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In celebration of **Mother's Day**, we invite you to submit a short article and justification explaining why your mother deserves recognition.

Submissions may fall under the following categories:

1. Mother with the **most** children and grandchildren attending JIL Church
2. **Longest**-serving mother in the ministry
3. Mother of **Exceptional Influence** and Service

Please also include a brief story highlighting why your mother is special and how her life has impacted the workplace, community, and church ministry.

Attach a photo and send your submission to testimony@jilchurch.au

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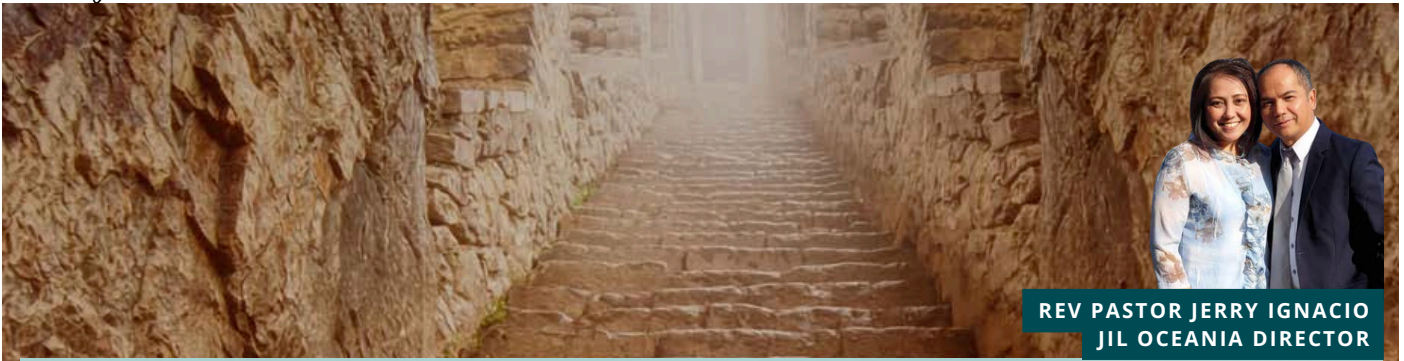
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HOLY SPIRIT BREAKTHROUGH

What happened in the upper room?

When we talk about breakthrough, we are often familiar with dead-end situations, times when believers feel stuck, hopeless, or out of options. Are you going through a breakdown right now? Not a literal end of the road, but a situation where you feel like you have nowhere else to go, a place where you feel trapped. Don't see it as the end. See it as a turning point that opens your heart to God and prepares you for breakthrough.

Now imagine the upper room. It represents closed doors, self-imposed limitations, and boundaries that seem final. The 120 believers inside were afraid, afraid of being exposed, afraid of persecution, and burdened that held by their past.

But what happened in the upper room changed everything.

When the Holy Spirit came upon them, as the Scripture says, *"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them"* (**Acts 2:4**). That word enabled means empowered, given the ability to do far beyond human capacity and achieve great results. It speaks of boldness and divine strength, just as promised in **Acts 1:8**, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."*

These were the same disciples who were once restrained and hiding when Jesus was crucified. But after receiving power from on high, they were transformed, endowed with power, anointed with purpose, and they went out boldly, preaching the gospel everywhere. They did not stop at the cross with just salvation. They waited until they were filled with the Holy Spirit for service.

Acts 10:38 reminded us what it says:

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power..." Even Jesus, the Son of God, was empowered and anointed by the Holy Spirit. That is why He accomplished so much in His three and a half years of earthly ministry. In the same way, the disciples' upper room experience turned the world upside down for Christ. So, what about us? How much more do you and I need the power of the Holy Spirit to do greater works and experience mighty breakthrough in our lives, our families, and our ministry? Today, the Holy Spirit is often the most neglected Person in Christian life and service. Yet He was promised to us by Jesus before He ascended to heaven:

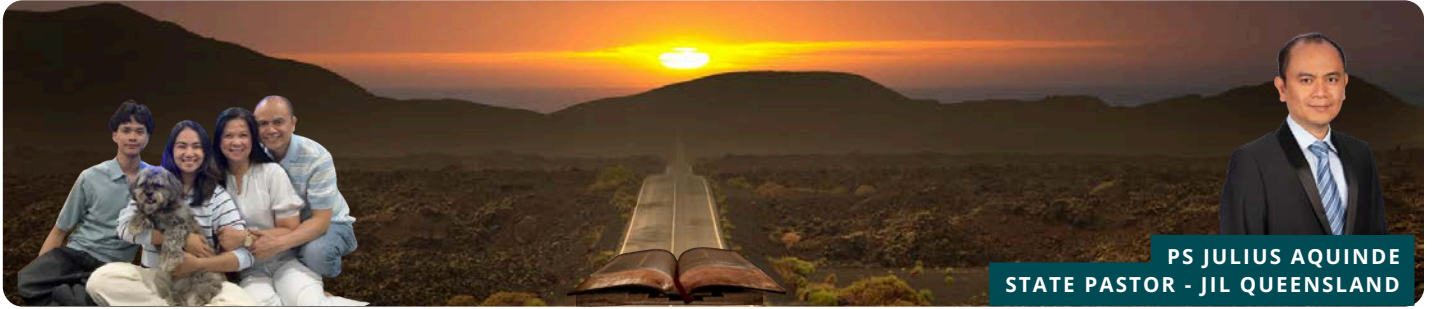
"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth." - John 14:16. Remember this. **The Holy Spirit is not just power; He is the source of power. Not a symbol of life, He is the source of life. Not an instrument, He is a Person. And because He is a Person, He does not force Himself on us. He waits to be welcomed.**

So we must pray. We must commune with God. We must ask for our own **"upper room"** experience and be filled with the Holy Spirit, where barriers are broken and true breakthrough begins.

Let your dead end become a doorway. Let your breaking point become your turning point. And may you experience Holy Spirit breakthrough in all areas of your life, in Jesus name!

PASTOR'S CORNER

A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR



MY JOURNEY OF FAITH: IRRESISTABLE CALLING

"...to God, who fulfills His purpose for me." - Psalms 57:2

It was at the National Youth Camp in Norzagaray, Bulacan in 1994 when I felt a burden in my heart and made a vow before the Lord that I would serve Him. I can't recall the exact topic of Bro Eddie's preaching that day, but I know my heart was moved to make that commitment. From that moment on, I was glad to serve Him.

After the camp, I continued my faith journey and pursued the next step after graduating from college. Every time I returned to Pangasinan, I involved myself in ministry at JIL Binalonan, I was zealous and deeply engaged in God's work. What I didn't realise was that God had a bigger plan for me, far beyond the things I was passionate about in the church community. It was something greater than I could ever imagine.

After taking the board exam, I stayed in Manila to look for employment. Although I enjoyed city life, I couldn't resist the urge to return to Pangasinan whenever I had the chance. One day, feeling unsatisfied with where I was in my career, I sought something deeper to fill the void. I sat the traineeship program exams for the National Power Corporation (NPC) and passed successfully. Unfortunately, there were no vacancies for me in the main office in Diliman, Quezon City, nor in Baguio City where I was redirected. Nevertheless, I was offered a traineeship at the Hermosa, Bataan Substation. And so, I headed to Bataan, led by the unseen hand of God.

While in Hermosa, Bataan, my deep desire to serve Him wherever He placed me came to fruition. I connected with the Four Square Church in Dinalupihan, Bataan and became friends with the pastor. I made myself available for any ministry need. Evangelism, which is close to my heart, was the first ministry I joined.

I delivered my first evangelistic message to an audience of kids and young people. I knew that beyond these young listeners were adults in the surrounding neighbourhood who heard the gospel proclaimed by a new Christian with nothing but a heart to serve.

One unforgettable moment was travelling to a barangay (a small community) with a tricycle loaded with instruments, not a car or even decent transport. Many couldn't fathom the joy I felt despite the scarcity of resources, but the joy was incomparable. Indeed, the joy of serving the Lord in small beginnings!

