A Christian Community Must Reflect the Nature of God.

CHRISTIANS NOT THE ONLY ONES CALLING FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

NEWS / Tim Berryman, Principal, Fitzroy Community School

Wednesday 26 November 2014

Christians have found an unlikely ally in Tim Berryman, The Principal of a non-government, independent school in Melbourne’s trendy inner city suburb of Fitzroy. His school, Fitzroy Community School has a cohort of around 60 students and has an alternative teaching philosophy—it’s not a religious school. However, last week Tim sent his letter to his school community calling on the parents to stand up for the protection of religious freedom. The Labor Party in Victoria is proposing to change equal opportunity law if it were elected, making it difficult for Christian schools to employ Christian teachers unless they were specifically teaching religion. His letter below:

I have been saddened in recent years watching the constant erosion of the freedoms that we once took for granted. I have not written on this before, as it did not concern education directly.

In this State election, one issue stands out clearly, and that is the ability of like-minded people to choose to educate their children as they feel appropriate. The issue is faith. There are many in our community for whom faith is not a part of their concept of self, but there are still many for whom their faith defines who they are. Faith for many in our community is more than an intellectual notions of principles and values. It cannot be removed or abstracted, and underpins their lives and the manner in which their children are raised. I did some consultancy for a school that, when it came into existence, enrolled children who had all previously been homeschooled. These families felt that, until my friend’s school came in to existence, none of Melbourne’s schools understood them, accepted them or honoured what was dear to them. The ability to open or run such a school is being threatened at this election. I want ours to be a tolerant society, and for me tolerance requires our accepting other cultures and faiths and the different ways in which children may be raised.

The challenge for us democrats is to always support freedoms, particularly when we have no personal interest, or where the freedom at stake is not one that has any direct consequence for us. At this election, this is the case for Fitzroy Community School. Our school is not threatened. I think that this makes the raising of our voice all the more important.

Our school cannot run without my carefully choosing the teachers. They need to support the ethos, culture and practices of our school. I uphold this as necessary for all schools. At this election, many of our fellow independent schools are threatened with the removal of this power—in that their ethos and culture are linked and defined by their faith community.

They have been told that faith can only be considered in the selection of teachers who will teach religion, the implication being that one’s faith is neatly packed away in the sock drawer at all other times. I cannot conceive of running a good school without the ability to choose staff who would uphold the school’s ethos, its values and its culture. In many schools, this incorporates a specific set of religious beliefs.

The Labor Party has proposed amending the Equal Opportunity Act to remove school’s ability to decide whether religious beliefs are an ‘inherent requirement’ of an advertised position. The Greens support this amendment.

Please contact local MP and other candidates and get them to comment on:

1. Allowing parents to choose schools that meet their cultural, social & religious values.
2. Allowing schools to choose to employ staff who support these values.

This situation reminds me of a poem attributed to pastor Martin Niemöller about the cowardice of German intellectuals following the Nazi’s rise to power, and the subsequent purging of their chosen targets, group by group:

First they came for the Communists, and I didn’t speak up, because I wasn’t a Communist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I didn’t speak up, because I wasn’t a Jew.
Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn’t speak up, because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me.

For me there is a sad irony in the current situation, where our intellectuals cry out for those persecuted in foreign lands for their beliefs, but are silent about protecting religious freedom here. Those arriving on our shores are confronted with the same situation that they sought to escape—the inability to raise their children in a community supportive of their faith.
EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL HAS FINALISED PURCHASE OF THE LAND FOR OUR NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL.

We advise our parents and friends that the settlement to purchase the site for our new primary school took place on the 29th May 2015. This has been a rather long drawn out process but we have finally achieved what we set out to do a number of years ago — to commence our high school by obtaining more land to build a primary school. Parents you can now be reassured that all planning is in progress to obtaining all the appropriate approvals so that we can commence building in early 2016 for moving the early years into premises in 2017.

Please continue to pray that things will run smoothly and quickly over the final six months of this year so that our plans can be implemented.

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance given to us by the State Government by way of a Low Interest Loan to help with this purchase.
The Chicks have Hatched!!

