

Malc Garda and I would like to invite you, and any worshipping musos you may know, to a get-together with Martin and Rebekah Neil. This promises to be a great



opportunity to hear some great stories, get enthused and challenged, and meet other like-minded musos from 09.30am until around 14.00ish, Saturday 14th January 2012 at Opengate, Bognor Baptist Church, Vic Drive, Bognor Regis.

Martin and Rebekah are both involved in a number of really great projects including providing fresh water to over 20,000 people, and building a medical centre in rural Tanzania. They also support work to help destitute street children in Cambodia. They both travel extensively, working with musicians and collecting recordings of instruments and sounds from many many cultures around the globe.

Martin is also a fine musician, recording engineer and producer of great records! He is maybe best known as a Drummer and Percussionist who has collaborated for over twenty years with Kevin Prosch. Martin loves the integrity of the original instrument, and has some interesting and challenging observations on recording, producing and worship music.

The get together will include breakfast, chat, and music-making – there will be a small fee to cover costs etc!

Reserve the date now! You will not be disappointed. Please let me know whether you will be attending or not!

Loads blessings

Bob Lock

You can learn more about Martin and Rebekah at :
<http://www.voicesfromthenations.org>
<http://www.myspace.com/lovelyboyneil>
<http://voicesfromthenations.bandcamp.com/>

Biglove is a voluntary organisation based in Bognor which provides clothes, food and shelter for the homeless and destitute in Bognor Regis. Many of the people who used to attend the St Martin's Day Centre before it closed now attend and obtain help from the Rosie Lea café in the London Road (which is run by Biglove supporters). Members of our church, who so generously donated items for St. Martin's, may continue to help the homeless and destitute in Bognor Regis by putting into the box provided:-



Sleeping bags

Jumpers, jeans, underwear, socks & coats

Tea, coffee and sugar, tins of fruit, vegetables (peas, carrots, potatoes) ham and corned beef

Services

Sunday 8th January
Morning Communion Service 10.15

Sunday 15th January
Morning Service 10.15

Dates for your diary

January

16th Prayer at the police station
22nd Joint churches service at St Wilfrids 3pm
26th Churches Together AGM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church 7pm
28th Romania Fund Raising Evening
29th OpenHeart Celebrations Event 7pm

Our AGM will be on Thursday 1st March. More details to follow

OpenHeart Launch Hebrews 11.8 "By Faith Abraham when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went even though he did not know where he was going". It is in this frame of mind that OpenHeart approaches a new year and a new beginning. On Sunday 29/1/12 we will have an event in the church to launch OpenHeart Ministry and all are welcome. We need your support. At 6pm we will eat a simple meal together followed by worship celebration and sharing the vision. Relationships are central to the OpenHeart vision and the concept of flowing together.



office.

Fundraising evening for Romania on Saturday January 28th. The evening will include a short presentation of the work in Romania, a 3 course meal, for which tickets need to be purchased in advance, at a cost of £10 each. Funds raised will be for needy families in Romania and to help with February mission costs. Tickets are available from Joan Hellyer or the church

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Welcome

"But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God." (Romans 13:11 MSG)
 We manage time; we waste time. We spend time; we save time. We wish the time would come; we wish the time would pass. We see time fly; we feel time drag. We watch clocks and carry calendars, creating the illusion that we somehow control time, yet all the while moments flow forward like a mighty river that cannot be stopped, harnessed, or re-routed.

Yet, God controls time. He created time and we, his creations, are fenced by his time, directed and guided by his holy and loving hand. The year 2012 is a gift of time from God.

How will you use it?

What do you think God wants you to do with the 365 days of this next year?

From Purpose Driven Connection

Pray for Marcelo, Lee, Davi and Isabella as Marcelo begins his new journey with OpenHeart. Marcelo will remain a valuable member of the leadership team at Opengate.

Guga and Viviane have decided to return to Brazil at the end of June and Guga left employment with the church at the end of December. Pray for them both as they prepare to move back to their home town and seek God's direction for the next phase of their lives. Viviane is currently in Brazil having an operation on her knee.

Pray that the operation will go smoothly and that she will have a quick and full recovery. Guga will remain part of the leadership team until he returns to Brazil.

