for two years, had a three week old baby and 43 in his congregation (AOG) (now we have well over 1000) Matthew felt I was his God given link. I said I will walk with him in faith and do as God asked. Together we started the Charity, El Shaddai Street Child Rescue. We started with 15 children in 3 rented rooms. Today we have over 2000 children all over India. All details on our website [www.childrescue.net](http://www.childrescue.net)

Matthew, Julia his wife and I all live together with their two children ages 12 and 9. We have 4 Residential Childrens Homes in Goa, 4 Shelters, 2 community Centres, feeding programmes and many other Homes, Shelters and Projects all over India plus a Bible College, and have planted a Church every year.

Tony, we are praying you will come over and preach in our Church, visit all the Homes and Shelters, meet the children, after all if I had not come to that meeting in Camelford this may never have happened; only God knows.

With my love and prayers,  
Every blessing

Anita