IF EGG IS BROKEN BY OUTSIDE FORCE
LIFE ENDS. IF BROKEN BY INSIDE FORCE
LIFE BEGINS. GREAT THINGS
ALWAYS BEGIN
FROM INSIDE

Marc Iacob (Pre-primary)
Priscilla Dah (Pre-primary)
Ella Concha (Kindy - Kangaroo)
Alex Savencu (Pre-primary)

Amarti Ayele (Pre-primary)
Larisa Camarasan (Kindy - Kangaroo)
Alex Iordache (Year 6)
Taban Lado (Year 5)

"The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not smashing it."
Arnold H. Glasow

Saw Blu Doh & Deborah Worku (Year 6)

"Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it."

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All Australian governments have agreed to work together to implement a new annual national data collection on school students with disability. This data collection process is being phased in over a three year period in 2013-2015.

The first two years will be a transition period. This means that all schools will begin preparing for participating in the collection from 2013.

In 2015, the first full national collection of data on school students with disability will take place in all Australian schools. From then on, this data collection will occur in every school every year, along with other school data collections.

**WHY INTRODUCE A NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?**

All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school, regardless of his or her circumstances, has the right to a high quality and inclusive education that meets his or her needs.

Better information about school students with disability will assist teachers, principals and education authorities to support their participation in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

**HOW WILL IT BENEFIT MY CHILD?**

There are students with disability in every school in Australia at some point. This means that every school needs to be ready and able to support students with disability to ensure that any obstacles to participation and achievement in their school education are identified and minimised.

This new national data collection will reinforce the actions required of schools under the national Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. These laws mean that schools and education systems are required to make, where needed, reasonable adjustments for students with disability.

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist a student with disability to participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting, in the classroom and at the individual level.

Determining the level and type of support needed for an individual student is not a new activity for Australian schools.

Currently there is only limited and inconsistent information available at a national level about school students with disability, their educational needs and the support provided to them.

The information provided by this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. That will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.
WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
The following information will be collected annually at the school level:

- the level of adjustment provided;
- the number of students receiving each level of adjustment to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; and
- where known, the student’s type of disability.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD’S INFORMATION AND HOW WILL THEY DO IT?
School teams will collect evidence based on:

- consultation with parents/carers;
- their observations and professional judgments; and
- any medical diagnosis.

The evidence will be collected over at least a 10 week period. This evidence will help the school teams to determine:

- which students to include in the data collection;
- the levels of adjustment that are provided, both within and outside the classroom; and
- the broad category of disability.

In line with good teaching practice and the requirements of the Disability Standards for Education 2005, you will continue to be provided with opportunities to discuss ways to assist your child overcome barriers and the adjustments that could be made to support your child. Principals and school teams will be supported with training to assist them to make accurate judgments. School principals will assure the accuracy of information collected about each student.

WHICH SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS WILL BE INCLUDED?
Your child’s school principal will be advised about their school’s involvement and when the school will be participating in recording information for the data collection.

A student will only be included in the data collection if he/she meets the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the school has evidence of this.

CAN I WITHDRAW MY CHILD’S INFORMATION FROM BEING INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REPORTING ACTIVITY?
You decide whether you want your child’s information to be included or not in the national reporting activity. Your school principal will forward information to you once they are participating so you can make an informed choice.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is a key priority. Authorised staff in each school will manage the information to ensure that personal or confidential information is not disclosed. Transmission of data by the school will be done in such a way that the privacy and confidentiality of all students is protected.

When data are reported it will be at the school level only and no individual student will be able to be identified in the data collection.

WHAT WILL THE INFORMATION BE USED FOR?
It is intended that the data collected about students with disability will be published on the My School website and in other national reports on schooling from 2016 onwards. Public reporting of these data will mean more is known about how all Australian schools and education authorities support students with disability.

Australian schools and education authorities will use these data as evidence to improve their support for students with disability.

FURTHER INFORMATION
For further information about the national collection of data on Australian school students with disability and how you can support it, please visit www.deewr.gov.au/students-disability.
MULTICULTURAL / GRANDPARENT DAY
IS COMING SOON!!!!!
Tuesday, 23rd June

It’s time to invite your Grandparents, Parents, Family friends to spend the
day with us. AND..............
It’s time to think about what delicious national food dish you will be able to
bring along to share for lunch!!!!!
You can have FAMILY PHOTOS taken too!

