



NATIONAL ALLIANCE YOUTH CAMP 2013, SUNSHINE COAST, QLD

Alliance Youth Australia

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Meet the AYA Coordinator!

by Peter Graham

Hi Everyone! My name is Peter Graham and I am the Coordinator of Alliance Youth Australia (AYA). I am currently based in Brisbane, Queensland and attend Wynnum Manly Alliance Church on the Bayside. I am married to my lovely wife, Liz; and God has richly blessed us with three beautiful children: Eliana, 4, Jedidiah, 2 and Reuben, 1.



Prior to living in Queensland, I served at Woden Valley Alliance Church in Canberra as the Youth and later, Young Adults Pastor. As well as serving the Lord in ministry,

I have been studying by correspondence towards a Bachelor of Ministry through Tabor Adelaide.

I have been involved on the AYA Leadership Team for the past several years; and it has been my joy during that time (as it is now!) to assist and support Alliance churches in the encouraging, equipping and empowering of their

young people. This is what AYA is all about: to help build up and empower younger generations of God's workers to follow His calling in their lives. We seek to encourage Alliance youth and young adults to BELONG to God's family and to that of the C&MA; to equip them so that they may BELIEVE with conviction that Jesus Christ is Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King; and to empower them so that they may BECOME whatever it is that God has called them to be.

We do all this not in competition with Alliance leaders, pastors and churches, but in partnership with them. That is why over the course of 2014 I look forward to travelling to many Alliance churches across the country in order to create strong working relationships with Alliance leaders; and establish cross-cultural networks.

It is my desire to see AYA reach its full potential within the C&MA movement. So please pray for me and the AYA Team as we seek to serve God and the Alliance in this invaluable ministry.



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by Nam Doan

The lack of young people being trained and equipped for ministry and service has long been a concern in the Vietnamese church community. It has thus been the prayer of many to ask God to raise up a new generation of young people who would be willing to offer up their lives to grow deeper in their faith and to explore what God is calling them to.

Over the past few months, God has been drawing and calling Johnny Chau, Vivian Thai, Daniel Nguyen and Khoi Phuong. Through the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit, these four young people have responded to God's call and have entered into studies at Bible College.

Therefore, on the night of Saturday 15th February 2014, both the Kingsgrove and Agape Vietnamese Alliance churches gathered together to celebrate God's answer to our prayers.

We heard God's story in the lives of these four people and how they've been moved to see their place in that story. On the night, we raised awareness, funds and prayers for these four and we are

over-joyed to now know that the financial target we set for the night has not only been reached but exceeded.

Praise God that He has invited us to serve in His Kingdom...

Ps Nam Doan is the Youth & Young Adults Pastor of Kingsgrove & Agape Vietnamese Alliance Churches in Sydney.



National Desire Conference

by Rung Nguyen

Alliance Church. God blessed us with three special speakers, Pastor Nam Doan, Rev Steven Laughlin and Dr David Catchpoole. Each speaker shared about God's desire for us and our response to this amazing truth.

For me, it was great seeing the number and diversity of participants from interstate. It showed their commitment in building upon the fellowship that we have together. Although we see each other twice a year, it was a blessing to see familiar faces and to hear about their growth and ministries. Everyone was as their usual self, leaders were still leading even though they were participants, youth were always keen to

learn and help out. At times, it felt like the participants and the organisers ran the conference together.

The next conference will be in Sydney in 2015. I really look forward to it. It will be great to see everyone again and to pick up where we left off at Desire Conference 2014.

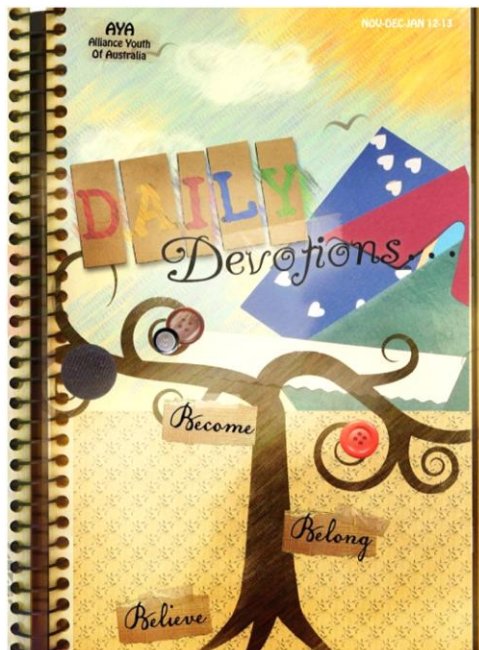
I know God will continue to bless us.

