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My journey in gospel ministry

Hullo Ken,

I hope this finds you well. I am well and growing in appreciation of the goodness of God to me in his son Jesus and in the joy of sharing this good news with others. For the last six months I have had the privilege of sharing the gospel with members of Living water church in Redfern, a suburb of Sydney and so I thought to give you an update on my experience of ministry there.

For those who don't know, Redfern is home to a large population of the indigenous community and our church was started with the hope of reaching all members in Redfern but especially the Indigenous community there. It was started in 2014 by an organisation called Evangelism and New churches. Since 2014, the ministry has grown to have a Saturday church service, a Tuesday men's fellowship, a Wednesday women's fellowship, a community drop-in on Wednesday evening and a youth group on Thursdays.



All of our midweek ministries are primarily evangelistic with the goal of connecting with the community and sharing with them our lives and testimonies of the goodness of God to us in Jesus. Of the midweek ministries, I have mostly been involved with the youth group. Our typical youth group evening starts with us collecting teenagers from their families around Redfern in our Jesus bus, we might then visit a swimming pool or the beach or play touch footy (the favourite by far) for an hour, have a feed and listen to a brief gospel talk. We then pray



I sometimes attend the Wednesday community drop-in where any one from the community comes to share in a meal and fellowship with members of our church. There is usually an opportunity for our guests to hear a testimony from one of the members of our church and we also have our church band playing gospel music in the background.



We have only recently restarted a young adults Bible study after the community drop-in on Wednesday. The young adults in our group serve in various ways at church and it's good to have time to encourage each other in our walks with Jesus. We are currently working through Paul's letter to the Galatians and wrestling with the relationship that Christians have with the Old Testament law. The group also gives us a chance to train those who are willing on how to run a Bible study and to pray for each other week to week. This is my first weekly Bible study group since coming to Sydney and I am loving every bit of it.



But it hasn't all been study and work. In the last couple of months I joined a salsa class with a bunch of college students. It's been a lot of fun and revealed that am not as good a dancer as I thought. But I have persevered and we have now advanced to the intermediate level. I plan to keep going, so watch this space. **Click on the photo below to see a short video of our salsa classes.**



Please be praying in thanksgiving for the work that God is doing to reach our community in Redfern and especially through Living water church. Thank God

ministers and volunteers and the many churches around Sydney that support us financially. We have a fundraising dinner coming up on the 27th of October, please pray for generosity among God's people to keep supporting this great ministry in Redfern. Also pray that God will water and grow the seeds of his word that we plant in the minds and hearts of the people he brings to our doors. Please pray that we will continue to be good witnesses of the gospel and of the sure hope we have in Jesus, to our community in Redfern.

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