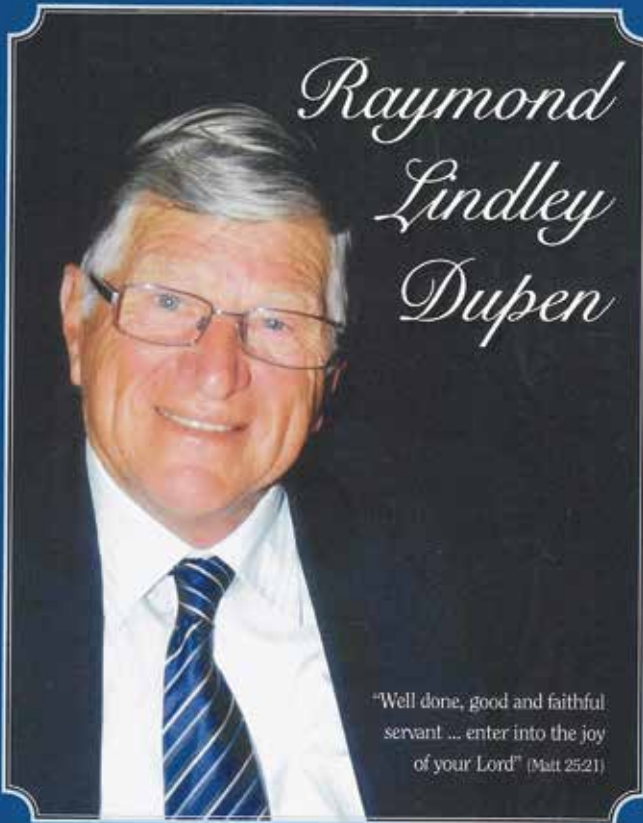




In Loving Memory of



*Raymond
Lindley
Dupen*

"Well done, good and faithful
servant ... enter into the joy
of your Lord" (Matt 25:21)

22 April 1935 – 9 March 2014

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Memories of Cynthia Riseham
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First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this rather late April magazine. It has been a struggle to bring this issue together for a variety of reasons. Perhaps compiling the articles telling about the lives of two dear friends and fellow believers, Ray Dupen & Cynthia Riseham, was more draining than I bargained for! They both went to their eternal home in heaven last month.

Also since the last magazine, Easter 2014 has come and gone. I hope it was a precious time for all readers. I wonder if you have an encouraging story to relate about what happened in your family or church or campsite? If so would you like to share with our readers in the next issue? My contact details are on p31.

I have been made aware that there may be confusion in some minds about how this magazine is related to other organisations in NSW. Please let me try to clarify that matter.

This magazine is produced by volunteers who serve the Lord with the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission

(NSWAEM), and its editorial committee comprises members of the Board of that body. NSWAEM has done this for a long time, in addition to its other functions of running the Christian Outreach Book Service (COBS) and helping fund evangelism and Home Workers in NSW.

Thus this magazine is independent of any other para-assembly organisation in Australia, including CCCAust, but we do give these groups editorial and advertising support.

We do WELCOME for publication material and photographs from any organisation or individual in a church or assembly or para-assembly organisation that is associated with Christian Brethren Assemblies in NSW and CCCAust(NSW). In fact such material is our "reason" for existence as we seek to share information about their ministries and workers, in order to encourage others, and to foster prayer. □

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

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 if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to the Mission office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or better still, e-mailed to: outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

Also, please email your wording for Notices or Coming Events to be included on the NSW Christian Brethren web site to:-

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

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As forecast by Brad Scott at the last Coordinating Conference in February, the SRE & Primary School age Youth Training program has now been held in several places in NSW. The course started in Sydney and was then run in Newcastle, ACT, Ballina, Lithgow and again in Sydney. The training has been fun and well received. It was a great opportunity for children's workers to further develop skills that help them communicate the great story of Christ to the children they work with.

The course is appropriate for SRE teachers, Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders. It will be held again in Orange (27th June) and perhaps, if the demand is out there, it will be taken on the road again later this year?

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It is always sad to hear of an Assembly or church having to close down but that's what has been necessary at Cooma Community Christian Church.

The situation arose because of a lack of numbers in fellowship in the assembly. Over a considerable period the church has functioned with some related numbers-challenges. This is not an uncommon situation affecting other small assemblies. In the case of Cooma it became clear in February there were insufficient personnel to handle even the day to day administration (finance, correspondence, activities and decision making for insurance, Department of Fair Trading, and Oversight), apart from the Bible ministry to the church. Those who remained discerned it was the Lord's will for the work to close and for all the assets (including the chapel and grounds) to be sold and distributed through the Stewards Foundation – the present trustees for the property. Please pray for the brothers who have to do all this.

Please note that Eastwood Assembly has changed its name to 'Eastwood Christian Fellowship' and has a new website giving all the current details for email and mail contacts; etc-

<http://www.eastwoodgospel.com>

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There is an opportunity at Lutanda for a "vibrant and enthusiastic" **Facilities and Property Manager** to join the team at Yarramundi camp site near Sydney. For full details please email Peter at:-

peter@lutanda.com.au



Meetings & Events

(Note: for the **latest details** please be sure to check at:-

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

or www.cccaustnsw.com/events

2014:

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|-----------|---|-----------|--|
| 1 May | NSW Coordinating Conference; 7.30pm; (at Guildford Arabic Community Church). | 27 June | SRE & Youth Teacher training in Orange. |
| 10 May | 'Awake to Israel' meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. | 12 July | 'Awake to Israel' meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 11 May | Mothers Day in Australia (see page 18). | 18 July | A UNIFY event for YP. Please contact Sean Nolan (at Lutanda) for details. |
| 17 May | GLO Ministries Day of Prayer , at Riverstone, 9am to 12.45pm. RSVP by 12 May to (02) 9838 1595. | 2 Aug | Women's Mission Convention; 10am to 3pm at Campbeltown CCC. (see advert on page 20) |
| 24 May | 'And God Said' conference at Lithgow (see advert on page 27) | 7 Aug | NSW Coordinating Conference; 7.30pm; (venue TBA) |
| 24 May | Coffee & Craft morning at Elouera Gardens; 9am to noon. | 9 Aug | 'Awake to Israel' meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 24 May | Pathfinders Dinner at WPHCC. | 23 Aug | Pathfinders activity at WPHCC |
| 14 June | 'Awake to Israel' meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. | 30 Aug | 'And God Said' Bible conference at Concord. |
| 20-22 Jun | CCCAust National Conference. The theme is "Devoted". The host city is Sydney . Speakers:- Prof Darrell Bock, Dr Steve McQuoid | 13 Sept | 'Awake to Israel' meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| | | 11 Oct | 'Awake to Israel' meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| | | 1 Nov | GLO EXPLO. |
| | | 1 - 4 Nov | GLO Family & Friends. |
| | | 6 Nov | NSW Coordinating Conference; 7.30pm; (venue TBA) □ |

& Jeremy Dunn. Venue is Allawah CC. More details at website:-

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Prayer & Praise Requests from NSW Assemblies

compiled by Brad Scott

General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Church leaders that they will be open to the Spirit's leading as they lead our churches.
- ☆ Pray for wisdom as we look for church planting opportunities in NSW.
- ☆ Praise God for the Arabic Church plant in Guildford.
- ☆ Praise God for the new Church plant under way at Narara Community Church. This has been great answer to our prayers.
- ☆ Pray for Sean Nolan and his team as they prepare their Youth Evangelistic programme for 2014.



