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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this April issue of the NSW Assemblies Outreach magazine.

By the time you read this magazine, those of us in NSW will be well into Autumn and may be enjoying the fresh beauty of the plants and trees around us - with scenes such as the one on our front cover.

There are exquisite colours on display each season, often embellished with hundreds of subtle variations of hue and shape; no two days alike. What a wonderful creator is God Almighty, and what a magnificent artist; the shapes; the detail; the colours!

Since I last wrote this column we have had the celebration of another Easter worldwide, and in Australia and New Zealand 100 years of the ANZACs fighting and dying for their countries to protect us from much of what Satan tries to throw at us. We can be very grateful for what God, our heavenly

Father, has done for our nation. We certainly need the annual periods of reflection and thankfulness "lest we forget".

And, more than the annual periods of remembrance, we need the weekly time of remembrance - every Lord's Day - when we remember the Lord Jesus Himself - as we obey His instructions to His first disciples:-

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:19, 20)



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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 all our assemblies and churches. 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 website to:-

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

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The **Inspiring Hope** organisation has recently completed an eight (8) week Teen Girls Program in Hawkesbury High School. Jeanette Nolan says "We wrote and penned this program with the Principal and Girls Advisor to meet the specific needs of the teen girls at Hawkesbury High. The transformation that took place amongst the girls in 8 weeks was so encouraging and we are looking forward to again running this program in term four at Hawkesbury High."

Inspiring Hope is a humanitarian organization which exists to inspire the hope of Jesus to a hurting world. We seek to achieve this through running various programs, conferences and humanitarian projects both in Australia

and overseas for children, teenagers, men and women. Read more about this at the website:

www.inspiringhope.org.au

All for his Glory!
Jeanette Nolan
Ephesians 3:20

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Many readers would know that Rita Galieh is an accomplished musician and artist and that in more recent years she has also written two novels in the genre of Inspirational Historical Romance. The most recent was "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" and was the first book in a trilogy about the Watermark Women.

Well, Book 2 is now written and will soon be available for purchase - maybe in May or June. It is titled "The Tie That Binds". If you would like to pre-order a copy please contact Rita at PO Box 101, Moorebank, 1875, or send a quick email to "ritagal@optusnet.com.au".

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Christian Writer's Competition

SparkLit.org ('igniting Christian writers') invites entries for this year's Australian Christian Literature Awards from **under 30's** for Young Australian Writer and **under 18's** for Australian Christian Teen Writer.

Entries close 31st May.

For more information contact Michael Collie:-

mb: 0423 244 481

or email:

awards@SparkLit.org

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Meetings & Events

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

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

www.cccaustnsw.com/events

2015:

- 2 May **Pathfinders** WPHCC 7pm
- 7 May **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; Cartwright Gospel Chapel.
- 9 May **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 16 May **"And God Said ..." Bible Conference** - at Lithgow Bible Church. Subject is "The Resurrection" (see advert on p 28)
- 22 May **Autumn Fashion Parade** of Ladies Winter Clothes in Community Room at Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook. Commences 10am with morning tea. Clothes available to purchase, and tickets are \$5pp donation. More details from the Secretary, Beth Jennings ph 9872 4603
- 12-14 Jun **Marriage Enrichment Retreat#1** at Camp Kedron. On-line rego from March. ph: 9450 1296.
- 13 Jun **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 19-21 Jun **Marriage Enrichment Retreat#2** at Camp Kedron. On-line rego from March. ph: 9450 1296.
- 20 Jun **"And God Said ..." Bible Conference** ; venue TBA.
- 11 Jul **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 6 Aug **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; City Light church., Balmain.
- 8 Aug **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 15 Aug **Women's Mission Convention** at St Ives Community Church, starting 2pm. Details soon.
- 22 Aug **Pathfinders** at WPHCC; 7pm
- 29 Aug **"And God Said ..." Bible Conference**; venue TBA.
- Aug or Sep: **Women's Conference** - details to be advised.
- 12 Sep **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 10 Oct **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 30 Oct **GLO Expo & 50th Anniversary** at Riverstone Community Church. □

Please submit any news items, letters, adverts or short articles for the June 2015 magazine on, or before, 10th May.

Prayer & Praise requests from NSW Assemblies

compiled by Brad Scott

Please take some time-out to pray for our churches and the work of God in our nation.

General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Church leaders that they will be open to the Spirit's leading as they lead our churches.
- ☆ Prayer for SRE (Scripture) in NSW as it is about to be reviewed by our Politicians.
- ☆ Pray for our pastors and leaders as we consider the Pregnant Church concept.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para church ministries as they lead and provide vision for these ministries. Lutanda, Stewards, Emmaus, CBCS, GLO, CMS, AEM, ACM, AMT, Hands & Feet
- ☆ Pray that we as churches might be balanced in serving our Lord. In the Word, obedient to the Spirit and acting in mercy to those around us.
- ☆ Pray for the Ministry of Hands & Feet as they help people in need in our communities. Pray that we as churches may find exciting ways to partner with them in this ministry.
- ☆ Pray for our Government officials, that they will honour God by the decisions that are made.
- ☆ Pray for revival after our churches have presented Christ in our communities over the Easter period



Coastlands Christian Community Church

Praise God that:

- ☆ We are blessed with so many mature committed Christians.
- ☆ Their spontaneous love for each other is expressed in so many different kindnesses.
- ☆ We had three baptisms last month (March).
- ☆ In spite of the unexpected resignation of our pastor no one has stumbled and everyone is pulling together and the future looks bright.

Pray for us as:

- ☆ We are in the process of developing the smaller of our buildings to make it into a very large and welcoming lounge to allow for more outreach and fellowship.
- ☆ We look to the spiritual growth and unity of our newly appointed elders and pastoral care team. ➤



Concord Community Church

Praise God for:

- ☆ The work of 'Hands and Feet' ministry in reaching out to the homeless and the under-privileged in Sydney.
- ☆ Our youth and worship team – their commitment and unity in serving the Lord at Concord.

