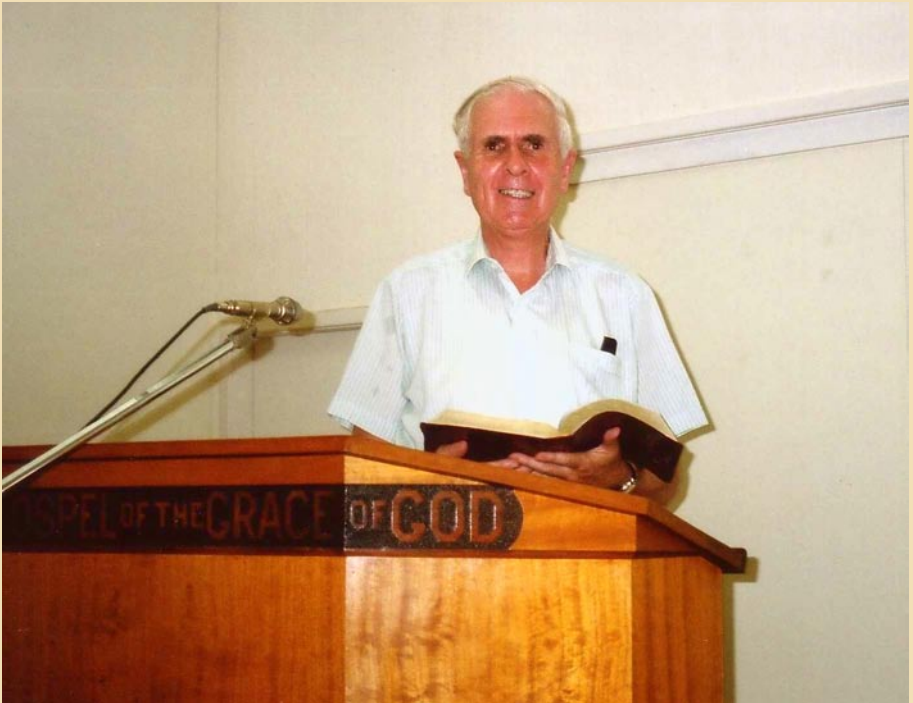




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First Glance

by Colin Winrow

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the April edition which seems, at least to me, somewhat of a 'patchwork' - touching on NSW topics of course but also items from other States and even the whole world.

Perhaps that is more representative of our modern life and Christian experience and service than we like to admit? We are more and more dependent on others in ways we often don't realise or appreciate.

Before the June edition of this magazine is in your hands our National Day of Thanksgiving in Australia on Saturday, 3 June, will have come and gone! I do hope we and our church families will make the most of that day to thank God and our fellow citizens for the many blessings we enjoy.

Here is **part** of what the Governor General had to say about this day – as recorded on the web site <www.thanksgiving.org.au>:-

"We say thanks, often almost without thought. But specifically thanking others – whether it be a few people or many, remains one of the cornerstones of a courteous, and hence a civilised society.

"In this regard I would encourage the Church to continue its leadership role in rallying support for, and promoting the National Day of Thanksgiving.

"As individuals, communities and as a nation, we all stand to benefit from the growing awareness of this day as an annual celebration – a day we can share: In giving thanks to God and one

another; in honouring the wonderful work of mentors and volunteers who do so much to improve the lives of others; and, in paying due recognition to the dedicated people working in fields such as education, health care, emergency services and many other areas where our frequent reliance on their skills is not always matched by our thanks.

"I take this opportunity to commend our Churches for their contribution and help for the sick and needy – it is their Christian values and prayers that unite people, that provide faith, hope and comfort."



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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

The brethren at Bexley Assembly have planned a comprehensive Easter Programme, followed by a week of Gospel Outreach, details of which can be seen on page 19 of this magazine. Dr Raymond Wilson and Mr Peter Brandon (U.K.) will be the speakers.

The Minutes of the last Assemblies Coordinating Conference, held on 16th February, have been posted out to all NSW assemblies. Thirty five people attended – representing twenty assemblies, and reports were presented on Future Issues for SRE in Schools, Lutanda Children's Services, CYC, and Stewards Foundation. The Home Workers Treasurers presented a challenging review of current giving and discussed possible options for funding future evangelism via our assemblies.

Three new Marriage Celebrants were proposed and endorsed by the meeting – Mr Daya Nand (Burwood Assembly), Dr Arthur Gilmore (Orange Assembly), and Mr Greg Clark (St Ives Community Church).

The final draft of the Guidelines for conducting the Coordinating Conference meetings was presented, discussed, and adopted.

In late March Stewards Foundation sent a letter to all assemblies reminding us of the Disaster Relief Fund which can be used as a means to send help to our brothers and sisters in North Queensland who have been so badly affected by cyclone 'Larry' which crossed the coast on the morning of Monday, 20 March.

