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Our Life-Celebrating Newsletter
for the Cluster of Tony & Marilyn Fitzgerald

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In this edition we'd like to introduce the team practically helping Marilyn and me at the Resource Hub, serving churches here in the Richmond area, in the wider Cluster and COTN International.



MARTIN & LYN HOPKINS

Martin and Lyn are from Newcastle, South Africa, where they led COTN's Grace Community Church for many years. Martin had a successful law firm which gave him a unique perspective on ministry. Lyn, a trained kindergarten teacher, established Praise Pre-primary School at Grace and also ran a ladies' ministry with 25 home groups. Grace now remains a large multicultural church based on small groups.

In 1996, the Hopkins' moved to Princeton, NJ, bringing with them their two teenage sons at the time and their heart for intimate church reaching all types.

Two years ago they moved near Washington, D.C., to bring that heart closer to the pulse that influences our nation. Martin is now a Certified Financial Planner, having his own financial planning/investment management firm with offices in Princeton and Fairfax, VA. Lyn is the Personal Assistant to the CEO and CFO of a company producing innovative portable computers. The Hopkins' are excited, however, as they plan to have Lyn join Martin in his successful business.

Together they serve Tony and Marilyn in overseeing finances and administration while dreaming of seeing the world impacted by God's kingdom in every area.



ANTHONY & ADEYE SALEM

The day after Anthony arrived in Port Elizabeth, South Africa from Los Angeles in 1996, he met his bride. Together they served in COTN's Harvest Christian Church where the COTN heart blossomed. For five years, Anthony produced large, evangelistic concerts giving platforms to small, local Christian bands. Through his regular Christian radio programs, other doors opened which led the two of them to minister at 11 high schools and several youth groups and camps in South Africa.

Meanwhile, Adeye created a ministry at Harvest to mothers of small kids which very quickly grew in grace and which still thrives today.

After five years, the Salems moved to Perth, Australia where Anthony mentored and disciplined many leaders into their gifting, and formed a men's ministry meeting in small groups. Soon the passion to expand the kingdom through simple church grew in them both, and they helped a COTN simple-church plant get off the ground.

After three years, the Salems felt led to serve Tony in Virginia, where Anthony continues to act as an equipping minister and in marketing for the Richmond area, Tony's cluster and COTN internationally.

Jason and Sara got to know each other through co-leading a COTN teen group, and were married nearly four years ago. Between the two of them, they've ministered in South Africa, Zambia, Panama, and the U.K.

The Pascales also underwent two years of intensive ministry training at Victory Christian Church in Jeffreys Bay, South Africa.

Today Sara and Jason serve as Personal Assistants to Tony and Marilyn, lead worship locally, and fill administrative roles at the Resource Center in Richmond.

Their heart is to see the advance of the Lord's kingdom, not only in cities and nations, but in people's lives.



JASON & SARA PASCALE

To Enter,
One Needs to

Exit

In 2004, COTN traveled a journey of four quarters in the year just as it had been prophesied to us.

From the closing of doors to the revealing of new ones, then to the entering and establishing of these new doors--all proved to be very accurate for many of us individually and corporately within the COTN family.

Now into the new year, we are left with a question:

**HAVE WE ENTERED
WITHOUT EXITING?**

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From
Tony's
Desk



As I have met with many of you over the earlier part of the year, I have been aware that so many have come into a new season. This has been very encouraging, but also has led me to ask the question on Page One.

If we only take on the new and not let go of some things of the past, we will become overloaded and not able to focus on God's priorities. Transition always has a difficult side, often requiring release of the good in order to get to the best. The new is always a faith step, but sometimes our security lies in that which is behind.

So I encourage you to keep moving ahead, continue in that which should be continued in, releasing that from which we should move on, and in faith, laying hold of that which is ours now.



General Cluster News

SeizeTheDay
Thu 13 - Sun 16 Oct 2005
Aberdeen | Scotland | UK

COTN European Conference

Expect to get kilt in the Spirit. Look for the attached flyer & registration form.

National House Church Conference
Sept 2-5

Find out more and even register online at:
www.house2house.com

Saturation Church-Planting School in South Africa

Email the Richmond Resource Center for forms (info@cotn.org). See attached advertisement.

10 Aug 05
Sons, the Passion to Plant
as the next generation of Planters engage in

IRCHPLAN

See our attached [oops...attached] Cluster Address List!

Feel free to use it to exchange info with other churches in the Cluster!

FOR TONY...

Important Prayer Requests

On Tony's recent UK and Europe trip, he had chest pains and numbness on his left side. Doctors at a hospital in Lucerne, Switzerland released him to fly back to the U.S. for further tests. Symptoms have subsided as he awaits test results. We'll be sure to update you on his progress. Until then, the Fitzgerald's appreciate your prayers!

FOR THE KELLS'...

Jessica gave birth to a premature 1 lb., 9 oz. baby girl. Both she and the baby are fine, but as you can imagine, covet your prayers!

USA Leaders Conference
Oct 7-9, 2005

Watch for upcoming details for this New Jersey event with leaders from S. Africa, Europe and the UK. It goes thru Sunday on this U.S. Columbus Day weekend.