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## First Glance

Dear Readers

Welcome to the last issue of 2008. Once again this year seems to have sped by so quickly. Is it a sign of my increasing age or of the coming climax of this world's time - the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in all his Glory as King of Kings?

Probably the year for you has had its 'ups and downs', its encouragements and disappointments. For some the latter have been major as they have lost loved ones (cf pages 10 and 24) or encountered major illnesses.

In His infinite wisdom, Jesus told us "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matt. 6:34).

Despite the troubles this world brings–Jesus intercedes for us. Oswald Chambers said "The Bible talks plentifully about joy, but it nowhere talks about a 'happy Christian'. Happiness depends on what happens; joy does not. Remember, Jesus Christ had joy, and He prays that His disciples 'may

by Colin Winrow, Editor



have the full measure of My joy within them." (John 17:13b)

We hope our readers have enjoyed the magazines this year and will want to continue next year. If so, please note that subscriptions for 2009 are due in January, and on page 28 you can see the options available – the cost of which remain unchanged from this year.

Everyone associated with the Mission prays that God's peace and richest blessings will be upon all our readers and their families over this Christmas season, throughout 2009, and until our Lord's Glorious Return, which, we sense, is very near.

Another thought to help guide us in 2009:-

"No one can follow Christ and go astray." ~ Dr William Faunce.

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## 'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

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

## outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

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

## webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

These pages can never cover all the significant events over the two month period between issues of this magazine, but other articles can help fill the gaps, so please be sure to read the articles starting on pages 10, 13, and 24.

Emmaus Bible College held its usual end-of-year Celebration Service at its Epping premises on Sunday afternoon, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. It was inspiring to hear the testimonies of students young and old and to hear Alan Driver's Bible message.

The 2009 Subject Registration brochure for Semester 1 at Emmaus has been published. Copies can be obtained by contacting the College – phone (02) 9876 4370.

Dr John Angus (Christian Media Services) reports that an outreach commenced in November at Wetherill Park in order to meet the needs of the many people who contacted Christian Media Services following the Arabic TV Broadcasts 'Door of Hope', which Jamil Choucair sends out via satellite.



The meetings are held in the Community Service Centre on Wednesday nights and there have been about 30 local people attending. The Burwood Arabic Assembly has transferred their mid-week meeting to join and encourage those at Wetherill Park.

Interest has been good and has resulted in a women's fellowship group being established, meeting in the day time. A number of folk have trusted the Lord as their Saviour!



Jamil organizes the meetings which include a time of singing, testimony and prayer. Jamil is often the speaker.



The meetings are also video taped so the messages can be broadcast on the "Door of Hope" satellite program. In God's grace this program not only reaches Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, but New Zealand, the USA and, with help of Christians there, it is now being broadcast into the Middle East.



Jamil with his video editing suite

John Angus also reports that his TV program continues on Channel 31 in English on Saturday mornings. Bro Edward Royal also has an English program on Sunday mornings. More help is needed in all these endeavours - especially from keen Christian young people with lots of creative energy!

Orange Assembly was pleased to enjoy fellowship with Richard and Mavis Saxby on the last weekend of November. Richard led three studies on 'the divine nature of Jesus Christ' for the assemblies annual 'camp' held on a farm at Cargo.

He then addressed the whole assembly after the Remembrance on Sunday morning. The assembly continues to run a Sunday School which is attended by a small number of indigenous children, some of whom also enjoyed Richard's studies while on the farm.

The **NSW Coordinating Conference** was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November and 22 people attended. A copy of the Minutes can be obtained from Brad Scott – phone: 9626 0055. Here are some extracts:-

Rodney Trinidad has been endeavouring to contact and network with as many Youth leaders and church Elders as he can. Rodney wants to get to know the youth leaders from each church so he can encourage them and pray for them. Anyone who would like to have Rodney meet their youth leaders please contact him at:

## rodneyt@wol.org.au.

Geoff Folland has served as a Chaplain at Macquarie Uni while also working for Student Life. Geoff is now taking on the role of NSW Co-ordinator for Student Ministries which means he can no longer have the Chaplaincy role at Macquarie University. It is a Christian Brethren position. Geoff is looking for a replacement and would like to train the new Chaplain before he vacates the position early in 2009.

A letter was tabled from the West Pennant Hills assembly outlining Geoff's plans for next year and endorsing his commendation as a NSW Home Worker.

NorWest Community Church and North Parramatta Gospel Chapel have jointly written confirming the commendation of Andrew and Janice Collins. Their roles have recently changed with Janice taking on the role of Australian National Director of International Teams. Andrew will be on study leave in 2009.

The Conference guidelines require that the position of Chairman be vacated and elected after each 2 year period. An election of the chairman will be held at the next meeting Feb, 2009. Ross Bunyon is willing to stand for one more term if required. Nominations should be sent to Brad Scott.

George & Rita Galieh left for Bangkok on 17th November for their annual evangelism tour to schools, prisons, etc, and will return on 19th December. Before leaving, Rita visited her old High School, St George Girls, after she donated a signed copy of her recent novel to the library. Rita said, "I was invited by the librarian to talk to students interested in writing. We had a great time together and she gave me a catalogue of their extensive book collection and invited me to come any time I wanted to do research on another book."



Rita Galieh with St George High School girls in the library

## **Meetings & Events**

[Note: For the latest and more complete information please check at:-

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

### 2009:

5 Feb	NSW Assemblies Coord-
	inating Conference at
	Emmaus Bible College,
	7.30nm

7.30pm.

13 Feb Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.

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

23 Feb Emmaus Bible College – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester starts.

1 March Emmaus Bible College – Commencement Service;

3pm.

2 Mar Women's Missionary Convention Coffee & Dessert Night; West Pennant Hills. 7.30pm phone 9894 4264.

3 Mar (ditto) at St George CC.

13 Mar Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477

7568 or 9546 8545.

