



# ASSEMBLIES *Outreach*

**February 2010**



“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”

(Psalm 1:1–3)

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Dear Readers,

A belated 'Happy New Year' to you all, and a welcome to our first issue of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine for 2010. I hope you find it useful.

Please accept my apology for the lateness of this issue, which has been due to a collection of many small delays and interruptions along the way. Have you ever wished there were more hours in the day? When I'm tempted to do so, it's good to be reminded that God knows best! He orders our times and seasons.

As we enter a new year, many of us think about making resolutions to do things better and re-commit to serve the Lord more faithfully.

When going through some old files recently, I came across the following words written by a dear brother in Christ who is now with His Lord. They perhaps crystallise what many Christians would like to wish for this year.

(Can you guess who wrote this piece?)

Under the heading "Commitment" he wrote:

By our Lord's grace; believing this to be His will for me:

I WILL place my Lord Jesus Christ, His service and His people above all worldly matters of possessions, position and power.

I WILL encourage all my fellow Christians in the use and development of their spiritual gifts.

I WILL treat all my fellow Christians well – no matter how they behave, and no matter what this costs me.

I WILL forgive immediately all who treat me badly.

I WILL tell anyone who treats me badly, and apologises for it, that I absolve them of any guilt.

I WILL use my spiritual gifts for the good of all my fellow Christians, in a spirit of meekness and humility.



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# 'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

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

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

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

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

Don Stormer left our shores for seven weeks on 15<sup>th</sup> February to again visit Moldova and Armenia. He will meet up with Matthew Hillier (CMI-Aid) and give much Bible teaching to Christians in many meetings there. Although it is a very cold time of year, it is a good time for the locals to study, because less farm work can be done! He would value our prayer support during this time.

Rodney Trinidad held a Youth Forum on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, at Emmaus Bible College. The purpose of this "get-together" was to discuss youth ministries in our churches. He invited several key youth workers from various organisations who were available to talk with attendees over lunch regarding issues pertaining to youth ministries.

A report on news items from the

recent NSW Coordinating Conference has been included on pages 6 to 8, and the full conference Minutes and information package is available from Brad Scott on ph 9626 0055.

Emmaus Bible College informed assemblies by email on 18<sup>th</sup> February that distinguished lecturer Dr William (Bill) Dumbrell will be teaching 'Introduction to the Old Testament' and 'The Psalms' this semester at the College as part of the Diploma of Theology and Bachelor of Theology courses. Lectures start on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and finish on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Dr Dumbrell joins the seven other lecturers on the faculty.

If you are unable to attend the lectures in person or it does not suite your time schedule, then Emmaus encourages you to consider enrolling as one of its distant education students and study 'online'; it's very simple – all you need is a computer with Internet access.

## Meetings & Events

For the latest list please check at:-

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

### 2010:

- 12 March Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 13 March 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 21-26 Mar Camp David at Eltham Park. ph: 6351 3122. ➤

- 4 April EASTER SUNDAY
- 9 April Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 10 April 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 17 April Garage Sale & Cake Stall at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village. 8am to 1pm. (details on page 25)
- 26 April ANZAC DAY Holiday.
- 30 April Lutanda Eltham Park Supporters Dinner; spkr Bill Newman. \$15. RSVP by 27<sup>th</sup>. ph 4787 1540
- 6 May NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at Emmaus Bible College, 7.30pm.
- 7 May Autumn Fashion Parade of Ladies Winter Clothes, Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook; \$5; 10am. Info: Ladies Aux. Secretary 9872 4603.
- 7, 8 May Toukley Men's Conference. 'Humility - the Attitude of Christ'. ph: 1300 733 189.
- 8 May 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 14 May Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 15 May Mission Convention at West Pennant Hills Community Church in Sydney.
- 11 June Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am.
- 11-14 Jun National Conference of CCCAust at Mueller Community Church, Qld. ph (02) 9626 0055.
- 14 June Queen's Birthday holiday.
- 26 June NSW Women's Mission Convention at Campelltown Christian Community Church.
- 17 July Tentative date set by CBCS for Official Opening of Groves House, the new aged care facility at Cardiff Heights, NSW.
- 5 August NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at Emmaus Bible College, 7.30pm.
- 20,21 Aug Women's Conference at Camp Toukley. "Purity in Practice" ph: 0410 179 516.
- 22, 23 Oct **AMT 1910 to 2010 Centenary Celebrations.** Please keep these dates free to commemorate this milestone. Keynote speaker is Kevin Dyer. For more information contact Andrew Collins on 0412 864 526. 



## Prayer Requests from NSW Assemblies

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We have mentioned before that the NSW Strength in Unity (SIU) movement encourages individuals and assemblies to set aside a time for Prayer and Fasting on the first Tuesday of each month. Since then Brad Scott has sent out a reminder e-mail each month and has included some suggested prayer and praise points. These now include prayer and praise points from assemblies in NSW.

Here are some issued in the last two months.

### General

- Let's support our Assembly Elders in prayer, that they can be clearly led by God as they lead his church.
- Pray for Wilson Masih and his team from Panania as they prepare for a Mission trip to India and Pakistan in Feb 2010.

### Raymond Terrace Community Church

#### Prayer

- A demountable for children's ministry space.

- Property for new community development/church.

#### Praise

- For our new Community Pastor/Chaplain Brenton Pobjie.
- New souls for the Kingdom: Renee and Sharon.  
Baptism candidates: Shaun, Kate, Kim and Tracey.

### President Avenue Community Church

#### Prayer

- For the Kid's Hope mentoring program at Kirrawee Public School.
- For the impact of the teaching series on "change within".