PLANNED PROGRAM FOR THE DAY
Tuesday, 23rd June

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          | Year 1, 2, 3                                   |
|          | Pre-Primary & Choir                           |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | ITEMS                                        |
| 12:00 – 1:15 | LUNCH together & visit classrooms           |
|          | FAMILY PHOTOS                                 |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | AFRICAN DRUMBEAT presentation                 |
| 2:30     | END!                                          |

FUNDraisers
HOME MADE JAMS

The jars will be used to store home-made jam, made by Miss Vallejos and her mum. The MAG students will be
selling this jam at school during the Multicultural/Grandparent Day on Tuesday, 23 June.
All money raised will be donated to our sister school in Zambia, Eagles Wings.

JAM PRICES:
- Extra small jar: $2
- Small Jar: $4
- Medium Jar: $5
- Large Jar: $7
In 2014 the Year 7 class joined with the nearby Girrawheen Recreation Centre to paint murals for display at the centre. THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL!!!! Have you seen them???

On Tuesday 9th of June the Year 6 class attended the official “UNVEILING” of the murals, with the Mayor of C.O.W. and recreation centre staff. We were treated to afternoon tea and art activities to enjoy until 5:00pm. We are glad to be part of our local area and to be able to contribute in such a creative way.

ROCK PAINTING - FOR THE GARDENS!

PAVEMENT PAINTING USING COLOURFUL CHALKS...

MURAL PAINTINGS NOW ON DISPLAY!

AFTERNOON TEA IS SERVED!

City of Wanneroo Mayor
# Important Dates for Semesters 1 & 2

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YEAR 7 UNIFORMS

Just to ensure families understand the WINTER uniform requirements for Year 7.

**BOYS**
- Grey Pants
- White School Shirt
- Grey Socks
- Black Shoes
- Jackets

**GIRLS**
- Plaid Skirt
- White School Shirt & Tie
- White Socks
- Black Shoes
- Jackets

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SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM POLICY

Students must start wearing their Winter uniforms from Monday 4th May. Each family enrolling in the school undertakes to provide the child with the correct uniform approved by the School, and to ensure that the child is always sent to School neatly and modestly dressed in the required uniform. (Clause 4 of the conditions of enrolment). Should parents have any difficulties in meeting this requirement, the matter needs to be discussed with the class teacher or principal. A letter may be used in this regard. Full school uniform must be worn each day. We are proud of our uniform and trust you will do your part in maintaining a high standard.

The Uniform Shop is open on **MONDAY MORNINGS from 8:30 — 9:00 am and TUESDAY AFTERNOONS from 3:00 — 3:30 pm** of each week. Please ensure that students are properly dressed in their Winter School Uniforms from this date. Please note that Uniform Shop accepts **CASH ONLY**.

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NEW START/FINISH TIMES — SEMESTER 2, 2015

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| YEARS 1 — 6 |
| BEGINS | 8:30 AM |
| RECESS | 10:30 — 10:50 AM |
| LUNCH | 12:10 — 1:00 PM |
| END OF SCHOOL | 3:15 PM |

| YEAR 7 |
| BEGINS | 8:30 AM |
| RECESS | 10:55—11:10 AM |
| LUNCH | 12:55—1:20 PM |
| END OF SCHOOL | 3:15 PM |

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NEW START/FINISH TIMES — SEMESTER 2, 2015

- **KINDY KANGAROO**
  Monday—Tuesday— Wednesday
- **KINDY KOALA**
  Thursday—Friday

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SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD...

**Monday 20 July - Tuesday 21 July** - All Emmanuel Staff will be attending the Christian School State Conference

**Wednesday, 22 July** - Emmanuel Staff Meeting

**Thursday, 23rd July** - TERM 3 Commences
HOMEWORK CLUB is held every THURSDAY from 3:30—4:15 pm. We have 3 adults to support the homework group, with a limit of 15 students. Please note that this is NOT TUTORING. The purpose is to provide a quiet, supervised space for students to complete homework. We can listen to reading, encourage and support students. Students will need to bring along the signed form (below) to attend. Finish time is STRICTLY 4:15 pm. Children whose parents are late to pick up, will not be able to attend homework club. Please understand that staff also have their families to be home for.

**Homework Club Order Form**

I wish my child ________________________________ to attend homework club on Thursdays of Term 3:30—4:15 pm.

___________________________________________

PARENT NAME

___________________________________________

SIGNATURE

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Subway Lunch Orders!

Subway lunch order forms are sent to your children this week for return this FRIDAY, 19 June. Lunch orders will be given on WEDNESDAY, 24 June.

We are sorry that NO LATE ORDERS can be accepted.

