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will be on his shoulders. And he
will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6, 7**

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- To pray for Israel.

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



First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the December 2017 edition of this magazine.

I trust you will receive your copy before Christmas, so that my wishes – for you and your family to have a wonderful and worshipful Christmas & New-Year holiday period – will reach you in time. These wishes also come from everyone associated with this magazine’s production.

Another year has passed since I last wrote about Christmas in this column.

I remember mentioning I was encouraged by some of the things happening in our churches and about which people were writing to me. This has continued this year and there is even more reason to be ‘up-beat’ about what the Lord is doing in our midst.

For example, Awake Sydney, Hands & Feet, Power to Change, and EvangelismSHIFT are some of the activities reporting good progress in the following pages, with more to come - God willing.

At this Christmas time we have ample reason to celebrate. Part of Isaiah’s prophecy (Isaiah 9:6-19) has

came to pass in glorious fashion! Christ was born, lived, died and was resurrected. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

But the prophecy, and many others in the Old and New Testaments, tell us there is even more wonder and joy ahead - not just in our lifetimes but for all time; for eternity!

Sure, there appear to be set-backs at times, but in fact thousands of people are turning to Christ every day in many parts of the world. Satan is defeated. God is on the throne and He is in control.

Meanwhile may we all continue in prayer for revival in Australia, and may God Bless all our readers in the coming days. □

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

If you attend a NSW assembly, or you work with any associated Christian Brethren ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section so we can inform and encourage people in 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 20, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715, or better still, e-mailed to:

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

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

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

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EMMAUS CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL (NSW)

Saturday, 3rd February, 2018

We would like to invite you to attend an informative and interesting afternoon with **Jim Fleming**, **International Coordinator of Emmaus Correspondence School**, from 3 to 4.30pm at Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village Centre, 1A Mills Road, Glenhaven. He will give an overview of the work overseas and in Australia.

High Tea will be served at the conclusion.

Please RSVP by 15 January to Faith Connell, 0412 970 446, for catering purposes.

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The last Coordinating Conference for 2017 was held at the Hope Society Church in North Parramatta on 2nd Nov.

Secretary Brad Scott has since distributed the Minutes of the Meeting, together with a number of reports from para-assembly activities and individual commended workers. A few topics from the meeting are mentioned briefly below.

The chairman, Alex Worley, introduced the meeting to **Jacob Mitchell** who has recently been appointed to work one day a week for CCCAust(NSW), complementing the work that Sean Nolan is doing, but in a younger age bracket. CCCAust(NSW) has been concerned for some time that we are struggling to hold the 15-18 year old range of youth in our churches. Jacob has been ringing churches and getting statistics on our youth work to see what trends are occurring. He will then work on a strategy to help churches strengthen, maintain and build on our current Youth position.

Sean Nolan shared the exciting news about **Awake Sydney**, where 10 denominations have agreed to working together to evangelise the youth of Sydney. The group also includes 103.2FM and the Bible Society. The first planned event is scheduled for 3rd March 2018. At this event, the aim is to gather the youth directors and 30 of their key youth leaders, as well as the heads of churches into one place and to pray together for the salvation of young people in Sydney. At the last session on this day, after a day of prayer, the youth directors will meet to plan the next event, with the objective

'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies (cont'd from p 4)

to plan an evangelical event to reach the youth of Sydney.

Ministry Support NSW has received and processed the following applications for funding:-

i. Jacob Mitchell: CCCAust(NSW) has applied for funding to cover Jacob to work on developing our youth strategy for 1 day a week.

ii. Reuben Torrance: Hands and Feet has applied for 6 months, based on 1 day a week funding.

iii. Ben Penrose: Blaxland Gospel Chapel have applied for support to Ben in a part time role with the church for 3 years. The Elders are asking Ben to help regenerate the vitality of the church.



Meetings & Events

(Note: for the **latest details** please be sure to check on these two web pages:-

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

www.cccaustnsw.com/events

2018:

- 1 Feb **Coordinating Conference.**
- 3 Feb **Hear Jim Fleming**, ECS International Director, at Glenhaven Gardens, 3pm to 4.30pm (see advert on page 4).
- 10 Feb 'Awake to Israel' (ATI) meeting at Epping G.C; from 2.30pm.
- 24 Feb 'Pathfinders' at West Pennant Hills C.C; 7 pm start; – Samoan Night.

1-2 Mar **Emerging Leaders Retreat** (in Melbourne).

2-4 Mar **CCCAust National Conference** "Salt & Light" at CYC Adventure Resort, Phillip Island, Victoria.

cccaustnationalconference.org.au

3 Mar **Awake Sydney Prayer Summit**; at the Salvation Army's National Head-office in Redfern. Enq: to Sean Nolan, 0404 474 254.

10 Mar 'Awake to Israel' (ATI) meeting at Epping G.C; from 2.30pm.

23-24 Mar **Build 2018** at Camp Toukley; spkr: Jared Wilson.

14 Apr 'Awake to Israel' (ATI) meeting at Epping G.C; from 2.30pm.

3 May **Coordinating Conference.**

5 May **Thrive 2018** - Women's Conference. Kings Park C.C.

12 May 'Awake to Israel' (ATI) meeting at Epping G.C; from 2.30pm.

26 May 'Pathfinders' at West Pennant Hills C.C; 7 pm start; – A Call to Serve.

9 June 'Awake to Israel' (ATI) meeting at Epping G.C; from 2.30pm.

21 July **SIU Conference.**

2 Aug **Coordinating Conference.**

25 Aug 'Pathfinders' at West Pennant Hills C.C; 7 pm start; – Variety Night.



Praying for NSW Assemblies

mainly compiled by Bradley Scott

Please take some time-out to pray for our churches, assemblies and para-assembly ministries and the work of God in our nation.

General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Church family as we seek to make our Lord known in our Communities.
- ☆ Pray that we as churches will not forget that even as society changes, we have a sovereign Lord who is in control and we as His people are still on the offensive, taking the Good News of Jesus to a world of people who need this wonderful news.
- ☆ Pray for our federal politicians as they debate changes to the Marriage laws and consider possible detrimental flow-on effects in our society.
- ☆ Pray that our church elders will have wisdom as they lead our local churches.
- ☆ Pray that our churches can be salt and light in our changing world, that we can show the love of Christ through the way we interact with our neighbours, friends and family. May people see Christ in us.

