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Dear Readers,


I have a confession to make. I enjoyed attending the last Coordinating Conference of NSW Christian Brethren! This has not always been my experience. (Many business meetings can be a bit of a ‘downer’. Even more so if you couldn’t attend in person, and just have the written Minutes to go on!)

Several encouraging things were discussed, some of which are mentioned on page 4, but the thing I was most challenged about was that we heard some sad facts about the current state of assembly financial support for our commended Home Workers.

It’s not often we dare to talk about ‘money’ or ‘giving’ at conferences or indeed in our assemblies. Rightly, we don’t want to preach a ‘prosperity gospel’, and most people say in effect “my giving is just between me and God”. That is true BUT that means God is watching! Remember how Jesus praised the poor widow’s gift, compared with those from richer people. It’s not the amount that’s important, it’s the motive, the heart, the compassion, the faith, behind the gift.

I’m challenged that Jesus can feed thousands with a few loaves and fish. I’m challenged that God “owns the cattle on a thousand hills”. I’m challenged by the fact that Jesus was critical of the unfaithful servant who stored away the money he had been given when his master went away. He didn’t spend the money, or waste the money. He didn’t even earn interest on it. He seemed to have no interest in pursuing his master’s business.

What about our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ? His mission is simple: diligently search for lost people, whatever their social standing, colour or creed, and offer them God’s salvation plan. As followers of Christ, we too have this as our mission until He returns.

So, are we using all our talents, including the money God has allowed us to have, to that end? Only the individual and God really know. And we will be asked to give account one day soon. But we can’t take all our investments with us to show the Lord how carefully we have stored away His gracious gifts to us. Food for thought, and action? 

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

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

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

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

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

Please uphold **Steve Walker** and his family in prayer in coming days as he undergoes abdominal surgery to deal with cancer. Pray for peace and a successful outcome, even though the recovery period may be a long one.

Graham Hayden collected some **Prayer and Praise points** from a number of NSW Home Workers and has sent a copy of these to every assembly in the state. If you have not seen these, or would like to receive your own copy in future, please contact him at "aemcobs@bigpond.com" or 02 9481 7095, or PO Box 640, Burwood 1805, indicating whether you prefer to receive the prayer items on paper or via email.

It was great to hear, at the last Coordinating Conference on 2nd August, about a **new church plant** which is occurring in the old Balmain Gospel

Hall. Brother Gavin Mork reported that the group at this stage consists of 20 people who live in the local area. The church will be known as "**City Light Church**" and they had their first official meeting in the building last week. They aim to build a church that is passionate about serving Christ; that loves God; loves the local community and loves the world, by doing good in the community and being part of God's mission. They are looking to have 40 to 50 Christians by January to begin this mission in earnest and then to open their doors in February. In the meantime they are praying for financial help to acquire basic equipment and to do some tidy-up maintenance in and around the building. For more information contact Gavin Mork at:

gavinmork@yahoo.com

The Coordinating Conference also heard (via Brad Scott's Secretary report) that the dates are now confirmed for **SRE Accreditation Training** sessions for SRE teachers in NSW. An email will go out in a week or two to all SRE teachers confirming the course details and venues. Broadly, the training team will at the following areas on the dates listed here:-

| | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 8 Sep | Sydney |
| 13-14 Sep | Cooma & Campbell |
| 20 Sep | Newcastle |
| 14-19 Oct | Toormina, Ballina & Lismore |
| 15-16 Nov | Lithgow & Orange. |

The meeting's chairman, Alex Worley, spoke again about the **funding needed** to support the Secretary's

position and he encouraged churches who have pledged funds to ensure they have been sent to this account:-

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For those churches still in the process of considering whether to give financial support for the Secretary, Alex encouraged churches to take into account the useful work that is already occurring to help our churches in NSW and decide to become a mutual partner in this initiative.

Meetings & Events

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

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

2012:

- 25 Aug **Pathfinders**, for seniors; at WPHCC; starts 7pm, phone 9680 7646.
- 8 Sept **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 12 Sept **Pray for Israel** at Epping Gospel Chapel; 10am to 12.
- 14 Sept **Youth Outreach Night**, at Allawah Community Church, in conjunction with Word of Life Youth Ministry; starting 7pm. Contact Roy on 0403 683 644.
- 29 Sept **Celebration of 60 years** of Male Voice Praise in Australia; 2pm at Kings School, Parramatta, see advert p28.

- 5 Oct **Fashion Parade & Sale of Summer Clothes** at Elouera Gardens; Cherrybrook, 10am. Enq: 9872 4603.
- 13 Oct **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 17 Oct **Pray for Israel** at Epping Gospel Chapel; 10am to noon.
- 1 Nov **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; Emmaus Bible College, Epping.
- 10 Nov **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 10 Nov **Christmas Shopping Morning** at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village; 9am to noon. Enquiries: phone 9872 4603.
- 10 Nov **Outreach Bookshop** and other Christmas Shopping at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village; 9am to noon. Ph: 9872 4603.
- 14 Nov **Pray for Israel** at Epping Gospel Chapel; 10am to noon.
- 17 Nov **Camp Kedron** celebrates 50 years. Details TBA.
- 24 Nov **Pathfinders**, for seniors; at WPHCC; starts 7pm, phone 9680 7646.



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Prayer & Praise Requests from NSW Assemblies

compiled by Brad Scott for July & August 2012

Children's Camp at Yarramundi:

- ☆ Please pray for the 57 children who attended this camp in July, and for their follow-up.

Katoomba Gospel Chapel

- ☆ Pray for growth in the church, that the church would impact their community for Christ.
- ☆ Pray for the Sunday School; that it will grow in number.
- ☆ Praise God for the great family atmosphere in the church.
- ☆ Praise God for the church's commitment to prayer.

Kingsgrove Gospel Chapel

- ☆ Pray for the church as they seek to employ an English-speaking pastor for the English part of the church.
- ☆ Pray for the building and renovation works that the church is about to start and for wisdom when programming around these works.
- ☆ Praise God that the church is growing and for the upcoming baptisms.
- ☆ Praise God for unity in the church.
- ☆ Praise God for the upcoming Mission trip to Romania and Moldova.