#### Praise

- The half dozen new people who have started coming to church this year that they will continue to come and search.
- For the families reached at last year's Christmas party. □

## News from the February Coordinating Conference

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Representatives from many of the NSW Assemblies met together again at the Coordinating Conference on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, at Emmaus Bible College. It is good to see God's working amongst the Assemblies and the para-assembly activities.

**Upcoming Conferences** were discussed:-

VITAL – Youth Conference: The 2009 Conference was a great success and another will be run in November 2010.

Men's Conference at Camp Toukley: "Humility – The Attitude of Christ" is the theme of this year's conference. Bill Newman and Sean Nolan will bring the teaching on Friday evening, ➤

7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. Registration Forms are now available.

Ms Jacqui Maynard is the speaker at this year's Women's Conference (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August, at Camp Toukley) looking at "Purity in Practice - Studies in Titus". The organisers are planning to have a Mediterranean theme for the conference based on the fact that the letter to Titus is set in Crete.

The National Conference at Mueller College in QLD on 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June is looking at "Life at the Crossroads – Being a Bible based, Culturally Aware, Involved Christian". The speakers are George Verwer, Founder of Operation Mobilisation, Dr Mark Strom, Principal New Zealand Bible College, and Jeremy McQuoid, author and pastor.

The International Brethren Conference on Mission, which runs every 4 years, is planned for France in 2011. The theme is "I will build my Church". More details are being included on the CCAust web site ([www.ccaust.com](http://www.ccaust.com)) for those interested.

Reports were given by Dom Valastro, the new CEO of **Lutanda**, and Sonny Ng, an Elder at **Faith Community Church (FCC)**, Blacktown. Dom spoke of the need for Lutanda to consolidate and build a secure financial future. The team at Lutanda are working hard to define a positive future for the organisation. With about 20,000 people going through the 3 camp sites each year and with 8 children in the homes, the organisation can

have a significant impact on people's lives. The Assemblies have a great opportunity to support this work by:-

1. Using the sites for our own assembly camps;
2. Sending our kids and contacts to children's camps so they can hear the good news of Christ;
3. Encouraging our young people to attend camps as leaders. This is a great atmosphere to develop young leaders.

Sonny spoke of the growth of FCC over 10 years and the fact that the church is multicultural – made up of many nationalities. Over that period the church has started two ethnic churches, a Korean church at Burwood and a Filipino Church in Blacktown. Present outreaches are having significant impact in the Indian and African cultures. The assembly is using GLO interns and working in local schools to form relationships with the community. AWANA is a children's club they run that is having significant effect in the Indian Community.

**Emmaus Bible College** is now offering a Bachelor of Theology course and has brought in some extra lecturers. The college now has 8 lecturers and is running 7 subjects as well as Certificate III & IV Courses. Dr Joe Thomas (Ph.D. M.W.S. M.Div. B.Sc.) is the latest addition to the teaching team. Dr. Thomas has been teaching theology, religious studies, and ethics for the last eleven years in Ohio, USA. As a professor of theology, he has participated in several >8

ecclesiastical and academic projects both in North America and the Asia-Pacific region. Dr. Thomas has served four years as an educational missionary in Nigeria. He has developed and taught a number of courses in the graduate and postgraduate programs in theology and mission. Dr. Thomas' works are published in academic journals on a regular basis. His current research is in public theology.

The NSW **Home Workers Treasurers** are encouraging Assemblies to be generous as the number of supported workers increases. This is an exciting time as God is touching people's lives and more people are taking up the challenge to serve God in full and part time positions. This month we had the privilege of recognising the commendation of Roy and Maru Gomez to Youth Work at St George Community Church. They will be supported by the Home Workers Fund.

As we recognise God's work in various areas we were also sad to acknowledge the closing down of Toowoomba Bay Gospel Chapel and Allwera Community Church.

We continue to get enquiries from independent churches asking if they could join the **CCCAust network** of churches. The committee has had an approach from Yamba Christian Home Church and will try and meet with them and then report to the Coordinating Conference.

Wilson Masih reported on the planned **Evangelism Crusade** he is leading, with 6 other people, into Pakistan and India later this month. Pray for this team as they spread the good news of Jesus.

In other news, the Coordinating Conference is having ongoing discussions on how best to help the **country Assemblies**. In gathering the 'prayer and fasting' prayer points a number of country Assemblies have asked if there was a support network to help an Assembly grow in its community. Some ideas coming to the fore include, 'adopt an Assembly' or 'partnering with a country Assembly' whereby a Sydney or larger Regional Assembly would take an active interest in a country Assembly and provide resources, where possible, through speakers, holiday Bible Club, or other means, to help encourage growth in the country areas. Web-casting monthly services over the internet has also been suggested and as the technology is developed it would be possible to web-cast some live teaching to Country Assemblies thus helping them with their teaching needs. As Emmaus is developing this technology for on-line lectures, they have suggested that we may be able to use these resource to also help our country Assemblies.

compiled by Brad Scott  
Secretary, Coordinating Conference

**PLEASE** submit all items for the **April '10** magazine  
**BEFORE 12<sup>th</sup> March**



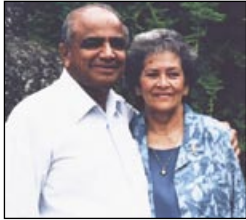
# News from NSW

## Home Workers



### Daya and Mary Nand 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010

We commenced the new year at Concord Assembly with a whole day of prayer on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Januray. Brother Edward Lalabalavu had divided the day from 6am to 6pm into 30 minute segments which believers filled in and engaged in prayer for their time slot. There is a positive spiritual atmosphere prevailing where we believe "there is a time to build." More times of prayer, "cottage meetings" and reaching out to the unchurched are being planned. Please pray also for Council approval for the building permit which has been advertised to the public for their comments and this is a progressive step. My teaching this year is focusing on the Person of Christ, emphasizing His glory and uniqueness.



