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### Note From Dave:

I have always had a strong belief that God uses every aspect of our own personal character for his own purposes. This is closely connected to the idea that you are the way you are because God allows you to be like that. So, YOUR interests, the things that YOU like, YOUR hopes, dreams and even fears are the things God uses to fulfill His own purposes. How's that for an amazing thought? God uses stuff that we like to do His work. Let that sink in.

This is why I always find it a bit weird when I hear people say things like: "I don't know what my spiritual gifts are," or "I don't know how to use my spiritual gifts."

God implants our gifts into us, but at times, we don't recognise them.

Really, the Great Commission is essentially about finding ways of including people in the Kingdom of Heaven, even if you have to do it the way a secret agent would do it.

Think about how easy it is to talk to someone when you discover that you both like watching the same TV show, reading the same books, playing the same sport or eating the same food. You make a connection with them through the TV, a book, a sport, or a food, for crying out loud. They feel included in your life, even if it is for a brief moment. Imagine how they would feel if they were included in something bigger, for more than that brief moment.

The Kingdom of Heaven is inclusive. This is why if we want to bring people into the Kingdom, then we need to include them in stuff. Sometimes we have to be creative as to how we do that. As a self defence instructor, I have used self defence class to make connections with a diverse group of people, and I can tell you now, not all of them are that interested in self defence. I really think they just like being involved in something bigger than themselves.

Whether you know what your spiritual gifts are or not, or how to use them even, seek to include people in the things that you are already doing. Do this, and let God sort the rest out.

Have a good month.

Dave.

### Reflect Project—Packing Day & Sponsorship

Our Reflect Hygiene Products Project finally culminated on Sunday 16th May with the Packing Day. It was exciting to have a number of people from the community and local business involved. Special thanks goes to Sue Sadler and her team from Bendigo Bank, who came and helped, as well as donating funds. Andy spoke about the glimpses that he has had into the world of SRS residents, and helped us all realize that the Packing Day was more than just physically putting items in bags—we were joining together to send a clear message to this part of our community that they are valued, and not forgotten. And of course, there was the fun element of being part of it all, and sharing fresh donuts for morning tea together afterwards!

Thank you to everyone who contributed. And thank you to all those who committed to sponsor a resident by providing a hygiene pack each month for the next year. All L'abri residents were sponsored—which is fantastic! We are still hoping to get sponsors for the residents of the other 2 local SRSSs, so if you are interested, please see Julie Archbold. She will be sending out an email to all sponsors shortly with information and due dates for the packs.

## Annual General Meeting—Report

If you were unable to attend, and you still haven't received a copy of the Annual Report, please see Elisa on Sunday or contact the church office.

## Missions Update:

In May, our missions offering went to the 2h Project and their support of Cambodian communities through their Safe Arrivals campaign. Together we raised \$791. For further details please see the 2h website at [www.the2hproject.com](http://www.the2hproject.com).

Information about the June offering will be explained during the Sunday services later in the month.

Funds will be collected on Sunday mornings, but can also be directly deposited into the urbanlife bank account (BSB:063 885 Account: 1005 3608).

## Café Cause:

The Café will continue to accept donations of hygiene products (into the basket on the café bench) will be used to supplement the SRS Sponsorship program that was launched on the Packing Day. It is exciting to know that the first Monthly Hygiene Pack was received in the café this week, from a sponsor!

Stay tuned for details of something new and exciting coming soon...

## urbanlife kids:

A program runs each Sunday for both Creche and Primary age kids during the church service.

For further information, please contact Jodie McNair on [jodie.mcnaire@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jodie.mcnaire@optusnet.com.au)

## What's on at urbanlife: June 2010

### The Regulars:

**My Dolls Space**—every second Monday 10:30am-3:00pm

**Chick with Sticks**— meet every second Wednesday 12:30-3:30pm.

**urbansafe Krav Maga** – every Wednesday 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm. \$12, see David Stone for more info.

**urbankids Playgroup** – meet every Thursday morning. See Katrina Farley if you are interested in enrolling

**Prime Timers**—for people over 55 who enjoy friendship, company and support. See Bronwyn Dwight for details.

**GT's and Life Groups**— there are heaps of these meeting every week and there is bound to be one to suit you!

### Sunday celebration service—

Join us through the month of June as we finish up our series on Spiritual Gifts and get stuck into a new series looking at Confronting Fear.

Speakers and topics are listed below, and copies of previous messages can be purchased from the church office.

Services start at 10:30am and concludes with coffee at 12:00pm.

### Week 1

Wed 2nd urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm  
Thur 3rd urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am  
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm  
Sat 5th Prime Timers: 1:00pm Afternoon Tea and Special Guest at the urban.  
Sun 6th Celebration Service: 10:30am– 12:00pm Spiritual Gifts: “Tongues”, with Doug

### Week 2

Wed 9th Chicks with Sticks from 12:30pm  
urbansafe Krav Maga 7:30pm 9:00pm  
Thur 10th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am  
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm  
Sun 13th Celebration Service: 10:30am– 12:00pm Spiritual Gifts: “Perceiving”, with Tony

### Week 3

Mon 14th My Dolls Space: from 10:30am  
Wed 16th urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm  
Thur 17th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am  
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm  
Sun 20th Celebration Service: 10:30am-12:00pm Spiritual Gifts: “Being Filled”, with Cam  
Prime Timers: 1:00pm at the urban - call Bronwyn Dwight for more information

### Week 4

Mon 21st Presbytery Night: 7:30 A night of worship, prayer & seeking God as we wrap up our Spiritual Gifts series  
Wed 23rd Chicks with Sticks from 12:30pm  
urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm  
Sun 27th Celebration Service: 10:30am-12:00pm Confronting Fear: “Introduction”, with guest speaker Judy Wilkie

### Week 5:

Mon 28th My Dolls Space: from 10:30am  
Wed 30th urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm  
July:  
Thurs 1st urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am  
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm  
Sun 4th Celebration Service: 10:30am-12:00pm Confronting Fear: “Tools”, with Cam

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