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First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor

Dear Readers,

Thank you for the feedback that the Editorial and Production Team have been getting that many of you are enjoying these magazines and finding them informative and useful.

Many people have been particularly appreciative of the NSW Home Workers supplement which was included in the June issue. It went to a larger audience than usual because it was widely agreed that it would be beneficial to attempt to get a copy to every family in every assembly. Over 1240 copies were requested for that purpose so we do hope we came close to the goal!

There are still a few spare copies at the AEM's office in Burwood if you know someone who missed out. In addition a PDF copy is available on the NSW Christian Brethren web site. It is 'protected' somewhat because we do not want the personal information in it to fall into the wrong hands, so please be discrete if you share the following access information. Put this web-page address in your browser:-

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This web-based version of the Home Workers supplement is being kept up-to-date with any corrections or additions which are needed until a new printed version is released – hopefully in June 2008.

Sadly, there have been corrections

already – due to errors introduced by 'yours truly'. Gladly, there has also been the addition of a new family commended by NorWest assembly.

All these changes are shown in detail on page 17 of this issue. If you wish, that page could be cut out and stored with your supplement.

Also in this issue are 'overviews' of some books you may like to consider buying to read and/or study. We have not attempted to give in-depth book reviews but rather to encourage people to get a copy to read for themselves or as a gift for someone else. It's an aim of our Outreach Book Service to encourage reading of good books! □

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

If you attend a NSW assembly or 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 encourage people 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 9484 6054, or preferably e-mailed to:-

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

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webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

The recent NSW Coordinating Conference was held at Burwood Chapel on Thursday, 2nd August. The agenda and working papers were sent out beforehand and Minutes of the meeting will be issued soon to all assemblies. It was a delight to meet a new Home Worker from NorWest assembly - namely Rodney Trinidad. His letter of commendation was amongst the working papers sent out to assemblies. Details of this family are on page 17 - to include in your copy of the 2007 Home Workers supplement.

The School Holiday camps run at Lutanda Camp Sites went well - approximately 200 children attended and, praise the Lord, over 50 made a decision to receive Christ. It was mentioned too that assemblies could keep in mind that when young men and women help at such camps, in a range of roles, it is excellent experience and training for other leadership roles of Christian service in later life.

Ross Bunyon gave a brief report of the recent '4th International Brethren Conference on Mission' in Germany. Over 400 brethren attended from about 80 countries. One major theme was "... all things to all men ... for the sake of the gospel ..." (1 Cor. 9:22-23) and another theme was 'cross-cultural evangelism'. Our conference Secretary, Bradley Scott, has copies available on CD of all the messages delivered at the International Conference. These are in MP3 format.

There was also a report on the Toukley Men's Conference in May and preliminary information about the 2008 Conference (see the List of Events below). Recordings of this year's conference can be obtained on a set of CDs (please contact the magazine editor for purchase details).

A reminder was given that the Lutanda 77th Reunion is coming up on 19 to 21 October and anyone who has been involved over the years is welcome to attend. Register interest by phoning 02 9479 8090.

In other news:

- Dr Graham Marlin has asked to be removed from the Marriage Celebrants List.

- Jack Neville is no longer Secretary of the Sydney Festival Male Voice Choir. The new Secretary is David Gordon, and his contact phone number is 0400 426 373 and his e-mail address is david@sfmvc.cjb.net.

- Hawkesbury Community Church plant has ceased operating but a Church of Christ congregation by that name is now meeting. ➤

Meetings & Events

[Note: The latest and more complete list is on the 'Coming Events' page on the NSW Christian Brethren web site at:-

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

2007:

- 24-26 Aug Winter Camp David at 'Eltham Park'.
- 8 Sept 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 9 Sept 'International Night' at Eastwood Gospel Chapel, 7pm; ph: 9878 2957.
- 14 Sept Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am.
- 15 Sept Missionary Convention at West Pennant Hills Community Church. ph: 9872 4200.
- 12 Oct Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am.
- 13 Oct 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 14 Oct Dr Harwood, Creation Science Group; Eastwood Gospel Chapel.
- 15 Oct "Coffee & Dessert Evening" (see advert on page 18) West Pennant Hills Community Church. ph: 9894 4264.
- 19-21 Oct Lutanda's 77th year Reunion and Celebration at Camp Toukley.

- 1 Nov NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at Burwood Gospel Chapel.
- 9 Nov Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am.
- 10 Nov Outreach Book Service stall and Ladies Auxiliary Cake stall @ Elouera Gardens Retirement Village, 9.30am to noon.
- 10 Nov 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 16 Nov Emmaus Bible College 2nd semester ends.
- 25 Nov Emmaus Bible College – Celebration Service.
- 14 Dec Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 27 Dec to 2 Jan Family Camp.

2008:

- 11 Feb Emmaus Bible College 1st semester begins.
- 2 March Commencement Service for Emmaus Bible College.
- 9,10 May Toukley Men's Conference, "Eyes on Eternity".
- 13 June Emmaus Bible College 1st semester ends.
- June long-weekend National Brethren Conference. Guest speaker Rod Wilson (Canada).
- 28 July Emmaus Bible College 2nd semester begins. □

NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission Homeworkers Fund Treasurers' Report

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

	2007	2006
January - April	\$33,779	\$29,700
May: from Assemblies	3,071	4,580
from NSWAEM	2,500	2,500
from other sources	56	45
	\$5,627	\$7,125
June: from Assemblies	3,025	4,160
from NSWAEM	2,000	1,000
from other sources	56	41
	\$5,081	\$5,201
Totals	\$44,487	\$42,026

The funds this period, except for special designated gifts, have been divided between 15 workers and their families.

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AWAKE TO ISRAEL

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". For further information phone (02) 9869 7164.

Two Bush Baptisms

by Bill Archbold

I am an avid fan of Banjo Paterson and among my many favourites is "A Bush Christening". In this poem Paterson centres his attention on the son of a bush publican named Michael Magee who had not been christened, but he managed to live long enough for a visiting priest to be asked to do the job.

Unfortunately, when the moment arrived the priest had forgotten the name that the boy was to be given and as the "spalpeen" ran out of a hollow log the priest flung a flask of Maginnis' whisky at him, and so the lad was known as Maginnis Magee for the rest of his life.

I had the joy of witnessing two 'Bush Baptisms' back in 1972, and the memory of them has remained vividly clear in my mind; the first for its hallowedness, the second for its humour.

