

THE GRACE REVIEW

Michael & Aimee Grace working with Student Life at Monash University



Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for MYC, for what he taught us, and for the ways He changed so many students' lives.
- Praise God for Andrew's decision for Christ. Pray that a solid faith foundation will be built in him over the coming months.
- Praise God for Amelia, she has been a tremendous joy to us and has begun sleeping through the night, which is a huge blessing.
- Pray for Joshua's health, he's had one illness after another (a cold, croup & conjunctivitis to name a few).
- Praise God and Thank You to those who have just begun and continue to support us!

Update on Us

Greetings from the Grace's! We hope you are happy, healthy and keeping warm in this very cold winter. Aimee has just recovered from laryngitis which claimed her voice for a whole week (making taking care of Joshua a challenge). Amelia is doing really well and is smiling countless times each day, she loves her big brother, and he seems to be taking more and more of an interest in her also. On June 26 we celebrated Joshua's 2nd birthday with a trip to the Melbourne zoo. He was most fascinated by the monkeys and their antics, and also keeps talking about the elephants (even though he can't say 'elephant' yet).



Over the last few months we have been discussing and praying about what the next few years of our life are going to look like, as our original commitment ends in November this year. We feel God is leading us to remain in student life for another 3 year commitment, which we are excited about. This year in particular has been a very enjoyable one and has really inspired us to stay on and continue to see what God can do through us in university ministry.

Mid Year Conference

The theme of Mid Year Conference this year was 'Inside Out', the teaching being based on spiritual growth. Many Christians tend to 'plateau' in their relationship with God, and things become stagnant, and sadly people think this is just what happens. John North (the keynote speaker) pointed out that this need not be the case, just as with any relationship, there is no limit to how close we can grow to God. He asked the question during his first talk 'What is the first step in Spiritual Growth'. After a little discussion he answered the question



The Monash Crew

somewhat surprisingly "The first step in spiritual growth is complete and utter surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ". This was a refreshing truth to be reminded of. Once we have been a Christian for awhile it is easy to re-prioritize God, and forget the commitment we first made. God wants everything we have and everything we are, and if we want to grow spiritually we must come to that place of total surrender and allow Him to truly be God!



Training Groups

John North

Andrew's Journey

In the first week of classes this year, Andrew (*circled above*) came to the student life table and expressed interest in finding out more about God, and Christianity. When he was younger, Andrew's grandfather, whom he was very close to, passed away leaving him with many questions regarding life and death and what happens after death. He had always wanted these questions answered but had never taken the time to do so. So throughout the first semester he investigated some of these questions, and was introduced to the God of the bible. Andrew attended the mid-year conference and here was exposed to a God who is not just theoretical but real, a God who loves him deeply and who inspires love in his followers. Andrew made up his mind that when he was back at University he wanted to become a follower of this God, he wanted to become a Christian. So on the 19th of July, in the religious centre chapel at Monash, Andrew surrendered his life over to Jesus, and now calls himself a Christian. I asked him what has changed since this occurred, and he said "Well, I used to pray, and it was okay, but I felt I wasn't really talking to God. Now I feel God when I pray, and I know that he is real, Prayer is very exciting now!"

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