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First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this August issue of the NSW *Assemblies Outreach* magazine.

When the last issue was mailed out, I included a note asking for help to identify which churches and individuals had already paid this year's subscription, which became due in January/February. And we got a good response. Many thanks to those who paid when the reminder went out.

But many assemblies and individuals have not acknowledged whether they have or haven't paid for this year. Without this information I cannot send an invoice to those who need one. If any church has not paid by the end of September this year, we will have to cease sending copies in order to save on the postal charges.

If the word **Paid** or **Complimentary** is on your mailing label with this August issue, then all is well. Conversely, if neither word is on your mailing label then please contact us!!!

We have no means of knowing whether you have paid, or even whether you still want to receive the magazine!

Our mailing list includes 113 paying customers (7 of which receive the PDF version) totalling 355 magazines. Sadly we only have evidence of payments from 40 of these customers. Help!!!!

We have always aimed to at least break-even each year when producing the magazine, or to make a small profit to add to other income sources to help support commended workers in NSW.

If you are keen to find out more about the Assemblies Evangelistic Mission (AEM), or becoming a member, or serving the Lord as a volunteer with us – please phone me (02 9484 6054) or send your questions to the AEM's email address:

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

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

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With the Lord

As mentioned in the June magazine, Bruce Crowther passed peacefully into the Lord's presence on 12th May. Dr John Angus has kindly written (see page 6) about his dear friend - dating back to their school days.

Since the demise of Charles Williams, past President of the NSW AEM, the AGM has been held and a new Board of Management has been chosen. David Gordon is the President, Colin Winrow is the Secretary, Kevin Price is the Treasurer, and the other Directors are Mavis Winrow and Philip Bower.

The latest CCCAust Coordinating Conference was held at City Light Church (in the old Balmain Gospel Hall) on Thursday, 6th August 2015. This congregation has grown from 30 people about 18 months ago, to 180.

The Conference was attended by 29 people from 14 churches and 4 parachurch groups. A lot of interesting reports and future activities were on the agenda, and made for encouraging reading in the Minutes. Contact Bradley Scott (9626 0055) if you have not received a copy of these.

One agenda item gave rise to the article on pages 17 to 19 in this magazine about Hands & Feet Australia and the wider-reaching Hands and Feet Inc.

This ministry brings us more face-to-face with several serious issues in our country - such as homelessness, severe poverty, and the plight of chronic disabled and unemployed people. Who is going to show love and mercy to such people and how can we be most effective in doing so?

Major decisions made at the meeting include:-

- (a) welcoming two new churches into the CCCAust(NSW) network. These are **Revolution Church**, in Toongabbie, and **Bread & Wine Church**, in Leura.
- (b) CCCAust has been invited to join the Protestant Alliance in NSW (previously known as the NSW Council of Churches). Alex Worley will serve on the Council Committee and Bradley Scott will be asked to serve on the Management Committee.
- (c) The Marriage Celebrant Committee currently consists of Bruce Buckley, Peter Mackie & Bradley Scott. They have asked for further help to process our ➤

celebrants' applications and Stephen Torrance has been appointed for this purpose.

(d) The Treasurers of the Ministry Support Fund recommended the allocation of funds to:-

i. Katoomba Gospel Chapel for the employment of Shona Findlay for 3 years;

ii. Concord Community Church for the employment of Jotame Brown for 3 years;

iii. Botany Bay Community Church for the employment of Owen Robson, part time for 2 years.

In each case the usual sort of conditions will apply. All were approved.

Meetings and Events

(Note: for the latest details please be sure to check at these 2 websites:-

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

www.ccaustnsw.com/events

2015:

4 Sept **Spring Fashion Show** at Elouera Gardens Retirement Village, Cherrybrook; starting at 10am.

5 Sept "And God said..." **Bible Conference** at Riverstone Community Church of Christian Brethren.

12 Sept '**Awake to Israel**' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.

10 Oct '**Awake to Israel**' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.

23-24 Oct "**Inspire**" **Women's Conference** at Camp Toukley.

30 Oct **GLO Expo and 50th Anniversary** at Riverstone Community Church.

5 Nov **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; Grace Point Community Church, Fairfield.

13 Nov '**Pastoring for the long haul**' Frank Bickerton; 10am @ Emmaus Bible College. \$10, including a light lunch.

14 Nov '**Awake to Israel**' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.

28 Nov **Pathfinders Christmas Dinner**; 6pm at West Pennant Hills Community Church.

2016:

15-17 Jan **VITAL 2016**, Camp Toukley.

6 Feb "And God said..." **Bible Conference** at St Clair/ Erskine Park Christian Church.

18-19 Mar **Build 2016** - Men's Conference ("Humility and Meekness") at Camp Toukley. Main speaker is Jared Wilson.

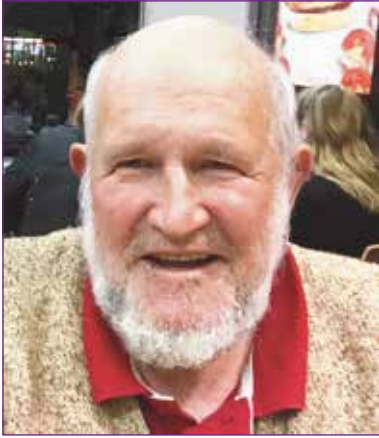
14 May **Thrive 2016** Women's Conference, with Naomi Reed @ Kings Park Community Church.