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

29 Apr International Brethren to 2 May Conference "Count Me In!"

(PITH 2009) for assemblies in Asia-Oceania; in Selangor DE, Malaysia.

www.pith-ao.org



## National Website has been Launched

by Alex Worley



As mentioned in the October 2008 issue, the Assemblies National web site CCCAust.com (for Christian Community Churches of Australia) is now up-and-running. It has the clear aim of providing information about assemblies and community services to people, specifically non-Christians. If we achieve that aim, Christians will also be able to successfully use the site too.

Our objective is to increase the spread of the Gospel and so the web site was created with the following goals in mind:

- 1. To provide information to non-Christians to connect with an assembly in their area and understand what community services are provided by related organisations;
- 2. To be a conduit back to assembly web sites/contact points, back to any state based web sites (eg Victoria); back to any related organisation web sites (eg Mueller Bible College, Stewards Foundation) rather than replicate those web sites;
- 3. Provide a national database of assembly information, co-ordinated on a state basis, that can be provided to related organisations such as AMT rather than having those separate organisations develop their own lists. This database will save assemblies and related organisations time and ultimately reduce confusion.

That's it. It's that simple.

The web site has been designed to have a 'modern' look and feel to reduce barriers to non-Christians trying to find information. We are always looking to improve that look and feel, to make it more relevant to non-Christians.

Additionally, the web site is acting as a communication vehicle. The 2008 National Conference sought to have more communication on the initiatives that were put forward and discussed. Also, the talks and other Gospel related resource material are being placed on the web site.

Moving forward, we would be very keen to take the web site to another level. This level would see the web site being continuously updated for community style issues; have an active 'blog'; have a community forum where modern day issues are discussed and the relevance of Jesus and the Bible are played out; put out a weekly/ fortnightly podcast to link into the young people in our community and engage them in issues of today. There could also be a link to articles from our Bible Colleges regarding the issue, demonstrating clear, balanced biblical thinking that in a loving, but clear and truthful way, articulates the relevance of our Lord to today's world and the need for the Gospel.

Such a move would require two or three people in their 20s to 30s to pick up the vision and become involved. May God's Holy Spirit move where He wills.



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All are welcome and are encouraged to come, and together search the Scriptures.

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## What is Christmas?

by G. & R. Gardner

Is it just a day at the end of the year
A season of joy, merry-making and cheer?
Is it people and presents and glittering trees?
AH, NO. IT IS MORE THAN ANY OF THESE.

For under the tinsel and hidden from sight
Is the promise and meaning of that first Christmas night
When shepherds stood in wandering awe
And felt transformed by what they saw.
So let us not, in our search for pleasure,
Forget our right to this priceless treasure.
FOR CHRISTMAS IS STILL A GOD-GIVEN DAY
AND LET US REMEMBER TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.



Women's Missionary Convention

Coffee and Dessert Evenings

Monday, 2 March 2009, 7.30pm

at West Pennant Hills Community Church

and

Tuesday, 3 March, 7.30pm

at St George Christian Church
The guest speakers are:-

Simone Ghali and Sophie McCrindle

More details will be distributed soon, but meanwhile:-

Enquiries to Mary Arnold

ph: 9894 4264

## In Loving Memory of Betty Hayden



Regular readers of this magazine will be very aware that the past year has been a very difficult one for

both Dorothy Elizabeth Hayden (know by friends and family as "Betty") and her husband Graham, as she battled a brain tumour and the associated treatments. Reports of their 'journey' have been printed in letters from Graham in the "In Touch" section from time to time, sadly following hard on the heels of articles she herself had written just prior to this, when she was her A1 self.

Well, the Lord in His wisdom called her home on 23rd October (at the age of 76) and her Funeral Service was held at West Pennant Hills Community Church (WPHCC) starting at 11am on 29th October. This was followed by a burial service at Castle Hill Cemetery, where Mr Anthony Sell shared a message from the Scriptures and "Amazing Grace" was sung.

People associated with the Outreach Book Service and the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission (the publisher of this magazine, and where Graham serves as Company Secretary) have known over many years about Betty's hard work for the Lord and of her fine qualities as a wife, mother, colleague and friend. We will all miss her greatly and our sincere sympathies go to Graham in the great loss of his dear wife and soul-mate of 54 years.

But the extent of the impact of her life on others was perhaps highlighted for all of us by the large congregation that gathered at WPHCC – over 220 mourners – and the many tributes and testimonies which were shared about her character, loving nature, and willingness to help others.

The Funeral Service was opened by long-time friend Dr Bill Archbold who also gave the initial Eulogy, summarising Betty's life from the time she was born in Mudgee, 13<sup>th</sup> May 1932, through the Depression years in Kempsey, and later in Shortland where she spent most of her youth. On leaving school she became an apprentice dressmaker and made wedding gowns.

She met husband-to-be Graham at a Bible Camp where he was involved with Robbie Wright in setting up etc. They courted for six months and were married in 1954.

During the many years as a hard-working wife and mother to three children, she was also involved in the local assembly teaching in the kindergarten and Sunday School, Every Girls Rally, and Children's Camps. On the secular side she sold Avon at one time, joined the P&C, and had some part time jobs in school hours.

From 1977 onwards Betty became very involved with KYB and she led groups at Oatley and Campsie, and took on counselling training before becoming a Chaplain at St>

George Hospital. This then led to her appointment to the Hospital Board, and she became involved in Grief Counselling and was employed at Olsens Funerals. In turn this led to families asking her to take funeral services, and she became involved in the Southern Area Health Service's Suicide Prevention Network.

All in all she had 30 years of full-time service for the Lord, in addition to her loyal support of all that her husband was doing to serve Him.

