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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this February issue of the *NSW Assemblies Outreach* magazine.

I have been struck in recent weeks, whilst reading and compiling the material sent to me, we have so much to be thankful for!

It came though powerfully at Christmas time when, as the apostle John puts it, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." (John 1:14a) NIV.

Jesus Christ - here, on earth! Wow!

Today, the Word of God comes to us in several forms. Bible-centred preaching, Scripture readings, Christian songs, study groups, and devotional articles bring us the truths of God from Scripture. But we must not overlook the value of personal Bible reading and study.

The Holy Spirit comes alongside the Word of God to teach, convict, empower, instruct, and purify us. The results are understanding, repentance, renewal and growth in Jesus our Lord.

The theologian Philip Spencer wrote:- "The more at home the Word of God is among us, the more we will bring about faith and its fruits".

Let us pray with the psalmist such things as:-

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."

Psalm 119:18 NIV

so that we might allow the Christ within us to express Himself in and through us.

Read and study Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7, for example, where Jesus teaches much and shows us He has come to fulfil the Law and establish the principles of the new covenant, which frees us from the burden of the law.

Be "...amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law " and **be VERY thankful.** □

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

If you attend a NSW assembly, or you work with any associated Christian Brethren ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section

so we can inform and encourage people in all our assemblies and churches. Short items (even if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to the Mission office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or better still, e-mailed to:

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

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

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Many readers in NSW will probably know someone from the Perrett family – but you may not know that Harold John Perrett (an Elder at Orange Christian Assembly) died peacefully in Orange Hospital on 22nd January. He was in his 93rd year and is now with the Lord for ever. He will be greatly missed by his remaining sister, his 5 children and their spouses, his 12 grandchildren and his 6 great-grandchildren. Harold's funeral service was held on 28th January in The Penhall Memorial Chapel, and then at the Orange Lawn Cemetery.

Another dear brother – Peter Mayhew, an elder at Green Valley assembly, died suddenly – early on Sunday, 8th February. Family and friends were invited to celebrate the life of Peter on 13th February at the

Cartwright Gospel Chapel with his wife, Sue and their children, Rebecca, Rachel, Jane and families.

Rejoice with them in the knowledge that Peter is in the presence of the Lord he loved. He is 'away from the body and at home with the Lord.' 2 Corinthians 5:8.

And may the rest of us uphold both sets of families and friends in prayer in the coming weeks as they come to terms with their losses. May they be confident in the clear messages of Scripture - such as Philippians 4:6,7 —

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

* * *

Whilst talking about upholding folk in prayer, we must mention two well-known brothers. The first is Bill Archbold, from Oatley Assembly, an itinerant evangelist and Bible teacher, who has been active in our midst for many years. Bill experienced chest pain one Sunday morning whilst preaching at Waitara Gospel Chapel, in September last year. Subsequent tests showed a narrowing of an artery near his heart and a small blood clot. These are being treated without surgery at present but Bill would welcome our prayers for the situation. He will probably reduce his speaking engagements this year and try to rest more. ➤

The second brother to pray for is Charles Williams, who attends Campsie Community Church and is chairman of the NSW AEM organisation, also known as "Outreach". He was diagnosed in December as having Motor Neurone Disease, a very serious condition, with no known cure at present - except a miracle by the grace of God. Please pray too for his wife Judy and their family.

Meetings & Events

(Note: for the **latest details** please be sure to check at these websites:-

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

www.ccaustnsw.com/events

2015:

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| 9 Mar | Women's Coffee & Dessert Evening at West Pennant Hills CC; 7.30pm. | 7 May | NSW Coordinating Conference ; 7.30pm; Cartwright Gospel Chapel. |
| 10 Mar | Women's Coffee & Dessert Evening at President Avenue CC; Kirrawee; 7.30pm. | 9 May | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 14 Mar | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. | 16 May | "And God Said ..." Bible Conference - at Lithgow Bible Church. Subject is "The Resurrection" |
| 14 Mar | 'Pathfinders' at West Pennant Hills CC, 7pm. | 12-14 Jun | Marriage Enrichment Retreat#1 at Camp Kedron. On-line rego from March. ph: 9450 1296. |
| 21 Mar | "And God Said ..." Bible Conference - now 16 May . | 13 Jun | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 27,28 Mar | Build 2015, Men's Conference at Camp Toukley. | 19-21 Jun | Marriage Enrichment Retreat#2 at Camp Kedron. On-line rego from March. ph: 9450 1296. |
| 11 Apr | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. | 20 Jun | "And God Said ..." Bible Conference ; venue TBA. |
| 24 Apr | Pastors, elders - Network Day ; at Emmaus College. | 11 Jul | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| | | 6 Aug | NSW Coordinating Conference ; 7.30pm; City Light church., Balmain. |
| | | 8 Aug | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| | | 29 Aug | "And God Said ..." Bible Conference; venue TBA. |
| | | Aug or Sep: | Women's Conference - details to be advised. |
| | | 12 Sep | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. □ |