The first was when my friend Alf Magrath and I paid a visit to "Breaker Morant's" stamping ground. That is a little speck on the map called Goodooga. It is near the Queensland/ New South Wales border, way beyond the euphemistic "Black Stump".

The late Duncan Ferguson, an Aboriginal evangelist, accompanied us, as Goodooga was a part of his vast "Parish". We all arrived there on a Saturday morning. This was going to be a special visit as an older man whom Duncan had pointed the way to Jesus was going to be Baptized.



The Aboriginal reserve there was a place marked by squalor and poverty. It was on the banks of the Bokhara River and at that time about 200 people lived there. It was a collection of tin humpies with dirt floors; however, the water was laid on; laid on in the river I mean.

The toilets were what are known as the "Long drop" variety. A deep hole was dug in the ground, a rough galvo shed was placed around them and a few boards straddled the hole. I can remember my first visit to one of these facilities.

I tentatively opened the door, which had no hinges and was only a sheet of galvo that had a few bits of fencing wire to act as hinges. I cautiously put my weight on those flimsy boards and shuddered as I heard them creak and groan. I had no aspirations at all of becoming another Jeremiah who spent sometime up to his neck in a "Slime" pit. Somehow I managed to survive the ordeal.

Alf and I had to apply to the sergeant of police to get permission to stay on

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Nara and Bindy West

the reserve. This was a necessary precautionary measure as some “white” men used to seek permission only to get access to the Aboriginal women. However, Duncan came with us and as soon as the sergeant knew that we were with him we were given permission.

After a great Gospel Meeting on the Saturday night, Sunday arrived when the Baptism was to take place. The man’s name that was to be baptized was Bindy West. Now Bindy was well known amongst the dark people and was recognized as the local “witch doctor”. He was a villain who had been into all sorts of mischief and immorality.

Consequently the people turned out en masse to see Bindy baptized. Bindy and Duncan went down into the river and as they stood, there was an unrelenting chorus of abuse by his former associates, who railed upon him with undisguised venom.

They called out a litany of things to remind him of his nefarious past, and they didn’t appear to hold back. Then suddenly there was a silence that was palpable as Duncan asked Bindy

did he have anything to say before he baptized him.

Bindy looked his accusers squarely in the eyes and said, “Everything that you say about me is true. I was a liar, I was a cheat, I was a drunk, I was a thief and I was an immoral person, but the blood of Jesus has cleansed me from it all.”

One by one his former friends turned away from the river and walked pensively back to their humpies. What a testimony!

The second baptism took place at Brewarrina. After the morning service a group of us gathered on the banks of the Barwon River adjacent to twenty or so tin humpies where many people lived. The man’s name to be baptized was Tommy Carr. Tommy was about sixty years old, which was quite elderly for an Aborigine at that time, as their expected life span was only about fifty- ➤ five years.



Duncan Ferguson and Tommy Carr

Duncan had pointed him to Jesus and despite his age he had made a clear-cut commitment to the Lord. Duncan and Tommy went down the steep banks of the river, and then we all joined in singing a hymn. It is marvellous how singing attracts a crowd. In no time at all we had about thirty people from the humpies joining us to witness the baptism.

Tommy gave a simple account of how and when he made a commitment to Christ. Then Duncan gave a short Gospel talk aiming it at the crowd who had gathered on the river bank.

Suddenly, we could hear a rather grating voice using very bad language. It was that coarse that one could say that it would make the proverbial "Bullocky" blush.

This uncouth tirade went on unchecked for about ten minutes. We were all bewildered as to where the abuse was emanating from. Then suddenly a tame galah strutted into the centre of our gathering still uttering an endless diatribe of cursing. This parrot was the best talker that I have ever heard! Unfortunately its vocabulary was limited to all the swear words known to mankind.

The owner finally and rather embarrassingly picked up the bird and it stopped cursing long enough to complete the baptism. However, old Tommy was without any clothing on from the waist up, and as Duncan dipped him under the water he slipped out of his hands into the deep part of the river. The story has a happy ending



THE VILLAIN

as after about five minutes or so of fishing we finally found Tommy who was none the worse for his prolonged dip.

The service came to an end and we made our way back to my car – only to find that the galah had ensconced itself in the back seat. During my attempts to get him out, the bird kept up an unremitting cacophony of abuse until I finally got him out. I was still smarting several days later from about four nasty bites on my hands.

I wonder if Paterson could have moulded all of this into some type of bush poem? □

**PLEASE submit your items
for the October 2007 issue
of this magazine
BEFORE 14 September**

Helen's Testimony

This testimony was given by Helen on the night of her baptism at Eastwood Gospel Chapel in November 2005. Helen has since graduated from Macquarie University, and has a job and permanent residency in Australia. She is in happy fellowship in Eastwood Assembly. Praise the Lord.



The very first time I went to church was one year's Christmas Eve in my home town in China.

At that time I had no knowledge about Christianity at all. I was just curious about what people in the church were doing at Christmas Eve. I and my classmates from high school went to a large church in the centre of our city, however it turned out that I didn't like the atmosphere there. I only felt that the atmosphere was very serious and wasn't fun at all. I was disappointed and since then I never ever went to church in China. But maybe at that time God had already sown the seed, we can never foresee God's will, and I never imagined that one day I could come to Australia and become a Christian.

However it did happen to me. I came to Sydney in late 2001, just after I graduated from the university in China and started a new and challenging life overseas. Before, I was always saying that I am 'lucky' in many ways, such as visa, my study, my permanent residency, etc but one day, Oliver corrected me and said, "You are blessed by God, not lucky".

Yes, that is exactly the right word

I should have used. You see, when people don't face harsh difficulties or challenges, they often take it for granted. I was like that before. So my life in Sydney was quite smooth. I met some difficulties but they were all solved quickly.

While I was studying at Macquarie University some of my classmates got to know our Lord Jesus Christ first. Sometimes they asked me to join their Bible studies. The first

time I joined them was to watch a video of the Jesus Christ story. My heart was touched by Jesus' miraculous works and the torture that He suffered, but I was confused, "Is that a story or a real biography?" There was a large question mark in my mind.

Later I went to a Chinese Bible study several times, studied several chapters in the New Testament and also watched some other videos. Some videos talked about Christians in China.

I was moved. I never knew there were so many people in China who believe in Jesus Christ.

