



**GLOBAL PRAYER CONNECTIONS**  
*Bringing the Nations together*

*To raise up a 'Kingdom Prayer Army' across the world*

*Dear Kingdom Warriors,*

Movement Day was born in God's heart, as it came out of ONE HEART FOR AUSTRALIA in this part of the world.

It began with a prayer meeting in Sydney in the 1960s called INTERCESSORS FOR AUSTRALIA. From that prayer movement God called different people to spread the message from Jesus that "Where Two or Three are gathered together in MY NAME - THERE I AM IN THE MIDST OF THEM".

BRIAN PICKERING, SUE TINWORTH, JENNY HAGGER, COLIN AND GRACE SHAW were some of the people who were challenged to start praying for our nation in a more strategic way, and today we are seeing the result of their obedience and dedication.

**DURING THE LAST 50 YEARS THE LORD HAS USED HIS PEOPLE TO CREATE "A PRAYER NET" WHICH COVERS AUSTRALIA WITH 24/7 PRAYER PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE 'AUSTRALIAN PRAYER NETWORK' (APN). People have come and gone on this journey, BUT GOD HAS CREATED A 'KINGDOM PRAYER ARMY' where some are leaders and others are ' FOOT SOLDIERS'; BUT WE ALL HAVE AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY.**

**Jesus started a revolution with 12 ordinary men.** In John 17 Jesus give HIS STRATEGY TO HIS DISCIPLES, particularly from verse 20-21 where Jesus said: "I am not praying for these alone, **BUT ALSO FOR THE FUTURE BELIEVERS**, who will come to me because of the testimony off these. (That is us today).

My prayer for ALL OF THEM is that they will be of ONE HEART AND MIND, just as you and I are Father - that just as you are in me and I am in you, SO THEY WILL BE IN US, AND THE WORLD WILL BELIEVE YOU SENT ME. (Living Bible)

This scripture gave birth to a move of God when 6 Pastors from Adelaide, Sydney, Canberra, Perth and Toowoomba came together in Canberra to pray about how to work towards more unity in our cities and nation by this invitation:

**"Leaders involved in church unity, community or National transformations are invited to attend the INAUGURAL ONE HEART FORUM IN CANBERRA. The forum will hear Australian stories, explore key transformational issues and discuss ways of working together in our nation"**

**This meeting gave birth to the 'ONE HEART FOR THE NATION' movement with the vision to "SEE AUSTRALIA & ITS COMMUNITIES FULFIL THEIR GOD-GIVEN DESTINY THROUGH THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST."**

That vision has never changed, and somehow Toowoomba became the headquarters, and a yearly 'One Heart Gatherings' were held inviting candidates from other nations as well. Lyle Shelton started a One Heart newsletter where people from all over Australia and overseas were able to share their 'Transformation Stories', and I have kept all those newsletters as they tell the exciting story about how the transformation message spread.

Since God called Ian Shelton with these words, "Do you not discern and understand that YOU (THE WHOLE CHURCH AT CORINTH) ARE GOD'S TEMPLE?" (1 Cor. 3:16 Amp. Bible) He has always been VERY PASSIONATE about the call to City unity and never deviated from it in this entire 44 years' journey. Colin Shaw who was also working with Ian on this dream for many years here in Toowoomba put it in these words:

**"THERE IS NO BLUEPRINT AS TO HOW WE CAN IMPACT CITIES AND TOWNS - BUT WE KNOW THAT ONLY ONE CHURCH OF THE CITY CAN DO THE JOB".**

**THIS IS THE KEY TO MOVEMENT DAY.** In 2013 Ian was invited to the first Movement Day in New York and discovered that the WHOLE WORLD HAD GOT THE SAME MESSAGE, and many cities had found the secret of churches and business people working together to bless their cities.