Abbotsford Gospel Chapel

- ☆ Please pray for the future of this church, that God's name may continue to be honoured in this Community.
- ☆ Praise God for the testimony that this church has maintained for many years in the Community.



Allawah Community Church

Pray for:

- ☆ the 'walking wounded' amongst the church leadership team.
- ☆ the Lord's leading as the church appoints a new Children's Ministry Leader.

Praise God:

- ☆ for the current teaching series from the book of James and the challenges coming from this.
- ☆ for the new families and individuals who walk in off the street each week.



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Memories of Ray Dupen (22/4/1935 to 9/3/2014)

Compiled from material graciously provided by several family members and friends via Philip Weldon, who officiated at the graveside and chaired the Memorial Service afterwards.

Ray Dupen, a well-known dear brother in the Lord, was taken into heaven on Sunday, 9th March 2014, whilst in Lady Davidson Hospital, North Turramurra. He had faced severe health problems for over a year before this, and was facing the prospect of yet more chemotherapy. Nevertheless he was in good spirits, at peace, trusting his Saviour Jesus Christ, and with his dear wife Emily at his side, plus close family and friends right until his passing.

On Thursday, 13th March, a moving grave-side service was held at the Castlebrook Lawn Cemetery, Rouse Hill, followed in the afternoon by a very well attended Memorial service at West Pennant Hills Community Church, his 'home church'.

In prior months, Ray had discussed funeral arrangements with family members, chosen some of his favourite hymns, and asked Philip Weldon, a dear friend, to take both services.

Many family members spoke at the Memorial Service – including Ray's brothers Arthur and Hilton, his sons Stephen and David, and most of his grandchildren. Close friends Tony Folland, Ted Davis and Col Millar also took part, and Mr Bill McCrindle gave the Bible message. What follows here is an amalgam of many of their thoughts and reflections in memory of Ray Dupen, and perhaps these will remind many readers of their own experiences with this hardworking, kind, thoughtful man of God.

The younger son David gave the first

and most extensive eulogy. He gave credit to his father for having documented much of his family history in the last year or so, thus making David's task easier. It was found on Ray's laptop with the title "A Privileged Life".

David said:- "Dad was born on the 22nd April 1935 to Arthur and Eileen Dupen, the youngest of four sons, Arthur, Hilton, and Douglas. Gran and Pa were hardworking God-fearing people, having moved in 1933 from Hurstville to a new home at 3 First Avenue, Epping, which enabled Pa to work at Hazlewoods Nursery.

"Gran and Pa subsequently purchased the adjacent land at 1 First Avenue, where Pa began a small nursery to subsidize the family income. This meant a lot of after-hours and Saturday work for the family but, apart for watering, no work was done on Sundays as they were taught to rest on The Lord's Day.

"This extra land was eventually to be Mum and Dad's new home where Stephen and I were first brought up.

The family attended Eastwood Gospel Hall walking the 3 or 4 km each way, completing the journey three times each Sunday.

Dad's schooling commenced in 1940 at West Epping Primary School, and then to North Newtown Intermediate High School. So at the age of 12, Dad would walk to Epping station, catch the train to Strathfield, change trains and alight at McDonaaltdown station and walk to school. Intermittently, to >8

help with the family income, Dad was also required to take fresh flowers, particularly gardenias, from home to florist shops on Wynyard ramp and Martin Place on his way to school. He also worked as a delivery boy around the eastern suburbs for the florist shop in the school holidays.

“At fifteen Dad was apprenticed in the trade of Carpentry and Joinery with the firm of J.W. Dunn Pty Ltd and worked mainly on the upper North Shore on custom designed homes. He also attended Meadowbank TAFE for a half-day and two nights per week and continued to do an Advanced Carpentry course, followed by the Building Foreman and Clerk of Works Course at Ultimo college, often getting home after 11pm via public transport.

“In his 4th year as an apprentice he was made responsible for a Joinery Shop at Pennant Hills, where the Holden Dealership is now. Later Dad was promoted to Building Supervisor, and given responsibility of managing up to 5 or 6 contracts at a time. These included Woolworths and Coles Stores, several Commonwealth Banks, a mansion in Amaroo Avenue Wahroonga and major renovations on two floors of 321 Pitt Street in the city.

“How did Mum & Dad meet? Along with his family Dad attended Eastwood Gospel Hall where he dedicated his life to Christ at an early age.

“In his late teenage years, Dad met Mum as they attended common church activities in FSY and Camps etc. Mum attended Burwood Gospel Hall, and taught Sunday School at a little run-

down public hall in Camperdown.

“They married at the Eastwood Gospel Hall on the 19th April 1958 and moved into their first family home which Ray’s Mum and Dad had personally built at First Avenue Epping, with the help of his brother & good friends. They continued to worship at Eastwood Gospel Hall and were fully involved with the church, Sunday school teaching, boys club, youth work and often Dad had preaching responsibilities. He loved to share his knowledge of the scriptures.

“It was during this time both Stephen and I entered their lives, and like Dad, started our schooling at West Epping Public School.

“In 1969, to the shock and sadness of Gran and Pa, Mum and Dad moved the family ‘way out into the bush’ to 10 Grayland Avenue, West Pennant Hills.

“Along with this move, and being such a long way to travel back to Eastwood, we joined West Pennant Hills Gospel Chapel, and later Dad became an elder there.

“From 1960 to 1972, Dad moved to work for FL & FG Sattler Pty Ltd. During this period, he worked with Fred Sattler, mainly on commercial buildings which included:

- Houses at mental institutions and hospitals around Sydney.
- A hostel for the aged in Marion Street, for The Leichhardt Methodist Mission.
- The first Lifeline Centre in Flinders Street, Darlinghurst for the Central Methodist Mission [which I recall visiting with Dad]. ➤



a younger Ray Dupen

- Churches at Panania, Oatley, an extension to Bankstown Gospel Hall, and Emmaus Bible College.