Please pray for Mary who has had difficulty walking and is confined to a wheelchair and in a lot of pain. Her surgery for a knee replacement was postponed as her blood was not clotting. So the waiting period has been extended and will be considered late January and we trust there will be urgent action. So these have been months of stress, and lessons on patience, as well as more domestic duties for Daya!

Visiting and assisting others in need and counselling individual Christians has been encouraging, and a depressed

man contemplating suicide is now progressing well. We do value and appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people.

Thank you for the Outreach Magazine which requires so much work and is of real blessing and encouragement as we serve the Lord together. God bless.

### 20<sup>th</sup> February (update)

Mary has her knee operation scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> March in Bankstown Hospital. Please pray for a successful result and patience during the rehab process.

### Rob & Greta Flinders

We received a phone call on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> January asking us to collect a baby at 3.30 pm the same day from the hospital! She was just six days old, having been born on New Year's Eve. Perhaps not surprisingly, she's called Evie!

She and the temporary foster parents are all doing well!

### Greg & Sarah Clark – Camp Kedron 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Things have continued to progress at Camp with School Holiday Camps finishing last week. We can now take a break and rejuvenate and clean up the site, before our next group here on the 5th-7th February. We've been through a very busy January. The School Holidays Camps were as big as we've ever had. It all started with Leadership >10

Camp (3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.) directed by Julius and Melinda Gilder together with mature mentors, where 35 dedicated young people were challenged in their walk with God. There were 12 young people attending this camp that went on to lead at the Primary Camp the following week.



the on-site team and works full-time during the holiday camps.

Carl and Sophie's children continue to grow up. Jonah starts kindergarten at Terry Hills Public School tomorrow so

we have some anxious parents around. Rain is now almost 2 years old. It's always a delight to have the children here.

The Primary Camp had 93 campers attend and was directed by Nick and Yoie Varady-Szabo and their enthusiastic leaders. The theme of the camp was *Survivor*; Neil Clark took studies for the campers on how to truly survive and live life to the full and the solution Jesus gives to a broken world. It was most encouraging to see children respond to the Gospel. Many were given Bibles to take home.

Phil and Chanel are excited at the impending birth of their first child in early May and they are in the process of preparing the baby's room.

The High School Camp (17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>) was full a week before it started, with a waiting list. There ended up being 84 in attendance, the largest January High School Camp ever! Paul and Lyndal Sherwin directed the camp, assisted by a large team of leaders. Graham Edwardes spoke with the campers each day challenging them on their response to Jesus. It was a great opportunity for young people to hear the Gospel; again a number gave their life to Christ. There were so many wonderful and encouraging stories of God's impact on so many lives.

My mother Megan, who has been here on site for 30+ years has had some illness recently. She had a heart attack in late November, culminating in the fitting of a pacemaker last Monday. She is at the Mater Hospital awaiting transfer to Mona Vale and from there she will be moving into "The Pines" Nursing Home at Terry Hills. Her impact on the site has been huge. She continually prays for campers by name and has been doing that for many years since retiring. She will be sadly missed by all who have had the privilege to spend time with her and be prayed for.

Since my last letter Les Far has become engaged to Claudia, whom he met at Morling. They are now in Malaysia meeting her parents and planning for their wedding here at the camp site on 26<sup>th</sup> June. He is a wonderful addition to



### Ken & Daphne Harding

Praise for the Lord's help in the preaching of the Gospel with several conversions in Australia and Malaysia during the past year. Daphne too, had a busy year with KYB, pastoral ➤

care and taking several ladies' meetings. Our home has a constant flow of folk for meals and fellowship.

Praise the Lord for good health and the strength to serve. The Lord has blessed the ministry of the Word both at home and in Korea and Malaysia. This included Easter Conference and Church Camp in K.L., lectures at GLO Training Centre in Taiping and Korea and two 3 week visits to Perth for the planning and lecturing at GLO Impact 3.

I (Ken) have promised Daphne and Riverstone that I won't let myself become quite as busy this year, but the diary is already showing engagements for 7 or 8 assemblies in NSW as well as our home church and GLO activities. Please pray that we will keep fresh in the Word and in our relationship to our Lord. Pray that our many contacts in our neighbourhood may become Christians. Please pray that we will rest in the Lord while we cope with the changing pace of life and a few aches and pains along the way. Please pray also for safety on the roads and in the air as we travel. Thank you to all of you who pray for us.

### Praise & Prayer Points

(gathered in Feb. by Graham Hayden)

#### Peter Clines (Oatley)



Prayer is requested for Peter's 96 year-old mother who has been suffering from long term chronic health problems. She had a couple of bad falls that required surgery for broken bones and a period in hospital.

Pray for Peter in his concern for his mother's condition. Pray that he may continue to have a freshness in his preparation for the frequent opportunities of ministry each week, as well as pastoral care.

Praise the Lord for consistent speaking opportunities for Peter over the last year.

Praise the Lord for some improvement in his mother's health, who is now at home under Peter's care.

#### Stuart Clark (St George)

Praise for the new families we have seen come to church over the past 12 months.

Praise for the answered prayer of having a student pastor join us this year.

Pray: - that we may continue to be outward looking as a church;  
- that we may be able to connect and be like Jesus to those in our communities;  
- for wisdom and strength to lead this church to be the church God calls us to be.



