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First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor

Dear Readers,

Another Easter season has come and gone. Hopefully it was a blessed reminder to each of us of all that the Christian Gospel means, and of how great is the love which God has for the whole of the human race.

Perhaps it was also a special time of 'sowing' or 'reaping' for some assemblies. If so, please write and tell me so we can share it with the readership and encourage them in the process.

With no deliberate planning, the April issue again contains a number of submitted articles and letters which illustrate the wide-ranging nature of the ministry of some of our NSW Home Workers and their commending assemblies and organisations. As the time of our Lord's return draws ever nearer, there is an increased 'blurring' of home and overseas ministries and mission fields.

At home, here in Australia, and particularly in our larger cities, there are increasing numbers of migrants from nations all over the world, eager to learn English, and often hearing about Jesus and the Good News for the first time!

Whilst abroad, our local ministries and assemblies are increasingly becoming involved in short-term missions and projects. We are sending more Bible teachers, sending more funds and goods, and helping with building projects, etcetera.

No doubt ease of travel, and its lower relative cost than previous decades, are contributing factors, but so is the amazing increase in easy communications, radio, TV, mobile phones and the Internet

It's now easier to hear of the needs and the problems 'over there', and thanks be to God, more people are then choosing to serve God abroad. □

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

If you attend a NSW assembly, or you work with any associated Christian Brethren ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section so we can inform and encourage people in NSW Assemblies. Short items (even one or two sentences) are welcome and can be mailed to the Mission office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or faxed to 9715 5528, or preferably e-mailed to:-

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

Also, please e-mail your wording for **Notices** or **Coming Events** (to be included on the NSW Christian Brethren web site) to:-

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

Don Stormer arrived safely home on 4th April from his 7 week preaching tour in Moldova and Armenia. He will be speaking of his experiences at the CMIAID Annual Sydney Dinner on 1st May.

There will be a Supporters Dinner for Lutanda Eltham Park on Friday 30th April, starting at 6.30pm. The special guest speaker is Bill Newman, who is a former camper and leader at Eltham Park.

The current Centre management would love to re-involve people with past connections to the site, and encourages new supporters to be involved in the camping community.

They would also like to produce a scrapbook of short stories which will help record the history of the camp, so if you have a story please write it down and take it on the night or email it to:

pcorkery@lutanda.com.au

The assembly meeting in Waitara Gospel Chapel (WGC) is nearing a milestone. The 29th of May this year marks 100 years since meetings first began in the original weatherboard Gospel Hall erected on the site in Edgeworth David Avenue. The current brick building was opened in 1966.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service as part of the morning meeting at WGC on Sunday, 30th May, followed by a morning tea. Anyone who has had connections with the assembly over the years is especially invited. The elders and deacons would welcome copies of any photographs people might have of the original Gospel Hall. These will be displayed on the day and put on DVD. Contact Roger Weir on 9489 5560.

The 2010 version of the NSW Christian Brethren Assemblies Handbook will probably be available by the time people read this. Every assembly will get one, but if you want to purchase a personal copy, please contact Brad Scott on (02) 9626 0055.

Meetings & Events

For the latest details please be sure to check at:-

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

2010:

30 April **Lutanda Eltham Park Supporters Dinner**; spkr Bill Newman. \$15. RSVP by 27th; ph 4787 1540.

1 May **CMIAID Annual Sydney Dinner**; in Pennant Hills ➤

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| | Community Centre; 6pm. RSVP by 23 rd April. ph: 9651 6477. | 9 July | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am. |
| 6 May | NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at Emmaus College, 7.30pm. | 10 July | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 7 May | Autumn Fashion Parade of Ladies Winter Clothes, Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook; \$5; 10am. Info: Ladies Aux. Secretary 9872 4603. | 17 July | Tentative date set by CBCS for Official Opening of Groves House, the new aged care facility at Cardiff Heights, NSW. |
| 7, 8 May | Toukley Men's Conference. 'Humility - the Attitude of Christ'. ph: 1300 733 189. | 5 August | NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at Emmaus Bible College, 7.30pm. |
| 8 May | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. | 13 Aug | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting (with Manoli Allan) at Burwood Chpl. 10.30am. |
| 14 May | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545. | 14 Aug | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 15 May | Mission Convention at West Pennant Hills Community Church in Sydney (see p26) | 20,21 Aug | Women's Conference at Camp Toukley. "Purity in Practice" ph: 0410 179 516. |
| 11 June | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am. | 10 Sept | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am. |
| 12 June | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. | 11 Sept | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 11-14 Jun | National Conference of CCCAust at Mueller Community Church, Qld. ph (02) 9626 0055. | 8 Oct | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am. |
| 26 June | NSW Women's Mission Convention at Campelltown Christian Community Church. | 22, 23 Oct | AMT 1910 to 2010 Centenary Celebrations. Please keep these dates free to commemorate this milestone. Speaker is Kevin Dyer. For more information contact Andrew Collins on 0412 864 526.  |

Prayer Requests from NSW Assemblies

These prayer requests have been compiled by Brad Scott and sent out as reminder e-mails month by month.

General

- Let's pray for the Easter message that has gone out – that people will be convicted by the Holy Spirit and repent of their rebellion against God.
- Pray for our Elders that they may lead our churches in a way that honours God's name.