Graham then shared some of the details of their courtship, marriage, and ministry together, and of the particularly difficult last 12 months, since the brain surgery in October 2007, when doctors forecast she only had a few months to live

Rosemarie Green (Betty's daughter, who has lived in the USA for 26 years with her husband and family) mentioned that this separation had been hard for her mother.

Whilst visiting here earlier this year they had talked about Betty's past. A turning point for her had been after the death of her mother in 1977 when she reviewed her life and resolved to fully trust God as never before. She realised that events in her past had prepared her for service in counselling and that's when the new phase in her service commenced.

On reflection Grant (younger son) came to the conclusion that life is about relationships. "Today is both a day of sorrow and sadness but also a day of thankfulness." He admired his mum's values, sense of fun and drive to get things done. Grant recalled that when he was a young child they needed transport to get around so his mother purchased a Honda step-through scooter and would trap him to the back so they could go shopping etc.

She always wanted the family to keep in touch so she would make sure to ring each of them regularly and update them on what was happening with others in the family.

Grant lived with his mum and dad for a period in recent years and was impressed that "they had an unwritten rule that first up in the morning made the tea and toast for the household".

"In the last twelve months, it had been hard to see this vibrant person withering, but it was great to see that she had such a full hope in her Lord."

After the family tributes, came a poem, some music, and a reading. Then some more friends and work colleagues brought further tributes.

Sonja Longworth, a nurse from St George Hospital, said her first impression of Betty as Chaplain was "sparkling eyes, caring and compassionate ... and involved in many activities where her insights were invaluable."

Gail Kilby first met Betty 15 years ago through Betty's work at the hospital during Gail's mother's illness and subsequent death. They went on to develop a far-reaching friendship and mentor relationship over the years. Gail later entered chaplaincy work with Betty's encouragement and support.

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She met Betty again in January after the tumour operation and they talked about taking part at her funeral.

Julie James, yet another Christian sister who had been touched by Betty's personal experience and ability to communicate the Lord's Word, was looking for a Bible study group in 1990. Betty invited her to come along to the newly formed KYB group at Oatley. Betty was very encouraging to her and Julie later became the leader of a group. CWCI has asked her to express their thanks for all the time and effort Betty put into training women.

Lyn, Esmee Murray's daughter, shared her mother's memories of how Betty had spoken to and encouraged the ladies at Cartwright assembly. The last time Betty shared with them was September 2007 and she had a premonition it would be the last time she would be with them and spoke on "Faith, Hope and Love".

Anthony Sell, from the Suicide Prevention Network, said Betty was on the committee he ran and she participated fully in the activities. They first met in 2000 and she encouraged them to not delay but get on to the job. He was appreciative of the time and experience she brought to the group.

The congregation sang another hymn 'In Christ Alone' before the closing Homily by Gary Coleman.

Gary called Betty "a dear friend" and mentioned they had collaborated over the years in regard to grief counselling and suicide prevention. He was overjoyed that one day he would be sharing heaven with Betty. After the closing hymn "Thine be the Glory", Milton Hayden closed the service in prayer.

Later that evening, one of the neighbours in Bonnells Bay, who was at the service, wrote a card and dropped it into Graham's letter box. It read:-

"Thank you Graham and family for inviting us to celebrate the life of Betty today; to share in such wonderful memories, thought provoking ideals, friends, and family united in one belief. I felt humbled by all she has achieved, her boundless energy, and WOW the Chapel was filled to bursting with people she has touched throughout her wonderful life."

"The words of your daughter, son and granddaughter especially affected Josephine and myself deeply. Thank you for moving to this part of the earth, where Peter and myself and the girls got to become neighbours with you both. Hope it continues!"

Since then other tributes have come including these words from Esther Allen:

"We wish to say that the committee of the South Coast & Southern Highlands Ladies Retreat will miss Betty's wise council and her wonderful sense of humour. We enjoyed her teaching and guidance for 15 years. Truly a woman of Excellence! Someone should put all her message tapes onto CDs or MP3 – as they are a wonderful treasure of teaching. We praise God for our knowing her and she will be sadly missed."

[To which many people would want to say "AMEN!" —Ed]

## News from NSW Home Workers

## Graham Hayden 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008

My dear family and friends,

I write this Christmas letter with a very heavy heart, for I have just finished sending some 300 letters by way of thanks to the friends that came to Betty's funeral, as well as those who sent us prayerful card greetings.

She passed on peacefully to be with the Lord on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 which was almost 12 months to the day when she suffered those initial stroke-like symptoms which, of course, came from a brain tumour.

The surgeon who did the second craniotomy suggested she may only live for a few weeks, but in the Lord's goodness she was with us for a whole year during which she suffered little pain, but some seizure attacks. Despite radiation and five oncology treatments she suffered a lot less than expected, over those many months.

We both, like King David of old, when his home town was levelled to the ground and all his and his men's families had been taken captive, turned to encourage himself in the Lord even though his men took up stones to kill him.

We both also found in all these difficulties great encouragement in the ENORMOUS Hope we have in our Lord Jesus and absence of loss, tears, and grieving in the Eternal state as found in the Bible's revelation of the future.

Please continue to pray for us as a family and I covet your prayers for wisdom, in the lonely times ahead, as I seek to sort out with our Board the Mission's vital concern for our Home Workers, their support, and the way forward. There are over 35 years of administration records that need to be placed aside as archives, as well as bookshop stock.

Thank you for all your prayerful fellowship in this past demanding year of my life. I seek a continuing of that fellowship. Oh! How I miss her, my "help meet" of 54 years!!!

Best wishes, and may you encourage yourself in the Lord this Christmas.

Yours very sincerely in the Lord Jesus, Graham W.R. Hayden.

## Jane Mayhew November 2008 (extracts from "Out of the Barrow")

The past few weeks have been some of the most emotionally challenging I have experienced in my



life and yet even in the midst of this God is incredibly gracious and He gives me exactly what I need, exactly when I need it. What a loving Father He is!