“In 1972, Mum and Dad formed the company RAYEM Constructions Pty Ltd and began to build mainly for the light-commercial field. Projects included – St Paul’s Anglican Church, Carlingford; Yurana House, Cherrybrook; Telopia Church of Christ, Eastwood Police Station (where Stephen and I were the first to be locked up) and Stonequarry Lodge, at Picton, which won the AKROD Award in association with the architect Mr Keith Sawdy.

“RAYEM’s office was in our home at Graylind Avenue, and our garage and back yard stored materials. Mum worked in the office during the day and at times Dad would come home late from the job. But, mostly it was dinner at 6 around the kitchen table, followed by a short Bible reading. Stephen and I actually tried to get seating positions at the table to enable us to watch the TV with the sound turned down .. not sure if Dad knew that – Mum does now !!

“In 1980, after Dad had been a director of Lutanda Children’s Home for many years, Mum and Dad decided to offer their services to become House parents at the children’s home.

“Our first period was in the boys end of the old main building, and while we were there Pennant Hills Christian School, was commenced at the other end of the building.

“Mum and Dad soon realised that it would be impossible to be in private business and provide the necessary home life to the children. They therefore closed down RAYEM Constructions and Dad applied for and was accepted as a teacher at Hornsby College of TAFE.

“Soon after, they moved into a Lutanda family group home in Dean Street, WPH. After nurturing the children’s development into young responsible adults, they relocated back to Graylind Avenue with Michael, whom they considered was too young to be relocated with new house-parents so he moved in with Mum and Dad. At that time, Dad achieved a degree in Bachelor of Education.

“During his TAFE years, Dad chaired a task force of representatives, from a number of Government departments in conjunction with the Aboriginal Land Councils, to train young Aboriginal people to build houses. These houses were built in about 19 centres across the State as far South as Dareton on the Murray River, West as far as Bourke and Broken Hill, and to Moree and Collerenibri in the North West.

“Later, Dad was appointed as Head Teacher of Building at Granville College >10

of TAFE. In 1992 he was appointed to the position of “Head of Studies, Property and Transport”. This appointment was equivalent to Deputy Principal and it was from this position he retired in 1997.

“But, Dad never actually retired from work. His real work and passion was in his family and church life.

“Throughout his life Dad was fully involved in church activities. He organized and provided spiritual leadership in:-

Boys Rally and Sunday School; WPH Youth Group, including weekly Friday night-Fun nights, Bible study nights at “the Dupen’s”, Bundanoon Camp – under the stars and riding push bikes, and Salt Ash Camps – sand-dune bikes and water skiing.

“Also he was involved in Church Family Camps at Toukley and Budge-woi, plus CYC Boys Camps at Eltham Park & Seniors Camps or Festival Camps.

“Regarding Lutanda, at various times he was a House-Parent, Board Member and Board Chairman.

“He was on the Building Committee for the 1979 Billy Graham crusade at Randwick race course, and the Leighton Ford crusade at St Ives Show Grounds.

“He officiated at weddings and funerals and was involved with the Sydney Festival Male Voice Choir.

“Dear to his heart was the work of Lutanda Children’s Homes and also the aged care facilities of CBCS. From its beginnings Dad was fully involved with Elouera Gardens, which we just called “the village”. Dad became a Board

member of CBCS in 1980—serving thus until, with tears in his eyes, and on his hospital bed on 29th January 2014, Dad formally resigned from that Board.

Although he had resigned he still wanted to be involved in the building work, and as late as last week the plans for the new development at Cherrybrook were alongside his hospital bed after he reviewed them.

“So, who was Raymond Lindley Dupen, Dad, Ray, Grandad, Uncle Ray, and as mum occasionally called him “Raymond”? He was a Provider, a Father and a devoted husband, a family man, a leader, and a counsellor, but most notably a man of practical faith who obeyed his Lord and served His people.”

Hilton spoke of his affinity with Ray as a practical man. Ray helped Hilton, and his wife Ruth, build their first home at Epping, where the Channel 7 studios are now located. In turn Hilton and others helped build Ray & Emily’s home in Graylind Avenue. Ray & Hilton worked together on several projects, including Camp Toukley from its very beginnings.

“He was a great brother” Hilton affirmed, “and a great Bible student. He would urge everyone to not dismiss the Bible as rubbish.” Hilton mentioned another hymn Ray loved was ‘Face to face with Christ my Saviour’ and now Ray IS actually in that situation!!

Ray’s eldest son Stephen mentioned that PEOPLE were important to his father. He was always helping people and caring for people. Stephen read portions of letters he had recently received from people who knew Ray >26



Workers

Phillip & Robyn Gummerson

16 April 2014

We praise God that we will be grandparents soon, praying for a safe delivery in July. We are also praising God for recent messages on the fruit of the Spirit, and praising God for provision of needs. Praying for upcoming Holiday children's program, gospel messages at Toukley, and for help with Emmaus studies.

Thanks and blessings, Philip.

Bill & Jean Archbold

17 April 2014

Praise Points: We thank the Lord for the manner in which He provides for us. We have been in full-time service for some thirty three years now and the Lord has continued to supply our needs.

Not only that but He has continued to open doors of service that we never dreamed that we would be called to. Even today we have been to Weeroona Retirement Village to take our usual Thursday service with a group of retirees. There were thirty five people in the Chapel today and we shared a message of the Crucifixion with them.

We are still in an active preaching ministry, we realise that at sometime or other we will have to call it a day. We have asked the Lord to keep us active until He comes or we go to be with Him.

Praise the Lord that our old car keeps going. We don't do the thousands of kilometres like we used to preaching in all of the eastern states. But we still clock up quite a few kilometres each week.

Praise the Lord that there are a number of Assemblies that continue to

take up to a month of Sundays in each year. We have deliberately but slightly limited our involvement for this year, as last year we preached about seventy times. This still takes a lot of preparation and study. We often have the opportunity to do Power Points with most of our messages also. The preparation for this can be quite time-consuming.

Thanks to the Lord for our family as they all appear to be well and employed. Some of them are prospering in the things of the Lord and some are not. But we continue to pray for them all, trusting that the Lord will touch the hearts of those who are not His.

Prayer Points: Pray for our continuing ministry. Bill has a neurological problem that causes him to shake a little in one hand and is effecting his balance. The Doctor said there is nothing that can be done about it and it will gradually get worse. Pray that he will be able to manage his ministry as best he can.

We ask for your continuing prayer for our health. Our GP says the we are doing well considering our ages. This week we had our annual check up and he seems pleased with us.

