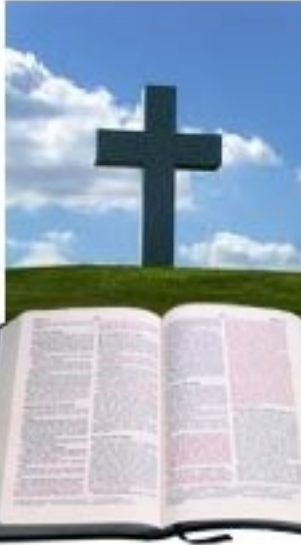




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# First Glance

by Colin Winrow  
Editor

Dear Readers,

Welcome to our first issue of the magazine for 2007. If you are not one of the regular subscribers, we sincerely hope you find the contents useful and will soon sign-up to become one.

This is a publication produced on behalf of the NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission (NSWAEM) and it might therefore be assumed that it would concentrate on 'evangelism' and related matters.

However that has not been the case, at least in the last ten or more years. One of the NSWAEM's stated aims (see top of page 31) is:-

"To offer opportunities in this *Assemblies Outreach* Magazine for Home Workers, Assemblies, Para-Assembly Activities and other kindred bodies, to publicise and explain their ministries."

Obviously, to do this we need to cover a wide range of Christian activities and we really do seek to serve **all** segments of the NSW Brethren movement in that regard, if possible.

Nevertheless, this year we hope to begin a series of articles about evangelists and their work in NSW. This is explained in the article on page 15 and we do hope that many assemblies, large, medium, or small, will respond to the requests included there.

One form of evangelism (some might call it 'pre-evangelism') is the Parklea Markets ministry operated by a small team from West Pennant

Hills Community Church, which was described in the October 2004 article.

The team issues regular monthly reports and two of these have been included in this issue to give you a glimpse of what's happening. To read more about the ministry, please visit this web page:

[www.wphcc.com/ministries/index.php?ministry=parklea](http://www.wphcc.com/ministries/index.php?ministry=parklea)



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# 'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

Feel free to submit your local news or event dates for inclusion in this 'Out and About' section so we can encourage others in NSW Assemblies. Short items (even 1 or 2 sentences) are welcome and can be mailed to the office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or faxed to 9715 5528, or e-mailed to:-

[outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au](mailto:outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au)

Please email your wording for notices on the web site to:-

[webmaster@cb-nsw.org.au](mailto:webmaster@cb-nsw.org.au)

These services are available to all NSW Christian Brethren Assemblies and related organisations.

On Thursday, 1st February the bi-monthly NSW Brethren Coordinating Conference was held at Burwood Chapel. Minutes will be circulated soon but several things are of note:

1. The Australian Government's new National School Chaplaincy program has got a lot of people excited about the possibilities it may have for our assemblies. Brad Scott has circulated the brochures available from the Dept. of Education.

2. Our list of SRE Teachers is being updated and all teachers are being advised of current requirements.

3. Our list of Marriage Celebrants is also being checked and updated.

4. There will be a SMBC Preaching Conference from May 7 to 10. Don Carson is one of the speakers.

We have been advised that Stuart Clark finished as the CYC chaplain on 31 January 2007.

## Meetings & Events

For the latest and more complete list please visit the 'Coming Events' page on the NSW Christian Brethren web site at:-

[www.cb-nsw.org.au/events.html](http://www.cb-nsw.org.au/events.html)

### 2007:

- 26 Feb Ladies Coffee & Dessert Evening, by NSW Women's Mission Convention Committee (ph 9894 4264)
- 5-9 March CYC Autumn Festival Camp #1 at 'Eltham Park', Mt Victoria.
- 9 March Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 10 March "Awake to Israel" meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm (ph 9869 7164).
- 17 Mar Missionary Convention at Riverstone Community Church. ph: 0414 765 200.
- 19-23 Mar CYC Autumn Festival Camp #2 at 'River Park', Yarramundi.
- 26-30 Mar CYC Camp David #1 at 'Eltham Park', Mt Victoria.
- 31 Mar Fundraising Garage Sale at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village 8:00am - 1:00pm. Cake stall also.
- 13 April Ladies Missionary Prayer Group - Burwood Chapel, 10.30am (ph 9477 7568 or 9546 8545). ➤

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| 14 April          | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.  | 1-7 July  | Children's Camp #1 (School Years 7 to 12) at 'Eltham Park'.                             |
| 30 April to 4 May | CYC Camp David #2 at 'River Park', Yarramundi.  | 8-13 July | Children's Camp #2 (School Years 3 to 7) at 'River Park'.                               |
| 4 May             | Fundraising Morning Tea & Ladies Fashion Parade of Winter Clothes at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village; option to purchase. 10:00am. | 13 July   | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545. |
| 11 May            | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.   | 14 July   | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.                                      |
| 11-12 May         | Toukley Men's Conference "Passion - the Fire Within" (ph 4396 4336)   | 14 July   | Missionary Convention at Bexley Gospel Hall ph: 9527 1203.                              |
| 12 May            | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.  | 10 Aug    | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545. |
| 19 May            | Missionary Convention at St George Christian Church. ph: 9546 8545.   | 11 Aug    | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.                                      |
| 8 June            | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.   | 24-26 Aug | Winter Camp David at 'Eltham Park'.   |
| 9 June            | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.  | 8 Sept    | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.                                      |
| 16 June           | NSW Women's Mission Convention at Riverstone Community Church. ph: 0414 765 200.  | 14 Sept   | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545. |
| 25-30 June        | The 4 <sup>th</sup> International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM4) in Wiedenest, Germany. See NSW Brethren web site.                      | 15 Sept   | Missionary Convention at West Pennant Hills Community Church. ph: 9804 0402.            |
|                   |   | 12 Oct    | Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545. |



## Re: Bruce and Florence Adams

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The elders at West Pennant Hills Community Church (WPHCC) have asked us to advise all readers that Bruce and Florence Adams are no longer employed by Emmaus Bible College and Emmaus Correspondence School (NSW) and therefore their commendation to these ministries from WPHCC has lapsed. Bruce and Florence have returned to New Zealand to live.

The elders at WPHCC invite us all to join them in prayer for Bruce and Florence, that they will know the Lord's direction in their future work and service for Him. □

## Commendation

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The following communication was read at the NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference on Thursday, 1st February 2007.

From: Graham Scott [mailto:scotec@bigpond.net.au]  
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2007  
To: Ross Bunyon  
Cc: Bradley Scott

### **Subject: Commendation of Stephen Torrance**

The elders of NorWest Community Church have asked me to write to you asking that the Co-ordinating Conference be asked to recognise Stephen Torrance as a commended worker and that the editors of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine be asked to include his name with those in the category "Mainly pastoral work in a specific Assembly".

