



C3 CARLINGFORD INDIA TRIP

By Sophie Botta, C3 Carlingford

From the 9th- 18th of January, eight people from C3 Carlingford were privileged to go and serve God at C3 Pune. We had the time of our lives as we went to serve, help out, teach, preach and minister. We experienced God's hand of protection, healing, safety and faithfulness all the time. We had the opportunity to run and participate in a youth conference called Shockwave. It was all about encouraging the youth to rise to their calling, be all that God wants them to be and to start a shockwave of salvation and freedom throughout Pune and then on to India.

We went into a village and city school where we taught and hung out with the kids, ran music and sport electives. We taught them about fire safety, we did teacher training and taught them Aussie slang along the way.

We partnered with the youth of C3 Pune in a big outreach music concert. We saw God move powerfully in the hearts of the people and saw at least six salvations. It was a great night of lifting God's Name high and worshipping Him.

India Youth Mission Trip January '09 was when we saw God move in a country where some of the team have never been before. We saw people rise to challenges, we saw schools blessed, people's lives changed and transformed and we got to see God bring freedom and salvation.



C3 Carlingford India Team at C3 Pune



C3 Carlingford Team at Agra Fort

THE VISION THING

By Ps. Richard Botta

Vision is a buzz word that so many use, yet is often ill defined. What you mean by vision may be entirely different to what another person means by it.

Many leaders recognise the importance of a well articulated vision, clear, concise, a rallying call, but it can be quite difficult at times to 'get your hands on one'!

Over the years I have heard lots of terms like mission, purpose, values, and strategic intent, but rarely has anyone given me a satisfactory way of looking at vision that helps me sort out this morass of words. I have found it very frustrating!



Projecting a vision, and thinking in a visionary way have been around since man first inspired others to collaborate with them on another project. The bible uses statements like, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

For those of us charged with developing and articulating vision the pursuit of clarity can absorb too much time. We know a great vision once it's in front of us, but we can find the pursuit of 'the vision' an energy drain.

Leaders pursue vision because we understand that a clearly articulated vision:

1. Attracts and builds commitment and energises people;
2. Vision creates a sense of meaning and purpose for those following it;
3. The inspirational component of vision lifts us to a standard of excellence;
4. Effective vision spans the past, the present and the future.

One of the most important things to understand about vision is that the seeds of your future are found in what you have already been doing. To think you will radically reinvent yourself, your church, or your organisation so that NOTHING is recognisable of the past is to deny the work of God to get you to where you are now. He has been forming you, working on your character, skills and anointing to prepare you for your future. So look at what He has been doing, what seeds, seedlings and small trees exist in you for your future.

"The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating." Says futurist John Scharr. We have already been creating our future! So if you are having trouble defining your visionary future list what you have been doing over the past number of years and your 'vision' may just become clear!

Pastors' & Leaders' Training Week

Dates: 4-8 May 09

City: Hyderabad, AP

Who: All Pastors and leaders in South Asia

Purpose: Training for Pastors & their teams.

Contact: southasia@cccclarlingford.org.au

C3 South Asia Conference

Dates: 3-6 November 09

City: Hyderabad, AP

Theme: 'Leaders Living Life Well'

Who: All Pastors, leaders & teams in South Asia

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Updating Statistics on the Website

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