4 June 'And God said...' **Bible Conference** at Lithgow Bible Church. □

Memories of a school friend - Bruce Crowther

(25/4/1936 to 12/5/2015)

by Dr John Angus



*Bruce Crowther on his birthday
this year.*

On 12th May this year a dear Servant of the Lord, Bruce Crowther, was called home to be with the Lord. Bruce is survived by his wife Margaret and children John, Ken, Yvonne and Rosalie. He died peacefully at home.

Bruce is the son of Arthur and Florence and was raised with his younger sister Julie at Katoomba in the Blue Mountains. The Crowther family was a strong supporter of the Lutanda Children's Home at Wentworth Falls where the family worshipped every Sunday and where Bruce attended Sunday School.

On leaving high school Bruce trained as a teacher at Bathurst Teachers College and commenced his teaching career in 1955 in the Western Suburbs of Sydney. Bruce married Margaret Dupen in 1957 at the Erskineville Assembly. Bruce and Margaret moved to the country following Bruce's appointment to teach in a country school.

In 1960 they enrolled in the Emmaus Bible College with a view to full time

Christian service. Bruce took over some of the speaking commitments of Arthur Curtis because of Arthur's ill health.

Bruce and Margaret felt called to serve the Lord in New Guinea and were commended by the Wentworth Falls, Erskineville and West Pennant Hills Assemblies. God blessed their service as they reached the people with the Gospel, established Assemblies and taught them the Scriptures.

They lived and worked under difficult circumstances and I recall tales of flooded rivers and following long difficult tracks through the jungle.

On returning from the mission field Bruce and Margaret continued to serve the Lord in various ways but always with a strong and faithful Christian witness. Bruce lectured in Bible Theology at the Institute of Christian Tertiary Education, and at Emmaus Bible College for many years.

In more recent years Bruce and Margaret settled at Ourimbah NSW, on a large block of land where they built a home. Their Christian service has continued with a local evangelical church in the district.

While living in Gorokan, Bruce encountered people in deep spiritual need who had been involved in the occult. He was able to counsel and see God deliver some of them from these evil practices.

We can be sure that Bruce has been welcomed Home and we can all say with the Lord "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

Margaret and their family will greatly value your prayers.



Prayer & Praise requests from NSW Assemblies

compiled by Bradley Scott

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

General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Church leaders that they will be open to the Spirit's leading as they lead their churches.
- ☆ Prayer for SRE (Scripture) in NSW as it is presently under review by our politicians.
- ☆ Pray for our politicians as they discuss and make decisions around the topic of same-sex marriage.
- ☆ Pray for the **Unite** event in August as our young people come together to plan and program these events.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para-church ministries as they lead and provide vision for these ministries. CCCAust(NSW), Lutanda, Stewards, Emmaus, Hands and Feet, CBCS, GLO, CMS, AEM, ACM, AMT.
- ☆ Pray that we as churches will be aware of our culture and able to communicate the great news of Jesus with our communities in a relevant way.

Kings Park Community Church:

Pray for:

- ☆ wisdom as we work to connect better with our local community;
- ☆ the church as we study what

community is and how we should interact with our friends and work-mates Jesus style.

Praise God for:

- ☆ the number of young people in the church and the active role they play in the church.
- ☆ the multicultural feel to the church and the emphasis this year for us, as a church, to be God's hands and feet in our community.

Kingsgrove Gospel Chapel:

Prayer and Praise points:

- ☆ The Building project: (See below.)
- ☆ Pray for those involved in the children and teen ministry as they complete training with CEF during August and September.

Dear brothers & sisters in the Lord,

We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you about what the Lord is doing among His people at Kingsgrove Gospel Chapel in Sydney.

After 25 years the time had come where we had to seek the Lord's direction as to the suitability and sustainability of the existing premises which we own. It was clear that the existing premises were unsuitable in catering to the growing needs of the assembly and the older structures were in a state of disrepair.

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When we originally bought the property at Kingsgrove we were but a handful of Arabic speaking believers, but today by God's grace we have grown to a gathering of nearly 180 with attendees from many different races and cultures.

The Lord showed us clearly that there was yet much work to be done both within our assembly and the wider community. So in faith we began a project to rebuild/expand the current facilities on the existing property and in the process we have witnessed the Lord's goodness.

And I told them of the Hand of my God which had been good to me, and also of the King's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work.

Nehemiah 2:18

We write to you so that you may join with us in prayer as we embark on this project. Our heart's principal desire is to see the Lord's people built up in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour and that the lost are brought into a relationship with Him.

Whilst initially we were predominantly a "one language" assembly, we now find ourselves in the blessed position of seeing our children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren having a desire to continue in the assembly, but with their primary language. Therefore we see that there are many exciting benefits to this project:

- The ability to facilitate both Ara-

bic and English speaking meetings at the same time.

- Consequently families will be able to continue attending together but in their respective languages.
- Accommodating the increased focus and activity within both the children and youth ministries.
- The removal/replacement of derelict building structures.

The work has already begun and we are at the stage where we are about to pour the second storey slab. The project has an expected completion date by mid to late 2016 and we are incredibly grateful to the Lord for the many that have offered of their own time, resources and experience to help us thus far.

We are working in partnership with Stewards Foundation to finance this project (circa \$1.5m) so we ask that you will also pray for us as we are challenged to meet the demands of this commitment.

Thank you in anticipation of your prayers and support during this exciting time not only in our assembly but also within the wider CCCAust community.

Maranatha!!



"The loving service which God sends His people into the world to render includes both evangelism and social action, for each is in itself an authentic expression of love, and neither needs the other to justify it."