From then on, whenever I went home for holidays, I made sure to visit these churches that had significantly shaped my journey.

In Bataan, I grew close to the pastor and the Four Square Church. Later, I learnt about a Bible school, which sparked my interest. When I moved to Manila for a casual job at NPC's main office in Diliman, I searched for the Four Square Bible School in Project 4, Quezon City. I stayed in the school dormitory to be mentored and surrounded by men and women passionate about pursuing their calling. My time there was fruitful and worth treasuring.

During my stint at Bible school, I joined a ministry that saturated a barangay in Quezon City with the gospel. This involvement was different, there were massive opportunities to minister and share life with a community of believers before and after church. Yet, a discomfort arose in my comfort, the longing to return to JIL Pangasinan. Little did I know that God had something precious waiting for me: someone pivotal in my faith journey.

I met Sis Violy, who became my wife, and together we were blessed with two amazing kids, Keziah and Joash, who now co-serve with us in ministry.

Early in our marriage, I decided to go overseas and landed a job in Bahrain. My family followed a year later. Living as we should, Sis Violy and I committed to serve in a Filipino church with a congregation of 300 people from various Christian backgrounds.

God gave me the opportunity to sit on the Church Board when I was elected and mentored by seasoned men of faith and leadership, valuable experiences in dealing with church matters.

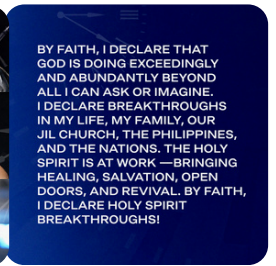
We lived comfortably in Bahrain. Nevertheless, God had more for us than the “riches” the world could offer. I thought serving God in those capacities was enough, but He reminded me of the vow I had made years ago. There was no real peace, and joy was fleeting, until I chased His purpose and fulfilled that vow. God did not forget my promise, even when I almost did.

We moved to this beautiful country, Australia, and began another chapter of our family’s faith journey. Great things come with great challenges, and we had to overcome many to see God’s hand orchestrating His glorious plan. I almost gave up and returned to Bahrain during our first year because my employer had given me return tickets should I decide to go back. But again, God intervened, for He had a purpose to fulfil, and I had to obey. Then came the opportunity to continue the work in JIL Brisbane, where there was a need for a pastoral role. Through deep prayer and faith, we pressed the YES button when the divine signal turned green. It has now been almost 13 years that I have served the Lord in a pastoral capacity, together with my family co-serving with me.

Peace is the gauge that tells me I am in God’s will, right place, right time, and with the right people. Indeed, God fulfilled His purpose for me when I committed to run after Him. I believe He was the one who placed that burden in my heart and caused me to make that vow before Him. **Looking back, I see that He was, and still is, the One who guided and directed me in this fruitful journey. Indeed, I can run, but not away, only towards His calling.**

His irresistible calling.

*In Christ,
Ps. Julius Aquino*



Breakthrough 3:20 is a global call for the **JIL family** to come together in united prayer and bold declarations of faith. Rooted in the promise of **Ephesians 3:20**, “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” This movement celebrates the limitless power of God and the strength found when His people stand as one, trusting wholly in Him.

This program was birthed from the prophetic revelation given by the Lord to our beloved JIL President and **Spiritual Director, Bishop Bro. Eddie Villanueva**, for a Holy Spirit Breakthrough in JIL Church Worldwide. Its purpose is to unite all JIL people in breakthrough prayers and declarations, covering their personal lives, families, our JIL Church family and apostolic family, JIL pastors and congregations, the Body of Christ, our nation, the Philippines, including every province, city, and municipality, and the nations of the world.

Each day at **3:20 p.m. (local time)**, believers are invited to intentionally **pause and lift up prayers, offered in faith, ignited with passion, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.** As these moments of intercession ripple across time zones, they are believed to release a mighty spiritual impact, shifting atmospheres, advancing God’s purposes, and bringing hope, breakthrough, and transformation to His people worldwide.

VISION AND PURPOSE

B3:20 is envisioned to release waves of prayer and intercession, done in faith, with fervency, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. These prayers will impact and shift the spiritual climate in favor of God’s purposes and His people.

This daily practice also serves as a built-in habit and a spiritual trigger, cultivating expectation for supernatural breakthroughs from the Holy Spirit.

REMINDERS

- **PROGRAM:** B3:20 does not replace existing prayer programs of JIL Church; it complements them.
- **FAITH DECLARATIONS:** This practice must be done with faith, fervency, reverence, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, not ritualistically, because there is power in faith declarations and prayers.
- **TIME:** God’s people are encouraged to set their alarms at 3:20 pm daily and participate in this prayer-declaration habit.
- **EXPECTATIONS:** Pray with an expectant heart, believing that “Nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).

WISDOM OF HABITS

- C.S. Lewis: “Sow a thought and reap a deed; sow a deed and reap an action; sow an action and reap a habit; sow a habit and reap a character; sow a character and reap a destiny.”
- John Maxwell: “You’ll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine.”

These words remind us that daily habits shape our character and destiny. B3:20 is designed to be such a habit, one that leads to spiritual breakthroughs.

Through B3:20, let us build a lifestyle of prayer, faith, and expectancy, turning a simple daily practice into a supernatural movement that glorifies God.

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*Voices of Faith:
Real Stories, Real Transformation*

By: Rodel and Yvette Hernandez

(JIL Canberra)



FROM GLORY TO GLORY

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." - 2 Corinthians 3:18



We just want to take this time to give all glory and honour to God because truly, He has been so faithful in every season of our lives. When we look back at how far He has brought us, all we can say is that it was never by our strength, but by His grace alone. Moving into our new home was one of the most beautiful reminders of God's faithfulness. There were times when the process felt impossible when the paper-

work was delayed, when finances were tight, and when we didn't know how things would work out. But as always, God went ahead of us and made the way straight. Every room in that house reminds us that we serve a God who keeps His promises.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

Not long after, God surprised us again with another favour and promotion opening new doors that only He could possibly open. He blessed us with a promotion to a Senior Associate for Commercial and Property Law, and a promotion to a Senior Nurse in a Mental Health Care Facility.

These were not just steps up in our careers, but divine assignments that reminded us that when you walk in faith and integrity, God Himself will lift you up. Our workplaces became more than just places to earn they became mission fields where we could serve with compassion, patience, and excellence, reflecting His light in everything we do.

And then came another beautiful blessing, our growing family. We're so grateful to be expecting our second child, a true gift from above. After waiting five years for our firstborn and another eight years for our second bundle of joy, we can truly say that God's timing is perfect. Every heartbeat, every tiny kick reminds us that He is still writing our story. Parenthood has taught us to love more deeply, to trust more completely, and to see God's love in a whole new way.

Every good and perfect gift is from above. (James 1:17)

In the midst of these blessings, God also gave us the privilege to serve Him through the Music Ministry. Becoming part of this ministry has been one of the greatest honours of our lives. Worship has always been close to our hearts, but now, to be entrusted to lead others into His presence through music has been such a humbling experience. We are especially grateful for the opportunity to play every Sunday, to use our gifts and instruments as an act of worship and thanksgiving to the One who gave them. Every song and every note is a declaration that ministry is not about performance, but about presence, about drawing closer to God and leading others to do the same.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. (Psalm 100:2)

And just when we thought God's grace couldn't get any deeper, He opened another door, allowing us to share His Word and lead in ministry. Standing before God's people and speaking His Word is never about ability, it's about obedience. Every time we preach or share a message, we're reminded of what He said in His word:

My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

We don't take this calling lightly, and we thank Him for trusting us with His message.

This year also tested our faith when our parents faced serious illnesses and operations. It was a season of tears, prayer, and waiting, but also a time when we saw God's healing power in full display. He restored their health, strengthened our family, and reminded us that He is still Jehovah Rapha, the Lord who heals.