Thanks for those who tell us how much they enjoy the articles we submit for publication in the Outreach Magazine, it is most encouraging. Thanks also for those who regularly pray for us, we really appreciate your support.

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**16th May 2014
is the next deadline for
submitting letters please!**

Geoff & Liz Folland
14 April 2014 (extracts)

G'day! Wow! First term is finished and boy did it fly by. We have had the privilege of meeting many new students in the past few weeks at the Universities of Sydney and Notre Dame. I (Liz) have really enjoyed being on campus 2 days a week this term. It has allowed me to meet up with and walk some of our new students through great foundational truths. I'd like to introduce you to Ruby. She's very young in her faith and very enthusiastic. She has grown so much this term in her relationship with God and that growth has been noticed by her family. Ruby has a twin brother named Kent who goes to Macquarie University and when a mutual friend, who is a student leader at Macquarie Uni, invited him to Student Life, he decided to give it a go. He has been twice now. Please pray for Kent as he considers the gospel message that was shared with him. I (Geoff) began discipling Matt at Sydney Uni this year. He is from a Korean family, but was born here. Like me, he grew up in a Christian family. When I said we were going to do evangelism he confessed that he was scared stiff, but that he knew he should do it. Last Wednesday we approached two guys sitting on the grass. One, Fahad, whose parents were from the Middle East and committed Muslims, said he was an agnostic. At the end of our conversation, he took a copy of the New Testament and said he was interested in reading about Jesus. He may want to meet up again. Matt and I meet up every week. I'm glad that Student Life gives me the opportunity

to pass on what I've learned to the next generation. In His Love and Grace.

Tom & Karolina Meredith
17 April 2014

** Praise the Lord for His goodness and guidance upon us and the family.*

** Praise the Lord for the good health and His wonderful continued provision for us.*

** Praise the Lord for the witness and the faithfulness of His Church, OCC "One Community Church"*

** Praise the Lord for the new souls added to God's Kingdom through His church.*

** Praise the Lord for our young people and their contribution to God's Church*

** Praise the Lord for the growth and the change we experienced as a church when we finished the 40 days in the WORD.*

** Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Leadership.*

** Pray for us as Pastors for health and strength. We are planning to take 2 weeks in New Zealand – one week to attend a Pastors retreat in April 22nd to 26th and take another week for a break. Pray we will be back afresh and revitalized.*

** Pray for the new families that joined the church, that they will each make a decision for the Lord.*

** Pray for our Evangelism team as they go out door-knocking in different areas on the last Saturday of every month.*

** Pray for the extension of our facility; we need to acquire the building next door; pray for God's provision and timing.*

Many thanks for your Love & Prayers.

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The Trial (tract)

Rob Flinders came across this illustration and has been providing a personalized copy to Christian seafarers to help them understand the doctrine of Double Imputation. It may also be helpful to readers of this magazine.

The Case of GOD THE FATHER v



.....
(Enter your full Name)

PRESIDING JUDGE: GOD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE (Psalm 7:11)
PROSECUTION LAWYER: SATAN, ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN (Zechariah 3:1)
DEFENSE LAWYER: THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 John 2:1)
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: A VAST COMPANY OF ELECT ANGELS (1 Timothy 5:21)

As **GOD** the **RIGHTEOUS JUDGE** enters the Court, **GABRIEL**, a high ranking Angel, commands all those present to stand.

The **RIGHTEOUS JUDGE** instructs all to be seated and declares His Court to now be in session. He then addresses **THE ACCUSED** -

'It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment' (**Hebrews 9:27**)

This is why you now stand in the dock. You are charged with having committed great and terrible acts of high treason against the Most High God.

Without any delay, **SATAN** stands and addresses the Court. He states that the record will show you have broken every one of the Ten Commandments.

On countless occasions you have lied, you have stolen, you have used God's Name in vain, you have hated your brother and thereby committed murder (**1 John 3:15**) and you have not put God first before anything else in your life - and these are only a few of your sins.

Satan will prove your guilt on all accounts. There is indisputable video evidence, as well as reliable witnesses, to attest to the facts in this case.

Even your thought-life stands as testimony against you. The Scripture says, 'And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account' (**Hebrews 4:13**)

'After the prosecution's case is >14

made against you there is a hush in the Courtroom. The Prosecuting Lawyer has shown that you have indeed committed acts of high treason against God. It seems inevitable that you will be found guilty.

SATAN then addresses the **RIGHTEOUS JUDGE** and says, 'A good God must be a Just Judge. The facts are clear. You must find this man guilty. Your own record states, 'He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the LORD.' (**Proverbs 17:15**)

For you to acquit this man would mean that You are not righteous Yourself. You must find this man guilty as charged. I rest my case.'

The **RIGHTEOUS JUDGE** then calls upon your **DEFENSE LAWYER** to address the Court.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST begins His defence:

'Righteous Father, the case made by the Prosecution is indeed true. I will not dispute the charges made. However, I will submit to this Court two pieces of evidence in the defence of my client:

Exhibit A: THE PASSIVE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST

Let the record show that on Calvary's cross, the sins of this one were transferred to Me and I bore the full punishment demanded by Your high and holy Justice. I was wounded for his transgressions, bruised for his iniquities, the chas-

*tisement that brought him peace was upon Me and by My stripes he was healed. cf. (**Isaiah 53:4-6**)*

Exhibit B: THE ACTIVE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST

Let the record also show that I, the second Person of the Trinity, became a man, was born of a virgin, and lived a perfectly righteous life on earth, always pleasing You, righteous Father. I lived the life You demanded in Your High and Holy Law.

Just as this man's sins were transferred to Me on the cross and I suffered the penalty due to him (in his place), so also My righteous life was transferred to his account.

'For his sake You (God) made Me (Jesus Christ) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Me he might become the righteousness of God.' **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Righteous Father, your records will show that this man's sins have been paid in full and in fact the only record concerning this man now is that He lived My life – for My life was imputed to His account, legally and at Your good pleasure. For it was decreed this should happen in the Eternal Council of the Divine Trinity, before the foundation of the world.

GOD THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE:

'Having checked the eternal records and the validity of exhibits A and B, the case made by the Defence is both true and satisfactory to this Court. I therefore dismiss all charges made against this man.' ➤

Would **THE ACCUSED** please stand:

*'Because My Son has borne your punishment in full and has imputed His righteous life to your account, I declare you **NOT GUILTY**.*

*More than that, I declare you to be counted as **RIGHTEOUS**, to possess the perfect righteousness of My Son.*

I do this because My righteous anger and the punishment you deserved for breaking My Holy Laws were taken by My Son. He has paid for your sins in full. My justice has been satisfied.

