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Tom & Karolina Meredith & family



**left to right: Mark, Tom Jr, Tom, Karolina, Arthur & Steve
in the front: Faith**

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First Glance

by Colin Winrow

Dear Readers,

This edition is another 'mixed bag' – from an account of new babes in Christ to memories of a dearly loved saint now with the Lord, and from current assembly activities to accounts of some from over 50 years ago.

We trust you will find much of interest here and we pray it can all be used to God's glory in some way.

It's been a considerable time since we had "Letters to the Editor" but suddenly we have three – any of which may stir some readers to write a response, or to choose a new topic.

Please be sure to scan the 'Out & About in NSW' section for new information and coming events – like the Thanksgiving Service to be held on Saturday, 2nd September, at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook.

We have several new contributors, one of whom – Alex Worley (Mascot Christian Fellowship) – has offered to help people from other Assemblies who would like to share information and anecdotes about the activities of their commended Home Workers. You can call him on (02) 9597 4645 to discuss any ideas.

As we share 'feel good' stories about what is happening in our NSW Assemblies, they stand in stark contrast at times to what is going on around us in the world as a whole.

Things like the growing conflict in the Middle East; the constant threat of international terrorism and its impact on travel plans; and natural disasters

like earthquakes, erupting volcanoes, and hurricanes. Is there more of this happening these days, or is reporting of disasters just better?

Plus, Christian news sources have reports that Apostasy in many forms is on the rise in the western world.

To my mind these things indicate that the return of our Lord is near and we must be diligent and urgent in our preaching, teaching and nurturing. We have a tremendous responsibility to teach Biblical truth and, moreover, to teach people to be discerning, because error and division can so easily enter into our assemblies – cf. what happened in the New Testament churches. □

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

The last Coordinating Conference was held at Burwood Gospel Chapel on 3rd August. It had a very full agenda and some items had to be held over until the next meeting on 2nd November. Minutes will be distributed soon.

Dr Len Smith gave an overview of the results of the Survey of NSW Assemblies conducted in April/May. The Final Report was tabled and copies will be mailed out to all Assemblies soon. He noted that of the 67 surveys mailed out, 48 had been returned (72%), which is considered a good response. These responses revealed that these assemblies had a total of 605 children, 394 youth and 2176 adults.

The chairman, Ross Bunyon, gave a brief report on the recent Brethren Conference in Victoria, to which 15 folk from NSW went and 20 from Queensland. As a result of discussions, a National Steering Committee was formed and this plans to meet quarterly for 12 months. The first meeting is to be on Friday, 1st September, just before the SIU Conference starts in NSW.

One aim is to plan for a National Christian Brethren Conference in two years, and another is to develop a National web site.

Sonny Ng gave a GLO Ministries report, and Charles Williams gave the 2005 annual report of the Assemblies Evangelistic Mission.

Geoff Folland, who is the Christian Brethren chaplain at Macquarie

University and also the Student Life Campus Coordinator (Macquarie University) and the Student Life Sydney Area Coordinator, spoke about effective evangelism on the university campus.

(Some may not have heard that Geoff & Liz got news at the end of June that they have been allocated a little girl to adopt from the Philippines. Her name is Katrise and she was born on 1st July 2005. They are of course thrilled – read more in their letter on page 25, where there is a photo of Katrise.)

Tim McLaughlin gave some more information about the coming SIU Conference and urged all assemblies to register soon the names of those who will be attending.

Bruce Buckley presented a one-page report about issues affecting marriage celebrants; noting how important this role is in today's society. It was agreed a small sub-committee would meet to pursue his suggestions further.

Brad Scott would like to hear from anyone planning to go to the International Conference to be held in Germany in 2007 (see Events List on page 5).

Geoff Folland, who replaces Graham Hayden as our representative on the United Evangelistic Council of NSW, mentioned there was talk of a possible Sydney Crusade in 2009. There is also concern about the huge World Youth Day which Catholics are holding in Sydney in 2008.



Meetings & Events

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

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

2006:

- 1-2 Sept 4th Strength in Unity Conference; at CYC River Park, Yarramundi.
- 2 Sept Annual Thanksgiving Service at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook; 2 p.m.
- 8 Sept Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 16 Sept Missionary Convention at Blacktown – Faith Community Church. 4pm to 7pm phone: 9676 1499.
- 13 Oct Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 2 Nov Coordinating Conference at Burwood GC, 7.30 p.m.
- 10 Nov Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 11 Nov Outreach Book Stall and Ladies Auxiliary Cake Stall will both be selling from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the

Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village.

- 24 Nov Emmaus Semester 2 ends.
- 3 Dec Emmaus Celebration Service.
- 8 Dec Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.

2007:

- 25-30 June The 4th International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM4) in Wiedenest, Germany. See NSW Brethren web site.
- 4-6 July CRE-2007 Sydney Showground, Olympic Park.
- 19-21 Oct Lutanda's 77th year Reunion and Celebration at Camp Toukley.

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

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AWAKE TO ISRAEL

History

Current Events

Prophecy

Meetings are held monthly, February to November,
2nd Saturday, 2.30pm at Epping Gospel Chapel
cnr Carlingford Road and Duntroon Ave, Epping.

The Purpose is to: Study the Scriptures under the leadership of competent Bible teachers; Communicate with workers in Israel, particularly Brethren assemblies to encourage and uphold them in prayer; Review current events; and Pray for the "Peace of Jerusalem" – recognising the promise "... they that love thee will prosper".

All are welcome and are encouraged to come and together search the Scriptures. For further information phone (02) 9869 7164.



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A Christian married couple, on the Aged Pension, seek a nice single storey three bedroom house to rent for several years in the **near Hornsby area**, starting as soon as possible. Would prefer built-in wardrobes, carpeted floors and two toilets. Also needed is a carport or garage plus the equivalent in lockable storage space. Please contact the Editor on:-

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Meet Tom and Karolina Meredith

Greetings and Talofa lava. My name is Tom Meredith, I was born in 1957 and grew up in Samoa.