The university year has finished at Sydney University and consequently so has my time as a missionary there. It was difficult saying goodbye to a place that has been so significant in my life and also to people that I dearly love.

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Then about two weeks ago I was visiting my parents (Sue and Peter Mayhew, Green Valley assembly) and on Sunday afternoon my dad experienced a constriction in his throat, trouble breathing and numbness in his right leg.

My quick-thinking mum called an ambulance and it happened almost too quickly for me to take in the seriousness. Just before the ambulance came I think God allowed the seriousness to hit me and I sat with dad and was able to pray with him. He was taken to the hospital with mum and by the evening they were preparing him for emergency heart surgery to repair a tear in his aorta.

That afternoon we were told a number of times that he should not have survived and we saw God's providential hand all over such a difficult situation. It was a long night while the operation was taking place and my mum and I didn't sleep very much. I really felt a spiritual battle that night and at one point in particular there was almost a tangible battle within me between thinking dad was going to die and trusting God to bring Him through the operation.

Praise the Lord, He did bring dad through and He encouraged my faith through that night. The two weeks that followed contained trips to the hospital, looking after the household with my sisters and making meals for mum. It has been a great opportunity to serve my family and to recognise God's grace together. Dad came home from hospital just yesterday and although he is still quite tired and has a long road of recovery, he is alive by the grace of God!

I am heading to Melbourne tonight for three weeks for a Student Life yearly mission trip and, although it is hard to leave, I believe that God has opened the way for me to go. He keeps reminding me that He loves to work through weak people and indeed that is when He is glorified the most!

Please pray for my dad's continued recovery and for my mum as she works – as well as looks after him.

[The family is hoping of course that Peter will be well enough to walk Jane down the aisle on her wedding day, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – Ed]

Please pray that each day I would give myself in weakness to the Lord and allow His strength to shine through in power.

Thank you so much for all of your support, you are a blessing from God and I am truly thankful for each one of you, In Him, Jane Mayhew

## Geoff & Liz Folland

(extracts of emails) 18th Nov 2008

Hi. I'd like to invite you to come to the Campus Mission conference 6th and 7th February next year. The



purpose of the CM2009 conference is to envision students with the possibility and priority of mission on campus, and to equip them with some simple skills that they can implement as soon as they walk on campus. With only a few weeks to this event, we are really needing help

## Our newest Retirement Village

## by the Management Committee

Glenhaven Gardens, a Christian Retirement Village, is the most recent addition to the Assemblies retirement facilities. It provides Christian care and service to the elderly and to the community generally.

Glenhaven Gardens is situated at 1a Mills Road, in Glenhaven itself, a lovely treed garden suburb in the north west region of Sydney. This delightful suburb provides a great setting for the Village – with views to the Blue Mountains.

The Village was completed in September last year and consists of a 60 bed low-level care facility (Carinya House) and 10 quality independent living Villas. Carinya House is operated by Christian Brethren Community Services (CBCS) whilst the Villas are managed on behalf of the Stewards Foundation of Christian Brethren by a voluntary management committee drawn from nearby assemblies.

Since completion, the low-care facility has been fully utilized but some of the Villas remain unsold due



The low level care facility



1a Mills Road, Glenhaven

to a number of circumstances but the major one being the uncertainty in the housing market in Sydney. Despite this there are only two remaining to be taken. When fully occupied this will enable more resident activities to be carried out.

A contract is expected to be let in 2009 for construction of stage 2 which will consist of a further 14 villas. At present four of these have already been taken, leaving 5 three-bedroom and 5 two-bedroom villas available. Completion of stage 2 will see half of the total site developed.



The Village dam

Twelve Serviced Apartments have been designed for construction in stage 3 but no decision has been taken on when this will start. Proceeding would depend on demand for this type of facility.

#### Self Care Villas

Tenure to a Villa at Glenhaven Gardens is by way of Leasehold Title for your exclusive use and enjoyment while you continue to live in the residence. Under this system you gain this "private use and enjoyment" without having to worry about the responsibility for paying rates, taxes, insurance and maintenance. Additionally there is no stamp duty on the Lease.

The Retirement Village occupancy arrangements operate on the basis of an Incoming Contribution (Villa Price) less a Donation/Departure Fee calculated over the term of occupancy. A monthly maintenance fee also applies. The Donation/Departure Fee applicable when acquiring at the List Price is 2.5% per annum for 10 years plus 1% for each year thereafter based on what the Villa is sold for to the next resident. Based on past experience and inflation it would be expected that on this basis a Capital gain would result.



Some of the villas



Entrance to the Village Centre

The Foundation held its 2007 Annual General Meeting in the Village Centre which provides good facilities for this type of purpose, as well as providing a recreational and library facility for residents. The Centre, which has its own kitchen, is capable of holding a sit-down meal for around 80 people.



Inside the Village Centre

The Village held its first outing for residents in April and a very happy day was enjoyed by all the residents together with a couple of others who are yet to move in. A round trip to Berrima for the day took the residents to places never visited before by some despite living in Sydney all their lives. The residents enjoyed a mini-Olympics

in August finishing with a buffet tea of international cuisine. In October a further outing was enjoyed to the Central Coast which included the Japanese Gardens, Ken Duncan Gallery for lunch and afternoon tea at The Entrance. An outdoor Christmas Carols event is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> December.

A weekly Sunday church service has commenced in the Chapel at Carinya House and the Residents of the self care Villas are invited to attend. They are also invited to various activities conducted at nearby West Pennant Hills assembly.

## Carinya House

Many people fear a loss of freedom when they hear they need to consider a move to aged care but in fact nothing could be further from the truth. Living in a supported environment where the basic housekeeping duties, such as the cooking and cleaning, are taken care of can be extremely liberating and life-renewing. Having the basics out of the way leaves more time to spend with family and friends, catching up on reading or joining a bus trip for a day of shopping. It certainly means that there are no more notes pinned to the fridge to remind you of what pill to take and when to take it. In the right environment, the world can really open up again and connect you to a whole new community life.