Riverstone Community Church of Christian Brethren

- Pray for our missionaries Andrew & Donna Cowell with GLO in a sensitive location and David & Julie Ward with NTM in the Philippines. Pray for God's name to be glorified, pray for protection for them and their families, pray for their effectiveness with locals, and pray for the future plans.
- Pray for our youth outreach activities from infants to late teens - Playgroup, Rivo Fusion (Sunday School), scripture in the local school, our annual holiday club, and our junior and senior youth groups. Please also pray about our plans to restart an after-school kids club.
- Praise for consistent monthly delivery of 500 Challenge Newspapers to the local homes around our church. Challenge - "The Good News Paper" is a Christian publication from Perth with testimonies, gospel

messages, Creation articles, advice for parents and activities for children. Please also pray that this "seed" will not be snatched away by any "birds".

- Praise the Lord with us for a number of young men being mentored by the elders and also some upcoming baptisms.

Sanctuary Christian Church

- Pray for SKIDS, a children's ministry working with the community and reaching families for Christ.
- Pray for the Youth group and the outreach resulting from this work.
- Pray for wisdom as the church leadership strategises about midyear outreach events.
- Pray for wisdom as the church is coming in contact with numerous people in the Community who are lonely. Pray for wisdom as we try to plug them into new relationships.

Shortland Christian Assembly

- Pray that the Assembly will grow and that God may bring younger people to help reach the community.
- Pray for the elderly and their ailments, as many are not well.

Spanish Community Bible Church

- Pray for the upcoming conference with Dr Osvald Juan Maccio in the month of August.
- Pray for Heidi from Petersham Bible Book & Tract Depot. She ➤



AMT CENTENARY CELEBRATION

The AMT centenary celebration will be held at West Pennant Hills Community Church, Eaton Road West Pennant Hills, on 22nd & 23rd October 2010. In the evening of 22nd October there will be time to reflect on what has happened in world missions from the viewpoint of AMT and its missionaries, both past and present. On Saturday there will be events in the afternoon and evening for missionaries, supporters and assembly leaders and members to attend. The focus will celebrate the past but also contemplate the future and how we can encourage people to be involved in what God is doing around the world.

The keynote speaker for these celebrations will be Dr Kevin Dyer originally commended in 1959 from the Sheffield Bible Chapel in Sheffield Tasmania. Over the years he has encouraged many hundreds of people to serve cross-culturally through the ministry of International Teams. Today he works with Bright Hope International and has recently been helping significantly in Haiti following the recent earthquake.

Address all enquiries to Andrew Collins on 0412 864526 or 02 9686 6948
Or email: andrewonthecamino@gmail.com

Prayer Requests from NSW Assemblies (cont'd from p 6)

had surgery last month and is going through a lengthy recovery. She asks that we pray for her family, guidance for the surgeons and other people involved in her care, strength and grace to endure, accept and rejoice in the Lord's will for her life and most importantly, that the Lord may be glorified and His name honoured above all in all things.

- Praise God for Youth Impact as we grow in knowing our gracious Lord and the blessing of Ashley coming to know the Lord as her personal Lord and Saviour.
- Praise God for the young couples at our Churches and that the Lord may strengthen them.



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News from NSW

Home Workers



John Angus 20th March 2010

John sent out the first Video Magazine for 2010 with a note. It mentioned some equipment difficulties he's had and then went on to say:-



"Our television productions continue to bring blessing, especially our Arabic broadcast. This Wednesday I have been asked to speak at the Wetherill Park outreach meeting. Many of the people who come are Arabic speakers, so I will be working with an interpreter. The meeting is video-taped and used as the basis for TV programs, which are broadcast via satellites across Australia and New Zealand.

May the Lord richly bless you!

Daya & Mary Nand 16th March 2010

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your love, prayers, phone calls, emails, cards and visits. Mary was certainly very blessed and encouraged by them. Her



operation was successful and after a couple of unpleasant moments she is well enough to be discharged. It will take a while before she can walk properly and apparently will have a certain amount of pain.

*May the good Lord bless you,
Warmest thanks.*

31st March

From Daya: Please pass on my sincere thanks to the dear believers for their prayers for my wife Mary. Her knee-replacement has been successfully done and she is recovering at the Bankstown Hospital. Proper recovery apparently takes a few months. God bless.

Geoff & Liz Folland 1st April 2010

It's been a few weeks since I last wrote because time is definitely flying by while here at seminary. Last week was spring break and Liz and I and the kids headed off to the mountains for a much needed change of scenery. We visited Liz's brother in Grand Junction and spent a couple of days skiing on the way home. It was amazing feeling the stress drain from my body as we drove over the mountains. The stress had been caused by my M. Div orals exam, which I passed on the Tuesday prior to spring break.

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PLEASE submit all items for the next magazine

BEFORE 14th May

Several of my friends didn't pass and have to re-sit the exam in a month's time. Now we are back into the last seven weeks of the semester and there are a ton of assignments. In the last week I have two finals on the Monday and two on the Friday. That should be fun!



While we've been busy here, the ministry in Australia has begun with a bang. The university

campuses in the Sydney region (Newcastle, UNSW, and Sydney) have all begun well despite various challenges.

Life-saving Chaplaincy

(A couple of weeks ago in class, I role-played interviewing seminary students for a missionary position among surfers in Australia... the professor couldn't believe I actually had a ministry role available for someone like that!)

"I am sad and tired. Today we lost a young man and it left the competition in a chaotic state. Peer support sessions were held until 4.30pm and there was much grief from the young ones ... actually all ages."

As some of you know, Saxon Bird, a 19-year old champion surfer and 2nd-year university student, was tragically drowned at the Surf Lifesaving Championship on the Gold Coast two weeks ago. Terry Legg, the head of Life-Saving Chaplaincy, sent out an email that night asking for prayer.

The next day, 20,000 people attended the annual church service. Terry wrote, "During the day people came to the tent with different stories of what they liked and what God had done. Just after the service one elderly gent came up crying and said 'I really need God.' Later on in the afternoon another came up very emotional and said 'he used to be a Christian...'" Terry Legg is part of Campus Crusade for Christ (as is Student Life) and it was his vision that culminated in chaplaincy being launched in our surf clubs around the country in 1998. There are now chaplains in nearly 20 clubs. Pray that God would speak to many through this tragedy.