In Samoa, everybody goes to church, everybody knows something about God, and everybody is a “christian”. You will be looked at as a bad person if you don’t go to church on Sunday. My family are Catholics and I was taught that it is a sin missing mass on Sunday. So I cannot recall missing a church service on Sunday until I went to boarding school when I was fifteen years old. There I heard the Gospel preached, the preacher was explaining that Christianity is a relationship with God, going to church is a good thing but doesn’t make you a Christian, he was giving an example: “sleeping in a garage doesn’t make you a car. You have to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus.” I knew then that I was not a Christian because I did not have a relationship with the Lord, even though I went to church every Sunday.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour when I was in College in 1974 through a Youth For Christ Easter Camp, the same YFC Easter Camp where in the following year I met the woman who became my wife seven years later.

Karolina and I were both very active with the ministry of YFC in leading Bible Studies, and Rallies in the city and villages and schools throughout the country. I had a job with the Ministry of Agriculture and was



1982: Our home in the village in Samoa after we got married.

privileged to be sent away overseas for training and conferences by the Government.

Karolina is a certified school teacher and she taught at a Primary School in the city of Apia. We got married in 1982 and two days later we went for our honeymoon to the Tokelau Islands which was 3 nights by boat. It wasn’t a honeymoon, it was an outreach trip!

The boat (Cenpac Rounder) that took us to the Islands was supposed to pick us up one week later. Instead



2006: Youths doing an action song at our Sunday Service

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it went on the reef at Tuvalu Island, and we ended up staying in Tokelau for three weeks, until a Sea Plane from New Zealand came to pick us up. During this time we covered the whole island with the Gospel. We saw people make commitment for the first time, and people renewing their faith in the Lord. It was amazing. We prayed for the sick and they got healed. We encouraged the church ministers and their families. It was so amazing the way God used us, and caused the boat to go on the reef at another Island to make us stay for that extra two weeks to do His work. We can look back at our time with Youth For Christ and say that God was moulding and preparing us for His work in the future.

Our two older boys were born in Samoa, Mark and Sitiveni (Steve), they were 6 years and 3 years when we left Samoa for New Zealand in 1989. We arrived at Auckland airport and were met by Pastor Ene Sagala who had just started a Samoan Open Brethren Assembly in South Auckland two Sundays before. Mr Ene Sagala was a teacher at the College in Samoa where I became a Christian. We felt that the Lord had lead us to this newly born assembly, and during our eight years in the assembly I was an elder and secretary for the assembly until we left in 1997. Two more boys were born in New Zealand, Arthur and Tom Junior.

We felt the call of God to come to Sydney, Australia. We arrived in Sydney in 1997 to work and help the Lord's work in Australia among



Baptism Service

the Samoan people. The Samoan Assembly was started at Parramatta Gospel Chapel and then moved to the Mt Druitt area where many of our Pacific Islands people are congregated. We are now meeting at Whalan Community Centre for our Sunday morning and Wednesday night meetings, and Tregear Public School for our Youth Service on Sunday evening. As a Church we are constantly working to fulfil our emphasis on three Es:- Exalt God, Equip the saints to Evangelise.

I work full-time and the Church is supporting us. As Pastor of the Church I felt the need to spend some time to be better equipped and I studied part time at Emmaus Bible College and



Some of the congregation at a Sunday morning service.

graduated with an Advanced Diploma in Theology, from Sydney College of Divinity. I feel it is important to keep studying and learning, but I am giving it a rest this year and next year I will continue for my Bachelor in Theology.

Karolina has a part-time job in the hospitality industry in the city, and this greatly helps supplement our family financial needs. She is also very busy with the Church Ladies ministries and the Sunday School of 60 children.

Our two older sons Mark and Steve play professional rugby league football. Mark is now playing in the Queensland Cup Competition for East Tigers, and Steve is playing for Sydney Roosters. Steve is injured and out for this season but recovering well from both knee reconstructions.

Arthur, aged 15, and Tom Jr. aged

13, are both doing well at school and are enjoying local sports. Arthur was selected for the Parramatta Eels Development Squad Under 16s.

We had another addition to our family in June 2000. Our daughter Faith was born, she is now 6 years old and enjoys going to school. She likes her Sunday School class, and she loves singing.

All our children love the Lord and they are very supportive of the Lord's work. Steve is the Youth Leader and he is doing a good job with the young people of the church. Steve is also involved in a leadership role in Bible Study groups that involve elite footy players. As I write this article three NRL players surrendered their lives to the Lord at last week's Bible Studies, also called "HOUR OF POWER". One is from the Penrith Panthers and two

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The Sunday School



from the Sydney Roosters. Arthur and Tom Jr are active in the church worship team playing instruments.

We praise the Lord for the growth of the church both in numbers and in faith, we have 42 adults, 16 teenagers, 33 under-thirteens. Two other new assemblies have been established, one in Melbourne, by a family from our assembly and former students of Emmaus Bible College, and the other in Brisbane by members from our church in Whalan. And we are praying and anticipate that by the end of 2007 we'll have a Church in the Campbelltown / Liverpool area.

In our Sunday morning services and Sunday School at Whalan Community

Centre we use both English and Samoan languages. The Youth services on Sunday evenings at Tregear public school are all in English. Bible teaching on Wednesday nights is in both English and Samoan.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and prayers for the work of the Samoan assemblies in Australia. Thank you for your support and prayers for our family. We are also grateful to our church in Whalan for supporting us financially, and for standing together with us in fulfilling God's calling in our lives. □

EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE seeks a Secretary for its Office

The College needs someone able to do reception work five days a week, as well as manage the office, buy supplies etc, do typing and be available to counsel the female students if required.

