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by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this December 2021 edition of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine, the last in our 50th year!

The team responsible for these magazines wants to wish all our readers and their families a wonderful and worshipful Christmas & New-Year holiday period, filled with God’s mercy and grace.

Personally, I cannot help wondering if there are some readers today who have been reading these ‘Assemblies Outreach’ magazines ever since they began 50 years ago? If you are such a person **please make contact** and let me know.

In no way can I claim to be one of these, but I have had a long association with those involved, for over 40 years. During that time, I have noticed the number of magazines distributed each year has been steadily falling to where, at present, we only print 330 per edition.

However, the number of complimentary copies we mail out to individuals has steadily risen and now stands at 34 - slightly over 10%. They are

sent as a kind of gift to those who have helped in some way, or who perhaps were seen to have financial difficulties – like the widow of a Home Worker, for example. In fact, in many cases the current production team has no idea why the complimentary status has been applied!

Of course, over time, printing costs have risen and so have mailing costs. As we plan for next year we hope all our current subscribers will continue, but we also hope some people who receive the free copies will consider if they could contribute to its cost by taking up one of the subscription options for 2022, listed on page 5.

Or, if that is not practical in your case, perhaps we could negotiate a lesser fee in special circumstances. Please contact me by phone or email, if necessary, to discuss this.

I sincerely hope this request causes no harm or offence, but somehow our team needs to reduce or eliminate the current deficit each year. □

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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 this magazine at PO Box 20, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715, or better still, e-mailed to:

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

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Are you looking for a worthwhile way to spend a GAP year? Ephraim House at Moree may be your answer. Visit this website to get all the details:-

<https://ephraimhouse.org/thegap/>

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The **Hands & Feet** organisation has been working with the ACCS to provide a very helpful and practical course on Caring. It will help churches work with people in need in their community. The course will be available via a link on the H&F website early in 2022:

www.handsandfeet.com.au

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Congratulations to Sean and Jenna Nolan! They have another daughter, Jasmin Heather, born on 17th November.

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CCC Camps are offering an exciting new Outdoor Leadership Trainee Program, open to those aged 18-24 who are passionate about Outdoor Leadership.

They would really appreciate it if you would advertise this new program in

your church services, to help them get the word out. It is a great opportunity for young Christians to take the next step into their future.

After the two-year course (or an accelerated one year), applicants will be qualified with a Cert III in Outdoor Leadership through the Outdoor Training College. Course fees are covered, and applicants will be employed by CCC Camps throughout the program, with a possible job opportunity at the end.

Applicants will receive mentorship in technical skills and character development provided by CCC Camps. They will also gain experience at each of our three centres, located on the Central Coast, Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury, and will also be involved in our holiday outreach camps.

Applications close soon for a January 2022 start. For more information, please visit our new website at:

cccamps.org.au/about-us/traineeship/

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Meetings & Events

Please note that because of the ongoing uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, any dates published in this section may be subject to change, even at short notice.

If in doubt, contact the organisers of any event(s) you are interested in.

(Note: for **the latest details** of the Events listed below, please be also sure to check on the organisations' websites ➤



2022: (Note: the dates)

January:

9th-14th **Camp Jono** at CCC Blue Mountains

March:

25th-26th **Build Conference:** at CCC

Camps Central Coast; speakers are Malcolm Gill and Roy Gomez.

September:

9th-11th **Camp Sam** at CCC Hawkesbury.



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A Suggestion:

Paying for a 2022 Subscription for six issues of this magazine might make a nice Christmas Present for a friend or a family member!

Please take some time-out daily to pray for our Assemblies and para-Church ministries and all the work of God in our nation.

General Prayer Points:

- > 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.
- > 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 that our church elders will have wisdom as they lead our local churches, especially in the uncharted waters of COVID -19.
- > Pray for the continuing work of Hands & Feet in NSW, and for God's protection over that ministry as it expands in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.
- > Pray for our urban and rural communities to be revitalised as they emerge from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated safety measures implemented by our State and Federal governments.
- > Pray that the Lord will have mercy on the people of our nation, and that many more people will hear the Gospel and be saved, despite the fear and anxiety in some areas of our community..

If you have any matters on your heart (praise or prayer) relating to your congregation, your ministry, or the organisation you work with, and you would like to share them with our readers – please contact “The Editor, AO magazine, PO Box 20, Pennant Hills 1715” or simply email “outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au”.

We will do our best to include such matters in the next issue of this magazine – which will be printed in mid-February 2022 (DV).

Failing that, it would have to be printed in the April 2022 issue – so please always include your contact details in case I need to check if a matter is still current.



Notes from Cartwright Gospel Chapel

17th November

After being in lockdown for 17 weeks, our church only resumed meeting together at our chapel a few weeks ago on the 31st October. Prior to that we were meeting each Sunday via Zoom. And it was only last Sunday (14th November) that our church was permitted to sing again (albeit with masks on). But this has probably been no different to what other NSW churches have also experienced.

After having paused our church's Hands & Feet food distribution and

outreach over the past 3 to 4 months, we resumed that again a couple of weeks ago. In that time we have been encouraged by the 10 families from the community who are again now receiving weekly food hampers, and also by their warm response. **We would value your personal prayers for the strengthening of relationships with the community, and for opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ with them.**

Your brother in Christ,
Steve Riethmuller.



Notes from Waitara Gospel Chapel

11th December

When we were first asked to contribute some news and/or prayer points from our Assembly, back in September, there was no enthusiasm in the leadership to do so. Covid-19 has caused many people extra hassles and need to make changes to our habits and procedures – so why add another task?

We are still in that mode somewhat I feel, but there seems to be 'light at the end of the tunnel' OR is that just an illusion?

Then my work on this edition of the magazine began, and we gratefully received the above information as part of an email from Steve, but nothing from any other church! That fact has stirred me to action - rather than publish with virtually a whole blank page.

I've jotted down a few facts, some good, and some not so good, in the hope that some readers, by God's



graciousness, may benefit as a result.

At Waitara Chapel we have been in lockdown on several occasions. The last one finished in late October and we were able to meet in the Chapel with Covid restrictions, if we wished, from Sunday, 31st October.