• You are blessed by God, not lucky •

Then one day, my classmate Michael Ma asked me to go to a Chinese Church in West Ryde. They had invited a missionary from Canada to preach. I still remember the metaphor he used in his preaching. If we hold a glass like this, with the mouth upwards, we will receive a full glass of His love, however if we turn the glass like this, with the bottom upwards, then God's love is wasted, we can't receive any. I was moved by his preaching, my mind started to accept Jesus Christ but my heart wasn't ready yet.

Then finally I came to Eastwood Gospel Chapel. Actually Carol, my friend took me to Hilton and Ruth's Bible study in their home, we had a wonderful time there, watching videos about Christianity, researching people, DVDs, and arguments about creation and evolution etc, reading and studying the Bible. On Friday nights we had a meal and Bible study at the chapel and we had Hilton, Lillian, Oliver, Michael and Trish to teach us Bible words and help us with our English.

By joining these studies I got to know our Lord Jesus Christ more and more. However there was still a barrier in front of me which held me back. I couldn't confidently step forward and sometimes I had a strange thought. If I become a Christian, I betray my Country, because I was taught for over 20 years that there is no God in the world. You may think

this thought is ridiculous, but that was my consideration for a while. I was struggling for a while after then. Later, suddenly one morning on the train to work, I was standing there and looked out the window. I saw the trees, flowers and buildings passing by. It was a beautiful day, the sunshine, the blue sky, the green leaves and bright coloured flowers, all the creation is so beautiful. I talked to myself, "What am I waiting for, and looking for? Am I waiting for some disaster to happen to me and start to seek help from the Lord and then can I believe in

Him? If I am blessed by God, I should have faith in God, in His one and only Son, Jesus Christ; accept Him as my Saviour." Then,

that night after the Bible study at Hilton's place, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

This is my testimony and I finally want to say thank you to the brothers and sisters in our church for your teaching, encouragement and the fellowship.

I love the verse in John 3, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes on Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him"

I am glad that I have found MY Saviour, Jesus Christ.



*• If I become a
Christian, I betray
my Country. •*



The assembly hires Erskine Park Community Hall for meetings

It doesn't seem this long, but St Clair/ Erskine Park Christian Church (StEP CC) has now been running for 21 years.

Its beginning was a part of a GLO church plant in the St. Clair/Erskine Park area in September 1986. In these 21 years we have seen the Lord guide and bless our efforts to serve Him. In the first year at St. Clair there were 6 adults that formed the fellowship and today there are 40 or so adults who attend regularly.

On the first Sunday of the month the program varies depending on the Assembly's activities and outreach plans, and for the remainder of the month a typical Sunday begins with an all-age Sunday School style program at 9.30-10.30am – known as Bible Discovery Time, followed by morning tea. Commencing at 11.00am there is

an hour long program which includes singing and 30 minutes of systematic teaching covering Bible books and topical issues. This teaching is carried out by a mix of local men and invited speakers. Our Lord's Supper is at 5.00-6.00pm, though the number present is lower, this is a special time together.

As with most Assemblies we have a mid-week prayer and fellowship night and a number of different Bible study and fellowship groups. Also there are a number involved in discipleship and mentoring relationships. On Tuesday there is a Ladies KYB group which meets in varying Assembly member homes and those who attend enjoy this time of study and fellowship. On alternate Fridays there is a program called 'Kid's Inc.' for year 5 and 6 primary age children at 5.00 to 7.00pm. On the alternate Friday evenings at

7.30pm to 10pm there is '7 Upps' for high schoolers and young adults. This is a mix of games, a short devotional or evangelistic talk as well as outings. Monthly there is another young adult program on Saturday night for those in year 11 and older.

In our efforts to bridge the distance between ourselves and our community we run a number of different programs and activities. Often on the first Sunday of the month we have an evangelistic family Service at 10.00am followed by an extended morning tea and on particular months we have planned outings and picnics. By the time you read this we will have just had our annual Car Trial & Picnic. (If you ever plan to visit us on the first Sunday of the month, please ring (02) 9670 6952 or 9834 1978 and check what is happening. You are welcome.)

Also, like many Assemblies, we run an annual Holiday Bible Club program in the July school holidays. Apart from the opportunity to minister to children and their families, it is a great time of fellowship serving the Lord together



'Kid's Inc' is held on alternate Friday evenings

and provides an opportunity for our young people to learn by being helpers and leaders of groups of children, and being involved in teaching memory verses, puppetry, dramas etc. As a follow-up to this we attempt, in mid August on a Saturday night, to run a family program, such as a Barn or Line dance night. This year we are trying, for the first time, a Karaoke evening.

During recent years we have utilised the Life-works and Growth-works programs run with larger groups and also in small group situations. Both these programs, with different audience needs in mind, have been very valuable and as required we will run these again in the future.

The current Assembly leadership, in considering the future of the Lord's work here, have been looking at ways they can encourage and help train the younger men and women, the next generation of the church and its leaders. An outcome of this has been the introduction of an evening Bible School, conducted with the support of Emmaus and others. We currently are

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A Holiday Bible Club in progress



A 'Life-Works' session in progress

running for one term each year on a Sunday evening in July to September. The aim is to provide overviews and a basic understanding of Scripture, equipping and preparing believers so they might be 'Workmen...who can correctly handle the word of truth'. We have called the program WEBS (Western Sydney Evening Bible School) and invited Assemblies nearby to join in the evening. We were greatly encouraged with an average of 20 attending from 3 assemblies last year as we did a NT overview. This year, 22nd July to 23rd September, the subjects to be covered are OT Survey I and Romans.

Other opportunities we have to serve the Lord, and people within our local area, include once or twice a year running the Sunday Nepean Hospital Chapel Service and currently we are responsible for a bi-monthly Chapel Service at a local retirement village on a Wednesday afternoon. We take a small team to participate in the service and to be available to chat with people following these programs.

We face some changes in the near future at our leadership level, and we come before the Lord in thinking about options for the future direction

of the Church, in regards to possible land and building issues or other, as the Lord leads. During the past 21 years there have been times of trial and times of joy, but the Lord's faithfulness, encouragement and help is the constant that keeps us all moving forward and excited in seeing Him answer the needs of the Assembly.

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This article was contributed by Allan Driver, an elder at the assembly.