Meetings & Events

(For the latest and more complete list please visit the 'Coming Events' page on the NSW Christian Brethren web site at:-

www.cb-nsw.org.au/events.html

2006:

- 15 Apr Easter March in Sydney and other cities in Australia. (see leaflet enclosed).
- 29 Apr Stewards Foundation 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner.
- 28–30 Apr Lutanda's 75th Anniversary celebration has moved to its 77th in October 2007.
- 4 May NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference, 7.30pm in the rear hall of Burwood Gospel Chapel.
- 5 May Autumn Fashion Parade at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village at 10 a.m.
- 12 May Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 12–13 May 42nd Men's Conference at Camp Toukley.
- 20 May Missionary Convention at West Pennant Hills Community Church. ph: 9872 4200. (see advert on page 6)



- 3 June Australia's National Day of Thanksgiving. Phone 9876 2419 for information.
- 9 June Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 9-11 June SIU National Conference at Cowes. Speaker is Dr Rod Wilson (Regents College, Canada). For more info, contact Ross Bunyon. ph: 9579 2225.
- 17 June Women's Mission Convention at Campbelltown. ph: 9603 6919.
- 23 June Emmaus Semester 1 ends.
- 5-7 July Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE-2006) at The Dome, Sydney Showground, Olympic Park.
- 14 July Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 15 July Missionary Convention at Bexley Christian Assembly. ph: 9527 1203.
- 31 July Emmaus Semester 2 starts.
- 11 Aug Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 18-20 Aug ReachOut 2006 in Katoomba.
- 8 Sept Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 16 Sept Missionary Convention at Blacktown – Faith Community Church. ph: 9676 6361.
- 13 Oct Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 10 Nov Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 24 Nov Emmaus Semester 2 ends.
- 3 Dec Emmaus Celebration Service.
- 8 Dec Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 2007:**
- 19-21 Oct Lutanda's 77th year Reunion & Celebration at Camp Toukley.

Please submit your local news or event dates for inclusion in this 'Out and About' section so we can encourage others in NSW Assemblies. Short items (even one or two sentences) are welcome and can be either mailed to the office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or faxed to 9715 5528, or e-mailed to:-

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NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission Homeworkers Fund Treasurers' Report

Your Treasurers report that we have distributed your gifts for:-

	2006		2005
January: from Assemblies	1,260		2,950
from NSWAEM	2,500		3,500
late Christmas Gifts	1,800		1,916
from other sources	3,280		3,116
	\$8,840		\$11,482
February: from Assemblies	3,560		2,773
from NSWAEM	2,500		2,000
from other sources	33		0
	\$6,093		\$4,773
Totals	\$14,933		\$16,255

The funds this period, except for designated gifts, have been divided between 16 workers and their families.

Please make cheques payable to the NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund

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Missionary Convention – 20 May 2006

West Pennant Hills Community Church

3 to 4:30 pm Dr Cedric Gibbs; David & Ros Eaves

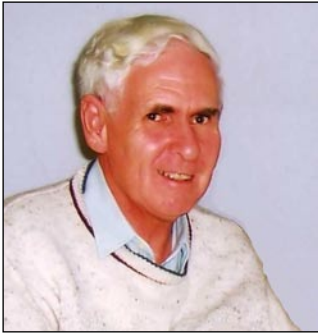
4:30 to 5 pm Afternoon Tea

5 to 6:45 pm Brian Adams; Brian Goodwin

There will also be short reports from the Parklea Markets Ministry team, the WPHCC Fiji short-term mission team and Emmaus Correspondence School, plus times for prayer.

6:45 pm Light meal [Enquiries - phone 9872 4200]

Meet Peter Clines



The year was 1944. An assembly was to be formed in the Sydney suburb of Oatley and a baby was to be born to one of the families involved. I was that baby, born just three days before the assembly first met to break bread.

Oatley was a developing suburb and the church included a number of young families. They were a close knit group and it was not unusual for whole families to attend the Tuesday evening prayer and Bible study meeting held in one of the homes. It was following one of these that I came to know the Lord at the tender age of 6.

When I was 9 years old I learned that four young people from Oatley and another five from the assembly in South Hurstville were to be baptised. One of these was my brother, David, who was 5 years older than I. Being rather precocious as a child, I insisted my parents tell me why I too couldn't be baptised.

Their answer, that I was too young, did not satisfy me. In fact I told them that if the Lord came and I was not baptised it would be their fault! They decided to refer me to Mr Harold

Messer who was a father figure in the assembly at the time. He questioned me thoroughly and being convinced of my faith, arranged for me to be baptised along with the others in the Hurstville Central assembly hall on 10 December 1953.

My brother was a brilliant student eventually gaining a scholarship to Cambridge University. I, on the other hand, was far too involved in Inter School Christian Fellowship, the Chess club and the Debating club to care too much about school work. Outside of school hours I was heavily involved in assembly activities and in my spare time helped to index my father's extensive library of Christian books. I did obtain a NSW Leaving Certificate (twice!), but it is fair to say I was an under-achiever academically.

Instead of going to University I took a clerical position in the Commonwealth Public Service. By the time I resigned some 25 years later, I had risen to middle management level.

My mother came from an Anglican background and my father sat under the ministry of the godly C.J. Tilsley at Stanmore Baptist Church. My parents were married in that church but on moving to the St George district decided to join the Hurstville Central assembly. My father soon gained a reputation as a gifted Bible teacher and preacher. He also lectured at Emmaus Bible College for 30 years.

For a long time I had no thought of following in my father's footsteps, still

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less of becoming a 'full-time worker', something he never was. However, I made it my practice to accept any preaching invitations extended to me, and as time went by these became more frequent.

Also, from time to time I wrote papers for presentation at meetings of the Christian Brethren Research Fellowship, a discussion group I had been involved in commencing.