He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

Through it all, we've also learned the value of obedience in giving. As faithful tithers, we've seen God's hand of blessing over our lives. Every time we give, He multiplies, not just financially, but emotionally and spiritually. Faithful tithing has truly opened doors we never have imagined, protected us from loss, and surrounded our home with peace. We've discovered that faithful tithing doesn't just bring provision, it brings grace and mercy that we could never earn. We don't give to receive; we give because God has already given us everything.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven. (Malachi 3:10)

When we look at where we started and where we are now, our hearts are full. From our home to our family, from our workplaces to our ministries, we can truly say that the Lord has been with us every step of the way.

Thus far the Lord has helped us. (1 Samuel 7:12)

We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know Who holds tomorrow. And so we give all glory, honour, and praise to the One who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think... (Ephesians 3:20)

All that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, it's all for His glory. Truly, He has taken us from glory to glory.

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By: Abi Alora-Adriano
(JIL Blacktown AM)



GRACE IN THE BATTLE: A TESTIMONY OF HEALING AND HOPE



I want to thank my Lord and Saviour for His unending faithfulness and goodness. Truly, His goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life.

Back in *April 2025*, I felt a large lump in my stomach. After a series of tests, doctors found that it was a 13mm cyst and I was told I would require open surgery to remove it. During those weeks of waiting, feeling frustrated, wondering what could have caused it, I found myself asking God "Why me?",

But His quiet, comforting presence met me every day in my devotions. One particular verse from **Joshua 1:9** became my anchor:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

I thank the Lord the cyst was caught early and removed in time, just as a part of the cyst started to burst, but thankfully before it could do more damage. After the operation, the surgeon confirmed that the cyst they removed from my ovary was cancerous. But in God's amazing grace and perfect timing, it was taken out right when it needed to be that there were no cancer cells left in my body, and no other organs got affected.



Afterwards, my oncologist had strongly recommended that I undergo chemotherapy just to make sure the cancer would not return. I honestly struggled to make a decision. I sought God earnestly in prayer, asking Him for wisdom, peace and guidance to decide what to do next.

Through that season, the Lord surrounded me with amazing people who encouraged me and reminded me to trust not just the process, but the God who works through medical science.

I know it was His hand that guided my every step.

By God's grace, I completed my 6th and final chemo session on September 25, and today I can truly say, I'm on my way to full recovery!

All glory to God!

I'm so excited to see the beautiful things He has in store for me in this next chapter of my life.



REUNITED BY GOD'S GRACE: RICHARD DELA CRUZ'S TESTIMONY OF FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE



Edited by Sis Abbey Finlay on behalf of bro Richard Dela Cruz
(JIL Campbelltown)

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."
— ***Jeremiah 33:2-3***



My name is Richard Dela Cruz, and I came to Australia from the Philippines in August 2018 on a temporary skilled visa. Before coming here, I had been working in the Middle East, trusting that God had a greater plan for me and my family. By His grace, I was hired by a good company here in Australia, an opportunity I will always be thankful for.

At first, life wasn't easy. Being apart from my wife and children was one of the hardest things I've ever experienced. I missed them deeply - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. But I held onto my faith in God, believing that in His perfect time, we would be together again. Prayer became my strength, and with the support and encouragement of people around me, I was able to endure the loneliness and challenges.

Before my temporary visa expired, another great blessing came. I was granted permanent residency in *June 2023*. That was when I immediately applied for my family's visa, praying every day that God would make a way.

After more than a year of waiting, **my prayers were finally answered: my family's visa was approved**, and in July 2025, they arrived in Australia. **That was truly the happiest moment of my life, being reunited after so many years apart.**

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When my family arrived, we began to settle into our new home. They loved the weather here and were touched by how peaceful and welcoming the community is. My children, Lizet and Rouie, had to adjust to a new school system, which was quite different from what they were used to in the Philippines. But God has been faithful every step of the way.

One of the greatest blessings has been introducing my family to our church. Back in the Philippines, we were religious but lacking a personal relationship with Jesus. We quickly embraced the fellowship and love within the church family. My children now attend Youth Bible studies and serve in the music ministry and tech team, something that fills me with so much joy.

As for me, I serve in the music ministry, playing the bass guitar to glorify God. Every time I play during worship, I am reminded that there is always hope in the Lord. Through every hardship and blessing, **I have learned to trust His timing, to be patient, and to never lose hope, because God truly has a plan for each of us.**

And just when I thought my blessings couldn't overflow any further, God gave us another wonderful gift, a baby boy on the way! We are so grateful for this new addition to our family and for all that God continues to do in our lives. To anyone still waiting for their own answered prayer, I want to encourage you: never lose hope.

Keep trusting in God, keep praying, and keep believing. God knows the desires of your heart. Continue to work hard, stay faithful, and let God do the rest.

All glory and praise to our faithful God, the One who hears, answers, and reunites His children in His perfect time.



JIL HAWKESBURY CHURCH OUTREACH: A JOURNEY OF FAITH, SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY

By: **Bro Oliver Oca**
(JIL Hawkesbury)



The **JIL Hawkesbury** church outreach program has embarked on an inspiring journey of faith and service, partnering with The Community Bushcare through the Hawkesbury City Council to undertake bush regeneration and re-vegetation programs every fourth Sunday of each month.

This initiative reflects our **deep commitment to stewardship of God's creation** and building a stronger, greener community. The vibrant images of our volunteers, young and old, working together in harmony with nature, capture the heart of this endeavour. Their hands are busy with care, and their spirits are lifted by a shared purpose, creating a powerful testament to faith in action.



No experience is necessary to join this noble cause. The **Hawkesbury City Council** provides comprehensive training, ensuring that everyone, from beginners to seasoned participants, can contribute meaningfully.

This inclusivity has drawn a diverse group of volunteers from our church family, showcasing the beauty of unity across generations. Children laugh as they learn, adults share wisdom, and seniors offer encouragement, creating a tapestry of love and support that mirrors the body of Christ working as one. Notably, our efforts have sparked interest among some volunteers who have inquired about our church. We warmly share our church's goals, spreading the love of Jesus through service and community, and invite them to join us for worship, extending an open welcome to all.

Adding to the joy of this service, **JIL Hawkesbury** offers a free sausage sizzle, along with snacks and drinks, for all volunteers and the wider community. This act of hospitality transforms a day of hard work into a celebration of fellowship, where bonds are strengthened, and new friendships are forged. The aroma of sizzling sausages mingles with the fresh scent of the bush, a reminder that faith in action nourishes both body and soul. Our efforts have also been recognized by the Hawkesbury City Council. On *July 27, 2025*, a Council worker sent an email expressing their delight that members of Jesus Is Lord Church joined the Bushcare program late in the morning, noting, **"It is pleasing."**

This acknowledgment affirms the impact of our collective work.

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Beyond our monthly Bushcare efforts, JIL Hawkesbury's commitment to service extends to other initiatives. Pastor Jeth represented our church by volunteering with Clean Up Australia on *September 6, 2025*. During this event, he invited one of the volunteers to attend our church service on *October 4, 2025*, where they were warmly welcomed, further strengthening our community ties.

This outreach is more than just environmental care; it is a testament to living out our faith through service. As we clear fast-spreading weeds, we are sowing seeds of hope and renewal, not only for the land but also for the hearts of those who participate. The Bible reminds us in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." This verse encapsulates the spirit of our mission, perseverance in love and service, trusting in God's promise of a bountiful harvest.

The images of our volunteers in action tell a story of dedication and joy. You can see the smiles, the colourful gloves, and the bags of debris being transformed into signs of a healthier ecosystem. This is a call to all members of **Jesus Is Lord Church** and the broader community to join us. Whether you're young or young at heart, your presence and effort make a difference. Together, we are not just regenerating the bush but also revitalizing our community spirit.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Sunday of each month, and come be part of this transformative work. Bring your family, your friends, and your faith. No prior skills are required, just a willing heart. The training will equip you; the fellowship will inspire you, and the sausage sizzle will sustain you. Let's continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, caring for His creation and each other, as we look forward to the harvest of goodness that awaits us.