Prayer & Praise requests from NSW Assemblies

Please take some time-out to pray for our churches and the work of God in our nation.

compiled by Brad Scott

General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Church leaders that they will be open to the Spirit's leading as they lead our churches.
- ☆ Pray for our Government officials, that they will honour God by the decisions that are made. We have an election coming up so let's pray for our State as they choose our leaders.
- ☆ Pray for SRE (Scripture) in NSW schools as it is about to be reviewed by our Politicians.
- ☆ Pray for our pastors and leaders as we consider the 'Pregnant Church' concept.
- ☆ Pray for the speakers (Brad Carr & Chris Thomas) at the Build 2015 Conference. Visit cccaustnsw.com/BUILD2015 for more information.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para-church ministries as they lead and provide vision for these ministries, Lutanda, Stewards Foundation, Emmaus Bible College, CBCS, GLO, CMS, AEM, and ACM.
- ☆ Pray that we as churches might be balanced in serving our Lord. In the Word, obedient to the Spirit and acting in mercy to those around us.
- ☆ Pray for Grace Point Minchin-bury as they look to buy a property and for the team that supports them in this process.

This is becoming critical because they need to vacate the existing premises.

- ☆ Praise God for the DA approval to redevelop the Burwood Gospel Chapel site.

Christian Community Church Cambridge Park



Praise God for:

- ☆ the SRE (Scripture) lessons that started this week and for the number of young people from the church involved in telling High School students about Jesus.
- ☆ the youth church camp that was run over the Australia Day weekend. We had a stack of new kids from the community at the camp.

Pray for:

- ☆ God's direction as the church looks for and appoints a new Pastor.
- ☆ God's direction as the church seeks His will in their plans for 2015.



City Light Church, Balmain



Praise God for:

- ☆ the continued growth experienced by the church. The Christmas services introduced us to 30 newcomers.

- ☆ the people God has brought to us and the passion they have to see people come to know Jesus.

Pray for:

- ☆ the church as they struggle to understand how best to move forward in regard to property. We seek God’s wisdom on how to provide for our future as we have outgrown the capacity of the existing building.
- ☆ the 10 to 15 non-Christians who will be doing Christianity Explored in 2 weeks time. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict them and that they will choose to become disciples of Jesus.



And *God* Said...
BIBLE CONFERENCE

hosted by
Lithgow Bible Church

NOTICE: CHANGE OF DATE!

“THE RESURRECTION!”

Date: ~~Sat 21st March 2015~~
Sat 16th of May

Time: 10am-4.30pm
Venue: Lithgow Bible Church
2 Col Drews Drive, South Bowenfels 2790
(Opposite Lithgow Hospital, Great Western Highway)

Sessions:
 “Resurrection” - Fact or Myth?
 What’s so important about Jesus’ resurrection?
 What will my resurrection body be like?
 Living in the power of His resurrection!

- Kevin Rosolen
 - Andrew Wilson
 - Bruce Buckley
 - Phil Gummerson

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The Passing Years

O Lord my God, the years have passed,
Your love sustains and holds me fast,
Such love you showed on Calvary's tree,
From death's demands to set me free.

O Lord my God, show me the way,
I need your help from day to day,
Give me the strength to persevere,
To fight the fight and know no fear.

O Lord my God, help me to pray,
To trust in you though come what may,
To know the riches of your grace,
With steadfast hope to run the race.

O Lord my God, how great your care,
Unfailing, gracious, always there,
May I reflect your righteousness
Through kindness, love and gentleness.

O Lord my God, when home-call nears,
Where life with you will know no tears,
Grant me your peace and courage strong
To journey home with praise and song.