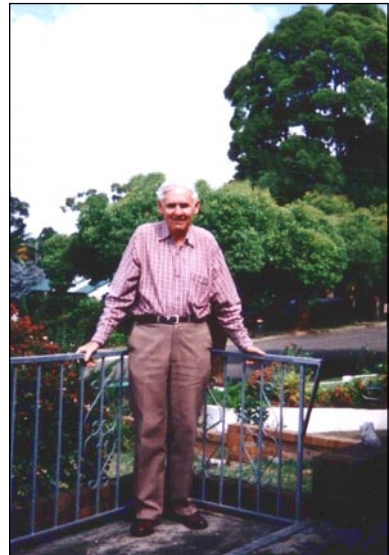
With over 5000 Christian books at my disposal, books that I still have, I gradually developed a desire for serious study of the Word of God. At the same time I noticed that the brethren who had been the teachers in the Sydney assemblies were passing on and few seemed to be replacing them. Not being married, I had more time than most to devote to the study of the Word.

In 1961, my brother left for overseas and my parents moved to South Hurstville assembly taking me with them. Later I was involved in the Bexley assembly and still later in a house fellowship before rejoining Oatley in 1987. Along the way I was gradually developing the gift God had given me.

In late 1988 the government said it would sell Defence Service Homes, where I worked, to private enterprise. That, effectively, would leave me without a job. At the time I was living in my own unit close to my mother's home. My father had put a second storey on their home just eighteen months before he died, with two large rooms to house all the books. But there

was also a room I could use as my bedroom. It would mean I wouldn't have to carry books back and forth to my unit any more.

It was then I saw the opportunity to do the Lord's work on a full-time self-supporting basis by moving back home to care for my mother and leasing my unit to provide my income.



Peter outside his home in Oatley

Meanwhile the union at work stepped in and all staff were offered a job – in my case a promotion I had been seeking for seven years. Had I made a mistake in thinking the Lord wanted me to give my time to His service? I prayed about the matter, sought the wisdom of friends and later approached my fellow elders. They all encouraged me to continue with my plans to devote myself more fully to the Lord's work. ➤

But would I have enough to do to keep myself occupied? The answer came quickly. Two assemblies invited me to do a series over four weeks. I hadn't done that before. I also received a phone call from a friend asking me to take over her Scripture teaching class. This led to my involvement in Scripture teaching in local schools for almost eight years.

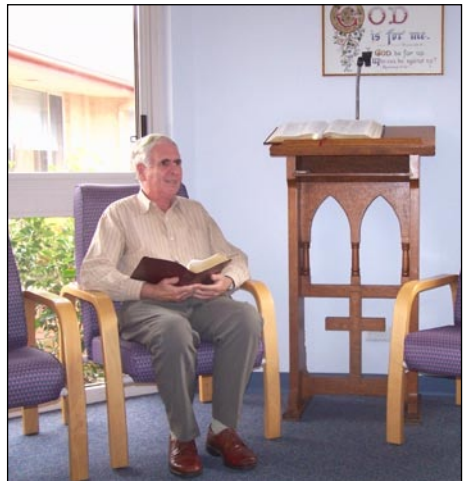
In 1996 my mother developed major depression and was assessed as being eligible to enter a nursing home. However, I wanted to keep my promise to care for her while I could. Ten years later she is much less depressed and remains a very healthy 92 year old living at home with me.

Back in 1987, at one of Oatley's quarterly visits to Bethshean Nursing Home then situated in Hurlstone Park, it was arranged that I, along with my friend Lionel Sardar, would visit on a monthly basis and conduct a devotional meeting. He could sing and we spoke from the Scripture alternately. This meeting led to my getting to know the residents and when I left work in 1989 I began visiting on a weekly basis.



Peter with the late John Baird in Bethshean

In 1999 Bethshean moved to become part of the Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village at Cherrybrook. Since then my involvement there has increased still further. As well as visiting the residents to talk, read the Scriptures and pray with them, I conduct a Bible study on a fortnightly basis in their little chapel – with 10 to 12 attending.



Peter takes Bible studies in the little Chapel at the Bethshean Nursing Home

After one hundred 15 to 20 minute talks on the book of Acts, we are now studying the gospel of John. It is not unusual for unbelievers to attend. This gives me a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel.

Visiting the residents can sometimes be depressing, and sometimes uplifting, and at times even humorous. I was visiting a Catholic lady in the week before Easter one year. So as to turn the conversation to spiritual issues, I said "It's Good Friday in a few days". > 10

"What's that?" she asked. I responded "Surely you must have heard of Easter, the time when Jesus died on the cross and rose again?"

"That must have been a long time ago" she said. "Yes, it was," I replied. "Thought so," she said, "I've only been here six weeks!"

I also visit others among the 200 residents in the Village and speak regularly at the Sunday evening service held in Yurana House Hostel. Numbers have steadily increased and fifty were present on a recent Sunday evening.



Peter reading the Bible to Fred Willson

Three years ago I was appointed to the Christian Brethren Community Services Board which has responsibility for the whole Village.

The year 2005 was an 'annus horribilis' for me. I learned I had cholesteatoma in both ears and surgery was required to prevent the non-cancerous growths going to the brain. Two separate operations were carried out, but these have left me quite deaf.

A satisfactory solution to the problem has yet to be found, as a hearing aid would not fit in my re-constructed right ear, and it is too early to say whether that will also be the case with my other ear.