— John R.W. Stott

The Apostle John has a delightful ability to get his teaching across to us by means of biographical snippets. Over the next few issues we will think about what he teaches regarding the events after the Lord was crucified. What do we learn from the people who were involved? Below are the 5th & 6th articles.

5. Jesus appears to Thomas (John 20:24 to 29)

We are not told very much about Thomas. He appears as a pessimistic disciple in chapter 11:16 where his comment on the Lord's decision to return to Judea was "Let us also go that we may die with Him". He was the one who said in 14:5 "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way".

Thomas was not with the disciples on the resurrection evening and we may wonder why he wasn't there. Was he afraid of being killed by the religious leaders? What had happened to the man who said "Let us also go that we may die with Him?" Was he more despondent than other disciples? But they also were despondent and perplexed. The two who walked to Emmaus were deeply troubled but that had not prevented them from being in the company of fellow disciples on the resurrection day. Whatever the reason, Thomas was not there when the Lord appeared to the other disciples and therefore he remained in his dilemma of unbelief for an extra week.

At some stage during that week the other disciples met Thomas with the joyful news that they had seen the Lord. The reply he gave to his fellow disciples has labelled him as 'doubting

Thomas'; his response was unbelief. Surely he had heard, as the two travelers to Emmaus had heard, that some of the women claimed to have seen the Lord. Thomas needed concrete evidence. Unless he could see the nail marks in the Lord's hands and put his finger where the nails had been driven, he would not believe. He also insisted that he needed to put his hand into the Lord's side in order to believe. In fact, Thomas's negative statement was very strong: I will never believe.

Thomas was with the other disciples the next Lord's Day. Again the Lord entered the locked room and greeted His disciples. He then turned to Thomas, knowing exactly what he had said during the week. No one had seen the Lord that week; no one had told him about Thomas's refusal to believe. But the Lord knew. Immediately after greeting the disciples, He invited Thomas to do exactly what he had said would be necessary before he believed. We are not told that Thomas accepted the Lord's invitation to touch His wounds, but it is very unlikely that Thomas would have behaved so crassly. The Lord knew the thoughts of his heart and had been willing for Thomas to touch His wounds. But see- >10

ing the Lord was enough for Thomas; he believed.

Thomas recognised the Lord Jesus for who He was. His exclamation, "My Lord and my God", showed that he believed that Jesus was God. Both titles were used by the Jews in their worship of God. Any doubts that Thomas had were past forever. He had seen the Lord and was convinced of His deity and of the resurrection.

When Simon Peter uttered his great confession of faith, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", the Lord had said "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven". No such statement was made to Thomas, though there can

be no doubt that he was blessed as he confessed Jesus as his Lord and God. Rather, there is a blessing for those who, unlike Thomas, have not seen the risen Lord physically but who believe that He is the Son of God, that He is my Lord and my God.

As we think of Thomas, we need to ask ourselves how strong our faith is. Do we believe that all power has been given to Him in heaven and on earth? Do we believe that He will give us the strength to do what He asks us to do? Do we trust Him in every circumstance of life? We need to examine our own response to the Lord Jesus and see that unbelief does not hinder our faithfulness to Him. ▣

6. The resurrection life (John 21)

Some people question whether chapter 21 is really part of the original Gospel which John wrote. Did someone else add these stories later? We only have to think for a little while to realise that John has a carefully reasoned literary plan.

At the end of chapter 20 of his Gospel, John tells us that he had written so that we may know and believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and that, believing, we may have life in His name. John has reported the signs that demonstrated beyond doubt that Jesus is the Christ. He has given testimony to the way the truth has changed people who have believed that Jesus is the Christ,

the Son of God.

In chapter 21 he shows the principles that guide those who believe that Jesus is the Christ. How do they live their Christian lives? He has three main lessons.

- Those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, must be guided by Him if they are to be blessed, or successful, in what they do.
- The Lord asks those who believe in Him if they love Him, and if they do He commissions them to do work for Him.
- Those who believe that Jesus is the Christ are called to follow Him and not try to direct the lives of other disciples.

The first principle is illustrated by the ➤

story of seven men going fishing. Who are the seven who were beside the Sea of Galilee?

Though there were seven of the Lord's disciples present, we are only told the names of five. Our natural inclination is to ask who the other two were and to find out who was missing. But that would miss the point of John's story. He would ask us to look at the names we have and ask why these names are recorded. We are told that those present were Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael and the two sons of Zebedee. What was significant about these men?

All of them had at one time acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. One of these was Nathanael. After Philip became a disciple of the Lord Jesus he went to find his friend Nathanael, telling him that they had found the one of whom the prophets had written, Jesus of Nazareth. Nathanael asked if anything good could come out of Galilee; Philip's reply was that Nathanael should come and see for himself. When Nathanael approached the Lord Jesus, the Lord's words were "Behold an Israelite in whom there is no deceit". Nathanael naturally asked how this man could know this detail about him. The Lord replied that before Philip called him, while Nathanael was sitting under a fig tree, He had already seen him. This brought an amazing response from Nathanael as he acknowledged that Jesus was the Son of God, the king of Israel. Nathanael was one who believed that Jesus was the Christ the Son of God and he had received life in His name.

A second one was Peter. We are probably more familiar with the confession that Peter made near Caesarea Philippi. John records a similar confession. Some of those who followed the Lord Jesus were not prepared to fully accept His teaching and they stopped following Him and went their own ways. The Lord turned to the twelve and asked if they also intended to go away. Peter's reply was to ask to whom they could go as Jesus had the words of eternal life. Peter added that he knew that Jesus was the Holy One of God. Here was a second man who believed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God.