If you wish to visit on a Sunday the Hall is on the corner of Swallow Drive and Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park, but it would be best to check meeting details by phoning (02) 9670 6952 or 9834 1978 beforehand. □

LADIES MISSIONARY PRAYER GROUP

Burwood Gospel Chapel
(rear hall) 10.30am – 1pm,
on the second Friday
of each month:-

14 September 9 November
12 October 14 December

All ladies are invited to be part of this important ministry. Tea and coffee provided, BYO lunch.

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Pursuit of Happiness

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*How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every
day have sorrow in my heart?* **Psalm 13:2a**

There is a distant shore. The sand is smooth and white. Great dunes guard a hidden forest from relentless waves that storm the island. Sea oats sway in the wind as massive oaks stretch their powerful boughs to one another. Ospreys and pelicans patrol overhead. Wild horses and deer scout out the land. Beneath a brilliant sun in a deep blue sky, it is a beautiful place. Yet under the gaze of a full moon, the beach becomes remarkable...a living path separating the darkness of the ocean from that of the land.

Sea turtles lumber through the sand to lay their eggs. Raccoons leave the trees in search for mussels. Horseshoe crabs and starfish, armadillos and terns – they all come. Ah, but the sand holds secrets.

Many years ago as a teenager, one evening as my friends and I walked along this shore, I encouraged them to scuff their bare feet across the firmer sand near the water. With each blow, tiny lights burst to life then quickly faded. Jumping from spot to spot, scuffing the sand as they went, they watched in amazement as the sand glittered in the night. I remember it well. Light sparkled across mysterious waves as fireflies did the same among the darkened trees, as if in answer to the twinkling of a billion stars across a black sky. And along the shore, adults were laughing like children. In that one moment, they experienced the

wonder of God ... and were happy.

The United States Declaration of Independence begins with these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The pursuit of Happiness. 'Pursuit' is an 'effort to acquire something'. 'Happiness' is being 'contented, satisfied or pleased'. So the pursuit of Happiness would then be an effort to acquire that which makes us contented, satisfied, or pleased. But what is Happiness for those who follow God? Well, it is similar to Joy, but it isn't Joy. It can be as different as an emotion or an inner peace. But Happiness always is a Gladness about something and that 'something' always involves a direct connection to and with God.

Look at your life. Is there something that has no God connection? If so, there is no true Gladness in it and without Gladness, it is impossible to find Happiness. Instead, we merely pursue it, never satisfied. Lives can waste away in the pursuit of Happiness. The means chosen to attain it takes on such importance that the pursuit becomes the focus rather than Happiness as the goal. So, why don't we have Happiness?

Have you awakened in the morning with heavy burdens? You think of all

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that has to be done, or feel the wounds from the day before. Maybe life is just not going as you planned or hoped. Walls are crushing in even as you try to do the right thing. You can't seem to find and hold onto Happiness. Where did it go? Here's the mystery... Happiness cannot be found when the wonder of God is missing in our lives.

Stop for a moment. Look beyond where you are. And consider a bird. Can you create one? How does it know to fly ... or return to the same place each winter ... or how to build a sturdy nest? Each year meteors streak across the sky. Each spring flowers bloom in brilliant colours. Each day the sun rises. And each morning somewhere on this planet a single drop of dew nourishes a single blade of grass.

Who can see such things and find Happiness there? Children! Before they seek explanation, they embrace and delight in the wonder of the experience. Happiness begins and lives in wonder ... something strange and surprising that catches us off guard, something that astonishes us, puzzles us...and causes within us some degree of awe and admiration. Children see what we deem ordinary and find it to be miraculous. In a butterfly they can see God, and they are happy.

We tend to linger on the bad, but if we want to be happy ... if we want to experience true Happiness ... we must remember the wonder of life

itself. We must recall the amazement of seeing a rainbow, the astonishment of discovering a friend, the surprise of love freely given. We must again become as children and dance along the shore.

Look beyond what you see—to God setting the universe in motion, to Jesus providing a way to eternal love, to the Counsellor whose still, small voice tells us that Happiness is already here, not to pursue but to embrace. It isn't that we don't have enough Happiness, but given what lies in the world, that we could have any at all. And yet we can... if we will accept it. It's amazing, really. No, it's a wonder!

Look beyond what you see. To God...'

Happiness does not come from being in another place, or from another person, or a pill, or a bottle!

Happiness is generated in the heart, but lives in the mind. It associates with God's love, and acceptance. It develops into thoughts. If we hold unpleasant thoughts, we will be unhappy. However, God has given us the ability to remove any unpleasant thoughts that appear. We cannot prevent an unpleasant thought from appearing, but we do not have to dwell on it, we have the ability to replace it with a pleasant thought. Replace it with a thought of how important you are to God, and how much He loves you!

... to Him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.
Psalm 136:4



Commended Home Workers in NSW

JULY 2007 INFORMATION & PRAYER GUIDE

Please include these Amendments in your copy.

in the section “WORKERS SUPPORTED BY OTHER MEANS”

1. At the top of page HW10,
please correct the name of Daya Nand’s wife to be Mary,
and change the mobile phone to 0424 525 813.
2. At the top of page HW8, the following Home Worker entry
was inadvertently omitted:

Choucair, Jamil & Jocelyne

James (30/8/86) Jennifer (19/10/94)



Address: 281A Miller Road, Bass Hill, 2197
Phone (H): (02) 9726 3600 (Mb): 0414 970 811
E-mail: jamil@dohtv.org
Commended by & attending: Burwood Arabic Assembly.

Ministry: Elder at Burwood Arabic Assembly. Also an Evangelist who in August is making an evangelical speaking trip to Egypt, USA and NZ. Jamil is the Presenter, Leader and full-time worker at the *Door of Hope* Arabic TV Ministry, which aims to plant the seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the Arabic speaking community. At present, the program is broadcast over Australia and NZ.

3. At the top of page HW11, insert this new Home Worker:

Trinidad, Rodney & Marian

Jaelyn (28/7/2004)



Postal Address: PO Box 6829, Baulkham Hills, 2153
Phone (H): (02) 9626 5011 (Mb): 0433 582 232
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Commended by,
and attending: NorWest Community Church

Ministry: Serving full time with ‘Word of Life’ as High School Ministry Coordinator and Youth Consultant to Local Church ministries. “Preaching and teaching young people and adults about evangelism and discipleship is the best job in the world!”