After having to cancel many speaking engagements in 2005, I resumed my preaching programme at the start of this year. However this won't be able to continue if I remain deaf. I therefore ask your prayers that the Lord might be pleased to grant the restoration of my hearing, but especially that I might be submissive to His will.

What does the future hold for me? I have been much encouraged by the words of Romans 8:28 *"Moreover, we know that to those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good."* (Phillips translation)

And Joseph Parker wrote:

God holds the key of all unknown,
and I am glad:
If other hands should hold the key,
or if He trusted it to me,
I might be sad.

I cannot read His future plans;
But this I know;
I have the smiling of His face,
And all the refuge of His grace,
While here below.



Victor G. Laraghy (1894–1971)

by Mr Ian McDowell



Though few in Sydney actually saw him, Victor Laraghy was well known by reputation to members of Christian Brethren Assemblies in New South Wales during the 1950s and 1960s for his colourful newsletters describing his evangelistic work in western country areas. His values were unequivocal: "When we meet our Lord, He will not ask to see our honours or degrees, but our scars". His was a life of sacrificial service to the Gospel of Christ and for souls in spiritual need.

Victor Laraghy became a full-time inter-denominational evangelist in and around Newcastle in 1929. He commenced open air Gospel preaching in Sydney in 1930 using an amplifier mounted on a wheelbarrow called "The Gospel Platform" and declaring in large letters: "Love is of God". In due course he moved up to a three-wheeled push-bike, still affirming: "God is Love". Next he adapted a motorcycle and sidecar for the "Jesus Saves Mission". In 1933 he was a "lay assistant" to Archdeacon R.B.S. Hammond at St. Barnabas' Church of England in Broadway, Sydney; and the following year associated himself with the Sydney City Mission in Waterloo, Enmore and Chippendale.

In 1942 Victor Laraghy became an independent faith worker, intending to conduct inter-denominational evangelistic campaigns, open air work, children's missions in Sydney and nearby country areas. He operated from an old Studebaker motor car called "Rachel", which proclaimed

prominently on an overhead rack, "Jesus Saves".

Four years later he associated himself more particularly with Christian Brethren Assemblies, being sympathetic to their doctrines and practices, and continuing his Gospel work unabated. In 1949 brethren at Renwick Hall in Leichhardt in Sydney commended him to our Lord Jesus Christ for his already established activities.

After evangelistic campaigns for adults and children in Sydney suburban areas, and Adamstown in Newcastle, Victor Laraghy moved out into western New South Wales, and occasionally in the other eastern states, preaching in more than fifty country towns during his remaining years.

The fruit of these efforts remains in many places, including assemblies commenced at Dubbo in 1950 and Orange in 1951 which, though small, remain to this day. In Orange, despite storms, he conducted a campaign in a marquee, and preached daily in the open air in the main street opposite the hotel. He acquired a new Austin three-ton van and a caravan, and later

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another similar van, proclaiming its link with the Victory Gospel Chapel in Orange. He made his base in Orange and later in Nyngan. In his last years he acquired a lighter vehicle, a Ford 100 utility with a canopy which could be raised for an open air preaching platform, entitled "Far Western N.S.W. Gospel Preaching Enterprise".

During evangelistic work in Griffith in 1971, Victor Laraghy collapsed. Recuperating at his daughter's home in Sydney, he improved in health, and hoped to return to Griffith for the purpose of establishing an assembly, followed by a lighter program. However medical examination disclosed a variety of problems consistent with a life lived sacrificially for our Lord Jesus Christ. A surgical

operation followed, but he did not return to health.

His widow Ella survived him, and three months before his death they gave his utility, the caravan and all his equipment to Len and Jenny Price in the hope that they would continue the work. But this proved impractical. Victor Laraghy was unique in zeal and devotion to our Lord Jesus and His Gospel, and the last of the dedicated "Brethren" Bible carriage evangelists in the tradition of converted actor John Hambleton after 1884.

This article was compiled from the author's recollections, news inserts in "Australian Missionary Tidings" and a memorial paper prepared by Victor Laraghy's daughter, Mrs. Clarice Carpenter. □

Video Magazine

Volume 15 No. 1

The latest video, the first for 2006 from Christian Media Services, is now available on DVD or VHS tape and contains the following items (and more) :-

"God's presence in difficult times" by Mrs Lois Robi

"Vision" by Mr Brain Goodwin

"Authentic Witness" by Mr Peter Keep

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Kids are notorious for asking the funniest questions. However, at times they can ask salient questions. One such five year old asked his mother "Mummy, why do I have a life?" The mother was taken back and she pondered long and hard. Instead of giving the expected answers, "So you can be rich" or "So you can become a world class surgeon." Instead, the mother answered by saying, "You have a life so you can leave the world a better place than you found it. You have a life so you can make a difference."

Perhaps you feel as though your life is making no difference at all. Some may feel tempted to believe 'the world would be better off without the likes of me'. For those who feel this way, I believe the Lord has an encouraging word for you -- "IT'S NOT TOO LATE!" You are no accident! Your life does count for something.

John F. Kennedy once said, "One person can make a difference and every person should try." Try, don't cry! Win, don't whine!

The Bible says "Fight the good fight, keep the faith, finish your race and win the crown" (2 Tim. 4:7; Rev. 3:11).

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Dr Rod Wilson



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You will also be greatly blessed as you listen to Rod who is a well known International speaker and comes to us with a rich background in sharing God's truth with many Christians from around the world. Rod is currently President of Regents College in Vancouver, Canada.

