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The national search is on for 10,000 Christian churches and households to connect with the people in streets, parks and communities across Australia through the simple act of hosting a barbie or street party.

The Australian church has been absent for too long from the annual **National Families Week**, so let's flood our communities with the presence of Christians connecting with their neighbours.

National Families Week is Australia-wide, encouraging families and organisations to host events to get to know other families. In 2014, over 100,000 people become involved in tea parties and BBQs, dinner in the street or at a local park.

What an opportunity for church families – what a secret treasure that can be hooked into – with churches encouraging families, small groups, in fact any type of household – to show hospitality in their street. Host a BBQ in a park in the street. Roll up garage doors, spill out onto the driveway. Invite households in the street to enjoy spending time together.

australiatalksfamily supports this event as one means to encourage safe ways for our 'villages' to help protect and raise our children. Visit australiatalksfamily.org.au for ideas of what your denomination could do to encourage churches to become involved. For example, why not suggest non-technology games for families to participate in, plus encourage churches to seek sponsorship for food through local councils and businesses.

Imagine the impact if our Christian churches said, "Let's do this" and actively promote this opportunity to Christian families to reach out to community families. Who knows what doors will open up as a result?

Now in its second decade, **National Families Week** is 15-21 May 2015 – Log onto their website www.familiesaustralia.org.au/familiesweek/ and register your event and ... roll up your garage door.

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