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Last NSW Missionary Convention for 2007

Please endeavour to keep this date free from local events:-

SATURDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2007

WEST PENNANT HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

41-43 EATON ROAD, WEST PENNANT HILLS 2125

PROGRAMME: First session 3:00 to 4:30
 Afternoon tea 4:30 to 5:00
 Second session 5:00 to 6:30
 Meal 6:30

Speakers expected are Paul and Linda McIlwain, Allan and Shelley Moss, Colin and Marg Dennis, Bill and Sandra Callister, Christina Eglinton.

Any queries - the telephone number of WPHCC is (02) 9872 4200

Coffee and Dessert Evening Monday, 15 October, 7.30pm

at West Pennant Hills Community Church.

The guest speakers expected (DV) are:-

Sandra Callister and Bethany Kapezya (nee Saxby).

More details will be distributed soon, but meanwhile:

Enquiries to Mary Arnold ph: 9894 4264.

Launch of the 'G.D. James Foundation'

On 2 June 2007 the 'G D James Foundation' was officially launched at the Epping Baptist Church. Over 150 people, representing 41 churches, attended the dinner launch.

Mr Davidson James welcomed the audience and led the opening hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness".

Dr G D James was an international evangelist who was called home to glory in July 2003. He had been an evangelist for 63 years and preached at large scale evangelistic crusades in Asia and bible conferences and churches around the world, thrilling his audiences with his wit, wisdom and humour.

A prolific writer, Dr James had written more than 25 books. His well known evangelistic booklet "The Man You Must Confront" continues to be a blessing to many. In May 2007, a Christian lady in Sydney handed a copy of this booklet to a recent migrant to Australia, an English professor from Turkey, who not only accepted Christ as his Saviour as a result of reading this booklet but made several photo-copies of the booklet and distributed them to his Muslim friends.

Mr Bill Ho, the treasurer, in introducing the Foundation said "In profound thanksgiving to God and with much appreciation for Dr James' faithful ministry as a full time missionary / evangelist for more than half a century, his loved ones and Christian friends who have been singularly blessed by Dr James' ministry over the years, initiated the G D James Foundation in April 1996."



"The purpose of the Foundation is to generate and manage funds to support national missionaries and social work in the two-thirds world as well as in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. The Foundation has to date contributed to the support of missionaries and orphans in India and Nepal and of orphans in Vietnam. We are now launching the Foundation so that more people will be aware of it and its purpose. We really appreciate all prayers, assistance and suggestions to help the Foundation to further God's Kingdom."

Pastor Earl Roberts committed the board members, Mr Davidson James, Rev. Mathew Kuruvilla, Mr Bill Ho, Pastor Jeremy Tay and Mr Rob McCullough to God in prayer. Then the guest speaker Rev. the honourable Dr Gordon Moyes AC MLC in his address stated that a vision statement he had seen at a local church read "teaching the truth about Jesus; encouraging people to trust and rely on Him; and preparing God's people for service", aptly summarized the life of Dr James who was called "the Billy Graham of Asia".

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“Teaching the truth about Jesus” took him to scores of countries around the world. As an evangelist he was heard by millions of people. He conducted major crusades throughout the United Kingdom, Europe, America, Australia and in a dozen or more Asian countries. His ‘Love Sydney’, ‘Love Melbourne’, ‘Love Hobart’ etc crusades drew large crowds and many converts.

“Encouraging people to trust and rely upon Him” was another keystone of G D James’ life. With his wife for sixty years, Rose, and his six children, all of whom are committed Christians involved in Christian service, he was an amazing example of a family man. He encouraged people everywhere to trust and rely upon Jesus by giving to people in the streets, waitresses in cafes, and nurses in hospitals, a copy of his little pocket book ‘The Man You Must Confront’. That book has been printed more than 10 million times and in 15 languages. All of his 25 books were designed to give people encouragement to trust and rely upon Jesus.

The third part of the church’s vision was also his: “preparing God’s people for service”. Dr G D James became the greatest Asian missions administrator of the twentieth century. He was a member of a number of mission boards but in 1960, following a heart attack, he realized that he should spend his energies in training others to proclaim the gospel as well as himself.

He established in 1960 the Asia Evangelistic Fellowship that today has 200 national missionaries working in nine Asian countries. This indigenous mission is committed to evangelization

of the people in Asia and around the world. He was responsible for organizing significant missionary conferences and preaching on the missionary theme throughout both the Eastern and Western world. He was responsible personally for encouraging hundreds of people into full-time Christian ministry and service.”

Dr Moyes said that soldiers went to war behind the standard flag bearer and if the standard bearer was killed in action or struck down, the others would grab the flag, raise it high and march on. As Christians we are the soldiers of Christ carrying the cross of Christ to all the world.

“And that’s what the Foundation is all about,” said Dr Moyes. “It enables each one of us as soldiers of Christ and friends of G D James to take up the cross that he bore for more than 60 years and take it to all the world.”

Debra Tin concluded the evening’s program with the solo ‘Carry the Light’ that she also sang at Dr James’ memorial service in Sydney .

Rev Mathew Kuruvilla challenged those present to be involved in the work of the Foundation by their prayers and gifts, and board member Pastor Jeremy Tay gave the concluding remarks, closing prayer and benediction.

Anyone interested in getting more information about the **G D James Foundation** or in making a donation could contact – The Secretary, G D James Foundation, PO Box 3913, Parramatta 2150, Bill Ho 0421 553 359 or Davidson James (02) 9633 9777,

e-mail address:

billmarina@optusnet.com.au



Three Book Overviews



These 'Book Overviews' are simple introductions to some books we have come across which may be of interest to our readers. In each case the book is already in the Emmaus Bible College Library and available for loan, but we also give details of how the book can be purchased. Strangely, each of the books this time is obtained by a different method! Puzzled? Read on....

The "Desert Rat" by Annette Adams Publisher: Huntington House

(Most of the following comments are re-printed by permission from the 'Heart of a Woman' magazine Vol. 7 Issue 1.)

This is the remarkable story of Aileen Coleman. The author wrote "Consider the character of this woman, a registered nurse with a Masters Degree in Arabic, who, with another female, a physician, enters a Moslem land in 1965.



By 1973, with no visible means of financial support, she and the doctor had built a completely equipped sixty-bed hospital just outside Mafraq, Jordan. In an environment hostile to both her sex and her Christian religion, this miracle of mercy was accomplished."