Finding the environment that is right for you can seem a little overwhelming at first. The key is in the preparation. Knowing exactly what you are looking for and what financial arrangement is going to suit you best. It is important that as we age we consider what our future needs may be and start the planning process early. Making decisions when you are unwell or in hospital can be difficult and may mean others will need to make the choice for you. Knowing what is available in your local area or moving to a retirement village that is part of an integrated aged care site is a valuable first step to being in control of your future.

A retirement village that is linked to a residential care facility will give you an opportunity to meet the staff and families of the facility and help you to feel comfortable and secure about a move should you need it. For the care management team to know more about you than simply a name



Some more villas

is a wonderful help in being able to provide appropriate medical as well as good social support if you ever should need care.

Aged care providers will meet with you by appointment to show you through their range of accommodation and to let you know about the entry 18

process. Always ensure that you have something to take away with you that gives more detail about the services offered and the levels of care catered for and, most especially, provides a clear outline on the costs of both the care and the accommodation. Whilst the Department of Health and Ageing regulates most of the fees and charges applicable in aged care, some providers will offer Extra Services, which include an extra daily charge and an accommodation bond, even in high-level care. The Department of Health and Ageing's website can provide you with good information about entering aged care as well as links to the services offered in your local area.

It is also advisable to spend some time talking with a financial advisor about your own circumstance. Many folk fear that entering aged care means automatically selling the family home, but this may not always be necessary. Getting good advice early can help minimise costs, stress and confusion about which is the best financial option for you. Centrelink financial advisors can certainly provide some assistance – as a first step before consulting a specialist in the field.

Care doesn't automatically need to be provided in a residential setting. Today there are wide ranges of inhome services as well as transitional care programs to choose from. If you feel you need some extra help or are considering a residential aged care facility, contact your local Aged Care Assessment Team (who can be contacted through your local hospital) and discuss with them which option would be best for you.

CBCS has been offering residential care services to the over 55's, the aged, the frail aged and those living with a dementia for over 35 years. The CBCS Client Services team is also available to help you to explore your care options.

In 2007 CBCS opened their newest aged care facility, Carinya House, which is a 60 bed residential facility offering low-care assisted living and includes a specialist dementia support area. It has been designed to offer 'ageing in place' which means that as care needs increase residents are able to remain in Carinya House. It is also available to self care residents as their care needs change. It is an ideal setting where couples can plan for the future and know that if one partner does need to move to an aged care facility that they will only ever be a short stroll away.

Information packages giving further details about aged care and all the services provided by CBCS can be obtained by calling (02) 9842 4111.

Information packages in relation to self care villas can be obtained from the Village Centre by calling (02) 9634 8700 or from the Stewards Foundation office on (02) 9747 1351.

There is also a Village web site at:www.glenhavengardens.com.au



## Parklea Markets Outreach — end of year report

by Paul Walker

On a regular basis, each of the ministry groups at West Pennant Hills Community Church gives a short report to the whole church on a Sunday morning. Here is a slightly edited version of the Market Outreach team's report given in November 2008. It is hoped some people in other assemblies will become interested in helping at Parklea or in starting a similar sort of ministry at another market place.

The WPHCC team is willing to give advice and help in either case.

#### **PRAISE POINTS:**

- As we draw to the close of another year, we are thankful to the Lord for all His provisions to us.
- The outreach ministry has been continuing for nearly 6 years.
   PRAISE GOD!
- As a team we are thankful to the church for their support and especially those who have faithfully supported this ministry in their prayers and their practical support.
- We are grateful to the Lord for meeting our ongoing expenses.
- May I as team co-coordinator gives thanks to God for the team and their commitment to this outreach ministry and for the ongoing support of our wives.

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Our final break-up meeting for this year will be held at Geranium Cottage at Mid Dural Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 08.
- The final outreach at Parklea this year will be held D.V. on Saturday 7th December 08.
- Why not consider Parklea Markets outreach as an opportunity to grow in your faith bringing hope and love and a real purpose to life to the shoppers and stall holders that can only be found in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Our first visit next year to Parklea Markets will be held D.V. on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

On behalf of the team,

— Paul Walker email: oasiswalk@optusnet.com.au phone: (02) 9639 8653











# Bible Society NEWS UPDATES



November 2008

**Sydney:** Plans for our Sydney JAAL campaign, which will run from September next year, continue to grow at an exciting pace. By the end of October 110 churches had registered. We even have a church in the USA (with an Australian Pastor) planning to bring a group 'down-under' and help with the campaign around Macquarie University.

Over the past month we have locked in some key dates. We plan to launch the campaign on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month leading up to this date we will release a series of updates and 'months to go' stories. This will commence in early 2009 with a 'Sign Up' day on February 15<sup>th</sup>, which we hope will be widely promoted. Then for each following month we will focus on an event or activity around the 15<sup>th</sup> — 'Jesus. All about life' day.

**Central Coast:** Last week we met with over 50 representatives from Churches on the Central Coast at the Gosford RSL. We are keen to have them involved in the Sydney campaign and perhaps organise a local committee. Sydney commercial television stations include this area in their reach which means the JAAL ads will be seen here during the campaign. Please pray for these church leaders here as they consider how to best get involved.

**Hunter Region:** The Hunter JAAL Committee is working very well and following the meeting at Gosford we travelled to Newcastle for their launch breakfast. Over 60 churches were represented by the more than 150 people who attended the launch at the Belmont Salvation Army Corp.

Major Topher Holland and his committee will launch the Hunter Campaign on Good Friday, 2009 with the plan being to run the campaign for 6 weeks until Pentecost. There will be some overlap into the Central Coast area, but this means churches there will have two opportunities to reach out into their community.