Stephen is an elder of NorWest Community Church and is heavily involved in the pastoral care of the church. In July 2004 Stephen commenced to work for the church as a chaplain in the local primary school two days a week. This work is bearing fruit and we have seen God at work in people's lives.

The church is supporting Stephen in this work and does not expect that Stephen would be eligible for (NSW Treasurers) non-designated funds. We would ask that Assemblies, Churches and individuals be encouraged to pray for him and his family as they serve the Lord.

Yours in Christ  
Graham Scott



# Meet a Youth and Community Worker

by Stephen Torrance

A few years ago, the NorWest Community Church came to the conclusion that God wanted us to focus on relationships in the community.

In previous years we tried to buy property, but our attempts to buy land, buildings or larger church buildings ended in us either being gazumped, or the place being taken off the market.

One important question we asked ourselves was, "if we were to stop operating as a church tomorrow, who in the community of Quakers Hill would care?" The answer at that time was nobody!

The realization that God had placed us in a school community, to which we could offer a service, was an eye opener. Based on this, we started to advertise for a Youth Worker. We advertised in Christian magazines and Bible Colleges all over Australia. We didn't get one reply.

Have you ever had the experience where someone is waving at you to get your attention but you're not sure it is you they are waving at? Well, that is what I felt like when God laid on my heart the idea to go for the youth worker position. Who me?? I'm not young, I'm developing a middle age spread & I'm balding! I certainly didn't feel like youth leadership material. But there is nothing like going for a white knuckle ride on the wild side with God at the wheel.

So for the last three years I've been working two days a week at Barnier Primary School as a youth and



*Steve and his wife Katrina*

community worker alongside teams of other church members and parents from the school.

As a church we have seen God do some amazing work in people's lives and seen Him open many doors of opportunity, just by providing a non-threatening service to the community. We have a team that runs 'KidZone' which is like a kids club programme where kids are taught basic truths from the Bible, in a fun and active environment. Because it's an optional lunchtime activity we are not restricted by denominational boundaries, as a result we have Catholic, Moslem & Hindu kids come along. We have around 30 kids come every week and at the end of the year we hand out Bibles to all the Year 3 children.

We've had up to 12 parents coming to 'The Chatroom' which is an informal parenting discussion group. Last year we looked at boundaries, parenting skills, depression and grief and loss. Two families have started coming to church as a result.

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'Seasons for Growth' is a grief and loss course specifically for primary children. It helps children come to terms with major change in their lives. Whilst I'm not allowed to explicitly share my faith during the course, the children that come often get involved in the KidZone programme.

'Barnier Buddies' is a mentoring course for boys that promotes teamwork and social skills. This year the boys have been rebuilding billy-carts and learning how to work together.

In the third term of 2006, 16 parents participated in DPYK. 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids' is an educational, prevention and intervention parenting program developed by Focus on the Family, Australia. The course went for six weeks and helped to equip parents to steer their children away from the harmful use of drugs and alcohol.

I'm not the only one that is reaching the community. Trish Brown runs an ESL (English Second Language) class each week for parents of Barnier children in order to help parents communicate with confidence and interact with the broader school community.

'Christmas in the COLA' (which stands for Covered Outdoor Learning Area) was another highlight for the NorWest Community Church in 2006. Working in conjunction with the school and the P & C, it was a tremendous family event, building a community spirit and raising support for the new school playground equipment. Over 700 people came and celebrated the real reason for Christmas.

The opportunities are amazing. Just this week, I was asked to chase up some kids who have had a family member die, to see if they were OK. It's been amazing how the school has allowed me to be a part of their community. They have given me a school email address and help in so many ways. Still, we need to be wise how we conduct ourselves. Not every teacher is keen to have a Christian worker in the school.

As a church we've seen a difference. We've had more new faces coming through the church doors in the last year than we've ever had. We no longer just minister to a church of 100 but now we minister to a community of 650.

This year will see new challenges. I've been asked to assist with an 'all boys class' in stage 2, helping to run activities and reading. This will be where I run the mentoring course and 'Seasons for Growth'. The Chatroom and KidZone will continue to run.

As a church we are looking at the school chaplain scheme proposed recently by the federal government, so we need wisdom to know how to proceed with that.

We value your prayers for wisdom, enthusiasm and opportunities to continue to share the good news of our Lord and Saviour.

[Stephen is married to Katrina and they have four children, Angas (15), Caleb (13), Reuben (11), and Rhyannah (9)].





# Church Dedication Service

## for Faith Community Church, Blacktown

DATE – 7 OCTOBER 2006

TIME – 3.45 PM TO 5.30 PM  
followed by Dinner Fellowship



*The believers at FCC Blacktown in 2004*

**THE BEGINNING** - The Himalaya Crescent shops project for the church building had finally come to a dead end – the Blacktown Council would not approve it due to the massive objections of the residents. What a let down for the members of FCC! But wait, 'Have you considered looking at a commercial building as an alternative place?' one member suggested. Oh ??? Can this be possible ??? Let us have a go at this suggestion.

So we came to this place at 45 Fourth Avenue in Blacktown and looked into the empty warehouses that were newly built – 5 units to select. We wondered how can this huge high warehouse be converted into a church premise for our use. Somehow, something stirred the hearts of Laurie, Juno and Sonny that this could be the right place for FCC; so we put our faith in the Lord and went forward to make more enquiries about changing the use of the warehouse. Guess what? The Blacktown Council gave us the approval for the change of use. That was the SIGNAL that we needed from the Lord; so FCC chose to purchase unit 9. The sale was discussed and it was finalized on August 2004 for \$625,000.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DEDICATION PROGRAMME

October 7th was a beautiful day; it was a sunny day with a comfortable

temperature of 26°C. We had many visitors and friends from Samoan

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Fellowship who came to support our special day; it was great to have GLO national committee people among the guest list. The service came to life with songs of praise like 'Come on and Celebrate'; it was a good reminder to the members of FCC and the guests that all good and wonderful things come from the loving hands of our great God. Hence, it was appropriate that we should give Him all the glory and honour.

A short history of FCC was presented by Sonny – from its beginning at Baulkham Hills in year 2000. A handful of believers and GLO church planting team, under the leadership of Laurie and Margaret Cowell – total 14 members, made a move to Blacktown in March 2000. The Lord provided them with a place at Shelley Primary School to hold their worship services. It was a good venue to begin our witness for the Lord. Of course, He added more members to the Fellowship.

Laurie Cowell followed on with this presentation – 'How the warehouse was converted into a Church!' It was amazing to watch the slides - how the members of MMM did the whole work transforming the huge empty warehouse into a conducive place of worship. Many FCC members also put in their time and effort to do the painting and cleaning work. The Lord brought in many skilful Christian tradesmen to help to install the internal fittings and other jobs.