In the lock-down periods we used the Zoom software on our home computers or mobile phones to enable the church to "meet" online and simulate our usual >8

Sunday worship services, including a period of Bible teaching and the Lord's Supper. Back in October 2020 we had purchased a 12-month Zoom Pro licence, to reduce the cost of the month by month licence. The Pro licence allowed an unlimited number of online meetings, of any length, but no more than 100 devices to connect to any meeting. This was ample for us because we would typically only have a maximum of 35 adults on Sunday mornings.

Using Zoom had some good and bad points, but on the whole we welcomed the opportunity to meet weekly in this way, and to stay online after the worship meeting for a chat with each other. This was what many did pre-Covid when we stayed in the rear hall for light refreshments for up to 30 minutes. Of course with that method it was easier to meet new visitors and to have multiple conversations around the hall.

During the Zoom period, Sunday School lessons ceased for the 5 or 6 primary school children we had. Then we realised PSSM lessons would be an option, so we informed the parents and some have linked with PSSM successfully, some have not.

The weekly ESL class had moved onto Zoom for several months, but stopped in October when the volunteer teacher "retired".

Restarting Sunday School will be a challenge - two female teachers cannot carry on and some children are now in high school. Please pray we will get more children and more teachers soon.

Currently we're running Sunday worship in the Chapel (under a Covid-

Safe Plan) and online, in a synchronised manner. We have about equal numbers in church as on Zoom. Those still meeting via Zoom are either elderly and/or those with health concerns, plus a few who live a long distance away.

Depending on who is leading the Sunday service, this can be done from either the chapel or via zoom from his home. Similarly the main Bible teaching segment can be from a home or the chapel. We have "simplified" the Lord's Supper somewhat by having only one brother introduce it with a hymn and short Bible message and then pray for the bread and cup. This person can be in either location. The emblems are prepared and served in the Chapel and people at home prepare their own.

We've had the blessing of some new people attend the chapel, and some new relatives have joined on-line, plus some who used to attend WGC, but who are now living a long distance away, have joined regularly via Zoom.

We would welcome prayers of all the saints for our future spiritual and numerical growth. We have several elderly leaders, past retirement age. The chapel is almost surrounded by high-rise housing units – a harvest field on our "doorstep". Our elders are looking forward to discussing our situation, and some of these matters, with Gavin Mork (Pastoral Care person with CCCAust(NSW)) when he comes to meet with us one evening in early February. Please pray for us all to have divinely inspired wisdom.

compiled by Colin Winrow.





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18 November 2021

Back at School – Transitions

It had been four months since staff and students were last at school, so the last few weeks have been an important transition time for both students and staff.

On the first day back our welfare team put together a mental health survey for the students to fill out to help us know what the main issues are, and what issues we need to focus on.

From almost 1500 students at school, we got back about 600 surveys and 99 of those were urgent issues that students were facing. This meant we needed to meet with 99 students that week — split amongst the four of us on the welfare team. However, this means there are also a lot of opportunities to share Jesus and for Him to be seen and recognised in this time.

Please pray that the students get the help they need and both the staff and students will transition back into school life easily. Pray also for more God conversations to occur as Brendon works through these issues and shares Jesus with both the staff and the students.

Brendon has been having some great conversations around his faith with some of the staff after school. They have been asking about hell, homosexuality and creation. There has been some really encouraging responses as people try to

navigate through faith and understanding about God. Please continue to pray around these conversations, that they would lead to further deep conversations and relationships.

Power to Change – Strategic Planning

As a youth team we are looking at ways to show people Jesus inside and outside of school. We are looking at new ways for students to engage in and have opportunities to respond to Jesus. Please pray for us as we look for new strategies in sharing Jesus in schools in the future.

Our Children

Kya, Obie and Annie are enjoying seeing their friends at school again. Annie has also been doing transition to kindergarten sessions and is excited about Big school next year. Our veggie/flower garden is bringing us joy as the sunflowers begin to open.

Praise God for the joy that He brings us each day. Please pray for our family's health as we begin to interact more with other people again.

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22 November 2021

Dear friends

Thank you again for your giving to me. It is much appreciated.

It has been another different year with SRE. We started out so excited to be back in the schools, allowed to sing and recite memory verses as well. This of course all came to a sudden stop at the end of Term 2. >10

My lessons had been on Joseph and his trust in God through all the ups and downs in his life and the memory verse had been "The Lord has promised He will never leave or desert us". I have been trusting and praying the children would be reminded of this and Joseph during their months of lockdown and home-schooling.

I tried to use the time to clean out my Office and my many years of teaching Visual Aids and Crafts etc but it is very hard to throw things out, even though I now use different styles of teaching aids. So I think I will be continuing to tidy my office for the rest of my life!!

Good news is that just last week (November) one of the three schools I teach at was happy for us to return. It will only be for four weeks but still a great time to remind the children of the real meaning of Christmas and that Jesus loves and cares for them. It was good to be back and it was encouraging the way the staff, both Admin and Teaching, were happy to see us.

I feel quite sad not to be able to see my other 5 classes again this year especially the Year 5 children that I won't teach again because I don't teach Year 6, but I'm trusting and praying God will remind them of who He is and that many of the children will put their faith in Him.

Please keep praying for SRE in schools and thank you for praying for me.

Faye Loudon

Please submit any news items, letters, adverts or short articles for the February 2022 magazine on, or before, 15th January.

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25 November 2021

As its quite some time since we've written for the Commended Workers' Page we thought that it would be good to update you and to thank all of you who pray for us.

Since we down-sized and moved into this over 55s village in early 2017, we have been moving at a slightly slower rate but the Lord has had several things for us to do.

Firstly, to be a light where we are and hopefully be a blessing to some of those around us. While there are about 250 homes in this village we only know of about a dozen Believers. Some are keen for fellowship but many just keep to themselves and only call if they are in "felt need." We are not supposed to letterbox drop and only once have we attempted to reach out like this, with limited results. However, a few come for conversation and Banana Muffins for which Daph has created quite a reputation.