Kings Park Community Church (used to be NorWest Community Church)

- ☆ Pray for the church as they undertake the refurbishment

of their new Warehouse. They are still looking for some extra funding to allow the refurbishment work to begin.

- ☆ Pray for the church as they develop new relationships in the industrial area and surrounding suburbs as they seek to share Christ in this new setting.
- ☆ Praise God for the growth in the youth group and the work amongst these teenagers.
- ☆ Praise God for His great provision in providing the new building.

Lithgow Bible Church

- ☆ Pray for the church as they continue to finish Stage 2 of their building project – including a youth hall and amenities.
- ☆ Praise God for the great contacts and sharing that was achieved through the Will Graham crusade.
- ☆ Praise God for great contacts established in the community as a result of the Holiday Bible Club that was run earlier this year.

Emmaus Bible College

- ☆ Pray for wisdom for the Board and staff as Emmaus looks for a new place to house their ministry. The building they are presently in (at Epping) will be demolished to make way for a new train line.



Taking the Message of Life to Seafarers in Port Kembla

by Rob Flinders



More than 1,000 ships visited Port Kembla last year. Some were bulk carriers bringing iron ore from North West Australia's Pilbarra region to supply the BHP Steel manufacturing plant; others were car carriers bringing motor vehicles from manufacturers in countries such as Japan and Korea; others were bulk carriers visiting the port to load cargoes such as coal and grain; general cargo ships also visit the port, some of which carry cargo in containers.

On average each ship has a crew of 20 seafarers and very often those seafarers will have come from 4 or 5 different countries. Some seafarers come from China, India and countries in South East Asia. Others come from the Pacific Islands and yet others from countries in North West and Central Europe.

Just as these men have different nationalities, so too they have different religions; some are Agnostics, some are Buddhists, some are Hindus, some are Muslims, some are Protestants or Roman Catholics, some are Taoists and some belong to different sects. Each ship is a veritable mission field!

For the last four years **John Krishna**, one of the elders of Wollongong Evangelical Church (Fairy Meadow

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Brethren Assembly), has been visiting seafarers onboard ships at Port Kembla as a representative of the **Seamen's Christian Friend Society**.

A particular emphasis of John's ministry is to visit, amongst others, a number of small container ships that visit Port Kembla on a regular basis – Coral Chief, Island Chief, Highland Chief, **Kokopo Chief** (see below) and Papuan Chief.



These particular ships provide a weekly service between ports on the Eastern seaboard of Australia and ports in Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands and New Zealand.

The officers onboard these ships are combinations of Chinese, Filipinos and Russians but the ratings are always from Papua New Guinea.

Many of the Papuan seafarers are keen Bible students and some show clear evidences of having been born again by sustained exposure to the Scriptures.

From time to time, some of the Papuan seafarers ask John to provide them with a quantity of Bibles, something he is always very happy to do! It seems these seafarers give the



Bibles that John supplies to churches in Papua New Guinea villages that have very few Bibles!

John rejoices in the knowledge that some of the ships leaving Port Kembla are carrying that most precious of cargoes – the living and abiding Word of God by which men and women are born anew!

Please remember John in your prayers. Thank you.



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News & Views from NSW

Home Workers



Doug & Jenny McNaught 1st August

We had an interesting month in July; we started the month with a quick trip to Melbourne on the second and a return trip on the fifth. We went there to attend a family funeral and stayed with my brother while we were there. We were both quite tired by the weekend and were not sorry when we had a phone call from Mangrove Mountain on Sunday to say that they had called off their night service because most of the people were away that weekend.

During July we visited our home assembly at North Parramatta on the first and the fifteenth. It was good to see the people there and enjoy some fellowship with them. We also visited Bankstown for their morning service, and went to Avoca twice and Elouera Gardens as well.

We were generously asked to attend the Awake to Israel Prophecy camp for a weekend and enjoyed some fine teaching at the Merroo campsite near Kurrajong. Dr Randall Price gave some very interesting teaching on prophecy, and the Southern Cross quartet sang as well. Everyone we talked to found both to be very good.

On the last weekend of the month, I had a semi-intensive course at SOCS. We had two days of an introduction to the Eighth Century prophets. There are



four more days planned for late August and September. It was quite an intense weekend as I attended that course on the Friday and Saturday and then we went to Elouera Gardens and up to Avoca on the Sunday. By the time we arrived home on the Sunday night we were both very tired.

Jenny is still involved with the ladies from North Parramatta although they had a short break for the mid-year school holidays. She is also involved in supervising the trial HSC at OLMC in Parramatta as she has done for many years now.

If the Lord tarries, we are looking forward to a busy August with visits to Epping, Bankstown, Mangrove Mountain, STEPCC and Winmalee.

Thanks again for your support, fellowship and prayers. We look forward to your continuing fellowship.

Much love,

Doug and Jenny

Bill & Jean Archbold 3rd July

First we would praise the Lord for the health and the mental acumen that allows us to conduct a busy ministry teaching and preaching God's word. We average sixty-five meetings per year so this involves a lot of preparation for both the messages and, where we are able, we also do PowerPoint presentations. This at least doubles the preparation time.



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Most of our ministry is spent visiting the smaller Assemblies and usually taking teaching meetings. They are generally on passages of Scripture or subjects that they suggest. However, some prefer us to do our own thing. We also make a reasonable contribution at Oatley where we are still based. We are also involved taking part in a pastoral role at several retirement facilities. This takes the form of preaching the Gospel and also teaching at their Chapel times.

We praise the Lord for the people who pray for us. We have no idea how many there are, but from time to time people come up and tell us that they pray for us. This is comforting and we can see the results of their prayers when we preach.

Prayer Points: We need prayer for continued health. Jean has fully recovered from the long stay she had in hospital. It is great to see her bright smiling face again. She had a pretty low time for many months. She has just had two nasty skin cancers off her leg. The wounds are a bit messy but the pathology came back yesterday with the good news that they are not malignant. I have just a few things that need the attention of the doctor from time to time.