*Rung Nguyen
Team Member, Desire Conference*



Every two years, a number of churches in the Christian and Missionary Alliance come together through a conference to fellowship, grow together and encourage each other in ministries at church and in our own journey with God. In 2014, The Desire Conference was organised by the youth from the Adelaide Vietnamese

IN OTHER NEWS



Word4U2day Devotionals

We are sorry to announce that we will no longer be issuing Word4U2Day Daily Devotions to our Alliance churches. However, take heart! If you or your church would like to continue to receive complimentary Word4U2Day devotionals, simply visit their website: www.word4u2day.com.au/Subscribe. There you will be able to quickly and easily subscribe to receive their complimentary devotionals – either through the post or by e-mail.



Stay connected with AYA online!

Don't forget that you can stay connected and keep up to date with AYA news and events by simply jumping on the net! Visit us at www.allianceyouth.org.au or "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AllianceYouthAustralia.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Alliance Youth Team will be holding their first meeting for 2014 in Queensland in April. Please pray for them as they seek the Lord's will concerning the ministry of Alliance Youth for 2014 and beyond.

Alliance Young Adults Camp 2014!

by Jennifer Fung

"Camp was awesome!"

"Music and worship times were excellent."

"It was good to meet people in the same profession and listen to encouragement/struggles of being a Christian in the workplace."

"Good interacting with people who are from different churches."

"I like how we experienced every church's music worship style. Mingling with other churches in a long period of time is rare, it was great and should be done more."

"Do it again!"

(Feedback from the Alliance Young Adults Camp: Ambitious 2011)

The Alliance Young Adults camp held in 2011 was a great time of encouragement, worship, learning and friendship building amongst different Alliance churches from all around Australia.

The Alliance Young Adults Camp is back in 2014 and will be held from 3-6 October at CMS Katoomba in the Blue Mountains NSW. We are very much looking forward to a great weekend of fellowship and teaching, especially welcoming those who will be coming from interstate.

Our theme this year will be "In His Image" - "What does it mean to be created in God's image? How does understanding this impact our lives in areas such as our relationships with family, colleagues and friends and our participation in the wider world around us? How does it influence the way we respond to the poor or marginalised, or the way we steward our finances and resources? How do we reflect and represent God as his "image bearers" in our daily lives? How does this affect the way we seek to reach the lost and live missionally in an ever changing world and society?"

Registrations will open online in May with promotional material (posters,

flyers) also to be sent out. Updates and further information will soon be available from the AYA Facebook page and website (allianceyouth.org.au & [facebook.com/AllianceYouthAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/AllianceYouthAustralia)).

We also have some young adult events coming up prior to the camp that we would love to see you at:

Saturday 17 May 2014

Cafe Night

Venue: Sydney Chinese Alliance Church (40-42 George St, Rockdale)

Time: 7pm

Saturday 12 July 2014

Mission Prayer Night

Venue: Frenchs Forest Alliance Church

Time: 7pm

More details to come and will be posted on the AYA Facebook page and website.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

*Jennifer Fung,
on behalf of the AYA Camp Committee*

SUMMARY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

What: Alliance Young Adults Camp 2014

When: 3rd - 6th October 2014

Where: CMS Katoomba (Blue Mountains)

Who For: Young Adults 18-30 (families with young children welcome!)

Theme: "His Image"

Registration: Online from May 2014 (allianceyouth.org.au)



AYA Council Event 2014

by Bill Jensen

On Friday the seventh and Saturday the eighth of February, Woden Valley Alliance Church was privileged to host the 2014 Alliance Youth Australia Council event. This event reinforced the theme of the C&MA 2014 council - "The Witness of the Spirit" with teaching on how the Holy Spirit calls us, equips us and transforms us to be involved in God's mission both locally and abroad.



The young adults who attended the event were blessed to hear teaching from Rev. Rick Bell, Miss Kim Chau and Ps. Ola Odejayi and were also blessed to be able to build relationships with other young people from within our alliance community through times of fellowship, eating meals together and times of group discussion.

This event was a great opportunity for young adults from around the C&MA to meet each other and further develop existing relationships as well as be encouraged in their journey of faith through biblical teaching that emphasised "Alliance" values.

Ps Bill Jensen is the Young Adults & Families Pastor at Woden Valley Alliance Church in Canberra.



Rev Rick Bell (left)
C&MA Director of Missions & Recruitment

Ps Ola Odejayi (right)
Associate Pastor, Baulkham Hills
Chinese Alliance Church

Ms Kim Chau (far left)
Team Member,
Alliance Youth Australia



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