While we have both had a few medical issues, yet we continue as best we can in three main areas of ministry. Mine include: Preaching, Writing and Pastoral Care. While I have only preached about 20 times this year, largely by ZOOM or pre-recorded on-line, yet I have also conducted Bible Studies into India by ZOOM three Saturdays per month since June (two studies per Saturday.) This is a precious time with a small group of keen believers who are hungry for the Word of God.

My writing has consisted of three booklets, one on my father's life for our family ➤

and those who remembered my Dad in WA. One on witnessing for Christ called "My Link In The Chain" and a small booklet called "The Way" as an outreach. In addition I've more or less finished the first draft of another booklet on God's amazing answers to prayer over the years of our lives, while depending on Him for the supply of our needs.

In addition, I've written a few articles for magazines as requested, including Spearhead and Assemblies Outreach. We had hoped to do a great deal more pastoral care but COVID has slowed this down considerably. Yet there are opportunities when lockdown permits and it's a good thing that Email, SMS and phone are not affected by COVID restrictions. Many hours are spent communicating locally, interstate and internationally in order to encourage the Lord's people. In addition, as we have been in several countries for ministry we try to keep in touch with those people we have known and loved and this includes an attempt to provide a little financial encouragement from time to time. We try to get by on the pension and any additional gifts received enable us to continue this ministry.

Daphne too, has continued her involvement in GLO CAPS (Ladies Auxiliary) and Rivo Ladies KYB, plus supporting and participating in all the various ministries listed above. But our involvement in some of these things may be drawing to a close as we both feel our advancing years, (I'm in my 80th year). But as long as the Lord gives strength and grace we carry on for the glory of God and for the blessing of His people.

While I have officially retired from GLO

Ministries, I continue to help with correspondence and keeping in touch with those who support this work for God, which I have loved for over 55 years.

Our very grateful thanks to you all who love us and pray for us. How good that there will be no COVID up there in heaven where we will be free of all the restrictions of age, illness and infirmity.

As Charles Gabriel (1900) has given us in that beautiful song: "When by His grace I shall look on His face, that will be glory, be glory for me."

Warmly in the Lord,

Ken and Daphne Harding.

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1 December 2021

Dear prayer partners,

May God bless you this Christmas, as you remember the Saviour of this God forsaking world.

Thank you all so much for your prayer. Gary is a lot better, while Joanne continues on chemo with some side effects that are not so easy to bear at times.

PromiseBoxAudio.com, while it is still working in the normal format, is currently being rebuilt to reduce the likelihood of hacks or crashes. The rebuilt website will be easier to use on mobile phones and computers. While the rebuild is happening, we are unable to add new recordings, so Gary has been spending more time editing more recordings and they will be ready to go onto the rebuilt website when it goes live. Now that the covid lock-downs seem to be over, Gary >12

has also been able to get to Wareemba Gospel Church to digitise cassettes. Also, more time has been spent on Facebook, resulting in more accepting more recipients of our Whatsapp broadcast.

Please take time to read what those listening to the recordings have told us...

Emmanuel, UGANDA, "Thank you so much pastor for being true friend and send me this Audios, my life Is been enlightened about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed."

Edward, UGANDA, "...hope to learn much from you brother, and I think my spiritual life will not remain the same as I hope to feed others of what I have learnt from you and pray to God...I feel that call of doing missionary work, it's my heart desire and I hope God will provide for everything for me to fulfil that desire...I hope after having this, I will be able to equip others also to know the truth about the Bible."

Bijay, NEPAL, "I am so happy pastor hearing your kind words and your encouraging words God bless you...I will share to others also and learn through it and teach my nepali churches also."

Peter, KENYA, "Shalom shalom dad am sooo blessed by those teaching and I need also teaching about young couples, Young youth And teenagers, Thanks daddy for making me know more and more in gospel of Jesus Christ."

Joe, MALAWI, After sending Joe about 14 recordings on Love, he responded "Wow!!!! Where were you all these days? I thank God so much for having this wonderful opportunity to meet you

on fb and I don't take this for granted I appreciate you and the entire ministry very much...I know for sure that my life will no longer be the same again because everyday I will be learning from these teachings through you. Remain blessed always...I need God to use me in a special way when I am preaching and teaching the word of God in the house of God even during evangelism time...I believe this is one of the teaching that can easily make a church to grow...keep on guiding me more especially the teachings that can easily bring growth to the house of God."

Peter, KENYA, "Am right now listening to simple explanation of baptism by Roger Weir."

Otwenyi, UGANDA, Said in several recordings he made on Whatsapp

"Thank you so so much. I know it's going to help me...you sending me the recorded teachings of the Bible...That's my church...One person has received Jesus Christ by hearing the recording voice. I give glory to God...People are coming to Christ by hearing the recording of the Bible."

Charles, UGANDA, "Excellent...I have listened. very fantastic. plz send me more because I am also sharing with many pastors and friends."

Stephen, INDIA, "Amen! Thank you very much my brother! Gary all the powerful recordings it's very useful in my life and ...our Lord's ministries!"

May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Gary & Joanne



Thank-you to the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission for their support and prayers, we are very grateful for your partnership in the kingdom work going on here in Australia.

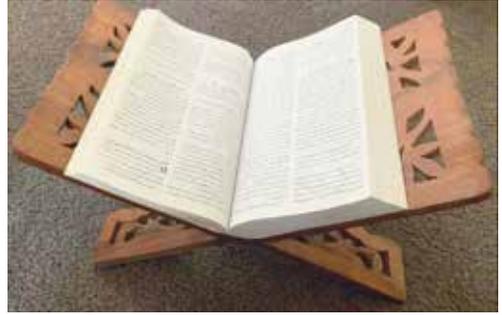
Since our return from the field in 2017, Ben has continued to work with Operation Mobilisation (OM) and has been overseeing their MAP team (Ministry to Australian Peoples, outreach among Muslims around Australia) which includes teams in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. It has been a challenging few years, however recently it has been great to be able to take advantage of reduced restrictions around the country to engage in more 'face-to-face' and hospitality based ministry activities again.

