

# Raising The Standard

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## David's News

This newsletter finds me in the red desert at the heart of Australia, Uluru (Ayers Rock), to lead worship with banners at a large celebration for the Australian National Day of Prayer. I have just returned from a dramatic and deeply meaningful time in Vanuatu. My son Christopher accompanied me on our first overseas ministry trip. Banners featured prominently in the celebrations of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the region being named the Great South Lands of the Holy Spirit. I spent the first 3 days sharing about banners at



the children's, youth, women's and men's



large pieces of cloth over their heads. Our banners then added volume, colour and impact to our march through town and they lined the walk way for the president of Vanuatu, the



conferences to an enthusiastic reception. At the main celebrations we were greeted by traditional dancers - the women waving



local tribal chief, ambassadors of Spain, France and Europe as well as dignitaries and visitors from most of the nations of the south pacific. It was a week I shall never



forget. The video by Eric Skattebo (below) will give you a taste of what it was like.

[Vanuatu Anniversary Celebrations Video by Eric Skattebo Melbourne, Aust](#) [Vanuatu Anniversary Celebrations Video](#)

## David's Ministry Calendar June and July 2006 [Details](#)

3 <sup>rd</sup> June to 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's & Youth Conferences Uluru (Ayers Rock) Australia
17 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Seminaire Abri Saint Etienne, France
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Shift the Nation Conference, Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Washington, DC
29 <sup>th</sup> June to 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Worship Training Seminar/Celebration Service, Open Bible Cathedral, Point Fortin, Trinidad, West Indies
6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> July	International Congress on Spiritual Warfare Strategic Intercession Orlando FL
11 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> July	6th International Christian Creative Arts Conference 2006 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Find more information on David's 12-month [Calendar and Itinerary](#). Book him for your area, find answers to [Commonly Asked Questions](#) or fill in a [Booking Form](#)

## Relay For Life

Last year, I decided to join the "Relay for Life", to help raise funds for cancer research as my mother, Valda, had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. I signed up 15 of our friends and family, and we started to plan our camp site for the relay. We gave our team a name: "Victorious Violets" because Mum had been *victorious* in her fight and her favourite colour is *violet*. We felt like Victorious Knights in Battle. Mum borrowed some beautiful purple banners and a large gold crown. We made purple flowers to hang around the tent. On the night, we were so surprised to find out that our team had won the Best Camp-Site Award. This year, we again joined the "Relay for Life". We had enough team members for **3 teams**. We decorated the tent in the same theme as last year and again won the Best Camp-Site Award. The banners are the standards of the battle against Mum's cancer. [Stacey M Toowoomba Aust Full Story](#)



## A Turning Point

Banners! Just colourful pieces of silk cloth waving from poles. Apart from the fun element, what possible use could they be to the Kingdom of God? That was probably pretty much how my thinking ran. I had attended a couple of workshops on the use of banners, and was always enthusiastic in using the banners I had purchased.

Yet I was stunned and thrilled, when attending a Spiritual Warfare Conference in Hobart, Australia, to realise the incredible, awesome power that is released in the spiritual realm and the victorious warfare that results, when a group of like-minded individuals wave their banners in proclamation to the heavenly realm. That conference was a turning point for me. I now look upon my banners as powerful weapons. [Robyn S Toowoomba Aust Full Story](#)



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