



November 6, 2005

Service Time: 10.00 am

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Together We Can Change Our World

- 1.2 billion people have to live on less than \$US1/day
- 800 million people suffer from chronic or acute hunger
- 11 children under the age of 5 die every minute from hunger-related causes

The appalling human pain reflected in these statistics is utterly unacceptable. Living as we do in a world of unprecedented prosperity, the on-going suffering of millions of our brothers and sisters challenges our humanity, and our faithfulness to God.

Consider God's call to the political leadership of every generation, and in every country, spelled out so clearly in the prophetic words of the psalmist: *How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak*

and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. (Psalm 82:2-4)

Remember God's word to the church, as summarised by the prophet Micah and reaffirmed by Jesus: *And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

The Micah challenge seeks to **eradicate extreme poverty and hunger** and to:

1. reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day, and reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

Some political leaders may say, this goal is merely aspirational, somewhat akin to a New Year's

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INGLE FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worshipping God & Caring for People — A Member of the South Australian Baptist Union Incorporated

WELCOME



Thanks for joining us today
It's our prayer that as we
worship God together, you
will meet with Him.

CARE CARDS:



Please fill these out on arrival
and place in the offering bag
later in the service.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:



Children are encouraged to
start the service with us before
moving out to their
programmes.

SAMARITAN SHOPPING BAG:



Please help us care for those
in need by bringing groceries
and placing them in the bag
by the door.

CHURCH OFFICE:



Located on the premises next
to the Centre Manager's
office. Feel free to call in
Monday to Friday 9.00 am to
5.00 pm.

AFTER THE SERVICE:



We would love you to join us
for tea and coffee following
the service so that we can get
to know each other better.

PRAYER:



If you would like prayer
following the service then
please speak to the pastor or a
member of the worship team.

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\$ FINANCE

Budget	\$1,275
Last Week's Offering	\$ 860
Average for this qtr	\$1,032
Average year to date	\$1,251

SAMARITAN SHOPPING



*Any non-perishable
food, e.g. tinned and
packet food.*

The Garden

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.” John 15:1

My husband loves working in the yard. The rose bed on the side of the house is one of his projects. After several weeks of neglect, he went out this morning and found the bed in disarray.

The bushes were out of control. Some of the stems were taller than the windows. Leaves were chewed up from bugs and spotted with black mildew fungus. Worst of all, the buds were small, few, and malformed. That’s not too good, since the whole purpose of the bushes is to enjoy the flowers.

He got busy cutting them way back. Then he sprayed for insects, fertilized, and mulched the bed. It looks great now. Soon we’ll have beautiful, large roses to cut for the kitchen table. He will have to go back and tend to them again soon, however, if the bushes are to stay in good shape.

When left to my own devices, how quickly I get out of control.

I go in all kinds of directions, lose my calm and get “buggy”.

The worst part is that the “fruit”, or what is produced, is small and unhealthy.

How wonderful that I have Someone to prune and discipline me so that large, beautiful roses will be the result.

Now, all I have to do is let Him.

**Next
Leaders' Meeting
Monday, November 7th**



Please submit all articles for the FOCUS to Trevor Knott no later than Thursday 7.30 pm via:

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BETWEEN SUNDAYS

MEN, WILD AT HEART at the Medlock's on WEDNESDAYS at 7.30 pm. For more details please contact Markus Schmid on 0410 433 423 or at markus@inglefarmbaptist.com .

FRIDAY NIGHT HOUSE CHURCH held weekly at the Brennan's home. For more information phone 8265 1432.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 18

Carisbrook Park

after Church service.

Please bring along friends and family.

Please let Sue Willavoys know
if you intend to come.

(Approximate numbers are needed by December 11.)

resolution. It sounds good, but “don’t hold your breath”.

We say that this goal is achievable, and that we must do all that is required to achieve it!

Some church leaders may say, it’s a good thing to feed the hungry, but we must be careful not to allow the social and economic needs of the poor and marginalized to distract us from the “main game”—the proclamation of the gospel.

We say that God’s profound concern for the material and social well-being of the poor is at the heart of the gospel, as is made clear by Jesus’ actions and stories.

Let’s pray:

A Franciscan Benediction ...

May God bless us with Discomfort ... at Easy Answers, Half-Truths, and Superficial Relationships, so that we may live Deep Within Our Hearts.

May God bless us with Anger ... at Injustice, Oppression, and Exploitation of People, so that we may work for Justice, Freedom, and Peace.

May God bless us with Tears ... to shed for those who suffer from Pain, Rejection, Starvation and War, so that We may reach out Our Hands to Comfort them and to turn their Pain into Joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness ... to Believe that We can Make a Difference in this World, so that We can DO what others claim cannot be Done. Amen.

www.micahchallenge.org.au

Some time ago a man punished his 5-year old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became even more upset when the child pasted the gold paper so as to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her father the next morning and said, “This is for you, Daddy.”

The father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found the box was empty. He spoke to her in a harsh manner, “Don’t you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there’s supposed to be something inside the package?”

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, “Oh, Daddy, it’s not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was full.”

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his little girl, and he begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later and it is told that the father kept that gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. And whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems he would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as human beings have been given a golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.