Pray for:

- ☆ Growth in our work at Concord, especially in the Hindi/Urdu services.
- ☆ God's blessings on the seminar on 'ISLAM' held on Saturday 7th March 2015.



Dubbo Gospel Chapel

Praise God for:

- ☆ The way the church has got involved in distributing tracts and gospels to the Dubbo community.

- ☆ Praise God for the 6 new visitors who came to the church last week as a result of this work.

Pray for:

- ☆ The church that they may have the hunger and passion to complete the distribution work.
- ☆ The Dubbo Community that they may see and understand who God is through this ministry.



Eastwood Christian Fellowship

Praise God for:

- ☆ the heart of the church members to see growth in the church and the surrounding community.

Pray for:

- ☆ the church as they look to revive the university work that once thrived in the church.
- ☆ the church as they work with a Chinese Pastor in the community to see Asians reached for Christ.
- ☆ unity in the church as they look to the Lord for His leading as they honour His name in their community.



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... To declare unto you all the counsel of God. Acts 20:27

Israel's Future in the Book of Ezekiel

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 - Israel in the millennium



Dr Thomas Ice

will be the guest speaker at
Awake To Israel's
July Prophecy Camp
www.awaketoisrael.org
or phone registrar: 4751-3833

Bible Prophecy Teaching Camp 2015

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 July
Merro Christian Centre
Kurragong

Events after the Lord's death #2 (a series of articles)

by Don Stormer

The Apostle John has a delightful ability to get his teaching across to us by means of biographical snippets. Over the next few issues we will think about what he teaches regarding the events after the Lord was crucified. What do we learn from the people who were involved? Below is the second article.

2. The empty tomb (John 20:1 to 10)

As John tells the story of the resurrection, he concentrates on a few people: Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, the ten disciples and Thomas. But he leaves us in no doubt about the importance of the resurrection.

Mary Magdalene gets most of the attention. She (and some other women, according to the other gospels) got up early. Sometime before dawn she was at the tomb. She may have made some use of the Passover full moon to be at the tomb at the earliest possible moment, but it was still dark when she arrived there. Mark tells us that, while the women were on their way, they realised they would need help to roll the stone away from the entrance.

In the customs of the day, wealthy men had their tombs dug out of rock. In front of the tomb there was a sloping trench in which a flat circular stone was placed. The stone could easily be rolled downhill to cover the entrance, but to open the grave required rolling the stone uphill. This was certainly not an easy task for a small group of women. But once the women were there, they found that the stone had been rolled away and the body of the Lord Jesus was not there.

John gives us very little of this detail. His intention is to tell us about Mary Magdalene. He does not provide us with a scientific or philosophical proof of the resurrection. Instead, he presents us with simple historical facts that leave us in no doubt that the Lord had been raised from the dead.

The absence of the body of the Lord was the cause of much consternation among the women. What had happened to the body? Had it been stolen, or had someone removed it? Mary's consternation may have been increased by her memory that the Lord had cast seven demons out of her. Would she fall prey once more to these satanic beings?

Mary went to the leading disciples to tell them about the disappearance of the Lord's body. Apparently there was contact between the Lord's followers, even if they were keeping a low profile. Mary knew where to find them. When she reached them she did not say that they had taken away the body, but that they had taken away the Lord. She could not bear to think of her Lord as a body.

Peter and John set off to see the tomb for themselves. What were their >10

thoughts? At least they were eager to check the story and possibly to gain an explanation of the way Mary was acting.

They ran together to the tomb. John, possibly younger and fitter, reached the tomb first. But why does he give us this detail? Is there any importance in the fact that he could run faster? Not really. But the natural way in which John writes tells us that we have an eye-witness account. John is saying that he knows what he is talking about; he was there.


John crouched down so he could look through the small opening into the larger area inside the tomb. But he did not enter. Why? We are not told. Peter arrived and acted in his usual impetuous way; he went straight in. John followed and saw that the grave clothes were lying undisturbed; the head covering was at an appropriate distance.

As he thought about what had happened, he believed that the Lord had been raised to life. If someone had stolen the body, the thief would have taken the clothes as well. If the thief had only wanted the body, he would have thrown the grave cloths on the ground. There was only one conclusion: the Lord was alive.

His belief was based on what he had seen; it was experiential. This was because, like the other disciples, John had not understood and believed the Lord's words that He would rise again. He tells us that they did not know what the Scripture had said. He doesn't say

which Scripture, but it is most likely that he meant Psalm 16: "For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption".

The resurrection is a fundamental part of our faith. It is a truth that must be held with conviction. Any doubts will make us unsettled in our Christian lives. However, what did John do once he realised that the Lord had risen? We can imagine him thinking that if the Lord were alive, He would come to them. There was no point in waiting around the empty tomb, so he went home.

How does the resurrection affect us? Do we live in the confident knowledge that the Lord is risen and watches over us day by day? 