Praise God for the opportunities to renew existing relationships, and meet new people too. Bible studies, book tables, English classes and café outreaches are all back and running again.

*'Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy?'* - Isaiah 55:1-2

Please pray for a young man from the Middle East who visited the market bookstall this week.

There was a long discussion about God, humanity, sinfulness, and holi-



ness. Through asking questions, and allowing this young man to share his own beliefs, he eventually realised for himself that he had a big problem with his sinfulness, and his need for God's forgiveness.

While he was not yet ready to believe that Jesus was the answer to his problem, he was clearly struck with the issue of how God can mercifully forgive, while maintaining His justice.

Please pray that God would reveal to this young man the truth and beauty of who Jesus is and what He has done.

'Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.' - Isaiah 55:2-5 >14

Please pray for those who have the opportunity to offer help, love, and give hope to newly arrived refugees from Afghanistan.

Praise God for the opportunities to meet with them, provide practical assistance, and begin building friendships.

Pray for God to reveal 'people of peace' among the new arrivals, and for wisdom in how we can best serve them. Pray also for opportunities for them to meet Afghan Christians.

'Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'" – Isaiah 55:6-9

The team are aware of several Afghan Christian families who are either stuck in Afghanistan, stuck in a refugee camp outside Afghanistan, or split up in different places.

Please keep these Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers. Pray that God would watch over them and protect them. Pray that He would lead them and guide their path. Pray that they would find places of safety.

Please also pray for the fund-raising and relief efforts of OM and similar



An Afghan flag

organisations. Pray that God would mercifully supply the needs of refugees through His people.

'As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'

– Isaiah 55:10-11

A team member was sharing today about his friends from Syria and Sudan. At times they are very open and friendly, and at other times, especially when other Muslims are watching, they can be cool and aloof.

Pray that God would open their hearts to His Good News. Pray that they would not be afraid of what others think, but seek the truth until they find it. Please pray that God would use people of influence in the communities to open relationships and acceptance.

After the ups and downs of the many initial adjustments to living back in Australia our children are settled ➤



A street Bookstall in many Languages



Cafe ministry

well at the local Christian school and in our church and youth group. We are thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness to our family and his many blessings and provision! This year has seen Harris helping lead at youth group, complete his HSC and make plans for Uni. Grace has a new casual job and just got her 'L' plates; Sam enjoys bike riding with friends and Leah is enjoying some new Hermit Crabs she got for her 11th Birthday recently.

Our own personal ministry among Afghans in Sydney has seen many ups and downs with the effects of Covid and people moving for work or families moving to find affordable housing. We are praying about ways to grow this ministry and have many ideas, especially as we anticipate more Afghan refugees arriving in the future. To this end the Lord has led us to make ourselves more available to Him, by Lara resigning from her job and joining Ben in full-time ministry in 2022.

We are trusting the Lord to provide for our family in this, and to guide us wisely as we make plans to serve Him in this way.

Please pray for our family as we transition to this and spend more time in Auburn during the week.

Please pray for us to trust in His provision, and for many opportunities to reach out to Afghans who are coming to our country, many without the English language, money, jobs, extended families, or homes. Pray that we will be salt and light as we share time with them and point them to Jesus.

Thank you for praying with us. We know that God will draw to Himself people from all tribes and languages, including people from all Muslim groups.

May God use our partnership with you to bring Himself glory in this wonderful plan of His! □

*Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the
world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled and do not
be afraid. John 14:27^{NIV}*



Big Moves in the Bible

The Bible is full of “big moves”. It was a big move for Abraham when he left Ur of the Chaldeans in response to the call of God. Similarly, it was a huge move when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt under God’s direction. Likewise, it was an immense breakthrough when Joshua led the Israelites into the promised land.

It is important to note, however, that the difference between a big move and a bad move, is the presence or absence of God. All the big moves mentioned above would have been bad moves if it weren’t for God’s direction and provision.

Big Moves for GLO Australia

GLO Australia, in response to God’s leading and direction, is in the process of making some big moves.

Relocating the CrossConnect Course to Sydney

In 2019, after much prayerful discussion, the GLO leadership team concluded that it was God’s will to relocate the CrossConnect Course, which is our discipleship and ministry training program, to Sydney in 2022. Moving the course from Tasmania to Sydney provides many benefits, including greater access to more potential students, cost savings from

sharing resources between courses, and a larger training community for our students to enjoy and grow in.

Building for the Future

The benefits of relocating the CrossConnect Course to Sydney, however, come at a great cost. To accommodate an extra training course, additional team members, plus extra trainees GLO Australia has embarked upon a \$2.6 million upgrade and expansion of our training centre and accommodation facilities.

To help offset the costs of moving the CrossConnect Course and building for the future GLO Australia is embarking on a 4 million venture to build two \$10-bedroom Group Homes that will be leased out to a Christian NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) Provider, who will, in turn, provide accommodation and support to people with disabilities. God willing, this venture will not only expand GLO Australia’s ministry scope but will also provide an income stream to the ministry that will help offset relocation costs.

Online Training

Finally, in response to ongoing international border closures and regional lock-downs due to the ➤

Big Moves for GLO Australia (cont'd from p 16)

COVID-19 pandemic, GLO Australia has made the big decision to trial the online delivery of our discipleship and ministry training course via a Virtual Face-to-Face Classroom Training environment. This exciting initiative will mean that in 2022 we can offer “training without borders” across Australia and South East Asia.

Big Moves and the Need for Bold Prayers

The distinguishing feature of a “Big Move” is – the challenge that confronts

you is far greater than the resources on hand. Therefore, as GLO Australia embarks on these big moves, we ask that you will pray bold prayers to God on our behalf.

Please join us in boldly praying for God’s provision and ongoing direction. In particular, please pray that these big moves will have life-changing, world-impacting, disciple-making, effects for many years to come.



CROSSCONNECT *Team update*

BRUCE & HELEN BUCKLEY

We will be staying on in Smيثton. We have been invited to assist some local churches, specifically Forest Christian Centre and Boat Harbour Church with encouragement, pastoral care and leadership support. Helen will assist the ‘mainly music’ children’s program in Boat Harbour. Bruce will also continue to facilitate one of the units of the GLO CrossConnect course in Sydney.