Family: All of our children are doing well. Those that are Christians are forging ahead, please pray for those who are not. We had the great joy of seeing our son-in-law Peter come to the Lord a few months ago. He is showing all the right signs and it is a delight to watch his progress. He and Sharon attend the Campbelltown Assembly. Craig and Emily advised us just this week that they

are expecting their second child early in the New Year. This means we will have seventeen direct descendants. Sharon's health is up and down as the name "Bipolar" suggests. She is bright for some weeks then down in the dumps the next. Her family needs special prayer.

Please continue to pray for us, we consider it a great privilege to be servants of the Lord.

Laurie & Margaret Cowell 14th July

Please excuse us for not sending our praise and prayer points earlier. Laurie left for South Korea this morning.



PRAISE:

We give thanks for God's provision of our daily needs and daily strength.

Praise God for blessings in the ministry of Faith Community Church at Blacktown and at the GLO Centre in Riverstone.

We thank God for fellow workers at the Multi-cultural Assembly, at GLO and national workers in overseas countries.

We praise God that our family and their families are all keeping well.

PRAYER- Please pray for Laurie giving 50 lectures at the Training Centre in South Korea. From Korea he will travel on to Mongolia to help and encourage the national workers there.

Pray for Gods guidance for our future ministries. ➤

Please pray for the granting of Accreditation for the GLO Training Centre in Smithton (Tasmania) and for the ESL Course at GLO (Riverstone).

Sonny & Juno Ng 15th July

PRAISE:

1. We are very grateful to our Almighty God for keeping us fit and well to serve Him each day; our health condition has been good by God's grace. Juno's past cancer has not returned and Sonny's heart condition is keeping well with medication help.

2. Thanks to God for the good work of the Elders in Faith Community Church in building up the fellowship. We have now a keen group of young adults doing evangelistic work and music.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for the spiritual growth of the church at Blacktown; the church is now facing a big challenge to reach out to the new migrants that have moved into the Blacktown suburb. Many of them are Muslims and Hindus families. Pray for opportunity to share the gospel.

2. The children's work is still doing well at the local school each Friday; pray for the Team who is doing the good work and for the salvation of these young lives. In September, the church will be organising a Holiday Bible Club – 5 days programme. Please support us in this evangelistic outreach.

3. Sonny is doing light work in the church now due to his health – as advised



by the doctors; Juno is still busy in the GLO Office at Riverstone – doing admin duties. Please pray for wisdom and strength.

John and Irene Hills 15th July

Being involved in Scripture in Schools is a life changing ministry. Irene teaches in two local Primary Schools and this may be the only time these kids, and sometimes the teachers, will hear the Gospel presented in a simple way.

Because I teach Scripture at a Christian School, I can teach and present the Gospel with a challenge. I often ask Kids to ask me hard questions, some ask them anyway, it is a great opportunity. I think I have the best job in the world, because many kids over the years, and this year, have asked how to become a Christian.

Please pray that God will reach out to these young souls, and that they will respond and go on for the Lord.

The TV work just keeps on growing, the English programs go to air each week on TVS Saturday and Sunday mornings.

We have just had 11 of our Kids programs go to air in Tanzania, and they want more. The request came because they wanted a Christian program on National TV, because there are many programs on Tanzanian TV that are antichrist or not helpful morally!

As of last week we have had a request to supply a weekly English program for satellite, that would be broadcast across Australia and NZ, primarily targeting a non-Christian audience. This is pretty full on, and we would value your prayer.



Daya Nand, itinerant speaker

by Arthur Hibbard,
Bankstown Gospel Hall



*Do you know
this preacher?*

Several years ago, Bankstown Assembly commended Daya Nand as a NSW Home Worker.

Let me introduce you to Daya, and give you some of his background.

Brother Daya and his wife Mary come from Fiji. Over many years, he has preached the gospel, ministered, and taught the scriptures in Fiji, New Zealand and here in Sydney.

Brother Daya also has a number of coloured wall charts to teach about the PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE events, as recorded in God's word.

Both Bankstown and Concord assemblies have been blessed by his messages when he has been the speaker at either of our Family Nights, the Gospel meeting, or Ministry on Sunday morning after the Lord's Table.

Daya is a man of God, who wants to reach out to the unsaved. Daya knows the scriptures, does his preparation well, and at times uses the overhead projector. He also has a way of getting the attention of those listening.

Phone him or email him, and arrange to have a talk with him. You will want to have him speak at one of your meetings! Phone: 9621 2698.

Email: daya.mary.nand@hotmail.com



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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
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| from NSWAEM | 2,000 | 2,700 |
| from other sources | 35 | 20 |
| | 5,616 | \$4,990 |
| June: from Assemblies | 2,705 | 2,635 |
| from NSWAEM | 2,700 | 2,700 |
| from other sources | 20 | 7 |
| | \$5,425 | \$5,342 |
| Totals | \$52,406 | \$53,507 |

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Nancy – a Christian Testimony

by Nancy Xu

Nancy (a Chinese woman) attended the Eastwood Friday Night Outreach program for some time, and also Eastwood meetings. It was a great pleasure to attend her baptism on Sunday, 24th June, at Burwood where she now worships. What follows is the testimony given by Nancy at her baptism.

– Lillian Fleming



“At the end of 2004, because I had no place to spend evening time, my friend and I attended a church Christmas party. Afterwards, I got involved in many church activities, including Sunday services and weekly Bible study. Although the pastor, brothers and sisters taught me a lot, my heart was still hardened by the material world. That man can conquer nature was my slogan.

However, an unexpected racial discrimination from a tutor nearly crushed my dream. As a proud and diligent international student, I could not face the prospect of failing a paper. Confronted by such an awkward tutor, I knelt down and prayed to God that if He could let me pass the exam,

I would admit His existence and be baptized. I dared to bargain with God! Our faithful God kept His promise, and I was also baptized. However, I did not accept Him as my saviour in my heart. During the last six years, I was leading a self-centred life. Going to church was part of my routine life only.