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

(1 Peter 1:3 to 6 NIV)

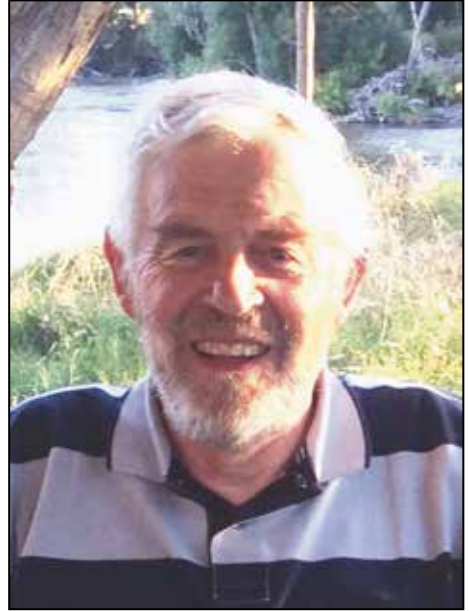
A tribute to a faithful servant of the Lord:-

Peter Mayhew (13/5/1945 to 08/2/2015)

by Sue Mayhew &
Jane Law (nee Mayhew)

Peter became a Christian in July 1965 at Fairfield Gospel Chapel. Six months later in January 1966, he entered Emmaus residential college to start a 2 year course of Bible study. This really served to provide a firm foundation for him in his walk with the Lord. While at Emmaus Peter was involved in mission work in the Green Valley housing commission area with Bob Stephens and John Hills. After graduating from Emmaus he was employed by the NRMA and worked there faithfully for 36 years until his retirement from secular employment.

Following his studies Peter fellow-shipped at North Parramatta Gospel Chapel. During this time he was invited by Alec Morrison to preach at Horsley Park Gospel Chapel on a regular basis and it was there he met his future wife, Sue Kelly, who he married in January 1971. After their marriage, Peter and Sue were invited to either establish a work at Tragear, Mount Druitt, or join the work at Green Valley with full time workers Bob and Ruth Stephens. Peter and Sue felt called to go to Green Valley and join the work begun by Dick and Margret Howell. At that stage there was only a boys and girls rally as well as a Sunday school operating but no worship service. A house was moved to the property adjoining the church and this was designated for Peter and Sue to be able to invest deeply in the work at Green Valley. Peter and Sue worshipped with the believers at Cart-



wright Gospel Chapel for 6 months before a Green Valley worship service began in late 1971, with people such as the Stephens, the Gummersons, the McGechans and others.

Peter's vision was to see the work at Green Valley established and growing and to then move on to another location to begin a new work. God had other plans for Peter, he and Sue remained at Green Valley and in the late 70s he was appointed as an elder in the church. During this time Peter and Sue welcomed three children into the world, Rebecca, Rachel and Justin. For many years Peter took his young family to the Christian Youth Camps >12

at Mount Victoria to lead the studies for teen camps.

In 1983 tragedy struck when their son Justin was killed in a bicycle accident. Although this was a very challenging time for Peter and his family, God was so faithful to the Mayhews and they were able to continue trusting and serving the Lord. In 1984 they were blessed with another child, Jane, who now serves alongside her husband James as a full-time worker with Campus Crusade for Christ Australia.

During the 1980s he joined the CYC men's hiking group with Bruce Crowther and Jeff Saxby and was able to combine his love of bush walking with fellowship, forging strong friendships. He was also on the Emmaus board at this time and served as its chairperson for several years. His influence extended into the community through his roles as the president of the Green Valley Public School and Busby High School Parents and Citizens Associations. In addition to this he led the studies at Easter camps of Waverley Gospel Chapel on the Central Coast for a number of years.

Peter's ministry at Green Valley was mainly one of Bible teacher: preaching on Sundays, teaching older children in Sunday school, running Bible studies with those interested in finding out more about the Bible, and driving the bus for Sunday school and youth group pick ups. Green Valley has never been a large fellowship but many people have passed through its doors and have gone on to serve the Lord in different

locations, a number of whom were with New Tribes Mission. Some of these workers are still supported by Green Valley assembly.

As the area grew, Peter continued to engage with its changing community needs. In recent years he visited a local mosque and commenced visitation with Paul Howell seeking to share Christ with the growing Muslim population.

In 2008 God miraculously spared Peter's life after he suffered a significant tear in his aorta and following this he was able to continue in service at Green Valley. In 2011 Peter and Sue celebrated 40 years of faithful service at Green Valley and during this time God used them to impact the lives of many for God's kingdom.

On February 8th, Peter was promoted to glory following a catastrophic aortic rupture. At Peter's funeral, John McGechan chose the following verse from 1 Thessalonians 1:3 to sum up Peter's life: "We remember before God your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ". Peter was a faithful servant until the end of his life and his legacy will continue in the lives of many.

Rebecca Ware (eldest daughter of Peter and Sue) shared these thoughts at the private cremation:-

"My Father made some good decisions in his life. Apparently, at the age of 10, he was given the choice by ➤

his father – ‘6 weeks family holiday in Europe or we all move to Australia?’ – and he chose Australia. He later became an Australian citizen because he loved Australia. We chose the native flowers for the casket because of that love and because he loved going for walks in the Australian bush.

The decision that had the most impact was his decision to invite the Lord Jesus into his life. That changed the course of his life. He went to Bible College because of that decision and he spent a lifetime studying God’s word. We all remember him rising at 5am every day to do that.

Perhaps the most significant period

for me was the impact Dad and Mum had on me at the time of Justin’s death. I knew they were grieving and devastated – you could tell, living with them. But, what impressed me was that they had the capacity to give to others and that strength came from God. Dad and Mum gave Justin’s bike to the boy whose bike Justin had been riding and which had been destroyed. They went to see the driver of the car to let him know that they did not blame him for what happened. This period had a huge impact on me and meant that I saw what a living, personal faith in Jesus looked like – and that I wanted it too!”



News from some Commended Workers

Doug & Jenny McNaught

31 March

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your prayers, support and fellowship over the last few months. We appreciate everything that you do for us, especially your prayers. We look forward to seeing you again, if it is the Lord’s will.

Jenny continues to work with a few people in the local community. She has been taking people to medical appointments as well as other things. She also prays regularly with the local ladies. On



top of this, she also looks after our grandchildren.

The Rugby Season has started again. By the grace of God, we had a cool and wet day for the first game of the season so the team felt that they were playing a winter sport rather than running in the heat on a hard ground. I have been going to training two nights a week as well as attending games.