**Regional Campaigns:** If you live in a regional area and would like to discuss running a **'Jesus. All about life'** campaign in your region - please get in touch with us. With Sydney, Wollongong and the Central Coast all working towards September, 2009 - this would be an ideal opportunity for other areas to consider running one in their area. Contact us for more details.

Martin Johnson, Director - Jesus. All about life project - ph: d: 02 9870 5624 Bible Society NSW ph: 02 9888 6588 mb: 0417 028 438

STAY IN TOUCH with details at www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au



## Christian witness in the work place

by David Gordon

In the October 2008 issue (page 30), we mentioned an organisation called "Centre for Public Christianity' (CPX for short). For reasons explained below, this prompted a friend to write to me about his current experiences with sharing the Gospel in his work place. I found his story very interesting and it prompted me to wonder what is happening for the Lord in other secular work places in NSW.

Perhaps after some people have read this article they may feel led to contact me! I pray so. — Editor

Readers may be aware that Optus moved staff from all its offices on Sydney's North Shore to a campus with six large multi-storey buildings at Macquarie Park – a total of about 6,400 people, which is larger than many NSW country towns!

Previously there had been some Christian activity within Optus at North Sydney, and at Chatswood, largely reliant on the **Bible Means Business** (BMB) public talks initiated by Simon Manchester, St Thomas's Anglican church at North Sydney.

Prior to the move, a few at North Sydney tried to get some momentum for an in-house Christian movement, since we knew we wouldn't be able to use BMB (now 'Christian Bible Forum') resources once we were at Macquarie Park. We were not very successful: we managed to get only about 25 to 30 people along.

Now that we're at Macquarie Park we have a weekly newsletter that goes to about 160 people (including some nominal Christians) ... but 160 out of 6,400 is only 2.5%. We have three Bible study groups (generally) running



each week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes. [There are some Christian organisations with offices in Macquarie Park: the Bible Society, African Enterprise, Haggai Institute ... and two ladies from the latter now attend the Bible study each Monday.]

Last December we had a Christmas talk, by the assistant minister of Thornleigh Baptist church, for which about 70 people accepted an invitation, but only about 45 turned up. Those that didn't missed a very good talk on "Christmas uncut ... what most people don't know about Christmas".

The week before Easter this year we held an 'Easter special' – the Czech film **Most** (in English, 'The Bridge'), about a father who lived with his 9-year old son after his wife died. The father was the railwayman who controlled the raising and lowering of the lifting span >22

of the railway bridge over a waterway. The boy pleaded with his father to let him accompany him to work, and the father showed the lad how the bridge controls worked. One day father and son went to the bridge and the father raised the span to allow a boat to pass, remarking to the boy he'd leave the bridge up because the boat could soon be back. In any case, the train wasn't due for 40 minutes.

The lad went and played down on the river bank ... then suddenly heard the "toot, toot" of the train in the distance. The boy shouted out to his father that the train was early, but there was no acknowledgement from the railway box.

Knowing that there wouldn't be time to get to the control box, the boy headed for the maintenance shaft and tripped a lever that started the lowering sequence — but the boy was caught in the mechanism and killed. The father was then aware of the bridge closing, and called out to the boy ... no answer — then the father saw his son's body being ground up by the cogs. The bridge closed just as the train rounded the bend — and none of the passengers was aware of the drama or the awful cost of their safety. The analogy to Christ's death, though inexact, was clear. As well as Optus people we invited people from the Bible Society, African Enterprise and Haggai Institute.

We have also run a couple of **Christianity Explained** courses, with five people attending the first group

and four in the second. One of the men in the first course gave his life to the Lord, and is now longing for his (nominally) Buddhist wife to be saved, too.

So what does this have to do with CPX? We ran a series using 'The Christ Files' videos, four 26-minute episodes, over successive weeks. (It was a slightly re-formatted version of that shown on Channel 7 on Good Friday this year.)

'The Christ Files' was produced by Dr John Dickson (one of the founders of CPX), and we were hoping that he'd be able to attend in person one week, but that didn't eventuate.

However, he will be coming on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, to speak at our Christmas event, a talk that takes up where 'The Christ Files' leaves off, and which challenges people to make a rational, informed decision based on historical facts.

I must add that a few of us from Optus met recently with fellow-Christians from Vodafone (also with an office in Macquarie Park) to encourage them to set up a formal Christian witness in their work place.

We have been praying for them, and they for us. (At a commercial level, the two organisations are of course competitors.)

My work place is my mission field ... I have hardly any interaction with non-Christians where I live — but plenty at Macquarie Park!

Last month I invited four of my Indian colleagues at work, and their



families, to lunch at my house ... one Muslim and three Hindu families (though one described himself as "nominal Hindu"!) ... we had a great time, and they're still talking about it at work!

I'm also involved with **Angel Tree** run by Prison Fellowship, where Christians buy gifts for the children of prisoners. I was telling one of my Hindu colleagues (not one of the aforementioned group) about it and he plied me with questions, then exclaimed, "Hinduism has nothing like that!"

The most pressing need I see at Optus is for Christians to step out and be bold for their Lord. There often is a natural fear, but it really is surprising where the conversations lead when one is prepared to speak out what one believes!

#### **Cherish His Christmas**

Christmas brings such a time of love Each tender heart holds so much of Unselfishness thrives, trust is strong The purpose to give, send love along.

A time of pleasantries, patience too Good wishes to all, all feelings true Thankfulness follows each fine deed Gifts from our God, never from greed.

Great the rewards that joy does bring Like the beauty in hearing angels sing We pray for our loved, each so dear Especially those who can't be near.

Many leave home to bravely serve All freedoms we have, they preserve Do pray for our troops, as we should And their families too, if you would.

