Dear friends,

Bjorn and I will be running 4 sessions of this historical documentary (Convict Woman and Children on Ships to Australia from 1787 to 1853)

The series consist of 4 sessions 45min each plus 10 min or so discussion time. We will be running this series again in October. If you wish to register to watch it, please email us to book your place, all free no charge at all.

This is a very important topic, and it is God's arrangement, Bjorn and I watched the 1<sup>st</sup> session, and it is amazing and very informative.

It starts from Ireland and other UK cities where these women were born, what happened with them, what conditions they were under. Why and how they ended up transported to Australia, some of them came with their children and some of were forced to leave their children behind as orphans, very devastated situations.

[From 1787 to 1853 over 25,000 women, nearly half of them Irish were transported in the dark holds of ships on a 16,000-mile journey to the other side of the world as bonded labour. Arriving alone, or with small children in the colonies, these single, married and widowed women lived, loved, toiled and died under Australian skies. In a two-year period during the Famine, over 4,000 young orphan girls, inmates of the overcrowded Irish workhouses, were carefully selected and transported on what became known as the Famine Bride Ships to the colonies where men outnumbered women 10 to 1 in the Outback. The series will restore the historical importance of convict Irish women and the young orphan girls in building the Australian nation.]

In this documentary they have interviewed historians, professors from different unis from Newcastle, Tasmania, Sydney and other respected universities.

Let us discern together, this is also good for Christian Doctors and nurses to join us.

Kind regards

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