Tune: O waly waly.

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The Apostle John has a delightful ability to get his teaching across to us by means of biographical snippets. Over the next few issues we will think about what he teaches regarding the events after the Lord was crucified. What do we learn from the people who were involved?

1. Joseph of Arimathea (John 19:38 to 42)

Two men were closely involved in the burial of the Lord Jesus. We are told that one, Joseph of Arimathea, was a secret disciple; we know more about the other, Nicodemus, the teacher of Israel. However, there are some interesting and instructive facts that are not immediately obvious.

Joseph was a secret disciple of the Lord Jesus and, to some extent, so was Nicodemus. Joseph is mentioned in each of the four Gospels, though none of the evangelists give us a full picture of him. Matthew tells us that he was a rich man and that he had a new tomb that had been cut out of the rock. Luke reminds us that no one had ever been laid in that tomb. Mark says that he was a prominent member of the Sanhedrin who was waiting for the kingdom of God. Luke adds that he had not agreed to the decision of the Sanhedrin to put Jesus to death. Each of the evangelists tells us that Joseph went to Pilate to ask for the Lord's body, Mark emphasising that this required courage. We can well imagine why courage was needed. To ask for the body of Jesus of Nazareth, meant that Joseph was aligning himself with a man whom Pilate had, only that morning,

condemned to death as a possible rival to Caesar. Pilate's willingness to give the body to Joseph may indicate that he was unhappy with the Jewish leaders' insistence earlier that morning that Jesus be crucified.

In John 3, Nicodemus visited the Lord Jesus at night. Whether this was because he was afraid to go during the day, or because either the Lord Jesus, or he, was too busy during the day, we are not told. We see him emerging from the shadows in John 7:50-52. The chief priests and most Pharisees were ready to condemn Jesus but Nicodemus asked if the Law condemned anyone before his case was heard. Though his fellow Pharisees were very sharp in their reply that no prophet ever came from Galilee (had they forgotten about Jonah?) he could still continue his life as a secret admirer of the Lord Jesus. We are not given the reason why he didn't take a more definite stand as a disciple of the Lord Jesus. However, it is specifically stated of Joseph that he was afraid of the Jews.

Their actions in burying the body of the Lord Jesus forced both men to be public about their faith. If they were providing a decent burial for the Lord ➤

Jesus, there was no way that they could perform their duties secretly. At least the women who were at the cross of Jesus knew what the two men were doing; the news would soon spread from one source or another. That the religious leaders soon knew what had happened to the body of the Lord Jesus is seen in their request to Pilate that a guard be set over the tomb so that the disciples could not come and steal the body and then spread the story that the Lord had been raised from the dead.

But even if none of the religious leaders knew what Joseph and Nicodemus were doing, the information could not be kept secret. Touching a dead body made them ceremonially unclean. That immediately barred them from participating in the Passover. This was news that would soon spread. The death of the Lord Jesus and the actions that they took to provide a decent burial for Him meant that they were no longer secret disciples.

These two men had to act quickly. The religious leaders had asked that the legs of the crucified men be broken to hasten their deaths so that the bodies would not be left hanging on crosses on the Sabbath. It is very unlikely that the Pharisees would be involved in any physical action, but they would encourage Pilate to act quickly. So there was no time for Joseph and Nicodemus to waste. Contact had to be made with Pilate and, once that was done, the pressure was released a little. But there were other things to do. Burial cloths were needed and so

were spices. It seems that Nicodemus made this his responsibility. He came with about 30kg of spices (not a light load) that he could use in preparing the Lord's body for burial.¹

The spices were a mixture of myrrh and aloes. Myrrh came from a tree found in Arabia and aloes from the leaves of a member of the lily family. When used together they counteracted the smell of the decaying body. Since these perfumes were imported, they were expensive. The quantity that Nicodemus used indicates his devotion for the Lord Jesus.

In his actions, Joseph was unwittingly, yet lovingly, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy that men planned the burial of the Lord Jesus with wicked men, but He was with the rich man in His death. Men would have disposed of the body of the Lord along with the bodies of the two criminals that had been crucified the same day, but God was taking care to ensure that the Lord's body did not see corruption.

There are many lessons for us. We have examples of men who were prepared to be public in their faith. Are we willing to let others know that we follow the Lord Jesus? If our faith is genuine we can expect that a time will come when we must be prepared to say we follow Him. Are we willing for that?