JIL LIVERPOOL: OVERCOMERS



By: Sis Melfer Viado
(JIL Liverpool)

Long live our Overcomers!

They are the group that is described as "closest to God, closest to the finish line", the Overcomer group in **JIL Liverpool**, consisting of majority of senior citizens.

With age ranging from *60-70 years old*, the Overcomers hold life group every Friday night, online, and occasionally fellowships in person when they celebrate someone's birthday in the group. They devotedly hold LG every week, no breaks, no misses. They are a force to reckon with, with their dedication so steadfast on the Lord, no trials kept them away from coming to their LG and to church.

They are a source of inspiration, with their faith tested over their life's existence, the lessons learned, whether about health, about family and raising kids, about adulthood and aging, about budgeting and financial retirement advice, they sure are able to give sound nuggets of wisdom, not found in manuals nor books.



They are our pillars of strength at church. They are a testament to God's great plan, that as forerunners of faith, God's hands are holding us, His children, a reminder not to give up and trust in God's great plan. They are a sight to behold, advanced in years yet aging gracefully, stylish and fabulous, even in old age.

Oh, how blessed we are to have such vibrant overcomers at church. They are just a message away, ready to fellowship, ready to share God's goodness and faithfulness whenever and wherever they can.

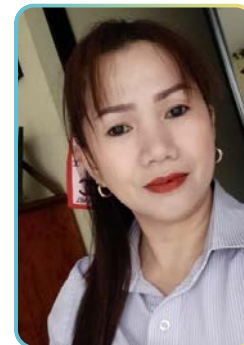
Long live Overcomers!
We thank God for your lives

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(JIL Adelaide)



Testimony of Sis Rosalie Ashworth

Greenwith, South Australia

I arrived in Australia in **March 2020**. Not long after, a friend invited me to attend church in Largs North, SA. Since I wasn't driving yet, I travelled by taking two buses each way and attended every second Sunday. Eventually, I began praying for God to lead me to a church closer to where I live in Greenwith. The long travel became difficult, and for a time I stopped attending church, but I continued praying earnestly, trusting that the Lord would guide me to the right place near home.

In November 2024, I travelled to the Philippines to surprise my mother. During my two-week stay, my niece brought me to her church for two Sundays, where her pastor prayed over me. I specifically asked for prayer that God would lead me to the right church once I returned to Australia. I also asked God for a clear sign. Soon after, I saw the name JIL Church in my vision. I then remembered that there was a JIL Church right in my neighbourhood, something I had noticed before but never seriously considered.

On my first Sunday back in Australia, I attended **Greenwith JIL Church**. I later sent a message through the church's Facebook page, sharing that I was looking for a place where I could grow spiritually and deepen my relationship with Jesus. On **5 January 2025**, I attended another service and felt truly blessed by the warmth of the welcome and the strong presence of God. I knew then that the Lord had answered my prayer. Sister Ami even shared with me that my coming to church was also an answer to her prayer, as she had been praying for more residents of Greenwith to attend.

Since then, I have been regularly attending Sunday services and life group meetings. God has been faithfully ministering to me and nurturing my spiritual growth. I've developed a deeper prayer life, spent more time in worship, and grown in my love for reading the Word. I've also greatly enjoyed the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and being part of a community of believers.

I've noticed that whenever I become too busy with work and neglect my devotional time or church attendance, I begin to drift not from my faith, but from God's presence. During this season, I also struggled with an elbow injury that lasted six months. This challenged me to realign my priorities: to serve the Lord wholeheartedly and take proper care of my body. I was reminded of God's Word in Matthew 6:33.

In July this year, I attended the **JIL Adelaide Church Family Camp**, where I experienced deep renewal and strengthening. During prayer ministry led by Ps Anne Pujante, I felt overwhelmed by God's presence. As the worship team sang "Show Me Your Face, Lord," I saw a vision of a bright face, which I truly believe was the face of the Lord.

This year brought many trials concerning my family and my health, but God has remained so faithful. He has continually provided everything I needed. Through these experiences, I learned that prayer is a powerful weapon. Each trial I faced ended in victory through faithful prayer. I saw the Lord in a vision leading my son back home to the Philippines during his darkest moment.

Through prayer and the support of church leaders, I was freed from anxiety and depression. I was healed from my elbow injury, and more recently, I was declared clear following an initial diagnosis of angina.

I give all glory and honour to God. He is truly good and faithful.

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JIL WORSHIP NIGHT WORSHIP THROUGH THE LENSES

By: **Jeraldine Carpio**
(JIL Melbourne)



On the evening when life as we knew it was about to pause, we gathered to worship, unaware of how significant that moment would become. On *Saturday, 7 March 2020*, just one week before the world entered pandemic lockdown, **JIL Melbourne** held its very first worship night, **SELAH**. What began as a single evening of praise marked the start of something far greater, a sacred moment that continued to echo well beyond that night.

We started a lifestyle in our house, a night where believers new and old, gather to give praise and adore the Lord through voices, hymns and dances with hearts surrendered to God. This year *26th September 2025*, it all happened again, captured under the lenses and in the words of our CYN- Alyssa Lois

"It was a Friday evening, worship night was a night to remember. Everyone glorifying God through their singing, dancing and rejoicing. The lights were dim, worship music playing from left to right, the melodies of the instruments blending beautifully with the singing voices anointed by God. His presence can be felt strongly that night, touching each and everyone's heart. The evening started with a victorious and energetic worship; everyone was singing and dancing along. **My heart was jumping with joy, what a time to celebrate the victory of Christ Jesus in our lives. Seeing the joy and smiles in everyone's faces made me want to capture every moment with my lenses. Everyone worshipping together, rejoicing as one church, a family united in God's goodness.**

Then came the testimonies, people testifying to the miracles and goodness of God in their lives. Oh, how truly great is our God. He works in our lives in ways we don't expect. He knows what's best for us and has even greater plans in our lives than we could ever imagine. After the testimonies, the worship shifted to a calmer tone. **Everyone lifting their hands in total surrender, letting God take control of every part of their lives. The children of God petitioning out their prayers.** As the night stretched on, nothing else mattered apart from God's presence, time was irrelevant. As the night came close to an end, the worship took a joyful turn to celebrate the victory and the salvation that Jesus Christ gave to us. Everyone was jumping, dancing and shouting in joy as we closed the victorious worship night. That night was more than a worship night - it was a divine breakthrough that changed hearts forever."

And so from Hannah's journey to motherhood, we borrow a line in her prayer **1 Samuel 2:2**, "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."

JIL TREASURE CUP OF HOPE CPR TRAINING: HELP SAVE LIVES

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied: **'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.** This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **'Love your neighbour as yourself.'**

Life is fragile, it only takes 20 seconds from when the heart stops beating before the brain starts to die. As part of the church community, we see people's struggles every day, but not every day that we get a chance to save a life. Earlier on in the year, something was kindled in our hearts, the desire to be more than just a voice in the wilderness sharing the gospel to the lost but to also serve as the hands and feet of God in our community. It's a realisation that when God touches our hearts, we begin to be more conscious of the needs of others around us. We get this prompting in our hearts to take active steps to be more relevant in our society, to be able to help more.

Partnering with **St. John Ambulance**, **JIL Treasures Victoria** embarked on a **journey of equipping ourselves so that when the need arises, we will be ready to become the hands that can try to save lives in the physical realm.** *Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)* became our armoury, our tools of trade. On the *2nd of August 2025*, we went to learn how to administer first aid and CPR while waiting for first responders to arrive. With our new found skills we too can become first responders to our brothers and sisters in need. We are reminded of the story in *Luke 10:25-37* where a Samaritan traveller helped a severely injured man, looked after him and saw to his recovery.

