

Shadwick Shananigans

December 2009

A lot has happened since our last Shananigans. We thought the best way to give you a feel for the second semester action would be with some photos.

Wintercon: Resurrection (20-24 July)



▲ Matthew, the tall guy in the middle, comes from a Catholic background. He became a Christian this year.



◀ Andrew ("Bootesy"), second from right, served faithfully all year as NCS student president.

Please Pray...

- Thank God for raising our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, and for our hope of a new creation.

- Pray that students would live in light of God's ultimate plans and purposes for the universe.

- Thank God for Andrew, and the many students like him who work so hard to proclaim Christ at uni. Pray that he and other graduates would persevere in Christ and glorify him with the rest of their lives.

"The Ultimate" Mission Week (17-20 August)



◀ Daily free food events like *the ultimate pancake brekky* gave us many opportunities to meet and speak with students.

Martin briefs about 25 students who volunteered to do walk-up evangelism. Jeremy (3rd from R) is a 2008 graduate who turned

▼ up especially for this!



240 students crammed into bar on the hill on Thursday night to hear a talk about *Jesus & the Ultimate Sex*.



- Praise God for the initiative students showed in campus mission this year.

- Pray that more and more Christian students would be encouraged to proclaim the gospel boldly.

- Many Aussie students live with a kind of settled apathy toward Jesus. Ask God to be merciful, to forgive their indifference, and to raise them to new life.

◀ Rhys, seen here on *the ultimate bull-ride*, met a Muslim man at the Thursday night talk. He has continued to speak with this man ever since.

- Pray that students who come to Newcastle as Muslims would leave as believers in Jesus.

God-sent evangelists from Germany!

Catharina and Steffi, two students on exchange from Germany, have been a great blessing to Newcastle. They have an infectious eagerness to meet with other Christians and read God's word. What's more, both are fearless evangelists, who keep inviting other international students to hear about Jesus.



◀ In September we followed up mission week with a *Life to the Full* dinner series in our lounge-room. Catharina and Steffi both brought guests.

Many students wanted to hear more. In October and November we ran a dinner series called *the Life of Jesus*. 22 students from 9 different countries joined this group, some of whom knew nothing of Jesus before coming to Australia.

Steffi heads back to Germany in January. Catharina has another 6 months in Newcastle. But first both will join us on NTE!



Some of the *Life of Jesus* group at the FOCUS Christmas party. Steffi is back R; Catharina front 3rd from L; Kanae front 2nd from R. ▲



NCS to the nations

We're going to India! Together with a small team of students we'll spend two weeks with the India Gospel League teaching pastors subjects from the Moore College correspondence course. We're excited by the opportunity, but also a little daunted!

Could you give a one off financial gift to help us run these training conferences for Indian pastors? Email us for details.



◀ Dave (R) is going to Bangladesh in January with the short term mission Proshikkhon to train evangelists.

We are so thankful for God's grace and the encouragement of your ongoing partnership with us in this work.

Love from,
Martin and Jen

Please Pray...

- Thank God for sending Catharina and Steffi to Newcastle. Ask God to keep growing them and giving them opportunities to proclaim the gospel.

- Thank God for the students who have been investigating Christianity. Ask God to save all the international students coming to Australia.

- for Kanae, a student returning to Japan after a year with us considering Jesus. Pray that she would be convicted of her sin, receive God's grace, and be unashamed to call Jesus her Lord.

- for National Training Event. Pray that God would fill students from all around Australia with zeal for his kingdom.

- for our NTE missions – to Yagoona, Ingleburn, Camden, Menangle, Douglas Park and Wagga Wagga.

- for Christ to be honoured as students from NCS serve in various overseas missions this summer.

- for additional campus staff workers for 2010.

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