City Light Balmain

Pray for the church Eldership:
Gavin Mork, Jeremy Dunne

Praise God for:

- ☆ We have seen 10 - 15 unbelievers

join in our Sunday Gatherings throughout a 5 week series on the Gospel', some of whom are keen to keep coming along / potentially interested in joining a follow-up course.

- ☆ We have seen an increase in financial generosity from our members after a season of significant shortfall.

Pray for:

- ☆ Pray for ongoing wisdom in ongoing discussions about the potential for a Church Plant in Burwood in late 2018 / early 2019.
- ☆ Pray for the connections we have made through the Hands and Feet ministry, that we would be able to best love our neighbours and share the gospel with them.

Coastlands Christian Community Church

Pray for the church Eldership:
Martyn Buckland, Hayden Harvey,
Clive James, Tim Knisely

Praise God for:

- ☆ the recent professions of faith and baptisms.
- ☆ increases in Church attendance. ➤

Pray for:

- ☆ a couple of young families to join our fellowship.
- ☆ wisdom for the elders in planning our next steps.

Concord Community Church

Pray for the church Eldership:
Edward Lalabalavu, Tanga Poonan, Adriu Rinakama, Carl Simpson

Praise God for:

- ☆ our young people, especially at the Hindi/Urdu service. Their commitment and involvement in our Youth Program is very encouraging.
- ☆ our congregation who have remained faithful and have grown spiritually for His glory.

Pray for:

- ☆ our brother and elder Edward Lalabalavu. Currently he is undergoing treatment for his prostate cancer.
- ☆ Our English congregation will continue to grow and honour their Lord for many blessings received throughout the year.

Eastwood Christian Fellowship

Pray for the church Eldership:
David Andra, Oliver Desa, Michael Lee

- ☆ Please pray that the church may grow and find ways of connecting with the community around them.

Hands and Feet

- ☆ Please pray for Reuben who has been employed by Hands and Feet to develop the NDIS services that we will offer to the Community through local churches.
- ☆ Pray for wisdom as we seek certification to offer higher level services.
- ☆ Pray for clients as we roll out the system to churches; that this service will have an impact in our churches.
- ☆ Continue to pray for the Hands and Feet work in Moree as we search for a property to allow the ministry to grow. We have attempted to purchase two properties now, one was knocked back because we are Christian and one because we could not agree on an appropriate price for the property.
- ☆ Please pray for help in the form of an Occupational Therapist who would be willing to work with Hands and Feet and help us assess people under the NDIS scheme, so we can then provide the appropriate help required for them. This role would require travel to Moree on a regular basis as well as throughout Sydney.



“I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church in Cenchreae. So you should welcome her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and assist her in whatever matter she may require your help. For indeed she has been a benefactor of many—and of me also.”
Romans 16:1-2 (HCSB)

In the year AD57 a young girl stands on the port of Corinth, waiting as it is lapped by the vastness of the Mediterranean Sea. Her name is Phoebe and she is the member of the early Corinthian church; she has been entrusted with a seemingly menial task, one that unbeknown to her, will echo timelessly through the ages.

Sending her love to her family, Phoebe is handed a parchment just before she steps onto the boat that will carry her to her destination. Today this parchment would almost certainly crash the world market if it was found and went to auction.

The parchment is the original transcript of a letter by a man called Paul, written to a faithful but fledgling group of adherents to a strange new religion. This religion is mockingly referred to as “Christianity” but lovingly known by its adherents simply as “The Way”. Phoebe takes what is now known to the modern world as the Book of Romans, and starts her long journey to the city of Rome. Unknowingly protected by the armies of heaven, she carries in her hand the first ever compiled Christian

doctrine: a small document that is destined to change the earthly and eternal destiny of billions. A document that wars will be waged over, one that will cause the rise and fall of many, a document that carries the spiritual blueprint for entry into heaven and the healing of humanity.

This story is symbolic of the way in which God works: a letter that to Phoebe would have seemed rather unassuming was used by God to form the Christian faith and change the very landscape of the world for thousands of years.

I wonder what is in your hands? What thing do you hold that to you seems small and unimportant in the grand scheme of human existence?

Maybe, just maybe, you hold in your hands something of eternal significance. Maybe you hold the same powerful message that Phoebe held and maybe God is destining you for greatness. Maybe God wants to use you to carry this message, to affect the eternal destinies of many.

No great human leader would ever entrust something of such life-altering importance to a young girl in a rickety boat, but God did. Maybe it’s time to stop looking for God’s splendour in the halls of power and start looking for the important in the seemingly unimportant aspects of everyday life.





Greg & Sarah Clark
Camp Kedron
7 Emmaus Road
Ingleside NSW 2101
25 Nov 2017

Dear Friends,

It has been another busy period, both family and ministry wise. We have been working hard building extra accommodation for families and teachers that will make our camp site more flexible for our user groups. These cabins can be used for our own Holiday Camps as well as for schools, weekend groups, etc. It has also been a privilege to be working on this project with my son who is a carpenter.

Last weekend we had our 3rd Life Exchange Plus camp which is for Young People who have been to our Life Exchange Camp in April and are over the age of 21. It has been wonderful to get to know the campers and their families, some over 14 years. Our prayer is for these campers to trust in Christ and grow in their faith.

The application forms for the upcoming January camps have been well received and we will have full camps. The first week is a Leadership Training Camp for those younger people who desire to take up the role of Leader. It is followed by a Primary and a High School Camp. January is a busy period for us.

We request your prayers for good rain prior to January because our water tanks

are very low due to many camps and not much rain. Please also pray for our staff – for preservation of their health and strength over that busy period.

Please also pray for the campers who have booked in, and for the leaders who will have the wonderful opportunity of sharing the good news with them.

Once again, many thanks for your prayers and your kind and thoughtful gifts.

God bless.

Greg & Sarah



Doug & Jenny McNaught
46 Barnetts Road
Winston Hills NSW 2153
31 Oct 2017

Dear brothers & sisters,

We give thanks to the Lord as we have travelled safely going to and coming home from the various churches that we visit from time to time. Sometimes we start early in the morning and at other times we come home late at night, but the Lord is always faithful.