If it is the Lord’s will, I plan to attend as many Away games as possible, as well as the Home games. I am still able to pray with the third and fourth grade teams before they start their games. I am also involved with the pastoral care of injured players as well.

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We have had quite a busy two months teaching, and April looks to be quite busy as well, if the Lord tarries. We have been to the lower Blue Mountains, to the Central Coast and around Sydney. Please pray for safety as we travel around. We also enjoyed a couple of weeks at North Parramatta.

Thanks again for your support, prayers and fellowship.

Much love to all.

Geoff & Liz Folland
email 5 April
Easter Prayer Letter

Hi, It's been a few weeks since I've pecked out a note on my phone. Since O-Week we've been busy following up new students. At Sydney Uni we have about two dozen students in small groups and about a dozen doing Christianity Explained courses. I met Ed a couple of weeks ago doing a quiz after a weekly meeting. After a couple of aborted meetings, we finally met up in the cafeteria & I shared the gospel with him. He shared the issues he had & we talked about meeting up again after the break to begin CE.

Last Thursday the combined Christian groups at Macquarie Uni hosted a special Easter event featuring Dr John Dickson. A couple of weeks ago I visited Newcastle Uni at their Thursday evening gathering.

Next weekend I am speaking at our "New Life" Connexions conference on the Great Commission - three talks titled "The Greatest Person", "The Greatest Challenge" and "The Greatest Promise".

In addition, we've faced major challenges at home. Some of these have led us

to changing Philip's school only a month into the new year.

So, we appreciate your grace as we've been delayed in sending out our prayer letter.

Please follow the link below...

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/bextbq88xuunq0i/april%202015%20prayer%20letter%20aus%20pdf.pdf?dl=0>

email 15 April
Connexions 2015 Update

G'day,

Easter is a special time remembering and celebrating Jesus as the one who turns the darkest moment in history into the brilliant moment that brings new life and new hope.

Last weekend Katrise & I were involved in Student Life NSW's annual Connexions conference at Camp Toukley. I (Geoff) gave three talks on the Great Commission tracing through Matthew's gospel the themes of the authority of Jesus, what He meant by "make disciples" and His promise to be with us always. Three talks on 3 verses seems like a lot but as I prepared I realised that there is even more that could be brought out. We also had a great time of prayer on Saturday night for the nations and our campuses.

Being so heavily involved over the weekend made objective assessment impossible, so I was really keen to hear the stories from the students on Monday and Tuesday.

At Bible study on Monday, 'S' was bubbling with excitement. A few ➤

weeks ago she & a friend began doing *Christianity Explained with Maicy*. At the conference a Chinese international student started asking 'S' some questions and she found she'd learnt enough to be able to answer the questions about the gospel & prayed with her. In the group she said, "Two months ago I didn't know any of this & now I'm able to help someone else!" Making disciples is simply about being one step ahead!

Another student is a mature Christian & has been trying to help lead on campus but came to her first Student Life conference. She did the "Building Movements" training with me. In group on Monday she said, "I've been to so many Christian camps that I didn't think I'd learn anything really new, but I found the training really equipped me to lead better on campus".

Since Monday, Liz & I have been hosting some of those involved in Student Life's Frontline training for new missionaries. Several times a year they gather all the new missionaries from around the country to visit & observe how ministry is done on different campuses. It's been encouraging to hear how the weekend conferences went in Queensland & Victoria as well.

With the start of second term we are working to consolidate the relationships formed during first term. We have about a dozen students meeting regularly to do *Christianity Explained*. Please pray that God would draw these students into a relationship with Himself.

In His love & grace,
Geoff & Liz.

George & Rita Galieh April 2015



Dear Friends,

So much has happened this year after a month of ministry in Thailand and an attempt to return to a somewhat normal routine. At the end of last year Rita had some health issues and, due to her concerned specialist, she was able to enter a public hospital after only two months wait. She is slowly recovering due to several of our Church ladies preparing good meals to help with her recuperation. (The Galieh menfolk helped in many ways, but CANNOT be described as good cooks!)

Thankfully, we only had to postpone a couple of bookings at the beginning of this year. However, VISION VICTORIA have requested our Vantage Point radio program to be broadcast for five days a week on eight of their stations, plus our usual one per week on other stations, Australia-wide. This means extra time spent in research, scripting and recording.

Due to John Hills as program manager, and Shaun Bolas as website designer/manager, you can now download the programs to hear them on our website:-

www.communicationradio.com

Sincerely in Christ,
George & Rita.

Women's 'Coffee & Dessert Nights'

by Mandy Jurave
on behalf of the NSW WMC Committee

What's the best thing about attending a Women's Coffee and Dessert Night?

The luscious desserts? The delicious non-instant coffee? The exotic range of teas?

Is it the opportunity to hear first-hand from women serving in cross-cultural mission and meet in person those for whom we have been praying?

Or is it the setting, more intimate than a mission convention and less formal than a church service, which gives our missionary speakers the opportunity to open their hearts and lives to us?

The NSW Women's Mission Convention organizes Women's Coffee and Dessert Nights to give recently returned missionaries, and those on home leave, the opportunity to share of their ministry with women across our churches in the greater Sydney area. Two Coffee and Dessert Nights were held during March 2015, on Monday 9th March at West Pennant Hills Community Church and on Tuesday 10th March at President Avenue Community Church. The speakers on both nights were Janet Mitchell and Gerrah Kulikovsy.

Janet shared about the holistic ministry she and her family have on the remote Papua New Guinea island of New Hanover (Vutelingasang). Despite having very little medical training or experience, Janet operates the only clinic in the tribal area, helping the local people with everything from sores and stitches to malaria and

pregnancy. Along with her husband Jon, they have also developed an adult literacy program. The aims of both these aspects of their ministry are to provide a foundation for teaching God's plan of salvation and planting churches in the unreached Mete Kavi people group. Janet touched us all as she shared openly about the challenges of living as a family of four with teenage daughters, Jacinta and Josie, in such an isolated location, reminding us that missionary Mums face the same struggles we do, often on an amplified scale, and need our constant prayers and support.