1. Some translations give 100 pounds of spices. It may therefore appear that 30kg, or possibly 35kg, is an understatement of 100 pounds. However, the measurement that John uses is apparently in Roman pounds and was the equivalent of 75 pounds avoirdupois, the figure that is given in the NIV translation. □

News from some Commended Workers

Bruce & Helen Buckley
8 Lugarno Ave.
Leumeah 2560
27 November 2014



Dear Charles,
 It was a pleasant surprise to receive the cheque (from AEM) the other day. We are very appreciative of the gift and would ask you to pass our thanks to the appropriate donors.

Helen and I have just completed some of our Scripture classes for this year. We had a great Christmas Assembly in one of our schools which was well attended and appreciated. It is still a valuable opportunity to teach lots of children each week even though there can be some resistance to it at times as well. We still keep praying that God will provide the support and freedom to continue this good work for the sake of the Gospel.

We value your prayers too. It is vital in this sort of ministry, as the spiritual battle is real at times.

With our thanks and Christian love.

Greg & Sarah Clark
7 Katoa Close
North Narrabeen 2101
4 December 2014



Dear Mr Williams,

A quick note to thank the Assemblies Evangelistic Mission so much for the kind gift sent to me in the post. It was totally unexpected and an encouraging surprise.

We have had a very busy year again highlighted with the incredible response to our Holiday Camps. We are now taking over 100 children and young people each School Holidays, and we still have waiting lists. Our last High School camp in October had 97 teens and we had a waiting list of half a dozen.

We are thrilled that God is drawing many young people to camp where they hear the Gospel clearly presented and are given an opportunity to respond. 50% of the children attending the camps are from non-churched backgrounds, so it is a harvest field that God blesses.

We are also so encouraged by the number of former campers who are now serving as Leaders. Please pray for our 3 camps in January; Leadership from 4th to 9th; Primary 11th to 16th; and High School 18th to 23rd.

Once again many thanks for your kind and thoughtful gift.

Doug & Jenny McNaught
46 Barnetts Road
Winston Hills 2153
30 January 2015



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Thank you for your support, fellowship, prayers and care over the last few months. We always appreciate whatever you do for us and look forward to our times of fellowship together.

We have had quite a busy time over the last month with visits to Elouera Gardens and the Central Coast involving every Sunday.



Jenny has been very busy helping and encouraging people in our local community. She has a significant involvement with one of the older ladies who lives close by. She has helped with the day to day issues that face people as they grow older and some other issues as well.

I have produced a video for YouTube showing that any conclusion made by any theoretical scientist required great faith. Modern reporting of such issues requires a certainty that is just not possible within the context of scientific method. As a mathematician this has been my field for many years. So often we see television programs and published articles saying that certain "facts" have been proved beyond doubt. However, the methods used require considerable faith, especially as we are considering chaotic systems. Please pray about this video that it will be used to the glory of God.

Football training has started for another year. There are new players, officials and coaches to get to know, as well as the regulars from the last few years. Please pray that I will be an effective witness to the truth of the resurrected and glorified Lord Jesus Christ.

Our calendar is starting to fill up again for another year. We expect to be quite busy throughout the year. I have been invited, in the will of the Lord, to attend a conference for army chaplains in the middle of the year and would appreciate your prayers for this as well.

Thanks agains for your care, fellowship, support and prayers. We look forward to seeing you as the year unfolds and renewing our fellowship again.

Geoff & Liz Folland
4 Oronga Avenue
Baulkham Hills, 2153
6 February 2015 (extracts)

On Monday I drove, with Erik, up the Central Coast to join our summer project for a few days. It had been running for a week but I've been traveling so much I limited myself to a 3 day visit - just while Erik was doing some staff development with the dozen missionaries on the project.

The first week of the project was led by missionaries: Nick (Newcastle Team Leader), Blake (Macquarie) & Mel (Sydney Uni). This second week is led by students coached by the missionaries.

Tuesday was also "Taste & See" - an opportunity for students who didn't sign up for project to visit & experience a little of what it is like. 17 visitors joined the 30+ project students for a day of training in outreach in the shops & on the beach.