In His love and grace,
Geoff and Liz

Laurie & Margaret Cowell 26th March 2010

Dear friends, we are sending this with our warmest greetings and with news of God's goodness and care during my (Laurie) visit to China and Mongolia.



These two countries are new ventures in the expanding ministries of GLO Ministries. Both have their difficulties but both are needy. We have new workers there and during the past six weeks we have been encouraged to put twelve new full-time workers into four countries. God is good and we thank you all for your prayers and support. Read on, and God's choicest blessings forever. ➤



(What follows is extracted from a long letter from Laurie ...)

CHINA: Thomas and Rebecca have made a great start in Hunchun since arriving there late last year.

The city of about 250,000 people is tucked away neatly in the north eastern corner of China. It is separated from North Korea by a river frozen over during the winter. The Russian border is a few minutes drive to the north.

It's closest airport is about 90 minutes bus journey to the south at Yanji. John and Mary Woodley teach English there. Initially they taught at Hunchun in a language school. John Yang is a splendid Chinese Christian brother and ably fills the role of principal. He has 60 – 80 students learning English, Korean, Russian and Chinese in rented facilities. He has eight Christians on his staff. We discussed the possibility of linking his school and our ESL, as sister schools.

Hunchun would also be a great jumping off point into North Korea when relationships between the North and South normalise.

Thomas is renting a two bedroom apartment in Hunchun. He and Rebecca are in the process of beginning a house church in Thomas' apartment. He has an unsaved nephew staying with him.

Rebecca is going from strength to strength. It's marvellous to see her glowing personality, her poise and love for the Lord impacting people around her. She teaches English in the language school run by John Yang. Rebecca is another of John and Mary's contacts. They also had an important role in discipling Thomas.

Thankfully Rebecca and her auntie now rent a nicely appointed and heated two bedroom apartment. We are thankful for generous giving from Australia that helped to make this possible.

God is so good and I came away thankful that two special people who trained with GLO are making their lives count for God in China. John and Mary are not GLO workers but they too are being used by the Lord and are a blessing in our ministries.

MONGOLIA: The country has had a severe and prolonged winter. Farmer's free range grazing of sheep, goats, cows, yaks, horses and camels sustained a loss of 4,000,000 animals during the past few months. Temperatures were below freezing during my stay – with heavy snow falls.

Bayar and Tumanjargul are well and Bayar is as optimistic as ever. The Good News Table Tennis Club is doing well. It is based in the ground floor of the three storey Community Building. He has a coach training younger keen players. He is planning to take a team to North Korea this July and Australia next year.

The 1st assembly is slowly growing in numbers following internal problems. The 2nd assembly started by Bayar is doing well and is growing by conversion growth. Ganbat and Azure were running it but now Azure's brother is filling this role. He's only been a Christian for two years and has an evangelistic passion. This 2nd church plant is a thrilling reminder of mission recorded in the book of Acts. I spent time at both assemblies and came away greatly encouraged. □

An unlikely Rendezvous!

by Rob Flinders, Port Missionary

In the course of my ministry I meet many seafarers but just now and again, God brings me into contact with a few who come to have a special place in my heart. This story concerns two such men.



Above is a picture of **Edmundo**, a 42 year-old Filipino seafarer who works onboard ships as a fitter. More importantly, Ed is a dear brother in Christ who endeavours to establish a Group Bible Study for his crewmates onboard each ship he joins.

It has been my joy and privilege to know Ed for six years and in that time God has knit our hearts together. During a visit to Manila earlier this year I also had the blessing of meeting Ed's wife Adora and their children Kate and Paul. I also met Ed's father who has recently become a Christian,



partly as a consequence of Ed and Adora's witness to him.

Currently Ed is working onboard **mv Julie Delmas**. This ship trades between ports in northwest Europe and ports on the west coast of Africa.

Whenever Ed is onboard a ship he and I endeavour to stay in frequent contact by email so we can encourage each other.

Arnel is another brother in Christ who has a special place in my heart.



Like Ed, Arnel endeavours to establish a Christian fellowship onboard each ship he joins. Readers of Assemblies Outreach magazine may recall Arnel was featured in an article I wrote in 2008 entitled, 'mv Cap Byron: A Church on the Ocean.'

Arnel is currently working as the Second Officer onboard **mv Maersk Jamestown**, (photo->), a container ship that trades between ports in Malaysia and ports on the southern and western coasts of Africa.

Arnel and I are also in regular contact with one another by email ➤

and it was a blessing to hear from him earlier this year that he has been able to establish a Christian fellowship onboard this ship also.

I am always mindful that seafarers who are Christians, like Ed and Arnel, have little or no opportunity for Christian fellowship while they are away from home and out on the high seas.

Because of this, I began to think what a great blessing it would be if these two ships, both of which visit ports on the west African coast, just happened to be in the same port at the same time!

I must confess I thought it was highly improbable that this would actually happen. Julie Delmas and Maersk Jamestown are owned and operated by two different shipping companies. Consequently the ships have different trading routes, predominantly different ports of call and different voyage durations. Even if their two ships did happen to be in the same port at the same time, the restrictions associated with the International Ships and Ports Security Code would more than likely preclude Ed and Arnel from being able to move from one part of a port to another to meet up with each other.

Nonetheless, I emailed both men

and suggested they keep a lookout for each other's ship when they were on the West African coast. I also emailed Cadman, the SCFS Port Missionary in the port of Tema in Ghana, and asked him to be on the alert for the arrival of one or both of these ships.