Aileen has been celebrated by the princely and noble as well as the lowly and oppressed. She is known by many names – "The Angel of the Desert" "Blood Brother to the Bedouin" or "A'raisa" the leader. One dignitary lovingly referred to her as "one of the greatest servants God ever put on this earth".

Medical missionary Aileen Coleman humbly shuns such "pretentious and flowery titles" and answers only to the much more prosaic name – "The Desert Rat". Her long time friend Franklin Graham, president of the Christian relief and evangelism organisation Samaritan's Purse, wrote the book's Foreword and asks: "How in the world could a lady from the Outback of Australia turn ... the Arab world upside down?"

This story of her faithfulness and servanthood through four decades of ministry in the Middle East could change your life forever.

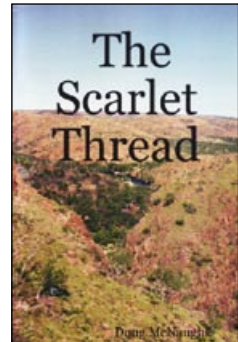
How to purchase: May be out of print. Search for a source via web site:

www.bookfinder.com

Title: The Scarlet Thread Author: Doug McNaught Publisher: Bekasume Books

In the Preface to this 122 page book the author states "I am not a Hebrew expert. I just know enough to understand that there is a heavy aroma of Grace hanging over the entire Bible.

Many people say
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there is little or no Grace in the Old Testament but I disagree. This book is written to give the reader the same sense of wonder that I have as I see the Grace in the early part of the Bible. If we can establish the pattern of Grace early in the Old Testament, then we will see it throughout the remainder of the Scriptures."

The book covers in great detail the evidence of God's grace in the first three chapters of Genesis, and then moves on to Noah in chapter 6, the Rainbow in chapters 8 & 9, and Babel in Genesis chapter 11, and finally some evidence of Christ Himself in the Old Testament.

How to purchase:

This book and others by the same author can be purchased via the Bekasume Books web site:

www.booksthataregood.com

You can purchase and download a electronic copy quite cheaply, or order the paperback version, which will then be printed and bound in the USA, and shipped to you within a few days. This is modern 'on-demand' publishing!

Title: EPIC - The Story God is Telling

Author: John Eldredge

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

If you are one of those people who like to see the 'Big Picture' at times, this 104 page book is well worth reading - even twice or more!

Eldredge writes "Life, for many of us, feels like a movie we've arrived at 40 minutes late.

"Sure, good things happen, sometimes beautiful things. But tragic things happen too. What does it mean? We find ourselves in the middle of a story that is sometimes wonderful, sometimes awful, usually a confusing mixture of both, and we haven't a clue how to make sense of it all. No wonder we keep losing heart. We need to know the rest of the story.

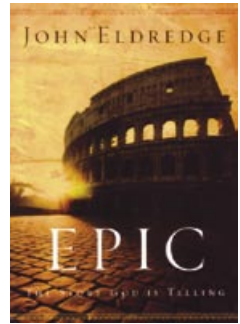
"When we were born, we were born into the midst of a great story begun before the dawn of time. A story of adventure, of risk and loss, heroism... and betrayal. A story where good is warring against evil, danger lurks around every corner, and glorious deeds wait to be done.

"Think of all those stories you've ever loved - there's a reason they stirred your heart. (I counted quotes or reference to at least 31 great stories and movies in this book, plus poems and the Bible of course. -Ed)

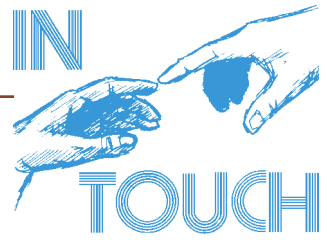
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How to purchase: Available at most Christian Bookshops. EPIC is available in Hard Cover, Trade Paper, and Spanish editions. □



News from commended Home Workers



Bruce & Helen Buckley

July 2007

Dear friends,

A special thank you to all those who have given to the NSW Home Workers Fund. This is a special blessing for us and it does our heart good to receive a cheque in the mail every month reminding us of your care and support.



Please keep praying for us. Helen and I are very aware that God wants us to keep close to the Lord and grow to become more like him. We are keen to allow God to keep working in us and through us as we serve him in a variety of ways.

Here is a prayer I have been praying a lot lately. Try it out if you need to. It will do you good.

“Father God, I want to become more like Jesus Christ. I invite you to do your best work in me and through me. I want to grow and make a difference in the relationships around me. Right now I know you are speaking to me about changing/ maturing, especially regarding ____ (be specific) _____. I intend to cooperate with your Spirit to become the person you want me to be.”

Please continue to pray with us and for us:-

PRAISE God with us for:

- Maturing relationships within the church family;
- 7 baptisms recently including our son Michael;

- Good attitudes and response in our Scripture classes;
- Good family relationships and spiritual growth.

PRAY with us for:

- Our heart's desire to see our family owning and living for Christ in their own right;
- A deeper work of God in our lives and church family;
- Scripture classes [Helen (2) and Bruce (3)];
- Wisdom and humility in leadership, pastoral care, teaching and study;
- Spiritual breakthrough and salvation of a number of friends.

We take this opportunity to encourage you all in your Christ-like growth.

Thanks again for your care and support,

With Christian love,
Bruce & Helen.

Colin & Mavis Winrow

August 2007

Warm greetings to each one.

We have not been commended workers very long, but we've been overwhelmed with the loving support we have received. These past few weeks have been pretty hard following Mavis' right total-knee replacement and, even though she is improving daily, it is still a long



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road ahead to full mobility. Thank you so much for all your prayers and loving thoughts. Our sideboard is covered in 'Get Well' cards and they have been a joy to receive.

Colin is doing very well with his new job of keeping house until I (Mavis) get more mobile. It was never his desire to cook but he is managing very well and we are both in good health, so that really says something. He says he quite enjoys washing the clothes (a machine does most of it!) but ironing and cooking both get him a bit steamed up, hot under the collar, and liable to burn things!

Our commitment to the Waitara Assembly is still as strong as ever, and the brothers and sisters there are a great source of strength to us.

Mavis has had to step back for the present from her involvement with the Ladies Auxiliary at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, but hopes it won't be too long before this will begin again. Colin still continues his 'one-day-a-week' helping Fusion Australia at the Hornsby office.

We have been keen to get down to Victoria to visit our daughter, son-in-law and two young grandsons, but the operation delayed that. However, we now hope to visit them for a couple of weeks at the beginning of September – after the August issue of Assemblies Outreach magazine has been safely mailed out to subscribers.