This Conference will take on a National flavour for the first time. There are already Registrations from a number of States in Australia and the Conference will be looking at how

the Christian Brethren Fellowships can develop a truly national identity in Australia to help us more effectively impact on our society and nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and combat the popular world view of post-modernism with the Kingdom of God.

The Saturday concert by Steve Messer and his band will be a great feature of the Conference. The band appears regularly at the Tamworth Country Music Festival and Steve won the Hohner Golden Harmonica Championship there in 1999 & 2000.

The weekend will be a time of teaching, fellowship and enjoyment as we share together. If you are unable to go for the whole weekend then Day Visitors are also welcome on the Saturday.

For more information & bookings please contact Geoff Whittaker:-

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LIST OF COMMENDED HOME WORKERS IN NSW April 2006

All the workers listed in these 4 pages would greatly value your prayers for—

- their spiritual vitality and their physical and mental health;
- their continued personal development to carry out their work;
- development of new and on-going ministries in their area of service.

Readers may like to remove this Insert and use it in their daily prayer times.

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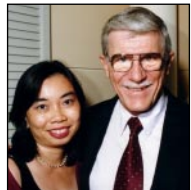
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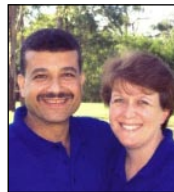


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	Speakers: Dr Raymond Wilson Mr Peter Brandon
5.30pm - 6.30pm	Refreshments provided
6.30pm - 6.40pm	Hymn session
6.40pm - 8.15pm	Ministry of the Word
	Speakers: Dr Raymond Wilson Mr Peter Brandon

Easter Sunday, 16th April

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Lei Ma's testimony



Good evening everyone. I'm glad to be here to share my experience with you and give my testimony.

I'm from China and grew up in an environment where atheism and evolution are the dominant theories. I was taught that there was no God at all and I believed it firmly. But after I came to Australia things changed.

In the welcoming party of Department of Linguistics at Macquarie in 2003, I met one of my classmates Johnson, who is Taipai. He told me that there is a church in Eastwood where he often went on Friday night.

I was curious and asked if a non-believer could go there as well. He said 'of course'. He also told me that he was a Buddhist but the people in the church were still very nice to him. Besides, the church also provides free meal and organises English study.

A Note from Eastwood Assembly:

Lei Ma is another student from Macquarie University reached via the Eastwood Outreach to Students.

This is her testimony – spoken before she was baptised on 17 April 2005.

Lei Ma is now in Toronto, Canada and is meeting with Christians there. Pray for her, she's a wonderful testimony of God's saving and keeping grace.

Well, that's good, I said to myself then, I decided to go with him since I had nothing to do on Friday night anyway. When I got there, I was surprised because everyone there was nice and happy, and I had a wonderful night. After that, I often go to the church to enjoy a lovely Friday night.

Every Friday night, there is a Bible study. At the beginning I insisted that the Bible was just a fairytale because of my belief in evolution which I think is also the biggest obstacle for many people from China to accept the Bible. However thanks to a man in the assembly who told me a very important phrase in Darwin's evolution theory which was never mentioned in our learning, that it's "by chance". In other words Darwin based his theory on chance, which has proved to be very slim in reality. This phrase throws huge doubt on the authenticity of his theory.

Well, they say "anything is possible". So it is possible that evolution is true even by chance. But since anything is possible, why isn't it possible that God

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created the whole world and human beings? Why should we give up our opportunity to accept the real truth by insisting on a theory not convincing so much?

People are always proud of how much new knowledge they've found, but the fact is the more they know, the more they find they don't know. It is like the case where a child would not understand how things are done by adults. And God's wisdom is so much more superior to us that we may never understand how God created the world, but the truth is truth. We can't refuse it just because we don't understand it.

Now, I strongly believe that evolution is the most deceitful story in human history and that the truth is in the Bible.

Another thing blocking my way to accepting the Lord Jesus as my Saviour was the Buddhism. It is widely held that Jesus is the Saviour for the western world, while Buddha is for the people in East Asia.

However Buddha was just a human being who thought he could save people. He also said that he would help us and lead us to the peaceful world in the west, which means that he himself admitted that the Saviour was from the west

In addition, many people believe that Buddha is lenient and that he cares about the people in the world. However, he asks people to pay the price for the sins they have by themselves. According to his teaching people have to suffer in order to be saved.

But let's look at what Jesus did for us. He died for us, for each one of us individually, and gave His precious blood just to save us. He knew we couldn't do anything about our suffering since we have sins in our nature. So, He himself suffered on the cross but left joy and peace in our hearts and even provided an eternal life, which we do not deserve because of our sins, but we can have now through His painful death.

What a great grace. That is love, and that is true love. No other so called gods could do this for us because they are not the Truth. Only Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour and I'm happy that I find that.

Two years ago, when I discussed with my new friend in the US about God through the phone, he said to me 'Lei, one day you'll believe in God and you'll be amazed by that'. I told him, never ever.

But now, I'm here to be baptised and accept Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I can feel how God is working on me and I'm filled with peace, joy and, most important, gratitude.

Thank God and Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Brethren at Eastwood have recently been advised that Johnson, referred to in this testimony, has recently accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour and that he wants to visit them soon and hopes that they can baptise him at Eastwood. Praise God!