I wanted to see if any new Sydney Uni students visited. I met Tyler - who leads a young adult Bible study at his large church. I asked why he'd come & he said one of our student leaders from Macquarie had been talking about the evangelism. He said his church is great at Bible study but that he hadn't seen personal evangelism done & he wanted to experience it.

The students fervently prayed to see people come to Christ. During the first whole week the team had shared the gospel with many people but none were ready to respond immediately. On Tuesday, all the students went out sharing while the missionary team met with Erik.

At the end of the day the students returned incredibly excited. Ben (a student

leader at Macquarie) and Tyler had shared the gospel with a guy & his girlfriend. They'd both had some church background so parts of the gospel message were familiar but they'd never put it all together. After Ben & Tyler explained the gospel both prayed to receive Christ!

Students prayed specifically to see people come to Christ and God led them to two who were ready.

Tyler wanted to see how personal evangelism worked and God allowed him, out of 50 students, to be one who saw someone pray to receive Christ.

Since Tuesday the students have kept sharing the gospel and have seen five more people pray to receive Christ.

What happens when students lead?
God shows off!

Faye Loudon
38 Parkside Drive,
Kogarah Bay 2217
7 February 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayer support for me over many years. 2014 was a different year. I was retrenched from my employment with Stewards Foundation half way through the year and I have still not been able to find part time employment. Applications for employment are not even acknowledged – especially when your hair is a little greyer than it once was – we live in difficult times.

Allawah Church has employed me to do children's work for the last 27 years and I thank them for this opportunity. This



employment finished in Dec 2014 as they need the funding for other ministries. Due to many reasons I have now moved to Oatley Gospel Chapel. They are happy to authorise me to teach Scripture and I am thankful I can continue in this vital ministry. I am currently depending totally on the Lord for my support and He is proving to be faithful. This is a new phase for me in my service and I have been encouraged by support received.

I believe SRE to be a vital and important work in our State Schools. This year the Government is reviewing SRE and we need to pray that the review will be positive. There are many people who would like to see it stopped in schools. Please make this review a matter of urgent prayer.

I teach eight classes a week in three different primary schools. This covers children from Year 1 through to Year 5. My class sizes vary from 10 to 30 plus – depending on the school and the Principal. Some schools are 100% behind SRE and others are not, and it's at these latter schools that I have seen class sizes dwindle.

Last year I gave my Year 5 students a survey to complete, asking questions such as: What is your favourite Bible story?; What is something you have learned in scripture that has helped you?; Are you a follower of Jesus?; if yes, did you decide to follow Jesus because of SRE?; What questions do you have about God?

The answers were encouraging. Children answered "they had learnt to fully rely on God and always trust Him"; "it is important to pray, follow him and ➤

have eternal life"; "God is always there for me"; "I have learned some amazing stories and somehow these made me feel less stressed", etc.

Many children said yes they had become a follower of Jesus in SRE class. Most of them could clearly answer that a follower of Jesus believes in Him and needs to be forgiven. No-one said they disliked SRE and they all loved the games, quizzes, videos and my buzzers.

I also enjoy relating to the teachers. After so many years I am a very familiar face in the schools. Lots of teachers stop to chat to me. Many tell me their problems ... when I told one I would pray for her ... her answer was "I hoped you would do that". Another who has become my friend was retrenched at the end of year, so I was able to relate with her even more. She regularly phones me and chats for hours.

It is a great opportunity that is still open in the Public Schools in NSW to teach God's Word weekly to children and teachers. God is at work in children's lives and I feel so privileged to be part of this. I value your prayer and financial support for this vital work.

Phillip & Robyn Gummerson
24 McCulloch Street
Riverstone, 2765
7 February 2015

If we could mention for prayer a few ministries with which we are deeply involved:-

We are both committed in a weekly kids club which reaches 50 to 60 primary-aged children from the local community, Robyn is heavily involved with our playgroup,

and Phillip teaches SRE in Riverstone Public School.

Further to this he will for the first time be leading a week of lectures at the GLO College in Smithton and this year will be studying Greek to complete a BTh. Of course preaching responsibilities and eldership also have demands on Phillip and the sports centre requires Robyn's attention daily. On top of this we still have two young foster children in a permanent placement with our family.

We praise the Lord for a successful Teen Camp at Toukley, for the growth of the young people at Riverstone who are stepping up into ministry responsibilities, and for the unity of purpose in the eldership at Riverstone.