Gerrah, and her husband Paul, have ministered for many years in the Philippines, most recently in Guiuan, which was hit hard by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. Gerrah shared her experience of going through the typhoon and shared photographs of the extensive damage it caused. It was heartbreaking to see so much of the work they had built over the years de- ➤



*Our speakers, Janet Mitchell (left) and Gerrah Kulikovsy (right)
(Photo courtesy Juliette Hackett)*

stroyed but so encouraging to hear of how churches from around the world have supported them in the rebuilding. Gerrah and Paul are now based for a time in Adelaide where their children, Thalia, Sheena and Ivan, are studying and working, but their hearts are clearly still in Guiuan. Paul recently took a seven week trip to supervise the ongoing work of rebuilding and also to meet with and encourage the local church and young leaders. Despite the physical damage caused by

the typhoon, the spiritual work is still going strong.

Offerings were taken both nights as gifts of support for our speakers. It was also touching to be able to pray for them personally after they shared and to know that their hearts had been encouraged. How important it is to not only be faithful in prayer for our sisters, but to hear their struggles and to let them know that we are praying for them. And that's the best thing about a Women's Coffee and Dessert Night.



Ladies at the West Pennant Hills Community Church (Photo courtesy Noel Arnold)



Desserts at the West Pennant Hills Community Church (Photo courtesy Noel Arnold)



Ladies at the President Avenue Community Church (Photo courtesy Jackie Sardar)



Desserts at the President Avenue Community Church (Photo courtesy Jackie Sardar) □



marriage enrichment retreats

dates June 12-14 & June 19-21
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speaker Dr Cliff and Marion Powell

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Married...and Loving It! is a marriage enrichment weekend that will provide participants the opportunity to look over their marriage in a supportive and relaxing environment, with a view to strengthening dimensions that need extra attention. The sessions will be sensitive and non-threatening, bringing together a clear Biblical framework for optimal marriage and the best of current understandings from psychology and counselling. Couples will be provided with ways of assessing dimensions of their current relationship and introduced to skills to enhance communication and build deeper intimacy. As part of the program there will be time for couples to talk things through with one another, and to look

at applying the course content to their relationship.

Course leaders are Dr Cliff and Marion Powell. Cliff is a clinical psychologist and marriage counselor who has been in private practice in Sydney for over thirty years, currently at **themindspace** Psychology and Education at Mona Vale. Marion has managed the practice fulltime and part time. Married for 45 years, Cliff and Marion have three adult children and eight grandchildren. Over the years they have conducted marriage enrichment seminars throughout NSW and interstate. They worship at Pittwater Uniting Church on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. □

Choose the right Friends

'Friends sharpen the minds of each other.'
Proverbs 27:17 CEV

from "Word for Today" (UCB)
November 2014

Author Charlie 'Tremendous' Jones said, 'You're the same today as you'll be in five years...except for the people with whom you associate and the books you read.' When it comes to choosing friends, Dr Charles Townsend says look for:

(1) People who influence you to be the person God intended. 'As iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds of each other.' (Proverbs 27:17 CEV) Relationships are the tools God uses to do this. When you're with somebody, ask yourself, 'Do I like who I am when I'm around this person? Am I more open, loving and honest? Or do I not like what I see in myself?' Choose people who make you a better person.

(2) People who provide grace for the energy drain. When you're empty you need to be refuelled physically, spiritually and relationally. So surround yourself with friends who will listen, encourage and be there for you.

(3) People who let you be real. 'A friend loves at all times.' (Proverbs 17:17 NKJV) The best relationships are those where you know you're loved, you're free to be yourself, you don't have to put on an act and you can be honest about the difficult aspects of life. There's comfort and normality in friendships where you can be authentic.

(4) People who help you grow in faith. You need friends who encourage you to pray, read the Bible

and help you to see the 'big picture' concerning what's important in your life. Ephesians 4:16 NCV talks about operating as a body: 'All the parts of the body are joined and held together. Each part does its own work to help the whole body grow and be strong with love.' Don't try to do it alone. Reach out to friends who'll reach back.

'Two people are better off than one.'
Ecclesiastes 4:9 NLT

Take the initiative. Don't wait to be introduced. Say 'hello' and get the other person's name. If you're naturally shy, it can be hard taking the first step. But the chances are that the other person feels the same, and when you start talking you'll find things in common.


Take a risk. If you like somebody, go a little deeper and mention a small struggle, fear or disappointment you've experienced. It's called 'manageable risk' and it lets you gauge how the other person responds. If they're caring and identify with what you're saying, that's a good sign. If they shut down, try to fix you, or respond critically, it may be time to move on. But if everything else works out, exchange phone numbers and invite the other person for coffee or lunch.

Then go for a second meeting and give it a little time; that way you'll know if it's a friendship worth developing. Find out where people go to >20

spend time. There are lots of places to get to know new people—like church, the gym, school, a play-group or volunteer service. Be willing to leave your comfort zone and try new situations. Remember that God uses all kinds of friendships to fulfil His purpose. Jesus chose Judas as a friend and that relationship accomplished the purposes of God.


Even the least affirming of your friends, the people who hurt and

betray you, play their part in bringing God's ultimate blessing into your life. Ask God for a friend, then go out and make one!

From 'The Word for Today,' devotionals published by *UCB Australia*. Free introductory issues of this devotional may be obtained from *UCB Australia* by phoning 1800 007 770. 