News from Home Workers IN



George & Rita Galieh

8 March 2006

Dear Friends

Thank you for your gifts to our evangelistic work and for your prayers.

We praise the LORD that He still gives us work to do. What with meetings in many places and the Radio ministry, both here in Australia and overseas, we're kept extremely busy in the LORD's service.

This coming weekend, Rita and I will be at Portland in NSW for what they call, "Recycled Teenagers". I think the oldest there is around the 60s mark. Nevertheless, we really enjoy taking the meeting and seeing old friends as well. It's an opportunity to do Bible teaching and evangelism at the same time as the majority are believers.

Like you, we believe the LORD's coming is so very near. If the horrors the world is presently experiencing are horrific, what will it be like after the Church has been raptured? And we believe it could be at any time. Hallelujah!

May God continue to bless you all now, and in the days ahead.

Our love in the LORD
George and Rita

Hebrews 6:10



Graham & Betty Hayden

9 March 2006

To NSW Assemblies,

Let me sincerely express my joy at the

great privilege I have had being able to serve the Lord among many of our NSW Assemblies ever since my late teens.

I would like to thank you all personally for the cooperation you have shown me over the past 30 years as I have sought to serve the Lord's people as the Secretary of the Combined Meeting of Elders and Responsible Brethren. This name was changed some time ago to the 'Coordinating Conference of Christian Brethren'.

I am very grateful to the numerous chairmen and others who had fellowship with me in this task. Many have gone home to the Lord, most recently were our brothers Mr John Odell and Mr Peter Perrett, who were each chairmen for a number of years.

Let me also thank the many, many men who worked hard year after year with me in the annual Men's Conference at Toukley.

When you read this letter I will have resigned from these activities but, as the Lord leads, will continue to serve as Secretary to the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission which has sub-committees such as the Home Workers Advisory Council, the Home Workers Treasurers and the 'Assemblies Outreach' magazine.



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Please pray for my dear wife Betty and I as we seek more time to enjoy the Lord, rest more and engage with our extended family of fourteen, as well as chat to and enjoy great fellowship with old friends!!

Also pray that the Coordinating Conference may have guidance as it elects the Office Bearers at the beginning of May 2006.

Please feel free to contact me.

Yours very sincerely in the Lord,
Graham W.R. Hayden

John & Valerie Angus

20 March 2006

Christian Media Services Inc update.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This year has been a time of testing but a time of blessing! As you may have noted from our last report CMS Inc has been broadcasting through the **Optus B3**



Satellite in Arabic & English. It was decided not to continue the English broadcast because so few English speakers bothered to install a receiving dish. However the Arabic program had encouraging responses from Sydney and Melbourne. Bibles and other literature have been distributed.

One amazing outcome was the conversion of a young man from Egypt with an Orthodox background. This man was keen to share his new-found faith and so he arranged for up to 30 members of his family and friends to have home meetings each Saturday night when the Scriptures were opened by brother Jamil Choucair. What a great opportunity!

These meetings have since stopped as a result of opposition from the Orthodox priest who told his flock that they should not be attending "protestant" gatherings! Please pray for the people reached with the Gospel through this means and for the continuing broadcasts.

Channel 31, Sydney: We are pleased to announce that our English program, now called 'Christian Media', is back on the air. This has been a struggle, firstly because Channel 31 delayed the start of all broadcasts, and then because they misunderstood our desire to have a weekly broadcast. For some inexplicable reason the program manager thought that we were just seeking three or four special broadcasts and not a regular weekly slot.

The upshot was that when broadcasting commenced we were not scheduled. This has been sorted out and we now have a program each Saturday morning at 7 a.m. We do not regard the time as ideal but we are glad to be back and the program will be repeated at other times in the week. Channel 31 outputs a good signal and the quality is excellent. Reception is possible in all areas of Sydney and also on the south coast and in the Blue Mountains.

Prayer request: My wife Valerie had a nasty fall when we were at Eastwood attending a meeting for CMS. Valerie went out to buy some shelving paper, tripped on the road, and broke her femur. That was three weeks ago and it will be another three weeks before she is allowed to put any weight on her right leg. I travelled to the hospital in Sydney about six times and now care for her at home as the nurse/housekeeper etc. At the time ➤

these events were unfolding I was trying to sort out Channel 31. It was a very stressful period. Your prayers for a good recovery are valued.

Yours in the Lord Jesus, John Angus.

Now, some items collected for the April Outreach Prayer Requests sheet:—

Don & Helen Stormer

continue to serve the Lord as they are able. Don is teaching two subjects at Emmaus Bible College, this semester – Church History to the Reformation and Romans. Please pray for help in the preparation for lectures and for the students, that they may be encouraged in their daily Christian lives.



Don is presently doing a series of nine studies in the second half of Daniel, with the Winnalee Assembly. During the first week of April, he will be leading the studies at a Festival Camp. Other places where Don will be speaking, in the next few months, include Epping, Waitara, Wollongong Evangelical Church, Campbelltown, Avoca and Eastwood.

Helen is thankful that she is still able to use her music ability in the Waitara Assembly and elsewhere. She has recently prepared the program (using Power Point) for a special pre-Easter service for the monthly Waitara Fellowship Luncheon. She is also involved with the visitation Program for Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village. Don and Helen are thankful to the Lord, for continued good health and the opportunities to serve Him.

Philip & Ruth Kinmond

We thank our Lord for continuing good health. We have been at Elouera Gardens for over eleven years, and are thoroughly enjoying it.



