



# GOD'S PERU CRU

Five Aussie girls discover God's love in new and amazing ways as they journey with Him to South America. Surprises, good times, hanging out and serving locals where all a part of the experience.

Five girls from our Australian CS family have just returned from 6 weeks in South America!! Our heart for the trip was to love and minister to children in a village called Lobitos 16 hours north of Lima and to encourage those in ministry to keep "running the race"!!

Here we spent time doing surf lessons, puppet shows, face painting, music and just hanging out with kids sharing God's love. God led us all to Peru with expectations of one thing and surprised us all with a different script!!

We stayed in Lobitos for a shorter time than expected, but this opened doors for us to minister in Mancora with Centro Divino Ninos Jesus de Mancora. Here we assisted with some physiotherapy sessions with some of the younger girls who have disabilities and an older man who sustained a stroke, while others in the team were shown the art of recycling

glass bottles to make glasses the children could sell as a sustainable project. We also visited children in Pacasmayo where we attempted to face paint like professionals.

Our newfound Peruvian families in Lima hosted us with an abundance of love, hospitality, great food and fellowship.

Prior to going we struggled with whether we can ask our Father for things such as "a ticket to Peru", questioning what impact we could have in a Spanish speaking country in 6 weeks, but felt Him reply with, "This is My purpose for you." Not only did He abundantly provide but He revealed His love to us personally yet in different ways.

YES THERE WERE WAVES!!!!

God blessed us with amazing waves and brand new boards to loan from Christian Surfers. God had hand picked the boys to travel north with us. Jaime and his servant heart, Michel and his camera,

Aldo and Antonios and their care, and Roberto's encouragement and laughter made for a fun trip of great times with the Lima CS crew.

We have come home so enriched by all the people we encountered on our travels and blessed in abundance by the ways in which God has revealed more of His loving character to each of us.

Ally Joy (NSW) & Cat James (WA)



## CSA PRAYER

### Jesus Pro-Am Coffs Harbour

Pray for the Jesus Pro-Am Coffs (15-16 August) that people feel loved and meet the real Jesus through this event. Pray the name of Jesus be lifted high and mighty in the lives of the competitors, their families and the local surfing community. And praise for Jesus Pro-Am Manly!

### Al and Alex Westbury

Pray for Al Westbury as he heads up the new wave of Jesus Pro-Am's across Australia. Pray for him and wife Alex as Al makes transition from role as Central NSW Regional Coordinator to focusing solely on the Pro-Am series. Pray for the provision of a new and equally amped RC for Central NSW.

### National Gathering

Praise God for the Gathering 09! Pray people who went would remember the things that cut their hearts and continue to grow in the things they were challenged by. Pray for local surfers of Port Campbell that their contact with CS over Easter would cause them to seek a relationship with Jesus!

### Christian Surfers International.

Pray for emerging missions in Reunion/ Mauritius/ Canary Islands/Spain/ Chile/ Taiwan/ Barbados. For new contacts in Ecuador/ Argentina/ Uruguay.

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## THE 25TH JESUS PRO-AM MANLY, NSW

Welcome to Inside no 3. I am stoked that it is off the ground and keeping you all in touch with what's happening around CSA.

I'm constantly encouraged by the leaders in CSA in their commitment to God and serving Him in Christian Surfers. I hope you will be encouraged by the stories you will read about what they have been up to, from the gathering in Port Campbell to the Pro-Am in Manly and all the fantastic stuff in between. I have been especially encouraged by the national team, the unity and strength they model - what an amazing leadership group.

I already knew this about them but saw it first hand in the last couple of months as my Dad passed away suddenly, one month before conference. Three of the RC's picked up the baton and put it before God and He turned it into one of the best I can remember. The coming together of family is one of the best things and seeing our CS family come together this year was amazing. I was encouraged by the willingness of people to hear from God, and receive from Him encouragement, blessings, and healing. As I have sat and thought about it I realised how blessed Kath and I were to be a part of it; how blessed my kids are to have an extended

family like CS. I have been thinking about family and what that means, what it means to be a part of God's Family and why He encourages us to be a part of it. I am sold on it. To see so many gifts and different sorts of people come together before Him to worship Him and seek His wisdom. To be connected with brothers and sisters of all walks of life, like we saw at our conference, brings a type of peace to the soul that can only come from God. This goes on every week all around the country - local expressions of God's Family. They meet, maybe not with the same intensity, but still as a family (and everyone needs to be a part of one), a family that comes together to worship, pray, encourage one another and learn from the Word. You will be amazed at what God does through Family. I pray you are encouraged by what has been going on in CSA and continue to pray for us and the surfers of Australia.

God Bless,

Steve Bailey  
National Director  
Christian Surfers Australia



# The Gathering: Port Campbell, VIC 2009

Around 175 people came from all corners of Australia, to celebrate our National Gathering of the CSA tribe. It was an epic journey of biblical proportions to get there for most, but it was well worth it once amidst the love & embrace of our CSA family.