JONATHAN & LISA-MARIE CASSAR

We are so thankful to the Lord for the opportunity we have had to serve with CrossConnect in Smيثton. It has been a time of enriching personal growth for both of us. We look forward to relocating to Sydney where the ministry will enter a season of growth and change. We eagerly anticipate all the Lord will do through CrossConnect in the future.

STUART & CAROL THOMSON

With the CrossConnect course moving to Sydney, we feel God is leading us to also move and continue serving with GLO. We want to use the skills and knowledge Stuart has gained over the last seven years as Training Coordinator and continue to strengthen and improve the course. We are sad to leave Smيثton and the friends we’ve made here, but are also looking forward to seeing old friends at Riverstone again.





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SCFS News - October 2021

by Rob Flinders

Impact of COVID-19 on Seafarers

I'm sure you will not be surprised when I tell you that one group of people upon whom the coronavirus pandemic has had a huge effect is seafarers. Life as a seafarer is difficult enough in 'normal' times – nine months on board a ship, sometimes with a mix of different nationalities; separation from family and friends; sometimes limited opportunities to communicate with family and friends via the Internet and telephone; long working hours; brief times in port and sometimes protracted periods at sea; limited opportunities to go ashore and only sporadic visits from chaplains and port missionaries.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, in virtually every country having commercial seaports, seafarers have been prohibited from going ashore and chaplains and port missionaries have been severely restricted, and sometimes prohibited, from visiting seafarers onboard their ships.

The extent of those restrictions and prohibitions have varied according to the severity of the pandemic in the state or country where the port is located.

Another effect of the pandemic and its associated quarantine requirements, has been to create significant difficulties for shipping companies and manning agencies to vaccinate seafarers and to repatriate them when they have

completed their contracts. I personally know of several seafarers who have been obliged to remain on board their ships for periods up to 12 months and, in one case 14 months, before they could be relieved and return home.

Thankfully, many shipping companies do provide good access to the Internet for their crews. This has been a great blessing for those seafarers and their families in these anxious times and also for chaplains and port missionaries.

Even though I've not been permitted to visit ships for several months, via the Internet and email I have nonetheless been able to regularly communicate with all of the Christian seafarers in the enclosed 'Photo Album', except one. I have also been able to communicate with many other seafarers as well and to provide them with Bible Studies and other Christian resources in electronic form.

In the kindness and providence of God, during the pandemic, one of the electronic resources I have been able to provide to seafarers to encourage them to keep studying the Scriptures is the Emmaus Bible Courses App. (This is the subject of a separate paragraph in Internet Corner - page 30.)

Thankful as I am for this, and the fact that I am able to interact with seafarers via the Internet, I have nonetheless >20

discovered that there is no substitute for personal face-to-face interactions with seafarers on board their ships. The number of Bible courses that have been completed and returned to me for marking via the Internet and email during the pandemic has been very small compared to the times when I've been able to visit seafarers on a regular and consistent basis each time their ship has returned to Port Botany.

Provision of Video Resources

For many years, in addition to providing seafarers with Bibles and Bible courses, it has been my practice to also provide them with theologically sound evangelical and teaching material on DVDs and CDs, so they and their crewmates might watch and listen to these while their ship is at sea.

However, more and more in recent times, seafarers tell me that facilities are no longer provided onboard their ships to enable them to play DVD and CDs, nor are they able to play DVDs or CDs on their personal laptop computers.

I'm aware that amongst all the worldly material that permeates the Internet there is, nonetheless, an abundance of good Christian teaching in video and audio formats that can be found by discerning Christians. Indeed, many of the resources we formerly used in our ministry can be watched or listened to online.

Sadly, however, some shipping companies do not provide Internet access for the crew members of their ships while they are at sea, and those

companies that do, sometimes charge seafarers for their use of the Internet. Inasmuch as communication with their families is a first priority for seafarers, almost all of them are unwilling to use their limited income to watch videos on the Internet while at sea.

When in a port, seafarers are able to access the Internet on their personal phones or tablets, but only by first obtaining a local SIM Card and purchasing credit to access the Internet. Again, their Internet priority is communication with their families.

Furthermore, times in port are brief (commonly 24 or 36 hours for a container ship) and those times are invariably very busy. Consequently, seafarers almost never watch Christian videos online while in port.

Given these facts, it occurred to me a solution might be for me to seek permission from those Christian organisations from whom SCFS formerly purchased DVD and CD resources, to download their videos and audio files as MP4 or MP3 files and to then load those files onto a USB (memory stick) that can be provided to a seafarer.

This year, mindful of my obligations under copyright laws, I have spent a significant amount of time liaising and corresponding with a number of Christian resource providers about this issue. The results have been very encouraging.

Almost every provider I approached and to whom I explained the unique circumstances of seafarers and our ➤

ministry to them has, in some cases at a cost to SCFS, and in other cases free of charge, given SCFS in Australia permission to download and duplicate their resources and to make these available to seafarers on USB sticks. This is a cause for great thanksgiving.

I am now in the process of providing the USBs to Christian seafarers so that they might be personally edified, and so they might also use the resources on the USB that are evangelical in their interactions with their non-Christian crewmates. I am also mindful that Christian seafarers often share the resources we provide to them with their family members, with other Christian brothers and sisters in their local churches and with their friends and neighbours.

Translation of Booklets

From time to time during the last 20 years, I have compiled a number of documents in A5 booklet format that I, and some of the other SCFS Representatives in Australia, use in our ministry to seafarers. The content of some of the booklets is evangelistic but others are designed to instruct, edify and encourage Christian seafarers.

Most seafarers use English as a second language and, by and large, verbally they communicate well. However, when it comes to reading, many seafarers prefer to read material written in their own language, rather than English. It is for that reason SCFS tries to provide them with Bibles, Bible Courses and other literature in their

native language.

