

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT.

Immediately after our AGM last year, and after almost 21 years of leading this church, Robyn and I set off on long service leave for 11 weeks. We hitched up our small camper – trailer behind our shining BMW motorcycle and began the journey of riding right around Australia. It was a wonderful and refreshing holiday and we arrived home in early December. The church was in good hands while we were away, with our local team working with Pastor Cami to keep things moving along. During our trip, we had the joy of attending the wedding of our eldest son Luke to Kristy. Since the wedding, they have purchased a house in the north Brisbane suburb of Nudgee, and have happily settled in to married life.

On the family news front, we are excited that Ben and Lisa are expecting their first child and we are about to become grandparents! Our daughter Jessica is having an OE (overseas experience) and has been living and working in London, and having lots of adventurous holidays in Europe. We miss her, but don't expect her to return till the middle of next year.

Church is looking different these days, and is still undergoing a major refurbishment with new tiles, carpets, offices, sound and multi-media equipment and a paint job. We hope it is all finished by the end of the year.

This year, as usual we have enjoyed a wonderful array of visiting preachers including Barry Wedrat, David Goodwin, David Heenan, Camillus De Almeida, and more recently Ben Naitoko. They have all added something great to the life of our church.

We continue to be involved in missions work overseas, with Robyn and I both making separate visits to Sri Lanka, her for a Woman's conference and some time with the church planters, and I spent a couple of days also with the church planters as well as ministering in Bethany Church with pastor Cami and Karen De Almeida. I also accompanied Matthew Starrs, Brad Stokes, and Simon Wilcox to Brazil for a few weeks of ministry. Robyn is currently in Vanuatu launching our short term Bible School at Sola in the Torba Province.

Sun City Christian Church has always been involved in sending people out to serve the Lord in other places. This year, after being with us for a short time, we sent Steve and Stacey Coops to work with Pastor Steve Job in Maryborough as their Associate Pastor, and we are working towards sending Matt and Louise Starrs to Brazil for 12 months to do Evangelistic work with a network of churches that Matt has connections with.

I proudly take this opportunity to thank our awesome team of leaders at Sun City, who have again worked tirelessly to build God's kingdom in this place. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to serving the Lord with all of you who are committed to this great church for many years to come.

Pastors Peter and Robyn Patterson

