

Boys' and Girls' Brigade Garage Sale Saturday 20th June 2015

Yes There is **only 2 weeks** to go before we hold our Annual Garage Sale on *Saturday 20 June 2015*. The funds raised will be to help pay for the costs of running both the Companies. We are seeking help from parents and friends, asking that they donate goods that they no longer use, so we can sell them and so raise some much needed funds.

We expect to be selling second hand furniture, electrical goods, books, clothes, computers, tools and bric-a-brac. Anything, as long as it is of some value. Please have a look around at home and see what you can find. As storage is a problem at the church we hope you can store it at home until just before the Garage sale. If not then please let me know and we will see what we can do. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Girls' and Boys' Brigades. Michelle and Graham Terry
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BORONIA SENIORS

MONDAY 15th JUNE
10.00am — 12 Noon



Guest Speaker:
LIZ TAYLOR
from the

Multiple Sclerosis Association

Our speaker will be enlightening us of the impact M.S. has on the patient and their families and carers.



Please mark out the **21st of June** in your diary for our first **CHURCH FAMILY LUNCH** in a number of years. This will be a great time of gathering together, where we will also meet and hear from a great young couple and their family as they prepare to go on mission. More details will follow next week.



PIZZA PARTY

wood fired pizza, smoked ribs & chicken wings

Friday 12th June starting 6:30pm finishing 9:30pm

@ Monique's Café, 72 Ettalong Rd, Greystanes

NSW 2145

\$20 per person, includes drinks: most dietary conditions catered for

Bookings by Wednesday 10th June @ pastor.wentybaps@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE:

ANY INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK
PLEASE CONTACT GREG WILLIAMS



The Cruelty of Human Trafficking: Fishing Boat Slaves and Mail Order Brides

The unspeakable cruelty of human trafficking manifests itself in numerous ways.

Because of the abject poverty of his family in Cambodia, at just 15 years old, Sok Ra was duped into working as a slave on a Thai fishing industry boat for 7 years before managing to escape.

Whilst on the boat, he was injected with drugs to keep him working up to 20 hours a day, given just enough food to keep him alive and endured frequent beatings that resulted in brain injuries. Now 22, he is so traumatised that he just lies on the floor of his mother's house, dependent on her care.

Sok Ra told his mother he was grateful to God that he had survived, as he had seen some of his co-workers thrown into the sea when they were no longer of any use. Little by little, Sok Ra's mental health is improving.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of Cambodians cross into Thailand in search of work, many of them illegally, making themselves vulnerable to being duped by human traffickers or unscrupulous employers.

Samaritan's Purse is working to save people from human trafficking in several nations. In Cambodia, our Trafficking Prevention program reached close to 50,000 people last year – a pitifully small number considering the magnitude of the problem.

With your help, we want to expand this program and greatly increase its reach and impact.

In Vietnam, the shocking face of human trafficking expresses itself in another disgusting way with the Virgin Brides For Sale trafficking industry.

The Vietnam Human Rights Network uncovered an advertisement in China that read: A Vietnamese bride for \$5000. Virginity guaranteed, delivery within 90 days, if runs away within a year, get another one free.



This heinous, illegal industry sees girls as young as 14 being trafficked. They may be beaten, resold to other men or even farmed out to brothels.

These crimes are fuelled by the one child policy in China, which has resulted in a population shortage of 18 million girls and of women aged 20 to 45 years; hence, millions of Chinese men are looking for wives and are willing to pay for them.

It is estimated that by the year 2020, the shortage of girls will have almost doubled. In Vietnam, our hope is to work with students and community leaders - including church cell group leaders, police and union officials - to provide the tools they need to be able to effectively communicate the dangers of trafficking girls and women as brides.

Please partner with us to stop these and other human rights abuses and to protect and enhance the lives of vulnerable people in these and other countries where we work.

Please send us your best gift before 30th June for inclusion in your 2015 tax return. Thank you for your generosity and support.

This is an urgent appeal. Every day, people are being irreparably damaged by despicable and callous individuals who value human life only in terms of money or sex.

God Bless,

Jorge Rodrigues
Executive Director
Samaritan's Purse Australia/New Zealand