At present we have a lady involved on a temporary basis until the end of 2006. We will be moving to a new site next year when the new person will be needed. Potential applicants should contact the Principal, Doug McNaught on 02 9868 4712 or via email to <principal@emmaus.edu.au>



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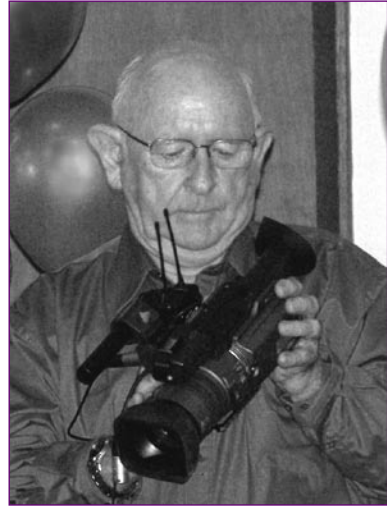
to make disciples

by Alex Worley

John Angus of Christian Media Services (CMS) is actively co-operating with Emmaus Correspondence School and local assemblies as he aims to follow the command of Matt 28:42 – making disciples.

John's programs on TVS at 7 a.m. on Saturdays, and Jamil Choucair's Arabic program broadcast on the Optus-B satellite, generate a number of enquiries from people watching the programs. John actively seeks to link in with Emmaus Correspondence School by sending a study called "What the Bible Teaches" to each viewer who makes contact. This linkage allows the enquirer to read the Bible and be enlightened by it. Jamil sends out a magazine to Arabic callers and distributes Arabic Bibles.

In addition, John and Jamil seek to link the enquirer with a local assembly. This allows the enquirer to meet with



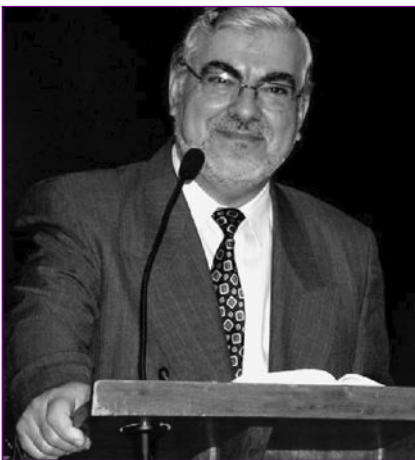
John Angus, Director of CMS Inc

people and receive friendship and love of the group of Christians as they spread Jesus' love with the enquirers. This is something that John cannot do and is not the purpose of his ministry. His ministry is the funnel that guides people to a local assembly and into God's Word.

In addition, John Angus produces a Video Magazine that also links in with various other ministries. For example, if you did not attend the GLO Conference at Mt. Victoria last November then you can get to see and hear Brian Goodwin's fantastic talk on "Vision" and how to be energised by it.

The video is not to be missed! John's ministry on this occasion is to simply put the spotlight on these fantastic expositions of God's Word and allow the speakers to reach a wider audience.

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Jamil Choucair, Presenter & Producer of Arabic TV programmes

Again, if you missed Brian Goodwin's talk – don't miss the video recording on the Vol 15:1 edition of the CMS Video Magazine early this year!!

John continues on his mission of shining the light of Jesus wherever he can.

The goal of his ministry is greatly strengthened by the involvement and co-operation of other ministries and local assemblies and churches! □



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from NSWAEM	1,000	2,000
from other sources	30	32
	\$5,190	\$6,240
Totals	\$42,015	\$41,842

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Book Review – “Breakout Churches”

author: Thom Rainer
published by Zondervan, 2005

This book is the fruit of an extensive study by an experienced church consultant and seminary Dean into the life of American churches. The question addressed is, “What characterises churches that move from stagnancy to growth? From mediocrity to greatness?”

To qualify as a “breakout church” there had to be a period of stagnancy or decline followed by a period of growth, all under the same pastor/leader.

After surveying data from over 50,000 churches, Rainer’s research team discovered 13 churches who qualified. What was it about these 13 churches that had allowed them to do what the vast majority of churches hadn’t?

Rainer’s study borrows heavily (and explicitly) from Collin’s “Good to Great” – a secular book that has been very popular with church leaders. Mostly the influence has been positive.

The strength of Rainer’s “Breakout Churches” is the scope of the research. Many books talk about how one church moved to effective ministry, or focus on effective programs, or one perspective of ministry. This book surveys the common factors of a diverse group of churches.

It tells the story over and over again of leaders who have struggled, experienced pain and persevered until something happened and the momentum for growth began to build.

It is a real source of encouragement to any leader who faces a ministry in stagnation or decline.

The size of the churches identified varies considerably – from several hundred to several thousand. None of them are churches you would have heard or read about elsewhere. (The Saddlebacks and Willow Creeks didn’t qualify because they have never stagnated or declined.) The “ordinariness” of the churches makes you feel like God can do it anywhere.

One characteristic of these “breakout” leaders is their humility. This, combined with a desire not to defame people, has led to a weakness in the book – a failure to tell the colourful stories that would bring the research to life. There are stories, but they are often bare-boned and devoid of the sort of detail that could identify the “guilty parties”.

This book is highly recommended for any leader who has a desire for the best days of their ministry to be ahead of them and is looking for some wisdom and encouragement to make it so. □

Reviewed by Geoff Folland; July 2006

Paperback available for \$16.95

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Our Holiday Bible Club

by Peter Mackie

Early in 2005, Blaxland Gospel Chapel (BGC) had reached a position that is not uncommon in many Assemblies and Churches. The congregation was declining in size and increasing in average age. It was time to do something and we trust that as you read of what our faithful God did, you too will be encouraged and motivated as we at BGC have been.

Throughout almost 40 years since BGC was founded, it has maintained a consistent outreach to children and young people through Sunday School, children's clubs and youth groups. With the lower Blue Mountains an attractive place for young families to settle, we had a thriving children's ministry and church, with between 75 and 100 in fellowship at one stage.

However, as families moved away, and young people matured and moved away to find work, numbers started to fall and by early 2005 our average church attendance was around 20 adults and we had a Sunday School of 5 and a Kids Club of about 15.