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Roger J. Robicheau

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## Fred Norman Whitefield - with the Lord, 7th Oct 2008

Known by many, many people in Sydney, NSW, and further afield, Fred Whitefield was loved and respected as a sincere Christian, a gifted Bible teacher, a mentor and a humble leader

Fred was born in Glebe in 1923 and his family moved to Punchbowl when he was seven. They attended a local church there. Around this time, his older brother John was given a booklet called "The Reason Why". He took it home and his father read it. One by one the Whitefield family were subsequently changed as they each committed themselves to the Lord Jesus; Fred at the age of 12.

After school Fred studied at Ultimo Technical College to obtain a degree in Chemistry and he began to specialise in the science of paint.

In the latter part of his working life he was appointed the Principal Chemist at the Department of Main Roads. In this role his responsibilities included the specialised materials used to preserve and paint the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the structure which, as a small child, he had watched being built.

Fred married Joan, the love of his life, on 8th October 1949 and they first lived in Chester Street, Epping, and began to attend Eastwood Assembly, where they stayed for many years. They raised four daughters – Sue, Robyn, Anne and Linda, and lived to see them all happily married with children of their own.



He is dearly loved by his family as a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Fred liked children of all ages and soon was involved with the ministries of Eastwood Assembly. He taught in the Sunday School and became its Superintendent.

But he also took the Bible studies at many CYC camps (covering all age groups) and eventually served on the CYC board.

He became known in assemblies all over Sydney as a gifted Bible teacher and was used often on Sunday evenings. Those closest to him also knew him as a mentor, and saw that he had a servant's heart, living out the Biblical truths he taught. He loved the little ditty ...

"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,

I'd rather one would walk with me, than merely show the way".

Fred also lectured at Emmaus Bible College, taught on the 'Voice of Melody' radio program, and at many camps and conferences – all while still holding a responsible job in industry. He had a gift of making difficult Bible passages clear.

Fred retired from his position with DMR in 1984. In 1989, he and Joan

moved to live in Newcastle. He soon was teaching a Bible Study group there, but they also bought a caravan and began touring remote parts of Queensland and the Kimberley region of N-W Australia, teaching the Word of God in outback towns and Aboriginal communities.

There he was given the respected title of "Old Man White Beard"!

After the news of Fred's passing reached Phill and Wendy Brewster (who serve with Western Gospel Ministries in the Kimberley) they faxed a message to Joan and the family, saying in part "We have just heard of the passing of our great friend and brother, Fred. Truly he was a wonderful help, together with Joan, in all our ministry throughout the Kimberley of W.A."

"We had many great times together through the 1990's and he was able to share in many ways. The Aboriginal folk also loved him and Joan very much."

In more recent years, due to failing health, Fred and Joan moved into the Yurana House hostel of the Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village in Cherrybrook, and their public ministry days were over.

However a great spiritual legacy has been left for the family and many others to enjoy. For example, Fred wrote two booklets for new Christians – one about Baptism and one on the Lord's Supper. He also wrote articles for several Christian magazines. But more importantly Fred left the legacy of his life's example – as one who pointed people to Christ and loved to share the Word of God with everyone.

He often used to say "for me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21) and many people would agree with Ray Dupen as he shared at the Funeral on 10<sup>th</sup> October and the Memorial Service on 15<sup>th</sup> October in the West Pennant Hills Community Church, "To me the outcome of his life was as a humble disciple of our Lord Jesus ... my life has been enriched by his life. I thank God for his example. He was a man of God ... his was a commitment not just to a cause or a purpose, but to a personal relationship with his Lord."

Many precious memories and insights were shared by family and friends at the Services – in both words and pictures. Both Services were well attended, and on the Memorial Service Hymn Sheet the family thanked everyone for attending and concluded with the following words, which would no doubt equally apply to all those people reading this written tribute to Mr Fred Whitefield:-

"Dad's only wish is that you would have received comfort for yourselves as needed, that you would have seen something of the love of Jesus, and that you spent some time thinking about the things that he lived and died for. In Dad's eyes – knowing Jesus was the best thing. Nothing mattered more. Nothing will last as long."



with the publicity. If you know any uni students (or students in year 12 in 2009) who might like to attend please give them a flyer.

The CM2009 registration website is up and running. Visit

#### www.studentlife.org.au/cm2009

for more information about the conference, its schedule and how to register. If you have any questions, please email me:

## geofffolland@studentlife.org

or call me on 0402 115 461.

I would also appreciate you passing this information on to anyone you think might be interested.

#### 25th November

My Greek exam last Friday went OK. I am confident of passing, and for that I am grateful. It is amazing to think that at the beginning of the year I didn't even really know the Greek alphabet, and now I can read whole sections of the New Testament in its original language. Praise God!

Last Saturday night we held a "Career with Student Life" night. Over 20 people - almost all from outside of the Student Life (SL) ministry - came to hear about the vision and processes of working with SL. It was very encouraging. Please join us in praying that God will raise up workers for His harvest field.

#### 1st December

When I (Geoff) first entered full-time ministry in 1995 I read a book entitled, "The Greatest Lesson I Ever Learned". It was a collection of 38 stories from people like Bill Bright, Billy Graham, etc. I was so inspired by it that I determined to try to collect similar stories for an Australian version. After months of effort, I managed to collect 16 such stories from a variety of people. These stories have never seen the light of day, but recently I was motivated to publish them on my blog...

http://geofff70.blogspot.com/2008\_ 11 01 archive.html

## CM2009 update

Much effort over the last week has been devoted to getting the word out about Campus Mission 2009 – a conference I am organizing for the first weekend in February. Over 5,000 flyers have so far been distributed. I'm hoping for a couple of hundred uni students to attend.