It surprises us how few Christians come into such a lovely and comfortable atmosphere, while they are still able to appreciate it and to help others, should they want. We keep ourselves active by helping in several areas of the Village. Philip is Chairman of the five forum and residents meetings and Secretary of two, while Ruth attends and takes notes. Both Ruth and I have the responsibility for Pastoral Care at Yurana House (Hostel section of the Village). Among other things, I take a devotion each Sunday and help with the Services at Bethshean regularly. We are part of the Emmaus Correspondence team and we mark answers & write to many prisoners in NSW gaols. We also mind up to fourteen babies and young children each Friday morning at West Pennant Hills Community Church, while the young Mums have a Bible Study. We do appreciate your prayers and thank all who have supported us with their care and friendship.

Geoff & Liz Folland

The year has begun well. At the moment, we have 14 small groups running for new students, as well as 11 groups for returning students. 25 hours of small groups takes a lot of leadership energy to establish. Many of our team – student leaders and missionaries

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– are feeling tired. Pray for stamina and perseverance of our leaders We have seen a few students indicate decisions to follow Jesus. We have about 15 who have begun 'Christianity Explained'. I have been leading Neal through CE myself. His family was involved with a cult until he was about 13. Now he is questioning and so seems open to the Gospel. Please pray that Neal will put his trust in Jesus. I have been invited to attend a Campus Crusade for Christ International Conference in Thailand in May. This gathering of the National Leadership teams of CCC ministries in Oceania and Asia will be a real opportunity to develop my leadership gift. Please pray for good preparation as I take this week away from the ministry at Macquarie Uni and for fruitful interaction with the leaders of ministries in other countries.

Philip, our 4 year old son has been suffering an eye irritation for months. Doctors have been unable to diagnose its cause. We are taking him to the specialist again. Please pray for an accurate diagnosis and effective treatment.

After 10 years of intentional relationship building, Liz had the opportunity to share the Gospel with our neighbour (also named Liz). She had been invited to attend the Hillsong Women's Conference, by another friend, and was quite uncertain. Liz bought her a Bible, and shared with her the basic message of the Gospel. Our neighbour had a great time at the Conference and returned with a real glow on her face – something we had not seen since her husband died of a brain tumour, last year. Please pray for ongoing fruitful ministry into the life of this widow and her 8 year old daughter. □

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BRETHREN EDUCATION NETWORK

by Dr Neil Summerton

This message was addressed to the conveners of the Brethren Educational Network, those immediately concerned with the IBCM conferences (IBCM3 spawned the Brethren Educational Network) and to those who were present at the International Training Consultation at Dubuque Iowa in June (which made a number of suggestions for the development of the Brethren Educational Network).

It was copied to others who have a particular interest in the Brethren Educational Network or who have agreed to be editors for the Network – see the ‘About us’ page at

www.benrff.org

It was also sent to a number of people across the world who, it seems to me, might have a particular interest in knowing that this website has been developed following the IBCM3.

The message is to let you all know that, following the consultation in Dubuque, the form of the website has been completely revised. You can see it by pointing your web browser to the above address.

I hope that you will agree that this represents a really useful tool that we can develop to the benefit of people in our circles in many different countries. I would be glad if you can draw attention to it widely, especially among

(1) those who might benefit from it (for example, by joining the Tilsley College’s electronic ‘Learning to Lead’ course, which can be reached by

clicking the relevant link on the ‘Course Materials’ page)

(2) those who could contribute materials to the site, whether papers, articles etc or course material.

The latter is particularly important. Frankly, the weakness of the site at present is that it does not contain all that much material!

I have made some contributions myself, in the hope of showing the way, and, with the conveners, I shall be taking steps to add material (for example, the book lists and website addresses which were suggested by the Consultation in Dubuque). **But it now needs the help of others**, in contributing suitable material to add to the site. Please do consider whether you have suitable material, or know of people who have material, which would enhance the site. At the moment, I think you should send it to me and I will farm it on to the relevant area editor listed on the ‘About us’ page, so that they can decide whether it is appropriate for posting on the site.

The next step that I propose to take is to give wider publicity to the site, by sending a news release to as many Brethren magazines etc as I know about. But the more material is on the site the better, before it is more widely known.

Please pray that this venture will be a real success and encouragement to people in our churches.

Thank you.

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NSW Assemblies; What's the State of Play?

by Dr Leonard Smith

Tim McLaughlin (writing in 2003) suggested that the major growth phase of the Brethren Assemblies in Australia was between 1850 and 1960. McLaughlin (2003, p. 1) stated "The first assemblies in Australia appear to have been formed in the early 1850's. They multiplied rapidly until they numbered around fifty at the turn of the Century." It would appear that the Brethren during the first 100 years in Australia were on fire for God, ensuring this great southern land be a place where the Gospel will be proclaimed.

It would appear from his findings that the peak of Brethren Assemblies in Australia was in the late 1940s. Since then there has been a gradual decline in the number of Assemblies.

McLaughlin (2003) compiled data from the National Census in 2003 and concluded that from the 1960s onward the Brethren plateaued, with a peak around 1991 of 24,127 Assembly members. This figure includes both Exclusive and Open traditions. The modern tendency of Assemblies to adopt names that do not contain the term "brethren" suggest the Census figures may not be entirely accurate. McLaughlin (2003) stated "the average assembly size would be around sixty people amounting to approximately 14,000 adherents nationally."

