

Rockhampton Flood Recovery

On the 5th of January 2011 Rockhampton experienced the worse flooding since 1954 with approximately 40% of the city affected by the flood waters. The Fitzroy River catchment area is the second largest in the southern hemisphere and the area affected would cover the entire state of Tasmania or the country of Germany.

Out of the 5000 properties affected by flood about 150 homes have water above floor level, 1000 homes with considerable water through yards, and 4000 parcels of land affected by water inundation. Our church is on higher ground and thankfully has not been affected by the water. Our airport is cut off for 3 weeks and so too most of the roads. However, God has given us some wonderful opportunities to minister to the city and we look forward to seeing what doors this will open.



Lighthouse Baptist Church has been involved in the initial flood relief through sand bagging, furniture removal and helping in evacuations.

We are now preparing to minister to our community in three ways:

1. Helping the families of our church get back in their homes and assisting with the cleaning and recovery from losses.
2. Assisting the SES with moving families in the community back into their homes and with the massive clean up.
3. Providing about 300 care packages from the church to all residents majorly affected by the flood. This care package will consist of a few basic essentials together with a New Testament, gospel tracts and recovery information and offers for help with spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Each package will cost around \$30.

If you would like to assist in any way with flood relief please email our church offices at church@lighthousebaptist.com.au or telephone us on (07) 4928 6633.

As of today (12/01/11) there are also many other parts of Queensland affected by flooding and tragically some lives have been lost. Please be in prayer for our country and communities, especially for those gravely affected. Thankyou for your love and concern.

Sincerely in Christ.

Pastor Robert Bakss

Lighthouse Baptist Church, Rockhampton. QLD

PS. One our Associate Pastors, Jeff O'Derry was actually interviewed on the news and Sunrise morning show following our church involvement in the flood relief. Here is a YouTube link to this <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pN7nZ-TRvU>