Please pray that the flyers will get into the hands of the right uni students, that they would be motivated to come, and that God would use the event to prepare students to expand His kingdom through ministry on campus in 2009.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME CM2009 FLYERS TO GIVE TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND/OR UNI STUDENTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

I printed 10,000 flyers, so I have plenty to go around! Please phone or just email me your name, postal address and how many you want.

## **Summer Projects**

Over 140 students and 50 missionaries are involved in 7 different summer projects around Australia this summer.

These are short term missions—





reaching out to local Aussie young adults or international students. This is the most we have ever had. Please pray that the missions will be times of effective evangelism and spiritual growth.

**U@NU?** is the project with which I will be most directly involved and will be running for two weeks in January.

This pioneering project will focus on "decoding" the culture at Newcastle University in preparation for the full-time missionary team in 2009. Please pray for good preparation, clear thinking and favour with the university authorities and local church leaders.

Thanks for partnering with us in this ministry.

Your prayers make a difference.

In His love and grace, Geoff & Liz



## NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission Homeworkers Fund Treasurers' Report

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

	2008	2007
January - August	\$55,260	\$58,412
<b>Sept:</b> from Assemblies	2,717	2,727
from NSWAEM	2,600	2,000
from other sources	50	54
	\$5,367	\$4,781
Oct: from Assemblies	1,717	1,950
Christmas Gifts	3,210	1,925
from NSWAEM	2,600	2,000
from other sources	3,365	3,379
	\$10,892	\$9,254
Totals	\$71,519	\$72,447

Currently the Homeworkers Fund supports 16 workers and their families.

Please make cheques payable to the NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund

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Advertising Space can now be booked for the six magazines in 2009. The total space allowed for adverts in each issue is limited and will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

More information and the rates (either for a year or a single issue) have been updated and are listed on the web-page:

www.christianbrethren-nsw.org.au/aem/Mag/adverts.html



## Internet Corner

### compiled by C.H.Winrow



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

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

and they are also 'live' links in the PDF version of this magazine which can now be purchased cheaply. Nine previous issues in PDF format are stored on the web site for anybody to read – **August 2008** is the most recent:-

## www.cb-nsw.org.au/aem/Mag/previous.html

Does your Assembly have its own web site? If so, I'm wondering what has been the experience of your church since launching the web site? Would you like to share with our readers what's been done and what effect it has had?

I realise some web sites are rather new but some have been going for several years. If you have a web site in the latter group, are there things you have learned which could help newcomers, plus those who are only just starting, to assess if they should have a web site for their church?

Is your site's aim mainly evangelical – reaching the non-church goer, or is it to provide information to members, or is its aim something else?

If you would like to share your web site creation experiences (good and bad), please contact me as soon as possible, either by phone or email. The article about 'Glenhaven Gardens', starting on page 15, mentions that this recently opened Retirement Village now has its own web site:

#### www.glenhavengardens.com.au

The company which prints this magazine has joined with another company and the new name is the 'Dominion Colanco Print Group'. The new web site

#### www.dominioncolanco.com.au

gives more detail of the staff and of their combined skills.

James Douglas McNaught is an author of seven reference books published on various Christian topics and he's had three novels published. He is better known to family and friends as Doug McNaught the Bible teacher and preacher but he chose "James" for the fiction strand of his career. Details on all his books can be read on his web site which has just undergone a name change to:

## www.booksthataregood.com

The Max7 web site has some more upgrades – according to an email on 30<sup>th</sup> October. For example, the Max7 Russian website is now LIVE, so Max7 resources are now available in English, French, Spanish and Russian. If you have translating skills get online and translate Max7. The more languages, the better!

#### www.max7.org

Max7 has the new **Creative Prayer** lesson. Have you ever won-

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dered how to encourage children (and adults) to become more involved in prayer? In this lesson children will immerse themselves in the prayer that Jesus taught us from Matthew Chapter 6, through word, art and drama. This activity can be used in large groups or small groups and can be varied in many ways depending on the context and the environment in which it is used. The structure of the steps can be used in other lessons. It is an activity designed to encourage children to understand the way Jesus taught us to pray and to therefore provide a model for prayer.

and, Sports Ministry: There are two new resources in the Sports section:-

- 1. "Games are more than just physical" is a resource for leaders describing the theory behind game playing. It is also a source of games for you to play with your group.
- 2. "Sports Outreach Discovery Team Studies" is the first in a series of resources that use sport as a basis for reaching teens. Geared for people who want to investigate Christianity and relate to sports illustrations and analogies.

News just came that the Max7 website has clicked over its 100,000<sup>th</sup> download of amazing and 'opensource' ministry materials. This represents creative, Bible-focused resources going to thousands of leaders in 160 nations via the web. This does not include the additional tens of thousands of DVDs distributed to leaders who don't have good Internet access!

The Bible Gateway is a searchable on-line Bible, in many versions, and many languages - well worth a look and some personal testing at:

### www.biblegateway.com/

In the last issue of *Internet Corner* the monthly **Web Evangelism Bulletin** (WEB) was mentioned as a useful source of ideas and resources for evangelism on the Internet. The latest issue is Oct/Nov 2008 and can be found at:

## http://guide.gospelcom.net/resources/ currentbulletin.php

This issue of WEB contains several article of potential benefit to those who use web sites to reach people with the Gospel. For example *Writing for the Web*, and *Using stories and modern Parables*, and *Using comics and cartoons in outreach*.

Back on page 26, **Geoff Folland's** letter mentions his 'blog'. Here is a reminder of its address:-

http://geofff70.blogspot.com/2008\_ 11\_01\_archive.html

Geoff also has posted some recent photos of family adventures. They can be viewed at:

www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=1 85463&l=2d24a&id=694920036

Just had news of a **new author of Christian fiction** in the assemblies! Paul Howell, who attends Green Valley Gospel Chapel, has published his first novel called "Babylon the Great". Read more about it here:-

www.babylonthegreatnovel.com



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