A small group of FCC singers under the care of Stephen Yew, gave us two beautiful songs from William Peterson – 'Take up your cross and follow me' and 'Christ liveth in me'. It was a good reminder to all of us that the Lord Jesus is our spiritual leader and head of the Church; as members we must always follow His words and serve Him faithfully.

Mr. Don Donsworth (GLO national committee) and Sonny Ng (FCC Elder) then prayed for the Lord's blessings upon this new building; they asked the Lord to use this building for the extension of the gospel work and the growth of His church.

We had some reports on current activities at FCC from Richard Chin – he presented the children's meetings at AWANA Club and Shelley School, youth meetings, Bible study/prayer fellowship, Sunday School work and worship services. A mission report from John & Remy Tan about their radio ministry with FEBC Manila was screened. Ding Guballa shared details about his Filipino outreach work in Blacktown.

To finish the day's programme, brother Laurie gave a Bible exhortation to challenge the congregation to serve the Lord faithfully and expect great things from His hands.

What a wonderful day it was! We gave the praise and honour to the Lord for this great miracle to provide this strategic church building for the expansion of His kingdom in the city of Blacktown. □

# Does God really know what He's doing?

by W.D. Archbold PhD

On a beautiful spring Sunday morning some thirty-five years ago, we arrived at Bankstown Gospel Hall to celebrate the Lord's Supper. In those days, there were about 140 in fellowship, but we were delighted to notice that on this particular morning there were two visitors. One of them was Bert Gordon and the other Blanche Ferguson both from Brewarrina.

We were further delighted when Bert stood up and gave us a rundown on the work amongst the Aborigines that he and others were engaged in. Later that evening the young people had supper and a time of fellowship at the home of Neil & Ruth Moulang. We were again delighted to see Bert and Blanche there.

Listening to Bert engendered in my mind a strong desire to go to Brewarrina and see for myself what was going on there. So on the next Easter weekend brothers Alf Magrath and Wal Moulang joined me in our first trip to what is called by the locals, "Bre".

I can still remember the trip well. I had just recently taken delivery of my first brand new car, an EK Holden automatic. I can still feel it shuddering as it hit potholes as large as swimming pools and rocks as large as house bricks. In those days the road between Byrock and Bre was unsealed and quite notorious.

We arrived there safe and sound in the mid afternoon having left Sydney around 5.00am.



Eugene Byles, Felly McHughes and Cheeko Ferguson greeted us warmly. This was to be one of the most memorable Easter weekends of my life.

The meetings were just marvellous, the Chapel was full to overflowing and many just sat on the grass outside the building near a window and joined in the singing. The "Bre Band", which was comprised of two guitarists,

***a most memorable Easter weekend*** one man playing the bones and another a gumleaf, accompanied the singing.

I had never heard singing like it and what is more they kept it up for about an hour or so interlaced with solos, duets, testimonies etc. Kids were lying all over the floor somehow able to get to sleep despite the loudness of the enthusiastic singing.

Several local men opened the scriptures and had a short word, we did not know what to expect and then we noticed that all eyes turned on us. After a little while Cheeko turned to me and said, "Do you want to have a

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go brother". Well of course I did, but we had been going for about an hour and a half already!

So, I tentatively stood to my feet and mumbled something like, "I won't take a long time". Cheeko replied, "Take your time we haven't started yet." Therefore, I took my time and preached for about thirty minutes. It was wonderful to see fruit as a consequence of the Gospel being preached.

Later I had the opportunity to ask Eugene questions like, "What time do the meetings start". His reply was, "When we all get here". Which prompted my next question, "When does it end". The reply was, "When we are finished".

Many friendships were begun there that lasted for a large number of years. On Monday, we reluctantly got back into our car and began the long trip home. We managed to arrive safely after negotiating our way between kangaroos and emus that were everywhere early in the morning.

Over the next five or six years or so, every long-weekend and half of my annual holidays were spent at Bre and Bourke. Then often the other half I took my entire family there. We used to spend a week each year at their Annual Itinerant Convention that began in October.

They mapped out a plan to visit many small towns and Aboriginal Camps preaching and teaching as we went.

Places like Weilmoringle, Goodooga, Enngonia, Collarenebri, and Pilliga all bring back vivid memories. At night, we slept under the stars and cooked our tucker on a small gas stove. These visits are amongst the most memorable moments of my life.

One time while camping at Weilmoringle, we ran out of water and had to drink from the Culgoa River. Two days later, I felt wretchedly ill. Some days later, we found a dead sheep in the river upstream a little from where we were camped. The illness went through two stages. In the first I thought I was going to die, and the second was even worse, I thought I wasn't going to die.

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### 60 to 70 people listening to the Gospel

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We would drive to these camps, pull a few logs together and start a fire, get out the guitars and in a few moments we would have 60 to 70 people listening to the Gospel. The format was the same as at Bre, lots of singing, testimonies and solos, then a message.

The thing that stood out to me in those days was the sincerity of the Aboriginal people in their devotion to the Lord. They lived in tin humpies with dirt floors and a hole in the ground for a toilet. Their women carried the water up from the river in kerosene tins and cooked over open fires. Yet, despite all of this they appeared to be the happiest people I had ever met.

They had little of the luxuries of this world that I thought were so important; their treasure was the Lord.



Their attitude was a stern rebuke to me and I really coveted what they had.

Over the next 6 months or so, I went through a period of absolute misery. I wanted to pack up everything, goods and chattels, kids, and wife – the lot – and go to Bre and work fulltime amongst the Aboriginal people there.

My misery did not stem from any reluctance on my part but rather on the contrary. My prayers to God were hitting a blank wall. I was pleading with God saying, "Lord here I am, send me." God kept on saying, "I want you to stay here." I was miserable beyond comprehension.

Like most things, you accept the inevitable and get on with your life. However, I had a continuing and abiding love for the people at Bre.

About a year or so before our initial trip, we had begun a Sunday School in a Council hall very close to our home.

We called it Rose Park Sunday School. I was responsible for the senior Bible Class and used to have these students and other teenagers over to our home on a Friday night. We would play table tennis, and then have a little talk and then supper.

Why God wanted me to stay at Bankstown was beginning to take shape in my mind.

One by one, we saw these teenagers come to know the Lord. We encouraged them to be baptised and they all came to Bankstown with us. It was a bit of an art getting up to twelve young people into a station sedan.

The majority of these people are still living vibrant meaningful Christian lives. Their own children are grown up and many of them are believers.