John mentions Thomas next. We have just read in chapter 20 that Thomas had no intention of believing that the Lord had been raised from the grave unless he could put his finger into the nail prints and thrust his hand into the wounded side of the Lord. But when he saw the Lord it was a different story. The Lord entered the room where the disciples were and, after greeting them, turned to Thomas. No one had seen the Lord during the week, so no one had told the Lord what Thomas had said. But the Lord knew what he had said and invited him to place his fingers in the nail prints and to thrust his hand into His side. One cannot imagine Thomas needing to do this! Rather, his response was to say "My Lord and my God". Thomas was a third person to believe that Jesus was the Christ the Son of God.

Then there were the sons of Zebedee. John was probably thinking of himself but, as usual, he avoided bringing >12

himself into the limelight any more that was necessary. So he shelters behind his brother! But he has just told us that he had written his Gospel so that we would believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God. Now we have four men who believed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

What John is going to do is tell us how people who believe that Jesus is

the Christ, the Son of God, should live. But first, we should stop and examine ourselves to be sure that we are true believers. We cannot live for Jesus Christ if we have never believed in Him.

If you have not believed, now is the time to turn to the Lord Jesus in repentance, confessing your sins and believing that He is the Son of God.

We must commit our lives unto Him.



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- To Pray for Israel.

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Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and together search the Scriptures.**

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*"We implore the mercy of God,
not that He may leave us at peace in our vices,
but that He may deliver us from them." – Blaise Pascal*

An update from Aaron Daniell and family

by Aaron Daniell

18 July 2015

Dear Friends,

It has almost been 12 months since we began full time with Ambassadors for Christ International – Australia (AFCI). Time has absolutely flown by.

We praise God for His faithfulness, His protection and His provision for us as a family and ministry. We honour God today! We have experienced His grace through good health, great opportunities and strength to do His work!

It's been amazing to see God work in the lives of so many people, and to be part of His work is a wonderful privilege. As a family we sincerely thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement, and trust you also feel an important part of the work God is doing in and through our lives.

We pray for and praise God for His protection over our marriage and the strength we have as a couple. Our children enjoy school and their extra-curricular activities. We thank God for His grace as parents and continue to pray He will give us His wisdom as we journey with our kids into their teen years.

As expected, my role with AFCI requires me to travel. This year I have been away from home 63 nights in the year with either part or the whole family joining me for 20 of those nights.

Raymond Terrace Community Church (RTCC) continues to be a spiritual home for us as a family. We



L to R: Emily, Shelly, Bethany, Jacob, Aaron

sincerely value the support, encouragement and accountability we receive, as well as enjoy the opportunities we have to serve our Lord and our church family at RTCC. Shelly leads the womens ministry and assists in childrens ministry whilst I serve as an elder.

EvangelismSHIFT

This year, I've been travelling bi-monthly with John North to Perth. We meet with over 50 church leaders and facilitate seminars to help them establish a lifestyle as an effective witness for Christ. This is Year One of EvangelismSHIFT. Next year, in Year Two of EvangelismSHIFT, we will resource these same 50+ leaders to take their church (of over 500 people) through the same process to establish a church culture of living as a witness. Meanwhile in Year Two, we continue to meet with the Eldership and explore Jesus' strategy for movement building.

This year God has also opened the door for us to prepare four groups of churches (totalling 10 other churches) that, Lord willing, will commence Year One of EvangelismSHIFT at the beginning of 2016. These churches come >14

from Ballina, Wollongbar, Raymond Terrace, Lithgow and North Sydney.

In addition to this year in Perth and the 10 churches beginning next year we have already had enquiries and interest from other churches wanting to begin in 2017 and 2018. As you can see, God is moving significantly through AFCI!

God has also allowed me this year to preach on the topic of Evangelism in many different churches throughout NSW – calling people to respond to God from their heart. It has been a privilege to see God at work in the lives of individuals as they respond personally to the messages. I recently spoke at a youth camp at Camp Kedron where at least 16 young people received Jesus for the very first time and many others recommitted their lives to Him.

We testify of God's goodness and faithfulness to us as a family. He has

provided for all our needs this last 12 months through ministry partners who faithfully give regularly into His work, and others who respond in obedience to God in the giving of a gift.

We continue to rely monthly on God's provision. As a family we are in need of more monthly ministry partners who can sow financially into God's work. We would appreciate your personal prayers in regard to this need.

Thank you for all your support. Praising God!

Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Aaron and Shelly Daniell.

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Aaron Daniel facilitating EvangelismSHIFT with the leadership group at Woodvale in Perth. (This photo only shows some of the participants)

News from some Commended Workers



Geoff & Liz Folland

26 July 2015



Last Monday I arrived at the airport before the sun rose to welcome a team of 11 Americans from our Cru ministry. They'll be here for a month helping us connect with new students, find those who are spiritually open and introducing them to our newly trained (since MYC) student leaders ready to lead Christianity Explained courses. On Tuesday Erik, Ash and I ran some orientation to Aussie culture and then I went home and to bed - sick with the 'flu.

On Thursday afternoon I dragged myself out of bed to attend our "Working with Student Life" dinner for those interested in serving with our ministry. It was such a strategic night meeting graduating students, Bible college students and others. Tomorrow I have a follow up meeting with one couple who are keen to serve with Student Life.