Half a Page full of Mistakes

Some bloopers from Church Bulletins and Announcements

1. The Sunday School Teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" No sir," little Johnny replied, "I don't have to. My Mum is a good cook."
2. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
4. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
6. Last Sunday evening Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
7. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
8. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
9. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
10. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth into Joy."
11. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days. 

When a person has money in the bank he has a right to withdraw that money at any time. Of course, there are always restrictions as to when and how the money can be taken but the owner of the money doesn't have to go and beg or try and cajole the teller or even the ATM to give the money. In fact, if you take money from the ATM you would be considered to be slightly eccentric to thank the machine for dispensing your money.

The Helper

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." (John 14: 26 (ESV))

John 14-16 has been called the Upper Room discourse by some people and refers to the Lord's final lessons with His disciples before He went to the cross. It is important to note that the Lord didn't begin this teaching until Judas left to meet with the people who had promised him money. There are some things in our Christian lives that are not for general application but require belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. After a person believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us (1 Cor 3: 16)

Peace

John 14:25-27 begins with the Lord telling His disciples not to let their hearts be troubled. The first time that we read about someone being troubled was in Gen 34:30. A person who is troubled has lost their peace. There is no doubt that the disciples lost their

peace during the time that the Lord was taken away and crucified and they regained it after He had risen from the grave and spoken to them.

The entire Upper Room discourse was given to teach the Lord's disciples how to have peace after He left them. They faced difficult times ahead but the Lord knew that it was essential for them to overcome during this period if they were going to continue with the work that He started.

At that stage, the Lord Jesus Christ explained to them that He is the way, the truth and the life. They could find everything they ever needed in Him for He is the only true way for any person to be reconciled with God. If any person believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, he will be able to follow in the Lord's footsteps and continue in that great work.

The Lord Jesus Christ also promised that we could ask the Father in His Name and He would hear and answer. However, if any person wants to demonstrate their love for the Lord Jesus Christ he just needs to obey the Lord's commandments.

The Lord doesn't call someone and then leave him/her without the resources to survive in that situation. (1 Thes 5:24)

The Lord Jesus Christ didn't just leave His disciples with no resources when He went back to heaven. Not long after He left them, He sent another Comforter to be with them forever. The Comforter was to abide with them forever. In the next chapter the Lord >22

Jesus Christ talked about abiding in the True Vine. They would abide in the True Vine and the True Vine would abide with them forever. The world cannot receive the Comforter but the Disciples, and all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, will have an organic, spiritual relationship with this Comforter.

Comforter

The next question we need to ask is, "What does Comforter mean?" When Lamech, Methuselah's son had his own son he called him "Noah" and he said, "*This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our*

hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed." (Gen 5:29)

When Noah was born his father knew that he was a special man with an important role in

giving rest from the curse that followed Adam's sin. By Noah's day, sin had covered the earth like the Flood would soon do. However, Noah was able to, through obeying the Lord, save the world from sin. "Comfort" deals with overcoming sin by faith in the Lord.

Much later in history, when David was king of Israel, the king of Ammon died and David sent ambassadors to the new king, Hanun. His counsellors created mischief by saying, "*Do you think, because David has sent comforters to you, that he is honouring your father? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?*" (1 Chron 19:3 (ESV)) A comforter is

someone who comes to give support and relief after someone has died. (see also, Gen 24:67)

Another

The Lord Jesus Christ didn't just send a Comforter, He sent another Comforter. There are two types of "another": there is another of the same kind and another of a different kind. This Comforter is a Comforter of the same kind. Previously, the Lord Jesus Christ had comforted His disciples and was able to give His disciples rest while they travelled with Him in Israel and the surrounding regions.

However, the Lord Jesus Christ

was going to Calvary where He would die and then return to heaven. He knew that they would need to be comforted and so He offered them another

‘ *He knew that they would need to be comforted...* ’

Person, just like Him, Who would be able to give them rest from the torments of a sinful world after He went away. They would not be comfortless at any time. The Saviour told His disciples about the Comforter while He was still with them so that they would have the security of relying on His personal promise.

The Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, would teach them everything they needed to know and help them to remember everything that He had told them. For three years, He had taught them so that they would be prepared to go and carry on His task of bringing the ➤

kingdom of heaven to the whole world.

Perhaps we should pause here and consider what “the world” means. In 1 Sam 2:8, Hannah distinguished between the world and the earth. We know that God created the heavens and the earth but we also know that God loved the world. The “world” refers to the people. The Lord Jesus Christ came to offer the people of the world relief from the curse of sin. The Comforter, who is like the Lord Jesus Christ offers the world relief from the curse of sin as well.

The world is unable to give the peace that comes from this relief but the Lord Jesus Christ has, and we can find peace when we believe in Him. The Lord Jesus Christ had other teaching on the Comforter, Who is just like Him. However, we will just consider the first activity that the Lord Jesus Christ spoke about, that is “teaching all things and bringing everything to your remembrance”.

Be Proactive

The Lord Jesus Christ “knew all things” even before the beginning. He knew that He would suffer, bleed and die to deliver the world from sin before he began to create the heavens and earth. He also knew that He would rise from the grave and come to His disciples before He went back to heaven and would send the Comforter from the Father (John 15: 26). He also

knew that the Comforter would not come until He had gone back to the Father (John 16:7). However, He took the time to give His disciples as much comfort as He possibly could before He went to the cross. We know that He is the same today as He was then.

Ten days after the Lord Jesus Christ went back to heaven, the Comforter came just as the Saviour promised, and the work started by the Lord Jesus Christ in the world, continued with power and authority. As time went by, the faith that the Lord began at Calvary was heard about throughout

the whole world (Rom 1:8) and came to the whole world (Col 1:6).

As the kingdom of heaven came to more and more people the original disciples died and the gospel was

written down, inspired by God (2 Tim 3: 16). Believers were also given other teaching to help them continue the great work of bringing the kingdom of heaven to the whole world in every generation until all the mansions in heaven are full.

