

OUR CHURCH HISTORY

The history of our church has its origins from the Foursquare Church Calvary Chapel Greenacre under the leadership of Pastors Don and Minta Baker. A fellow from that fellowship, the only name we have is Roy, started a house church here in Campbelltown under the name of Calvary Chapel Campbelltown. Russell and Helen Jones and family being long time members of Calvary Chapel Greenacre moved out here from Bass Hill in the late 1970s and attended the local outreach. The original fellow eventually moved on and Russell Jones received his pastoral credentials and took over the church. They named it Campbelltown New Life Centre and had a passion to support the Foursquare Philippines outreach I-Care and orphanage, of which they took a few missionary journeys. They moved into various buildings as they grew, the Council building in Bradbury, the Scout headquarters building in Broughton St and Thomas Reddall High School Ambarvale main auditorium.

Con and Anne Georgiades and family were attending Light of Life Christian Centre in Enfield, of Christian Revival Crusade, under Pastors Phil and Debbie Sammons. The Georgiades' moved from Belmore around 1989 and attended Campbelltown New Life Centre from a contact at their church, when they were meeting in the Scout hall. Con Georgiades went through the ranks of leadership and received his pastoral credentials. Pastors Russell and Helen Jones eventually moved to Coffs Harbour and started a church under the Bethesda movement. Pastor Con took over the church, moved from Thomas Reddall High School and relocated in Rosemeadow Neighbourhood Centre in 1999. We renamed the church Gilead House of Praise with a new logo and a new missionary focus to the Foursquare Lighthouse Orphanage in Madras India under Pastors Solomon and Clara Prabakharan.

GLIMPSES OF OUR FUTURE

Pastors Russell and Helen had a vision for a block of land on the left side of Appin road just outside where St Helens Park stops. The land is currently owned by Lady Onslow Macarthur of the original Macarthurs. He has sent her letters of interest, but without any financial backing. We have felt in prayer to continue with this vision, even to naming the church Gilead after the area. Lady Onslow Macarthur resides on Mount Gilead which is across the Appin rd from the property. Many including us have had visions of a large congregation in a large complex, moving in great spiritual freedom and anointing.

We have felt to keep the church to the south of Campbelltown, even living in the area. We feel that just like Jerusalem has its different gates, so we were to stand at the South Gate. Now the South Gate of Jerusalem was the lowest point and also the dung gate. This was also the location of the storehouse of treasures, of which the Ark of the Covenant was stored for a while and gave great blessings. Interpreting it for us we feel as the world throws away its refuse and rubbish, *ie* people hurt, rejected and crushed, we would receive them in God's love and restore them by His grace. We also received prophecies that we would be like King David residing in the cave of Adullam. There the distressed, in debt, and discontented gathered to him and from them came David's 300 mighty men!

Explanation of the logo Pastor Con received from the Lord: The cross is the centre focus, the believers bare of worldly cares and hinderances, caught up in joyous worship, on fire for Him. Unashamedly waiving banners of red (cleansed by Jesus' blood) and purple (raining as kings with Him). The whole picture is covered by the name in red (the blood of Jesus) which is arched like the complex to be built, and standing on the Foursquare statements of faith and history of miracles, in purple (royalty).