We were boosted by the arrival of a couple of young families who joined our fellowship and after prayerful consideration of the situation, we decided that to help arrest the slide in numbers, we would conduct a Holiday Bible Club; something that we had not done for some years. In July 2005 Steve Walker led a team of volunteers in running a week-long morning program attracting more than 60 children. As a direct result of that Holiday Club, within a short time our

Sunday School grew from 5 to around 30 attending regularly. Our Kids Club also grew and we commenced a Junior High youth group. A number of young families also joined our fellowship and the number of adults at our morning service has almost doubled.

Encouraged by the success of our 2005 Holiday Club, we invited Steve back in July 2006. Around 40 volunteers worked with Steve to present a program entitled "Who's the King of the Castle?" and we prayed that we would have 100 children enrol for the Club.

God is faithful! More than 120 enrolled over the week and our maximum attendance was over 80 on the last day, with almost 60 children and many parents attending the family night on the Friday night. In the two weeks since the Holiday Club we have again seen an increase in Sunday School attendance, 7 new children at our Kids Club and 2 new families have attended Sunday morning worship.

And perhaps most exciting of all, over the last 12 months we have had the privilege of baptising 6 young people who have come to faith in Christ, with most of these coming from families that do not regularly meet with us.

We thank Steve Walker for the way in which he has allowed God to use his talents and we thank all of our volunteers for their efforts. But most of all, we thank God for the work that He has seen fit to do. ➤

Our Holiday Bible Club (cont'd from p 14)



Green Group



Steve Walker with Blue Group



Red Group



Sword Fight

Teens Club Conversions

by Dave Thompson

Student Life training + Evangelical Union training + God = 12 Converts!!

Mascot Christian Fellowship (MCF) has been blessed by God in being a part of His plan of salvation. We have received the benefit of His mercy in a bunch of ways. None more so than in the recounting of the story below of events that overtook us in March this year. The story of these men and women below are of people in their 20's serving their God as they use their training in witnessing, leading people to Christ and discipleship-making at His leading and to His glory – Praise God. This is their story.....

Hannah Boaden (Student Life), Tom Grant, Dave and Sarah Thompson (Evangelical Union) are all highly trained students & ex-students from Student Life and Evangelical Union. Anthony Forster is another important member of the team who is benefiting from their training, learning from their



Anthony Forster at MCF

experience and making an invaluable contribution in this vibrant and enthusiastic team. Together, they run the 12 to 17 year old youth group at Mascot Christian Fellowship called Teens Club.

Their respective training is focused on how to lead non-Christians to Jesus and then how to disciple them in the faith. This training was recently directed and led by the Holy Spirit and resulted in 12 converts at Teens Club. This is obviously fantastic news, but more importantly is the beginning of a hard road of discipleship for the 12 new babes in Christ.

The conversions were a direct result of stacks of prayer by the team and MCF. God saw fit in His providence and mercy to answer those prayers and bless the hard work of the team. The Teens Club team have been actively working through a particular program of introducing Jesus.

Recently, Tom again gave the kids his testimony, followed by the Gospel straight and clear, and asked for a response. On this particular evening twelve young people gave their lives to Jesus and asked Him for forgiveness of their sins. What a blessing – what a movement of God's Spirit – what wondrous love is this!

The team have enlisted the help of older folk at Mascot Christian Fellowship, who, whilst they are keen ➤

to disciple this group, are just not 'cool' enough to relate to this age group.

So, they are performing the very important task of prayer warriors. The devil is keen to snatch back these little ones and MCF is actively involved in the spiritual battle for their safekeeping.

The battle continues, with Jesus reigning victorious. The team members are in the midst of discipling these young people to learn more of Jesus, to be His ambassadors and to share the love that He has placed in their hearts!!



Some of the young folk at Teens Club (Dave is on the left)



A banner for Emmaus Bible College. The background is a blue-tinted image of hands typing on a computer keyboard. The website address www.emmaus.edu.au is written in a large, white, outlined font across the top. Below it, a blue-bordered box contains the text "Equipping Christians with the word of God so they can impact the world for Jesus Christ" in white. At the bottom left is a logo of an open book with a flame above it. To the right of the logo, the text "emmaus bible college" is written in white, followed by "Ph 9876 4370 Fax 9876 4354". On the far right, the word "emmaus" is written vertically in white on a dark blue background.

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Obituary - Mrs Betty McNaught

Just after 1:00 pm on Saturday, 1 July, Betty McNaught quietly passed into the Lord's presence to join her husband Stewart, while some of her children were praying with her.

Betty was born Elizabeth Watson Clark on Wednesday, 30 April, 1924 to Dave and May Clark of Cessnock. Both Dave and May were devoted to serving the Lord Jesus and were deeply involved in the Cessnock assembly. Betty's childhood was happy in such a godly home and she learnt at a young age to love and serve the Lord Jesus. There was a tinge of sadness in the background as oldest brother Charlie was drowned in Scotland at the tender age of 10 while May was waiting to come and join Dave in Australia. Betty gave her life to the Lord Jesus as Saviour and Lord at the Cessnock conference on 5 March 1935, by the power of the Holy Spirit, under the ministry of Wee Jimmy McNaught her future father in law.

Betty trained at Armidale to become a teacher and was an outstanding student. She began her teaching career in Old Bonalbo. Betty married Stewart on 11 May 1946 at Cessnock.

Their first daughter Annette was born on 3 February 1949 as they were preparing to go to India to serve the Lord as missionaries. They arrived in India on Betty's 25th birthday with a three month old daughter. Three more children; Doug, Elizabeth and Brian were born in India. Betty was always involved in the mission work and edited the Indian Christian magazine with Stewart while they lived in Kerala.



Stewart and Betty came back to Australia in November 1965. Betty resumed her work as a teacher and trained in special education for children with hearing problems. They moved to Albury in 1970 and Betty continued her career as a teacher until her retirement in 1984. She was a senior administrator in North Albury Public School and completed her career in Chester Hill.

The Albury-Wodonga Christian Fellowship began its life in Betty's lounge room at Koonwarra Street and the Sunday school was held in her garage.