In the middle of 2011, I was gradually aware that my inward turmoil was aggravating. Many nights, I unconsciously counted sins committed in recent years. As I had a little bit of knowledge of the Bible, I knew the definition of sins and wages of sins. I deeply felt that God is a living God, and He was warning me and punishing me. In the earth, sins have already tortured me severely; I could not imagine what sort of life I would be leading in hell.

After a sleepless night, I got on the train to Koorong Christian bookshop to seek comfort. Why did I go to Koorong, not Bondi beach? I could not answer, but a pair of invisible hands took me there. Later on I understood that if my negative feelings were due to God's purposes, comfort should also come from God. God took me there.

In the book shop, I met Dae Young Kim, a Korean at Eastwood Christian >14

Fellowship, who I now call 'uncle'. When uncle asked me whether I was born again, I could not give an answer. Uncle told me that Jesus died for our sins, which are past, present and future sins. That He rose from death proves that He conquered death. He has almighty power, and He must be from God. Jesus' death is for God to forgiveness of our sins. All of a sudden, I realized that the comfort I was seeking was God's forgiveness of my sins.

Acts 2:38 says "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." How foolish I was! I used to place hope on psychological books to conquer all negative feelings, but never learnt that repentance in front of God is the most effective and simplest way. On that day, I kneeled down, and prayed for God's forgiveness. As God's only son died for my sins, I had no reason to go back to my old sinful life.

After I became a Christian, uncle and aunt invited me to have a weekly individual Bible study at their home. God's words, and their patient teaching, have softened my heart step by step. Gradually, I received inner peace.

I deeply regret how I defied God's will in the past, and experience how faithful God is. If God did not love me, He would not give me the freedom

to choose either godly life or worldly life. If God had not loved me and treated me as His beloved child, He would not have used uncle and aunt to bring me back to Him and I would be still surrounded by unhappiness, anxiousness, and be destined for eternal death.

When confronted with life problems, I am always reminded to put God first. Keep reminding myself "delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you what you desire in your heart" (Psalm 37:4) and "the one who trusts will never be dismayed" (Isaiah 28:16).

Although marriage and job are two big problems to me, I let God be fully in charge. I understand what I am doing does not conform to contemporary world's code of conduct, and am mocked by relatives, friends and co-workers.

But I also know that a broad way leads to eternal death but a narrow way is the way to eternal life. Why should I value the temporary happiness more than eternal happiness? On top of that, daily Bible reading has been part of my life; I have learnt to be thankful, count the blessings I have received and use the Bible as the Code of Conduct to judge my daily behaviour.

Dear audience, having heard my stories, what do you think? Are you ready to accept Jesus? Do you want Him to dominate **your** life?"



*‘ I kneeled down
and prayed for
God’s forgiveness. ’*

Like a Thief in the Night

by W.D. Archbold, PhD

I admire a man who keeps his word. In my lifetime I have met a lot of people but I have only known one who I am absolutely positive that He will never break His word to me. That Man is **"The Lord Jesus Christ."**

As I have read the four Gospels many times I remember that the Lord Jesus made numerous promises to His followers. One of the best of them is contained in **John 14:1 – 6.**

In those wonderful verses the Lord mentions three important things. They are:-

1. The Promise.
2. The Destination.
3. The Way.

1. The Promise:

Verse 3a *"I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."*

2. The Destination:

He has promised that He will come back again as He wants us to be with Him. Where will this be?

Verse 2 *"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."*

The destination is Heaven. Would you like me to describe what Heaven is like? That would be impossible.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV) *"However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him'."*

3. The Way:

It is not much use having a promise and a destination if we don't know



the way. So the Lord made the way absolutely clear. This is what He said:-

Verses 5 – 6. *Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Will the Lord keep His promise? Will He come back for us and take us to be with Him forever? I believe that He will.

His disciples longed for that day and they asked Him **"WHEN"** would He be coming back. This was His reply.

Matthew 24:42 (NIV) *"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."*

The apostle John adds this extra piece of information:

Revelation 16:15 (NIV) *"Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."*

Way back in 1943 when I was just a young boy something rather strange happened to my family. At that time there were four of us living in the house – my mother & father, my aunty and myself.

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At the time of this event we were all rugg'd up in bed and fast asleep. Sometime during the very early hours of the morning a thief jumped over our back fence, came up the path, which led to the unlocked backdoor.

At about 6.30am my mum and dad arose and as dad was leaving for work, he went to a coat rack in the hallway only to find the overcoat that he had just purchased was not there.

He mumbled and groaned and said that my mum must have put it somewhere, but she hadn't. Dad went off to work still grumbling with no overcoat.

A little later my mum went down into the backyard to where the toilet was in those days, when to her amazement there was several receipt books on the ground. She immediately recognised them as the neighbour's who had given her some bills to pay as they were away on holidays.

She was totally bewildered by all of this but a greater surprise was still in store for her. She went into her bedroom and noticed that the top drawer of her dressing table was just slightly open. Upon opening the drawer to her amazement she found her little Trinket Box that contained



her meagre jewellery was empty. It was only then that she realised that a thief had been in the house while we all slept.

I still have that same dressing table in my home and I will give anyone a thousand dollars if they can open the top drawer without making a considerable amount of noise! But the thief did. We neither saw him nor heard him; we only knew that he had been there because some of our possessions were missing.

Then there was another discovery, as we also found that the copper stick had been taken out of the laundry and was at the back of our yard. The stick was about a metre long and about five centimetres in diameter. The thief had armed himself with this stick.

My mind turned to another verse in John's Gospel.

John 10:10 (NIV) *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have ➤*



come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

I have often wondered what might have happened to us if we had woken up and confronted that thief.

The Day Of His Appearing. One day, and it could be very soon, the Lord will come back for all those who love Him. We will be snatched away in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye.