#### Jamil & Jocelyne Choucair (Burwood Arabic)

Praise Points



1. We praise God for the outreach ministry that started in Wetherill Park last year. The Gospel meetings are held in a community

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service hall every Wednesday night and are attended by our TV contacts. The number of unbelievers surpasses the number of believers on many occasions. Many are accepting the Lord.

2. We praise God for broadening the TV ministry and opening new doors and channels for our programs. At the moment our programs are broadcast over Australia, NZ and America.

3. We praise God for the wonderful feedback we are receiving. Many sinners from Christian and Muslim backgrounds have accepted the Lord through our ministry and are attending Christian meetings in Melbourne, Sydney and NZ.

4. We thank the Lord for the helpers, equipment, wisdom and finance that He has sent in time for fulfilling every single need according to His riches in glory. We praise Him because we have seen His miraculous intervention every time we cried out to Him for help. We testify O Lord that YOU ANSWER PRAYERS.

#### Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep us from the enemy's snares.
2. Pray for more helpers that are urgently needed in visitation, transportation and translation.
3. Pray that the Lord would provide a bus for the ministry to help in transportation.
4. Pray for those who have accepted the Lord recently and for those who intend to be baptised.
5. Pray that the Lord would grant us wisdom in caring for the newborn Christians who are from various

cultures and backgrounds; Iraqis, Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syrians, Lebanese, Sudanese, ...

6. Pray that the Lord would bless us health-wise so that we are able to cope with the ministry.

#### Geoff and Liz Folland 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 (extracts)

Liz wrote: "Geoff continues to do well in his studies.

He had a class on Stewardship over the winter inter-session that really challenged his heart and thinking. As

usual he wrote about it, and a good friend of ours in Texas was so challenged by it he used Geoff's thoughts to teach his Sunday school class at his church! It is so amazing how God uses the body of Christ to encourage one another in this modern time we are living in. Blogs and Facebook messages have become opportunities to share the things that He is teaching us."

"His schedule is intense this semester. He is the only student at the Seminary taking 19 hours of study. Please pray for him as he has to present a 20 page paper in mid-February summarizing his doctrinal position and approach to ministry. He then has to defend this paper in April to a panel of faculty at Denver Seminary. Pray that God would give him a clear mind and clear communication."



**MEETINGS FOR MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD (DV)  
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**MARCH SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> 7.00 - 8.00 pm Ministry.**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Ministry after Lord's Supper.**

**4.30 - 5.30 pm Ministry.**

**5.30 - 6.00 pm Tea, coffee, biscuits.**

**6.00 - 7.00 pm Gospel Meeting.**

**7.00 pm Supper.**

**BEXLEY CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY (02 9527 1203)**

**18 Abercorn Street , off Kingsland Road, Bexley.**

**MARCH MON 29<sup>th</sup>, TUES 30<sup>th</sup>, WED 31<sup>st</sup> 7.45pm - 8.45pm**

**EASTER CONFERENCE**

**APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**

**SPEAKERS – MR ROY HILL, MR MATTHEW HILLIER.**

**4.00 - 5.30pm Ministry.**

**5.30 - 6.30pm Refreshments.**

**6.30 - 6.45pm Hymns.**

**6.45 - 8.15pm Ministry.**

**APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY**

**SPEAKERS – MR ROY HILL, MR MATTHEW HILLIER.**

**4.00 - 5.30pm Missionary and Literature Reports.**

**5.30 - 6.30pm Refreshments.**

**6.45 - 7.45pm Gospel Meeting.**

**Believers Hymn books will be used at the Ministry and Report sessions.**

**Visitors are requested to bring their own if they have one.**

**KINGSGROVE Gospel Chapel (Arabic) (02 9642 1527)**

**100 Moorefields Road, Kingsgrove**

**APRIL SAT 3<sup>rd</sup> at the COLLAROY CONVENTION CENTRE**

**Then at the KINGSGROVE GC - Moorefields Road, Kingsgrove**

**APRIL MON 12<sup>th</sup> to THUR 15<sup>th</sup> evenings at 8.00pm.**

**We extend a cordial invitation to all to join us on these occasions.**



# A letter from Camp Toukley

by Aaron Daniell,  
Toukley Operations Manager

Happy New Year from all the Team at Camp Toukley!!

We pray your resolve in 2010 is to seek God more earnestly, proclaim Him more boldly, and exalt Him in all circumstances. Our world needs to know that Jesus is their only hope of salvation and God "has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us". (2 Cor 5:20). May you be encouraged in your resolve for 2010.

Our summer celebrations at Camp Toukley began with hosting 19 families between Christmas and New Year at our annual Family Camp. A fun and relaxing time was had by all and although it was wet we were thankful for the rain and thoughtful of our country folk who depend so much on rain for their crops and livestock. May the words of 2 Chronicles be our motivation to pray for our country's salvation and healing. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land". 2 Chronicles 7:14

On the departure of Family Camp we welcomed in our Primary Camp followed by Teen Camp for their "Summer Madness" program. In this fortnight we saw over 165 kids descend on Toukley with great expectations for a week of fun, friends and great memories. Little did they know that the volunteer team of leaders led by



Sean and Jeanette Nolan (Primary) and Stuart and Tara Waller (Teen) have been committing each child in prayer for months. The Good News of Jesus Christ was presented to the campers both through the Word and in loving service and we have no doubt that we will be seeing many campers in Eternity due to the seeds that were sown. One of our directors had a glimpse of how the Gospel changes lives for eternity when travelling on a bus to an outing. She felt a tap on her shoulder from a boy sitting behind her. No sooner did she turn around than the boy exclaimed "Jeanette - Jesus loves me". With tears in her eyes Jeanette was praising God for this child's revelation. Again and again we see God reveal himself at Camp to the lost.