When Betty and Stewart returned to Sydney in 1982 they joined the Bankstown Assembly where Betty taught in Sunday School and ran the Girls Rally until she was 73. She and Stewart edited the Outreach magazine during that time and Betty continued to proofread the magazine after Stewart's death in 1987, until 1996. She also proofread the Collected Carson editorials that were produced after Tom Carson's retirement as editor of Tidings magazine in 1992. □

Letters to the Editor

It has been a long time since we needed this section, but suddenly three letters have been received for publication. If any reader wishes to respond, they may do so via a letter to be published in the October edition or via private letters to the writers. In any case where the writer's address is not published - please send your response to the Editor and it will be forwarded.

To the Editor

Assemblies Outreach magazine

I would like to share with your readers some thoughts and concerns I have after reading the Agenda and Notes sent out for the recent NSW Christian Brethren Coordinating Conference. I also shared my concerns with the Secretary of the Conference prior to the meeting.

I was not able to attend the meeting in question (3rd August) so I'm not sure what was said about these issues, but I hope we will collectively not rush into making changes before wide and informed discussion has occurred and much prayer for wisdom has been made to God.

Two particular issues concern me – firstly our differences with the Exclusive Brethren, and secondly our ability to explain who we are as Christian Brethren.

On the first matter I'm concerned that some recent trends seem to deviate from the concepts which brought into being the so-called Christian Brethren Movement, or the 'Open Brethren' as some still prefer to call us.

The early breakaway was caused by the emergence of the 'exclusive attitude' of a central control body

that determined policy for all smaller assemblies in a geographic area. Even in recent years certain people determined what everybody else should think and left no room for the exercise of the Biblical autonomy of the local Assembly. (Note: the use of the word "Church" in place of "Assembly" in the Conference Notes and in recent communications will not please older assemblies and individuals.)

C.F. Hogg has a lot to say on this matter and draws our attention to the dangers of "Associations of Assemblies" in both local groups and as it can be extended to the national scene or, as Exclusive have done, world-wide, with their 'Pope-like authority'.

The possible central control issue of Associations of Assemblies, and the authority of some pastors (as in Baptist and Pentecostal churches), with a trend to create a national "congress" like a Brethren 'synod' is not indicated in the New Testament and, long term, could be a move back by implication to "Exclusive" attitudes. Such non-Biblical authority erodes away at our "freedom in Christ" and creates a wrong base for unity.

Some have voiced a concern about the recent publicity on Sydney TV >20

• Two particular issues concern me •

of the activities of some Exclusive Brethren and its possible implications for the Christian Brethren. This was also highlighted in the 1960s and I believe it's merely a "storm in a tea cup" as it was back then.

On the second matter – it's inevitable of course that we as individuals and assemblies are sometimes asked to describe what we believe and how we differ from (or are similar to) other Christian groups. I think it is important that each of us should be prepared to do this in a clear and straightforward way. The apostle Peter wrote:-

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

(1 Peter 3:15-16)

This necessitates that elders in each assembly should teach carefully from the Scripture "the reason for the hope" we have, and the rest of the assembly should carefully learn and rehearse it so they can confidently share it when asked.

Similarly, all who meet as Christian Brethren (no matter what the name of our assembly or the building where we worship) should be taught about our New Testament 'distinctives' and be prepared to explain them (graciously, in love) to anyone who has a genuine desire to understand. I'll mention some distinctives in a moment, but I believe

we should not be concerned about our movement's name. It is much more important to reveal our spirituality as saints and to create a good relationship with those who question us.

We might draw some comfort from recent surveys which indicate that most people don't even know what a Christian truly is! So why should we expect them to know what an Anglican, Baptist or Brethren is, or what distinguishes them? They can only be gently taught and shown what we are like over a considerable period of contact and 'bridge-building'.

The Christian Brethren distinctives include:-

- * being Bible based local fellowships;
- * practising the priesthood of all believers;
- * not having a clergy/laity distinction (no hierarchical structure);
- * our fellowships led by Holy Spirit appointed elders;
- * encouraging the use of spiritual gifts.

I am wondering if there's an underlying problem for those who feel awkward or uncomfortable when asked to explain what we believe and how we operate? Perhaps some of our people in leadership roles (e.g. elders, teachers, counsellors) have not been discerning the spiritual and emotional needs of the saints in their care. Perhaps they have not been helping them to be free of 'hang-ups' (layers of resistance to the Word which prevent the truth having its desired life-changing effects) so that each saint is comfortable enough to ➤

be able to reach out with the gospel in relationships with the unsaved people who are all around us. How can the saints in our assemblies relate and witness effectively if they are carrying some personal unresolved conflicts?

I hope you will publish these personal thoughts and I hope they will stir a healthy and useful response from many others across the spectrum of our current assemblies in NSW.

Yours sincerely in the Lord
Jesus Christ,
Graham W.R. Hayden
Bonnells Bay

To the Editor,

I find it rather strange that, on the one hand we are being encouraged to show that we are "Christian Brethren" on the National Census form (for sensible reasons it seems to me) and yet on the other hand the Notes for the last Coordinating Conference reckon some people have a problem with explaining that we are exactly that!

I suggest we ensure every NSW assembly person be given some notes reminding them of who we are and why, and then we each endeavour to diligently and urgently get on with the Great Commission (Matt 28:19) which makes no mention of Denominations or Movements!

(Name and Address supplied)

To the Editor,

I believe the Strength In Unity (SIU) movement in NSW is in danger of diverting our Assembly activities

away from evangelism and away from making disciples. Whatever people may say about our effectiveness (or otherwise) in the Assemblies in carrying out these primary tasks, surely to spend time organising for 'Unity' at a State and National level can only divert precious time and human and material resources away from those tasks.

I can see no Scriptural basis for the SIU concept. Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers not just for the Christian Brethren. If there is action to be taken, surely we should aim for that sort of

unity (of purpose, and of love for the Lord and His work) on a local regional level amongst like-minded evangelical churches and organisations?