*You are **JUSTIFIED** in my sight. Forever I am at peace with you. Your sins I will remember no more. By grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, you are justified.'*

The Court is dismissed.

Romans 5:1 – *'Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.'*

If salvation depends on the believer's deeds, our salvation is only as secure as our faithfulness.

Justification is a legal word (from the Court Room) and for the believer in Christ it is a past and completed event – through the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ ALONE!

This peace with God is not a temporary ceasefire in hostilities but is the eternal, immutable and


irrevocable standing of the believer with his God.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (**John 3:16**)

While this entire Court Room scenario is the certain expectation for those who repent and trust in Christ, it must be said that **rejecting God's free gift of salvation** will result in something entirely different, horribly different in fact; one that provides no Defense Lawyer in the court whatsoever, but instead, the full bearing of the punishment of your crimes against God in Hell forever.

John 3:36 says, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

Dear reader, you are a precious soul, made in the image of God. O may you make haste in coming to Christ! The Scripture says, "Now is the Day of Salvation." (**2 Corinthians 6:2**)

Tomorrow is never promised to anyone. The risen Lord Jesus Christ summons you, even now, to repent of your sins and to trust fully and only in Him. Come to Him then, turning away from all you know to be wrong and trusting only in the finished work of the perfect Saviour. 

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40th Anniversary, Elouera Ladies Auxiliary

by Beth Jennings, Secretary

In March 1974 the Ladies Auxiliary for Pennant Hills Retirement Village (now Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village) commenced with six members - Jean Donaldson, Joan Tucker, Elsie Sattler, Margaret Linton, Jean Alwill, and Narelle Bath. By the end of the year there were eleven members. And so with 40 years coming up, it was decided by the current members to hold a Celebration Lunch, with past members invited, on Saturday, 8th March in the Community Room at Elouera Gardens.

On the day, 70 people attended comprising past and present members of the Auxiliary (with husbands), past and present members of the Board (with wives), and self care residents.

We were so pleased to have Narelle Bath attend the lunch, as she is the only one alive from the founding group of six. Before we commenced lunch she told us how and why

the Auxiliary was formed with the blessing and guidance of the Board, and she shared other fond memories.

During the lunch we also heard from Rae Beaumont and Yvonne Ross - both of whom had joined the Auxiliary in 1974. They told us of their happy memories of outings, visiting the residents, taking the residents to the shops and medical appointments, fund raising events, and the friendships formed with the residents.

Our last report was a jointly written one from Dorothy Glover and Heather Logan. They both joined in 1975 and served on the Auxiliary for 32 years and 36 years respectively. They both had very fond memories of being on the Auxiliary and the friendships formed with the residents. It was lovely to have them both present at the lunch. ➤





Narelle, Rae, Yvonne, Ken & Mary, and Lillian

Other members who served on the Auxiliary for over 30 years are Margaret Linton and Rae Beaumont (past members), and Jennifer Cheng, Emily Dupen, and Dorothy Whitehouse (current members). The Auxiliary has been truly blessed having these ladies as members.

At the end of our lunch, current member Lil Fleming told us all that the Auxiliary has been doing for the Village by way of fund raising events and social events and our plans for the future. Also John Gage (a past member of the Board for many years) spoke – telling us of the Board's association with the Auxiliary for all these years.

Finally our current President Mavis Winrow, surrounded by the current members, cut the large cake, so it could be shared with all those present.

We were pleased to have Ken Scott and Mary Crossingham join us for the lunch and sing two songs,

accompanied by Helen Stormer on the piano.

Over the 40 years of the Auxiliary existence, fifty-five ladies have been involved. At present we have fourteen ladies active on the Auxiliary, but twenty-four has been the highest number, back in 1999.

For the Auxiliary to continue well into the future, more members are clearly needed. Please pray that more ladies will choose to join us, and if any lady reading this would like to find out more information, please phone Mavis Winrow on 9484 6054 or Beth Jennings on 9872 4603.

Over the 40 years the Auxiliary has seen the Village grow from twelve 1 bedroom units to now 94 residents in self care, the opening of Yurana House low care hostel with approximately fifteen residents, the relocation of Bethshean Nursing Home to Elouera Gardens with 50 beds, to now 110 beds in Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre (previously known as Yurana House and Bethshean Nursing Home). Our Heavenly Father has been our faithful Guide, Provider, Protector, and Shepherd who has helped us raise close to \$100,000 for the Village, for which we give Him our thanks and praise. □



Mother's Day and the Christian connection

Mother's Day Second Sunday in May

compiled by Graham McDonald
Children of the World, a ministry of
Campus Crusade for Christ Australia

Celebration of Mothers over the centuries has appeared in varying forms and traditions since, and possibly before, Roman times.

In the 1600s' the Church of England instigated Mothering Sunday in recognition of Mary the Mother of Jesus. Later this religious celebration was expanded to include honouring all mothers. As time passed, this celebration slowly disappeared from the church calendar.

The seed for Mother's Day that we celebrate today had its beginning in 1858 with Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis a Christian lady who was working to heal the nation after the Civil War. Her strategy was to promote and elevate the important role of mothers and help them to create healthier and more hygienic homes.

From this she instigated a 'Mothers Friendship Day' which eventually developed into a national movement called 'Mothers Friendship Clubs'. At these clubs Ann would teach the mothers basic nursing and safe sanitation practices to be used in the home, which she had learned from her brother who was a famous M.D.

This resulted in many lives being saved and by offering this service to both sides of those involved in the Civil War it was instrumental in facilitating the reconciliation process between Union and Confederate neighbours.

When Ann Marie Jarvis passed

away after a long illness, one of her two daughters, Anna, decided to dedicate her life to her mother's dream of a Mothers Day to honour all mothers around the world.

Anna missed her mother greatly and felt children often neglected to appreciate their mother enough while the mother was still alive.

As a Sunday school teacher for twenty years at her church, she was very aware of the Fifth of the Ten Commandments, "Honour your father and mother" and she no doubt would have taught this to her students.

She shared her desire to bring to fruition her mother's dream and it was readily accepted by her friends. The first such service was held at her church and she handed out her mother's favourite flower, the White Carnation. At first, people observed Mother's Day by attending church and writing letters to their mothers.

After much letter writing and lobbying the Governors of Oklahoma and West Virginia in 1910 proclaimed the Second Sunday in May to be celebrated as Mother's Day. The acceptance of this celebration throughout the USA was breath-taking. By 1911 there was not one State in the USA that did not have its own observance of Mother's Day.

On May 9th 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, proclaimed the Second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and ➤

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Mother's Day and the Christian connection (cont'd from p 18)

a national holiday. It was not long before the Mother's Day celebration was embraced by other nations as far away as Australia, Japan, China, Africa, South America and some Asian countries.