Please pray for complete recovery from the 'flu (there are still lingering effects), for God's work to be done in and through our American team and for a fruitful discussion with this couple.

And Campus Begins...

Having lost a couple of days last week I don't feel totally prepared. But

classes resume tomorrow (Monday) and I'm heading to Sydney Uni and Uni of Notre Dame. I'm thanking God for the initiative and enthusiasm of our emerging student leaders. We are running a month-long mission on the theme "The Difference Jesus Makes..." which will involve special guest speakers, themed quizzes, flyer drops, posters and more.

Please pray that we'll meet spiritually open students and that God will draw to us Christians who will become leaders of evangelism and discipleship on campus.

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Doug & Jenny McNaught

29 July 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your support, prayers and fellowship over the last month. We appreciate everything that you do for us, especially your prayers.

Early in July we went down to Bandiana to attend the 75th anniversary conference of Everyman's Welfare Service as I was their invited speaker. EWS is a philanthropic organisation that supports people serving in the military. EWS is highly regarded by many in military leadership and respected by most of the serving personnel as well. At this

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stage, they have men and women serving among the Army, Navy and Air Force. Some of their members have served overseas with the Australian military as well. They are known for taking a "brew truck" to personnel while they are doing field exercises as well as providing time out centres on bases where service personnel can come for relaxation and help with any personal issues they may be facing, including PTSD. The members are all self supporting and require a team of supporters to partner with them as they serve the military personnel.

The Rugby Union season is over for the Parramatta Two Blues men for this season. However, the women's teams are both still playing. I will have more free time for a while as I won't be needing to attend training and matches till the summer training begins again.

Jenny continues to support the local ladies with visits and helping them to go to medical appointments and other things as well as child minding for the grandchildren - like a lot of other grandparents. She is doing some exam supervision for the HSC trials at Our Lady of Mercy College in North Parramatta for the next few weeks.

While we were down in Victoria we spent a weekend with the local assembly in Parkland, Wodonga, and took some meetings. We have a long standing connection with that assembly and always appreciate the times we are able to catch up with friends and Christian brothers and sisters whom we have known for a long time.

We spent the rest of the month visiting North Parramatta assembly plus a visit to Cartwright as well.

If it is the Lord's will, we plan to go up to the Central Coast three times during the next month as well as visiting some other assemblies in Sydney.

Please pray for one of the staff at Parramatta, "G", who has been diagnosed with a tumour on his spine. My brother also has been diagnosed with a tumour in his brain, he was operated on yesterday and was awake and talking in the evening. He is expected to have some chemotherapy as well.

Give thanks with us for the way in which the Lord went with us as we travelled to Wodonga and came home without any problems at all. Also during the usual travelling to different meetings, we thankfully had very little trouble with our car.

Much love,

Doug & Jenny.

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hands & feet

**“Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker,
but helping the poor honours Him.”**

Proverbs 14:31

by **Bradley Scott**



Joe helping one of our friends. The backpack was donated by one of our churches and allows this man to easily move around. Also, tonight's food pack ready to be put into his backpack.

I remember sitting with Joe (Jotame Brown) the first time I met him. We sat in a coffee shop in Blacktown and as I listened I was awestruck at how God could work and is working through Joe and his wife to impact the homeless in our city. From an outward appearance, Joe was penniless, yet in 2014 (last year), 21,000 food packs were handed out to the homeless, 13,000 hampers

were delivered to needy families, and 13 schools were supplied with bread, spreads and fruit on a weekly basis to help feed kids who came to school without adequate food.

Being an organised and ordered person, I quizzed Joe on how he determined who did and didn't get food? What asset test was applied to determine who does and doesn't get helped? I suppose the heart behind the questions was how do you ensure that you don't get ripped off? I still remember the look in Joe's eyes, the kindness and patience as he referred me to Deut 15:7 "But if there are any poor Israelites in your towns when you arrive in the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward them. Instead, be generous and lend them whatever they need." Joe's reply was simple, "if they say they need help then we help. God wants us to have an open hand to anyone who asks."

Last week I stood in the new warehouse and was chatting to a young man who helps distribute food in the city. I was blown away by his testimony, a successful sales rep for a large software company, who got involved in drugs, lost his job, family, dignity and ended up in gaol and then on the streets with nothing. Joe and his team helped him >18

in his time-of-need and now this young man is rebuilding his life, has committed his life to Christ, and is giving back to help others in need. This is not just a social service, it impacts and changes lives.

So what is 'Hands & Feet' and what does it have to do with our churches? We have formed a new Board which consists of representatives from AMT, Stewards Foundation, Emmaus Bible College and Joe from the original Hands and Feet Australia organisation. Hands and Feet Inc has been registered with the ACNC and ATO as a body that can:-

- Advance Health
- Advance Education
- Advance Social or Public Welfare
- Act as Public Benevolent Institution.

The ATO has recognised Hands and Feet Inc as a charity and has granted the organisation tax concessions for GST concession, Income tax exemption, FBT exemption and has recognised the organisation as a whole as a Deductible Gift Recipient for all of its works here in Australia and overseas. The significance of this is that for the first time we, as group of churches, can gain a tax benefit by supporting projects here in Australia and overseas. We now have a mechanism that allows us as churches to give into hurting communities here in Australia and overseas without going through other external organisations.

We are excited by the local work of Hands and Feet in Sydney and are looking for this to grow and

spread into other States. Likewise we are excited by the opportunity for churches to put forward projects that can be assessed for compliance with the DGR requirements and thus serve the church in acting as a conduit for directing funds into projects here in Australia and overseas. In essence we are looking for the church to be our eyes and ears and to recognise the need amongst us so that we can work in partnership with the local church to bring relief to those in need.