George & Rita Galieh
PO Box 101,
Moorebank 1875
7 February 2015

Our Thailand Ministry Report:
Visualise a Christmas pageant with

Thai youngsters: Mary, Joseph, baby doll, shepherds and Shih Tzus? These fluffy dogs were great stand-ins for sheep. They snuffled around the actors' feet and stole the show! The year's-end Christmas party at Bang Po was the culmination of English classes held at Christian bookseller Supramote's home. He invited George and Rita Galieh to present their program for children and adults.

In their annual ministry to Thailand, the Galiehs again joined Pocket Testament League Evangelist, Somchai



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Soothornturasuk. They began the tour at a mango export factory where the Christian owner invited them to present the Christian message to her workers. At each gathering thousands of Thai John's Gospels are given freely.

The team enjoyed a return visit to the Bangkok / Thonburi University at the Fun & Fellowship Time run by an enthusiastic group of young students. Question Time followed with good participation. The students love to practise their English.

One highlight was the handing out of Samaritan's Purse boxes to a large school assembly in an outer suburb of Bangkok. Another was the visit to Tapaluk village where the headman invited them to present a Christmas program for the locals. A lady on the periphery selling hot snacks listened and told the team she had never heard about Jesus before. She gladly accepted the Gospel.

A similar situation happened at Klaeng and Aranyaprathat, a Cambodian border town, where the Christmas program was presented at several school assemblies. The administrator of one spoke to the Gali-ehs in English, thanking them for telling her and the children about God's love. The Christian message is such a contrast to the usual custom of appeasing spirits.

George reports, 'We met a vivacious Christian lady, Auddy, who arranged several more Buddhist government school assemblies in the Saraburi and Suphan-

huri provinces. She visits regularly to encourage the children to reach their full potential, and the message we brought fitted in perfectly.'

'A Christian wedding, where we not only took part, but personally knew the couple, was a wonderful experience for us,' Rita adds. 'Somchai took the wedding service for his son, Sadudee, and Suthanisee. George gave a message for the bride and groom, played the violin, and I sang. All this at a beautiful Rayong resort on the Gulf of Thailand.' The Gali-ehs also took the Sunday service by the beach.

They also made return visits to the large Chinese churches of Maitrichit and Saengsawang where they have a standing invitation each year. And an outreach followed at a slum area by a canal where children and adults were happy to receive presents along with the beautiful story of Christmas and why Jesus needed to come.

George and Rita are now working on their five-minute radio program, Vantage Point, broadcast throughout Australia on Christian FM stations. □



Core Christian students - Bangkok / Thonburi University.



The Sydney Festival Male Voice Choir – most members.

2014 was a fairly busy year for the Choir: after a slow start (i.e. no engagements until early April) we managed to pack in 17 gospel presentations! These included a weekend trip to Gulgong, where the Choir sang in the public park on Saturday evening, and in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. One of the more interesting occasions was at All Nations Church in Auburn – next door to the local mosque!

Wollondilly People's Praise is a quarterly event south of Sydney, and someone who had heard the Choir sing had suggested to the convenor that the Choir be invited. The venue was the Uniting Church building in Picton – not very large, maximum capacity about 80. The place was full, and some had to stand in the aisles! The community singing was great, and the Choir's message was very well received.


The Choir also sang at a number of Assemblies: Bankstown Gospel Hall, Camden Christian Fellowship's 50th anniversary, Oatley Gospel Chapel and at the Thanksgiving Service at Burwood Gospel Chapel in December.

Four retirement villages, and a few other Churches rounded out the year.

We thank and praise God for these opportunities to tell people about the wonderful salvation that He has made possible through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

We value the prayers of God's people: not only for our singing and presentation, but also that Christians will be encouraged and non-Christians challenged and convicted. If you would like to receive the Choir's occasional prayer letter (which has information about forthcoming Choir engagements), please contact David Gordon on 0400 426 373.

We need new members, especially first tenors. Maybe you know of a professing Christian male relative who is interested in witnessing for his Lord through the Choir (and who is able to sing!); if so, please ask him to contact David.

