



# Arise and Shine

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## Global Vision

“Being disciples and making disciples of all nations”

## Global Mission

- To train disciples to shape their life to be Gospel focussed, grace oriented and mission minded
- To teach, nurture, mentor and equip disciples to make disciples in their own nations.
- Disciples to be a blessing to nations, church and society by developing tomorrow’s leaders.
- To establish DRM in 170 nations with the help of local disciples in partnership with the church and Christian organisations.

## No Lockdown for the Gospel’

Peter Joseph

The word ‘lockdown’ is now a new terminology that has been floating around ever since the pandemic began. The government locked down the nation to stop the spreading of the virus. The term lockdown refers to a state of isolation or restricted access instituted as a security measure. We see lockdowns in the Bible too. Let’s have a look.

### Lockdown of the tomb:

Jesus’ death on the cross was proved by the testimony of the soldiers. In fact, even Pilate was surprised to hear about his death (John 19:35, Mark 15:44). After the death of Jesus the chief priest remembered that Jesus had said he would come back alive. Fearing that his words would be fulfilled, they subjected the tomb to a lockdown. (Matt 27:62-65).

We don’t have any record of how the chief priest knew the exact words of Jesus. Even the disciples scrambled around confused after the resurrection of Jesus. Even Satan knows the scriptures and uses it against us. We stand baffled unable to defend our faith since we are not equipped enough. As we live in a pluralistic society, the attack is imminent and can be sudden. There are only two things we can do: Understand the world and the word. It is our mandate as disciples to proclaim and defend our faith.

Although the chief priests remembered the words of Jesus, they couldn’t understand the bodily resurrection of Jesus’ Christ. They had thought that the disciples would steal the body and proclaim that he rose from the dead. Although knowing Scripture is good, a sound understanding of Scriptures really matters. Above all, only living according to the scriptures makes us true disciples.

## Lockdown of the news of resurrection:

After Jesus' resurrection, the guards were paid a large sum of money to suppress the truth and spread the fake news that Jesus' body was stolen. The more the resurrection news was suppressed the more it spread all over the world through his disciples. Even today powerful forces try to suppress the truth of the gospel. But God from his throne continues the work of the gospel through the Holy Spirit. The great resurrection news will be preached till his return.

## No lockdown for the gospel:

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that God provided the way for man to be freed from the penalty of sin (John 14:6; Romans 6:23). Everyone dies physically, but those who believe in Jesus Christ are promised a physical resurrection unto eternal life (John 11:23–26). Those who reject Christ will not only die physically but will undergo a "second death," which the Bible describes as an eternal lake of fire (Revelation 20:13–14). This gospel has to be proclaimed to others because there is no salvation apart from Christ (Acts 4:12).

We must do more than live godly lives. People need to hear the Gospel—to hear that God loves them, Christ died for them and that they can have eternal life. Romans 10:13-14 says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

May the Lord empower us with His Spirit so that we can be effective gospel-sharers everywhere we g

## Ministry Grounded in Jesus

Tom Kooy,

Student, studying in Trinity Theological College, Perth

I was chatting with a wonderful Christian brother at my Tuesday evening class and he commented how much he liked the "Ministry Flywheel" (See the picture) from last month's newsletter. He said to me that it was a challenge to him and how he serves. It was, as he alluded too, like a mirror. Helping him check whether his actions are in step to serving like Jesus the Servant Lord did. As we chatted, I was reminded of Luke 9:23 NIV, where Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me". A reminder that Jesus is the pattern for Christian ministry. We must serve like him