Our new web page will be up and running very shortly providing information of existing projects, application forms for churches or individuals to propose new ministry opportunities for assessment, and an online donation system to allow churches, companies and individuals to give towards the approved projects. For now though, you can become a part of our facebook family and keep track of what's happening...

<https://www.facebook.com/HandsAndFeetAustralia>

Opposite are a number of photos showing the work of Hands and Feet in Sydney, the new warehouse (this used to be run out of Joe's house) and some of those helping, and being helped by, this work.

If you would like to help out and donate funds toward the Sydney Hands and Feet project you can send cheques to Hands and Feet Inc at 27 Alex Avenue, Schofields, NSW 2762 or you can donate online at:-

www.cccaustnsw.com/community ➤

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For tax deductible gifts or for more information please contact Brad Scott on (02) 9626 0055 or

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Distribution Team praying in the warehouse before heading into Sydney city.



The new sign at the Warehouse in Blacktown.



Some of our great volunteers helping to distribute food at Martin Place.



Food and clothing available for the homeless to collect.



Some of the homeless sheltering at Central Station during the coldest July in Sydney for 20 years.



Rita Galieh's new book,
The Tie That Binds
has recently been published.

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As a writer of Christian historical fiction, Rita is available to speak at ladies fellowship, seniors groups, coffee evenings and similar outreaches. The strict etiquette and strange (often hilarious and sometimes morbid) customs of the upper class society of the Victorian Era, is taken from the viewpoint of a governess. This illustrates the setting of her latest novels.

She fast-forwards to the 21st century and concludes with an inspirational message.

All profits from her books go to Christian work in Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines.



Write down your vision/dream/plan

*“your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams” Acts 2:17b NIV*

Dr John Calvin Maxwell (born 1947) is an American author, speaker, and pastor who has written many books, primarily focusing on leadership.

Titles include ‘The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership’ and ‘The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader: Becoming the Person Others Will Want to Follow.’

Dr Maxwell writes: ‘If you have a general idea of your dream, your temptation may be to start creating your strategy. Don’t do it yet...begin by writing a detailed description of your dream. Let your imagination go wild. Write as many elements or pieces of it as you can. Don’t stop until you have more than you think you need. Now quantify everything you can. Make it measurable. Don’t worry about how you’ll get there yet. Be bold. Be audacious. Dream big!’

‘The next step is to state your dream succinctly in writing ... don’t expect to be able to do the whole process in one sitting. For most people that’s not

possible. Instead, give it time. You may want to get away for a retreat to start the process. If you can separate yourself from your usual surroundings or routine for a couple of days, you may be able to get most of the work done. Otherwise, take a day to dream, and then come back to the process for a few hours at a time in subsequent weeks. Don’t forget your goal: make your dream as clear and specific as possible. Then keep it in front of you so that you can see it every day.’

A God-given dream will always look bigger than you. Jericho looked big to Joshua. Goliath looked big to David. But no dream is bigger than God! Don’t be impatient: ‘The vision is ... for an appointed time...wait for it.’ (Habakkuk 2:3 NKJV) And don’t get discouraged by circumstances. ‘I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.’ (Psalm 27:13 NIV)

Trust God and you will see your dream fulfilled. □

*“I am not what I ought to be.
I am not what I want to be.
I am not what I hope to be.
But still, I am not what I used to be.
And by the grace of God, I am what I am.”*

— John Newton

Three things we can give each other

'mutually encouraged by each other's faith.' Romans 1:12 NIV

The apostle Paul talks about three things we owe each other. Let's look at them:

(1) 'God ... is my witness how constantly I remember you always in my prayers at all times;' (Romans 1:9-10a NIV)

An unknown poet wrote, 'I was a poor soul in the depth of despair, who climbed to the heights in answer to prayer.'

You can show no greater love and concern for someone than to say, 'I'm praying for you,' and do it! Prayer is submitting to God in the situation, letting Him know your requests and asking for His will to be done.

(2) 'I long to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, to make you strong...' (Romans 1:11 NIV) What did Paul long for? The chance to strengthen his fellow believers, and he was willing to travel a long way at great

personal risk to do it. When two people decide to recognise and nurture the God-given gifts in each other, not only are they blessed personally, everybody around them benefits too.

(3) 'That you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Notice the words 'mutually encouraged' and 'by each other's faith'. There are powerful dynamics at work here! First, we pray for one another. Second, we recognise and nurture God's gifts in one another. Third, we unite our faith and focus on a shared goal.

Paul said: 'For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

'Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.' (Romans 14:17-19 NIV)



Caring for the Poor


Most people I know have the view that caring for the poor and showing kindness is one of the most basic of human ideals - but people may be surprised to know that care for the poor is not actually a basic human value.

The Hindus believe that suffering is a result of karma and so helping the poor is disturbing the process of their regeneration via their suffering.

In Greco-Roman times, being kind to those in need was not a basic human value. Historian EA Judge has written of those times, "Pity was a

defect of character unworthy of the wise and excusable only in those who have not yet grown up."

So why do we value 'care for the needy' today?

Because western culture was changed by the teaching of Jesus Christ and the influence of the Christian church. Caring for the needy was counter-cultural until the message of Jesus transformed the culture at that time, and it still transforms communities today. 

The Power of Forgiveness

We know it's important to forgive others but it is often framed up in religious language and thought of as a good 'spiritual' thing to do. Yet it seems that forgiveness can also impact your personal health and wellbeing.