The thief comes to steal what was not his. When Jesus comes, unlike the thief, He will be coming only for His own; all those who love Him and are His because He has bought them. **1Corinthians 6:20 (NIV)** *"you were bought at a price".*

Peter is a little more precise as to the real cost of our redemption.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) *"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."*

The rest of the unbelieving world will be left behind; they will not see Him and they will not hear Him. But they will miss us. "Where have all the Christians gone?" will be their cry.

Are you waiting for the "Undertaker"? Or are you waiting for the "Up-taker"?



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Three Missionaries - not Two!

by Rob Flinders, SCFS



Rob Flinders, Edgar Aguilo, and John Krishna

I often remark that in ministry to seafarers the REAL missionaries are not Seamen's Christian Friend Society (SCFS) port missionaries who visit seafarers onboard their ships while they are in port. Rather it is Christian seafarers - such as **Edgar** in the picture above - who establish and lead evangelistic Bible Studies for other crew members while their ships are at sea.

Unlike port missionaries, Christian brothers like Edgar are not constrained in their witness to crew members onboard their ships by time, or by cultural differences or language difficulties. For that reason SCFS port missionaries endeavour to do all they can to encourage, support and equip brothers like Edgar.

Towards the end of 2011, Edgar was

instructed to join **mv Pos Topas**, a large bulk carrier nearing final construction in a Chinese shipyard. With an all-Filipino crew onboard of around 20 men, Pos Topas was launched on 5th December and immediately commenced her maiden voyage, a voyage to Abbott Point in Queensland to load coal.

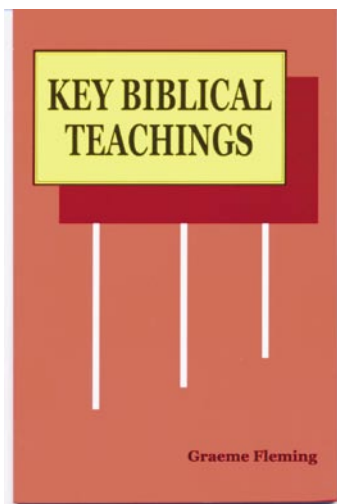
Not long after the voyage commenced, Edgar invited his crew mates to attend a weekly Bible Study that he had organized in the crew Recreation Room. The group began meeting with five members.

The prospect of visiting an Australian port also prompted Edgar to contact the Seamen's Christian Friend Society (SCFS) in the Philippines to enquire if there was an SCFS representative at Abbot Point who could ➤

provide Bibles for the crew members who were attending the Study Group. SCFS Philippines provided Edgar with my contact details. Sadly, there was insufficient time to mail the Bibles Edgar needed to Abbot Point before the ship arrived there. Nonetheless, I emailed Edgar and offered to do all I could to support, encourage and help him in his ministry onboard, even though I was unable to supply Bibles to him on this particular occasion. Edgar's response was both grateful and enthusiastic.

Container ships are normally employed on what are called 'liner trades.' That is to say they provide a regular and well-publicized service by visiting a fixed series of ports on a regular basis. Some other ships, however, such as oil tankers and dry bulk carriers like Pos Topas, are referred to as 'tramp ships.' These are ships that are chartered (hired), often at very short notice, to carry one-off shipments of cargo from one port to another. As a consequence these types of ship do not have fixed schedules or published ports of call. This in turn means that the crews onboard these ships often do not know which countries or ports their ship will visit beyond the next immediate port. Pos Topas is currently being operated as a 'tramp ship.'

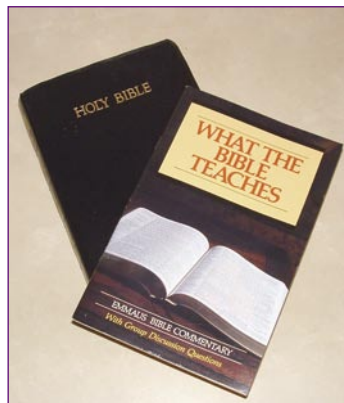
In mid-March this year Edgar contacted me again to tell me Pos Topas had been chartered for another voyage to Australia, this time to load coal at Dalrymple Bay in Queensland for shipment to Chinese ports. In light



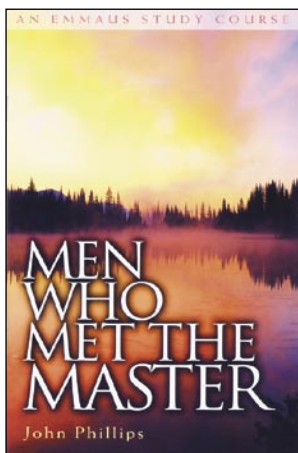
of this I was able to mail 5 packages to Edgar via his ship's agent at that port.

I supplied Edgar with multiple copies of four Bible Study Courses. One of these was '**Key Biblical Teachings**' a basic first course containing six short lessons that was written especially for people from a Roman Catholic background.

The second course was '**What The Bible Teaches**.' This is an extended gospel presentation that contains 12 lessons.



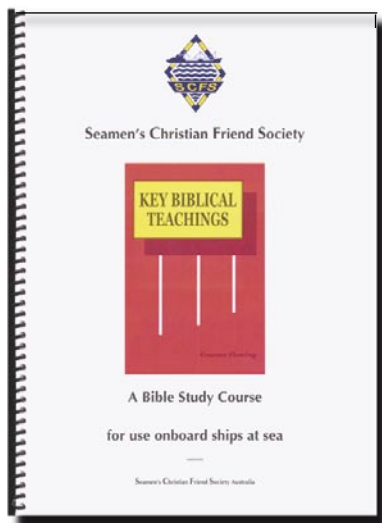
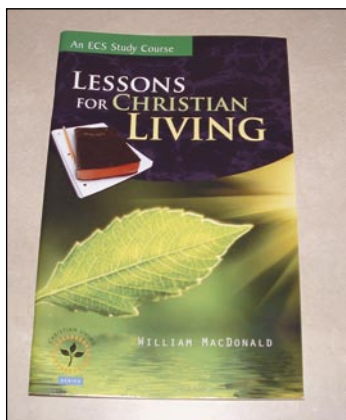
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The third course was entitled '**Men who Met the Master.**' This contains six lessons and deals with the reactions of six men to Christ – the repentant thief on the cross, the Roman centurion who supervised the crucifixion of Christ, Pilate, Herod Antipas, Judas and Nicodemus.