Think of the tremendous impact there has been in the past from city-wide evangelistic crusades where we have worked together to enable a Billy Graham or a Leighton Ford to preach the gospel for a week or more!

I hope no-one will come back at this comment by saying "but in the past the Assemblies did not benefit in proportion to the effort we expended." We are surely in the business of helping build God's Kingdom – not our own Brethren variety. Whether or not our assemblies experience visible growth, or other blessing, from any sort of joint regional activity with other churches – is purely in God's hands. Our role is to be faithful, humble and hard-working servants. Any reward will be noted one day in the Eternal Glory.

(Name and Address supplied)



**‘...urgently get
on with the Great
Commission’**



First, three items collected by Don Crane for the July-August Outreach Prayer Requests bulletin:-

George & Rita Galieh

We have a very busy schedule for the rest of the year. Please pray for the following Services: Crest Community Arabic Church, July 13 – Communication Broadcast, research, script and record, August – Cartwright Gospel Chapel Ladies’ Outreach, September 19 – Cardiff Gospel Hall Outreach, September 23-24 – Ballina Baptist Good News Festival, October 15-22 – Thailand Ministry, November 19 to December 27. Please continue to pray for the Communication Radio Ministry, that many will respond. We are not alone in this ministry. John Hills with Rita and myself, all compose scripts featured on the weekly programs. John Angus of CMS TV, Arthur Dower of the Balmain Chapel and Michael are all part of the Communication Board. The programs are broadcast worldwide now throughout Australia and Overseas on short wave, as well as the daily ‘One Minute Spot’, heard in Sydney and worldwide on the “Web”. Praise the Lord for these great opportunities in the ministry He has given us. Rita, Michael and myself are all in good health, for which we praise the Lord. The operation on George’s hand (Dupuytren’s Contraction), was successful and he is again able to play his violin. We thank the Lord for your prayerful interest in us.

Laurie & Margaret Cowell

Please pray for a closer walk with God, sensitivity to people’s needs, faith

to trust God for greater things and time to adequately carry out our national and international ministry responsibilities. Please pray for wisdom to guide and the ability to encourage team members involved in two church planting projects in Sydney – at Burwood and Blacktown. We request prayer for God’s clear leading in decision making regarding new ministry initiatives. Also pray for Margaret in her Bible teaching, small groups, after-school programs, KYB leadership, mentoring and contacts in the community. Pray for Laurie as he prepares 60 lectures to give in three countries during August. Pray for our family; Andrew and Donna in Indonesia, Paul and Suzanne in Tasmania, Stephen and Kylie in Sydney and for David as he battles a bi-polar condition. Our praise points are:-

- *For the fruitful ministry of team members and co-workers. We are greatly encouraged and excited with growing numbers of conversions, discipling and new assemblies coming into being.*
- *For God’s amazing provision for our needs, spiritually, physically and financially.*
- *For faithful and committed committee people, co-workers and team members that all combine in a united mission vision.*
- *For the wonderful privilege of serving a faithful and loving Saviour.* ➤

Rob & Greta Flinders

The waters between New Zealand and Australia, and those south of Australia, are notorious for gales and storms, heavy seas and huge swells, especially in winter months. Ships heave, pitch and roll violently as huge seas smash onto their decks, sometimes causing great damage.

For the seafarers onboard, life becomes difficult and very dangerous. Some of the men are severely debilitated by seasickness. Others are frightened and fearful for their lives. Please pray for safety for these men who go down to the sea in ships and who see the works of the Lord. Pray that they would acknowledge the Lord and cry out to Him in their trouble.

So far, over 400 Bible Correspondence courses have been completed and returned for marking by seafarers onboard ships visiting Port Botany. Please thank God for the wide open door for His Word amongst seafarers. Please pray for them as they study. Ask that non-Christian seafarers will have their eyes opened and that they will be granted the gift of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ask that Christian seafarers will be built up and will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Two men from Wollongong Evangelical Church have expressed a willingness to visit seafarers onboard their ships in Port Kembla. Please ask God to open the door for His Word in that port. Pray that security clearances will be granted to both men and that they will be well trained. Pray, that through this ministry seafarers will be drawn to Christ.

Greg & Sarah Clark

Camp Kedron – 7.08.06

Things have continued to progress at camp with the School Holiday Camps finishing a few weeks ago.

We always need to take a break and rejuvenate but it is often a little while before that happens – with other groups booking the site. We have a quiet period now until the end of the month. There are a few weekends without a camp and not much happening mid-week.

The School Holiday Camps were very well attended, the Primary Camp was full of girls and almost full of boys. The High School Camp was full a week before the camp started. We ended up taking an extra 10 campers, it was great to have an opportunity for young people to hear the gospel in a wonderful setting.

Phil and Helen Watson directed the Primary Camp, assisted by Angie Marlow, and they all did a splendid job. Julius and Melinda Gilder directed the High School Camp ably assisted by James Smart. Again it was a great camp, however with the extra numbers it presented a few challenges.

It was wonderful to hear of the campers who committed their lives to Christ and are being followed up by a number of leaders.

We are very excited by a new Senior High School Camp to be held late January and to be directed by Julius and Melinda Gilder.

The renovation of the Main Conference Centre basement has proceeded well. We





have now fitted a false ceiling down there and we are ready to paint, carpet, fit out etc. We have also finished some paving beside the new Bandicoot Lodge and landscaped and paved near the Kitchen.

Jasper James Edwardes has grown enormously. He is now 2 months old. Carl and Sophie have had some sickness recently with all of them struggling to overcome bugs.

The Redden's have settled in well and their contribution is greatly appreciated. Their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved in all areas of the camp has been a great encouragement. Curtis, Jeannice, Caleb and Calvin also are always willing to contribute when needed.

We are excited at the upcoming School Holiday Camps. Paul and Karen McLean and Ben and Robyn are directing the Primary Camp and Brad and Margaret will be directing the High School Camp. It is a great opportunity to get children and young people from our area to come to camp and be channelled into one of the groups meeting on Friday night.