Faithful

One of the things that we are told to do is “be filled with the Spirit” (Eph 5: 18). The Holy Spirit is fundamental to the individual Christian and to the life of the church. The Lord Jesus Christ made this clear in the Upper Room Discourse but what does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? This is a command in the Scripture that is >24

• *We are told 'be filled with the Spirit...'* •

“breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim 3:16–17 (ESV))

If *“He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”* (1 Thes 5:24 (ESV)) then this is like money in the bank and we can draw on this resource at all times.

Firstly we should consider what it means to be filled. On the fifth day of creation, the Lord said to the living creatures in the water and the air, *“Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.”* (Gen 1: 22) They were to take advantage of the full resource that the Lord had made available to them. Later we discover *“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.”*

(Genesis 6:11) While there were some who were godly, there was no part of the earth where the evidence of violence could not be seen.

If we are to be filled with the Spirit then there should be no part of our lives where the evidence of the Spirit cannot be seen.

But, how can this happen? The Lord said, *“If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”* (John 14:14). We can pray and ask the Lord and He will certainly fill us with the Spirit. However, we are given a command to be filled with Spirit so is it appropriate to ask for something that we are commanded to do anyway?

Another Way

There is another way to satisfy this commandment if we want to be proactive. The Lord said to Joshua, *“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”* (Josh 1:8–9)

We are also told, *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* (Phil 4:6–7)

If we want to be proactive and be filled with the Spirit, then we can take advantage of His role as *“bringing all things to your remembrance”* and meditate on the Lord Jesus Christ – both day and night. □

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Please submit any news-items, letters, adverts or short articles for the June 2015 magazine on, or before, 10th May.

Please pray for Lutanda outreach camp in April

Please pray for the spread of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Lutanda outreach camp this April.

Lutanda exists to preach the Gospel in word and deed to poor and disadvantaged children.

Lutanda and Inspiring Hope will be running the M2MAD outreach camp at Toukley to 'out-of-home-care' (DOCS) kids. On 13th April about eighty (80) 'in care' kids will be going to Camp Toukley for a week of fun, food and adventure!

Our theme for this camp is M2MAD (Made to make a Difference) and our heart beat is for these kids to leave Camp Toukley knowing that they truly are made to make a difference and they are loved by their Heavenly Father.

Please pray for soft hearts in the kids to listen to the Word, for conversions and also that we can connect those

kids with a church via their Carers. Please keep these campers and the 30 or so leaders, led by co-directors Sharni Wood and Mathansen, in your prayers. M2MAD runs from the 13th to 17th of April at Camp Toukley. Pray that they will have strength to get through the week, and that it will be a safe week for all involved.

This camp may be over before you read this but please keep praying for the children in the weeks and months ahead.

Also praise God for the new Teen Girls program that is taking the gospel into public schools via a community engagement program.

For more events at Lutanda — view their website:-

www.lutanda.org.au/lutanda-camps/event-list/



The Next Generation Council

Extracts from an email (17 March) from Sean Nolan circulated to all CCCAust churches.

As I'm sure you are aware, we have seen some wonderful things happening in the young people of CCCAust (NSW) over the last few years. We saw a physical manifestation of this at VITAL Conference in January and even at the 'Build' Men's Conference.

As a result of this, we have been working towards gathering together a coordinated group of young leaders from within our movement – the 'Next Gen Council'.

We would also like to see this group produce a smaller number of leaders (we have 30 in the current group) who would be trained up to be the future

key leaders and chairperson's of our movement.

In the future the content of these meetings will be emailed around to the younger leaders, but I felt it was good to send through an update to all the Elders etc.

The 'Next Gen Council' is open and would love to have a representative from each of the churches in our movement in NSW.

Blessings, Sean.

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Stop trying to 2nd guess God.

'Nor are your ways My ways.' Isaiah 55:8 NKJV

Are you doing what you believe to be God's will, yet things aren't working out like you expected?


God has a different perspective—a better one. It's OK to question Him, but not to doubt and second-guess Him.

In His Word He says, *'My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways.'* When God told Moses he was going to deliver the Israelites from Egypt, Moses was all for it. But things didn't go the way he anticipated because Pharaoh made their lives harder for a while. So instead of becoming a hero, Moses lived through a season of being criticised and misunderstood.

Later, when some other things didn't turn out as Moses expected, he got discouraged and complained along these lines: *'Lord, I did what You told me*

to do. How come I'm not getting the results I prayed for?' (Exodus 5:22)

Moses didn't understand the results of his obedience, because God didn't tell him exactly how things would turn out.

Usually our frustrations have little to do with what God does or doesn't do, and everything to do with our mistaken ideas about what we think He should do. When you assume, or try to analyse God, you always end up frustrated. Jesus told His disciples, *'You don't really know what I am doing, but later you will understand.'* (John 13:7 CEV) It's only in looking back that you see how the Lord has led you. He is the best at what He does and His track record proves it. So trust God and stop trying to second-guess Him. 

High School SRE goes Hi-Tech in Hay, NSW.

by Peter and Lee Casperonn

Several months ago, the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia (BCA), in conjunction with Generate Ministries, appointed two field staff to work with local churches to implement Special Religious Education classes in more NSW secondary schools. At their request, the NSW Department of Education has now approved a pilot program to deliver SRE by distance education into some Central Schools and small high schools.

Hay High School has been selected as part of the pilot group, and the Principal is very supportive.

Cheryl Hallinan is the BCA person

organising this for Hay and she is hoping that Year 7 and 8 can have one SRE lesson per week from the start of 2016.

The idea is for the SRE teacher to deliver the lesson over the Internet. She will see and hear the class and the class will see and hear her and the material she presents. Small schools are already used to this method for other lessons. The plan also requires a local Christian volunteer to be in the classroom during the lesson.