In the grace and providence of God, this year I came into contact with Francis, a Christian Filipino brother who lives and works in the Philippines as a Bible Teacher, Christian Apologist and as an English-to-Tagalog translator. This enabled me to contract with Francis to translate several of our A5 size Booklets into Tagalog.

Francis' website is <https://www.pinoyapologista.com/contact/>.

I have been encouraged by the fact that Filipino seafarers, to whom I have provided documents translated by Francis, tell me they find them helpful and easy to read.

The Future of SCFS

In the grace of God, I have been visiting seafarers working onboard ships visiting Port Botany for the last 20 years. I am now in my 81st year but, I hasten to add, I have no intention of 'retiring!' As long as the Lord continues to give me strength, I will keep climbing gangways and keep offering seafarers Bibles and Bible Courses. Nonetheless, the day will eventually come when I am no longer able to do so and when I must hand that role to another person.

It's a well-known fact that in many ministries endeavouring to proclaim the gospel to the lost, 'the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few' cf. Matthew 9:37. SCFS is no exception in that regard. At this point in time I am not aware of anyone who might succeed me in taking the gospel to seafarers in Port Botany.

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With that in mind, a major priority for prayer, both for me, our other SCFS representatives and faithful SCFS supporters, is to '... pray, therefore, that the Lord of the harvest will send out labourers into His Harvest' cf. Matthew 9:38.

Earlier this year my son Simon, who has a considerable number of significant contacts amongst Sydney evangelical Christians, kindly arranged for me to be interviewed by one of the lecturers at Sydney Missionary & Bible College, in front of the students, about the ministry of SCFS.

To that end, subsequent to the interview, I was given the opportunity to show a PowerPoint presentation about the ministry of SCFS to those students who wished to attend. Several came but none expressed an interest in pursuing the option of ministry to seafarers further.

Nonetheless, I was grateful for the opportunity to make the students aware of another work being carried on in a small corner of the Lord's vineyard.

This coming week, Simon has arranged for me to meet with the Head of Ministry Training Strategy (MTS), an organization that 'seeks to multiply gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships.' MTS aims to help local churches and ministries identify and train gifted individuals before helping them to decide on the next step in their ministry.

Again, the aim of this meeting is that it might lead to the identification of one or more individuals who perhaps

wish to learn more about the ministry of SCFS.

Conclusion

I hope that in reading the foregoing you will have been encouraged to know that even in the context of the strange times of the last 18 months, the work of SCFS continued. I hope too that you might have been prompted to give thanks to God for His goodness and that you will also have identified a number of points about which you might particularly intercede before the Throne of Grace for seafarers and the ministry of SCFS. As always, I am sincerely grateful for your prayers, your gifts and the encouragement that these are to me. Thank you.

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'Call to Me and I will answer you ...' Jeremiah 33:3

by David (a Missionary in Port Kembla)



Seamens Christian Friend Society
Taking the Message of life to Seafarers

(The following article was sent to Rob Flinders by David, one of the SCFS representatives in Port Kembla. It describes one of David's recent ship visits.)

God does answer our prayers! During this period of Covid-19 lock downs, visiting ships has certainly not been as fulfilling for me as it was before.

When I was allowed to go onboard with a briefcase full of Bibles, booklets and tracts for the seafarers, I used to enjoy wonderful times with them in their lunch room. Currently, however, I am not even allowed to go up the gangway onto the deck. I can only talk to one or two seafarers who come down to collect the gift box, together with the Bibles and other literature I deliver to their ship.

Recently, while having my morning devotions, I said to the Lord, *"Please Lord, send someone down the gangway today, who is a Christian or one who*



wants to become a Christian, so I may have someone to talk to in a meaningful way".

Like me, I'm sure there will have been times when you have prayed but have not really expected the result for which you hoped. I did hope for an answer, but the one I received astonished me!

When I went to a ship that day, a seafarer came down and gratefully accepted the gift box I had to give them. >24



On this particular occasion I had no tracts in their particular language and so I took 5 tracts in English called *‘How Can I Be Saved.’*

After the first seafarer had returned up the gangway, another member of the crew came down to speak to me. It was then I discovered all the crew were Muslims.

This second seafarer’s very first words to me were *“I am a Christian and I want to talk to you.”* My reply to him was “I prayed for you this morning!”

He told me he was brought up in a strong Muslim family but does not like the Islamic religion which, amongst other things, forces its followers to pray five times a day or else their God will punish them.

Since we met, this young man and I have been texting each other every day. He is clearly hungry to know more about the Living God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He has downloaded a Bible in his own language and says he reads it every day.

During my conversation with him a few days later I asked him if he had seen the tract I gave to his crewmates. He seemed unclear what I was talking about so I took a photo of it and sent it to him. He replied *‘Oh yes, I saw that and have read it many times.’*

So, if you are visiting ships with the Gospel of Christ, or even handing out tracts in the street, do not give up! The day you don’t go could be just the day someone wants to talk to a Christian about the Kingdom of God!”

— David

Please THANK God for:-

- > encouraging David by the way He answered David’s prayer.
- > giving the seafarer courage to talk openly with David and for the fact that he is continuing to communicate with David since his ship departed from Port Kembla.

Please ASK God:-

- > that as the seafarer reads the Scriptures in his own language, the Spirit of God will enable him to become more and more wise about salvation through faith in Christ (cf. 2 Timothy 3:15) and that he will grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. 2 Peter 3:18).
- > to give David great wisdom and discernment as he continues to communicate with the seafarer and point him to Christ.
- > to continue to provide ongoing Christian teaching and fellowship for the seafarer, especially after he leaves his ship and returns to his own country.

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[Note: I trust readers will understand why we thought it wise to not mention the name of the man with whom David spoke, nor to identify the name of his ship. – Ed] 

Please submit any items for the February 2022 magazine on, or before, 15th January.

COURSES

Looking back over the year, 2021 has been our worst year that has been experienced for nearly 20 years. Our activity volume overall would be down some 65%. Most of this can be put down to the adverse effect of the Covid virus. Mail deliveries have been badly affected which unfortunately causes contact to be lost between marker and student.