Does God really know what He is doing? Experience has taught me that He does. □

## Positions Vacant

**These positions for Christians have been available and advertised for some weeks but are still unfilled. Please consider each one prayerfully.**

**Emmaus Bible College requires:**

**A Secretary (advertised October 2006)**

**A Bible lecturer (advertised Jan 2007)**

**contact Doug McNaught, ph 02 9868 4712**

**Geoff Folland (chaplain at Macquarie Uni) requires two self-funded people:**

**University Chaplain Traineeship (1 year)**

**Personal Assistant (part time)**

**contact Geoff, mb 0402 115 46**

**[geoffolland@studentlife.org](mailto:geoffolland@studentlife.org)**

# Camp Toukley - Outreach Camps

by Kristy Edwards

It's all about the 'ones'! There's a certain ring of truth in that old cliché "just make a difference in one person's life"... whoever claimed authorship was obviously impacted by the 'ones'.

When you look at Camp Toukley Outreach Camps you could easily be dazzled by the numbers of children who pass through each holiday. In the past 12 months alone 210 kids have accepted Jesus into their lives. Just reflecting on this number is fair reward and worthy of celebration. But camp is about so much more than a number, it's about that one kid who gets under your guard that leaves a lasting impression. It's about making a difference through the gospel message in the lives of the next generation. Every camp is hallmarked by significant moments of impact as the truth of the Cross finds a home in the hearts of children.

To understand camp you really need to experience camp. Outreach Camps attract leaders from all spheres of life and our most recent camps were no exception – university students, professionals, mothers and fathers, as well as zealous youth, all enlisted their services at camp, determined to make their mark on young lives.

Our January Teen Camp, Primary Camp and Endeavour Camp (a camp for young people with disabilities) all saw volunteers not only rewarded by their experience of seeing lives changed, but they were encouraged to develop their leadership abilities.

Camp allowed leaders to sharpen many essential skills in leadership — creative (e.g. music and arts), communication, problem solving, organization, decision making, and many other qualities.

At 'one' outreach camp 'one' camper walked into my office to make 'one' phone call and it was in that 'one' moment, in the exchange of conversation with his mother, that my heart melted into 'one' great big puddle on the floor. This was my most enduring memory of camp and having spoken with numbers of other leaders, they too have their own scrapbooks of warm stories filled with the 'ones' to take home.

Leading at a camp is a valuable opportunity for any person who wants to truly make a difference. You undoubtedly hone leadership potential, add to your skills resume, and make lasting friendships, but you get so much more. Our leaders have come to live out these words of Mother Theresa in their every encounter with children *"I believe in person to person. Every person is Christ for me, and since there is only one Jesus, that person is the one person in the world at that moment."*

Without a doubt the future of our Outreach Camps is bright! At Camp Toukley we invite you to pray alongside us in our ministry efforts and to prayerfully consider joining us on camp yourself. [To find out how you can connect as a leader on Outreach, please call us on \(02\) 4396 4336.](#) □



# Our Evangelists – where are they?

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by Colin Winrow

This question has been on my mind recently, in two contexts. Firstly, in my local assembly (Waitara) when we were considering our Easter Services this year. We realised of course what a special time this is to emphasise the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all its power and force.

But we did not feel we had a local brother who could eloquently do this to a crowd we hoped would include many new residents in our district. So we asked ourselves “who are the evangelists in NSW we can invite?”

The second context was in relation to starting a new series of ‘main’ articles for this magazine. For over three years we’ve had a series featuring individual NSW Home Workers and their families. In doing some thinking about this with people associated with the NSWAEEM, one brother suggested we feature evangelists for the next year or so. Great idea! Let’s make a list.

Now, in both contexts, we ran into a big snag. Only one evangelist came easily to mind. Now, that’s a short list!

Well, it was actually a family we thought of—George and Rita Galieh, and their son Michael, who has helped many times with their musical items. They are excellent as evangelists and have been for many years. They are itinerant in NSW and other Australian states and also regularly get invited overseas, especially to Thailand where they have toured for eleven years.

They are past students of Emmaus Bible College and well known around our assemblies and other churches in NSW and beyond. We printed their

story early in the series on NSW Home Workers – the December 2003 issue.

Thankfully, this sole evangelistic team has solved Waitara’s problem because, amazingly, they were not booked for this Easter – until I telephoned!

Based on my experience, it seems that there’s a need to provide a simple link between our NSW evangelists and local assemblies. Therefore, I would like to publish the names of evangelists who serve local assemblies – so that other local assemblies can contact them to either minister at their assembly or to learn from their failures and successes.

Additionally, we will be asking them some simple questions for publication in the magazine to more formally allow them to share their experiences. Note that such folk may well prefer to be contacted via their local assembly and we will respect that wish if desired.

What would I like local assemblies to do therefore? I’m asking them to please let me know who they ask to perform this function of evangelism. I’m thinking that it is someone who the Holy Spirit has marked out distinctly as an evangelist in the same way as He has marked out teachers, pastors and apostles in Acts 21:8 and Eph 4:11. This might be a ‘platform speaker’ like the late Fred McMinn or, say, Bill Newman. Alternatively, it could be a one-to-one evangelist or a small group evangelist. The emphasis is on the ability to tell out the Gospel in a way that is clear. Would assemblies please send the names and contact details of such a person (or persons) to myself by 16 March. □



## Tony Folland

is in fellowship at West Pennant Hills Community Church, and early last year was appointed to

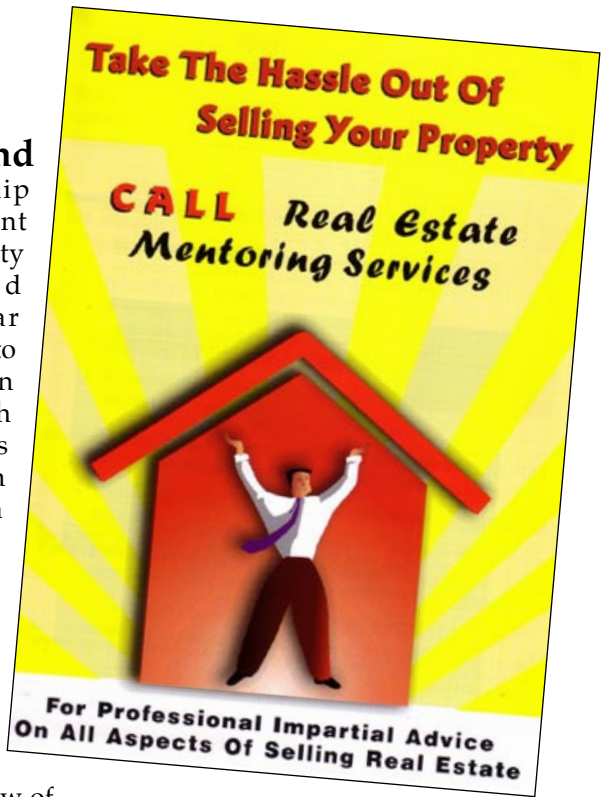
the Board of Christian Brethren Community Services (CBCS) which operates retirement villages such as Elouera Gardens and Glenhaven Gardens. He is now offering a service for those contemplating selling their home to move into a retirement village.