The fourth course was '**Lessons for Christian Living.**' This contains 12 lessons for new believers in Christ.

I also supplied Edgar with a Leader's Manual for each course.



These Manuals have been written specifically to provide advice and practical help to Christian seafarers who desire to establish and lead Bible Group Bible Studies onboard their ships while they are at sea.

Since receiving copies of these four courses in March, Edgar has led the eight men in his onboard Bible Study Group through the first two courses – 'Key Biblical Teachings' and 'What The Bible Teaches'.

In May I received an email from Edgar in which he told me Pos Topas had been chartered for a voyage from Taiwan to load a full cargo of coal at Port Kembla, 90 minutes drive south of Sydney. This was exciting news for both Edgar and for me inasmuch as it was now an opportunity for us to meet each other for the very first time!

After battling strong winds and heavy seas sailing down the Australian coast, Pos Topas eventually berthed at the Port Kembla Coal Loader late on Saturday, 9th June. In the afternoon ➤

of the next day I, together with John Krishna, our SCFS representative in Port Kembla, visited Ed onboard his ship. The picture shows Pos Topas berthed at the Port Kembla Coal Loader.



John and I were able to spend two hours with Edgar and this was a joyous occasion for each of us - as can be seen from the photo that begins this article! As often seems to be the case when Christian brothers meet for first time, we quickly felt at ease and warmed to each other.

There was much to talk about! John and I were very conscious that Edgar is uniquely placed to proclaim Christ to the other men onboard Pos Topas and for that reason we wanted to do all we could in the available time to encourage him, to strengthen him and support him in his ministry.

Each time Edgar joins a ship he is contracted to remain onboard for a period of 9 months. During those 9 months Edgar has no opportunity to attend a church on Sundays, no opportunity to be taught by a pastor, no opportunity to attend a Bible Study or a Prayer Meeting and no opportunity to engage in corporate worship with other brothers and sisters in Christ

– all activities that most of us take for granted! Apart from an occasional visit from a port missionary, Edgar is almost completely deprived of Christian Fellowship. As a consequence he is, in some respects, spiritually vulnerable.

With this in mind, some of the resources we provided to Edgar were for his own personal edification - resources that will enable him to continue to 'grow in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.'

We also provided Edgar with other resources that have the potential to increase the effectiveness of his evangelistic ministry to non-Christian crew members - not only for the remainder of his time onboard Pos Topas but also for the times when he will be onboard other ships in the years to come.

Edgar was very keen for John and I to meet the members of his Bible Study Group and so we spent the second half of our time together interacting with these men. They are shown here, together with Edgar, in the crew's Recreation Room.

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Edgar was particularly keen to introduce John and I to two of the men who have been attending his Bible Study Group – **Cyril and Miguelito** ('Mike'). Edgar told us that both of these men have made professions of faith in Christ as a consequence of attending the onboard Bible Studies, Cyril in January and Mike more recently in June.

Cyril, shown here on the left, is 23 years old and he works onboard Pos Topas as an Engineering Cadet. He is not married. Mike (on the right) also works in the ship's Engine Room as an Oiler. He is 38 years old, is married to Melanie and they have two young boys aged 7 and 5 years old.

It was especially good to be able to speak to these two men and to be able to encourage them to be diligent in reading and studying The Word of God. Edgar is very conscious of his responsibility to feed, protect and nurture Cyril and Mike during their remaining time onboard Pos Topas. Both men are currently studying '**Lessons for Christian Living**' and are also reading a small book entitled, '**Now that I Believe.**' When Cyril and Mike finish their contracts onboard Pos Topas later this year we will provide their contact details to SCFS in the Philippines and ask them to follow up these two men. Edgar and I will also endeavour to stay in contact with them and encourage them by email and telephone.

All too soon our time with Edgar and the other men came to an end.



I had to return to Sydney, John to his local church and several of the men to their duties onboard. The following morning Pos Topas sailed from Port Kembla, fully laden with 88,045 tonnes of steam coal that would eventually be discharged in Taiwan where it will be used for power generation.

Although our meeting was not a long one, it was nonetheless encouraging and fruitful. I was greatly encouraged to discover that Edgar has a strong commitment to personal Bible Study. Edgar and his wife Susan were drawn to Christ in 1995. Since that time Edgar has completed more than 25 Emmaus Bible Correspondence Study Courses and one of his first requests to me was to provide him with more courses that he might study while he is onboard Pos Topas.

There seemed to be little doubt our meeting was also encouraging for Edgar. He clearly valued the fellowship with John and I and he was also extremely grateful for the resources we provided for his ministry. For my part, I gave Edgar an undertaking I would endeavour ➤

to support him in his ministry on an ongoing basis – not only now while he is on board Pos Topas, but also in the future when he is working onboard other ships, some of which will perhaps not come to Australia, let alone Port Kembla. Emails I have received from Edgar since Pos Topas sailed from Port Kembla, suggest that he is especially excited and thankful about this and to have SCFS as his ongoing partner in the gospel.

We too are thankful for Edgar. It is a great privilege to be able to co-labour with this brother who is on the front line of 'Taking the Message of Life to Seafarers.'

Just prior to arrival in Taiwan Edgar informed me that Pos Topas had again been chartered for another voyage to Dalrymple Bay to load coal. The ship arrived on 19th July and again Edgar safely received the three packages of resources I mailed to him there. These contained some more Bible Courses, two books and some Christian teaching on DVDs. Edgar and I were also able to talk with each other for a few minutes by telephone.

As I write this – Pos Topas has departed from Dalrymple Bay and is now en route to Inchon in Korea where the coal will be discharged. As yet there is no news about the ship's next charter. Obviously we would rejoice if Edgar were able to come to Port Kembla again but we have to be prepared for the fact that it may be many a long month or indeed some years before we meet again. Such is the nature of shipping

and ministry to seafarers.

