Dear praying friends,

Thank you for being a prayer partner with us on Jericho Road!

Recently I dropped in on Wentworthville Presbyterian Church and was encouraged by the fellowship and the teaching from Habakkuk. We learnt that like Habakkuk we can trust God in all seasons, because God is faithful, so faithful. Habakkuk faced invasion of his land by the Babylonians but still trusted God.

As we consider how to serve others in the name of Jesus, it's great to remember that God is with us and we can trust in him, even when things get tough. Thank you for praying, our ministry in partnership with you is sustained by your prayers to our ever faithful God.

Please read below and join us in prayer.



Many thanks and blessings,

for

Jon Flood Director of Partner Ministries



ALLOWAH

From Elizabeth McClean - CEO



- The changes at Allowah are well under way! Thank God for sustaining Allowah.
- Please pray for us as we work with various government departments and others to get new arrangements in place.
- Please pray for our staff, giving thanks for their commitment to the children and their families, that they would feel secure during this period of change.
- Please pray for the children that we would make wise decisions for them so that they can thrive, enjoy life, achieve goals and make friends.
- · Give thanks for our wonderful supporters and for the prayers of many for this important ministry.

Please pray for:

- Energy for the team.
- Wisdom and patience as everyone moves through this period of significant change.
- Onboard well the new starters to the HR and Facility team and recruit the right applicant for Finance and Business Development Role.
- That the relaunch of our therapy services goes well and has great success with recruiting therapists and attracting the right clients.
- Our young adults settling into their home at Allowah and that staff feel happy and able to care for their clients.





CONDUCT PROTOCOL UNIT

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From Vera Buvcevska - Director, CPU

- Give thanks for the new team members, Bora and Akos, settling into their roles.
- Pray for ongoing wisdom in responding to people who have been harmed.
- Give thanks for the upcoming opportunity to run Domestic Violence training in Port Macquarie in Oct and pray the training will be well received.
- Pray for Linda doing BTS audits all over NSW. It is tiring at times but also encouraging to see gospel faithfulness at work.



CHAPLAINCY

From Joseph Park - Senior Chaplain



Praise the Lord for:

- Praise the lord for our chaplains in healthcare, prisons and the emergency services for carrying on with the ministry despite the cultural shifts towards secularism that undermines Christian presence.
- Praise the Lord that the team were able to interview someone who God ministered to through a
 Jericho Road chaplain and that we can share his story on how he came to faith through the help
 of Jericho Road Chaplaincy.

Pray for:

- Pray for more funding to meet the gap between the subsidies and the cost of employment.
- Pray for increased engagement with the churches in PCNSW and with communities to partner in providing Christian chaplaincy in secular institutions.
- Pray for more opportunities to deliver Love Your Neighbour course online and as intensives.
- Pray for the development of the graduate certificate course in chaplaincy in 2025.
- Pray for our upcoming October Chaplaincy Appeal and Online Prayer event that we would grow in support of Jericho Road Chaplaincy, both financially and prayerfully.

For Prayer Updates from Individual Chaplains

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COUNSELLING



- From Taryn Clausing Counselling Coordinator
- Pray for the CPU Social Work Students who are working on updating the Counsellor Database.
- Pray that we can connect the right counsellor to those reaching out for support.
- Pray that during this time of high workflow that the right care is taken in each case.

JERICHO ROAD

From Elizabeth McClean - CEO

General Assembly: I was reflecting on Psalm 146 this week, which says blessed is he whose help and hope is in the LORD his God. He "executes justice for the oppressed" and "gives food to the hungry." He "sets the prisoners free," "opens the eyes of the blind," "lifts up those who are bowed down," and "love the righteous." He also "watches over the travellers" and upholds the vulnerable. Praise God for who He is!

Please pray that the Jericho Road team would seek to be like their great God, and show the character of God and the love of Jesus to those whom we serve.







Jericho Road's Leadership Team, Allowah's Executive Leadership Team and some of the Presbyterian Social Services Committee at the 2025-27 Strategic Planning Retreat

Give thanks for:

- The English as a Second Language ministries that many churches run. This looks a little different in each church and is a great way to love the local community.
- The many people that have signed up to pray for Jericho Road ministries. It's super encouraging to know that Jericho Road ministries are covered in prayer.
- The opportunity to visit churches and share what God is doing on Jericho Road with and for Presbyterian churches.

Please ask for:

- Comfort and assistance for people that reach out for help. We are seeing an increasing need in the community.
- Preparation for Packed with Love Christmas Hampers.
- Preparation of the 2025-27 strategic direction.



We love our partnerships with churches. Thankful for Leon from Mt Druitt Indigenous Church.





REFUGEE RESPONSE



From Andrew Adams - Refugee & Cross Cultural Support Worker

Praise God:

- A third Orange Presbyterian Church supporter group has now been formed to sponsor a new family in 2025.
- Orange Presbyterian Church's active support since 2022 for refugee families who are settling in Orange under the CRISP Program. The current family is doing well and there have been wonderful times of friendship and fellowship between the supporter team and the family. All family members have seen improvements in their English language skills with the teaching staff at Orange High and Orange Public School being very caring and committed. The children are benefiting from and enjoying 6 months of free swimming lessons.
- Rice and Oil recently donated by St Andrews Presbyterian Church Wentworth Falls for distribution by Jericho Road's partner, Sydney Refugee Team.
- Opportunities to speak about refugees at Byron Bay Presbyterian Church and Springwood Presbyterian Church in August.



Jim Grant from St Andrews with their Rice and Oil donation for Sydney Refugee Team

Please Pray:

- The Federal Government would provide a pathway for permanent protection for the approximately 8,500 people failed by the flawed Fast Track system, still on temporary visas after a decade or more of life in Australia, That figure includes approximately 1,200 people who still do not have Department of Home Affairs decisions on their initial protection visa applications. The remaining people are going through review processes or have no options remaining.
- Resilience and justice for one the Orange refugee family's children who has had some challenging times at school.
- The Orange refugee family's father, who has been studying hard for his driver licence, will be able to retain the required information and the team can move forward quickly with the best way forward for a licence.
- The Lord would bless the visit to Tweed Heads Presbyterian Church on 26- 27 October concerning refugees.
- Churches involved in ESL ministry would see gospel fruit.
- Churches would consider creative ways of involvement in refugee ministry even when there aren't any refugees locally.





EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



From Bernadette Reyes - Early Childhood Services Manager

- For the children enrolled in our services to experience God's love and be ministered to as they attend our services.
- Collaborative partnerships with families so the best outcomes for the children are achieved.
- Strength, wisdom and guidance for all early-childhood educators.
- Direction and guidance for Directors as they lead their team that they will all continually lead with joy.



DISABILITY ADVOCACY



From Jason Forbes - Disability Advocate

• Pray for my work on understanding godly character and how this applies to people with disabilities.

Partner with us to bring **fresh hope** and **care** for those who are in need, in a way that seeks justice, shows mercy, and makes Jesus known.





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