If you would like to suggest a place that the Choir should visit, please pass on a contact (and details) to David. The Choir's website is www.sfmvc.org.au 

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VITAL 2.0 (held at Camp Toukley, 16th to 18th January)

Wrap-up Report

by Sean Nolan

(based on a small PDF E-booklet sent out to the churches in February)

VITAL 2.0 was one of the most encouraging ministry endeavours I have ever been involved in!

For many years, lots of faithful people have been praying that the Lord would raise up an organised and coordinated group of young (and young-at-heart) leaders within our movement. Our hope is that VITAL 2.0 was the first step in this process. The weekend was attended by delegates from many of our churches and organisations and reached the camp-site's capacity!

VITAL 2.0 was a partnership between seven organisations (CCCAust NSW, Inspiring HOPE, Lutanda, Emmaus Bible College, Stewards Foundation, AEM, and Australian Leadership Foundation) focussed on leadership. Thank you for backing this idea. Without your spiritual as well as financial support the weekend would simply not have happened.

VITAL 2.0 was multi-gender and not age specific and was attended by male and female leaders, and also many families. VITAL 2.0 saw many different leaders attending: elders, pastors, ministry leaders, parra-church leaders, youth leaders, high school captains/prefects etc. Thanks to all staff and volunteers who organised and executed the retreat with such amazing servant hearts. One of the main points of feedback that has come through is in relation to the leadership that was practically on display through the team of people who hosted the weekend.



The whole team at Camp Toukley

Special thanks to Stu Waller from *Clean Cut Sound* and Rivo - a sound legend!

Forward vision and prayer points:

*The VITAL team is currently exploring invitations to run VITAL leadership conferences interstate through the CCCAust network, and internationally.

*Expression of Interest are open for the VITAL India trip/conference - June 2015 and the possibility of VITAL Africa in August 2015. Please contact Jessica at the Inspiring Hope Office - ph: 4726 2940

jessical@lutanda.com.au

*The VITAL 'refresh' day will be held at Emmaus Bible College in July 2015. This will also be when the speakers and program for VITAL 2016 will be launched. VITAL 3.0 dates are:—

**January 15th p.m. to 17th a.m. in 2016
at Camp Toukley!**

Warmly in Christ,
Sean Nolan.

VITAL Conference Director.

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*Dr Xavier, the Head of Theology at
Emmaus Bible College*



Mark McCrindle, the keynote speaker

Additionally – VITAL kids –

The children were treated to the Inspiring Hope's kids programme "Made to make a difference" (M2MAD). A big thanks to Bethany Hansen (Camp Toukley M2MAD outreach director) and the team from the CCCAust church in Gorokan for volunteering!



Loving Memories of Len Flack

(4.12.1919 to 11.12.2014)

Information and photos kindly supplied by Win & Bruce Flack.

Having just turned 95 years of age, our colleague, friend, and brother in Christ, Len Flack, went to be with his Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. A Thanksgiving Service for Len's life was held at Bexley Gospel Hall on 16th December 2104.

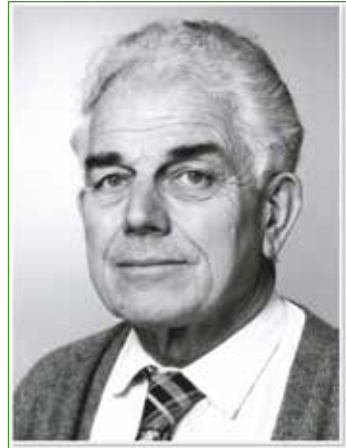
He served as a volunteer for many years with NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission (AEM) after he retired from the DMR in 1979. He was a very practical 'handy-man' and a reliable and faithful brother. He also served on the AEM Board for many years until he had to withdraw due to deteriorating health. Fellow volunteers could always turn to him for help. Graham Hayden (AEM company secretary) echoes the thoughts of all who served with him; "Our brother Len has gone to be with the Lord. He was so very practical and so willing in his contributions to the work of the Mission. Thank you brother Len for your long-term help. We are so happy that you have joined Edna in the glory."

Reflections by his Family:

Whether Leonard Albert Samuel Flack was known to you as father, father-in-law, grandpa, great grandpa, uncle or friend – he was special to everyone who got to know him.

He was born on the 4th December 1919 at Beecroft to Leonard James Flack and Amelia Maud Flack (nee Sims) and was younger brother to Olive and Arthur.