I am personally blessed by the people in the church who participated in this initiative. Their enthusiasm during the preparation up to the day of the training was evident. I believe that it was the Lord who orchestrated everything. The Lord led us to the right people and organisations to make this happen. We are blessed because the council in North Sunshine Victoria, where our church is located, conducts free CPR training for its residents.

This is the beginning of a beautiful community partnership. I know that this will have a significant impact on the church and will encourage every member to take active participation in serving others in need in the community we live in. I am blessed to be part of this church community. It takes 20 seconds to save a life 40 beats and a breath.

When God touches our heart, transformation follows.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrating God's Work in our Ministries



GATEKEEPER MINISTRY

By: **Sis Pauline Pleno**
(JIL Blacktown)



The **Gatekeeper Ministry** of the JIL Blacktown is a team of passionate, gifted and talented men and woman of God voluntarily trained and serves as Greeters and Ushers of the church. Greeters and Ushers are vital to creating a welcoming and worship-ready environment in the church. They act as an extension of the pastor's hand, setting the spiritual climate, providing information, and ensuring the smooth flow of attendees arriving. Their role involves both spiritual preparedness and practical service and supporting members and visitors throughout their church experience.

The team developed their Mission and Vision aligned to JIL Blacktown church to have a clarity and reminder of the purpose of service to the Lord.

Our Mission

To demonstrate the love of our Lord Jesus Christ by creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all who enter the church and ensuring their safety throughout the service.

Our Vision

To become a vibrant and collaborative team within JIL Church that reflects Christ's humility, equipped and trained in God's Word, consistent in prayer, and reliant upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

Over the past two years, the Gatekeeper Ministry has grown significantly. With more than 25 volunteers, the team has implemented effective systems, including rosters and alternating schedules, to sustain joyful and faithful service.

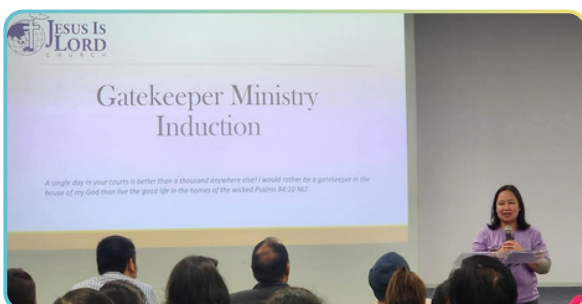
Training and workshops on **Safe Catching** have been conducted locally, at outreach events, and online to equip volunteers for future national gatherings. Resources such as Safe Catching videos and the Gatekeeper Handbook have been developed to guide and prepare future leaders.

The team's future plan and heartfelt prayer is to collaborate closely with younger generations, inspiring and encouraging them to serve faithfully in the Gatekeeper Ministry. We believe that by bridging generations and sharing wisdom, we can strengthen the ministry and ensure its lasting impact for the glory of God.

All honour and glory belong to our all-knowing and creative God, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His divine wisdom has chosen and brought together these gifted and talented men and women to serve in this vital ministry.

It is **by His grace and calling** that we stand united with a shared purpose: to guard, guide, and glorify Him through our service.

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." - John 15:5



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WHEN GOD IS SILENT

By: Sis Dr. Marietta Claudio Languido
(JIL Blacktown PM)

I have prayed a thousand times, day and night,
down on my knees and tried to hold back my tears,
But the heavens seem so quiet,
Not a word, Not an answer,
Just emptiness and a deafening silence,
And I wondered if God listened or heard my cry.

When God is silent,
In a busy crowd, I can't help but feel alone,
I wonder if others feel the same or is it just me?
I tried my best but my best seems futile
or perhaps, is this a test?

When God is silent,
With faith and hope, I humbly pray,
"Search my heart, my soul and my mind,
Take away all iniquities, intentional or unintentionally,
Seeking Your will and purpose,
I want to hear Your voice clearly.

Take away all doubts and fears. Teach me to wait patiently."

When God is silent,
You reminded me that Your faithfulness
does not depend on how I feel,
" Lord, I will continue to trust, praise and worship You
because I know that You are real."

When God is silent,
My weary heart continues to shout aloud,
Claiming all your words and wisdom,
Remembering every promise.
"O 'Lord, You are faithful and I know you are just near.
O' Holy Spirit, my Helper, my Comforter,
to me You are ever so dear."

And then,
I felt your warmth and Holy Presence,
Just like a cloud that enveloped me
with Your tender embrace.
And You softly whispered,
"I will never leave you nor abandon you,
I have been watching you, Guiding you all these times.
And when you were about to fall and stumble,
I have gently held you at the palm of My hand."

When God is silent,
We don't see that He is working IN us
with His love and grace,
Like a potter moulding a piece of clay,
God allowed us to grow
through all fears, trials and pain.
Our dreams and hope are not in vain.
You have heard and answered
our prayers and deepest heart's desires.
God's silence never means His absence.
We will give you all our thanks and praises,
Always, Again... and again !

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY !

Dr. Marietta Claudio Languido
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

The Best Is Yet to Come!

2	May	10:00am	Water Baptism
10	May	10:00am	Mother's Day
16	May	10:00am	Prayer Conference
22	May		Men's Night
30	May	10:00am	JIL Treasures - Cup of Hope Morning Tea (Local + NSW)
11	July	9:00am	JIL Sportsfest (National)
25	July	1:30pm	JIL Treasures - Health & Wellness
28	August	7:30pm	LG Summit Year 4
30	August to 6 September		BESMI (Oceania)
6	September	10:00am/ 5:00pm	Father's Day
19	September	6:00pm	Couples Night
25-26	September		MKM Kid's Camp
11-25	October		JILCWW Anniversary and Activities
7	November		PasiklaBAND
13-14	November		TWC - Night Rally TWC - All Day Conference
21-23	November		Pastor's Retreat at Melbourne
25	November		Annual General Meeting
6	December		Christmas Celebration

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GALA NIGHT



Jesus Is Lord Australia Gala Night: Celebrating 35 Years of God's Faithfulness

The **Jesus Is Lord Church Australia Gala Night** was a beautiful and heartfelt evening of appreciation, remembrance, and celebration, an outpouring of gratitude for all that God has done and continues to do. Held at the elegant *Novella on the Park* on Friday evening, 12 September 2025, this special gathering brought together JIL Australia leaders, pastors, members, and friends to honour a remarkable journey spanning 35 years of God's unfailing goodness.

It was more than a formal event, it was a sacred moment to pause, look back, and give thanks. Every testimony shared, every smile exchanged, and every heart stirred reflected the undeniable faithfulness of God through every season. From humble beginnings to a growing movement across Australia, the story of JIL is a living testimony that when God calls, He sustains; when He promises, He fulfills! The night was filled with deep appreciation for those who have laboured faithfully, pastors, leaders, workers, and families who have served with love, sacrifice, and obedience. Their commitment mirrors God's own goodness: steadfast, generous, and enduring. Each recognition was a reminder that God sees every act of service and honours a willing heart. As we celebrated **35 years of ministry**, we were reminded that the same God who led JIL in its early days continues to guide us with purpose and grace. His faithfulness is not just remembered, it is lived out year after year.

The Gala Night stood as a powerful declaration that ***all glory belongs to God, whose faithfulness spans the past, sustains us today, and leads us confidently into the future.***

To Him be all the praise for 35 fruitful years, and for the greater harvest yet to come.