A few weeks later I received an email from Arnel and then, shortly after, another from Ed. What follows are extracts from their respective emails - **Email from Ed to Rob ...**

We are now in Tema Ghana. This is our second day in port, but before that we anchored for two days, and while we were inside the anchorage one of our ABs told me that somebody is calling me via the VHF telephone. His name is 2nd mate Arnel Pascua of Maersk Jamestown, about seven miles away from our ship. So I rushed to the bridge and asked permission to talk to him. I'm so excited!

'This is it,' I told myself. 'This is what you are telling me in your letter! Another answered prayer!' Truly God is great and God is good! We talked about the Bible Study onboard, and I found out that he really needed some Tagalog Bibles, so I told him that I'm going to visit his ship in port and give him my extra two Tagalog Bibles that brother Guus (SCFS Port Missionary in Antwerp) gave to me last trip.

Yesterday I went to visit him. I walked 30 minutes. He was surprised because he planned to visit me also. I gave him 2 Tagalog Bibles, 5 copies of 'Ang Kaloob Ng Diyos,' ('The Gift of God') and 1 DVD 'More than Dreams.' We talked again and prayed together and then, around 4pm, I went back to my ship because I have a big



job to do after waiting for the hot work permit. I really thank our God for all of this.

Arnel also sends his regards to you and sister Greta. Our ships are both sailing tomorrow evening. By the way, he gave me a phone card as a present! He insisted. What a lovely brother.

Email from Arnel to Rob ...

Last June 11 while at Tema Anchorage, through the AIS (Automatic Identification System), I intercepted mv Julie Delmas and was able to communicate with brother Edmundo Aguado by VHF telephone before his afternoon break time and during my anchor watch on the bridge.

On June 12 we berthed and the next day Julie Delmas was also alongside. I was so sleepy after my morning duty (midnight to 6 am) that I couldn't visit Bro Edmundo but, thanks to God, on my afternoon watch, Bro Edmundo was onboard Maersk Jamestown! I thought Bro Cadman was here. Anyway, the Lord made the way for this short acquaintance to be possible and a blessing to both of us. Now I have two Tagalog (Filipino) Bibles and other tracts

brought by Missionary Pastor Edmund Aguado! ANSWERED PRAYER!

It goes without saying that I was absolutely amazed that these two brothers were in fact able to meet, to pray and have fellowship together! As I read each email, the excitement and joy they had experienced were almost palpable. I too was excited and joyful, with them and for them.

Yet again, God has done far more abundantly than all that we asked or thought! Please join with me in thanking God for encouraging and refreshing the hearts of these two brothers.

Please also pray that these men might be God's instrument to open eyes and to turn the men onboard their ships from darkness to light. Acts 26:17b, 18. (Jesus speaking) "I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."

Thank you.



*Arnel and Ed together
in Tema, Ghana*



The first Camp David of 2010

by Alex Key

'Camp David' is a camp catering especially for adults with intellectual difficulties. The campers are mobile and can understand simple instructions. Helpers sleep in a room with 2 or 3 of them and give help as may be needed.

The first Camp David for 2010 was held in the second last week of March (24th to 26th) at Lutanda Conference Centre, Mt Victoria (Eltham Park).

The Camp got off to a good start after lunch on the first day with a walking adventure into history after it was explained that in the early days of Sydney the first road over the mountains passed very near to the campsite. After walking out along Mt York Road, everyone stopped at the intersection with Berghoffers Pass.

Before this was built, a few soldiers and a handful of convicts under the leadership of Lt Cox had the job of making a track suitable for horse drawn vehicles through the rocky and bush landscape with picks and shovels. Water tanks had to be dug in the ground and camp set up. No modern conveniences at all were around in those days.

After thinking about this, the camp bus arrived and everyone boarded and travelled on the further 3 or 4 km to Mt York. Here at the lookout it was possible to see (as the early explorers Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson did) that there was fertile country west of the Blue Mountains. The beginning of the first road (Cox's Road) down from the mountain, is still visible and a column marks these things as a reminder for people of the 21st century.

Bible lesson time and singing are very important throughout the 5 days of camp. No one can compare with the

singing by these Special People whose favourite song is "Jesus Loves Me". One could not attempt to describe how they sing. Some may not have teeth or be able to hold a tune, but for them to know that JESUS loves them, well, nothing is more important! At this particular camp as the message was given each day, helped by computer and projector, there was not a sound. Nurse had a puppet that sang and that too was very popular. Memory even says that throughout the week there was no one who had to urgently leave the room whilst this important part of camp was in progress.

The camp has physical and spiritual benefits as campers and helpers live together for the few days. Everyone went out for a picnic lunch on two of the days. Handcraft this time was the decoration of a photo frame and was appreciated. Activity included a tabloid of sports. Nearly every camper took part in this. Visitors from the Lithgow >16





area came one night and shared some music that meant a lot. The compere on concert-night gave participating campers a wrap up that meant that if they had the right manager they would be headed for the Opera House.

This is a Spiritual Work that gives opportunity to display God's love in practical ways. A helper recently

commented that helpers go home blessed even more than campers. It certainly is an adventure for the Lord. We don't face the opposition Christians do in some countries and maybe we are getting it easy?

Helpers for Camp David are hard to get, even sometimes a special one to help with washing. Camps will also be held during May and September at Yarramundi and again in November at Mt Victoria. Perhaps you could get a week's holiday and join the team?

Will you please PRAY for these camps?