Camp provides a unique opportunity for young leaders to develop and exercise their gifts. It is a privilege watching people grow in their faith as



they undergo refinement in the areas of; loving unconditionally, extending grace, giving, forgiving, patience, service and evangelism to mention just a few. "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For He says, "In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation" 2 Corinthians 6. God's salvation is available for all people. Who can you share the gospel with today?

As our January holiday outreach camps draw to a close ushering in a new year of opportunities to present the Good News of Jesus Christ, I am thankful for God's unfailing goodness and provision in all things. This year we will host over 10,000 guests and

our conviction remains to actively have each guest leaving Toukley influenced toward our Lord and Saviour – Jesus Christ.

Your on-going prayers for the ministry of Toukley are sincerely appreciated. This year Toukley will no doubt see refining improvements, the arrival and departure of Godly workers and endure times of great blessing and trial. However, one thing remains constant throughout all generations, one thing is certain – Jesus is our only hope of salvation and God "has committed to us the message of reconciliation" for all people.

Until His return may we continue to persevere in seeking God more earnestly, proclaiming Him more boldly and exalting Him in all circumstances. □



Men's Conference flyer (see also overleaf)



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Christmas gifts	22,638	15,055
from NSWAEM	2,700	2,600
from other sources	31	52
	\$27,744	\$20,574
<b>Dec:</b> from Assemblies	1,635	3,617
Christmas Gifts	18,594	21,512
from NSWAEM	2,700	2,600
from other sources	40	29
	\$22,969	\$27,758
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$125,950</b>	<b>\$119,851</b>

The funds (in 2009), except for special designated gifts, have been divided between 17 workers and their families.

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## Bill Newman

Rev. Dr. Bill Newman PhD is a distinguished Australian speaker who regularly addresses audiences of thousands internationally. He has been heard on more than 100 radio stations across Australia and has produced many special TV programs. He is the author of a number of best-selling books which have been published in several different languages.

Bill has an earned doctorate in the subject of Leadership. His book "The Ten Laws of Leadership" is an international best seller with over 100,000 copies in print, translated into a number of foreign languages.

Bill has become a highly respected national statesman. He is honoured with endorsements from Prime Ministers, Government Leaders and Civic Authorities for his positive contribution to society.

A family man, Bill Newman and his wife Dorothy live in Queensland, Australia, with their two sons.

## Sean Nolan

Sean Nolan is an ordained minister of Glorious Hope Baptist Church in western Sydney, which reaches out to some of the most marginalized members of the community. Sean grew up in Brethren and Baptist churches and completed his studies in Theology at Emmaus Bible College.

Sean Nolan is a published author. His first book, "To Those Who Suffer", is being released across North America on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2010. Sean also works as a Christian political consultant and has spoken at Federal & State Parliaments. Sean enjoys rugby, cricket and sci-fi and has a passion for people in pain.

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**See you at Toukley Men's Conference 2010.**

*The Toukley Men's Conference Team*



# Christmas Day 2009 at Port Botany

by Rob Flinders, Port Missionary

As you probably know, seafarers are separated from their families for 8 or 9 months every year, sometimes longer. On Christmas Day it is especially hard for them to be away from their wives, children and other family members. Because of this, Greta and I, together with some of our Christian brothers and sisters, visit seafarers onboard some of the ships that are in Port Botany on Christmas morning. We do this to demonstrate Christian love and to show the seafarers they are not forgotten. Each seafarer we visit receives a gift-wrapped shoe box containing Christmas presents. It is also an opportunity for us to place Bibles and Scripture portions into the hands of seafarers who might not otherwise receive them.

On Christmas Day 2009 we visited a ship called **mv Empress Phoenix** and another called **mv MSC Nederland**. Previously, on Christmas Eve, I visited the captains of both ships to

ask permission to visit the ships on Christmas morning. I explained that, if possible, we would like the crew to come together for about 30 minutes so that we could sing a few carols for them, read the Bible and then distribute gifts. Both captains agreed.



**Empress Phoenix** has an all-Chinese crew of 27 men. When all the crew were gathered together we sang two carols and then I asked the third officer to read out aloud to the crew the account of Jesus' birth from the gospel of Luke. In the photograph above you can see him reading from the Chinese >







Bible I provided. The man standing on his right is the ship's captain.

After the Bible reading we sang 'Amazing Grace' and we gave each man a shoe box containing various gifts. In the other two photographs you can see the men opening their presents.



in Luke 2. The Chief Officer did this using a Russian Bible I provided.

Then, as on the first ship, we sang 'Amazing Grace' and gave each man a shoe box of gifts.

In the photographs taken onboard this ship you can see me interacting with the Ship's Captain (above) and also the Russian seafarers (below) opening their gifts.



**MSC Nederland** has an all-Russian crew of 24 men. Again, when all the crew were gathered together, we sang two carols. After this I asked the Chief Officer to read the account of the angel's announcement to the shepherds of the birth of a 'Saviour who is Christ the Lord,' as recorded



Along with various gifts, each shoe box contained a Bible Gems Calendar and a small book, written in Easy English, entitled 'The Meaning of Christmas and Easter.' This book provides a condensed overview of the message of the Bible with particular emphasis on the fact that Jesus Christ >20

is 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.'

Onboard both ships we were also able to provide some of the crew members with Bibles in their own language – Mandarin for those onboard Empress Phoenix and Russian for those onboard MSC Nederland. Copies of the booklet, 'Ultimate Questions' - in Mandarin and Russian – were also made available to crew members. This booklet provides a comprehensive and extended explanation of the gospel in a visually attractive format.

