



# ACC Prayer Diary

## December February 2013

Jeremiah 1: 8 “Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.  
9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth.”[NIV]

In the life, worship and witness of our local congregations, we are often confronted with many different types of fears that can debilitate the mission of the church: fear of sharing our faith and inviting people to come to church, even with members of our own family; fear of reaching out to the wider community; fear of offending others; fear of speaking out the truth of the gospel; fear of getting involved in politics within the Church and the wider community; fear of being labeled as arrogant, bigoted or a fundamentalist; fear of getting hurt by others; fear of commitment; fear of costly discipleship and so on. Perhaps ‘fear’ would not be the word you would use. Jeremiah tried to suggest that the problem for him lied in the fact that he was just not a good public speaker and that he was too young for the job. Moses himself tried the same excuse by saying to God that he was ‘slow in speech and tongue’. God, however, exposures Jeremiah’s fear when he says “Do not be afraid” while also simultaneously providing the basis for overcoming his fear, “for I am with you”. As we begin another year, let us journey forward together with confidence, not in ourselves and any particular human capacity that we may have, but simply because God “is with us” [I have put my words in your mouth]. And, if God is for us, who can be against us?

- We pray for courage and boldness to face the challenges ahead of us as a Church.
- We pray for a renewed sense of joy, meaning and purpose in our witness as the ACC.
- We thank God for the particular calling that he has given to us, individually and corporately, and trust that when God calls, he will continue to provide the people, resources, finances, tools, time, etc, to fulfil his will so that he alone may receive the honour and the glory.
- We Pray for the 18 young people who have attended the Emerging Leaders Award camp in SA, that they may encouraged and guided by God to pursue His call on their lives.
- For Rod and Shirley James as they visit the folk of Strathewen and Kinglake on Wed 6th, Thurs 7th and Fri 8th for the fourth anniversary of Black Saturday.
- For Les Knowling’s widow, Joan following Les’s recent death. (Les was the convenor of ACC-SA).
- For Kevin Fielke, ACC-SA’s treasurer who is undertaking treatment for cancer.
- For Hedley Fihaki who is taking up an interim placement at Kingaroy.
- We pray for the ACC Qld Movement as they prepare for the 2013 conference on the Gold Coast.

**Grace and peace. Hedley Fihaki**