Camp leaders are Geoff and Ruth Brimley who can be contacted by phone on (02) 6351 3122. □

Homeworkers Fund Treasurers' Report

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

	2010	2009
Jan: from Assemblies	3,059	3,110
late Christmas gifts	500	435
from NSWAEM	2,700	2,700
from other sources	5,700	4,338
	\$11,959	\$10,583
Feb: from Assemblies	2,868	2,235
from NSWAEM	2,700	2,700
from other sources	25	28
	\$5,593	\$4,963
Totals	\$17,552	\$15,546

The funds (in 2010), except for special designated gifts, have been divided between 17 workers and their families in January, and 18 in February.

Please make cheques payable to the NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund

Your gifts and letters should be sent to
The Treasurers, NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund,
P.O. Box 640, BURWOOD NSW 1805

The Women's Mission Convention - June 2009

by Dawn Scott

There is much to be said for first impressions. The advertising widely circulated for the Women's Mission Convention at St Ives Community Church on 20th June last year gave the recipients the feeling that whatever was planned was going to be good and therefore worth supporting.

As different women made the choice about whether they would attend, it was interesting to hear the issues that assisted them in their decision making. The 2pm start meant that the kids' soccer/netball games were scheduled in the morning and therefore left mums free to register. Mums also liked the idea of the evening meal being provided for them. It certainly beat going home and deciding what to feed the family! The early bird discount was popular too.

A wide variety of women of differing ages took part in various parts of the programme. It was great



to see the number of older teens in the congregation and it was also a lovely touch to have some of the older ladies from St Ives take part in publicly praying for each of the speakers.

Gladys Staines was the best known of the speakers so quite a few ladies registered because she was on the programme. We were not disappointed as we listened to her story, observing her deep commitment to her Lord. The other speakers, Rosemary Morton, Sophia, Linda McIlwain, Ros and Nina van Drempt all brought and shared their own experiences and insights giving us much food for thought and encouragement in our walk with God. It was good to laugh and shed a few

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Rosemary Morton - keynote speaker



Eleanor Brakenreg praying for Sophia



Linda McIlwain



St Ives Community Church's new facilities were well utilised

tears as we considered the realities of serving the Lord in a different culture. It was also helpful to hear first-hand from these ladies – some of whom we had not met before; appreciating them as individuals simply obeying what they believe God has asked them to do.

First impressions of the Convention were lasting. The attention to detail initially shown in the advertising was evident in all that took place during the day. Thanks so much, St Ives ladies, for giving us the gift of a truly worthwhile and enjoyable time. □

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Enquiries:

Mavis Saxby 9477 7568 or Nan Hind 9546 8545

Women's Missionary Convention

Saturday 26th June

1.45 for 2pm start, Finishing at 5.30 for dinner
at Campbelltown Christian Community Church
(cnr Alderney St & Townson Ave, Minto)

Speakers: Myra Parker,
Sharon Vanderduys, Kathy Harris,
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Cost \$15* or \$20 on the day

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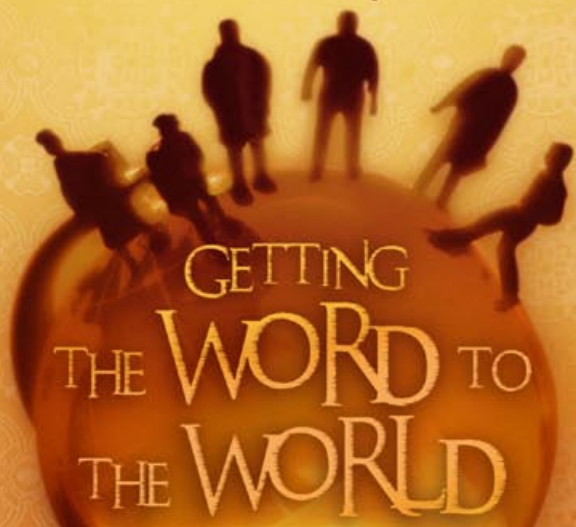
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An Opportunity to Serve

by Matthew Hillier

In the year 2000 CMIAid sent its first Mission Team to Romania in co-operation with Pacific Hills Christian School. Since then Mission Teams have become an annual event, with quite a number of people from various assemblies in NSW and other states joining teams that have travelled to Romania, Moldova, Russia and Armenia.

A Mission Team experience is challenging and life changing! Most team members comment on the great fellowship they enjoyed while travelling. The opportunity to meet Christian people from other countries and help with the work is a great encouragement and it is exciting to see firsthand what God is doing in other parts of the world. Then there are the aspects of learning the history of the places you visit and sampling the food and culture.

This year CMIAid is taking three teams overseas. The first will be travelling to Armenia and Russia and will depart Sydney on 11th June and return to Sydney on 1st July. The cost is \$3,700 and includes all air fares, transport, accommodation, visas, meals and other expenses. This team will mainly be doing some renovation work on an orphanage in Armenia. However, there will also be visits to Nagorno-Karabakh to visit some missionaries serving there. In addition to the Australian participants there will be team members from Romania, Moldova and Russia.

The second team is being run in co-operation with Pacific Hills Christian



Last year's Mission Team in Armenia

School. This team will travel to Armenia also, with a stopover in Turkey on the return journey. The team will also work at an orphanage in Armenia and help with children's work with the local branch of Child Evangelism Fellowship. The cost is \$3,950 all inclusive. The team departs Sydney on 4th July and returns on 23rd July.

The third team will travel to Malawi in central Africa. The team departs Sydney on 28th July and will return around 17th August. We will be working with some missionaries serving in Zomba in southern Malawi and our project will be to help construct a new assembly building. The work in Zomba is relatively new and there is much to be done. This team will also travel to Lilongwe, the capital, and Blantyre to visit Christian workers and organisations in both places. Participation in this team costs \$3,700 and again is all inclusive.

