

Wesley Mission's congregations

provide a solid Christian foundation for our work and give a faith-based impetus for shaping communities. Today, we are building on our congregational base with the latest technology, enabling us to reach larger numbers of people seeking the inspiration of God's Word.

Ministry & Mission work

Every week more than 1,800 people worshipped at one of Wesley Mission's 10 congregations led by our team of eight chaplains.

Services were conducted in English, Mandarin, Samoan, Rotuman and Japanese.

Various staff and congregation members continued to engage in mission activities in several countries including China, Thailand, the Philippines and Cambodia. Congregations also gave more than \$100,000 in support of overseas mission activity.

Six Ministry & Mission staff were invited to Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu Province in China. While there they shared in worship, visited churches, and met with local ministers and pastors. The church there is growing at a rate of 80,000 registered members a year but lacks formally trained pastors.

Seven delegates from the Wesley Chinese, International, Samoan and 6pm Congregations attended the World Methodist International Christian Youth Conference in South Korea.

Congregations gave generously to support those affected by natural disasters in Queensland, New Zealand and Japan.

During the year, the Ministry & Mission office distributed a total of 1,144 food parcels and handled 425 referrals and 189 requests for financial assistance.

Broadcasting our message

The heart of our teaching at Wesley Mission is the Sunday night experience—*Praise, Prayer & Preaching*—with 51 programs screened on the Australian Christian Channel (ACC) during the year.

Our re-named *Wesley Impact! TV* is a fresh, exciting Sunday morning program featuring people whose lives have been transformed, singers who inspired us with the beauty of their talent and practical Christian teaching that encouraged and challenged us.

The 2010–11 season saw a new look for the *Wesley Impact!* backdrop and stage, and the development of a new opening and graphics for the show.

The Easter Sunrise Service was once again filmed live from the Sydney Opera House and broadcast across Australia on the Seven Network at 6am on Easter morning. The Northern Foyer of the Concert Hall was crowded as the Rev Keith Garner, Superintendent of Wesley Mission, singer Stan Walker and the Melbourne Gospel Choir led the live congregation and television and radio audiences, with the message of New Beginnings at Easter. Viewers and listeners interacted with Wesley Mission during the broadcast live via the internet, and also after the event via phone calls, email and regular post.

Ratings figures from the Seven Network in the five metro television markets showed that this was the most viewed Easter Sunrise Service for the past 10 years. Unprecedented media coverage of our events reached more than two million people through print and electronic media.

To help celebrate Wesley Mission's 200th anniversary in 2012, the Superintendent travelled to the United Kingdom in May to film a well-researched documentary on the life of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. From the footage shot, two documentaries are being produced—one specifically for Wesley Mission, and one that we hope will have some commercial success and appeal to the general public across the world.