He has written to inform most assemblies of this service and, at the Glenhaven information session after the Stewards Foundation AGM in November 2006, was asked to give a brief overview of what his "Real Estate Mentoring Services" (REMS) is all about.

Because we think this free service could be of interest to many of our senior readers – we present here a summary of what he has said and written on the subject.

Tony Folland, of course, is a licensed real estate agent and recently sold his business based at Pennant Hills and Thornleigh after sixteen years of involvement.

Perhaps he was planning to enjoy some retirement, but his involvement with CBCS made him aware of the difficulty that many elderly people experience when it comes to selling their home in order to move into a retirement village. In the last sixteen months or so he's had the pleasure



of being able to assist such people make this very significant decision - achieving a much smoother transition than may otherwise have been the case. He has also assisted families who were facing foreclosure on their mortgage due to the rising interest rates.

Tony says "I see this as a practical ministry that I can offer to fellow Christians and also to those outside our fellowship that the local church may be called upon to minister to at a critical time in their lives. I've been encouraged by the results and am willing to offer the service throughout the Sydney metro area."

If you need to know more, please contact Tony direct on 0412 016 307 and he will be pleased to answer all your questions. □

# Christmas Lunch – 2006

at Elouera Gardens Retirement Village

Every year, in mid-December, the Ladies Auxiliary at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village provide a sumptuous Christmas Luncheon for all the residents who wish to attend. This year about 125 people sat down to the meal on 13 December in the large Community Room of Yurana House.

Before the food was served the Ladies Auxiliary, with the help of tenor singer Ray Wardle from Milperra, and Helen Stormer on the piano, ran a Christmas programme of community carol singing, Bible readings, solos by Ray and a poem called "The Two Trees" recited by Mavis Winrow, with piano accompaniment.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the programme, and indeed the whole occasion – the food, the fellowship and right down to the paper hats, lollies and bon-bons! Here, and over the page, are some photographs taken during lunch - with thanks to Mrs Val Gage and her digital camera.



*This was only the Main Course!*



*Residents listening to one of the items in the Christmas programme.*



*The presenters were (L to R):-  
Pat Stanton, Linelle Morrison,  
Helen Stormer, Mavis & Colin Winrow,  
Don Stormer, and Ray Wardle.*



*Some staff and Ladies Auxiliary members  
joined the residents at lunch.*

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*More of the residents enjoying their lunch.*



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## ***AWAKE TO ISRAEL***

**History**

**Current Events**

**Prophecy**

Meetings are held monthly, February to November,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 2.30pm at Epping Gospel Chapel  
cnr Carlingford Road and Duntroon Ave, Epping.

The Purpose is to: Study the Scriptures under the leadership of competent Bible teachers; Communicate with workers in Israel, particularly Brethren assemblies, to encourage and uphold them in prayer; Review current events; and Pray for the "Peace of Jerusalem" – recognising the promise "... they that love thee will prosper".

All are welcome and are encouraged to come and together search the Scriptures. For further information phone (02) 9869 7164.

# Who we are and What we believe

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*Except for the Introduction, this is a virtual reprint of a leaflet written by Mr Ian McDowell many years ago. The only change has been to quote one Scripture from the NIV.*

## **Introduction**

Mr McDowell began with “Those who are not familiar with our manner of gathering may wonder what is distinctive about people who meet in a ‘Gospel Chapel’ rather than in a ‘church’. The purpose of the following is to explain this.”

With the passage of time, many Assemblies do now meet in buildings with a sign ‘... Church’ outside. However the editors of this magazine believe the distinctives of Christian Brethren Assemblies do align very closely with the rest of what he wrote and, as such, we hope this reprint may be a help to many young in the faith or new to our Assemblies.

## **Membership**

Every person who has received the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her own personal Saviour (John 1:12; Rev. 3:20), is a member of ‘the church, which is His body’ (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). The Bible also speaks of local churches (Acts 9:13; Rom. 16:16; Philem. 2). These churches reproduce locally the characteristics of the whole church when their membership is open to Christians and only Christians (Romans 15:7).

This raises the problem that although “the Lord knows those that are His” (2 Tim. 2:19), local church leaders cannot be so sure. Hence we are justified in maintaining in membership only those persons who are

Godly in life (1 John 1:6-7), loving in their attitude to others (1 John 2:9-10), and sound in essential doctrine (1 John 2:23-24), no matter what claims they might make.

Notwithstanding the restriction on membership, all are welcome to attend our meetings (Matt. 11:28).

## **Major Beliefs**

Our major doctrinal beliefs are those of traditional evangelical Christianity. We consider that the Bible is the Word of God and is fully inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21). We believe in one God who is eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:18; 2 Cor. 13:14). The Father is God (Gal. 1:1); the Son is God (Heb. 1:8-9); and the Holy Spirit is God (2 Cor. 3:17-18).

In addition, the Son is Man (Acts 2:22; 1 Tim. 2:5). We are sinful (Rom. 3:23), but He is sinlessly perfect and morally glorious (John 13:31-32; Rom. 1:4; Heb. 5:8-9). Our sin would separate us eternally from God (Is. 59:2), but the Lord Jesus died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet. 2:24), so that a full and free salvation is now offered to all who trust Him (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:17).

Salvation has its outcome in discipleship (Luke 9:23-26) and victorious Christian living (Rom. 6:11) as we walk in the enjoyment of the presence of the living Christ within us (Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:27; 2:6, 9-10).

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### **The Place of Meeting**

It is good to have a tasteful building (1 Tim. 6:17). But this is the 'House of God' only in the sense that it is set apart for Christian worship and service. The true House of God is the Assembly of Christians who meet there (1 Tim. 3:15). There is no 'altar' or 'sanctuary' where the presence of the Lord might be sought: rather, He is found in the midst of His people (Matt. 18:20).

### **The Form of Meeting**

We have no clergyman; our ministry is according to gift (Eph. 4:7-8; 11-13) and is available to all local churches; subject to this, we follow the New Testament pattern of liberty of utterance in meetings of Christians so that the Holy Spirit can speak through whom He will and gifts may be manifested to all (1 Cor. 14:29-30; 2 Cor. 3:17).

Every Christian is a priest (1 Pet. 2:5,9), which confers on him or her the right to enter the presence of God at any time (Heb. 10:19-22), whether for prayer (Heb 4:16) or for praise (Col. 1:12), as led by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14).

### **Leadership**

Our rule is by elders who combine ministry gifts with those of administration (Heb. 13:7,17,24). These brethren show first by their interest and use of gift, their desire to serve (1 Tim. 3:1). Their elders recognise their qualifications by comparison with Scriptural requirements (1 Tim. 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9), and in fellowship with them, the new elder begins his

work. The Holy Spirit makes the actual appointment (Acts 20:28), and this is verified by the spiritual fruit that follows (Matt. 7:20).