Jenny has been doing HSC exam supervision at Our Lady of Mercy College again this year. She is almost finished for the year. She often has to supervise students with special needs but also spends time in the main hall as well. >10

We have been looking after our grandchildren again this school term. However, we have one extra day to ourselves as one of the mothers has finished a contract and is able to stay at home with her children for the extra day.

Jenny has been quite busy looking after the ladies she supports. There have been quite a few issues for her to deal with.

I have had a break from football chaplaincy but training will soon start again. Some of the players are looking at retiring from football and face a big challenge. Last year an ex-player, with a family, died by his own hand because he felt that he couldn't face life without football. This man had played rugby at an international level and his death caused a lot of grief in the community. When a person has defined himself or herself as an elite athlete and then has to try and find a new reason for living, that person can face huge emotional problems. Please pray for me (and others) who will counsel those players facing welfare issues after retirement. The players may move on from the club but they remain part of our responsibility. Of course, the transition is made much easier for a person who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of our players have gone overseas to play for clubs in other countries. They also face many challenges trying to settle down in a new country. Often these players have families as well and things can be difficult for them. Please pray for these young people as well.

We've had our usual schedule of visiting other churches in the last few months and have appreciated the support and

fellowship wherever we have gone. We always enjoy the hospitality we receive and would like to say a special "thank you" to those people who have, kindly, invited us into their homes.

Next year's calendar is starting to fill up and we trust that we will be able to continue to bring honour to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ next year as well.

Thanks again for your love, support and fellowship during the last few months.

Much love,

Doug & Jenny



Geoff & Liz Folland
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Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

28th November 2017 (extracts?)

Hi friends,

This Friday our team of almost 30 people from across NSW and WA (with a couple of QLDers sneaking in) meet at Collaroy. We are one of five local Power to Change teams, and three international teams, who are spending some of the campus break on mission. You may have heard stories about the Schoolies on the Gold Coast, at Byron Bay or in Victoria.

Our team will spend more than 60 hours over two weeks engaging locals and tourists in spiritual conversations, looking for opportunities to share the gospel. ➤

And we'll have lots of teaching, training and reflection time too.

Praise God for the thousands of dollars he has provided. Some team members raised extra to help those who were struggling. Thank God for so many faithful ministry partners - including some of you!

- *Pray for our team of 23 students, 5 missionaries and 3 children from NSW, WA and QLD that we will bond well, stay healthy and walk closely with Jesus. Pray for Geoff, Josh, David & Nicole as they lead the project.*
- *Pray that we will learn how to communicate the gospel clearly to this generation in this culture.*
- *Pray for those we meet through the outreach times in the local community, beaches and pubs. Pray that God will lead us to people who are ready to hear and respond to the gospel.*
- *Pray that God will allow our team or others to follow up those we meet.*
- *Pray for our friends who are joining us at the Getaway. Pray that we will put into practice what we've been learning earlier in project.*

Taste & See Day

If you know any Christian young adults who would like to have a taste of what it is like to be on project, they are welcome to visit our "Taste & See Day" on December 13. They will receive some training, be paired with an experienced partner, and have a go at engaging people

in spiritual conversations. Details are on Facebook.

Finance Update...

Thanks so much for your prayers regarding our financial need. We have seen several new ministry partners join, and we are about one third of the way towards covering our monthly shortfall for next year. I have a few more people to follow up.

Please pray that I will balance the demands of preparing for the summer project over the next few days with the need to follow people up regarding our personal support. Please pray that we will be diligent in our responsibility and that God will provide all we need.

We met Marinelle as she started studying at the University of Notre Dame about three years ago. She is from a wonderful Filipino family living in Mt Druitt. After coming to understand the gospel, she decided to follow Jesus. Thanks to some generous gifts, she is now coming on summer project again. I love her bubbly personality and humble love for the people around her.

Thanks for partnering with us - in prayer and with finances - in this ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

In His grace,

Geoff & Liz



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The witness of Forgiveness

From BreakPoint

A true story from the USA about grace displayed in the midst of an opioid epidemic.

The opioid epidemic is delivering tragedy and pain to families across the country. Here's how one such family has responded in Christ.

On 30 January 2016 Ashlynn Bailey, a twenty-year-old from Pelham, Alabama, died from a drug overdose.

As John and I have said on BreakPoint many times, America is in the midst of an opioid epidemic—one that kills more people every year than the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and 90s.

This means that thousands of families endure the kind of anguish and pain that Bailey's parents have gone through.

Yet, in the midst of their pain, Bailey's family reminded us of the difference faith can make, even when the world has ceased making sense.

In the aftermath of her death, her parents established the Ashlynn Bailey Foundation, whose mission is to help addicts and their families. Part of that assistance is sharing their own story.

Ashlynn Bailey grew up in a Christian home. She "grew up in the church, learned about God, and became a Christian at an early age." Sadly, as many Christian parents know from painful experience, this isn't always enough.

Bailey began experimenting with drugs in high school and within a few years was using heroin. On 30 January 2016 she bought what she believed was heroin from a dealer in Birmingham.

Instead it was fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, and which is often mixed with heroin. It is so potent that a policeman in East Liverpool, Ohio, accidentally overdosed after brushing fentanyl residue off his uniform following a drug bust.

Federal prosecutors charged the dealer who sold Bailey the drugs that killed her, Rodrigus Lee Pearson, with a series of drug-related offenses, and were able to increase his sentence because of the link between his actions and Bailey's death.

At Pearson's sentencing hearing, Mike Bailey, Ashlynn's father, approached Pearson, and offered him his hand. He told Pearson "We extend forgiveness to you for the wrongs against our family in the same way that Christ has forgiven our wrongs, even without asking for that forgiveness."

Afterwards, he told reporters that "I think [Pearson] needs to be held accountable . . . But I don't want him to feel any less of a person in God's eyes."

He added, "I hate drugs, I hate the effects of drugs, I hate the pain that they bring, I hate how it affects families . . . It's one of the largest demonic forces in our nation right now, just sent to break a family apart. I hate all that, but I don't hate the individuals."