Guest speaker, Lena Johnstone, challenged us daily with perspectives of love and how it needs to be lived & breathed out in reality through our daily lives locally, nationally & globally. We also heard from our National CSA team and their reflections on the year past; which were inspiring and encouraging. A 'Dream Space' session was held, where the mic was open to any crew who wanted to share any big dreams or thoughts they had for CSA moving forward.

Our central moment is the Sunday morning Easter service on the beach and paddle out to form a cross out in the water celebrating what Jesus has done for us. We do this in remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, resulting in the opportunity for us to receive eternal life. Later the WA crew led our communion service where we drew close as a group to seek God's heart for our lives, which involved an awesome bonfire & music session.

Other highlights included awesome waves, site seeing, experiencing the local vibe, great worship, the outrageously fun dance party, great food and accommodation. Really it was the whole package! Obviously the people voted with their feet by rocking up, but what did they think?



**Sarah, NSW:** "This was the most epic weekend of my life... like ever! God prepared me in so many ways for this weekend, and spoke to me in so many ways as well. I feel revived and alive in Christ, and I feel so a part of the family. Such a sick feeling!"

**Andy, SA:** "I met some amazing crew and was seriously challenged by God to stop hanging onto the past and step into his love."

**Sam, NSW:** "It's always a glimpse of heaven for me, crew loving each other and serving each other as God intended and having a blast doing it!"

**Aloura, SA:** "I loved the fact that I felt like I'd known these people for ages but had only just met them! But the thing is, in Christ we stand as One, so I've always known all the people I met!"

**Em, VIC:** "This year was my first conference. It was definitely worth going. God moved in me in ways I didn't expect. From the wavering decision to go to conference, to the challenges He spoke directly to my heart about, His unfathomable love for me and His people. He pulled me apart and humbled me. All in all conference was the best."

**Mel, QLD:** "CSA Conference was so much FUN!!! All the fellowship with everyone made you feel so loved. God is so good!!!"

**Brennan, NSW:** "Rather than just being a mountaintop experience, the things that I experienced were contentful and true to life upon returning home. Most notably, I experienced God's love directly from Him, and indirectly through His people's sensitive generosity. I really appreciate how much of themselves people-organisers and attendees-put into the few days."

**Rachel, NSW:** "Totally felt like 'HEAVEN CAME DOWN TO EARTH' for 4 days. Also, when going to the fire for communion had a picture of what it must have been like following Jesus carrying his cross as we went to the fire, very moving for me. I just loved it."

**Wonza, NSW:** "Lena was awesome! It was great to have a feminine touch! 'Here I am - send me,' really stuck out in her message and to have the tribal love flowing. It was challenging for me as I approach God in the next steps in my journey!"

Our hosts for next year & Regional Coordinators for North NSW, Nic & V Gilmour say, "There's just nothing like the annual CSA Tribal Gathering to get yer heart thumping in time with God's heart. It'll be the 28th time CSA crew have got together to radically alter history, and if you miss out you'll end up whingeing to ya Mum and kicking ya dog! If you are flying in, come into the Gold Coast or Ballina. Flights are cheaper the further ahead you book them. Get onto it! And while you're at it, pump up your core group to get there, and keep an eye on your mail-box for the promo DVD that'll be stuffed into it real soon." 2010 here we come!

A spectacular shout out must go to our fantastic VIC/TAS region who hosted us, headed up by the awesome Wayne and Kate Morely. Thanks for all your hard work! Plus all the people who put in their time and effort; you know who you are & we LOVE YOU! We also thank the support and understanding of local groups plus our wonderful hosts, John & Karen at Tribal HQ, plus all the crew who came along to make it what it was! The most disappointing thing about conference was leaving! But the good news is, it's just under a year to go for **CSA Tribal Gathering, 1-5 April 2010: Lennox Head, NSW.**

# JESUS PRO-AM 2009, Manly NSW

2009 celebrates the 25th year of the Jesus Pro-Am Surf competition

With fantastic waves blessing the event, the 25th Jesus Pro-Am will long be remembered for a new level of competitive surfing, drawing significant crowds to Manly to see some of the best surfers in the country compete across the two days.

The Jesus Pro-Am aims to offer a different style of contest for competitors and according to Open Men's Winner Nick Riley, "The Jesus Pro-Am is always such a fun event. Everyone's families are down here hanging out and the atmosphere is very different to other contests".

"This year's Jesus Pro-Am exceeded everyone's expectation," said Christian Surfers' Central NSW Regional Coordinator, Al Westbury. "But it's the other key ingredients in the event that we believe really make the Jesus Pro-Am stand out from other surfing contests - the hospitality, the art displays, the win-a-surfboard competition, the prayer and the church service on the beach - they all contribute to creating the different event atmosphere that highlights to the elite competitors just how much more there is to life when Jesus is at the centre."

