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and buy this family some land, so that they can grow crops to feed themselves and to sell. If we can, we will buy them somewhere to live and we will organise some specialist surgical treatment for little Aaron. When I take soap, this mummy hugs me and blesses me, she is so humble and thankful, when I give the children bananas for breakfast they bow down on the floor. They cry about things no child should have to cry about, but mostly they smile and giggle and play....This beautiful mamma has prayed every day for a better life for her children, lets be the answer to her prayers and we will forever change 6 lives for the better.

Quote of the week

If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look "little" or "big".

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Kids after Church on Sunday

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Welcome to Maroubra Baptist

A Church for the Community

Welcome

If you are looking for a church, a regular attender or visiting, we would like to extend a huge, warm welcome. We are a church for the community, and we enjoy a range of social activities during the week, starting with tea/coffee on the lawn after church. We would love you to remain after the service to enjoy refreshments with us.

100 Days of Prayer

Today we have reached day 78 of our 100 days of prayer commitment. Reminder that on day 100, we will all come together to pray collectively here at the church. The date for this is **Monday 15 May**. Please save the date.



Victory in NSW - safe schools program is scrapped



Education Minister Rob Stokes confirmed that the 'Safe Schools' program will be scrapped in New South Wales. This is a massive win to protect children across Australia from radical 'gender bending' ideologies. The program is being replaced by an anti-bullying program not based on contested gender theories.

Tens of thousands of parents signed petitions and contacted their local Members of Parliament to object to the 'Safe Schools' program.

The 'Safe Schools' program, along with other misleading initiatives are still expanding across other parts of Australia, with Tasmania being the exception, following NSW in scrapping it next.

Pastor whereabouts

Neil and Jaxon are currently on annual leave. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Dawn or call the office.

We will hear from Vlad today as he brings us the message from God.

Update on Aly's Ugandan Mission

Away from Bwaise slum, I have been getting to know a refugee family in a different slum. They arrived in the local community a few months ago, having been living as refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Because of their sad story, the children are allowed to attend Watoto school. There is a mummy and her four children and her teenage daughter with one grandchild. The father was killed and they needed to leave their home very quickly. That's all I know of their story. One of the boys is very sick, he is severely malnourished with an abdomen like a watermelon, and he has a stoma. He's had it since a few days old but his mother doesn't know why, and they can't afford medical treatment.



One of the doctors from the clinic discovered this family and she goes to their slum every week to do a bible study and pray with them. I've also been going along. The mother clutches her bible tightly and prays intently. She speaks mainly Swahili so the flurry of translation into Luganda, other tribal languages, and eventually some English is difficult to follow. But communication does not have to be verbal and what I do understand is that this woman has suffered, she loves her children and she believes through it all in a God who is faithful.

Afterwards she invites me into her home. It is difficult to hold back tears as she shows me the jug they use to collect rain water, the mattress they all sleep on and the cloths she uses to tie around her sons swollen abdomen. I'm not sure if it's this sad scene or the smiley faces that thank me so much for coming to visit them, but at that moment something leaps in my heart and I vow to help this family. I don't know if you remember but my father lived in DRC, back when it was still called Zaire, so I feel an affiliation towards these small people. The mother has never asked me for anything, she is just happy that some one is praying for her and hearing her story.

So to the practical stuff- Ben and I are setting up a **gofund me** page <http://www.gofundme.com/african-fund-raiser> It's in Ben's name because as a Watoto volunteer I'm not supposed to support individual families. Our plan is to buy this family some land, so that they can grow crops to feed themselves