On Christmas afternoon, I felt I should visit a chemical tanker called **mv Pro Jade**. The crew onboard consists of 11 Koreans and 9 Filipinos. As a result of some hard work on Greta's part, I was able to take a small gift for each crew member onboard this ship. I also distributed calendars and copies of the booklet, 'The Meaning of Christmas and Easter.'

Whilst onboard, the Korean Captain invited me into his office and introduced me to his wife. It was then I discovered that the Captain and his wife are both born again. I sensed that the Captain was thankful for my visit

and for the opportunity to fellowship with another brother in Christ on this special day, albeit very briefly.

Later, when I inquired of the Captain if there was anyway I could help him, he asked if I could provide some Bibles for placement in the ship's library. One hour later, after collecting the Bibles from home, I returned to the ship and had the joy of giving the Captain the English Bibles he had requested, together with some Tagalog and Cebuano Bibles for use by the Filipino members of his crew.

Overall it was a busy day! Nonetheless, we were thankful for the opportunity to make the Word of God and Scripture portions available to men from four different countries, working onboard three different ships.

Rob & Greta Flinders

*[This was a personal letter to the Editor to help explain more of the work Rob does for the Lord at Port Botany via the Seamen's Christian Friend Society (SCFS). I felt it is so helpful that I sought his permission to share it with all our readers. – Ed]*



The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong. Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken longings for what God will someday bring to pass.

– Philip Yancey

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# A testimony to God's Grace

by Lily Song

*"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you."  
(John 15:16)*

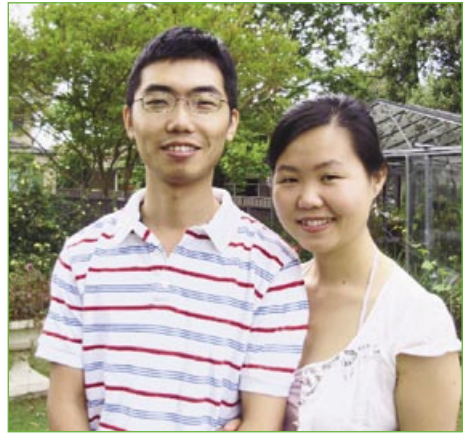
Dear brothers & sisters,

I would like to praise the Lord for giving me this opportunity to share my testimony with you. From an unbeliever to a Christian, it is a challenge and huge change for me and my whole family. Both my husband and I feel so blessed to be Christians because God shows His great mercy to us and goes through all the difficulties with us.

Back in 2003, I was having my university study in Guilin, China. One day my professor asked me whether I could teach an American family some Chinese. I was so cheerful because the pay was good and I could practice my English as well. The only thing that worried me was I wasn't quite sure what Chinese material to be used. Before asking the American couple on what material I want to use, this couple said: "don't worry; we have our own Chinese material for you to teach."

I looked at all these handouts, without knowing what they were. Then I started my Chinese teaching a few days later. I still remember the first sentence I taught. It was: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

I had no idea of what was that about at that time. I spent some lovely time



with the three kids and their parents. They went back to the United States later on. I started to work after I graduated from the university and came to Australia in 2007. I nearly forgot this Chinese teaching experience until August 2007.

I was studying in Macquarie University with Lisa who later introduced me to Eastwood Christian Fellowship, which used to be called Eastwood Gospel Chapel. I joined the Friday English and Bible study group which was organised by Lillian Fleming and Hilton Dupen. I knew little about religion though my grandmother was a Muslim, so Christianity was completely new to me. "Let's make some friends in the church and practice my English there", I thought. The first time I opened the Bible the first sentence I read was >24



from John 3:16, "God so loved the world..."

It reminded me of my Chinese teaching in 2003. I suddenly realized that God was trying to deliver a certain message to me a few years ago even when I didn't know Him. Praise the Lord! It says in the scripture (Rev 3:20), "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me.*"

I am sure my professor and the American family have been praying for me earnestly. I have been learning God's words and was baptized in March 2008. I called my professor, telling him I became a Christian and I was so thankful that God sent His message to me through him. He said, "Praise the Lord! I am very proud of you!"

Later on I married my husband Jovi, who also became a Christian a few months after our marriage. Before Jovi became a Christian, he wasn't very impressed about the Bible and the church because, in his opinion, God only represents spiritual things. He wasn't a powerful God. But all the brothers and sisters in our church have been praying for him. One day, as we both believe on that day, God gave Jovi a chance to see His great power and put his trust in Him. We got a notice from the landlord telling us to move out in two months. It was extremely hard for us to find a place to move in at that time. We tried many

times and we couldn't find any place. I didn't have a job as a new graduate. We needed some financial support from our parents to take another unit so Jovi's father sent some money from China to him. Unexpectedly, our money had been transferred to another account due to the bank's problem and we had to wait for weeks until this problem was sort out. We had no place to live then. We worried so much and didn't know what to do. Jovi was very upset. I tried to comfort him and asked him to pray to the Lord. He started to pray, "God I don't even know whether you exist or not. I am still wondering

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*• We had no place to live •*

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but I would like to put my trust in you this time. Please show us your great mercy and help us to go through

all this difficulties." Amazingly, the next day we got a call from the bank, telling us the money was back to our account. Our new home was settled and I found a job on the same day. We believe they were given by God. Jovi became a Christian and started to learn God's word after that.

The way of following the Lord is not always laughter. It's a path of thorns and roses. But the most important thing I have learned through the tough stories is to put all our trust in the Lord.