Jon Lex has stepped down from the leadership team after serving for nearly 10 years as he feels God is calling him to put more time into other areas of church life. We would like to thank Jon for the valuable contribution that he made to the team during this time. Jon will continue to remain an active member of the church. Pray for Jon, Laura, Hannah and Amy as Jon continues to seek God about his involvement in mission work.

Pray for Judi Mentasti who will be travelling to India on January 9th as part of a small team of Christians travelling to Chennai (formerly called Madras) before going to north east India. Full details of her trip were included in the last news sheet.

Prayer Corner

If, for any reason, you would like someone to pray with you at the end of our Sunday morning services, please make your way to our "Prayer Corner" in front of the Projector Desk. We have 4 people set aside every week who will quickly rearrange the chairs and be ready and willing to spend time with you.



Sarah Drakes' latest newsletter is on the welcome table. Sarah flew to Poland on 7th January to undertake her final placement. She will be working with the Children's and Community worker for 5 weeks. Pray for her as she undertakes her placement and finishes her studies. Pray that she will have wisdom and guidance as she thinks about what she should do after college.

Pray for **Joao Pedro** who is in Japan and says "There is no New Year, the truth is to live in newness of life, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This was a message I received from my good friend from Brazil Diogo Moreira, and would like to share it with you this Year!

2012 won't be different than 2011, but my attitudes and relationship with my God must be!

I wish the same for you and all your family and friends, be prepared to receive the new God has prepared for you in 2012! Romans 12
 From my heart thanks for your prayers and support in 2011!

Blessed 2012! JP

P.S. The picture attached is my New Year's card, my caricature done by my good friend from Brazil Rubinho Pirola, I've send this card to my Japanese friends. In Japan it is traditional to send New Year card (Nengajo) to friends and family, with a written message thanking for the care and affection received in 2011. It is a special card that it's sent by post and the person receives the card exactly on the 1st of January. Robson, Emma and Aaron "Thank you so much for your christmas card!!! it was so lovely to see it signed by so many people... so encouraging...newsletter to follow soon...thanks Emma, Robson and Aaron xxx"

Sandro and Cassia will be returning to Brazil in January to renew their visas so that they can continue to work in India. Pray for their trip - they will be returning to India via the UK, for God's wisdom and direction, for smooth renewal of their visas and for their health and protection. Their latest newsletter is also on the welcome table.

Ian Wardle says "Thanks so much to everyone at Opengate for the Christmas card signed by so many people. I don't know who was behind the idea but it

really was great to receive it, so please pass on my thanks." Continue to pray for Ian as the exceptional rains have caused extra expenses including those resulting from damaged vehicles.

Marcelo, together with a small team from Opengate, is visiting Belgium over the weekend of 8th and 9th January



Wintershall Life of Christ

Several carloads of us went to see the Nativity Play at Wintershall just before Christmas and were blessed by seeing the biblical narrative being acted out in such a sensitive and

challenging way.

This summer there will be an open air play on the Life of Christ. The aim of the producers is "to show the life of Jesus as realistically and as biblically accurate as possible". It is designed for all ages and the audience moves around the huge grounds of the estate following the various scenes on the Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is an all day event and those attending need to take a picnic. They plan to have an audience of 3000 each day and those attending need to be prepared for rain or shine.

I would like to encourage you to go, especially our children, as I believe it will be an unforgettable experience for them. The dates are Tuesday 19th June - Sunday 24th June 2012. I

would suggest that perhaps Sat 23rd June would be a good date for us all to try and attend as for the rest of the week children will be at school. The cost is Adults £15 & Children (up to age 18) £7.50. Leaflets with more details on the table in the foyer.

If enough people wanted to go we can look at hiring a coach or a minibus. If you are interested please speak to me or Julie Passmore as soon as possible
 Jo Parnell

Prayer in the police station

16th January 6-7pm. This is a joint church prayer meeting for anyone that would like to pray into the town and the police. Please arrive promptly as the station closes at 6pm.



A big thank-you to everyone who helped make Christmas dinner so special to everyone who ate at the church on Christmas Day. Roberta and her team catered for just over 50 people.

Church Directory: The latest copy of the church directory is available from the office for £1 to cover the cost of printing.

There is a loop fitted in the Church. If you are using a hearing aid switch it to T and sit inside the white lines on the floor. If you would like a large print copy of song words or the news sheet please ask a member of the Welcome Team.