Team members are needed to participate in all three teams. We would like to encourage assemblies to promote the Mission Team ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity for assemblies in Australia to provide ➤

very practical help in the Lord's work overseas. The teams are also for personal spiritual encouragement. Each team member is issued with a study book at the commencement of the team and every day some time is spent together in Bible study and prayer.

Teams are open to all ages. Even though our main projects involve renovation or building, there is always something for everyone to do, young and not so young!

Please express your interest by contacting the CMIAid office on (02) 9651-6477 or email:-

missionteam@cmiaid.org



Renovation work



Children's Camp activities

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Awake to Israel is a ministry of Epping Gospel Chapel and combined Christian Brethren Assemblies of Australia

In the past 18 months between 7000 and 8000 books have been donated to Christian Mission International Aid (CMAid). These books, mainly Christian, cover a wide range of subjects and have been catalogued over the past year, placed on a database and shelved at the Dural CMAid office for sale. Cataloguing and pricing have been my responsibility while Helen enters the book details on the database. Details are available on the Internet – go to

www.bldpublications.org/bookstore and click on 'second-hand books' in the menu bar. Secular books are not included in the database – any we receive are passed on to different charitable organisations. We do, however, stock Christian novels.

The books received include many older books that have come from people who are downsizing their libraries. Anyone looking for an older book, now out of print, may well find it on our shelves. Interestingly a sizeable quantity of recent books have been donated in large numbers – *40 Days of Purpose* for instance – and one wonders if some books are purchased on the strength of modern advertising.

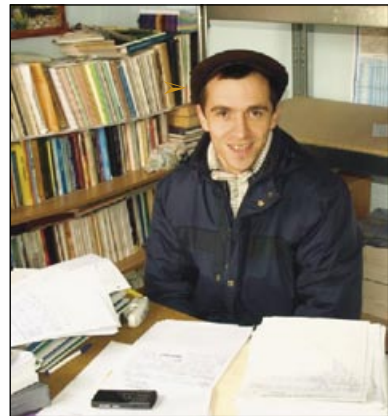
Books on 'Christian Living' predominate, and there are some very good commentaries. These books, along with some on theology, are well worth looking at – and purchasing.

I went to Romania in mid February, staying long enough to get a visa into Moldova where I spent almost two weeks. During the first week or so

we (Matthew, Dan, Sergiu and Cornel) visited a number of assemblies but I spent the last five days in Cahul, a regional centre in the south.

There, five of the brothers from the local assembly (and that is almost all the menfolk!) go each Monday evening to the Medical school and each Tuesday to the Professional school to take the gospel to the students; in each place there are seekers after truth. Three of the Cahul brothers, Gabi, Andrei and Ionel, are also very active in the administration of courses for Christians.

Gabi Hariuc



Why do I mention this? Because the proceeds from the sale of books are used to develop literature work overseas. Moldova desperately needs good teaching material and gospel literature. Books need to be translated into Romanian, printed and made available to the Christian public. Better premises are also necessary – something larger and more centrally located in the city – both for the ➤

correspondence work and for book sales. Those who donate books that they no longer need are assisting in an important part of Christian outreach.

But the needs are endless. This report is being written in Armenia where I have been for three weeks. Here, too, there is a work needing much prayer and all the help we can offer. The country prides itself on being the first nation which became Christian. Unfortunately Christianity in Armenia is now often no more than a veneer of traditionalism in a society whose standards of right and wrong

are, in many cases, the consequences of seventy years of communist rule. It is encouraging that two booklets have been printed in Armenian, using funds raised from book sales.

How can we in Australia help? Partly by donating books, and partly by purchasing from the range of second-hand books at CMIAid's office in Dural.

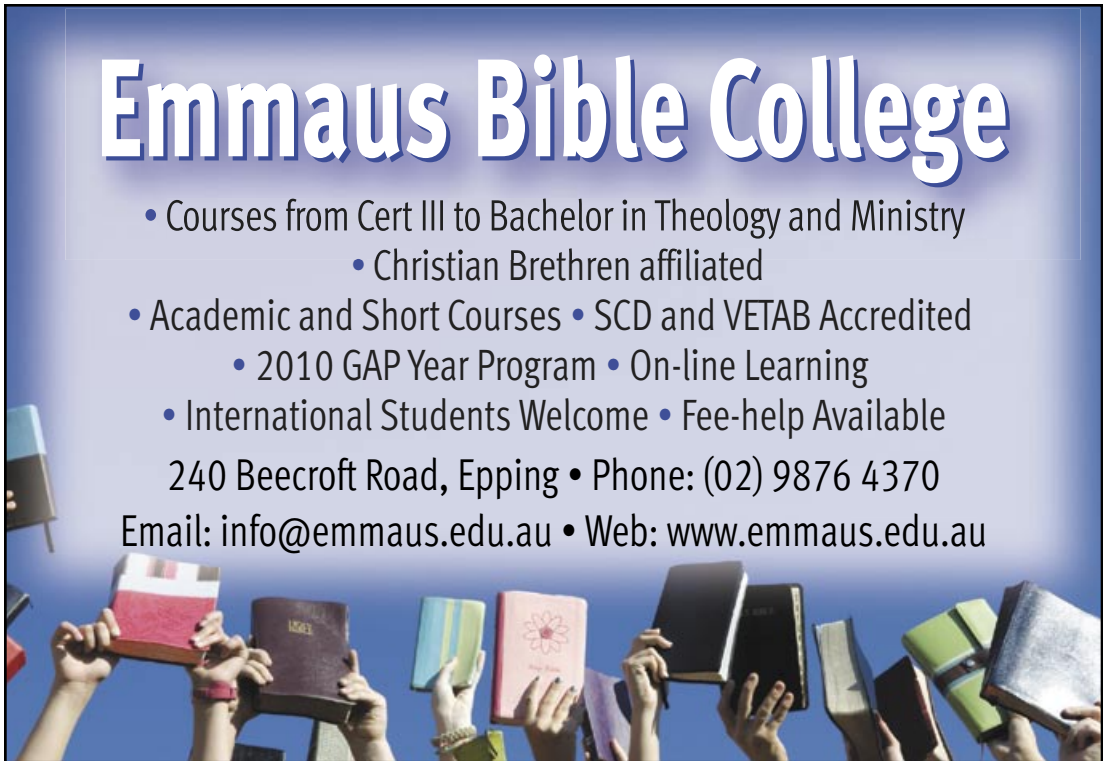
Above all, we help through prayer, and together we can assist in the growth of believers in these other countries.