**SO 'ONE HEART' joined the 'MOVEMENT DAY' that is now growing every year ALL OVER THE WORLD.**

Movement day is a two-day national gathering with inspiring stories of Christians from all spheres of society collaborating to see their towns and cities blessed. It is a continuation of the ONE HEART VISION from 2006, and continues the conversation, tells the stories and encourages church and marketplace collaboration in the proclamation of the gospel in word and deed to the towns and cities of our nation.

**This year was our 3rd Movement Day in Australia.** In 2017 The Salvation Army opened up their building in Redfern Sydney to hold the first "NATIONAL GATHERING". Prior to this Ian Shelton had travelled Australia encouraging pastors and marketplace leaders to work together to bless their cities, so 200 people turned up to that first gathering. They were very excited and went back to their communities to spread the word and to build teams with a heart to work together.

We realised that we needed a bigger building for the next year, so the Sallies offered their "Congress Hall" and 300 people came for the 2018'th gathering and now we called it MOVEMENT DAY to be in line with the rest of the world, because we could sense that GOD WAS INDEED MOVING ON THIS.

**WE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DEAL WITH THE REALITY OF OUR CITIES,** so last year we dealt with the pain in our cities in a very creative way for the first day, and the second day we showed what many people were already doing to deal with that pain. It was very powerful and challenging.

**THIS WHOLE JOURNEY HAS BEEN LED BY GOD, and this year He downloaded the idea to Ian to concentrate on HOW TO MAKE OUR CITIES BEAUTIFUL.** Again we met at Congress Hall where 300 people came together from all over Australia PNG and NZ. These were the areas represented: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Newcastle, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Gympie, Toowoomba, Pittsworth, Central Coast, Lismore, Inverell, Wagga Wagga and Kalgoorlie.

**The most exciting thing about this year was that people who had attended previously HAD BROUGHT A TEAM WITH THEM and MOVEMENT DAY WAS ALSO HELD IN PERTH AND NZ.** Because unity has always been my dream, I was in tears at the end of the gathering when I saw all these teams in "brotherly huddles" around the building being prayed over by a prophetic person from outside their own group. (If you read my attached testimony you will understand why this was a fulfilment of a dream).

**THIS WAS DEFINITELY A MOVE OF THE SPIRIT and I was reminded of a verse in Zephaniah 3:8 where God spoke through the prophet with these words: "Then I will give the people a PURE LANGUAGE that ALL OF THEM may call on the name of the Lord to SERVE HIM SHOULDER TO SHOULDER!"**

This is the aim and purpose of Movement Day. As team after team told their story they were showing us that they were **WORKING TOGETHER FOR "UNITY IN DIVERSITY"** expressing God's love for each other, and bringing HIS LOVE AND BEAUTY to their own communities. They had all said PRAYER IS FIRST- GOD IS TO LEAD. Jesus is our Captain, and He only does what the Father tells him to do. The Holy Spirit is our guide, and gives us revelation and strength.

**That is how to reach our cities, as EVERY CITY IS DIFFERENT, and only God knows the DNA, and what will work. HE IS THE MASTER BUILDER.** "Unless the Lord builds the house (City), they labour in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain." (Ps. 127:1). We can all be watchmen for our families, communities, cities and nations, so the Lord has challenged me to build a KINGDOM PRAYER ARMY ACROSS THE WORLD.

**Our Australian dream is that more Cities would catch this vision and have their own Movement Days in different areas,** to light the fire for a GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION OF OUR NATION. I am sure this is also the dream of many other countries, and prayer has no boundaries, so **if you want to be part of a prayer team to stand behind this move of God please send an email to me.**

If you go to [www.movementday.org](http://www.movementday.org) you can listen to some of the amazing stories from Australia and overseas and rejoice in the fact that **ALL OVER THE WORLD THE SPIRIT IS MOVING!** **Make sure you come to Movement Day 2021 Australia, or if you live in Toowoomba there will be a MD in The Annex @ City hall on Saturday 19th October. From 9am – 4pm**

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