Church Leadership Recognition Award for JIL Blacktown

- Faithful Service Award: David Dinesh
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry: Ken Olandres & Abi Adriano
- Heart of Service Award (Volunteer of the Year): Erik Rabino
- Lifetime Kingdom Impact Award (Legacy Award): Ps. Cliff Baptista
- Disciple's Heart Award: Glen Nazareno
- Next Generation Leader Award: Daniel Domingo

Church Leadership Recognition Awards for JIL Hawkesbury

- Faithful Service Award: Oliver Oca
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry: Lester Mendoza
- Heart Of Service Award: Gladys Alviz
- Lifetime Kingdom Impact Award (Legacy Award): Danny Alviz
- Disciple's Heart Award: Emma Bernardino
- Next Generation Leader Award: MZ Opone

Church Leadership Recognition Awards for JIL Campbelltown

- Faithful Service Award: Rose Ann Esmana
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry: Sophie Dalisay
- Heart Of Service: Bro Ferdinand Dalisay
- Lifetime Kingdom Impact Award (Legacy Award): Grace Dalisay
- Disciple's Heart Award: Victoria Esmana
- Next Generation Leader Award: Jared Dalisay

Church Leadership Recognition Award for JIL Rockdale

- Faithful Service Award: Chanet Valle
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry: Rey Marasigan Jr.
- Heart of Service Award (Volunteer of the Year): Karen Parungao
- Lifetime Kingdom Impact Award (Legacy Award): Ptr. Neo Doce
- Disciple's Heart Award: Jasmine Magcalas
- Next Generation Leader Award: Gio Ligan and Lemuel Sanqui

Church Leadership Recognition Award for JIL Dubbo

- Faithful Service Award: Adela Large
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry: Norvill Villanueva
- Heart of Service Award: Honeylyn Sharkey
- Lifetime Kingdom Impact Award: Arnie Dequina
- Disciple's Heart Award: Dorothy Villanueva
- Next Generation Leader Award: Rukia Kim Dequina

Church Leadership Recognition Award for JIL Liverpool

- Faithful Service Award - Rencita Ganzon
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry - Melfer Viado
- Heart of Service Award (Volunteer of the Year) - Lito Barcelona
- Lifetime Kingdom Impact Award (Legacy Award) - Olivia Dela Cruz
- Disciple's Heart Award - Jay Valencia
- Next Generation Leader Award - Christopher Viado

Church Leadership Recognition Award for JIL Auburn

- Faithful Service Award: Ann Luciano
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry: Bro Paulo Greaves
- Heart of Service Award: Aura Greaves
- Lifetime Kingdom Impact Award: Bro Anthony Aluad
- Disciple's Heart Award: Lorena Policarpio
- Next generation leader award: Mark Paje

Church Leadership Recognition Award for JIL Canberra

- Faithful Service Award - Bro. Rodel Hernandez
- Outstanding Leadership in Ministry - Sis Sharon Maranan
- Next Generation Leader Award - Bro Jireh Mendoza

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THE WOMENS CONFERENCE 2025



THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL FLOURISH LIKE A PALM TREE, HE SHALL GROW LIKE A CEDAR IN LEBANON. THOSE WHO ARE PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, SHALL FLOURISH IN THE COURTS OF OUR GOD. THEY SHALL STILL BEAR FRUIT IN OLD AGE; THEY SHALL BE FRESH AND FLOURISHING
PSALMS 92:12-14 (NKJV)



"Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish..."
– Psalm 92:12-14

Last November 15, 2025, women from across our churches gathered with expectant hearts for **The Women's Conference 2025: FLOURISH**, a powerful day set apart to encounter God, be refreshed, and be deeply rooted in His presence.

Sis. Raelen Purugganan, led in prayer, setting the tone for a day centred on growth, fruitfulness, and lasting joy found in God alone.

Session 1: Flourish From Within
The first message was delivered by **Ps. Esabel Jeyachandran** (Senior Pastor of IDMC Church (Intentional Disciple Making Church) in Sydney, Australia, and Director of IDMC Movement Australia), who invited everyone to reflect on what it truly means to flourish, starting from the inside. She reminded us that true flourishing is not shaped by circumstances, but by the condition of our hearts before God.

Drawing from **Psalm 1:3** and **Jeremiah 17:9**, the message explored how the heart, though complex and often fragile, is the very place where God desires to work deeply and personally.

We were reminded that convictions are not meant to condemn us, but to hold us steady through life's storms. As God's Word searches our hearts, it graciously invites transformation from the inside out.

The Secret to a Flourishing Inner Life: Intimacy with God
Through scriptures such as **Jeremiah 2:13**, **Esther 2:12**, and **John 15:5**, the message revealed a powerful truth that intimacy with God is not a reward, it is the blessing itself. It is not a price to pay, but a gift to receive. It is not optional; it is fundamental to a vibrant faith. We were encouraged to shift our focus from what we do for God to what God has already done for us.



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Session 2: Body, Soul & Spirit

The second session was led by **Sis. Nona Imperial**, who delivered a powerful and heartfelt message on the importance of flourishing holistically, body, soul, and spirit. She reminded every woman that God's desire for us goes far beyond surface-level success or outward strength. Instead, He cares deeply about our whole being, our physical well-being, emotional health, and spiritual life. The message encouraged women to tend to every part of their lives with grace, balance, and intentional surrender to God, trusting that true flourishing comes when all areas are aligned in Him.

The morning session concluded with a prayer led by **Sis. Anne Puyat**, sealing the Word that had been planted in hearts throughout the morning. It was a sacred moment of reflection, commitment, and quiet surrender, allowing the messages shared to take root and bear fruit.

The afternoon session began with the **"FLOURISH Conference x Destiny Rescue Partnership,"** which broadened the vision of flourishing beyond ourselves and into the call to compassion and justice. This was followed by a Word of Encouragement from **Ps. Rachel Dunwell**, who inspired the women to live with renewed purpose, bold faith, and Christ-like compassion, reminding everyone that a flourishing life is one that reaches others and brings hope where it is most needed.

Adding joy and creative expression to the session, a vibrant dance presentation titled "WE ARE", performed by the **JIL Alab Dance Ministry**, beautifully declared our identity in Christ. Through movement and worship, the performance celebrated who we are as God's people, chosen, redeemed, and called to shine and be the light of the world.

Session 3: FLOURISH

The third message, titled **"FLOURISH,"** was shared by **Ps. Mae Ignacio**, continuing the call for women to live rooted in God, resilient through life's seasons, and radiant in faith. The message encouraged perseverance, spiritual maturity, and unwavering trust in the Lord, even in times of waiting or challenge.

A meaningful highlight of the conference was the **Cup of Hope (COH) segment**, which included heartfelt instructions and reflection. This was followed by a Commissioning, Message, and Prayer led by **Ps. Jerry Ignacio**, calling women to step out in obedience and faith.

The moment concluded with a Victory Celebration and Proclamation by **Sis. Beth**, declaring God's faithfulness and triumph in every situation.

The conference concluded with a powerful and anointed Closing Prayer led by **Sis. Jeannie Vargas**, sending every woman forth **encouraged, strengthened, and renewed, ready to live out a life that truly flourishes in Christ.**

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Men's Ministry **CAMPING** Men of Valour (MOV)

By: Bro Ken Olandres
(JIL Blacktown)



FAITH, FIRE AND FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Worship Camp was held from 21 to 22 November 2025 at Glenworth Valley Adventures, a scenic location just 45 minutes from Blacktown Church in New South Wales. For many of the men, this was a significant milestone, as it was their first-ever camping experience. Excitement filled the air as the weather forecast hinted at light showers, setting the scene for a truly adventurous weekend.



Firemaking

The camp was joined by notable leaders, including Pastor Jerry and Pastor Cliff, and due to the venue's booking policy, was also open to women and children. As everyone arrived, a strong sense of camaraderie was immediately evident, with attendees working together to pitch tents and prepare dinner. A friendly fire-making competition added a fun and spirited element to the evening.

The men later gathered for a deeply meaningful communion service, followed by worship and a powerful message from Pastor Jerry. The night continued with an engaging question-and-answer session, filled with honest conversations and encouragement, before concluding under a sky full of stars.

Sleeping in tents amid the gentle rain, surrounded by God's mighty men, was a truly memorable experience.



On Saturday morning, the group awoke to clear skies and pleasant weather. After enjoying a hearty breakfast, everyone set out on a refreshing morning walk through the beautiful surroundings. The shared challenges, laughter, and fellowship made the camp an unforgettable experience, so much so that many have already asked for it to be held again in the future.