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Ministry Update from Margaret & Henry Lepke



Some of our readers may not know that Henry and Margaret Lepke from Camden Christian Fellowship have been active in two separate faith ministries: Biblical Rescue and Heartbeat Presentations.



(1) Biblical Rescue Ministry

Henry and Margaret use their professional experience as Christian counsellors and mediators to help others who serve God in various ministries. They have found that the need to support those who serve others is great. Biblical Rescue Ministry is **built entirely on biblical principles and maintains absolute confidentiality.**

Services include:-

- § Telephone and face-to-face counselling for pastors, elders, other ministry leaders and their wives (for both personal and ministry related issues)
- § Mediation services for conflict resolution
- § Short-term retreat for those in ministry
- § Pastoral relief work (short-term stand-in due to pastoral absence)

In case you are wondering about the teapot and cuppa in their web site design, these symbolise the relaxed atmosphere Henry and Margaret work in. They believe that you don't need to be stiff and clinical to be professional. Hence their motto: "A nice warm brew

will help the sunshine break through."

For more information about Biblical Rescue Ministry visit:-

www.BiblicalRescue.org

(2) Heartbeat Presentations

This is a speaking and training ministry catering for Christian groups, seminars and retreat talks. Henry and Margaret have a passion for encouraging and strengthening God's people through His Word, and Henry also sings gospel music. Their motto is, "Let your heart beat for God!"

Services include:-

- § Itinerant preaching and teaching (Henry)
- § Speaking to men's and women's groups
- § Teaching series or group days on spiritual growth and other topics
- § Evangelism training

For more information, sample slide shows and other resources, see:-

www.HeartbeatPresentations.org

News flash: the original nine issues of *The Heart of a Woman* magazine are now all available as free PDF downloads from this website. □

Camden Christian fellowship

Faith forum

2nd Sunday of each Month at 7.00 PM

We invite you to our informal discussion series on challenging questions concerning faith, apologetics, ethics and other topics.

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You are also welcome to borrow DVDs and books each evening.

Theology students and all those interested in the deeper things of God will find these occasions to be of great value to their Christian growth and ability to defend their faith.

- Past discussions: Dr. John Lennox (creation debate), Dr. John Dickson (historical basis of the New Testament), Dr. John Stott (authority of the Bible).
- Planned for 2010: More of Dr. John Stott, Lee Strobel, Greg Clarke (Centre for Public Christianity), more of Dr. John Lennox, and others.

Enquiries: Alan White **4655 7888** or alancyn@ispdr.net.au

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Saturday, 15 May 2010

3.00 pm to 6.30 pm followed by a light meal

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Bwiza Church minibus appeal

by Stewart Paardekooper

Bwiza church in Africa is in desperate need of a minibus

An article on the Bwiza church in Burundi, Africa was published in the December 2009 issue of this *Assemblies Outreach* magazine. Burundi is a small country next door to Rwanda, is of a similar size and has gone through 11 years of civil war in much the same manner.

The church in Burundi is flourishing, much more so during the civil war. The brethren assemblies are very strong there, with 40 churches planted before the war and another 46 churches planted during the war. The Bwiza church shown below has over 300 members.



This is a quote from a recent email: "Bwiza church is striving to spread the Gospel of Jesus by means of its influential members such as choirs, youth, evangelists, etc. One of the problems they face in that ministry is related to transportation. They move in corners most postponed [possibly meaning 'far away' or 'difficult to get to'] by the country as a team, choir for evangelism. When they return from their mission, the report is worthy of good appreciation. The whole church gives praise to the Lord because of

many souls gained to God. Actually, the Bwiza church needs two tiny buses (Mini bus)."

One minibus will cost them approximately US\$6000-7000. They have no money and their hope of raising the funds is through us, their brothers and sisters in Christ to help support their flourishing ministry. Their faith is strong and may we likewise trust the Lord to raise funds for both buses.

Since December, AU\$1300 has been raised. We may see the needs of earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile, tsunamis in Indonesia and Fiji on the television and newspapers. The effects of the global financial crisis has hit home to all of us in one way or another. The plight of our brethren in Christ goes unheard because they have no means of making this known to us. You can help by giving financially so they can become more mobile to other parts of their country in spreading the good news of the Gospel. There is a long way to go and every gift helps. We can give to those in need from poverty or disaster but how much more should we do so for our brethren in Christ.

Please contribute by **either** writing a cheque to: Cardiff Christian Brethren Assembly, and mail it PO Box 2, Cardiff, NSW, 2285 (please add a note indicating the cheque is for the Bwiza minibus fund) **or** by emailing:-

s.d.paardekooper@idl.com.au

if you would like bank details for EFT purposes. □

Recordings of Betty Hayden's ministry

now available - FREE

Mr Hugh Fletcher, who was responsible for the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission Tape Ministry for over four decades, is greatly pleased to announce the late Betty Hayden's taped messages have been transferred to computer and are now available on normal audio CDs, and in MP3 format on either CD or DVD.