BCA asks for your prayers for the implementation and continuation of this whole process, because they are ➤

very excited by the development which will provide continued Christian education for the children in Hay Public School when they leave to attend the High School.

Please also thank God for the leadership of the Rev Wayne Sheean from Deniliquin, the visiting Priest in Charge, as he and Bishop Rob Gillion explore options for ongoing oversight of the parish. Pray for the Rev Sheean, who has just been diagnosed with diabetes, for wisdom regarding his work load.

An after-school programme on Tuesday afternoons was commenced about a year ago for children in Years 3 to 6. There is an average attendance of 15 exuberant children, who are mostly from unchurched families. This is hard work and we know that unless some more leaders come forward, this programme may not be able to continue next year.

We have just scratched the surface of ministry to children in Hay. There is a great need for more workers – Christian people of all ages to minister alongside the children, youth, young families, seniors, and the list goes on.

In the September school holidays last year an enthusiastic team from Engadine Anglican church travelled to Hay to conduct a week of activities – Kids Club, Coffee and Chat time during Kids Club, Youth Café, Ladies' afternoon tea and a community BBQ. There was an amazing response from the people of Hay to all these activities, praise the Lord!

But, the big 'but' - how do we follow up with just the two of us and one or two helpers from the Baptist church?

If you are thinking of a 'tree change', or wondering how you will spend your retirement, please consider service in a small church in a rural or remote area of this great land of ours. With God's help and the support of the BCA prayers, you can be part of His work planting, watering and/or harvesting.

It hasn't been easy for us, perhaps we moved to Hay with unrealistic expectations, and we have had much to learn. As many in ministry can tell you, it can be lonely, with many frustrations, hurts and disappointments. We regularly need to ask God for grace, humility and patience – and we certainly aren't perfect yet in these matters, but we know that this is where the Lord has placed us and we have His peace.

If you wish to learn more about BCA and its work all over Australia, please visit its comprehensive website:-

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Here are some more things on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer.

Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot links' in the PDF version of this magazine. They are also listed on the NSW Christian Brethren website at:-

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

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Have you heard of the faithHighway (sic) website? It's for an on-line company in USA which wants to help churches to have better websites. They started mailing me about a year ago, when I registered a website name.

They send me an email every 2 to 3 weeks with catchy Subject titles like:

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Be the Light of the World Online.

If you visit their website this week you will read things like:-

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"85% of Guests Visit Your website Before Attending your church for the first time. So, most often, your pastoring begins online first..."

I mention all this not because I want to give a plug to this particular company, but because the facts they mention may be a 'wake-up' call for those with an old website or those planning one for the first time.

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Most readers of this column probably know that the Christian newspaper *New Life* went fully online and free, about 2 years ago. You can receive it every two weeks via email or for downloading from the website:

www.nlife.com.au

And, to help you keep up-to-the-minute (well, up-to-the-day, actually) you can go to its Home Page for a daily news update!

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FREE ONLINE EASY-TO-READ BIBLE IS NOW COMPLETE

An easy-to-read version of the Bible, which uses a vocabulary of just 1,200 words, has now been completed. The culmination of 20 years' work, the Bible and its associated commentaries are freely available online!

The project began in the early 1990's at the request of an overseas mission worker wanting Bible commentaries, which most people with rudimentary English in her region could read. The result is the EasyEnglish Bible and commentaries, which has been compiled by a team of volunteers, all members of MissionAssist.

Formerly known as Wycliffe Associates UK, MissionAssist helps overseas Christian mission workers advance the Gospel and make Scripture accessible wherever they are in the world. Working in their own homes, its volunteers provide many practical, academic, and administrative services, at no cost to the mission worker.

To compile the new Bible and commentaries, it was realised that a new subset of English, which follows forms of grammar to help express complex ideas in simpler words and sentences, was needed. The rules followed included the use of one topic per paragraph, no passive verbs, split infinitives, idioms, rhetorical questions, or ambiguous pronouns. "A trial with Psalm 100 proved a success, so the work was extended, not just to the rest of Psalms but to the whole Bible," recalls John Williams, who has worked

on the project from the beginning.

"A team of translators, writers, and linguistic & theological checkers was recruited and, as each book and commentary was completed, it was put online at:

www.easyenglish.info

The website is now getting more than five (5) million visits a year and still includes that first psalm we translated!' he adds. □

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"I make it a rule of my Christian duty never to go to a place where there is not room for my Master as well as myself."

— John Newton

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Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook NSW

Elouera Gardens comprises 75 independent living units with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units, surrounded by pleasant gardens. It offers a wide variety of styles and sizes of units and a supportive Christian community.

Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre, Cherrybrook NSW

Set in well established gardens, and with an enviable reputation for delivering a high standard of care, the 120 bed Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre provides high and low level care and special support for people living with dementia.

Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village, Glenhaven, NSW

Glenhaven Gardens offers modern and spacious 2 and 3 bedroom villas. The village comprises 24 air-conditioned and private units, with either a garage or carport. All units are wheelchair accessible for those who need a little extra room to help with their mobility.

Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW

Carinya House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care support in a setting where residents enjoy the tranquil bushland setting and partake in a very full and stimulating recreational program. It includes a secure dementia support area and also offers ageing-in-place.

Lynden Grove Retirement Village, Cardiff Heights, NSW

Lynden Grove has 44 modern 2 and 3 bedroom villas. It has a semi-rural outlook with picturesque Mount Sugarloaf as a back drop. It is in a pleasant and quiet bushland setting, yet close to local shopping centres.

Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

Set on a ridge with panoramic views to the mountains, Groves House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care, dementia care and ageing-in-place to the people of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the surrounding districts.

For more information about any of our services please don't hesitate to call our Client Services Team on 02 9842 4111.