### **The Ordinances**

We cherish the ordinances in their apostolic simplicity. These are baptism by immersion in water of believers (Matt. 3:13-17; 28:18-20; Acts 2:37-38; 8:37-38; Rom. 6:3-6), and remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of bread (Luke 22:19-20; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:23-30). It has been well said that a Bible, a pool, and a table with bread and wine on it are the only essential furnishing which a place of meeting for Christians requires.

### **What are we called?**

For legal reasons, and for convenience generally, we are called 'Christian Brethren'. Both words are Scriptural (Matt. 23:8; Acts 11:26). Their use does not mean that we think that believers who are not members of our churches are not Christian brethren, and we regret the necessity to imply the distinction.

### **Outreach**

We have described our belief and practices concerning the local church. At the same time, we are a Gospel-loving people who will take all steps possible to secure the salvation of men and women (Acts 1:8; 20:20-21; Rom. 1:15; 10:10; 1 Cor. 1:18). We are missionary-minded (Mark 16:15; Rom. 15:19-20) and, in our Lord's name, ready to engage in social work (Matt. 25:35-40). ➤



## **Conclusion**

We believe that the foregoing principles will characterise all local churches which conscientiously seek the Lord's path for them in this present day.

Because there is a minimum of formal control, experience has shown

that a very high degree of spirituality is required on the part of brethren and sisters. It is emphasised in closing that all must strive, with the Lord's help, to maintain this (Luke 22:27; 1 Cor. 13:2; Gal. 6:1-2; Phil. 2:3; 1 John 3:18). □

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## **Parklea Markets Reports**

by John Kennedy  
ph: 9872 4588

### **Saturday 02/12/06**

Present: Paul Walker, Doug Smith, Nelson Padilla, Keith Grace & John Kennedy.

Highlights:

\* In the peak Xmas trading season we were fortunate to secure a reasonable stand at the markets.

\* Korean stall holders nearby identified themselves as Christian and encouraged us in the work and also took some Korean literature to hand out.

\* A charismatic Christian couple called in to encourage and took some literature.

\* We as a team have found a brilliant new tract, beautifully written and presented, which is in the vicinity of \$300 to print (with the publisher's permission) 5000 copies. Please see Paul Walker or John Kennedy if you would like to see a proof copy.

\* An Italian chap wanted an Italian Bible. We directed him to the Bible Society with its address on the back of one of the societies' tracts. He was keen to have a copy for a relative to read in her native language.

\* A number of stall holders came by to thank us for our presence at the market throughout the year.

\* In excess of 400 tracts given out over the whole 'end-of-year Saturday'. We are now in recess until Feb 2007. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout 2006.

### **Saturday 03/02/07**

Present: Paul Walker, Doug Smith, Nelson Padilla, Keith Grace, Sue Keevers, Anthony Wilson & John Kennedy.

\* The Lord provided a double stall at a single stall price, in a great location.

\* Doug met an older man, say 65-75. His first words to Doug were "I've lost her", meaning his wife had died. He accepted some tracts including 'Coping with loss' and 'Eternity'. Pray for this man!

\* Paul had a lively but good discussion with Dominic, who is a searcher of spiritual truth. He believed in God, who has answered his prayers, but did not feel the need to trust in Christ. He was unsure of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian.

We later all had a fruitful discussion with him when he returned asking to be prayed for – which we undertook as a group together. We gave him a New Testament and other relevant literature. □



**First, news of three families collected by Don Crane for the January/February Outreach Prayer Requests bulletin:-**

## **John & Valerie Angus:**

*We have a few points for which earnest prayer is sought:-*

1. *Our Arabic program has led to a contact with Arabic speakers from the Liverpool Catholic Church. Jamil Choucair has been invited to speak to the young people on three occasions. I accompanied him on the last visit, when he gave an address on Luke 16 – the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Gospel was preached with power. Pray for this unusual outreach.*
2. *I have written a strong letter to the Australian Media and Communication Authority regarding our Arabic program which Channel 31 will not broadcast, because, they say the potential audience is too small. Pray that this program will be reinstalled.*
3. *Pray for two men in prison, The first is in Long Bay and is due for release in February. He has completed 29 Emmaus courses and now wishes to be baptized. The second man is Iranian. He heard the Gospel from our Door of Hope program broadcast in NZ. He trusted the Lord and is seeking to introduce fellow prisoners to the Lord.*
4. *There have been over 120 hits on our*



*web page, from all over the world. Pray that they may find Christ through this medium.*

[www.christianmedia.net.au](http://www.christianmedia.net.au)

5. *John Krishna and I have become Associate Port Missionaries and will be visiting seamen on the ships at Port Kembla. Pray that we will be able to encourage lonely Christians and challenge others who do not know the Saviour.*

## **John & Irene Hills:**

*This year, I finished the Children's TV programs for the Christian Channel. They went to air in Oz and NZ as well as PNG and maybe South East Asia later. CMS has a weekly program that goes to air on Saturdays at 7am and is repeated early on the Sundays. John Angus and I are responsible for 4 programs a month. We usually go 50/50, producing 2 each month. This is costly work and sometimes quite time consuming. We are often on the look-out for suitable program material. We have just placed programs on the website, for even further outreach.*



*Being a faith work, 'CMS' does not pay us; the 'hills' look to the Lord to provide the equipment needed to carry out this work. COMMUNICATION, the radio program, is still alive and well, ➤*

on over 250 stations a week, in Australia, TWR and HCJB, overseas. George and Rita do a great job in preparing scripts and voicing the program. I sometimes get to write as well, but I am fully involved in the production, as well as the 'one minute spots' on 2CBA.

Irene and I have had a great year in our schools doing Scripture. Irene teaches in two local Primary schools. I have 9 classes on Mondays and Tuesdays at a local Christian school. For the past 20 years, I have taken Scripture to the whole School Assembly, monthly, in a local Primary school.

The local Church of Christ has offered Scripture teachers for that school next year. Please pray that the school will agree. We have a tentative 'Yes' but it's not locked in. I have many opportunities to talk with kids. Some have big problems, others asking about becoming a Christian, and 'D' who asked me how she can be a stronger Christian.

At the end of lessons, I sometimes ask them to ask me hard questions about God and the Bible. The questions are fantastic and it's been a forum where they can ask about the things they always wanted to ask about. I also go out to the playground. It's amazing how many kids will ask deep and meaningful questions. The main aim is to present our Creator God, as the real God, especially to those from other religious backgrounds. Please pray for Irene and myself, that the Lord will help us to communicate that Jesus is the ONLY way. Pray that the Lord will work in the lives of these children.