Most of the messages were recorded at NSW Ladies' Conventions and weekend House parties.

These can now be obtained FREE using the list below

Betty's messages are now available in these convenient forms via Gary Akehurst and Hugh Fletcher. Any two messages will fit on an audio CD, to be played on a CD player. All the messages, in MP3 format, can fit on either a CD or a DVD!

Please order by writing to: NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission, PO Box 640, Burwood NSW 1805, or by telephone (02) 9715 5520; (after hours (02) 4973 1168 Graham Hayden). Voluntary contributions to help with expenses are welcome.



Dorothy (Betty) Hayden

People associated with the Outreach Book Service and the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission have known over many years about Betty's hard work for the Lord and of her fine qualities as a wife, mother, colleague and friend.

From 1977 onwards Betty became very involved with KYB and she led groups at Oatley, Campsie, and took on counselling training before becoming a chaplain at St George Hospital. This then led to her appointment to the Hospital Board and she became involved in Grief Counselling.

In turn this led to families asking her to take funeral services, and she became involved in the Southern Area Heath Services Suicide Prevention Network.

She had 30 years of full-time service for the Lord, in addition to her loyal support of all that her husband was doing to serve Him.

Sonja Longworth, a nurse from St George Hospital, said her first impression of Betty as a chaplain was "sparkling eyes, caring and compassionate...and involved in many activities where her insights were invaluable."

Betty's Ministry Recordings

Communicating - in the Home;
- in the church fellowship;
- with different Ages.

Knowing God - John 1 to 14
Parts 1 & 2

Psalms 103

New Relationships - Ephesians

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Grief and Loss - Parts 1, 2 & 3
Stepping out in Confidence
Stepping out in Faith
Excellence - The Goal, parts 1 & 2
Excellence - The Cost
Excellence - The Prize
"Am I? Do I?" - Parts 1 & 2
"Should I?" - Parts 1 & 2

Faith Gauge – Spiritual Maturity
Parts 1 & 2
Celebrating Life in Christ
- Parts 1 & 2
New Management - Parts 1 & 2
New Resources - Parts 1 & 2
Attitude & Vision - Parts 1 & 2
Romans - Chapter 7.



Internet Corner

compiled by C.H.Winrow



Note: To make it easier to visit web sites mentioned in this section, they have been included as 'hot links' on the NSW Christian Brethren web site:-

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

They are also 'live' links in the PDF version of this magazine which can be purchased cheaply. Sixteen (19) previous issues in PDF format are stored on the web site for anybody to read – December 2009 is the most recent:-

www.cb-nsw.org.au/aem/Mag/previous.html

The assembly at Gorokan recently changed its name to 'Coastlands Christian Community Church' and now has a web site to communicate information about its people and activities. Pay the site a visit, it has quite a lot of information:-

www.coastlandsccl.com

I was sent a link to a list of the Christian Brethren Assemblies in Western Australia. It gives quite comprehensive details of each one:-

www.ihs-wa.net/wa_assemblies.htm

But if you go to its the home page:

www.ihs-wa.net

you could be amazed at the amount of Christian Brethren material that there is on the whole web site! The site describes itself as an "Information site on churches and mission, beliefs and practice associated with the Christian Brethren (CB) denomination in Western Australia" but some of the material applies to CB churches worldwide. I've not had time to explore it all yet. If anyone would like to do so and let me know what they think of the material, I would be glad to publish your findings.

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A friend of mine, Robert Howie, works for the TEAR Australia organisation and one of his tasks is to create new material for the *Incite* youth website:-

<http://incite.tear.org.au>

Incite aims to help young people strive for justice in the world. Whether you're young or 'old' you will probably find material on the web site to interest and challenge you.

On a different topic, if you have an interest in sport, and in particular Christian witness to sportsmen and women, you'll find things of interest on this web site:-

<http://beyondtheultimate.org>

When Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith made it to the U.S. NFL's Super Bowl they wanted to take advantage of the platform to share their faith, thus the 'Beyond The Ultimate' web site was formed. Its 'About' section says "It has since grown to feature athletes and coaches from around the world in various sports (NFL, CFL, NBA, MLB, NASCAR, Premier League or Olympics) talking about their faith in Jesus Christ and how that has impacted them and their sports. We encourage you to read the stories, watch the videos and consider the eternal impact on your life."

After visiting that site, you may want to visit one set up for Christian activity at the Vancouver Winter Olympics:-

www.morethangold.ca

Geoff Folland let us know he found some useful information on 'Leadership' stored at Christianitytoday.com in the "LeadershipJournal.net" section:-

www.christianitytoday.com/le/2010/winter/goodnewsbadnews.html

also there is material on 'Volunteer Development' at:-

www.christianitytoday.com/le/resources/volunteerdevelopment.html

After reading the article on CMIAid's book collection on pages 20 & 21 of this magazine, you may want to look around their online web site – selling books and literature:-

<https://bldpublications.org/bookstore/index.php>

The article on page 28 reminds me of the 'Blessed Promises' web site, created by Gary Akehurst, which is bursting with hundreds of Bible talks (more added each week it seems) for free download in MP3 format:-

www.blessedassurancepromisebox.com

Have you heard of the 'Refugee Highway Partnership' (RHP) which is holding a conference in Sydney in mid-April? RHP was launched in 2001 by World Evangelical Alliance. Its mission is to use collaborative strategies to "mobilize the worldwide church to bring the hope of Christ and provide refuge for the over 42 million refugees and forcibly displaced people around the world." For more information visit:-

www.refugeehighway.net



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