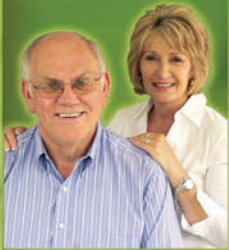


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makarios cluster newsletter



In this edition of Heart Copy there are a number of articles of real importance that I am sure will inspire and encourage you as you read about Kingdom life within our cluster.

Celebrate!



Marilyn and I wanted to use of our section to make special mention of and honor our dear friend Joan Blandford as she celebrates her 80th birthday on August 13.

Joan has been a personal intercessor for us for over 25 years and also for our Cluster life and international family of COTN. In the early days she coordinated prayer internationally and more recently for our Cluster. There have been so many battles fought over the years that Joan has won in the place of prayer. So many times that we have called on her, not giving her specific details, and she has heard the clear word of God into the situation.

Joan, you have always been a part of our personal family and are loved by our girls who have always known you as Aunt Joan. As a whole family we love and honor you and are very thankful to God for putting you in our lives.

Happy Birthday from us, our girls, their families and all your friends around Church of the Nations.

Tony & Marilyn

**Important
Cluster
Dates:**

**Sep 11
COTN
Prayer Day**

**Sep 15-19
Makarios Training
Center Launch
(See page 6)**

**Oct 20-23
COTN N. Hemisphere
Leaders Conference
Calgary, CA**

**Apr 18-20
COTN SA Conf**

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THRILLING SUCCESS IN BETHLEHEM!

In Cross Rhythms May newsletter, CEO Jonathan Bellamy wrote of “an astonishing opportunity [that] is opening up for [Cross Rhythms].”

“For more than 2 years we have been running a one-hour show on one of the local FM stations [in Bethlehem] and through this our contact has built with many leaders in the city.”

A few months back, the possibility arose for Jonathan to go to Bethlehem and meet with Arab Christian leaders to explore Cross Rhythms serving the people of Bethlehem with a radio station.



In May, Jonathan along with Chris Mountford, made that trip, and reported that “every single one of the 11 leaders [they] met were fully supportive of [the] vision: they embraced it, endorse it and most want to be actively involved!”

“I am so excited at the sense of the favour of the Lord over this venture, and the doors he has flung wide,” Bellamy states.

He and Chris when to “check the lie of the land, get thoughts [from these local leaders] on the idea; and [they came] back with a possible location, technician, presenters, producers, local news, strategic programmes, high profile marketing, local church endorsement and a board of reference!”

Cross Rhythms has positioned themselves, through their dynamic model of community radio, to be multiplied across the globe. You can read the latest developments in an excerpt on page 3 from their June newsletter, as even more doors have opened.

Please consider partnering with CR in any way you or your churches might be led. They truly are “Advancing His Kingdom.”

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BETHLEHEM - THE LATEST

Response to the Bethlehem vision has been so encouraging. A huge thank you to everyone who has got behind this venture so far! We have now pulled together a small Board Of Reference made up of Bethlehem city leaders, and we have heard that the possible location for the station near Manger Square is currently being re-decorated before we view it. We will assess it soon. We have also begun approaching potential trusts for support. No sooner have we got the ball rolling with Bethlehem however than this happened...



INCREDIBLE THAILAND

Out of the blue someone we knew in Thailand contacted us to say they'd met the Chief Exec of the main local radio station in the Chainat area and they'd be interested in running a radio show with Cross Rhythms. The next week we had a Skype conference call and suddenly we find ourselves about to run a six-month-long trial programme to go out every Saturday night. The station covers 7 provinces and we've discovered it's the Thai equivalent of the BBC! Plus the Chief Exec has said that if the show goes well she will pitch it to the national office for a possible national slot! How amazing! Not only that but we have found a young man in Thailand with a passion for God who is perfect to broadcast the show live every week. He will present it in Thai and make it relevant for local Thai listeners.

AN INDIAN AUTUMN?

Clearly God is wanting to expand our borders this year. In addition to Bethlehem and Thailand we have also been approached by church leaders in Warangal, India, to help them set up a Cross Rhythms station for their area too! At present we hope to make a trip to meet with these church leaders in the autumn to evaluate the opportunity, in a similar way as we did with Bethlehem. What is fascinating is that Bethlehem is predominantly Muslim, Thailand is Buddhist, and India is predominantly Hindu. The Cross Rhythms model of radio is unique as it can stand up and engage in the marketplace of everyday life, even within those of a different worldview!

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We are continuing to find ways and means of improving communication and for those means to reflect and represent our values and heart. We will be more regularly posting news and happenings on the web, but we need to hear from you. What exciting things are happening in your neck of the woods? Drop an email anytime. jason.pascale@cotn.org

Also you can find event and conference info, dates, missions info, blog postings, free resources, resources for sale and more!

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The Purple Veil

Back in the mid 90s, Kerry Cole (co-founder of Cross Rhythms) wrote the poem The Purple Veil and immediately set about presenting it as a stage show. Employing the choreographic skills of Paula Hocking it fast became a well-received amateur production.

When Kerry Cole presented The Purple Veil at the Cross Rhythms festival several years ago, even leather-clad bikers unashamedly broke down in tears at the universal message of the human heart's quest to find pure love.