The pain that Mike Bailey and his family are feeling is unimaginable for nearly all of us. But the grace they ➤


have demonstrated should not be. It is what is expected of those who have experienced grace in their own lives.

“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,” Jesus taught us to pray. The Apostle Paul, in Ephesians chapter 4, urged us to “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

This forgiveness is not optional.

That’s not to say it’s easy. It’s a work of the Holy Spirit.

It’s also the most powerful Christian witness imaginable. While there are many counter-arguments, some better than others, against specific Christian ideas, there is no argument against the kind of grace and mercy Mike Bailey displayed. It’s a reminder of what sets Christianity apart.

As I said, I can’t imagine the pain the Bailey family is feeling. But I can thank them for reminding us that the light of grace shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. 

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5 ways God still works miracles today

by Kato Nkhoma

Life in this fast paced and technologically advanced generation is completely different to life in the days of Moses, Jesus, Paul and even that of our grandparents.

Mankind has made so many advancements in every area of life. What with nano-bots being injected into the blood stream to cure diseases, food production is secure in the form of GMO products (whose safety is questionable). Soon cars and aeroplanes will be self-operated. We are right now on the brink of another revolution in the form of AI (Artificial Intelligence).

With all these feats, it becomes easy to sit God on the bench in our thinking.

In fact, perhaps we can even be tempted to think God doesn't need to work miracles anymore. But, on the contrary: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

No matter how "grown up" and independent we may think we are, God still sees us as His children. He, as a loving father, wants to be involved in our lives. He is still the same God Abraham, Isaac and Jacob worshipped. He is the same God our forefathers served.

And He still works miracles today.

Let me briefly outline some ways God still works miracles today. I hope your faith will be ignited to believe and walk in miracles today.

1. Salvation

Salvation is by far the greatest of all miracles. I say this for many reasons but I'll give you 3.

- Man cannot replicate this miracle.
- God Himself took human form to save us from self-destructing.
- It is the only way to enter heaven.

Salvation, or the born again experience, may look like a simple experience but it is a profound miracle that has eternal ramifications and heavenly benefits.

Imagine the vilest of human beings being transformed into a loving child of God. Now that's a great miracle!

2. Healing

Yes, God still heals today. Medical science is tremendously advanced but it's still limited. Let's face it, man is not God, and as such all we do is not perfect.

We still need divine intervention in many medical mysteries.

I remember him clearly, wiping his tears anyway. He was sitting at his gate sobbing pitifully. His young daughter of 3 was trying her best to console him. I didn't know him but I felt compelled to go and pray with him. Upon enquiring about the cause of his sorrow, he revealed he had just been diagnosed with a terminal disease. His sobs, he told me, were not for himself but for the very girl who was wiping away his tears. He didn't want to leave her fatherless.

We prayed.

That was about 13 years ago and he is still alive and well.

God still works miracles today. Whether the healing you need is physical, emotional or spiritual; God still heals today. ➤

3. Provision

We all go through it at one point or another in life. A time when we desperately need something that is beyond our reach.

As the good Shepherd He is, God miraculously steps in and provides.

No one can convince me otherwise because I have seen it multiple times. I remember a time I didn't have money to pay my utility bills. On the due date, someone gave me the exact amount I needed. No, I hadn't asked. They didn't even know what I was going through. If that is not a miracle, what is?

The miracle of provision is as real today as it was in the days of Elijah. It didn't end with Jesus multiplying bread and fish either.

4. Connecting the Dots Of Life

I love stories of how people first met (especially married couples) or how they got to be where they are. Why? I always see a miracle in the journey. I always see the hand of God.

Let me give you a short example. One of my friends met her husband in church. Where's the miracle in that you say? Hang on, I'm getting there.

My friend had just come home to Botswana from Canada on a school break. It was Sunday and she was running late for church. Her church being a bit of a distance away, she decided to fellowship at a nearby church. Unbeknown to her, there was a visiting preacher from another country that day.

To cut the long story short, twenty

years later she is married to that visiting preacher and they have a wonderful family. She didn't know why she was running late but God used that to connect the dots of her life. So many times things happen in life that we do not understand but through it all, God will be working behind the scenes for our benefit.

Don't take your marriage, job or business for granted. If one element of the journey had been out of sync by a minute you wouldn't be where you are today.

"But my life is a mess, where is the miracle in that?" Good point. God specialises in turning messes into messages. Trust Him to bring you out and lift you up.

The journey of life is one long miracle.

There are two words you should cut out of your vocabulary; serendipity and coincidence.

God still works miracles today and your life is proof of it.

5. Angelic Visitations

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." (Hebrews 13:2)

Believe it or not, angels are still on assignment. No, I don't mean your angelic daughter and definitely not Cupid. As the above scripture says, some (I would like to believe many if not all) have encountered angels without knowing it!

You may not see the wings, armour or gigantic form, but angels do come to our rescue when needed. Sometimes >16

5 ways God still works miracles today (cont'd from p 15)

we don't even see them doing so as in the case of Balaam (Numbers 22:21-35).

I believe God has two kinds of angels; heavenly ones and earthly ones. Yes, I mean human beings who allow themselves to be God's messengers here on earth.

Be the angel someone is praying to God for. Though God has a massive angelic host with power beyond our comprehension, I believe He takes more pleasure in using us as the miracle someone desperately needs.

Be the answer to someone's prayer. Be one of the ways God still works miracles today.

Conclusion

There you have it: five ways God still works miracles today. If you have benched God, putting Him on the sidelines of your life, it's time to put Him back in the game.

[Perhaps you have seen God doing the miraculous in your life, why not share it with our readers via a letter or email to the Editor of this magazine?]

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Living Longer

by Colin Winrow

A study has been completed on Australians who have lived past 100 years of age. Nearly 200 were interviewed to help discover what might have contributed to their longevity. We often think this is all about our genes but they aren't as predictive of age as we might think. Only 20 to 30 percent were related to your family of origin.

What is not surprising is that maintaining a healthy weight, avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol drinking, and having regular exercise increased your longevity. But what was surprising was that 'maintaining good relationships' was just as important as maintaining good health. Of

those studied, 90 percent had regular family contact and 76 percent participated in regular group meetings.