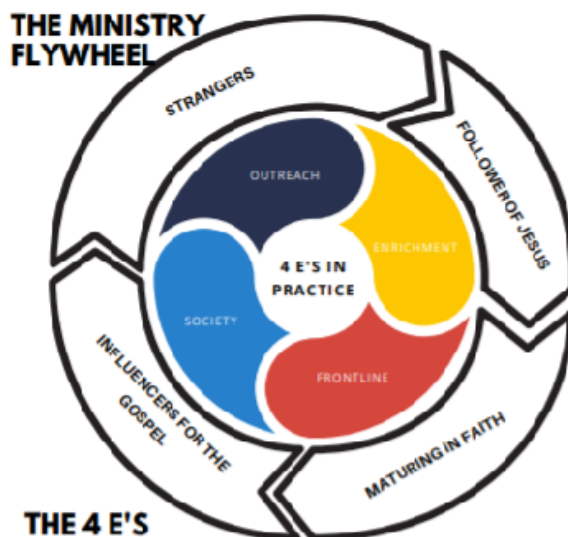
So I encourage you to consider your life, and the words of Luke 9. How are you serving humbly and sacrificially in Glory to our Father? What opportunities are there today for you to point someone to Jesus?

**Enriching** - Love and enrich the lives of brothers and sisters in Christ. Helping them build resilience in themselves and amongst the secular communities they reside in.

**Evangelising** - Grating against culture and speaking into the lives of the weary and the lost. Sharing the Gospel message in outreach.

**Espousing** - Proclaiming the Word through a range of teaching opportunities on the front line.

**Experiencing** - Serving the local church however is needed.



## Australia:

### **MVC 2021 (Memory verse Competition):**

“The parent of every action is a thought and for a Christian is accompanied by prayer”.. We had a Godly thought about conducting a memory verse competition for children in December 2020 .The date was set for 16th January 2021 and a venue was decided. It was the time of the year when the kids were on summer holidays and due to Covid situations the families who were all supposed to be elsewhere for holidays were in Perth. Fliers were distributed by direct contact and social media plus the word of mouth helped spread the information regarding the event.



Probably the event was first of this kind in Perth, it was welcomed warmly by a group of Perth families.

Parents started registering the kids with enthusiasm and on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 , an email was send to all the parents of the interested families. The competition was planned as three categories; Oral, written and Essay writing, taking into consideration the ages of the children. Within the categories, subdivisions were made and different ages groups had different theme for the competition: Year 1 and 2 studied memory verse in the theme of ‘The lord is my shepherd’, year 3 and 4 memory verse in the theme of ‘Lord watches over you’, year 5 and 6 memorise God’s word in the theme of ‘Lord is our protector, year 7 and 8 memorise God’s word in the theme of sovereignty of God and year 11 and 12 had written Ephesians book review.

The competition day dawned and it was Saturday the 16 th of January. The event was upheld by prayers especially due to the looming COVID situation. The older group emailed the essay on Ephesians to the person in charge for that group .The other two groups arrived on the day to the venue as directed, and the competition started promptly at 4.30 pm . The Oral competition for younger kids started first and the all the kids very confident in their recitals and were assessed then. The writing competition started an hour later and the kids wrote the memory verses as when they arrived. The writing competition was assessed later on, just as the essay competition for the older kids. Altogether, there was a total of 29 children who attended the competition. There was Gods guidance and protection throughout the event, right from start to the end .Enthusiasm was present very much in the air, from the kids as well as the parents and there were multiple positive feedback for the event.

The winners were determined by the judges in each category and the first and second places were awarded with prizes on 27th February at a Fellowship meeting. Every child who participated in the competition was also encouraged with a participation prize.

Lord, let Thy Word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

**Anju, MVC Coordinator**

### **Renewal Ministries 2021:**

God’s grace, we started a renewal ministries meeting in Perth. The main reason is to encourage believers to be a disciples and make disciples. Mani Khanna had spoken from discipleship and a great commission. He compared disciples of Moses and disciples of Jesus by referring to John 9. He highlighted the importance of knowing the world. So that disciples can be a light to the world. He remembered once again the importance of a great commission ‘Go and make disciples of all nations’

Ninan had encouraged participants to choose one nation to pray in their individual and family prayer. He had asked participants to consider this year as a year of prayer and pray for 170 nations. He has called people to commit to pray for one nation for one family.