Having teamed up with graphic artist Billy, here at last is the book version of Kerry's intense poem accompanied by stunning illustrations.



www.thepurpleveil.com

LIVING UP TO OUR NAME...

Most of you are aware of the tragedy that happened on the evening of May 22 this year in Joplin, MO. An EF5 Tornado tore through the heart of Joplin leaving a 6 mile long by three quarter mile wide swath of complete devastation. Thousands of homes, hundreds of business, destroyed. 153 lost their lives, many more were injured, and even more shattered lives and dreams. The stories of tragedy are numerous.

However, in the midst of tragedy, there is always opportunity. Opportunity to serve, to love, to help put lives back together. In order to seize opportunity, there must be preparedness.

BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One To Another) Church, an integral part of our Makarios Cluster located in Carthage, MO, which is the next town over from Joplin, have been in preparation to answer such a call. BYKOTA has a "Disaster Relief Team" who were equipped and able to respond immediately to serve where needed, and were on the ground in Joplin the evening the tornado hit and then for the ensuing weeks following the tragic event.

At present, BYKOTA is now hosting volunteer teams from around the country coming to help with the cleanup and rebuilding efforts. Contact us for more info on this.

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LIVING UP TO OUR NAME...

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Hats off guys for all the efforts, for living the Bible and bringing the Kingdom to Earth, as it is in heaven.

Not only has BYKOTA been involved with the Joplin efforts, but for the last two years have been very involved with the Carthage Dept of Public Works, cleaning up and serving the people of various communities within Carthage, saving the local government literally hundreds of thousands of dollars.

People often say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, everyone that I have talked to that has been to Joplin say that the pictures and video can't even begin to show the magnitude of what happened. Nonetheless, have a look at a few pics below.





MAKARIOS Training Center

"Advancing the Kingdom through Fathers and Sons"
(A four-day training course)

Tony Fitzgerald

Thu, September 15 - Mon, September 19, 2011

Makarios Training Center ▪ 951 W. 52nd St ▪ Carthage, MO

Course: \$99/person

Accommodation (optional): \$150/single, \$199/couple

(Thu - Mon, special arrangements may be available for registrants arriving on Wed.
Accommodation at the Training Center is limited and offered on a first-come, first served basis)

Meals (optional): \$100/person

(Thu dinner - Mon breakfast)

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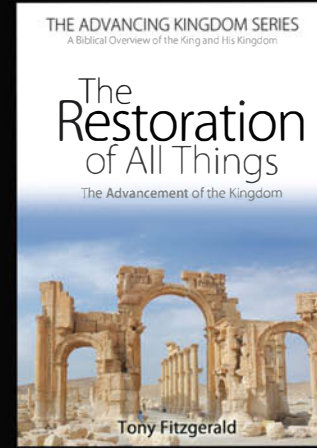
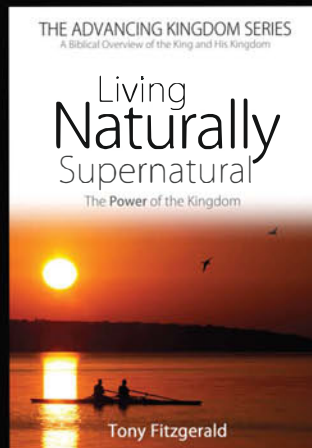
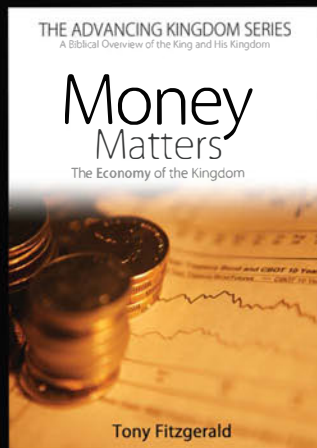
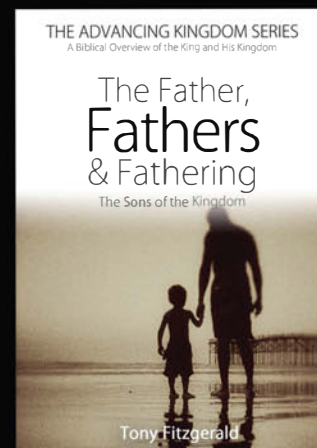
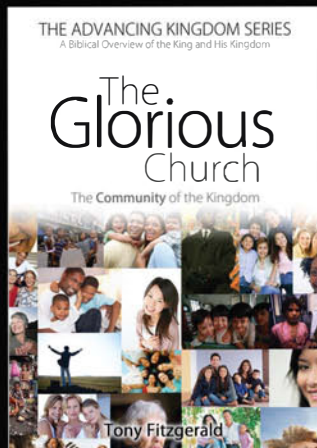
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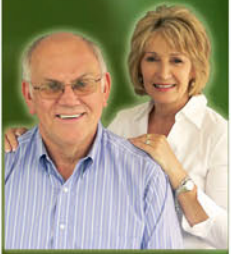
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TONY & MARILYN'S *Schedule*

SOUTH AFRICA

AUGUST 17 - 30

AUG 19 - 23	Johannesburg area	New Creation & sub Clusters
24	Jeffrey's Bay	Victory Christian Church
25 - 29	Durbanville	El Shaddai Cluster & Church

Ongoing schedule will be updated in September

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