Good genes and good health sure help you live longer but good friends and a close family also have a big impact. We were created with the need for relationships - marriage and family were God's idea.

Let's invest in our good relationships not just a gym membership!



Please submit any items for the February 2018 magazine on, or before, 19th Jan.

Ways to stir up your Sent-ness

by Alexandra, AFCI

Go to school, get educated, get a job, get married, get a house, get kids, grandkids, retire. Go to work, come home, watch TV, go to sleep. Repeat! This is the pattern that our society often tries to set for us, but Jesus came so that we would have more than just a pattern. We aren't here to live life the way we are told to. We are here to make a difference!

Oftentimes, we get side-tracked and forget that we have a mission. Here are 10 ways to stir up your 'sent-ness' – to remind yourself that you have been sent into the world, by Jesus, for a reason.

1. Prayer

Prayer takes the focus off you and puts it on God and other people. When we focus on God, and we try to hear his voice in prayer, He will always remind us of who we are. Children of God, ambassadors for Christ. Start each day with prayer and let God remind you of your identity and your purpose.

2. The Bible

By reading the Bible every day, you allow your mind to be renewed, which means that you won't believe the lies of the enemy because you know the truth. "We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

The enemy will say "Your life has no purpose," but because of the Bible, you can say "He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own

purpose and grace" (2 Timothy 1:9).

3. Journalising

Journalising helps you to notice the holy in the ordinary. Life is full of mundane moments, and it's sometimes hard to notice what God is doing. By sitting down and writing the things that have been going on in your life, you will be able to identify how God was with you on mountain tops and in deep valleys.

This will instil in you a sense of gratitude and new energy to keep on shining a light for Jesus.

4. Quotes

Print some quotes, or some Bible verses and put them on the wall somewhere you can see them and let them remind you of where you have been and where you are going.

5. Accountability Group

If you find that you:

- often stay at home on Sundays instead of going to church, or
- would rather spend your money on other things rather than give to God's work, or
- care about what people think of you so much that you compromise on who you are called to be, then get an accountability group or partner. Tell them what you struggle with and ask them to keep you accountable.

By asking people to help – you are saying: I know there is a problem, I want to fix it and I need help.

6. Serving

The consumer mentality of our society is infiltrating our churches. We want to be served rather than serve.

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We would rather sit in a church service than turn up early and set up the stage or put the chairs out.

Mark 10:45 says, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

You are called to be an imitator of Christ. The more time you spend imitating Christ, the less time you will spend imitating the world. Roll up your sleeves, and get involved in serving your local church.

7. Movies

I remember when I first watched “Amazing Grace” which focused on William Wilberforce and his work to abolish slavery in the UK, I was deeply impacted. It made me realise that the world has a lot of problems and God’s children are here on earth to help out—to be a voice for the voiceless, to bring justice, to help the poor, feed the hungry, protect the orphans.

Good Christian movies can remind us of our purpose, of the problems that still need solving.

8. Time spent with Christians

Time spent with people who genuinely love Jesus and are committed to His cause can leave you energised and refreshed.

Whenever I attend church, or my connect group or hang out with my Christian friends, I always feel inspired to keep living a holy life, because Jesus is with us, active in our lives, blessing us and giving us strength when we need it.

9. Time spent with non-Christians

This is also important. You don’t

want to isolate yourself and be part of a Christian ‘bubble’. Being around people who don’t know Jesus, who are hurting, who have no hope, reminds you of your mission: to tell them about Jesus.

10. Re-evaluating

Lastly, re-evaluating is highly important. Stop and ask yourself:

“Am I living a life of integrity?”

“Am I living a life pleasing to God?”

“Am I helping to expand God’s Kingdom?”

Such questions will always bring to the surface our values and priorities.

Last thoughts:

We will never be perfect at “being in the world but not of the world” but the point is to go for it anyway—to live your life with purpose, to bring glory to God and make His name famous on the earth.

Romans 12:1-2 in The Message says,

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”



A new tract – “TIME”

by John A. Short



HOW TO LIVE ON 24 HOURS A DAY

The fact is that **the supply of time is truly a daily miracle**. No one can rob you of it; no one receives either more or less time than you receive. (This is true equality: talk about an ideal democracy!).

In the realm of time there is **no aristocracy of wealth**, and **no aristocracy of intellect**. Genius is never rewarded by even a single minute or hour a day.

Yes! You have as much time as everyone else!

Many say that they have never had ‘a lucky break’ or, ‘that they were too honest to be successful in the world!’. (I’m afraid most of this is **sheer bunk!**). **We all have twenty-four hours a day**. Those who make full use of those twenty-four hours will do very well.

Those who waste those hours (or fail to invest them wisely) will do poorly. Many who waste time blame their failures on luck, the political system, governments, or the bad weather, **but seldom will they ever blame themselves** and their gross mismanagement of time.

Moses wrote, “*Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*” (Psalm 90:12). **Have you ever numbered your days?** If you would like to know how many days there are in 70 years (an average life time), multiply 70 x 365. You will be

amazed to find that there are 25,550 days in 70 years. Add 17 days extra (for the leap years) and you will have simply 25,567 days!

Furthermore, every morning of each new day 86,400 seconds are credited to my account as if a great mysterious donor puts \$86,400 into my bank account!

But if I also knew that every night, whatever has been left unused in the account from failure to invest wisely during that day, would be cancelled and ruled out as ‘neglected loss’, **what would I do?**

Of course I would draw out every cent and wisely invest each second. All failure and loss to use the gifted daily deposit of time **is therefore all mine.**

But in spite of the brevity of life, you have enough time to do what you really desire to do:–

You have time to sleep. An average adult sleeps 8 hours out of 24. Just think! People sleep away one-third of their lives. (That means, if you live to 60 you will have slept away approximately 20 years as did the fictitious Rip Van Winkle!)

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You have time to eat. The average person spends on average at least one hour daily at the food table.

You have time to work – approximately 8 hours a day. Someone has wisely said ‘the best way to kill time is to work it to death.’

But most importantly:–

You currently have time to be saved from GOD’s just eternal punishment we all deserve for all our unbelief and sin.

“NOW is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2b). You have **TODAY**.

(Remember, “There is no such thing as tomorrow. When tomorrow comes, we call it today.”)