## Germany:

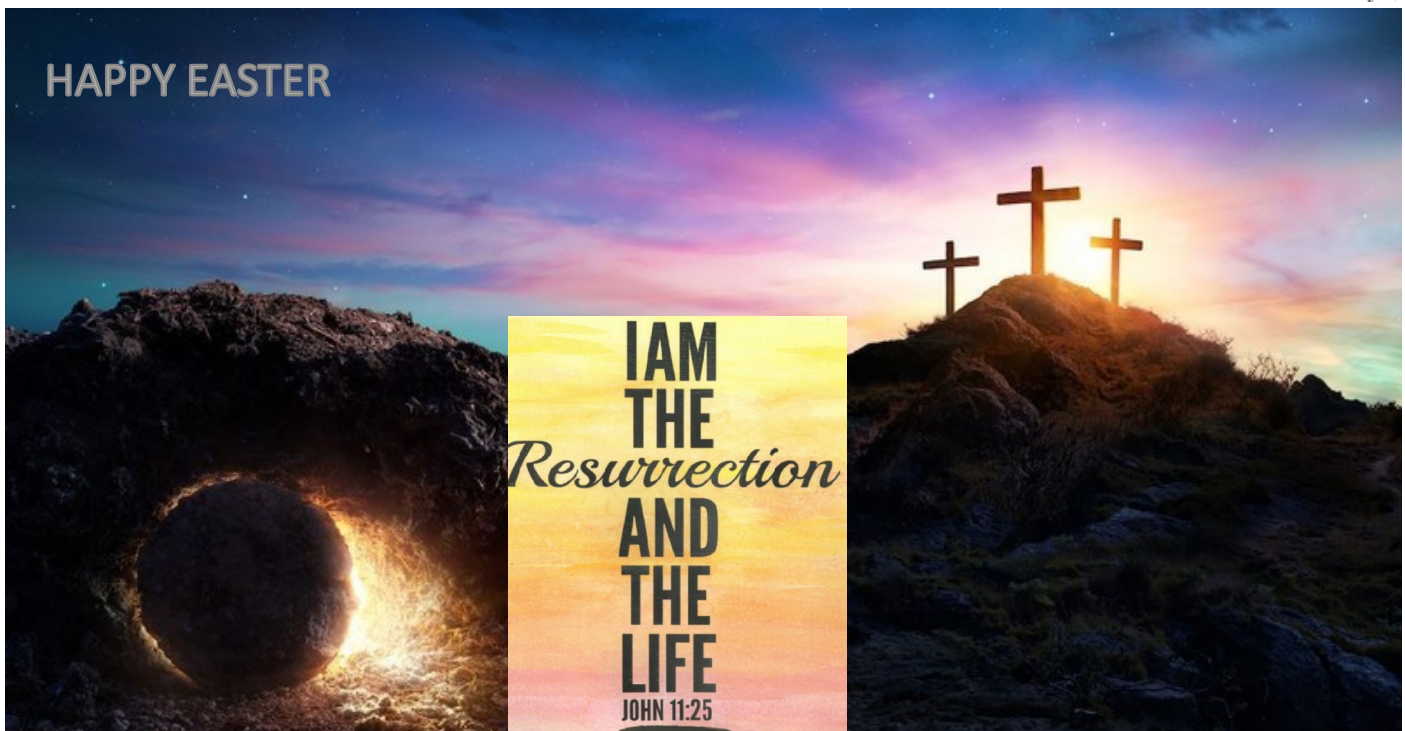
Isaac and Peter met for a time of prayer and discuss about various needs in Germany. Isaac had elaborated need of second reformation in Germany. He had met two people and prayed with them and encouraged to follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Because of covid19 restriction, he was not able to meet but he had a time of prayer two of his friends. He is looking forward for starting DRM in Germany.

## Canada:

Paul agreed to be a representative of Canada. Pray for God to open door in Canada to take the gospel to Canada. He had fellowship group who he wants to encourage and develop DRM in Canada.

## India:

DRM India had conducted Emerging Leaders meeting to encourage leaders to be a disciple and make disciples. Nearly 30-35 people attended the meeting and heard the God's word from Mathew 18th Chapter. Encourage and motivate leaders to invite their friends and relatives for regular zoom meeting and camp. Discipleship Training program was conducted on January 2021. Nearly 35 youths and 30 adults attended the program.



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