Sarah and Caitlin have returned after a wonderful trip to the USA. The health of Sarah's parents is a concern to us. They need constant support and it has been hard for Sarah being so far away. She remains in constant contact via phone but the distance is very limiting.

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support. Thanks also for those who contribute in the kitchen during both the weekend camps as well as school holiday camps.

Thank you for those who enquire after the work regularly and who assure us of their prayers. It means a lot.

Some of the things we would appreciate prayer and support for are:-

- Praise for the July Primary and High School camps.
- Praise for the enthusiasm of those on the follow-up program.
- Pray for Joan Chambers coordinating the follow-up.
- Thanksgiving for the number of campers responding to the Follow-up program.
- Praise for the Directors putting so much effort into the camps.
- Pray for the new Senior High School Camp planned for late January 2007.
- Pray for past campers who committed or recommitted their lives to God for continued growth.
- Pray for Paul and Karen McLean, Ben and Robyn O'Donoghue directing Primary Camp.
- Pray for Brad and Margaret Taylor plus leaders as they plan and prepare for the Teen Camp.
- Praise for good recent rain.
- Praise for the good progress made on the Basement renovation.
- Pray as work commences on building the pool.
- The necessary finance and help for all the projects.
- Praise for strength during the busy month of camps in June and July.
- Praise for continued bookings and the number who are rolling over deposits.
- Praise for the opportunities to give

the Gospel to school groups that use the camp site.

- Praise for the commitment and enthusiasm of Carl Edwardes, Phil Crowley and Mark and Theresa Redden and family.
- Praise for the input and enthusiasm of the Reddens.
- Pray for the health of all those living on site with the many camps to provide for.
- Thanksgiving for Jasper James Edwardes.
- Pray for Carl, Sophie and Jonah as they recover from recent illness.
- Pray for unity among all site staff.
- Pray that all those we contact day-to-day may see Christ's love in the staff.
- Pray for the Board as they make decisions regarding the future of Camp Kedron.
- Praise for the recent AGM and the interest shown by newer members.
- Praise for those in our church involved in cooking, cleaning, sowing, ladies auxiliary etc.
- Pray that God may bring someone forward who has an interest in grounds maintenance.
- Pray that others will be able to commit to these important areas.
- Thanksgiving for the faithfulness of volunteers who attend camp every week.

Faithfully in God's service,

Greg and Sarah Clark.

Geoff & Liz Folland

6.7.06

We have spent the last couple of days running around like crazy following through on paperwork to progress **the adoption of Katrise.**

The process follows something like this: notify the Philippines that we accept Katrise, notify the Australian embassy in Manila that we are applying for a visa for her so they can begin the pre-requisite medical tests. The Philippines also need to arrange her birth certificate and passport (before they can issue the visa).

7.8.06

On Saturday we received news that we had been hoping for, Katrise was scheduled to have her medical exam on Monday (today). This is earlier than we had expected and we see it as a real answer to prayer. (Thanks to everyone who prayed!) We are not sure exactly when we will be travelling, but are hoping it will be close to our anticipated date of 19th August.

We were also sent photos showing she is now walking!

This week or so is proving to have a heavy speaking load. I (Geoff) launched the "Walking As Jesus Walked" campaign at our first weekly meeting of the new semester last Tuesday.

Thursday evening I made a presentation >26





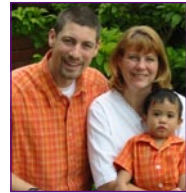
to the Coordinating Conference of Christian Brethren on effective evangelism. On Sunday morning I spoke at an outreach service at Northern Districts Chinese Christian Church. On Tuesday night this week I am speaking at a Young Adults night at Community Life Church – Cherrybrook. I don't speak that much, so the preparation for this has been particularly heavy on top of the launch of a new semester.

Exciting Development

As we have developed our "focus areas", our outreach to psychology students has developed significantly. A significant contribution to this growth has been the leadership provided by a couple of senior students – Vanessa

and Claire. They are recognized as being so outstanding in their studies that they were appointed to significant positions – representing other psychology students to the psychology faculty. This Wednesday they have a meeting between the psychology lecturers and staff and the students. Please pray for them and their on-going activities.

In His love and grace,
Geoff & Liz



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Memories of Burns Street, Campsie

by Gordon Lutton

Gordon Lutton has written a 16 page booklet titled "Burns Street Experience" relating memories of his younger days at Campsie Gospel Hall. It relates to the period 1945 to 1954 and includes many photographs. For those with whom he shared his experience, the Introduction says "May you continue to be the recipient of God's blessing as you think back on the grounding, fellowship and happy times we had at Campsie Gospel Hall and associated activities." Below we have reprinted the first 2 chapters, but sadly there was only room for some of the photos.



Chapter 1. Getting Acquainted

When I was a child my mother, Amy Lutton, fellowshipped with the Assembly at Bankstown Gospel Hall. At this stage, I would have been about 8 or 9 years old when she began going to Bankstown. My mother tended to be strict in her views. For example, women who wore lipstick or had bobbed hair she considered "worldly". As these and other characteristics began emerging among women at Bankstown, she decided to change her place of worship. The motivator of this decision seemed to have been the closure of the outreach Sunday school at Punchbowl, led by Ernie Wiggins, which I attended.

With this decision made, I was taken to an assembly at the Gospel Hall, Burns Street, Campsie. This assembly had approximately 75 people attending which included about 25 young people. I was eleven years old at the time and found there were about a dozen youths in my age group. People there were friendly and I adjusted to the new environment quickly. I met Ray Gunter, Philip Kinmond, Larry (Fred) Nevill, Jack Nevill, John Patman,

Alan Chambers, Robert Chambers, Geoff Bailey, Coral Nevill (now Cooke), Ruth Kinmond (now McNab), Daphne Latimer (now Akehurst) and Pat Middleton (now Waldock). As time went by June Jackson (now Nevill), Yvonne Gardiner, & Margaret Buckley, also attended Campsie. (Any further reference to any of the above mentioned, or other females, will be by their maiden names.)