The number of prisoners continues to grow but unfortunately it hasn't led to a great number of new students for the year. As students are released and a lower number of new students the activity drops quite quickly.

However we are very thankful for the support we get from many prison Chaplains to promote the work and support students wherever possible. We are also thankful for the support from the Head of Chaplaincy in having student mail deliveries continue and that the approval for their delivery, without items being extracted, also continues.

The team of markers and office workers are looking forward to the new year 2022 with some escalation in the mail volume.

In addition to the effect on our direct work, the Port Missionary, Rob Flinders, has not been able to board vessels in Port Botany. He has had to do without face-to-face contact. However Rob has recently advised that he has now been given the 'all clear' to board vessels in the Port. The Emmaus e-courses have been a real blessing for his students. We acknowledge that this

is the Lord's work and we trust Him for its continued value in the lives of many. Only this week a marker made the comment that, in the first five courses that they marked, students had ticked the box that they had "made a decision to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour"!

BIBLE GEMS CALENDARS

The virus has not only affected the volume of work, it has also greatly restricted calendar orders and distribution. Many churches were unsure of end of year events when orders closed so numbers ordered were down. It was also very unclear whether our volunteers who deliver the calendars around the Sydney suburbs to those who order and to prisons in the metropolitan area and near country would be able to travel.

Also Gordon Cowell who looks after the printing end in Brisbane was having great difficulty in getting any couriers/ freight carriers to quote on the runs. Gordon came up with a suggestion that we should talk to Hands and Feet to see whether they had any capacity to assist with at least the metropolitan deliveries. Thankfully this led to a partnership of working together to see all metropolitan calendars delivered and the balance were sent direct from Brisbane. As can be appreciated this has led to substantial increase in our freight costs for the year. It also highlights just what valuable work all the volunteers have done in helping the delivery in normal circumstances.

Whilst we do not have all the freight bills in to date we have had to draw on >26

reserves to meet the overall cost this year. Some 23,000 calendars have gone to prisoners.

Even if you or your church cannot use the calendars this year why not consider making a donation to "Sponsor a Prisoner". For one prisoner to complete 1 course in 1 month: the Average cost per course is \$10 and the Postage per month is \$13 which means a Total per month of \$23, or \$276 per annum.

MARKERS

A big thank-you goes to all our markers of the answers returned by those doing the Bible Courses. They remain very committed despite some very real challenges. Most would express that it's a real privilege to be involved as they too learn when mentoring another in the things of our Lord.

PRISONS

Wellington prison remains closed after being completely overrun by the mice plague in western NSW. We have not heard when it might be re-opened. Clarence prison at Grafton, built only last year, continues to increase its number of inmates and should reach its maximum capacity of 2000 this year. Other prisons have been increased in size so that older prisons can be retired or used for other purposes, The number of prisoners in NSW, according to the census we had to use for calendar numbers, was up about 1000 on the previous year.

ECS (NSW) exists to bring Glory to God through the supply of free courses to inmates in the many Corrective Centres (prisons) in NSW. We also

send courses to anyone in the general community who wishes to enhance their study of the Word of God through the use of the ECS courses. These are available for each book of the Bible and many folk also purchase them for use in their Bible Study Groups.

Praise Points:

- For students who are keen to continue learning from the Bible.
- For Rob Flinders who has introduced seafarers to the Emmaus App. Read about it on page 30.
- For the safe delivery of the calendars—with Hands & Feet help.
- For continued preservation of our team from Covid-19.

Prayer Points:

- That our ECS materials will continue to be accepted into the prisons.
- That the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the lives of all students.
- For Rob Flinders who works with the seafarers on ships in Botany Bay.
- For improved student response in 2022.

We at ECS would like to thank you for your interest and support during this year. We trust you will enjoy reading the newsletter and we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and the blessings of the Lord for 2022.

Yours in Christ,

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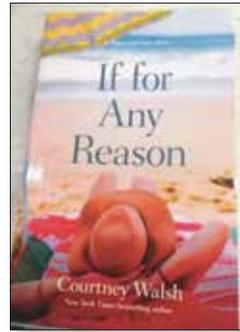
Reviews of three books especially for women

#1 If for Any Reason

written by Courtney Walsh
reviewed by Eunice Morgan

Emily Ackerman travelled the world keeping a book of letters written by her deceased mother close to her heart. Not knowing her father, her mother's letters had been her only true guidance. Failure in her professional life finds Emily on Nantucket Island with the task of renovating and selling the family holiday home. To her delight her childhood sweetheart, once an outstanding baseball player, whose career came crashing down after an injury, still lives on the island.

Romance is rekindled as shocking secrets regarding her past come to the surface and Emily is forced to make choices to survive and thrive.



If for Any Reason is a gentle romance novel to see you through the rainy summer ahead.

Included at the end of the novel are 12 discussion questions covering God's faithfulness, personal hindrances, relationships, challenging times, and perspectives which would be useful if the novel were used in a Book Club setting. □

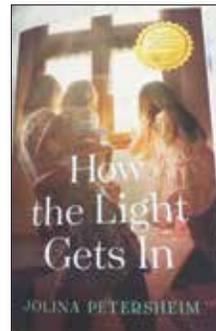
#2 How the Light Gets In

written by Jolina Petersheim
reviewed by Eunice Morgan

Using the Biblical story of Ruth for inspiration, the chief character, Ruth Neufield, portrays the daily struggles of marriage and motherhood. In this novel, **How the Light Gets In**, Ruth's motherly duty and love clash with a deep need to feel loved and fulfilled.

Ruth's husband and father-in-law are both killed in an overseas bombing. With her two daughters and mother-in-law, Ruth moves to a cranberry farm in a Wisconsin Mennonite community.

Elam, her husband's cousin, welcomes them to his farm to stay through the harvest. Ruth sifts through her memories of an unhappy marriage and finds new love with Elam.



The surprising twist will keep you riveted to each page and tear at your heart as you join with Ruth in her dilemma in making an impossible choice.