Within ten years, the rapid commercialisation and exploitation of this sacred and joyous celebration for Mothers caused Anna much grief. She went on to spend her inheritance fighting against the abuse of this Christian based celebration and said that she 'wished she would never have started the day because it became so out of control...'

Despite Anna Jarvis's misgivings, Mother's Day has flourished all around the world. In the USA the Second Sunday in May has become the most popular day of the year to dine out, and the telephone lines record their highest traffic.

However, let us not forget the original intention as set out by God to celebrate and honour the mothers in our families, in our churches and in our society.

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"Mother's Day is in honour of the best mother who ever lived – the mother in your heart." *Anna Janis, 1864–1948*



**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY
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9 May 13 June 11 July 8 August

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Enquiries:

Lillian Fleming 9858 5436 or Freda McKeown 9661 6001

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Date: Saturday, 2nd August

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Time: 10am to 3pm (lunch provided)

Venue: Campbelltown Christian Community Church

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Cost: \$20 - by 27th July; Early Bird Rate: \$15 - by 13th July

RSVP: by 27th July to Faye Loudon

Web: amt.asn.au/wmc **Email:** nsw.wmc@gmail.com

Phone: 9546 4111 (AH)

Post: Faye Loudon, 38 Parkside Drive, Kogarah Bay 2217

There will be a free-will offering taken on the day.

Memories of Cynthia Riseham (28/11/1936 to 4/3/2014)

by NSWAEM

All of us involved closely with the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission are sad at the passing of Mrs Cynthia Riseham (nee Goddard) on March 4th whilst a patient in Concord Hospital. But, at the same time, we rejoice in her now being with the Lord whom she sought to serve so well!

No doubt the customers and suppliers who regularly phoned or visited the Mission Office in Burwood Chapel will also be sad, and will miss her kind helpful ways. She was an unpaid volunteer with the Mission for over 36 years, and was the Book-keeper and Treasurer for the organisation for about three decades. For much of that time she was also the primary sales person in the Christian Outreach Book Service (COBS) supplying books, greetings cards, stationery items and Sunday school gifts for many individuals and assemblies in NSW, as well as at Ladies Meetings, House-parties and Conferences.

From the start of 2013 Cynthia had to gradually reduce her hours at the Mission office, due to increasing illness, and difficulty with using public transport, but she still took calls at home to help provide the items people wanted, and she still attended Board meetings. It must be stressed how helpful Gracie Newlands (another faithful volunteer and friend from way back) has been working with Cynthia. Particularly in recent years Gracie did all the tasks that required a lot of walking, for example going to the Bank, Post Office, and shops in Burwood.

Cynthia's funeral was held on Mon-

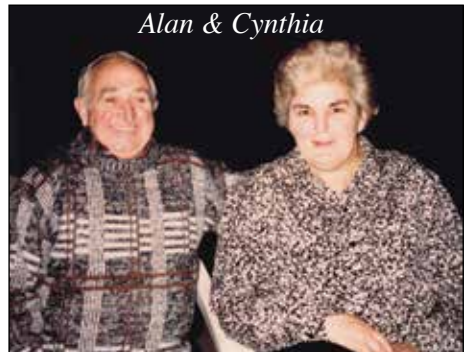


Cynthia in the office at Burwood Chapel

day, 10th March, at 10.30am in the West Chapel of Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland. The chapel was packed with family, friends, and neighbours. Mr Robert Laycock, an elder at Panania Christian Church, conducted a lovely Thanksgiving Service.

Those present were reminded of many facts and events in Cynthia's life – by those who knew her well, including her brother David Goddard and her daughter Tracey. A summary of this information follows:-

As a child Cynthia grew up in the inner Sydney suburb of Earlwood and had attended the local Church of Christ Sunday School. It was here that Cynthia >22



heard the good news of God's saving grace and, without any family that shared her new-found faith, she was baptised as a believer. In 1957 Cynthia married Alan Riseham and they settled happily into their new home in the suburb of Peakhurst.

They had one child, a daughter Tracey, who joined the Girls Rally and Sunday School at Oatley Gospel Chapel. Cynthia enthusiastically encouraged Tracey to become involved – with the prayer that her much loved daughter would also hear that she was loved unconditionally by an all knowing, all powerful, God.

Cynthia was an enthusiastic person and as she visited the activities of the Chapel and the Sunday School she became Betty Hayden's friend (see the August 2007 issue of this magazine) and a committed supporter of all that was happening in Oatley Assembly, and for a long time she ran the Children's Club.

Also Cynthia quietly dedicated herself to serving the Lord in whatever way He led her, which included volunteering her time and talents to supporting the outreach at the NSWAEM Opportunity Shop which had opened in Mortdale in the Spring of 1976. It was run by Graham and Betty Hayden as a means of raising funds to support Home Workers in NSW Assemblies.

Cynthia served as a volunteer assistant in that shop from the start until it closed at the beginning of 1981. She was a multi-talented lady and gave herself tirelessly to the continued operation of the Shop, where she learned to appreciate the importance and the value of

marketing high quality Christian literature. Her colleagues found they could depend on her in many ways.

The central office of the NSWAEM (then in Newtown) was at that time a major centre for the distribution of Christian books, and Cynthia was warmly welcomed to join the many volunteers there who worked tirelessly in all areas of business management and administration with a shared commitment to assist and support the activities of the many full-time faith workers in New South Wales. She and Barbara Swan looked after all the bookshop operations.

Cynthia was of course involved when the office moved to St Peters, then to a portion of Kirrawee Chapel and finally to a room off the rear hall of Burwood Chapel. The team took carloads of stock for sale at special events at Elouera Gardens Retirement Village, Cherrybrook, and other places around the state, like Ladies House-parties – see next page.

God blessed Cynthia as she continually found Him to be her all powerful, all knowing Saviour, friend and Lord. This was certainly the case when her husband ➤



Cynthia in 2001, the Year of the Volunteer, with her Certificate of Recognition for 25 or more years of service.

Alan had kidney problems and had to have extensive dialysis treatment. In his latter years, they had a dialysis machine in their home and Cynthia handled all that with a smile – albeit perhaps with an aching heart too.

In later years she joined with the Assembly at Panania which was closer to their home. After Alan died in 2008, Cynthia decided to down-size and in January 2011 she moved to a small

ground-floor unit in Riverwood, near to shops etc.