There were other, older, young people from the previous generation who attended Campsie including Graham Hayden, Milton Hayden, Jack Christie, Les Lambkin, Ray Nevill, Frank Nevill, John Jolley, Alan Murray, Fred Buckley, Joan Bailey, Kath Bailey, Joyce Butler, Betty Butler, Dudley Hanaford, Elaine Woods, and Dulcie Digweed.

I attended Sunday School which in those days commenced at 3 p.m. Jack Buckley was the Superintendent, and my teacher was Mr Tuck, a faithful and beloved brother. It was a real joy learning and singing choruses, one of my favourites being "Marching Beneath the Banner". There were approximately 75 children attending >28

Sunday School. While this was going on, an outreach Sunday School was conducted in a nearby park.

In my early teens I graduated into Bible Class. This was held in the house



Punchbowl S.S. Group: Gordon Lutton, Kevin Wiggins, Geoff Mills, Laurel Bushby, Joan Wiggins & Dorothy Canham

next door to the Gospel Hall, where some Christian women, Nellie, Irene & Mrs Hocking lived and who attended the Hall. Mr Jack Buckley was the Bible Class teacher. I remember him on one occasion asking in a very serious tone of voice, "did anyone have a question

to ask". Immediately, Ray Gunter asked, "how do you get your shoes so shiny?" This was not the type of question Mr Buckley had in mind, however it was duly answered.

As we young people grew older, it was wonderful how both the next older generation to us and the older Christians mixed and how we were shepherded and encouraged. Usually people who are a little older don't want young people hanging round, but the integration of young and old was great. Brethren Assemblies are governed by local elders. Campsie elders had a shepherd's heart and as we grew older this became evident to us young people. Elders included Mr Tom Menzies, Mr Butler, Mr Eric Gunter, Mr Frank Bailey and Mr Buckley. We young people respected them and they in turn loved us.

It was to this loving environment I was introduced, and no wonder none of us young people left the faith which we embraced. All had become Christians, and most of us entered some form of service for our Lord and Saviour in later years.

Chapter 2. Leisure Activities

Ewan Park is located on the northern

Wedding of Ray & Betty Gunter



side of Cooks River at Hurlstone Park. At this location Campsie young men did battle in a cricket match with other teams. I remember on one occasion Jim Hackfath spitting out his front teeth while keeping wicket. Allan Murray was a rather quick bowler. On this occasion the batsman missed the ball. Jim was standing too close to the stumps for a person of Allan's pace. The result was Jim wore the ball on his mouth and made a mess of his teeth, and stood there spitting the front ones out.

Whenever a long weekend came up an outing was usually arranged for the Monday. Stanwell Park on the South Coast and Kurrajong were popular destinations for such outings and on most occasions travel would be from Sydenham, which was the meeting point. We then would catch a steam train to Stanwell Park. Another location to which we journeyed was Fullers Bridge. Every year a Sunday School picnic was arranged and this was a venue which was often used. Picnic Point was also a location for picnics. In doing these things we stayed together, enjoying each others company. As we grew older some

boyfriend/ girlfriend relationships developed within the group.

It was the practice among Assemblies in the post war years to hire a launch and proceed to Parsley Bay for a picnic. On such occasions a message was given, usually by a gifted overseas speaker. For example, Mr Montague Goodman from the U.K. was the speaker at the April 1949 launch picnic. Such was the desire to hear God's word ministered. Campsie Assembly was always well represented at the launch picnics. At Parsley Bay a suspension bridge spans the approach to the picnic ground and it would be the delight of males to "bounce" the bridge while females were on it. Following are some photos taken at Parsley Bay.

Pat Middleton worked at a milk bar called "The White Rose" located in Beamish Street, Campsie. It was to this location that we young people would go to have a milkshake. There was nothing unusual about that but the thing was that we enjoined our milkshake at a considerably discounted price! (The end of Chapter 2.)

If any reader wants more of Gordon's memories, please contact him and ask for a copy of the full booklet. □



Parsley Bay Launch Picnic April 1949



Homeward Bound



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

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

Christian Brethren Community Services (CBCS) announced last month that they have a new web site address, replacing the old one (egcrv.com.au) and with updated content. Please pay a visit to:-

www.cbcs.com.au

Australian Missionary Tidings (AMT) has done the massive job of updating their List of all Australian Christian Brethren Churches. As well as issuing the new List with the August edition of *Serving Together* magazine, there is an on-line version on the AMT web site, at web page:-

www.amt.asn.au/LACBC.html

This has State by State listings and an Australia-wide alphabetic listing by suburbs and towns. The Listing is provided for the information of travellers and visitors, and for inter-assembly liaison, and has active email and web site links, wherever the assembly has provided these.

The NSW Christian Brethren web site will work towards ensuring its assembly data is included correctly in the AMT List so that the latter can become the ONE source of this information, rather than trying to keep both lists current. Of course it depends on each assembly being sure to advise

AMT immediately if any changes need to be made in the future.

Bridgeway Publications, which publishes and distributes the books written by former missionary Don Fleming, has a web site which explains this ministry and how we can help poorer Christians overseas get copies.

www.bridgeway.org.au

All of the Bridgeway books can be downloaded from the web site and used for free. Ten titles are available, and can be accessed in either MSWord or Adobe Acrobat format.

And, speaking of "free-stuff", the web site **Max7** mentioned in our last issue has eight BibleMax sessions available for download at:-

www.max7.org/resources.aspx#Group-Documents

Ian McDowell has informed me that the largest collection of Brethren Writings on the WWW is at Rylands Library, Manchester University. It has over 15,000 items and continues to grow. It also has copies of a large list of Brethren periodicals and since August 2005 has begun to keep copies of many current periodicals – including ours and AMT's *Serving Together*. Visit the site for more in-depth information:-

<http://rylibweb.man.ac.uk/data2/spcoll/cba/> □

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