



Good news and great joy come in a gift-filled shoebox for kids in poor countries. Operation Christmas Child is often the first step in reaching out to kids, families and communities with help, hope and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**THESE BOXES ARE NOW DUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED THEM SEE CORAL**



**SUNDAY 15TH  
NOVEMBER  
at 2.45pm  
Here in our  
Church**

### PLEASE NOTE:

Greg Williams (Church Secretary) will be away from 29/10/2015 to 9/11/2015, any urgent matters please refer to Peter Smith (Assistant Church Secretary).

There will be no bulletin next week, so please check your rosters to see if you are rostered for anything the following week:

**15th NOVEMBER.**

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

David & Kylie Stroud have moved and their new address is:

**76 HEMSWORTH AVENUE  
MIDDLETON GRANGE 2171**



*"But don't be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all." – Matthew 10:26*

### India

315 Christians have been forcibly re-converted in Varanasi, the holiest city in Hinduism. Violent attacks against Christians have recently increased and many who have left lives of Hindu worship have been targeted. Forced conversion ceremonies, known as Ghar Wapsi, are carried out, with many coerced through false promises or by threats of violence.

Varanasi is considered to be the cultural centre of North India and is important in the Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh faiths. Hindu nationalism has been on the rise in India, particularly in "holy cities" like Varanasi.

Over the last five years thousands of people have come to Christ in the area, seeking healing at two Christian centres near the city. Hindu extremists monitor these centres and pursue new believers. Violent attacks on Christian workers who share their faith is becoming more common place and Ghar Wapsi ceremonies are performed every few months.

### Pray with us:

- Pray that new Christians who are facing intense pressure would not give up their faith.
- Pray for the Hindus targeting Christians, that their eyes would be opened to the living God.
- Pray for the church in India, that it continues to grow despite the rise in Hindu nationalism.

**Prayer: the key of the day and the lock of the night.**

Thomas Fuller