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By: Sis Desiree Pujante
(JIL Blacktown AM)



JIL OCEANIA YOUTH MISSION 2025, BACOLOD CITY PHILIPPINES

JESUS IS LORD CHURCH AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND BACOLOD YOUTH MISSION 2025

The **JIL Oceania Bacolod Youth Mission 2025** was more than an outreach, it was a powerful move of God. Seeing young people step out in faith to serve, love, and give was deeply inspiring and life-changing. From sharing rice and groceries, giving toys, preparing meals, supporting medical missions, to boldly sharing God's Word and the message of salvation, every act reflected a heart fully surrendered to God's purpose.

The mission beautifully mirrors **Isaiah 6:8**: *"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me.'"*

This verse came alive in Bacolod. From Australia and New Zealand to the Philippines, God stirred the hearts of our youth to respond, not with hesitation, but with willing hands and obedient hearts. The Youth Mission was a clear "yes" to God's call: to go beyond comfort and serve His people with love and compassion.

Every bag of rice shared, every grocery pack and toy given, every meal prepared, every medical need attended to, and every prayer offered spoke of a Spirit-led mission. More than meeting physical needs, the youth carried hope, sharing God's Word and the message of salvation to families and communities who welcomed it with open hearts.

This mission reflected God's grace and mercy in action. It aligned with the vision to bless Bacolod City, not only through provision, but through presence. Young lives were strengthened, faith was ignited, and the love of Christ was made visible through simple yet powerful acts of obedience.

Coming to Bacolod deeply changed the youth's perspective. They were struck by how content and joyful the people were, even in the midst of challenging circumstances. There was a quiet strength in the way the community smiled and carried joy, a joy that did not depend on what they had, but on who they trusted.

When they first arrived at the barangay, the people were already waiting, full of hope and expectation. Children gathered together, eager and curious about what was about to happen. As soon as the team stepped in, the children ran toward them, offering high-fives and hugs, welcoming them warmly despite meeting for the first time.



Isaiah 6:8

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

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The children were amazed that people had travelled from another country just to be with them. In those moments, the team felt deeply privileged and blessed, to be able to bring joy not only spiritually through sharing Jesus, but also physically through simple gifts given with love.

As they moved through the barangays of Bacolod, they carried out gift-giving and feeding programs. Whether the gifts were big or small, the children received them with grateful hearts and bright smiles. The experience was humbling, reinforcing the truth that it is not the size of what is given that matters, but the love behind it. **Each visit became an opportunity to plant seeds of hope and gently introduce children to Jesus.**

Sharing the love of the Lord proved to be both impactful and deeply fulfilling. While capturing moments behind the camera, they witnessed stories unfold, smiles, laughter, and quiet interactions that spoke volumes. Every image reflected grace, reminding them of the urgent call for Christians to reach beyond themselves and serve others with compassion. Across the three barangays visited in Bacolod, *Punta Taytay* with more than 300 recipients plus children, *Barangay Mandalagan* with over 200 recipients plus children, and *Barangay Taculing* with more than 300 recipients plus children, one truth stood out with absolute clarity: the hearts of the people were open.

In every community, there was a genuine readiness to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The people did not lack faith; rather, they needed presence. They needed people willing to walk alongside them, to encourage and support them, and to help create an environment where God's love could be felt, experienced, and lived out in practical ways.

Through simple acts of service and sincere connection, the mission created spaces where hope was rekindled, faith was strengthened, and God's love was made tangible.

The team extends their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who stood with them through prayers, generosity, and steadfast support. That faithfulness created a real and lasting impact on the lives of the people of Bacolod. Although the mission has come to a close, the calling continues, carried forward each day by hearts that have learned to respond, "Here I am, Lord. Send me."

All glory belongs to God alone.



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By: **Sis Jasmine Magcalas**
(JIL Rockdale)



After four long years since our last camp or **Encounter God retreat**, the Lord, faithful as always, made it possible for us to gather once again, and this time for a **Prayer and Worship Camp**, held on **18 to 20 of July 2025**. God has stirred, inspired, challenged, and moved the hearts of our church with our camp's theme, "**Costly**" inspired by what David confessed in **2 Samuel 24:24**, "**I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing,**" we were reminded of the value of seeking God's counsel as servants of the Lord through prayer, and the immeasurable worth of our God who deserves nothing less than our costly offering, pure worship worthy of His majesty.

We saw the mighty hand of God move, from the moment we secured the venue in *CRU Lake Mac*, through the careful preparation of the program, the approval from our pastors, the provision of five anointed speakers, and the 166 delegates who said "yes" to God's invitation. Every detail was a testimony of God's unfailing love and faithfulness toward our church. Truly, His favour poured out as His divine plan unfolded before us all.

This camp's theme challenged our church to embrace worship and prayer beyond routine and comfort. It was a beautiful call to return to the essence of our intimacy with God, our altars prepared and ready for the Lord, with our hearts burning and yearning with passion to stand in God's Presence, not for the applause of men but for His delight. Hearts were stirred to a deep reflection of what a genuine worship is not confined to songs, stages, or events but it is a lifestyle, an everyday choice to surrender our lives to the Lord of what truly matters lives pleasing to Him, pure and holy before Him.

The Lord corrected our hearts regarding worship, teaching us that true worship is not about performance or perfection, but about obedience and the posture of our hearts. He reminded us that costly worship often requires surrender, humility, and sacrifice.

Throughout the camp, we heard powerful testimonies from people whom God has touched, healed, restored, and transformed.

And though we could not record every story, we know that each of the 166 delegates carries their own testimony of how the Lord moved in their hearts, beautiful encounters orchestrated by God. Through it all, God has inspired our church to offer a truly costly offering, not just in words or works, but through lives fully yielded to Him. And as we responded to His call, the Lord has united our church with a renewed passion to offer more, to give beyond convenience, to serve beyond comfort, and to love beyond measure. As we continue to serve the Lord, this is our church declaration:

*We long for altars soaked in tears.
We long for a generation that truly reveres God,
With voices that shake the heavens not with volume but with brokenness
With hearts that burn, not for grand platforms, but to stand in His Presence.
We are here not to fill our calendars just with events and services,
Just to leave our prayer rooms empty and quiet.
We are not just confined to four walls a sound system or a stage.
We serve refusing to shrink worship down to a song set.*

David said, "*I will not offer to the Lord what costs me nothing.*"
So, our desire is to be able to give God everything.
Lives that are pleasing, worthy for the King.

**What the Lord has done in this camp is beyond what we could ever plan or imagine.
To God alone be all the glory, honour, and praise!**



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**FAITH IN ACTION:
SERVING COMMUNITIES ACROSS
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**



By: Sis Ciolen Grace Gurat
(JIL Papua New Guinea)



Jesus Is Lord (JIL) Church Papua New Guinea continues to build Christ's Kingdom through prayer, discipleship, and compassionate community outreach. The church actively partners with hospitals by *conducting Bible studies with hospital staff and offering regular prayers for patients, from ICU to general wards and even for those preparing to go home.*

JIL PNG also celebrates the launch of i-Care JIL PNG, a ministry focused on **hospital visitations, prayer for the sick, evangelism, and medical missions** held every Sunday before the main service. These initiatives reflect the church's commitment to serving both the physical and spiritual needs of the community.

Another milestone is the **1st Batch Discipleship Training and Graduation**, marking a strong step forward in raising equipped leaders and committed followers of Christ. Through these ministries, JIL PNG continues to be a living testimony of God's love, hope, and healing across Papua New Guinea.



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CELEBRATING OUR NEWLY RECOGNISED PASTORS



Congratulations to our newly recognised pastors!

We joyfully celebrate **Ps. Emma Ruth Lopez**, **Ps. Marianne Newberry**, and **Ps. Manny Dequina** on this meaningful milestone in your ministry journey.