Please pray for Edgar as he studies the Scriptures – that the Holy Spirit will be his teacher, his guide, his comforter and his strength and will keep reminding him to keep looking to Jesus as the perfecter of his faith. Pray that Edgar will continue to purify himself from all that is ignoble so that he might be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the Master, ready for any good work.

Pray also for Susan and the four children at home in Manila – as year after year they repeatedly face long periods separated from Edgar.

Please pray for the men that God has graciously allowed Edgar to teach onboard Pos Topas. Please ask God to draw those men to Christ – to open their eyes as they study the Scriptures so that they will turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place amongst those who are sanctified by faith in Christ.

Please pray for Cyril and Mike – that they will be much in the Scriptures, hearing, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating and that, in the grace of God, they will be protected and nurtured and eventually prove to be good soil.

Please pray for the SCFS port missionaries here in Australia as we endeavour to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the non-Christian seafarers we meet and as we endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are Christians.



Simon Peter – the impetuous disciple

by Don Stormer

This the second in a series of six Pen Portraits found in John's Gospel, which we started in the June 2012 issue of this magazine.

John's story about Peter concentrates on his comments in the upper room and the Lord's commission to him after the resurrection. We learn in 1:40-42 that his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus; in 6:68, 69 we have Peter's answer to the Lord's question "Will you also go away?" What does John want us to learn from his record about Peter?

Peter had a clear grasp of who Jesus was. The Synoptic writers tell us about the confession Peter made in the north, near Caesarea Philippi – "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". John records a similar confession made in Jerusalem. "Lord to whom shall we go?" he said, "You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God."

While others were finding the Lord's teaching unpalatable and were deserting the Lord in large numbers, Peter knew that the Lord Jesus was God and that His words were life giving. There was no one else to whom he could turn.

John gives us more detail of the events and teaching in the upper room than the other evangelists. He begins with the account of the Lord washing the disciples' feet. Initially Peter was adamant that the Lord would never wash his feet. Was it Peter's belief in the Lord's deity that made him say "You shall never wash my feet"? Though he may have said he believed the Lord's words, Peter (like the other

disciples) had not learned the reality of the Lord's statement that the Son of Man had not come to be ministered to but to serve. Further, he did not realise that the Lord's main service, dying to make atonement for the sins of the world, was about to begin.

Peter also had to learn what the Lord meant by washing their feet. When Peter refused to allow the Lord to wash his feet ("Lord, You shall never wash my feet") he was told that unless the Lord washed him, he, Peter, had no part with him. Peter immediately requested

cleaning for "not my feet only but also my hands and my head as well".

But if Peter had been bathed, the Lord explained, he needed only to have his feet washed.

We enquire what this means? Using imagery that was associated with people's feet becoming dirty as they walked the dusty roads of Palestine, the Lord taught that only the part defiled needed attention. A person who has been regenerated by the saving work of the Holy Spirit does not lose his eternal life if he sins. But, though his salvation is eternal, he needs to confess the sin he commits each day and be forgiven in order to again enjoy the fellowship he has with the Father and the Son.

Now it was particularly appropriate that the Lord directed these comments to Peter. Before the meal ended Peter would make a promise that he could ➤

‘ *Peter had a clear grasp of who Jesus was.* ’

not keep; he intended to follow the Lord even if that meant having to lay down his own life. Then, as the Lord predicted, Peter failed. In the Garden of Gethsemane he attacked the high priest's servant and cut off his ear. The Lord instructed him to put his sword away; He had every intention of drinking the cup His Father had given Him to drink. But Peter did not withdraw from the situation immediately. He and another disciple followed Jesus and, after being given permission, they entered the high priest's courtyard. Soon Peter would deny that he had ever known Jesus of Nazareth, first to one of the servant girls and later to two men, one of whom was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off. He would then spend a miserable weekend knowing that he had failed to follow the Lord as he had boasted he would.

One can only imagine the thoughts that passed through Peter's mind over the next three days. Then came added cause for consternation – news that the tomb was empty! Mary Magdalene had seen the angels who said that the Lord had risen but she seems to have lapsed into some kind of unbelief. "We don't know where they have put Him." We can only imagine Peter's thoughts as he entered the empty tomb and looked at the strips of linen that had been wrapped around Jesus' body and the burial-cloth that had been around His head left there neatly.

Peter's denial of the Lord Jesus had

been a very public matter; so too was his restoration. After a meal which the Lord had prepared, He asked Peter if he loved Him "more than these". What did the Lord mean by this expression? In asking whether Peter's love was greater than the love of the other disciples, was He saying "Do you love me more than these people?" After all, Peter has said "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will" (Matthew 26:33) indicating that his love for the Lord was greater than that of the others. Or, was He asking "Do you love me more than you love these things?" meaning Peter's fishing equipment. The Greek text does

not help us to answer the question because the original allows both possibilities.

Peter's answer appears to be very clear. "Yes Lord, You know that I love You." But was it? The Lord had used

a word that carried the idea of a very practical, unselfish love, like a mother's love for her child; Peter had replied that he was fond of the Lord – the Lord was his good friend. The Lord accepted Peter's reply without comment and commissioned him to feed His lambs. Then He repeated the question. Peter replied in the same way and this time the Lord commissioned him to shepherd the sheep.

(The NIV makes the distinction between these words by translating *agape* as 'truly love' and *phileo* as 'love'.)

The Lord questioned Peter a third time. But this time He changed the word ➤26

‘ ... as the Lord predicted, Peter failed. ’

He used the word Peter used. This appears to have upset Peter. Why did the Lord change from asking if Peter's love for Him was one that could be compared to a mother's love and now use a word that only meant 'are you fond of Me'? Peter replied honestly, "You know all things; You know that I love You". He was then commissioned to feed the Lord's sheep.

One wonders whether Peter imagined that his usefulness in serving his master had evaporated with his three denials. It hadn't. The Lord commissioned him to continue serving Him. He had to care for both mature and young believers so that they were built up in their faith. Believers needed both feeding and shepherding to help them remain faithful to the Lord.