Researchers have found that those who forgive... "have lower blood pressure, fewer depressive symptoms and ... better overall mental and physical health than those who do not forgive easily."

However it appears not to be just the act of forgiving others but also being able to forgive yourself which can have

a positive impact. Dr Loren Toussaint, a psychologist from Iowa in the US, found that men who do not readily forgive themselves are seven times more likely to meet the full diagnostic criteria for clinical depression than men who can forgive themselves. This is also true of women, who are three times less likely to have the symptoms of clinical depression than women who are prone to self-blame.

Jesus' challenge to forgive others is not just good spiritual advice but it actually has a positive impact on all parts of our life, including our health.



Ever wondered about the abbreviation A.S.A.P?

Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
you've got no time to spare.
But as you hurry and scurry –
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest –
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather –
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER



This 'Roman Road' is one of the most often used methods to share the gospel of Jesus Christ because it reveals the depravity of humanity.

Fallen short of God's glory

Romans 3:23 tells us that *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*. When someone says they are a good person and believes that their works will allow them to go to heaven and escape the wrath of God on Judgment Day, this verse shows the impossibility of such a person approaching a Holy God with their own good works, since good works are useless before God (Eph 2:8-9 NIV). The fact is that *"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away"* (Isaiah 64:6). So, anything "good" we claim to have done will never, ever, be enough to make us righteous before God.

The Wages of our Sins

Romans 3:23 should reveal how far short we come by God's standard. All we have done is earned wages worthy of death as it says in Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* If you work at a job, you know what wages are. We earn wages for our labour and we earn wages for what we have done but the wages of sin is something that we will have to pay for. Since we can never pay our debts off by human

works, all we have earned is eternal death. That's why there is a hell, but the second part of this verse offers part of the solution because *"the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"*. How can we obtain this free gift that God offers in Jesus Christ? That's why the gospel is known as the **good news**.

Professing with the Mouth

Romans 10:9-13 are some of the most hopeful verses in the entire Bible and well worth memorising. They say *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* What is important to note in these verses is not simply a belief in Christ, but confessing it with your mouth. Sometimes this confessing or professing is done at baptism to affirm that the believer understands that God has raised Jesus from the dead. This is a belief that saves since it is *"with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*

In the Jewish culture, the heart is equated with the whole person's belief. It is known as the seat of ➤

intellect. That is, if they believe with their whole heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and we know that *"whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved"* we can trust God to save that person by their personal and public profession. It doesn't make sense to simply profess it inwardly but it should be a public, outward profession of an inward belief. This idea is not found only in the New Testament. Paul seems to be quoting Joel 2:32a which says *"And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

The Just Shall Live by Faith

Maybe you've heard the verse *"the just shall live by faith."* It is not just from the New Testament, it is an Old Testament idea too as we read in Habakkuk 2:4b *"the righteous person will live by his faithfulness."* Paul essentially repeats this in Galatians 3:11. The righteous and the just are deemed to be in the same right standing before God. What is the faith that saves that these authors are writing about? Paul writes that *"a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law"* because the law served to show us sin (Rom 3:28). God takes our faith and it is then accounted to us as righteousness as it says *"since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith."* (Rom 3:30). Second Corinthians 5:21 says that *"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"*

if only we will believe. God says that *"But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."* (Heb 10:38). That's why *"without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."* (Heb 11:6 NIV).

Recapping the Roman Road

The sinner and in fact, all who are not saved come up infinitely short of God's standard of holiness; Romans 3:23 *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

All we have earned in this life are wages that will be due on the day of our death that God has appointed for us all (Heb 9:27); Romans 6:23a *"For the wages of sin is death."*

We are not left helpless however, because *"the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* but how can a sinner receive this gift?

The only way you or I can be rescued from the wrath of God is *"if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead"* and only then *"you will be saved"* (Rom 10:9).

It is *"with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"* (Rom 10:10) which is why in both the Old Testament and the New it is *"whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Rom 10:13).

Conclusion

Until people are humbled by >26

the wages of their sins which have earned them eternal death and until they see that all people fall short of God's perfection, they will never see the mercy of God as relevant. This is why God resists the proud but gives grace only to the humble (James 4:6; 1 Pet 5:5) so it is the law to the proud and then grace to the humble. God will never offer His grace to those who are proud and don't see their sinful depravity and the need for forgiveness. Only if they see their hopeless situation will they cry out to God for mercy and then call upon the name of the Lord to be saved.

There have likely been millions over the years who have been saved by using the Roman Road and countless others who came to saving faith by reading the whole Book of Romans. That's why we must show people their sins (Isaiah 58:1) and why we must not be "*ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written "The righteous shall live by faith."*" (Romans 1:16-17 NIV).

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What's in a Name?

by W.D. Archbold PhD

The wise philosopher Plato was once asked the question, "What is life all about?" His answer was, "It is the endless pursuit of the accumulation of things." In many ways what he said is true. As, the longer we live, the more things we tend to accumulate.

But perhaps what is more important, what value do we place on these "things?" I must confess that I have a house full of things that in the main I don't highly value. There is one item that is the exception to that generalisation. It's a piece of wood that came from a willow tree.

Someone obtained this piece of wood and they made something out of it. They made a cricket bat. The company's name that made it is Gray-Nicolls. You could buy one like it for less than \$150. But there is something special about my bat. It has a signature on it.

