



eagles of praise

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters,

Well, 2008 was a very busy and exciting year for Eagles of Praise. Starting off the year with Sydney's Project Dance as the fore front of our preparations we began a busy schedule of choreographing, performing and fund raising. God blessed us greatly with the financial ability to take our team to Sydney, and with the provision of appropriate accommodation. It was a fantastic trip bringing us and with fellow Christian dancers from around the world together, and reinforcing our team's relationships.

Albert Einstein was known to say that "Dancers are the athletes of God", which is an appropriate motto for Eagles of Praise's trip to Project Dance in Sydney. In many ways our dance group showed the strength and perseverance of athletes and we worked together as a team to achieve the ultimate goal - spreading the good news of Jesus and his saving grace to the wider world through the expression of dance. Gowned in our new team gear, we started the weekend off by meeting the other groups and being involved in an amazing worship session.

The following day we danced at Circular Quay in front of pilgrims involved in the World Youth Day celebrations, business people, tourists, and families. It was a wonderful experience to bring Christian dance to the streets of Sydney, a humbling opportunity to bring God's message to the community, and to the world. It was that day when we really felt the great blessing that God has on our team.

The final day was a special opportunity for us to grow as dancers. We all took part in dance workshops and classes. We were inspired and creatively rejuvenated.

Although very tired we all came home with a sense of confirmation in what God has us together for and excited to see what he has planned for Eagles in 2009.

We extend many thanks to all of our supporters who helped us in achieving our goal to participate in Project Dance.

Since Sydney we have been blessed with an additional seven members to our dance group: Sarah Couche, Ciara Walsh, Lily Probert, Georgia Lambert, Jesse Carter, Josephine Cooper and Georgina Auert. Who have already performed with us in the celebration of The Feast of the Tabernacles, and in a couple of church services. We are now preparing for a busy 2009 beginning with Palm Sunday and Easter productions, school holiday workshops & Nursing homes.

We are now open for further dancers to join our team.

The website for Michelle's school is up and running. www.michellebabiccischoolofdance.com.au Click on the Eagles of praise link www.eaglesofpraise.com to get the latest news and performance dates and see the recently uploaded photos from Sydney Project Dance. Please note both websites are still unfinished.

Blessings,

The Eagles of Praise dance and leadership team



"As a dancing group, Eagles strives to run the race God set out for us. Seeing God's will for us through Project Dance and watching each other run the race with gusto helped lift my faith, and I know the others felt this too. Dancing alongside friends of all different ages, learning about God and revelling in his blessings together was a privilege.

The prize for this athletic feat was a renewed sense of God's presence, an excitement at what he is doing with the group, and a truck-load of fun memories!"

- Jessamy Rumble



"It was great seeing the work of eagles paying off and I am so proud of each and every one of us and all we did. We did sooo well!!! I was also so inspired and encouraged by the wonderful people of Project Dance, God's love and the way everyone came together sharing a common vision. I learnt so much about working out my calling and what God wants me to do in my life."

- Mahalia Bowles



Eagles Appeared in the Sydney's Sun Herald

"....but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

- Isaiah 40:31