Thank you once again for all your prayers, loving care and support.

with Christian love,

Mavis & Colin

Jane Mayhew July 2007

[The following is a brief extract from the June/July issue of Jane's two-page newsletter 'Into the Barrow']

My first semester on campus is now complete and although it has been an incredibly joyful semester it has also been quite difficult. As a student I felt quite comfortable in ministry although it was a challenge balancing studies and all my responsibilities. I am now experiencing a new level of challenge. I don't think I realised how demanding full-time ministry would be. I found myself feeling quite drained, and once semester finished I was faced with preparations for our Mid-Year Conference.



It was such a blessing to have some holidays, I spent some quality time with family (and a new baby niece!) and I feel refreshed and ready to tackle the challenge of a new semester!

It means a lot to me to know that I have a support team like you, who provide for my needs and uphold me in prayer! Please pray for me as I head into this new semester, that God would grow my dependence on Him and continue to grow me into the woman that He wants me to be.

With love,

Jane

If you would like to receive your own copy of 'Into the Barrow', please contact Jane on 0423 621 990.

Parklea Markets Ministry - June & July

supplied by John Kennedy
West Pennant Hills Community Church

Saturday, 2 June 2007

Present: Paul Walker, Doug Smith, Keith Grace, Sue Keevers and Nelson Padilla.

Location: Sites 151/152

Mick, a Christian living in Sydney is returning to Serbia for a two week Ministry tour, he told us. He thanked us for our Ministry.

An Asian stall holder showed interest in taking a Chinese tract. His name is Richard and he was searching for the truth. He was bought up as a Buddhist but remains uncertain about its teachings. He accepted a number of tracts.

A Mormon woman handed me her tract for a free video entitled "Finding faith in Christ". She then received a tract from me entitled "The Father's Love letter". Please pray for her release from the sect before it becomes too late.

One young teenage girl exclaimed to us "I already know Jesus - I'm saved."

Spoke to Gabriel, an Aramaic speaker. We looked through the whole of

John Chapter 3. Gabriel told us that he speaks six eastern languages and that he is a Christian who belongs to the Syrian Antioch Church. He wished us God's Blessing on the work.

Saturday, 7 July 2007

Present: Paul Walker, Doug Smith, Keith Grace, Sue Keevers and Nelson Padilla.

Location: Sites 151/152

During the morning a number of shoppers called by and took some foreign language tracts.

A Polynesian family took some tracts, especially "The Father's Love letter", which they are going to share with their friends. They were also giving a supply to their Grandmother who was going to do likewise.

We gave out over 600 tracts on the day including 6 New Testaments.

A number of Christians passed by and encouraged us in our outreach.

A young Lebanese girl in Year 3 at school asked Sue to read "The Father's love letter" to her. □

From Obedience to Blessings

With tears in his eyes, nine-year old Tommy stuck his lower lip out as far as he could. He had begged his mother to let him buy a model airplane with his allowance money, but she wouldn't consider it.

Three weeks later he understood why. It happened at his tenth birthday party. As he opened his first gift his eyes lit up. The box held a remote-controlled airplane.

"Wow, thanks, Mum!" he said. Suddenly he was very glad that he had not wasted

his money on an airplane that wouldn't even fly.

Sometimes the same thing happens with our heavenly Father. Often when God says "no" to our request it is because He has something better prepared for us. We may not understand God's answer, but if we obediently follow God's commands, we can trust that God will always provide what is best for us.

Trust God and look for surprises!



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PO Box 21, Toukley, NSW 2263.

Applications close 31st August 2007.

Golden Bells magazine

To Christian Assemblies of Australia,

On behalf of the Golden Bells Publishing Team, I would like to invite you to preview our children's magazine and be added to our mailing list. Our magazine is published with the sole purpose of clearly presenting God's Word to children and youth. This magazine is provided to you **completely free of charge**.

We are based in Queensland, Australia, and are a mission of the Salisbury Christian Assembly in Brisbane. Our magazines are currently sent to Kids Clubs, Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, RE Classes, and Mission Schools in Australia, India, Africa, New Zealand and the Solomon Islands.

Contents include:

- * Children's Stories
- * Bible based puzzles and activities
- * Competitions
- * Teen Focus Pages
- * Young Christians Bible Study Page

The Magazine is A5 size and published in full colour gloss. Children are encouraged to send in completed activities and puzzles and prizes are awarded to these children by post.

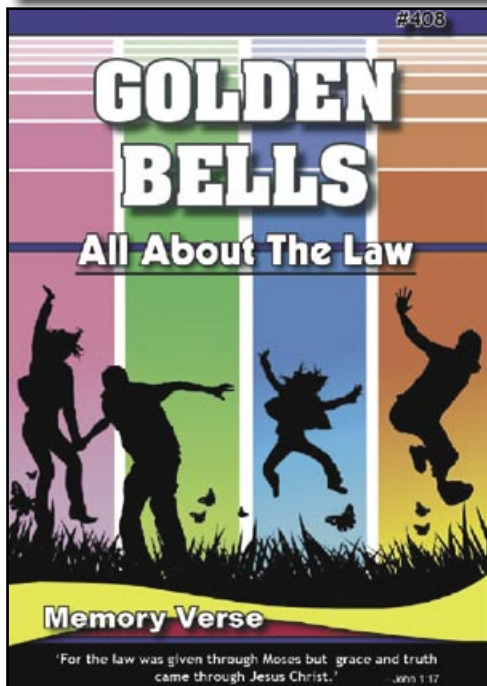
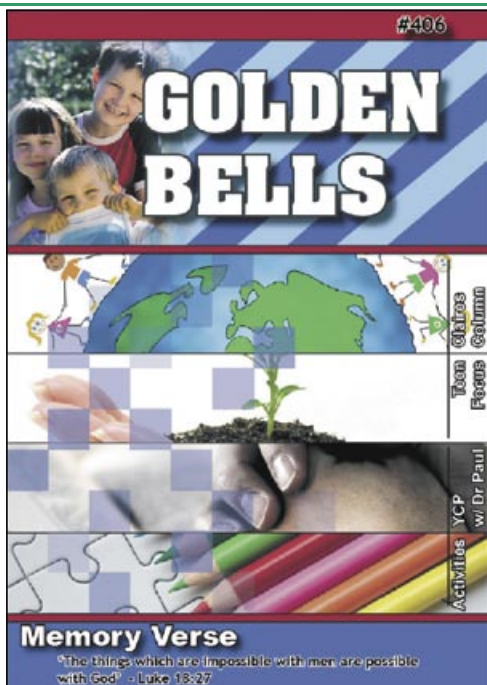
If you are interested in knowing more, receiving the latest sample copies, or subscribing to the Golden Bells magazine, please do not hesitate to contact me (Priscilla Iles) on one of the following:

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AMAZING GRACE

WINNERS of the MOVIE DOUBLE PASSES

In the June 2007 issue we had five Passes to give away for the Amazing Grace movie. Here, in time order, are the names of the five readers who met the criteria:-

Mr S. Trew, from Artarmon

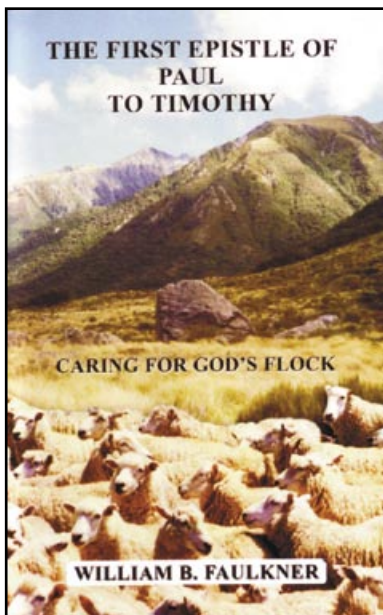
Ms L. Penrose, from Blaxland

Ms L. Lesleighter, from Hurstville Grove

Ms J. Howie, from Hornsby

Mr J. Buckley, from Leumeah

We hope each winner enjoyed the movie and benefited from it.



I Timothy:

'Caring for God's Flock'

by William B. Faulkner

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

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

Peter Clines, a commended NSW Home Worker and an elder at Oatley assembly, now has access to e-mail and his address is:-

pclines@bigpond.com

Please include this information in your copy of the 2007 Home Workers Supplement.

“Welcome to BrethrenPedia, the home of all things Plymouth Brethren.

Started in November 2005, we are working on 1,737 articles”

– this is how the first page of **BrethrenPedia**, the Plymouth Brethren “Wiki” begins.

www.brethrenpedia.com

Using the now well-respected Wikipedia technology to gather, edit and store on-line information, the site aims to serve as a central repository for all Plymouth Brethren related resources. The home page goes on to say “Using content richly provided by the community, it will be laden with choice history, individual assembly heritages, recent happenings and mission endeavours old and new.

“The goal of the site is to create a well organized index of information that can be viewed and edited by all to obtain a factually accurate

account of the history and current trajectory of the Plymouth Brethren, their customs, doctrines and practises. You are encouraged to add content and edit as you see fit.”

There is a wealth of information there already, but virtually none for Australia. Perhaps some people reading this column could begin to correct this! On the Home Page it tells you about the Wiki method and how to get started. Have a go!

Christian Survivors Ministries

www.christiansurvivors.com

This is basically an online support group for survivors of abuse. Its Home Page explains this in more detail and says, in part, “Christian Survivors Ministries is run by a group of survivors of abuse who hope and trust in Jesus for their own healing and restoration; and who believe in the power of Christ to use their lives to see the hope of Isaiah 61 translated into the reality of the lives of those around them.”

Lots of hope and resources on this web site!

New Max7 Website online now!

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- Search by Bible reference and tag (keyword).
- Have more detailed information about resources—fully indexed and categorized.

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- Subscribe to RSS feeds about Max7 resources.
 - Create a personalised profile.
 - Rate and comment on resources.
 - Add and edit tags for resources.
- Take a look for yourself!

www.max7.org

Prof. Thomas Woodward, one of the world's leading experts on 'Intelligent Design', and author of several books including 'Doubts about Darwin', has been speaking around Australia from 22 July to 8 August.

His website

www.apologetics.org

is regarded as one of the leading resources for Christian Thinking.

Word of Life

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find reference to Rodney Trinidad who has been working for the Word of Life organisation for many years. To find more about what they do in Australia visit the Word of Life web site:-

www.wol.org.au

FAMILY LIFE (a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ Australia) has a 'tool kit' of events and resources to work with churches to reach, renew and re-focus families in your neighbourhood. Visit:

www.ozfamily.org.au

How many of us did something specific for **Internet Evangelism (IE) Day** which was held on 29 April this year?

Whether we did or didn't there is an interesting article, published on the CBN web site, about what others did. It's called 'Finding God Online' and can be found at:-

www.cbn.com/cbnnews/146258.aspx

Also, the CBN web site is interesting in itself and well worth browsing.

www.cbn.com

Forty years ago, one could have suggested that Pat Robertson was stretching his imagination when he named his broadcasting organization – located in a defunct Portsmouth, Virginia TV station – The Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN). Not only was CBN the first Christian television station in Virginia, it was also the first in the US. Forty years later, no one can dispute that CBN is one of the largest television ministries in the world. Moreover, with its many subsidiary and affiliate organizations, CBN goes beyond the bounds of broadcasting in its mission to reach the world with a message of hope from the Bible.

The CBN web site has a huge section for news - a lot of it for the USA but the World section is here:-

www.cbn.com/CBNnews/world/

PLEASE submit all items for the October 2007 issue of this magazine **BEFORE 14 September**

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- To offer opportunities in this *Assemblies Outreach* Magazine for Home Workers, Assemblies, Para-Assembly Activities and other kindred bodies, to publicise and explain their ministries.
- To generate funds, through the Book Service and other means, toward the support of NSW Home Workers.
- To provide appropriate teaching for Christians.

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1 P. COR. 2:14



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Elouera Gardens Self-Care now comprises approximately 75 one, two, and three bedroom units of a variety of sizes and designs, catering for the varying needs of retirees. Your early application to be added to the waiting list is to be recommended.

Yurana House Hostel has a range of well-appointed rooms, each with ensuite. Care is provided for those who have been assessed by an Aged Care Team as requiring provision of all meals and personal care such as showering and medication assistance.

Bethshean Nursing Home is a modern and comfortable building, purpose built to offer a high standard of nursing care in pleasant surroundings. 50 residents can be accommodated in Bethshean, in either 2-bedroom or single rooms, all with ensuite.

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