Spectacular surfing was witnessed across the weekend. In the Open Men's, Nick Riley made an incredible comeback into the competitive surfing arena after a 3-month layoff due to injury. Riley quickly found form at his home break to win the Open Men's division from fellow Manly local Dustin Atkinson. Phillipa Anderson (Merewether) impressed the strong crowd at Manly with her powerful surfing style on her way to victory in the Open Women's division. Cronulla's Connor O'Leary made it two from two with a stylish performance in what was a nail-biting final to win his second consecutive Cadet Boys division title. Jess Van Der Meer showed what the next generation of female surfers are capable of, en-route to winning the Cadet Girls division.

This year's event also introduced a Live Webcast via the event's website, which saw live footage and commentary beamed globally via the internet. "We had viewers from all over the world, even some viewers in Brazil staying up till 4am to watch the finals," said Westbury.



Nick Riley, from Freshwater NSW, the winner of Open Men's division at Jesus Pro-Am 2009 Manly.

As always, a huge team of volunteers, made up of Christian Surfers crew from around Australia and local church members, worked tirelessly to ensure every competitor was well fed and having a great time. Huge thanks to all the crew who put in a great effort over the weekend!

The 2009 event also saw the continued partnership of the event with local charity Manly-Manado, which assists in raising awareness and funds for the people of Manado, a village in Indonesia.

The Jesus Pro-Am, presented by Bible Society NSW and Coastal-watch, is part of a 3-event series that will see the event staged across three locations in NSW. The next event in the series will be held on 15-16 August at Coffs Harbour and then 21-22 November at Wollongong.

We are also proudly supported by Line Up Surf, Dallas Designer Jewellery, Salamander Shores, Misfit Shapes, Mauricio Gil Surfboards, Dripping Wet Surf, Manly-Manado, Network Communications, Movemedvd.com, Tracks, Surfing World, Christian Surfers Australia, Surfing NSW and Matt Johnson Photography.

See the full press release & video highlights at [www.jesusproam.com](http://www.jesusproam.com)

## Activ8 Junior Leadership School

CS' Junior Leadership School, Activ8, was run across the first week of December last year. Junior and senior leaders from across Australia joined for a week of learning, fellowship, worship and good (often hilarious) times. We also fit in a bit of surfing here and there.

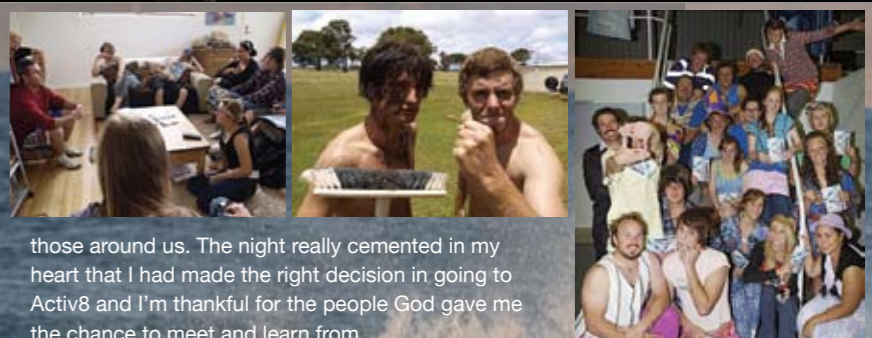
As we made the three and a bit hour trip down to the Venison Farm in Gracetown, WA, close quarters in the car made sure that we got to know each other pretty quickly. Jodene didn't even get the chance to pull out the ice-breaker sheet. After going for a surf at some ridiculous hour (for a Queenslander anyway; it really should be dark by 8 o'clock) we settled in for the night.

The week started with the History of CS, giving us a firm understanding of the mission we're a part of. As we progressed, we were shown what we need to know to become better equipped leaders within the mission and what steps to take to stay strong in our resolve to serve God and others.

Having also been encouraged to write our own devotions, we were blessed to hear some inspiring messages from quite a few of us junior leaders.

Our unexpected and last minute camping trip in the middle of the week to the middle of nowhere gave us a chance to put our new skills to work. One of our only failings was being unable to assemble a tent.

The worship night was incredible, with God speaking to us as we praised Him and put forward our prayer requests. He built each of us up and put on our hearts the words we needed to pray for



those around us. The night really cemented in my heart that I had made the right decision in going to Activ8 and I'm thankful for the people God gave me the chance to meet and learn from.

Amidst all the learning, talking and worship, we were blessed with some waves thanks to God's creation. Sitting out the back and staring up at hills instead of apartment blocks was a treat. Being beaten up by waves ten times heavier than those back home was less than a treat and more just an experience.

Our last night brought out the crazy in everyone, with fashion taking a backseat to harshly coloured and ill-fitting costumes. At least the ridiculous dress code matched the dancing.

I believe God placed all of us in WA for a reason. He has equipped us to better serve His will through Christian Surfers, given insight into His plans for us and placed new friends in our lives. And thanks to the miracle of Facebook, we can even keep in touch.

### Special Mentions Go To:

- Dougy for putting his hand up first to give his devotion,
- Jake for having the confidence to wear those pink pants (with Andy's Nikki Webster treasures coming in a close second),
- Naomi for seeing her board get battered three times (one thanks to my nose going through it).

Amy de Graaf

...could God be calling you to Activ8 in 09? Talk with your RC.