All the volunteers and Board of NSWAEM will miss Cynthia a great deal, as also will a good number of people around NSW with whom she kept in contact because they sold Greetings Cards etc to support Home Workers. We are VERY thankful for all the time and effort she gave to serving God through the Mission. □

Recollections of road trips with Cynthia

by Barbara Swan

I have known Cynthia Riseham for over 30 years, through our working together at Christian Outreach Book Service. She was a good travelling companion – as she didn't mind how I drove my car, or whether we talked or not!

I think the first trip we took together was to check stock and needs at Taree when the Presbyterian minister's wife was taking over the display from Marge Cave. We stayed with my niece and family at Green Point, near Foster. Mitchell (Hamer) was only a baby at the time. He is now a qualified physiotherapist. Cynthia often asked afterwards how he was doing.

We made many trips to Camp Toukley with books and cards etc for the Ladies House Parties and Women's Getaways. We particularly enjoyed the fellowship of the ladies in the Newcastle area.

Each year there was the Spring Fair at Elouera Gardens in Cherrybrook, where we worked together, with others, selling cards and calendars etc. Several years we went to Cessnock with cards for

their first meeting in the year of "Know Your Bible".

We also went to the Christian Bookseller's Conventions when they were nearby like Merroo Conference Centre. But in 1988 we went to Canberra taking Jean Sayers and Betty McNaught – fellow volunteers from Outreach. We combined work with tourist sights like visiting the new Parliament House. All these trips meant we caught up with Wholesale Representatives, who over the years became our friends.

One cannot forget the trip to Dubbo and out to Nyngan to meet Mrs Wardman who faithfully managed the shop originally started by Cornerstone. We visited the Dubbo Zoo, went up Mount Canobolas (near Orange) to play in the snow, and drove around Mt Panorama. Cynthia was excited to relate this experience to her husband Alan, as he liked to watch the car races. Mr Dawson from the Gosford bookshop went with us on that occasion and we enjoyed his company. □

New phase of operations at COBS

by NSWAEM

As readers have probably seen on the previous few pages, the operation of the Christian Outreach Book Service and NSWAEM office in Burwood has experienced a large loss and some disruption, due to the passing away of Cynthia Riseham.

In addition to that, there is a strong possibility the office, and the whole of the Burwood Chapel site, will become totally unavailable sometime this year if the Development Application lodged with Burwood Council by Stewards Foundation is approved. That would mean all current users of the building will have to find alternative accommodation for some 18 to 24 months.

The Mission needs to find an alternative place to store its stock and to house its office and packing facilities.

Meanwhile, the office function on-site will be operated by Board members as they are available until new volunteers can be found to operate it on a regular basis. The mail is still being collected regularly from the Burwood Post Office Box, and emails are being handled as usual on our home computers.

Orders for Calendars, Greetings Cards and Sunday School gifts are being processed by Mavis Winrow from her home. She can be reached via the Burwood office phone (let it ring long enough) or on her home number (02) 9484 6054. Please pray with us that the situation can be resolved appropriately very soon, and that we can still keep our customers happy. □

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- To facilitate and be involved in evangelism and discipleship of Jewish people.
- To Pray for Israel.

**For further information please visit the website at www.awaketoisrael.org
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Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and together search the Scriptures.**

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

A letter from a prisoner to ECS

As reported in previous issues of this magazine, Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) provides free Bible lessons for prisoners in NSW who request them, and a team of Christians marks the lessons and corresponds with each student to answer their questions and help them understand the Bible.

With permission from the writer and ECS, here is a letter from one of those prisoners, written in October last year. He was born in South America and English is his second language. The letter was originally in handwriting and all in capitals – making it relatively easy to read.

Hello brothers and sisters,

I want to give thanks to all of you for your good works in the Lord's Name. Thank you for comforting, loving and teaching us, thank you for giving us teachings of life, not just life but Eternal Life in our Saviour, but first of all thanks God for proving to you the light and the wisdom to put in a clear and simple way His love, care and guidance, through you and material you send to us in jail.

With sincere love,
Thank you !

"If it weren't for our Lord, I don't know where I would be." He saved me from darkness and He is giving me freedom while I am in jail. It sounds illogical. I am just a human and my logic is not enough to try to understand God's unlimited wisdom. All I know is that whatever He is doing right now in my life, will have eternal results not

only for me but for many around the love of Jesus that is in me. This love is a love we can't see and is not physical, not touchable, but no bars, no walls, no prison can stop it from coming to many hearts going through affliction and sorrow, and I was one of them and I've been comforted and loved and I am willing to share this love with the ones around me because at the end LOVE is the only one thing that will endure forever!

(Don't know if it makes sense but it was written from my heart and my spirit).

I would like to send a special hug and blessing to my brother (*one of the ECS team, but whose name is withheld for privacy reasons* – Ed).


He changed my point of view in many ways and he taught me what Love in Action means. I felt the same Jesus coming to visit me, you can't imagine how loved and cared for I felt, in my situation without family (blood family). I understand in a deeper way what means 'family in Christ', the meaning of the Church, is not about a building, but is about a relationship with God and with anyone. It is about caring, sharing, comforting, loving with another – in their circumstances. I want to let him know that the crown that God has prepared for him is Huge and he will need help to carry it. So I want to be there to help you, so if I don't see you anymore on this earth, I will see you for sure in Heaven, my brother, Love You.

This verse is for you, with love, H. >26

Matthew 25:34b-36, & 40 “Come, you blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.” “The King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly I

say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.”

Thank you Brother. I assure you that your visit is already written in my heart and also in my diary, so when the time comes your name will appear in the book of my walk with Christ. For now I guess the path is still long and too many kms to go through, but we are not alone, Amen!

Thank you in Christ. 

Memories of Ray Dupen (cont'd from page 10)

and had been helped by him over the years, and who were still very grateful.

Stephen said “Total strangers have walked up to me in hospitals recently and, having only had minimal contact with Dad, they told me that they couldn’t explain why but they had to tell me there was something special about my father.”

Stephen mentioned that his father liked to paint (in oils mainly) in his spare time – especially Australian landscapes. (Some of his works were on display in the Chapel’s corridor for us to view after the Service). Stephen concluded by saying “And of course Dad couldn’t have followed his own dreams, ambitions and passions if it wasn’t for his-life long soul mate – MUM; the love of his life, his solid rock. Mum and Dad were always a team. They were inseparable!”

Ray’s nine grandchildren then combined to give delightful expressions of their love for him.

Ted Davis, a long-time friend and brother in Christ reminded us of Ray’s

huge contribution to the three CBCS retirement villages. “Every building and facility had Ray’s touch on it in some way.” He too stressed how Ray loved and cared for people, showing generosity, goodness and godliness. Ted also mentioned the recent book that Ray worked on with Emily and Mary Arnold, and affirmed “Ray will be sorely missed.”