In 2009, my mum's younger sister was found to have cancer. She had her first operation in May but the tumours had spread to her kidney in September very quickly. I couldn't believe it was ➤


true. She was so healthy when I left home. I grew up with my auntie and she was just like my mother. I couldn't accept the fact. I kept crying from day to night, hopelessly. I told the elders in our church about my auntie's suffering and my affliction. The whole church was praying for me and my family. I thought I should do something for auntie because I hope God will look after her even though she wouldn't stay in this world. Auntie was not a Christian, how can I tell her about God? I decided to send a song to her. I chose "Amazing Grace" and sent it to my brother so that he could play it to her and I explained the basic knowledge about God the trinity and the heaven to mum. I prayed that God can open auntie's heart through my mother. Mum promised me she would deliver the message to auntie. While mum was telling auntie all about God, I knelt down before God, praying that He would take auntie's sufferings and burdens away.

The next day, mum told me the whole story. "Amazing Grace" was played and the whole family accompanied her and prayed for her. Auntie cried when she heard "Amazing Grace". She put her hands on her heart gratefully, saying praise the Lord. Every one in the room heard the message and cried. The next day she passed away. But I know she is with God in peace. I believe that God had opened auntie's eyes and He will look after her for us because our Lord Jesus says in the scripture, "... *blessed*

*are those who have not seen and yet have believed"*. (John 20:29)

We are chosen by God and become His children not by chance. He sent Jesus to die for our sins and yet we have eternal life through His death. Also, I have a peaceful and blessed life as a Christian. I pray to our dear heavenly Father to send more people to us, so we can deliver His message to them through us. Please use us, Lord! We would like to serve you and glorify you. Brothers and sisters, please pray for us to reach more young people and help them to know more about the Lord. Pray for us to be mature in God's kingdom and that wisdom will be granted to those who teach the scriptures. Thank you.

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by the team from  
West Pennant Hills

The team of up to six people hires a stall at Parklea Markets once a month to be a witness for the Lord and to distribute Christian literature. The following are brief notes about what they experienced on 5<sup>th</sup> December last year.

- Our next-door stall holder allowed us to display the “Jesus all about Life” banner at the back of their stand.
- A church-going lady took a Daily Bread Christmas edition, a Jesus DVD and an Emmaus free introductory course application.
- A fellow stall holder took a Jesus DVD for Farsi friends.
- A Jehovah’s Witness person questioned our theology and challenged our faith.
- A Dutch couple stopped to chat and shared our common interest in

God’s interest in Jewish people from a Christian viewpoint, including what the Bible had to say about them. They took several tracts with them.

- Two young Hillsong ladies, who attend local Catholic High Schools, took a selection of material from the stand, including introductory free Emmaus course applications for “What the Bible Teaches”.

They had also received two lovely Scripture plaques from Ron Kerslake’s stall, which operates during the summer months at Parklea markets, as we take a break until March 2010. Please pray for Ron as he and a helper operate over Saturday and Sunday, each weekend. □

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## A teenage rebellion against Low Expectations

This book 'Do Hard Things' was first published by Random House Inc in April 2008 and was written by Americans Alex and Brett Harris. Now they have a another book soon to be released called "Start Here".

The publisher declared "Written when they were 18 years old, "Do Hard Things" is the Harris twins' revolutionary message in its purest and most compelling form, giving readers a tangible glimpse of what is possible for teens who actively resist cultural lies that limit their potential."

One reviewer wrote "This book is a battle cry for young people all around the world to step up to the plate and do hard things. It's written in a conversational style, complete with witty analogies and real-life examples to keep your attention. The book that adults didn't know teenagers wanted, will inspire your young adult to strive for better things and make a difference in their world. I bought it, read it, and haven't stopped recommending and loaning it to people. Every parent, teen, pre-teen, pastor, and youth pastor needs a copy!"

Another wrote "This is one of the best 'motivational' books I've ever read, that encourages teens to rebel against the low expectations of our culture! Whether you're a teen, a parent, teen worker, or just anyone who encounters teens at all - read this book! You will not regret it."

The book was written several years after the twins launched their Internet

blog in August, 2005 and then the [www.therebellion.com](http://www.therebellion.com) website a year later (which has received over 14 million hits). Just three weeks after the blog was launched, it was featured in a column in the New York Daily News, the sixth-largest U.S. daily newspaper. "Think big! HS Twins Tell Peers" read the headline. The column opened with the words, "Most high schoolers' blogs are the online equivalent of perfumed diaries or locker room walls—outlets for teens to gossip, confess, and network with their pals. But a pair of 16-year-old home-schooled twins from Oregon are out to change that."

Their father, Gregg Harris, a pioneer of the Christian home-schooling movement, knows something about how to raise "real-life rebelationaries."

A few weeks ago he spoke to hundreds of people in Anaheim at the first of 10 "Raising Kids to Do Hard Things" conferences. At the seminar, Harris offered the simple approach he and his wife have taken in raising Alex and Brett Harris.

Their parenting strategy – based on Psalm 112: 1-4 – teaches parents to create a home environment that encourages youth to "do hard things for the glory of God and for the good of others" and to become "mighty in the land." "If your parents delight in God's commandments, you may become mighty in the land because you will get the benefit of walking with the wise and they will make you wise at an earlier age," Harris told hundreds >28

of parents and teens gathered at the Marriott Anaheim. "By being wise at an earlier age, you won't waste so much of your time, and rather than running away from challenges, you'll begin to do hard things because they are good, right and are virtues."

Tragically, we live at a time where people seem to expect very little of teenagers. If our teenagers manage to avoid dangerous drugs, manage to avoid pregnancy and manage to avoid completely derailing their lives, we consider these years a success. We maintain low expectations and are not surprised when teenagers deliver very little.

