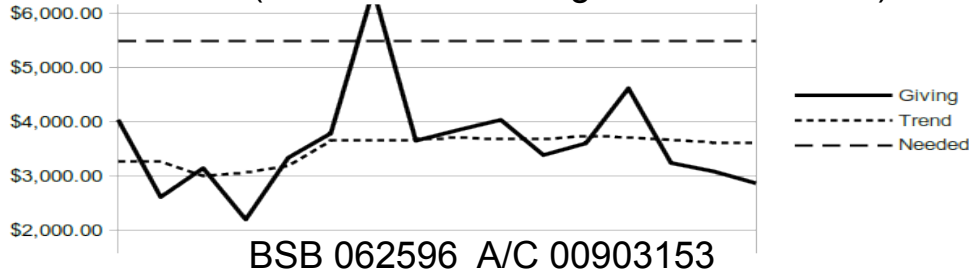


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

K.Y.B Studies

Calling ladies of all ages.

Come and join our **KYB** group this year at Riverstone Community Church, Fridays 10:30am-12pm starting 3rd Feb, creche provided.

Studying Luke 1-9.

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News from Riverstone Community Church

22nd January 2023

Topic: *The Missing Ingredient of Modern Day Christianity- Part 2*

Speaker: Andrew Cowell

Chairman: Ralph Hearsey

Creche: Stu & Carol

Next Sunday
What every church should aspire to be

The Sunday After..
A Better Story Not forsaken

Sp: Linc Marlow
Ch: Ralph Hearsey

Sp: Peter Gordon
Ch: Linc Marlow

Cr: Estelle & Maybelle

Cr: Chris & Lina

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am
Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Creche
Worship
Communion
Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News.

* **Ralph & Jess Hearsey** – A new baby boy to be born late March.

* **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born in May.

Pray – For safe delivery for the mothers and and babies.

* **Ron King** – Last month Ron was injured by water main exploding. He sustained 5 broken ribs and fractured hip.

Ron is now able to get around with care and can drive.

Pray – That he recovers fully from this mishap.

* **Margaret Kennedy** – In hospital – breathing & kidney problems.

Pray – That she recovers from this setback.

* **Dave Ward** – Weekly checkups.

Pray – That he recovers fully.

* **Jenny McGechan** – Corneal transplant scheduled for Friday 27th.

Pray – For success so Jenny can continue nursing.

* **Heather Davis** – Praise God she's now completed her therapy.

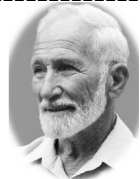
Pray – For a good result from a scan in the near future.

* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer.

Pray – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.

* **Phillip** – preaching at Green Valley.

* **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists for more than six years in Mali.



Pray – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

The Most Dangerous Places to be a Christian.

1. NORTH KOREA TOPS LIST WITH HIGHEST EVER SCORE

The nation has held the highest position in the list since 2002, with the exception of last year, when the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan led to an unprecedented spike in violent persecution.

North Korea's score of 98, the highest score that's ever been recorded for any country on the list, reflects an increase in arrests of Christians and house churches discovered and closed.

2. CHINA'S MODEL OF OPPRESSION SPREADS

In China, the use of digital surveillance technology is spreading, adding to persecution and intimidation. Armed with sweeping new rules on church use of the internet, implemented in March 2022, authorities employed censorship, disinformation, and unblinking surveillance to tighten their control of religious groups.

China's potent combination of authoritarianism, nationalism, and technology has spread to other countries, such as India, Turkey, and Russia. Those who don't support the ruling party can be branded as troublemakers, disturbers of the peace, or even terrorists. They often face false accusations and charges.

As China forges an international alliance to redefine human rights, countries as diverse as Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Malaysia have headed down this same authoritarian path, joining such Central Asian states as Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan.

3. SOME PROGRESS IN THE GULF

In several Gulf states there has been promotion of great tolerance. Authorities are looking for ways to respond to the call for more religious freedom within their Islamic framework.

Hate speech against Christians belonging to historical or expatriate communities is often not tolerated in countries such as Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt. However, radical elements remain present within their societies, and Christians who have converted from Islam bear the brunt of persecution.

(More at – <https://www.opendoors.org.au/frontline-faith/1-in-7-christians-persecuted-for-their-faith/>)