While the reasons for the decline are complex, and at best can only be speculated, the decline should be a concern to the Brethren.

In February, 2006, the NSW Christian Brethren Assemblies Co-ordinating

Conference, agreed to conduct a survey to gather important statistical data for Brethren Assemblies and Churches in NSW. Dr Leonard Smith of St George Christian Church will conduct the survey, analyse the results and provide a report for the Conference. Dr Smith has already been in contact with all the assemblies by telephone to explain the survey and has mailed out the questions. It is hoped there will be a large percentage who respond.

While this survey by the Coordinating Conference will not identify why Assemblies are in decline, it will give them data to work with and provide a base against which to compare the data from future surveys. It should also give useful planning data for para-assembly organizations like Stewards Foundation and Emmaus Bible College.

NCLS 2006: Some Assemblies will probably be aware that the National Church Life Survey will be conducted again this year across all churches in Australia. Their research and resources help congregations assess qualities of church life and they provide a detailed report to each congregation that participates. The survey will be conducted for NSW churches in September and if your assembly would like to take part, or learn more about the project, you can obtain full information from NCLS Research by phoning (02) 8267 4394, or writing to PO Box A2178, Sydney South, 1235. Their web site is:-

www.ncls.org.au





To make it easier to visit web sites mentioned in this section, all the links are also included as 'hot' links on a links page in the NSW Christian Brethren web site at:-

www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html

Last issue of *Assemblies Outreach* magazine contained the current List of licensed **Marriage Celebrants** and we mentioned that it's also on the web site. Since the last NSW Coordinating Conference three more celebrants have been licensed and added to:-

www.cb-nsw.org.au/marriage.html

Several weeks ago my wife and I visited family in **Morwell**, Victoria, where there is also an assembly. They have a web site and I note it has a link to the web site:-

<http://christiananswers.net>

to help answer questions of those who visit their own site. I wonder if any of our readers have used that site and if they have found it helpful and faithful to the Bible? Please let me know.

Lifewords (formerly Scripture Gift Mission) has a web site to supplement its world-wide literature ministry and it contains many useful resources:-

www.lifewords.info

A new web site has been produced by Lifewords which may be of use to you in your youth ministry. It's using Psalm 139 and is advertised on the back of the latest "interact" magazine from Lifewords. To quote:-

www.beingyourself.info

is a new website for young people that

brings God's words of acceptance and love into their daily experience. For ideas on using Being Yourself as a community please visit:-

www.lifewords.info/beingyourself

End quote.

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHURCH WEBSITE

Should your church have a website? How can your church develop an excellent web presence and steer clear of common church-website pitfalls? You don't have to be a technology guru to transform your church or ministry website into something praiseworthy—all it takes is a bit of dedication and a willingness to learn from common on-line mistakes, successes, and trends. So says Mike Atkinson in a series of excellent articles on the topic of church web design:-

<http://uneeknet.com/services/tips/articles/>

Read his advice on topics ranging from basic web design principles to search engine optimization—and while you're there, be sure to check out his blog, which touches on a wide range of topics related to smart on-line ministry:-

<http://uneeknet.com/blog/>

Last December marked the final issue of the Internet For Christians (IFC) newsletter produced by Gospel Communications. They passing the IFC torch over to Christian Computing Magazine (CCMag). From the end of March IFC will be incorporated into CCMag's email newsletter, and will

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take the form of a column discussing internet trends, worthwhile sites and email lists, and other topics related to Christianity and on-line culture.

If you have never seen a copy of Christian Computing Magazine, I encourage you to visit their site at:-

www.ccmag.com

and read some of the back issues, a bit about the publishers, and their privacy policy.

Their first IFC column mentions the Internet Evangelism (IE) Day which is coming up on 7 May, see web site:-

<http://ied.gospelcom.net/description.php>

This site offers downloadable resources with suggestions and background material, to help your church or group create an effective IE Day focus. The materials enable you to create a 'mix and match, do-it-yourself' program. It can be 5 minutes or 50; and included within a church service, after-church meeting, mid-week home-group, Bible College seminar, or any other appropriate meeting for Christians.

On the right side of the above web page you can also subscribe to a free monthly update email on IE Day and Internet evangelism topics.

Another old but constantly updated web site mentioned in the IFC column is Peggie's Place, a Ministry Site With Something For Everyone:-

<http://peggiesplace.gospelcom.net/>

For many years, Peggie Bohanon has served as Executive Editor of the

Internet For Christians News. She has probably looked at more Christian Web sites than most, and has been presenting them to thousands each month for years.

However, Peggie has a fantastic Web site for ministry herself. Take a look at "the most fun Christian home on the Web!" As creator and webmaster of Peggie's Place, her ministry includes daily/weekly devotionals, a weekly newsletter, holiday resources and extensive links to Christian and family resources.

You may have seen guys setting up sound equipment at a Toukley Men's Conference, a Strength in Unity Conference, or even at the Christian Resources Exhibition. If so, chances are they work for a company called Lots of Watts. It's based in Rydalmere but last year it also opened a new outlet in Gosford West. Their web site has lots of information about sound and lighting equipment to hire or buy and the staff are very helpful:-

www.lotsofwatts.com.au/

Great News Australia (GNA) is a national evangelistic initiative involving churches all over Australia. It is sponsored by Gospel Outreach Ministries and The Bible Society.

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