“Today, if you will hear His (GOD’s) voice, harden not your heart.” (Hebrews 3:7-8).

Today, in time, review GOD’s grace in Jesus Christ Who paid full price to redeem you and be your substitute on the cross of Calvary.

Satan wants you to live a wretched life of Sinful Seconds, Miserable Minutes, and Harmful Hours.

Christ wants you to live a victorious life of Sacred Seconds, Meditative Minutes, and Holy Hours. Jesus Christ not only desires you have these blessed moments in time, but He has made a way for you to know and enjoy ‘time’ now, and eternity forever.

Christ representatively took your place on Calvary’s cross. He died the Just for the unjust to bring us to GOD.

Here is Christ’s plan: *“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are*

passed away; behold all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Today, right now, believe Him and His Word.

Five Minutes

It was the custom of Samuel Hubbard to go with other Bible teachers to instruct classes for inmates in a Boston prison.

Near the end of a class one day, the chairman said, “We have five minutes to spare. Mr Hubbard, would you like to make a few remarks?”

Mr Hubbard arose in a calm dignified manner, and looking straight at the prison inmates said: “I’m told we have **five minutes to spare. Much may be done in five minutes.**

“In five minutes, Judas betrayed His master and went to his own place.

“In five minutes, the thief on the cross repented, and went with the Saviour to Paradise.

“No doubt many of you seated before me did **in five minutes** that act which brought you to this place.

“In five minutes, you may repent, and go to Paradise – or you will imitate Judas, and go to the place of eternal punishment where he is.

“My five minutes have expired.” He thanked all for listening to him during those five spare minutes and he then sat down, bowed his head and prayed for all those present.

The old hymn says:.....



Be in Time!

Life at best is very brief, like the falling of a leaf,
Like the binding of a sheath, **Be in Time!**
Fleeting days are telling fast that the dye will soon be cast,
And the fatal line be passed, **Be in Time!**

Be in Time! Be in Time!
While the voice of Jesus calls you,
Be in Time! If you sin you longer wait,
You may find no open gate,
And your cry be just too late:
Be in Time!

“The time is short” 1 Corinthians 7:29 - Are you ready?

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3)

J.A.S.

August, 2017



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All the text shown here on pages 19 to 21 is a re-typed copy of a neat little tract produced by Mr John Short who operates the Christian Book Room in Hong Kong.

It is printed on a glossy paper 24cm by 16cm (approx) and folded into four to form a tract approx 12cm by 8cm, with the photo shown on page 19 as its cover. It slips easily into a shirt or jacket pocket.

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Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Mouths

part of November e-newsletter for RTCC, written by Tim Blatch

A powerful quotation which has impacted me this year as part of Evangelism *SHIFT* in our Core Groups, is the simple prayer that a Christian could pray each day. "God, would you Open Doors to share about my faith, God would you Open the Hearts of those I am interacting with to hear from You, and God will you give me the boldness to Open my Mouth when that opportunity arises."

Sometimes opportunity literally knocks!! Halloween gave the Blatch family an Open Door to share about Jesus with those who came up our driveway. From Jazzmyn handing out invites to kids and talking about Dynamite, to me having great conversations with the parents coming down the street. We even had a chance to have spiritual conversations with a neighbour simply because it was a day when people were out and about.

In this newsletter, I want to encourage you to continue to be praying for a ministry of RTCC that exists from an opportunity that knocked on our RTCC family's door 10 years ago. In 2007, the National School Chaplaincy Program was launched (NSCP). The NSCP exists to support students, staff and families in schools to deal with every day pressures which happen in the home and community. The role of a Chaplain isn't to proselytise (preach messages about Jesus), but the role was identified as being one where people could approach the Chaplain for spiritual advice, and to love people where they are at!

I clearly remember the day when I left our church office with Fay Galloway and others praying for me as I went to Irrawang Public School, having made an appointment to meet with the Principal there. I was nervous!! I had already visited two Principals - Irrawang High School which was 100% onboard to have a Chaplain with our RT Scripture Board, and Hunter River High which was 100% opposed to having a Chaplain. Irrawang Public School (IPS) has always had a soft place for our church as it is the engine room of learning and development for most of the kids in our community.

We saw God answer our prayer in a wonderful way that day - where the Principal almost jumped up and down at the possibility of having a Chaplain at Irrawang. And so began the Chaplaincy journey between IPS and RTCC.

Over the past 10 years Chaplaincy at Irrawang has brought many people closer in their journey with Christ. We have people in our church today who were directly impacted by having a Chaplain at IPS.

Fast forward to 2016 and we had the opportunity to be a blessing at Stroud Road Public School with Kath Thomas as Chaplain. Just a couple of weeks ago I met with the new Principal there who again reminded me of the wonderful impact that Chaplaincy can have on a school, its staff and the parents of a School Community.

Being a Chaplain is HARD. Just ask Kath, Brenton, or Sharon Tolcher - our ➤



Tim & Kath at Stroud Road School

first Chaplain here at RTCC. We are excited to have Sharon and Ray Tolcher return to our church family. Sharon left Chaplaincy to grow in her heart for Christian Counselling, and both Ray and Sharon have been encouraged in helping married couples build stronger, deeper ties with each other and in Christ. (More on this in future months). God has led Kath on a journey of serv-

ing him - the other way around. Kath has been led through helping people in Christian Counselling to helping and serving through Chaplaincy!!!

The stories I have heard through Chaplaincy have been both wonderful and terrible, joyful and heartbreaking. But, what has been consistent throughout is that the fruit of the Spirit is evident in the witness of a Chaplain who loves the Lord in any capacity - school, hospital, sporting event or defence force.

Chaplains are bearing the Light of the World - JESUS in their lives, that others may be drawn out of the darkness. Pray for Kath as she ministers at Stroud Road Public School. □

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER & SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP

Under this banner two groups meet each month, except January. The weekly Global Prayer Matters issued by AMT form the basis for focussed prayer. These points are amplified by information from personal letters received from missionaries.

Whenever a missionary on furlough is available, as many as possible from both groups meet at Eastwood Chapel, and after the prayer time continue fellowship at Page's Cafe (in Koorong Bookshop, West Ryde) over lunch. More information may be obtained from:-

Lillian Fleming 9858 5436 or Jackie Sardar 9785 3439

Meetings to be held in early 2018

The time slot is 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, with a cuppa available from 10am. Tea and coffee are provided.

