



Challenge – The Good News Paper

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Challenge Literature Fellowship is a non-profit, Christian mission organisation, which produces an evangelistic newspaper to encourage and help Christians share their faith regularly and give readers the opportunity to learn about Jesus. After 30 years, the paper is now distributed in Australia, South Africa, Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana, USA (English & Hispanic), India, Argentina (Spanish) and 20 other countries in smaller numbers. Challenge produces 12 editions in 6 languages reaching into 32 countries.

Diana Chapman joined the paper in 2008 whilst illustrating for *"Fishing Wild Magazine,"* studying part time at Trinity Theological College and working with the "Youth-Care" chaplaincy programme. During her time with Challenge, she has been on a huge learning curve! God provided funding for training and the courage to serve Him as she seeks to fulfil the vision of Challenge "Communicating Christ through the printed page". Her experience in illustration and children's ministries has led her to become editor of the children's pages of the newspaper. Diana remarks, "Little did I know that years of experience in the print and animation industries, God would bring together for His glory in the outreach to millions of children across the world." As Challenge newspaper grows globally, so has the scope of the paper and the children's pages of the Australian Challenge Newspaper, will eventually become a four page lift out. Children are the potential church of tomorrow, and statistics tell us that many believers today came to know Christ Jesus in the tender years of childhood, which the children's pages are designed to reach. Diana was encouraged by a recent letter acknowledging the "Challenge Kids Pages" as a means by which Australian grandparents are witnessing to their grandkids. Having gospel centred puzzles, colouring in pictures and other games; it is a wonderful way to witness about Jesus.

Diana recently illustrated a series of Bible studies which is being used by *World Hope* prison ministries in Southern Africa. These studies work in conjunction with *Challenge* and *Multi Ministries*, to present God's word in Africa. Diana is personally attached to Africa, as she was born there, and it means so much to her to see the gospel shared in Africa. Diana prays that one day God's word will reach the gang of young people that murdered her youngest brother in Kwa Zulu with a homemade weapon.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1:5.



In 2010 Diana represented *Challenge* at the OOTP mining conference in Kalgoorlie, to explore outreach into the mining industry. Having raised two children in the isolated and remote north-west Australia, God enlarged her heart toward these communities, and she has a real love for outback communities. Diana believes that for mining families like her own, the children's pages are the open door to share the gospel. *Challenge* is also responsible for presenting material for the 'Explorers' magazine, which is distributed through the *School of the Air* and *Outback Patrol* ministries.

Diana currently reaches out to the mining community through two stands at the FIFO terminals at Perth airport. Here she hands out *Challenge* newspapers to miners, giving them something to read on their flights to work, on the buses out to the mine, while on smoko – anytime! The papers are easy to read, full of life changing stories, and centred on Jesus. Currently demand for the papers at the airport is greater than she can supply. The kids pages in the newspaper make great activities for kids to do while waiting at the airport for Dad to come home.

Challenge partners with local churches; in this way it is possible to connect FIFO workers with the church when they read the printed church details on the back of the paper, or from an ad inserted into the paper, advertising coming church events or services (like Easter or Christmas).

Please support Diana in prayer. Praise God for the opportunity to sow the seed of faith, and for the faithful work of *Challenge* as they share the gospel. Please prayerfully consider partnering with *Challenge* by providing ongoing support for this exciting ministry. Anyone wanting to contribute to the outreach at Perth FIFO terminals should contact her at Diana@challengenews.org.

If you can support Diana and her work at *Challenge*, she is looking to cover her basic ministry stipend of \$532.00 a fortnight. Any extra contributions will assist her in continuing to fill the stands at the Perth FIFO terminals to outreach to miners in WA. Please email Diana at Diana@challengenews.org or accounts@challengenews.org for further details, or the OOTP team at news@outofthepit.org

Copies of the *Challenge* newspaper can be downloaded at www.challengenews.org