Peter, now that he was restored to service for the Lord, would have understood the temptations that others faced and would know how to encourage them to be steadfast in the profession of their faith.

Peter had met the risen Lord before this occasion, and there can be no doubt that fellowship between the Lord and Peter was restored on that occasion. Now came the public reinstatement of Peter to an active role in the Lord's service. Three times Peter had denied His Lord; three times the Lord asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter was given his task – to feed the lambs and the sheep and to shepherd the sheep.

We need to apply the truth in our lives. It is so easy to boast of our faithfulness and to think that we will stand firm, whatever the circumstances. The admonition of the apostle Paul is still necessary: "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). But failure is not the end of the road. God is able to use us when we return in confession to Him.

There was one more lesson for Peter. In his youth Peter had done as he pleased. As he became older he would find that someone else would take control of his life. Jesus was indicating the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. The man

who had said that he would follow his Lord to death would do just that. In the meantime, however, his task was simply to follow the Lord, looking to Him and no one else. When Peter looked around and saw John following he asked "what about him?" But, by asking that, Peter was intruding into something beyond his responsibility. The Lord knew what He had planned for John; Peter's responsibility was to follow the Lord.

John has drawn an instructive picture of Peter in this gospel. He recognised Jesus as the Son of God who had the words of eternal life. In the upper room he learned that complete re-cleansing for those who believe is not only unnecessary but impossible. He learned his own inability to resist temptation in his own ➤

• God is able to use us when we return in confession to Him. •

strength. And after the resurrection he learned how this works out in the life of a believer. When he confessed his sin he was forgiven and then publicly restored to continue his ministry for the Lord – his feet were washed. And he would no longer think that he had the ability to stand firm in the faith. He was called to follow and eventually experience someone else 'dressing him and leading him where he did not want to go'.

People change; times change; but principles remain unaltered. We who have eternal life value the truth that we can never perish. But we also realise that often we are defiled by sin of one kind or another. We confess our sin and find that the Lord Jesus is faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We can live for Him and live to His glory. □

Simon Peter - the apostle and letter writer

from 2Peter in The Bible

(NIV 3:1-4) 'Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Saviour through your apostles.

'First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

(3:9-12a) 'The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in

this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

(3:14-18) So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen' □

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

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Many readers will know of Mal Garvin, an ex-student of Emmaus Bible College, who 50 years ago founded what is now known around the world as "Fusion International" (initially Teen Crusaders), a Christian based youth and community movement.

Beginning in Hornsby, a northern suburb of Sydney, it is now in every state and territory of Australia and has spread to nearly every continent in the world. Since his retirement as Director of Fusion, Mal and his wife Jenny live in Tasmania and have time to continue their writing. Mal is author of three books and is working on another. In 1983 Jenny began Fusion's prayer network called Prayer Grid which has since been distributed weekly to Fusion workers around the world. A list of current prayer needs was always preceded by a weekly devotion which is shared in "Faith Boosters". This is now one of the resources found on their web site which was set up recently:-

www.lifeunderstanding.com

The site is powered by WordPress and in some respects is like a personal Blog, but it contains a range of useful

material created during their long period of Christian ministry. The site's full title is "A foundation for Life Understanding" and it contains other resources, (mainly written by Mal, but drawing on material by many other authors and philosophers) such as "Finding Fulfilment", "Communication Starters", "Those Who Train Others" and "Background material for those who want to help others make a difference".

This site is well worth a lengthy visit and new material is added regularly, although I think it has been quiet for a month or two while Mal & Jenny have been moving house.

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Bruce Coleman is CEO of a growing Australian organisation called "Choices for Life" whose Vision is:

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www.choicesoflife.com.au

Here you can find resources to take this message into schools, churches and homes. It also explains ways in which you can help this happen. The material may be confronting for some people, especially the young, but it is very important.

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Graeme Bardsley-Smith has advised that the audio recording of the guest speakers at the 2012 Toukley Men's Conference is now available as an MP3 audio podcast at:-

http://www.lutanda.com.au/audio/mensconf/tmc_podcast.xml

If you copy and paste the above link into your web browser (except Chrome) you can click on each session to listen, or right-click to download files to your computer. Many thanks to Stuart Waller for setting this up.

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I'm wondering if anyone reading this column is aware of, or active with, Global Media Outreach (GMO)? It is the most astonishing opportunity for digital evangelism I've ever seen! You can 'see' people receiving Christ in real time all over the world through GMO at:

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The e-publication Web Evangelism, back in June, mentioned this item:-

"Can't You Talk Louder, God?" is a book by Steve Shultz, with the subtitle "Secrets to Hearing the Voice of God". ElijahList founder Steve Shultz uncovers the many Scriptures

"hidden in plain sight," as he likes to put it. These clear, yet often forgotten passages, contain easy answers to the questions you've asked, or wish you could ask, about hearing God's voice.

For more information log onto:

www.elijahshopper.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=BK-SSh001

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There is a web site in the USA called:

www.teach sundayschool.com

which, for a fee, provides a pack of resources to help people teach children in Sunday School. The pack contains 52 lesson plans and lots of activities to keep children interested. Some of the resources are free but most are for sale, but sometimes with a free trial period.

Recently a resource pack of "12 Parables of Jesus" was added to the site at:-

www.teach sundayschool.com/parables.html

Children love stories, and none are more important than those told by Jesus to His followers.

A sample lesson can be downloaded for no charge. It's called "Henry's Best Birthday Party Ever" and features the parable of the Unwilling Party Guests.



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Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre, Cherrybrook NSW

With an enviable reputation for delivering a high standard of care, the 110 bed Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre incorporates Bethshean, Yurana and Jacaranda wings, offering residents the opportunity to remain with us through all care stages. Well established gardens and courtyard areas and overlooking Elouera Reserve, are just some of the reasons our residents call Cherrybrook home.

Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW

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

Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

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

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

"Christ's love compels us" 2 Corinthians 5:14