'Do Hard Things' is a book for teens—but a distinctly different kind of book for teens. In your local bookstore you'll find many cheap, throwaway books for teens, because young people today aren't supposed to care about books, or to see any reason to keep them around.

But this book is a challenging book, and one written by teens for teens. It's message is simple but far too often overlooked in society today: **rebel against low expectations**. The authors reveal a vision of a better way of doing the teen years, rather than how so many teens have been "conditioned to believe what is false, to stop when things feel hard, and to miss out on God's incredible purpose for [the] teen years."

They look at 5 kinds of hard things that can challenge the expectations of those around them: things that are

outside of your comfort zone; things that are beyond what is expected or required; things that are too big to accomplish alone; things that don't earn an immediate pay off; and things that challenge the cultural norm. They describe each of these through stories and examples drawn primarily from their lives and from the lives of other "rebelutionaries" who have shared their stories with the authors.

Another reviewer wrote "there is something inspiring in watching teens shake off the low expectations that plague them and there's something in it that makes me want to examine where I may also have fallen prey to low expectations." Writing as the proud older brother of these authors, Joshua Harris says truly that "Every former teen needs this book, too. I know I do. There's no age-limit on the Rebelution. It's never too late to do hard things."

In this book Alex and Brett Harris rebel against low expectations and encourage their peers to meet the challenge of doing tough things for God's sake and for God's glory.

Readers have expressed the wish that they had read this book when in their teens, and pleasure that their children will have the opportunity.

I pray it will stir them and stir a whole generation of young people, to use their teen years to do the hard things God calls them to do. And I pray that the teen years are only the beginning, only the foundation, of lives fully lived to the glory of God. □





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

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

They are also 'live' links in the PDF version of this magazine which can be purchased cheaply. Sixteen (16) previous issues in PDF format are stored on the web site for anybody to read – **December 2009** is the most recent:-

[www.cb-nsw.org.au/aem/Mag/previous.html](http://www.cb-nsw.org.au/aem/Mag/previous.html)

We've mentioned the **Max7** website several times here, and it continues to grow in scope and content. A recent email from Jane Dixon on the Logosdor staff says:-

"Try using the 7ways Leader's Guide (in Arabic, English, French-African, Russian and Portuguese):

<http://www.max7.org/resource.aspx?id=2d5d0b96-8794-4ddc-93a8-5e36a513c4d3&division=True>

as a basic training resource for you and your teachers and leaders this year. Here's how it changed one teacher...

*I used to teach children without teaching aids. I was the one speaking from the starting point to the end, I only invited Children to speak when they say a Sinners prayer. Now I learnt that, we can discuss the lesson, use the objects while teaching, go outside and change the venue and the learning area several times and allow the Children to share their ideas about the lesson context. Personally the Max7 workshop helped me and shaped to the maximum.*

*Now my Children love me teaching..."*  
Teacher L (Morogoro, Tanzania)

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and The Cross 2 (part 2)

<http://www.max7.org/resource.aspx?id=624315a9-0755-4c65-aab3-28553afad9a0>

are parts 1 and 2 of two animations that explain how sin entered the world and how to escape the consequences of sin by trusting in Jesus. Click and drag the file into an open web browser page to watch it.

"Have you written or produced resources for Easter; songs, scripts, videos, PowerPoint presentations or lessons? Then please follow the guide from the green UPLOAD RESOURCES on the Max7 Home Page:-

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[jane@logosdor.com](mailto:jane@logosdor.com)

"Have you downloaded Max7 resources and found them helpful? Let us know. Have you produced resources for children's or youth Ministry that you are able to share? Click on SHARE YOUR RESOURCES and follow the prompts!

"Browse around the site and have a great day."

**Internet Evangelism Day (IED)** is nearly upon us again – April 25<sup>th</sup> is worldwide web focus day for churches. I wonder if anyone in the NSW Assemblies has used it as a focus for web evangelism in previous years?

"The last 15 years have changed our world for ever," claims Tony Whittaker, co-ordinator of Internet Evangelism Day. "Digital media are transforming the way we communicate, behave and even think. If Facebook was a country, it would have the fourth largest population in the world."

Internet Evangelism Day is a strategic resource to help the worldwide church understand these issues and use the Web to share the good news. It is both a year-round online guide and an annual focus day.

Churches are encouraged to use Internet Evangelism Day resources to create a presentation for their members on or near that Sunday (or at any other time they choose). The IED site offers

free downloads: PowerPoint, video clips, handouts, drama scripts, music and posters. These enable any church (or homegroup, college, or conference) to build a customized program, lasting from five minutes to fifty.

2010's focus day will be the sixth to be used by churches around the world since the initiative's launch in 2005. Over this period, digital media have developed dramatically – with the advent of YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, and the growing use of mobile phones to access online services. The outreach opportunities have multiplied too.

IED Day's website is also a one-stop resource covering many subjects, including – how to build a church website that is 'outsider friendly', using Twitter in evangelism, and blogging. Perhaps surprisingly, you do not need to be technical to share your faith online. And you can volunteer to be an email mentor to inquirers with several large online outreach ministries.

IED is an initiative of the *Internet Evangelism Coalition*, based at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton. It is supported by a wide range of leaders and groups. "I am glad to commend Internet Evangelism Day," says John Stott.

For more help, visit the website:  
[www.InternetEvangelismDay.com](http://www.InternetEvangelismDay.com)



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- To plan, initiate and support the expansion of Evangelism and Church Growth, primarily among Christian Brethren Assemblies.
- 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.
- To generate funds, through the Book Service and other means, toward the support of NSW Home Workers.
- To provide appropriate teaching for Christians.

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