At **#JILPastorsConference2025**, the **JIL Church Worldwide** leadership officially recognised church coordinators who have faithfully served the Lord and His people, now affirmed in your pastoral calling. This recognition reflects years of quiet faithfulness, sacrificial service, and steadfast obedience to God's leading. We pray that the anointing of the Holy Spirit will continue to rest upon you, guiding and empowering you to walk fully in God's purpose for this season and the days ahead.

We thank God for your lives and your faithful ministry!

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER: YEAR OF OUR BREAKTHROUGH

The **Jesus Is Lord (JIL) Church Worldwide Pastors' Conference 2025** brought together pastors and key leaders from across the Philippines and different parts of the world for a deeply meaningful gathering centered on prayer, worship, and quiet reflection. It was a time set apart to seek God's heart and direction, not only for the year ahead, but for the continued mission entrusted to each leader and church.

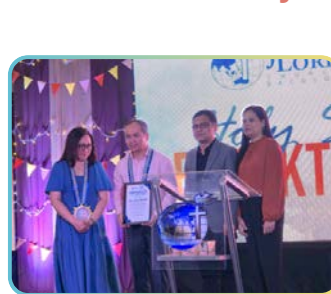
Anchored on the theme "Christ Is the Answer - Year of Our Breakthrough," the conference reminded everyone that true breakthrough comes from keeping Jesus at the centre. Through worship, God's Word, and heartfelt prayer, many were renewed and strengthened in their calling.



As pastors and leaders gathered as one, there was a fresh sense of faith and courage to lead with integrity and step boldly into what God has prepared. Connected with the **JIL Vision Casting 2025**, the gathering provided an opportunity for leaders to come together, onsite and online, to align in purpose, seek fresh wisdom from the Lord, and renew their commitment to serving God's people. Messages throughout the conference highlighted Christ's love and righteousness, calling pastors to shepherd their congregations with courage and hope in the midst of today's challenges.

As JIL Church marked its 47th year, the Pastors' Conference stood as a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness over the decades and the shared mission entrusted to the Church, to continue declaring with confidence that Jesus is Lord, here at home and across the nations.

APPRECIATION AWARD FOR SR. PS. JERRY IGNACIO



The **Jesus Is Lord (JIL) Church Bacolod** proudly honoured and recognised Sr. Ps. Jerry Ignacio with a Certificate of Appreciation in grateful acknowledgment of her faithful service, the support imparted through the Youth Mission, including the sharing of food, toys, and medical outreach to the Bacolod community, and his continued dedication to the ministry. The award was formally presented on 14 December 2025 by Ps. Fernando Jacolbe Jr. and his wife, Ps. Girlie Jacolbe.

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PSALMS 9:1

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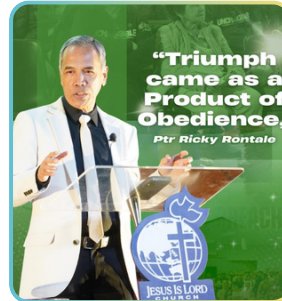
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JESUS IS LORD CHURCH AUSTRALIA CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



**"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY,
TODAY, AND FOREVER"
HEBREWS 13:8**

Celebrating 35 Years of God's Faithfulness

Honouring the **Unchangeable God, Yesterday, Today, and Forever**. With hearts lifted high, we gathered to honour and glorify our Unchangeable God, the same God who was faithful yesterday, who is moving powerfully today, and who will remain sovereign forever. This milestone celebration marked 35 years of God's unwavering goodness over **Jesus Is Lord Church Australia**, and it was a night filled with worship, remembrance, and renewed vision.

The evening opened by a powerful Faith Parade ushered us into an atmosphere of praise and adoration. As voices were lifted and hands raised, there was a tangible sense of gratitude for all that the Lord has done through the generations. Every song declared His faithfulness, drawing us into deeper worship and joyful celebration.

The **Opening Prayer** led by **Ps. Cliff Baptista**, as we together invited the presence of God to move freely and mightily among us. This sacred moment set the tone for the night, drawing every heart into unity and expectancy. A heartfelt exhortation on **Tithes and Offering**, shared by **Ps. Julius Aquinde**, followed, reminding us that our giving is both an act of worship and a declaration of trust in God's continual provision.

UNCHANGABLE | Yesterday

Ps. Ricky Rontale reminded us that *"Triumph came as a product of obedience."* He powerfully emphasised that victory, breakthrough, and true success are never merely the result of human effort, talent, or circumstance, but flow from lives aligned with God's will. Through obedience, God's purposes are fulfilled, and His glory is revealed.

This message seamlessly led into a presentation by the **Creative Ministry**, taking us back to the humble beginnings of Jesus Is Lord Church Australia. As we reflected on how the church was formed, we were filled with awe, grateful that the same God who planted this church in faith and obedience is the same **Unchangeable God** who is leading us into a future full of hope.

A profoundly moving worship segment followed, ministered by the **ALAB Dance Group**, declaring:
*All-powerful, untameable
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God...*

Through expressive movement and reverent worship, the congregation was drawn into a moment of holy surrender, overwhelmed by the majesty and power of God. It was a reminder that when we behold Him, our only response is worship.

UNCHANGABLE | Today

Ps. Jeth Salindong encouraged the church to lift their focus beyond short-term wins and temporary success. His message challenged us to live and serve in ways that produce lasting fruit, lasting impact, and lasting influence. *God is not only concerned with what we achieve today, but with how our lives honour Him and bless others in enduring ways.*

This call to faithful stewardship reminded us that what we do now, how we serve, love, and remain obedient, shapes the legacy we leave and the lives we touch.

UNCHANGABLE | Forever

Bringing the message into an eternal perspective, **Sr. Ps. Jerry Ignacio** reminded us that every choice, word, and action we make is like planting a seed. These seeds do not only bear fruit in our earthly lives but have eternal significance. *Our faithfulness today writes a story that echoes into eternity.*

It was a sober yet hope-filled reminder that our walk with God goes beyond the present moment, our lives are building something that will endure forever.

The celebration concluded with a deeply moving prophetic moment as the song *Find Us Faithful* was declared:
*Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey...*

Our beloved Pastors stood in faith, interceding wholeheartedly on behalf of God's people. It was truly a glorious night, one marked by surrendered hearts, renewed faith, and a deep awareness of God's presence among us.

Led by **CYN Worship**, the church was ushered into a powerful Victory Proclamation, lifting one voice in praise and thanksgiving.

All the highest glory and honour belong to the Lord for this remarkable celebration of 35 years of His faithfulness to our church!

STAY CONNECTED: OUR OUTREACHES

Together, we grow stronger!!



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JUST AS A BODY, THOUGH ONE, HAS MANY PARTS, BUT ALL ITS MANY PARTS FORM ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

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Here at Jesus is Lord Church we are a Christ-centred church with a focus on life, family and church, 100% devoted to the great commission: Winning, making and sending disciples.

Our Vision

To bring all people to the kingdom of the living God regardless of race, colour, nationality, and religious affiliation through the saving, healing, and delivering knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

A glorious church evangelising and discipling Filipinos and all the people of the world through teaching, preaching, and living out the full Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Core Values

Passionate Love for GOD

An intimate and wholehearted devotion, reserved to GOD alone, that is steadfast and unparalleled, evidenced by absolute submission and obedience to GOD's will and commands (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Love and Compassion for Others

A compelling urge that eventually becomes a natural inclination to selflessly care for others as He cares for others, becoming GOD's channel of unconditional mercy and grace (Mark 12:31)

Integrity

An uprightness of character that is beyond reproach, in private and public life, through the uncompromised principle of upholding truth, transparency and consistency in word and in action (Psalm 78:72)

Faithfulness

An authentic loyalty to GOD with a sense of responsibility as stewards to the various roles, relationships and resources entrusted by GOD (Matthew 25:21)

Excellence

A quality of character that rejects mediocrity and commits to GOD's highest workmanship (Daniel 6:3-4)

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I will tell of all your wonderful deeds

Psalms 9:1

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