

## C3 DARJEELING'S NEW SERVICE

C3 Darjeeling held their first English speaking service on 1 March with 9 people attending. Ps. John & Carlin Mangratee reported that 'it was a great time'. They pray that God will add new believers to this new fellowship. C3 Darjeeling's Nepali fellowship is doing well with 4 congregation members being baptised on the 1 March. Their English service starts at 9 am followed by the Nepali service from 11 am.

C3 Darjeeling also visited the house fellowship they care for in Dalsingpara, on the Indo-Bhutan border on the 14-15 February. They were encouraged to find this fellowship doing well with a new convert, Priscilla taking water baptism.

Ps John & Carlin ask that we continue to remember C3 Darjeeling in our prayers.



Ps John Mangratee leading worship at C3 Darjeeling's new English speaking service



Congregation Members of C3 Darjeeling's new English speaking service

## INSPIRING WORSHIP SERVICES

By Ps. Richard Botta

What makes a worship service inspiring? That question is answered by people quite differently but most often it comes back to five elements that are non-negotiable.

1. Practical and enjoyable sermons
2. Children's ministry
3. Easy to bring visitors along- WOW factor
4. Music that helps connect us with God's presence
5. Service touches me emotionally – I feel inspired and positive

As a result when we design a Worship Service we need to have these elements in mind in an intentional manner, not simply achieve them by accident.

### PREACHING

Taking time to hear God on what He has to say to our people each week is a critical element of the role of the pastor. It is not to be taken lightly or one to use short cuts on.

Here's a few quick tips:

Start with prayer.

Have clear outcomes for people to apply as a result of what you preach - 'how will I be different as a result...'

Receive feedback from people to test if you communicated effectively.

Listening to other preachers it helps with ideas on style and content.

Preach themes, preach variety, preach with the season, preach the Word

Length – don't go on forever

Focus – what are you trying to achieve

Work hard at improving your skill!

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Concentrate on building a great Children's Ministry as parents want to know their kids are going to grow in their faith. A strong children's ministry is one of the most powerful attractions of a church.



## WOW FACTOR

Why will someone come back to your church? If you cannot quickly identify your WOW Factor(s) then they won't come back!

Is it the Presence of God, Strong Teaching, Powerful Worship, or A Great Sense of Community? Build on your strengths, don't neglect your weaknesses and make sure there is a WOW impact on your visitors!

## MUSIC

Make sure your music helps people connect with the presence of God. A big sound is only good if you can sustain it week to week and it actually enables people to worship. The point of your music is to release praise and thanksgiving. It should be culturally relevant and aimed at younger people because this is the generation who make up the growth edge of your church.

## EMOTIONAL TOUCH

Going from a service sensing you are loved, accepted and forgiven by God, connected to Him and His people and enabled to live life well for Jesus means the service has been all it was meant to be!

That sense of peace and comfort is important from the Holy Spirit and we need, as far as we are able, to ensure this is the result of the service.

Don't think being emotional is fleshly - it isn't. God made us with emotions - they are part of God's good design in our lives!

## 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

Contact: southasia@cccclarlingford.org.au

## Pastors' & Leaders' Training Week

Dates: 18-22 May 09

City: Hyderabad, AP

Who: All Pastors and leaders in South Asia

Contact: southasia@cccclarlingford.org.au

Cost: 2200 rupees

Purpose: The training week is designed to train Pastors and Leaders in Leadership and Ministry Skills and to further the mission of C3 Church in the South Asia region - namely the planting of churches.

Topics to be Covered:

(The Training will be presented by Senior Pastors of C3 churches in Australia)

Leadership: Ministry and Leadership distinctions; Vision Casting

Ministry: Moving in the Spirit; The Prophetic; Preaching; The Presence of God; Prayer; Praise & Worship

Team Building: Afternoon exercises in your leadership team.

## Updating Statistics on the Website

Updating your church statistics each month is an important aspect of being part of C3 Church. These statistics should be input within a week of the end of each month. It's a simple process; just log on to the C3i Global web site [www.c3iglobal.org](http://www.c3iglobal.org) input your email address and password and then put your stats in. Your assistance in this greatly helps!

## Contact

Ps. Richard Botta

Regional Overseer C3 Church

South Asia

southasia@cccclarlingford.org.au