### Philip & Ruth Kinmond:

We thank the Lord for relatively good health, strength and the privilege of still being of some use to Him. Ruth had



a full knee replacement last November, and has recovered remarkably well, without having to go to rehab. We are still fellowshiping happily at West Pennant Hills Community Church. We are not able to be involved as much as we would like, due to the limitations of age. We both have responsibilities at the Village, although Philip is pulling back from some that he has done for several years. It is great to be part of a team of voluntary helpers here. Another very encouraging and challenging area that we are working in is the Emmaus Correspondence Course marking for prisoners in our gaols. Ruth does the marking and I do the letters to them. Some have had no contact with Christianity. Others have a good knowledge of God and what He has done for them. One replied: "Thank you for your correspondence. I enjoyed 'Doing Time With Jesus' but I am scared that when I'm released soon, I will be like so many others and give in to my demons .... I am now 29 and have spent 11 years of my life behind bars." Unfortunately very few Christians or churches would welcome or try to help such people. I am able to see what it is really like in prison, as I go into a couple of gaols each year and meet more than 100 prisoners and >24



know how incredibly difficult it must be to be a Christian there. Please pray for these men. We appreciate the interest and prayers of our brothers and sisters.

### Daya and Mary Nand

7 February

Burwood Assembly is small but has eager believers to continue as a testimony for the Lord. We are thankful for the leadership role of brother Pradeep who is talented to guide spiritually and practically. At present, renovations are in progress and there are willing helpers. I assist with the preaching and teaching of God's Word and we are very encouraged with the progress and participation of our young men. The Koreans are contributing to the welfare of the Assembly. We have arranged for a Camp at the Cataract River Ranch on the 9th to the 11th of March and interest is good with some contacts as we are aiming for evangelism. Then at Easter a group anticipates going to Fiji to help at a Camp.

Our Sunday evening services are very encouraging. Weekly Bible studies at different homes are proving helpful. We are also blessed with a couple of Indian sisters who have joined us. They are from India.

We have appreciated the care and prayers of the Lord's people during our time of illness and we continue in His

service with the Lord's enabling and medication.

Thanking you,

PS: Please note our new address is 28 Dudley Street, Lidcombe 2141. But we will need to shift out again in November and ask for definite prayers for a permanent home.

### Jane Mayhew

23 January

I wanted to let you know that last week I found out for sure that I will be at Sydney University with Student Life. Prior to this I could have been sent elsewhere but it was only made official once I reached 80% of my financial needs. So I still have a little way to go but I am now free to get involved in the planning for this year, which will be a real blessing to our missionary team. Isn't it amazing to see God's hand of provision upon our lives - He never ceases to amaze me.



God bless,

On 9 February, Jane let the Editor know the following prayer point:

I do definitely need prayer with regards to the remainder of my financial support. Our orientation week is approaching and is starting on Feb 28 and if I don't have 100% I can't be there (under Student Life rules). I feel that's a big need I have at the moment. I am currently at 84% and haven't moved much over the last few weeks.

## Edward and Agnis Royal

December 2006

Here are some extracts from Edward's comprehensive 2 page prayer letter. (If you would like regular copies – phone 9604 9644)



*It was a glorious year for us, as the Lord kept us in full-time ministry and its full capacity. We've seen souls saved and lives changed. Our TV program on Television Sydney was so fruitful that it made me forget the pains in my back as I sit for long hours doing the editing. We have received 136 responses since February. Pray for the young man Andy (from a Buddhist background) who I helped and prayed for and then baptised on Sunday. Also others, like Alex an 88 year old man from Russia who is born again and praying for his wife to be saved too.*

*I did some TV programs with Dr Ted Boyce who shared the testimony of his 21 year son Matthew, killed by a car in America. The programs touched the hearts of many people. This week Ted and I, and my wife Agnis, visited and ate with a lady who had watched. We had a chance to pray and share with her to have a closer relationship with the Lord and the Christian family.*

*John Carrol, assistant pastor at the assembly in Cambridge Park, travels to Fairfield regularly to help me with visitations and following up those who respond to the TV program. Emmaus Correspondence School is supplying courses free for those who ask via our TV program. So I praise God for the help He is sending me as partners from Brethren Assemblies to*

*reach out to the wider Sydney for Christ. I need more people ... it seems this is a time of harvest.*

*Praise the Lord that Gideon Bibles are again next to each bed after me bombarding Fairfield Hospital with phone calls. It seems the Lord's parable of the persistent widow came true in our case. (Luke 18:1-8) Pray the Lord will show us grace as I approach the hospital in 2007 to allow us to have an outreach ministry to patients and visitors, as we used to have 10 years ago.*

*We had a glorious outreach night last week as we had open-air Christmas Carols outside the church which is in the heart of Fairfield plaza and shopping centre. Around 200 people were sitting and others standing. We had help from Penrith assembly and an Iraqi singer visiting from America. People from 13 local Arabic churches participated. Local newspapers reported on the event ... Pray we will have a similar opportunity at Easter.*

*Family news: Nahrain took her HSC exams in December, and Syntheh is going into Year 8 at the Christian School. Agnis is a great help to me, including using the video camera to tape the TV programs.*

January 2007

*We asked for prayer for our eldest daughter Nahrain, for her HSC Exams. She finished, by the grace of the Lord, successfully. This week we heard the news that she has been accepted to study Interior Design, which was her first choice and she loved to study it. We would like prayers of thanks to be given to our faithful God, who answers the prayers of His saints. □*

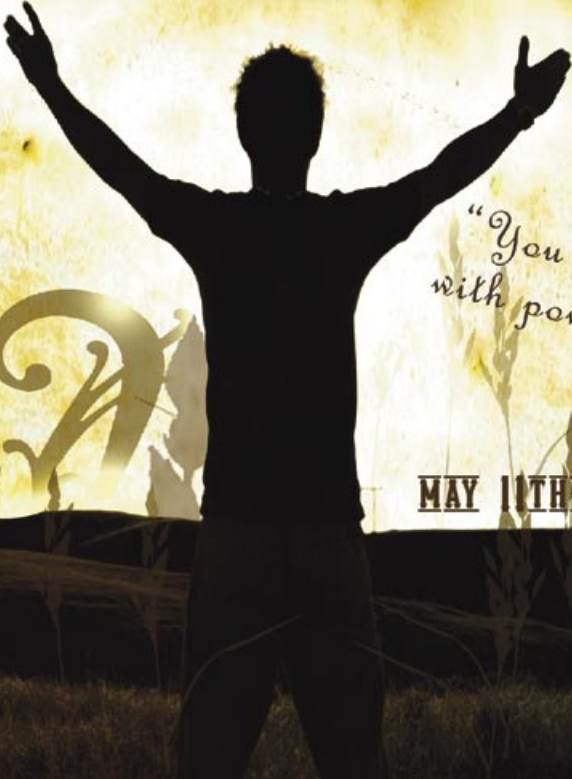




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# PASSION

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*"You have been clothed  
with power from on high"*

MAY 11TH-12TH 2007



**The publicity for World Youth Day** (WYD08) claims that it will be the largest event in Australia since the Olympics. Run by the Roman Catholic Church, the goal of the event is that:



Through the WYD08 experience, young people from throughout the world will make a pilgrimage in faith, meet, and experience hospitality and the love of God. The young people will have an opportunity to rediscover their baptismal calling and the centrality of the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation, and so discover a new apostolic zeal to witness more fully the Gospel in the modern world.  
(<http://www.wyd2008.org/index.php/en/wyd08>)

**WYD begins this July** with a tour of Australia of the 'Cross and Icon [of Mary]' and will generate lots of publicity. The event itself will run here in Sydney from 15 to 20 July 2008.