Bill McCrindle knew and worked with Ray in the church for over 50 years. He spoke movingly from Psalms 23 and 78:70-72 and noted Ray was a man after God’s own heart - like King David. He shepherded people and minded the flock. He had a gift from God.

Ray’s eldest brother, Arthur, shared some thoughts about the family and, as Ray would have done, reminded us the Lord is coming back soon. He asked “Are you ready to meet the Lord?” Then Arthur closed in prayer before we sang the final hymn “Look, ye saints! The sight is glorious”.



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1. What is the Role of the Holy Spirit?
-Andrew Cowell
2. What is His Role in the Church?
-Andrew Wilson
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-Brian Goodwin
4. What is His Role in the Christian's Life?

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Norm & Heather Propert.

23 April

Praise points: This year marks our 50th wedding anniversary. Heather and I are so thankful to God for our marriage and family, daughter Debbie, her husband and two teenage boys living in Newcastle, and our son Danny (who as many of you know is totally blind & the greatest inspiration of our lives) living on the Gold Coast. We give God thanks for the privilege of serving Him over the years, for the ups and downs of Christian Ministry and so many blessings that we know about and those that we don't! We praise God for caring for us as we travel, opening doors for ministry and allowing us to enjoy good health. We are also thankful for the opportunity once again to lecture at GLO Training Centre in Tasmania this May, and for ministry in churches in that wonderful Island of Tasmania. This year we have enjoyed input into our home church (Tingira Community Church) with Norm as teacher and Heather as she continues her ministry with senior citizens. TCC is a small but very friendly church and we praise God for a 25% growth last year.

Prayer Points: The song "Father we place into your hands the things we cannot do" describes our attitude and desire for prayer. At the end of the day, we can sow but only God can give the increase. Pray that God will bless our family in ways He knows best. Pray for continued health as we engage in a busy year of ministry. Pray for God's guidance in our lives, ministry and the wisdom to understand and obey. Pray for our ministry at TCC and for continued growth. Pray for opportunities to minister encouragement into churches. We believe encouragement is one of the greatest needs of the hour.

Nestor & Norma Louzao

23 April

Praise points:

* The Spanish Community Bible Church want to give Praise to The Lord all Mighty. For giving them 30 years as a Congregation, at His Service.

* We praise the Lord, for allowing us to have the Radio Program to preach His Word. And for all the people that respond to the program.

Prayer points:

* For the continuation of the Preaching of the Precious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and Teaching His Word. Also for the much needed health to do so.

* For all the Members of our Assembly. For their health, and their family.

* For our Youth leader Horacio Provenzano and his Ministry.

* Also, for the continuation of the Radio Program <Biblical Evidence> every Wednesday from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Radio Austral 87.8 FM

Andrew Collins

23 April

Pray for: Healing of Jan's arm – broken yesterday; Good meetings as we prepare to move to Cambodia in July; Good closure at the International Teams office after 20 years of service; and for RIDE for Refugees this year on 10 May. You may sponsor me, as Jan will not be riding.

Praise for: Great ministry role in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and 20 great years of serving with International Teams in Australia.

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Here are some things on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting and worth a visit via your computer.

Please Note: to make it easier to visit these web sites they have been included as 'hot links' in the PDF version of this magazine. They are also listed on the NSW Christian Brethren web site at:- www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html

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Probably I have said this before, but it's worth repeating – I love receiving the Web Evangelism Bulletin (W.E.B) by email each month! It's produced by the "Internet Evangelism Day" group and is full of useful 'stuff', and not just for geeks. I can't do it justice in this short column but here's a list of the topics covered in the March 2014 Issue, to wet your appetite:-

Church ministry; Free Easter resources; Communicating well; Mobile ministry; Social media; The world we live in; Popular culture; Conferences; Missions; Tech tips; Tailend Fun :-).

You can receive it via email, or RSS, or just go to the website version at:-

www.web-evangelism.com/resources/webull14mar.php

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Here is a good new web site:-

www.sunnyskz.com

It claims to always contain Positive, Upbeat Media (Good News, Inspirational Stories, Amazing Pictures & Videos, Fun Stuff, Jokes) - BUT – last

time I visited, 5 minutes ago, all I saw was the main banner heading, a search box, and a Privacy Policy! Perhaps I caught it on a bad news day.

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Eastwood Christian Fellowship has a very new, bright, gospel-oriented website, including a blog-site:-

<http://www.eastwoodgospel.com>

and a new email address to go with it

mail@eastwoodgospel.com

Have a good look at its content and I'm sure the web-master (David) would appreciate constructive feedback from you.

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Many readers have probably heard of WordPress, the very popular Open-Source (and hence free) system to easily build blog-sites and websites. I mentioned it back in June 2010 in conjunction with the web site of North Ryde Christian Church:-

www.northrydechurch.org

A group called faithHighway (not a typo) in the USA, has now announced a CUSTOM WordPress environment. Their web site says – "faithHighway now offers the flexibility and control of WordPress through our custom environment called **The Grove**. WordPress started out as just a blogging tool, but over the past ten years, it has grown to much more than that. It is now an incredibly user-friendly, customizable content management system that allows everyday people >30

to arrange website themes to become their own.

“With the desire to equip churches, ministries and nonprofits with the latest technology, faithHighway has created the Grove framework. This platform takes all the flexibility of WordPress and also includes unique functionality and capabilities.

“The Grove framework empowers users to accomplish the same goals and functionality of multiple themes in one, easy-to-use system.”

May I suggest you take a look at their brochure and see if this package can help with your plans for a web site:-

faithhighway.com/images/File/fh_grove_comparison_church_v02.pdf

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WordCamp is a conference that focuses on everything WordPress.

WordCamps are informal, community-organized events that are put together by ordinary WordPress user. Everyone from casual users to core developers participate, share ideas, and get to know each other. Camps have been held in various cities around the world and more are on the way. To find out more or be kept informed, visit:-

www.central.wordcamp.org

One is being planned for Sydney and to be kept informed about plans for this WordCamp submit your email address at the webpage:-

<http://2014.sydney.wordcamp.org>

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Whilst I was taking another look at the North Ryde church website I noticed it was making good use of some Easter material from the Outreach Media company.

That company's website is:-

www.outreachmedia.org.au

and it proclaims:- “Outreach Media exists to promote the Christian Gospel through various media channels and to assist churches and Christian groups to raise the profile of the Christian message.”

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I think the above is related to FEVA (the Fellowship for Evangelism in the Visual Arts) that is keen on promoting the gospel within the arts. Take a look:-

www.feva.org



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- To generate funds, through the Book Service and other means, toward the support of NSW Home Workers.
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