

Insight for Living Australia

# Ministry Update

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## Faith and Trust in 2012

At last summer is upon us after what has seemed to be a year of rain. In November 2010 the heavens opened up after 13 years of drought and brought relief to the parched Australian landscape. Some areas still require water, and for them we continue to pray, but for the rest of the country, we can breathe a sigh of relief.

Christmas is only weeks away and I know you'll be making the final arrangements for Christmas Day. It's such a good time to get together with family and friends, and for some, to take that first step towards repairing some of the relationship damage that may exist. If you keep Christ in the centre of your festivities, and His ways in the forefront of your mind, you can have the best Christmas possible.

2011 has been a big year in the development of this ministry as we continue to seek the Lord for the role He wishes us to play in the Australian church. While we aren't a church, nor do we try to be, we believe the Lord is using Insight for Living Australia to help strengthen our listening audience's relationship with Him, by teaching directly from Scripture, showing us how to apply God's ways to everyday living.

The world we once enjoyed, where Christianity was the foundation of our culture and something to be proud of, is being eroded, not by trickles of water, but by torrents. I'm sure you're all too aware that saying you're a Christian nowadays will lead to ridicule.

While the world is changing with the proportion of Christians who are willing to be defenders of the faith shrinking, we should take heart from Gideon's story in the Old Testament (Judges 6:11-7:22). It only takes 300 to slay an army of 30,000, provided we have faith and trust in the power of God.

Please pray for Chuck Swindoll's radio program, and your radio station, because Australia needs strong, clear, relevant and accurate Bible teaching on the radio. Consider the alternative.

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

During Spring 2011 the ministry has been hard at work implementing changes that will assist its long-term vision:

- The Australian board has been working with Chuck and Cynthia Swindoll in defining the role profile and characteristics for the new Head of Pastoral Ministries position at Insight for Living Australia, to be appointed some time in 2012.
- We've begun upgrading our computer system that manages our donor and inventory data. It hasn't been updated since 2003.
- In response to listeners using MP3 players, iPhones and Androids, we've introduced Chuck Swindoll's series on MP3, available on USB or CD.
- To celebrate the 25th anniversary Chuck and Cynthia Swindoll invited the Australian ministry to join them in Israel with a bus reserved for Australians and those from the South Pacific. We still have a few seats left, so be sure to book right away!

Since September, we have:

- Added 285 new names to our mailing list.
- Been blessed with 102 new donors.
- Processed 4178 customer orders and donations.
- Sent out 5938 resources to our listeners.

God bless you and your family, especially during this time of celebration. May 2012 see you grow stronger in the Lord and more confident to proclaim His message of hope and salvation within your circle of family, friends and colleagues.



**Peter Tyrrell**  
Executive Director



### Award Winner 2011

Over the past year we've had a flourishing alliance with Adelaide College of Ministries. Once again Insight for Living Australia is proud to present the **Award for Effective Biblical Communication** to one of the graduating class at December's graduating ceremony. Chuck Swindoll has written a special note to this year's recipient encouraging them to 'continue to take the Bible seriously.' This is a good point for all of us to remember.

Insight for Living's South Australian board member, John Marshall (OAM), will present the award on behalf of Chuck Swindoll and the Australian board of directors.



Most weeks Insight for Living Australia's executive director, Peter Tyrrell, shares his thoughts on a diverse range of topics. The response to the blog (web-log) has been overwhelming with many encouraging the ministry with stories and comments that relate to their view of the world, and how they are journeying in it.

"Thanks Insight for Living for sending me the Cycle of Civilization. It is so true and we all need to get on knees and keep praying for this great Nation and ask God to make this Country and the people to be the salt and light to the rest of the world." *Chris*

"Thank you for sharing your sad time. You are quite right 'Death brings positive perspective' if we believe that death is only a physical end that leads to the beauty of God on the other side. We are reminded that there is hope on the other side of the veil. We'll meet with our loved ones, eventually. But we have duties and responsibilities to attend to here on earth. Faith is on our side." *LV*

You can join Peter by using one, or all, of the following methods:

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Join the conversation today!

## A Church Without Walls

*Reaching Out. Touching Lives.*



Sonraysia Gospel Radio is the dream of founders CEO Dennis and Doris Payne.

Our call from God was to build a church without walls, but we didn't realise it was on radio, so a church of the air was born. Seven years ago Son-FM 88, Good News Radio, was started, with the call to reach as many people as possible, both locally and globally.

Our play list has to be just as wide, from Hillsong . . . to Praise and Worship . . . to Country . . . to Australian Bush Ballads and anything in between. If you're nine or ninety, we try to cover it. Our teaching programs are just as wide.

We have a terrific team of twelve volunteers who keep the station operating. For the last three years we have been on the internet one hundred and fifty plus hours a week, reaching into over fifty countries as well as broadcasting locally 24/7. We have a solid internet listener and local base. Our prospective listener base is an unknown quantity but already we're reaching far and wide.

Does "Insight for Living" have a big impact over our listening area? Yes, every word we speak or sing or a poem read has impact. Genesis 1 says: "And God said, 'Let there be light: and there was light.'" We are all God's sons and daughters, so just as God spoke, so can we, believing every word we put over the air will do just what we say it will do "HAVE THE IMPACT INTENDED."

For a small radio station on the edge of the Australian Outback we believe we have a big voice that truly takes the Gospel from the outback to the World.

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