**This event presents a HUGE challenge** to Protestant churches around Australia. As Assemblies, we need to ensure that believers are secure in their understanding of their faith, especially in contrast to the teaching that will be presented by the Catholic Bishops.

**There may also be opportunities** to engage with spiritually awakened people in our communities as a result of this event.

**For more information contact:**

Geoff Folland

(0402 115 461 or email [geoffolland@studentlife.org](mailto:geoffolland@studentlife.org)).

## Missionary Conventions – 2007

**Please endeavour to keep these dates free from local events:-**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 17 March | Riverstone Community Church (ph 0414 765 200)                                 |
| 19 May   | St George Christian Church (ph 9546 8545)                                     |
| 16 June  | Women's Mission Convention - Riverstone<br>Community Church (ph 0414 765 200) |
| 14 July  | Bexley Gospel Hall (ph: 9527 1203)  |
| 15 Sept  | West Pennant Hills Community Church<br>(ph: 9804 0402)                        |

## NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission Homeworkers Fund Treasurers' Report

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

|                             | 2006             | 2005             |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>January - October</b>    | <b>\$69,177</b>  | <b>\$70,354</b>  |
| <b>Nov:</b> from Assemblies | 2,610            | 2,210            |
| Christmas gifts             | 350              | 17,836           |
| from NSWAEM                 | 1,000            | 0                |
| from other sources          | 41               | 49               |
|                             | \$4,001          | \$20,095         |
| <b>Dec:</b> from Assemblies | 3,735            | 2,561            |
| Christmas Gifts             | 29,237           | 10,536           |
| from NSWAEM                 | 2,500            | 1,000            |
| from other sources          | 51               | 29               |
|                             | \$35,523         | \$14,126         |
| <b>Totals</b>               | <b>\$108,701</b> | <b>\$104,575</b> |

The funds this period, except for designated gifts, have been divided between 16 workers and their families.

**Please make cheques payable to the NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund**

Your gifts and letters should be sent to  
The Treasurers, NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund,  
**P.O. Box 640, BURWOOD NSW 1805**



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

[www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html](http://www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html)

The Pocket Testament League (TPTL) has upgraded its web site somewhat. It contains information about the organisation (past and present) plus access to a range of other Christian resources:

[www.tptl.org.au](http://www.tptl.org.au)

Geoff Folland wrote: "I thought that these MP3 talks were so stimulating I had to share them. If you are looking for high quality exposition on how to relate Christ to culture this is a great place to find. I especially like Tim Keller's messages." Geoff is referring to the 'Reform & Resurge Conference: 2006' held in the USA. The flavour of the conference was "Resurgence is a movement that resources multiple generations to live for Jesus so that they can effectively reach their cities with the gospel by staying culturally accessible and Biblically faithful." Its web site lists the 11 sessions and allows you to download both MP3 audio and video recordings of each. You can also get a short 'bio' on each speaker.

[http://theresurgence.com/reform\\_resurge\\_conference\\_2006](http://theresurgence.com/reform_resurge_conference_2006)

Note: be sure to use those underline characters where we would expect a space if writing normal English!

**Mercy Ships** is a global Christian charity that has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Following the example of Jesus, Mercy Ships brings hope and healing to the poor, mobilizing people and resources worldwide. Medical volunteers perform free surgical procedures to correct deformity, blindness, and disability. Other volunteers are involved in a range of community development programs, all aimed at providing a way out of poverty. Its Australian web site is:

[www.mercyships.org.au](http://www.mercyships.org.au)

One of the Australians serving on board is Maryanne Guymer who is a Charge Ward Nurse in the ship's hospital. Maryanne, a volunteer who calls Fairfield Christian Fellowship her home church, is serving with Mercy Ships onboard the *Anastasis*, currently on assignment to Ghana in West Africa. You can read more about her work half way down the page:

[www.mercyships.org.au/news\\_au\\_e.php](http://www.mercyships.org.au/news_au_e.php)

Those who know Fiona Fraser, who attended Waitara assembly as a young girl, will be interested to know she is

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**PLEASE submit your items  
for the April 2007 issue of  
this magazine  
BEFORE 16 March!**

another Aussie serving as a nurse with Mercy Ships – also in Africa.

The Australian Missionary Tidings (AMT) web site has a very comprehensive List of Christian Brethren Churches for the whole of Australia, with the same sort of contact information available in the printed list they issue, but it also has live links to web sites and emails where assemblies have these. There are links to maps too but you will need broadband internet to get this information in a timely fashion. Visit:

[www.amt.asn.au](http://www.amt.asn.au)

and click on 'Church List' in the top menu bar. There is also a 'Change Details' link below it if you wish to inform AMT of corrections needed for your Church or Assembly's listing.

If you love looking at photos of God's creation, visit:-

[www.theinterviewwithgod.com](http://www.theinterviewwithgod.com)

a 'slide show' with messages based on a poem. It's best if you have broadband to reduce the time needed to load each photo. You will also need Macromedia Player, but many PCs have this free utility pre-loaded already.

CRS (Christian Resource Specialities) launched a new web site in September 2006:-

[www.illuminate.tv](http://www.illuminate.tv)

Its stated goal is "to provide you with visual media resources for your church that will help to illuminate your messages and bring new light to your presentations". When last I looked it

had some interesting material there and more is being added each week, I understand.

The Heritage HM web site is:

[www.astounded.tv/about\\_heritage.asp](http://www.astounded.tv/about_heritage.asp)

and it has a link to another site called 'Changed Forever' which presents the gospel in relatively straightforward terms. It's worth a visit so you know if it's suitable to recommend to one of your unsaved friends.

[www.changedforever.com](http://www.changedforever.com)



**ASSEMBLIES OUTREACH  
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*were due in*

**January 2007**

The 2007 subscription price is  
**still \$25 for 6 issues of the  
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The printers continue to keep  
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