The novel addresses significant issues surrounding marriage and commitment and offers wisdom to deal with the challenges and decisions. □ >28

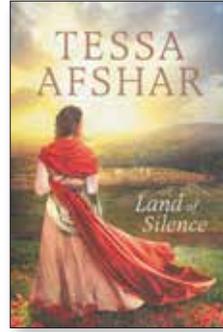
#3 Land of Silence

written by Tessa Afshar
reviewed by Penny Bowden

While *Land of Silence* is a fictional novel, the author Tessa Afshar has the amazing ability to transport you back in time and space to when Jesus walked this earth.

Have you ever wondered about the 'woman with the issue of blood'? (Luke chapter 8, verses 43-48)

Land of Silence is a novel about that woman. Tessa Afshar is magical in her writing – making you feel all that this woman, Elianna, may have felt. As this love story unfolds you experience all her hopes and dreams together with her pain and hurt as she learns to put her whole trust in God. Along the way she also



learns about forgiveness and loving your enemies. This book will challenge your own spiritual walk.

A fantastic novel from a great Christian author that brings the Bible to Life. As you cry and hope along with Elianna, I am sure God will work in your own life. You will not want to put the book down, or for it to end. □

NSW WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER & SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP

It was in recognition of overseas missionaries as wanderers, living away from their homeland, and frequently finding themselves in difficult, painful circumstances, that the NSW Women's Missionary Prayer & Support Fellowship began, and continues. Priority is given to women's needs publicised in the AMT Global Prayer Matters, supplemented by information shared in private correspondence. Missionaries commended by NSW Assemblies are more intimately known so are remembered more frequently during our prayer times. Meeting with missionaries on furlough is an enjoyable highlight.

To cater for scattered communities, our groups meet at two venues: Cherrybrook and Oatley, on the **second Friday of each month**, from **February to December**. Tea and coffee are provided at 10.15am before prayer from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Northside venue: Elouera Gardens, Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook.

Contact: Lil Fleming ph 9858 5436 email: lflem@bigpond.com

Southside venue: Oatley Gospel Hall, River Road, Oatley.

Contact: Jackie Sardar ph 9785 3439 0410 683 174

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As usual in this column, we mention Christian 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, tablet or other device.

Moreover, again we have an extra page in the section because some readers may still have more time to spare to explore the Internet! Certainly there seems to be a growing amount of Christian material available to help us study the Bible; and to worship; to teach the children; and explore a range of issues impacting on Christians, the Church, and humanity in general.

Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot-links' if you use the PDF version of this magazine. The PDF version is available to subscribers as usual at the rates shown on page 5.

If you try out any of the following websites **please send me feedback** on your experience whilst using the specific website or product itself. With your permission, I may have room to pass on your thoughts to help our readers in future issues of *Assemblies Outreach* magazine, or via our website page:-

nswaem.org.au/Mag/overview.html

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"Christians Against Poverty" (CAP) is an interesting organisation with a main office in the Hunter region of NSW. It has a web site which gives details of

how we as individuals, or as church groups, can help Australians families recover from financial difficulties, and in the process share the Gospel.

The web site is:-

www.capaust.org

It has an unusually 'action-packed' Home Page which declares "Change lives together", but via links there you find out how to help, or how to access financial help, or how to donate to keep the ministry operating.

The physical mailing address is:

CAP Australia
PO BOX 298
HUNTER REGION MC, NSW 2310
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Christian Youth Camps (CYC) established its first camps in Collaroy in 1945. In 1952, it then began a campsite at Mt Victoria, called Eltham Park.

In 1954, Camp Toukley was established on Sydney's Central Coast and was gradually built by volunteers into a large campsite near the beautiful Canton Beach. A third campsite was established in the 1970's at a centre called River Park at Yarramundi on the Nepean River.

All these campsites operated for schools, churches and holiday campers by giving young people an outdoors experience and sharing God's love with them as expressed in the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In 2007, the three campsites merged together under one Board, and in 2019, >30

the centres were given a new name to reflect one connected ministry, CCC Camps. Eltham Park became CCC Blue Mountains, Camp Toukley became CCC Central Coast, and River Park became CCC Hawkesbury. Today CCC Camps runs youth camps for school and community groups, and school holiday camps throughout the year, for children from all different backgrounds. They use outdoor education to develop young minds, and also to educate those who wish to become outdoor leaders, through the Outdoor Leadership Training Program. For more details phone 1300 75 72 76 or visit the web site and view the video at:-

cccamps.org.au

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As mentioned on page 26, by Faith Connell, ECS in the USA has developed the free "Bible Courses" app for use on smart-phones and tablets (e.g. iPad) and desktop computers. It can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Google equivalent.

Rob Flinders has made it available to many seafarers who have found it very useful. Briefly, it currently has 20 different courses available in 22 different languages! At present Tagalog is not included, but the Head of the Emmaus Bible School in the Philippines has said courses in Tagalog will be added as soon as possible.

After choosing a course and reading a lesson, the individual using the App is invited to answer 10 multiple choice questions related to that lesson. After answering each question, he or she

is informed if their answer is correct. If it's not correct, they are invited to reconsider the answer and make a different choice. After completing all the lessons in a course, the student is informed of their overall grade for the course.

When a Bible reference is given in a lesson, tapping on the reference links to a copy of the verse(s). Tapping the arrow in the top right-hand corner of the verse window will show the verse in context in the relevant chapter of the Bible. The Bible version used is the English Standard Version (ESV).

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Ambassadors for Christ International – Australia is a team of Australians accelerating the spread of the gospel through local churches. Their motto is:

Revival in the church

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AFCI has a web site well-worth a visit at:- afci.com.au

I like their latest Blog Updates. At the moment it's a series called "Best Bible verses to use in conversations with non-believers". Currently three updates are listed on the home page.

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CMAA (Christian Media & Arts Australia) commissioned McCrindle Research to do a survey of "The Social Impact of Christian Radio in Australia". The results are interesting and can be downloaded from mediaarts.org.au

While on that website also have a look at the Connect Conference video link "What is a Conspiracy Theory"!



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AIMS

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

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Lynden Grove



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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.

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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.

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

Lynden Grove Retirement Village, Cardiff Heights, NSW

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

Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

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

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