

# M&M's Mission Moments

Mark & Mary Swinerton's News for Family, Friends, and Partners

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## Here's what you didn't read about Schoolies



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### Gold Coast

- 30,000 Schoolies
- 63 Student Life volunteers
- 1,000+ approaches
- 359 Spiritual conversations
- 287 Gospel presentations
- 32 people became Christians

### Byron Bay

- 7,000 Schoolies
- 22 Student Life volunteers
- 739 approaches
- 190 Spiritual conversations
- 76 Gospel presentations
- 9 people became Christians

### South Coast of Victoria

- 5,000 Schoolies
- 48 Student Life volunteers
- 1,603 approaches
- 450 Spiritual conversations
- 178 Gospel presentations
- 24 people became Christians

### Summary

133 Students approached 3,500 Schoolies and held 999 spiritual conversations. 541 people were challenged to follow Jesus. 65 people said yes.

Michael Grace is the new state coordinator for Student Life in Victoria. I recently caught up with him when 48 tired but happy student volunteers returned from Summer Projects.

"We've had a really good year," the 32 year old Christian leader shared with me. "We saw more people become Christians on campus and the response to Schoolies was excellent."

As part of a debriefing session each member was given the opportunity to share a story. A young Chinese girl was the first to speak.

"I approached a lady who confessed she was only there to keep an eye on her daughter." The room erupted into laughter. "When I told her that I was part of a Christian group she shared with me that two years ago she was hit by a bus." The speaker paused. "I mean a literal bus... and she nearly died." The woman was willing to hear the Gospel. "Before I finished my spiel she asked if she could become a Christian right away."

A young man took her place behind the podium. "I struck up a conversation with a young man while walking on the beach. He was only seventeen and a recovering ICE addict." The room was quiet as everyone listened with interest. "He had been clean for two years but his addiction had left him with an emptiness. When I took him through the booklet he said it was what he was looking for." The young man prayed to receive Jesus.

Another young man stepped forward to share his experience. "I approached a group of men outside a bar, but they were not interested," he added emphasis with his hands. "However, one of the guys followed me down the street and asked if he could speak to me later." His friends applauded his obvious courage. "We exchanged phone numbers and I'm going to catch up with him after Schoolies."

For the past two months God's people have been asked to pray for Schoolies. This request has found its way into newsletters, church bulletins and home groups. No one was surprised when news of "Holy Spirit appointments" began to trickle in. The statistics are impressive.



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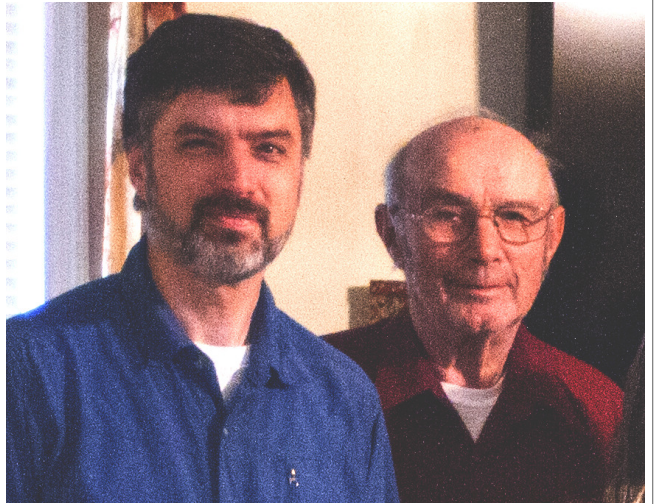
## Family News

Mark's cousin, Elizabeth and her twins attended Mark's father's funeral services. Caleb 6, when he first was taken into the funeral home, ran out crying uncontrollably... saying he could never see Uncle Warren any more.

Caleb has been thinking about this for the last three months. Catherine, his twin sister had accepted Christ a few weeks ago and talked with Caleb immediately and told him he needed to do it too, but he didn't.

It wasn't until recently at the breakfast table that Caleb said he needed to ask Jesus into his heart. So Elizabeth prayed with him right there and then.

Then Caleb said "I am not going to obey Satan anymore. I am going to obey Jesus. He is my King! I will take my sword, (a candy cane) and fight him (Satan). Now I can see Uncle Warren when I die."



Mark and his Dad

In His Service,

*Mark + Mary*

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world I John 4:14

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