The signature is Sir Donald Bradman's. Let me tell you how I got it. It was Sir Donald's 90th birthday year so I thought I would try and get him to autograph a bat for me. So I sent him a letter. Let me express it this way.

"I had written him a letter which I had, for want of better knowledge, sent it to were I saw him down in Sydney years ago; He was batting when I saw him so I sent the letter to him just on spec, addressed as follows, DGB of the willow blow." (With apologies to the Banjo.)

I was delighted to get a reply where he just wrote on the foot of my letter "OK DB." So I sent the bat off to him

and in due course I got it back with his signature on it.

The bat was only worth \$150 but now with The Don's autograph on it and the authenticating letter it is worth several thousand dollars. It's not the name that means so much; it is what the man accomplished. Just have a look at his batting average—99.6.

Now I would like to talk about a very special name and that name is "Jesus." To me that is the sweetest name ever heard. My pet hate is when I hear that wonderful name being blasphemed.

But why is this name so special to me and to millions of other people? A good place to start is the beginning. This is a short iteration of a well-known story.

Many years ago a little baby was born in a tiny village in Israel called Bethlehem. Now this was a very special baby as an angel from heaven heralded his birth.

The Angel told a man called Joseph that this child would be born and that he should call him Jesus. At first glance this may appear not to be that important, as you know that this name was not the sole property of this babe. There are at least two other people called Jesus mentioned in the New Testament.

There was one of Christ's ancestors mentioned in the genealogical record found in the third Gospel (Luke 3:29) Another one is mentioned as one of Paul's companions in (Colossians 4:11). There are different English >28

spellings for these people; this is brought about by the difficulty of translation.

The word *Jesus* is the Latin form of the Greek *Iesous*, which in turn is the transliteration of the Hebrew *Jeshua*, or *Joshua*, or again *Jehoshua*, meaning "Jehovah is salvation".

Let me tell you a little story. When I was a small child at some preschool age my mother took me shopping to a department store called Selfridges.

I noticed that there was another mother there with a little boy about the same age as me. He got into some sort of mischief, and she called out to him, "Billy you come here right now".

I was absolutely gob smacked and ran to my Mum and said, "Mummy she called him Billy, and I'm Billy." You see I thought I was the only Billy in the world. My mother poured a little balm into my gaping wounds, saying, "But you are **my Billy**."

There are lots of people in the world that think that Jesus of Nazareth was the only Jesus in the entire world. I have to confess that I once thought that this was right also. However, in some Latin American countries the name of Jesus is frequently given to their children even today.

Why is the Jesus of the Bible so special? Joseph was told by an angel in a dream that this baby was very special not because of his name but because of "What He was going to do." This is what he said.

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

"She will give birth to a son, and

you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

What do Angels do? Amongst other things they are messengers, but more importantly, whose messengers are they? They are the messengers of God.

So this is God saying to Joseph that this child, when He is a grown-up "Will save his people from their sins." Is this accolade unique to Jesus of Nazareth?

Is there, or has there ever been another person whom God has testified that they will save us from our sins? Let's look at a great verse.

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

This verse effectively negates all the claims of the hundreds of charlatans who say, "Believe in me." God says that there is only one person who can save us from our sins and that person is Jesus of Nazareth.

How was this accomplished? You might find this hard to believe as I do. God did something extremely special. This verse tells us what that was.

Romans 8:32a (NIV)

"He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all ..."

What does this phrase mean that says, "But gave him up for us all." What did God give His Son up to? He gave Him up to the cross of ➤

Calvary. To a death that was marked by **"Shame and Pain."**

It was Pontius Pilate that gave Jesus a name of shame.

John 19:19 (NIV)

"Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: *JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

The words "The King Of The Jews" were not Pilate's declaration of the majesty of Jesus but it was a scornful deprecation of Him and also great biblical promises. Do you remember these verses?

Isaiah 9:6 - 7 (KJV)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Jesus of Nazareth is not just the King of the Jews; He is the King of the entire Cosmos.

Now let's look at the Pain. Over the years I have preached many sermons trying to explain the degree of pain suffered by the Lord while He hung on the Cross. **I have come to the conclusion that if I could gather all of those thousands of words together,**

they would still not adequately describe the extent of that pain.

We have seen that Jesus was given the name of Shame and Pain. Then God adds yet another with these words, He gave Jesus the name of **Fame.**

Philippians 2:9 (NIV)

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,"

The world's population is clearly divided into two distinct groups. There are those who believe on the Lord Jesus, and there are those who reject God's offer of salvation and they usually do not esteem the name of Jesus at all. However there are absolutely millions of people who love the Lord and His name is precious to them.

I look forward to that wonderful day when the following verses will be actualised.

Philippians 2:10 - 11 (NIV)

10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11. and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Finally, here is a short extract from a beautiful hymn:—

"The name of Jesus is so sweet,
I love its music to repeat;
It makes my joys full and complete,
The precious name of Jesus."
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The NEXT issue of this magazine will be (DV) in OCTOBER 2015.
Please submit your items before 11 September, thanks.



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

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

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

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The winner of the 2015 Book Of The Year Award was Michael Gladwin for his book **Captains Of The Soul - A History Of Australian Army Chaplains**. The judges commented: 'In this book) acts of heroism by "the soldier without a gun" abound, providing a treasury of inspiring home-grown stories. This is a history of national importance and an insight into the Australian character.'

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Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook NSW

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

Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre, Cherrybrook NSW

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

Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village, Glenhaven, NSW

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Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW

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

Lynden Grove Retirement Village, Cardiff Heights, NSW

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

Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

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

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