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**SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD...**

**Change of Address or Phone Numbers!!!!**
It is very important that you keep your contact details up to date for emergency reasons. We have had some incidents where your children have waited a long time in the SICK ROOM because we are unable to contact you or your details are not up to date. **Please Phone 9342 7377 if your contact numbers HAVE CHANGED!**

**Absentee Details**
If students have been away from school on any day of the week, a note from the parent or the doctor must be given to the class teacher upon return to school. Please remember to note the date and day and also the cause (e.g. sick, holidays) for the absenteeism. **SMS Message will now also be sent to your mobile phones as they are marked absent if no note or message is received in the office on the day.**

Children who arrive at school LATE or LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY should do so VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE, where attendance records will be updated. Class Rolls are submitted electronically at 9.00am and 1.00pm daily.

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**SUBWAY BALANCE**

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**School Bulletin Board...**

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**Homework Club**

I wish my child ________________________________ to attend homework club on Thursdays of (STUDENT’S NAME)

Term 3:30—4:15 pm.

I understand that if I am late to collect my child, they will be unable to attend Homework Club.

___________________________________________

PARENT NAME

___________________________________________

SIGNATURE
SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD...

Our Lost & Found Box is slowly filling up!!!
It is very important that you label all your kids belongings like hats, bags, jackets, drink bottles etc. as they may be recovered by other people. If you happen to find any lost items or you are looking for one, the Administration office has a Lost and Found box where you can drop or claim a lost item. **Come check out our box if some of the recovered items belongs to your child.**

BANKING AT SCHOOL

Is NOW on **THURSDAYS** between 8:00—8.30am in the library. School banking is offered to all students at Emmanuel, via the Commonwealth Bank. Families are encouraged to have their children do school banking each Thursday. For NEW Families who wish to commence banking through the school, APPLICATION FORMS can be picked up from the school office. Accounts can be set up on-line, and by phone OR we can arrange for Bank officers to come to school and help you set up your child’s account. **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS.**

Children can bank as little as 50c per week - banking each week is the key to good savings habits.

Helping Children & Their families to Experience Christian Education

The school commenced in 1982 with 2 teachers. The school has slowly grown since its beginning through the sacrificial giving of both finance and voluntary help of many families. “We are thankful to God for all those who have assisted in the growth of the school”.

Will you consider helping the School?

Capital items have to be paid for from the school fees and your donations. Donations are specially needed for building and maintenance as well as development of the school library. YOU CAN HELP by giving your TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT to Emmanuel Christian Community School. See the office for application forms. This will help the school to grow and to continue to provide quality education for children. Donations over $2 are tax deductible. ~ Thank you for your generous donations ~

Posting of photographs or other images on Facebook and other social media outlets

The School has become aware that photographs of students involved in activities at the School are appearing on social networking sites such as Facebook. The School recognises that parents often take photographs of their own child at various school events and display these photographs as they see fit. However, the School requests that parents do not publish photographs of other students in any media or on any form of social networking sites without the express written permission of the other child’s/children’s parents.
TERM 2 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE!

We thank everyone who has already settled their accounts. For those that have not yet paid their school fees, **PAYMENT MUST BE ATTENDED TO IMMEDIATELY** to avoid receiving that reminder phone call. If you are unable to make payment on time, please make arrangement with Mr. Andrew Johnson on how best to fulfill your obligation. Parents who pay fees through CENTRELINK and have other questions can **SPEAK TO MR JOHNSON.**

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SPANISH CLASSES RUN EVERY TUESDAY From 3:30 — 4:15 pm

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WINTER IS HERE!

As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, even the best of us can get a little down. It was also recently reported on the news that a highly contagious and very nasty **vomiting bug** is predicted to come this winter. But that’s not all we have to look out for: the **severe flu** strain also comes during the cooler months too. So let’s ensure that our kids stay healthy this coming winter months.

If your child is sick with cold, flu or tummy upset, please ensure they rest at home until they are completely well. Children who come back still heavily affected by their illness can’t concentrate and infect other students.

A child who becomes unwell whilst at school will be given the best possible care. HOWEVER, if your child is unable to continue with the normal school routine after care and rest, you will be required to collect the child or have a friend or relative do so. The School is not able to nurse or supervise an unwell child for an extended period of time.

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NITS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL!

As you already know ‘NITS’ are an ongoing problem in the community - a problem that is difficult to eradicate. It has come to our attention that NITS are back in our school again. Some of the children have had their hair checked by staff. Could you please check your child’s hair and give the appropriate treatment if it is needed.