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(also on Fridays)

9 February

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11 May

8 June

“The Person of Christ” written by John Owen (1616 – 1683)

Christian Heritage, 2015; 416 pages.

A Book review by Fred Zaspel

Sinclair Ferguson could hardly give a more enthusiastic endorsement to this book than he does in the opening line of his Introduction. This book, he says, is “probably one of the most important books you could ever read.” Why? Because of its subject, of course. But also because here that subject is treated with famous depth and rich insight; its intended design is “to help us grow in knowledge in order that we may grow in faith and hope and love,” “to reach the heart and conscience by instructing the mind: The re-enthroning of the Person, Spirit, Grace, and authority of Christ, in the hearts and consciences of men.”

If to be Evangelical – indeed, if to be Christian – is to be Christ-centred, then informed reflection on our Lord’s glories ought to be our bread and butter, and, as Mark Jones remarks in his endorsement, “If there is a richer book on Christology in the English language, I am not aware of it.” “I don’t always read the same book five times,” he writes, “but when I do, it is this one by John Owen.”

The full title of this work, originally, is: *Christologia: or, a Declaration of the Glorious Mystery of the Person of Christ—God and Man: with the Infinite Wisdom, Love, and Power of God in the Contrivance and Constitution thereof; as also, of the Grounds and Reasons of His Incarnation; the Nature of His*

Ministry in Heaven; the Present State of the Church above thereon; and the Use of His Person in Religion: with an Account and Vindication of the Honour, Worship, Faith, Love, and Obedience due to Him, in and from the Church.

‘probably one of the most important books you could ever read.’

This new edition includes a few features from the publisher intended to make Owen’s work more user-friendly:–


1. The text has been divided into nine chapters.

2. Subheadings, sometimes extending to four levels and mainly based on the original numeric structure, have been inserted. The contents pages include primary and secondary subheadings to aid navigation.

3. Sentences enumerating more than five or six items, lists of more than one sentence, selected notes, and some ‘digressions’ are broken off from the main text and displayed.

4. The style and placement of biblical references has been made consistent with modern practice and Roman numerals have been changed to Arabic numbers.

5. Words such as ‘unto’ become ‘to’ or ‘doth consist’ becomes ‘consists’.

Owen’s famously enriching work has never been more accessible, and Ferguson’s Introduction is an added bonus. 

Several years ago we started using AFCI (Ambassadors For Christ International) material and many of us have been blessed by studying Lifeworks and Growthworks. It was as a result of using these resources that we contacted John North. He was happy to come up to the church and do some Bible teaching for us. In early 2015, on one of these trips, John shared his vision about EvangelismSHIFT. The elders of Wollongbar Christian Church could see immediately that this was for us so we contacted other evangelical local churches to gauge their interest.

We commenced the EvangelismSHIFT journey along with five other churches in early 2016. It was very exciting to have fellowship with other local church leaders centred around the gospel. This first year deepened relationships with other local Christians who were passionate about the Gospel. We enjoyed great times of fellowship as well.

John North and Aaron Daniell travelled up every second month for two years. During the first year we saw strong evidence of spiritual growth among believers, increased intentionality in the Gospel and an enthusiastic approach to specific prayer. We were all taught and encouraged to understand what it means to be sent by God and to live the lifestyle of a witnesses of the Gospel every moment of everyday.

The second year commenced with a twofold focus. Firstly each church group lead their own congregations in small groups through the year one material. This resulted in a broader

group of believers in each church being exposed to good teaching by using the Growthworks, Life2life and Lifeworks materials. The 'living lifestyle of a witness' principle the leaders caught in year one was now taught to each congregation. Secondly, and while the small groups continued, the church leaders kept on meeting bi-monthly and learned important Biblical movement-building strategies from the life of Jesus. We looked extensively at the multiplication model left by Jesus in the Gospels and now the leaders of each church has the challenge of establishing a primary pathway that will help not only lead a person to Christ but also onto maturity and a multiplying lifestyle.

I have been personally challenged in areas such as Sentness, Intentionality, Redemptive Relationships, Accountability and Specific Prayer. EvangelismSHIFT has been the right thing at the right time and I believe that my life is now much more intentional in the Gospel. The Lord has clearly directed me to join with Aaron and co-facilitate EvangelismSHIFT at Riverstone, Sydney. I plan to travel bi-monthly to Riverstone during 2018 and 2019 and join Aaron in leading another group of believers on the same journey. This is the third year of this multiplying process which has been designed to help produce a network of churches across Australia who are made up of people living the lifestyle of witnesses.

