



Many Languages in Christ

*Listen Plan Do
One Peg at a Time*

Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

Hello from Springfield

After a long wait because of lock-downs, Springfield hosted a wonderful Hello Evening on 10 September. Sixteen nationalities attended, starting with Australia and ending with Zimbabwe. Rev. Charlie commented afterwards, "The Hello Evenings are a wonderful initiative and it's opened up a whole new ministry for us. Thank you for getting us started with this."

Some of the highlights were:

A vast selection of food was shared, reflecting the variety of dishes from each nation and Bishop Daniel remarked on the biblical sharing that was evident in relation to quotes from Acts.

There was a real sense of interaction and coming together across all these cultural boundaries.

Afterwards, during the clean-up a lady from Nigeria came to Daniel and said, "It was wonderful seeing you up there doing something as one of us. Thank you, we wish this kind of gathering will continue."

A great big thank-you to Rev. Charlie and his wife and the people involved for doing so much to make this event a success.

Survey - Be in it!

The survey is ready to run. The results will collate the information that will be used to make decisions about the type of support that ethnic congregations need.

But, it will only happen if YOU TAKE PART!

We are looking at printing out paper copies in your language so that surveys can be completed privately where leaders can assist when needed, to make sure everyone gets the opportunity to respond.



A collage of photo's from the event. Note the sixteen flags that were made to make evident the range of nationalities in attendance. Rev'd Charlie and his family are in the photo at top right.



Survey team gathered at St Paul's Ipswich for a recent meeting.

Fathers Day Surprise with Rotary Follow-up

On 5 September, a team of South Sudanese women including Rachel, Tabitha, Arwai, and Nyandeng organised a Fathers Day Surprise event at Burke and Wills Hotel. This provided an opportunity for Toowoomba Garden City Rotary Club president Jeremy Freyburg and his wife to attend. Jeremy addressed the gathering and extended the invitation given at his change-over dinner to try encourage Sudanese members to join. People recalled how Rotary had helped when they first came as refugees and were very happy to investigate becoming members.



Clockwise from top left: Elders Yuot Anyuon and their wives; Jeremy and his wife with Daniel Akech; Deruka, Rachel, Tabitha and their husbands; Elder Anyuon thanking the ladies and talking about cultural change reflected in things as simple as recognising Fathers Day.

Matthew Flinders Visit

Bishop Daniel and his wife Rachel were invited by Rev. Kathrin Koning to visit Matthew Flinders Anglican College and speak to the student body about his journey as a refugee and what it really means to be a refugee. There was an opportunity to visit class groups and answer questions. It was a great opportunity to share understanding. Thank-you Rev. Kathrin.



Bishop Daniel addressing the students at Matthew Flinders College.

That Trolley Story

If you check the latest edition of Focus (The Diocesan Magazine) you will see this picture of Bishop Daniel and be able to read his short reflection on a cultural misunderstanding he had in his first months in Toowoomba. It illustrates how we see each other without fully comprehending how different cultural traditions can cause misunderstandings.



Who would of thought a trolley could cause a drama?