It is a good idea to repeat the process in another 8-10 days to ensure that no part of the cycle has been left in the hair.

Thank you for helping to deal with this tedious and recurring problem.
TRAFFIC FLOW........

We would appreciate it if parents will continue to observe our traffic flow and remember to **TURN LEFT** at Hainsworth Road every afternoon. We know this adds a few moments to your journey but this keeps our traffic flowing, our students safer and our neighbours happy! the NEW MAP below shows the correct driving direction when picking up your children after school.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!!**

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**Emmanuel Christian School Traffic Management Plan**

**WHY?**
- The Safety of our children
- Relationships with neighbours and residents

**DO**
- Enter Salcott Road North
- Turn Left at Hainsworth Street
- Obey instructions of staff on duty

**DON’T**
- Drop off children outside school grounds and allow them to walk across the car park

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**DO YOU FIND THE TRAFFIC POLICE HERE?**

**IF THEY CAN FOLLOW LANE DISCIPLINE, WHY CAN’T YOU?**

One Speed, One Lane. Always Safe.
**FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP**
Meets Every FRIDAY afternoon from 2:30—3:15 PM
at the School Library.
PRAYER REQUESTS NEEDED!

See or call Effie for more info
0410 902 961

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**EMMANUEL SCHOOL BOOK ROOM**
The School Book Room is part of the ministry of Girrawheen Baptist Church and is situated next door to the School Office. They sell a huge variety of Christian materials and resources from books, Bibles, calendars, greeting cards, pens, toys, CD’s, DVD’s etc. Students enjoy visiting our book room during their breaks and it’s also a good place to buy small items for gifts to friends and families.

Any profit made by the Book Room goes towards supporting 4 Compassion children.

So come and check out the range of items we have in store!!

**OPENING TIMES:**
Mondays: 8:30 AM—1:00 PM
Wednesdays: 8:30 AM—11:00 AM
Thursdays: 8:30 AM—1:00 PM
Fridays: 5:30 PM—7:00 PM
Sundays: 12 Noon—12:30 PM

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**JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR (JCE)**
Junior Christian Endeavor (JCE) is a children’s ministry run by the Girrawheen Baptist Church and is for children aged Kindy to year 6 who come together to meet other friends and learn more about Jesus in a fun and loving environment. We meet every Friday night during school terms and to date we have about 200 or more students from different schools attending.

For any enquiries, please contact Laura Cruz (Kindy Kangaroo Teacher)

**JCE RUNS EVERY FRIDAY from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.**
Come along and invite your friends!

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**THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**
Men’s and Ladies Group meets in the Youth & Community Centre (Hainsworth Avenue—Side of the Church)
1:00 PM Start, 3:00 PM Finish

Phone Grace Phillips on 9342 0449 if you have any questions.

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**GBC PLAYGROUP BAPTIST CHURCH**
Corner Hainsworth Avenue & Salcott Road
For Pre-School Children and Parents
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9:00 am—11:00 am
COST: $2.50 each child over 1 Year and a piece of fruit
FOR INFORMATION: Phone Margaret 9303 4387 / 0411 431 300
Don't give up.....

One day I decided to quit...
I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality... I wanted to quit my life.
I went to the woods to have one last talk with God.
"God", I asked, "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"
His answer surprised me...
"Look around", He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?"
"Yes", I replied. "When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them.
I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth.
Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful.
And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. He said.
"In year three there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit.
In year four, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. I would not quit." He said.
"Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant...But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle."
He asked me. "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots". "I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you."
"Don't compare yourself to others." He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern.
Yet they both make the forest beautiful."
"Your time will come", God said to me. "You will rise high"
"How high should I rise?" I asked.
"How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return.
"As high as it can?" I questioned.
"Yes." He said, "Give me glory by rising as high as you can."

Never, Never, Never Give up. For the Christian Prayer is not an option but an opportunity.
Don’t tell the Lord how big the problem is, tell the problem how Great the Lord is!

A Good Perspective on life . . .

It doesn’t matter how your day has gone.
Always go home with your head held high!!!
1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

2] So why is a Car’s WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear view Mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.

3] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don’t worry, they can’t last long either.

4] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, my child, it’s just a bend, not the end!"

5] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn’t solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

6] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

7] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

8] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow’s TROUBLES, it takes away today’s PEACE.

9] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

10] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!