May God get all the glory as sinners are transformed by the Gospel. □

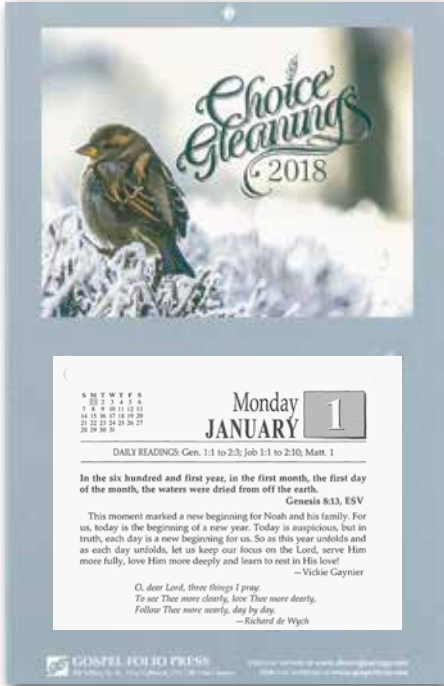


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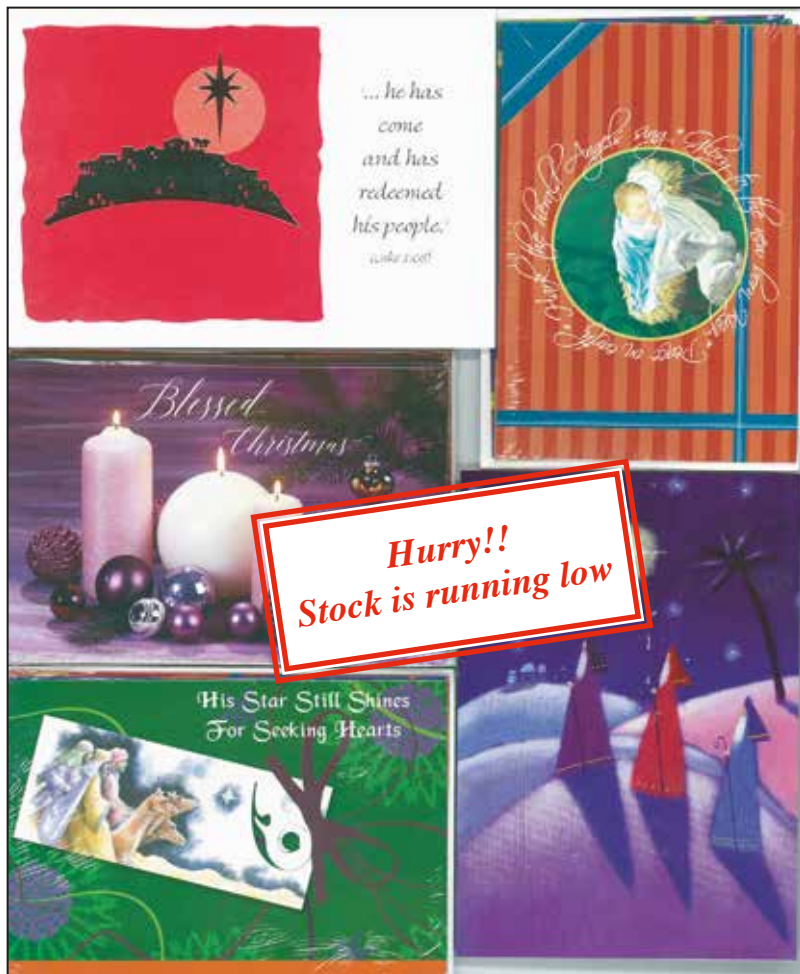
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Here are some more items on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer, smart-phone or other device.

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 included as 'hot-links' on the NSW Christian Brethren website at this web-page:-

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

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Encounter STMs

GLO Ministries and AMT are jointly planning a series of Short Term Mission trips for 2018 under the 'umbrella' name Encounter STMs. There are six altogether and details can be found on the web site:

www.encounterstm.com.au

Typically each STM is about 13 or 14 days duration. In 2018 the first is to India in May, then there is Spain in July, PNG in July, Philippines in July, Outback NSW in October, and ending with Nepal in December.

There is a short video available to advertise these STMs to your congregation. Please contact Keith or Bronwen Cruickshank (AMT Church Liaison) on 0412 020 457 to get the details.

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Did you know that in October-last a special event happened called Hack2017? It brought together people

with skills in technology to work on projects that will further the Gospel. It happened concurrently in 41 cities globally!

#Hack2018 will happen in October next year. You can find out more about it all at:

<https://indigitous.org/hack/>

Meanwhile here are the answers to two questions you must be busting to ask:-

Q1: What is a Hackathon?

A hackathon is an event in which computer programmers, developers and technologists join others in the field of software development, like graphic designers, interface designers, project managers to collaborate intensively on projects. Hackathons typically last between a day and a week in length and are often held over a weekend. Some hackathons are intended simply for educational or social purposes, although in many cases the goal is to create usable solutions. Hackathons tend to have a specific focus, such as furthering a purpose or using a specific programming language, the operating system, an application, an API, the subject and the demographic group of the programmers. In other cases, there is no restriction on the type of software being created.

The word "hackathon" is formed by combining the words "hack" and "marathon." Hackathons are not intended to perform illegal activities around computer networks. Software develop-



ers widely see hacking as referring to a quick, playful, creative programming solution to a problem – taking the ‘road less travelled’ to reach a destination in a new or different way.

Q2: Should I participate in #Hack?

To get right to the point... yes! #Hack welcomes anyone who wants to collaborate together on missional technology projects that have long-term impact. While our work focuses on all kinds of technology, you don't have to be a programmer to get involved. We need designers, photographers, writers, project managers, social media gurus - creative thinkers of all types! The most important skill sets are the abilities to work with others and find ways to solve problems. Also, while Indigitous #Hack is explicitly Christian, participants from any (or no) faith background are openly welcomed.

(If you need to know more, please visit the Indigitous website shown on page 29. This organisation is about connecting you with people on a common mission, strategies that are effective and projects that are on the cutting edge of missional innovation.)

Word of Life Australia has a new website launching soon. By the time you read this paragraph it should be available at:

www.wol.org.au

Meanwhile you can find the organisation on Facebook @WOLAustralia. It began in 1970 and ran a campsite and a Bible College program at Wiseman's Ferry, NSW, until 2004. In 2005 the

ministry headquarters was relocated to Sydney's Hills District.

Word of Life is about Youth Evangelism... Youth Discipleship... Youth Resources... It is a ministry committed to reaching youth with the Gospel. It believes evangelism and discipleship are Biblical priorities and mandates. Word of Life offers a variety of Ministries to the local church and individuals in evangelism and spiritual growth.

National Day of Thanks for 2018 will be held on 26 May – “The **Community Focus** this year has two aspects:-

We are thanking people who contribute in a positive way to the vibrant cultural tapestry of Australia. We are also thanking people who work in Schools across our Nation.

“Have you thought about organising a Community-wide Festival on our National Day of Thanks to honour people in these areas of community life. Have a look at our Community Festivals page under the ‘How To’ menu for ideas on what you can do.

“The **Personal Focus** is ongoing each year and is about the Unsung Heroes in your life and community

“Find people in your circle of friends and community who help others and are seldom thanked for what they do.”

For more details on these two areas go to the Focus web page:-

www.austhanks.org.au/news/national-day-thanks-focus-2018/



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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

Glenhaven Gardens offers modern and spacious 2 and 3 bedroom villas. The village comprises 24 air-conditioned and private units, with either a garage or carport. All units are wheelchair accessible for those who need a little extra room to help with their mobility.

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.

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