Family has always been important to Dad and one of his earliest memories, that he recently shared with us,



Len Flack - Retired 1979

was about going to the markets at Parramatta, at about four years of age, with his grandfather to sell a pig. They went in a horse and cart – with the pig. After going to the markets they went to a cousin of his grandfather's who owned a general store in West Parramatta where he got some lollies!

Dad started school at Beecroft Public and a story told from there was how he came to the rescue of his big brother Arthur who was being bullied. The bully landed up in a pool at the school. Dad got into trouble for this and Uncle Arthur always felt guilty that Dad got the blame.

When Dad was about 6 years old the family moved to Lurline Street, Maroubra, where the children attended Maroubra Junction Public School. From there Dad went onto Cleveland Street School and then Sydney Boys High.

Life at Lurline Street was fun for Dad, Auntie Olive and Uncle Arthur. >22

He and Arthur built a canoe out of corrugated iron and sealed it with tar. Only one person could go in it at a time and they used to see how far out in Lurline Bay they could go before it filled up with water. They also used to go fishing in a boat that their Uncle Herb had built and Dad remembered whales going underneath and round the boat.

After his school days, Dad completed an apprenticeship with AGL as a Fitter and Turner. He used to ride his motorbike to and from work. He then enrolled at Sydney Technical College to study engineering and worked as a draftsman in the drawing office at Timbrol for about a year. As an Engineer he started work at Clyde and while there he worked on the design and building of the 38 class steam engines – you may have heard of the famous 3801. Ever since then he had a love of steam engines and all things mechanical!

Dad's father (Grandpa Flack) used to tinker with the motorcars but never quite got it right and his mum would

always ask Dad to fix things up. He so loved being a mechanic, he built a mechanic's pit at Maroubra to work on the cars.

In 1944 Len began to work as Procurement Officer at the Department of Main Roads (DMR) and continued working for DMR until he retired in 1979. His position upon retirement was that of Acting Chief Engineer (Services).

He was one of the foundation members of the interdenominational Christian Group at work and organised monthly meetings and Christmas functions, booked speakers and encouraged others to attend.

Dad attended Beecroft Gospel Hall as a child and when the family moved to Maroubra they attended the assembly at Goulburn Street Gospel Hall. It was there that he met Edna Hogg. Friendship blossomed into courtship and they were married in September 1945, a month after the war ended. While still courting they often used to babysit for Mum's Aunt and Uncle and it was then that they got to practice their parenting skills on Mum's cousin Bruce Baird. They must have done a ➤



*Edna & Len Flack
(now reunited in heaven)*



*Len (90th birthday) with (L to R) his
sons Bruce, Neil, Barry, Robert*

good job because they then went on to name their first child Bruce.

The family grew with the arrival of three other boys – Neil, Barry and Robert.

In the early 1950's they built a house in William Street, Earlwood and lived there until moving to Carss Park in 1966. There, with the help of George Tucker, Len built an extension to the house and to the garage for a much needed workshop.

Around 1959 the family began to worship at Bexley Gospel Hall where Dad has continued faithfully ever since. At Bexley he has been heavily involved in all manner of activities including design and building of the extension to the hall, the design and building of the garage and upgrade of the kitchen, the replacement of the lower hall floor, toilets and driveway. He was also one of the leaders of the young people's group, Boys Rally and a Sunday school teacher. He and Mum also looked after the catering for all the various activities and used to have many suppers in their home for the young people.

He was also involved at Christian Youth Camps for many years and really

enjoyed helping with the craft at those camps.

Mum was involved at Outreach Mission Centre for a long period even from the time of Capt. Wilkins, and when Dad retired he joined her and helped out where he could, mainly with practical things, and often with the help of Alan Loudon. Eventually he joined the Board to help where he could.

Dad's story would not be complete without mention of many Christmas and Easter holidays at Narooma on the south coast. Memories of the caravan, Barney the boat, the canoe he built and different boats used to go fishing in. Fishing was a big part of any Narooma holiday but it was all the better when shared with many friends and relatives – the Jamiesons, Hoggs, Tuckers, Loudons, McKenzies, Jolleys, Ross Scott, Ivan Price and many other friends of the family. It has been a wonderful heritage that has been passed on to the family.

Dad's greatest attributes include his kindness, his gentleness, his willingness to help wherever he could, and of course his love for God and for his family. He has been such a good example to his four sons, their wives and their children.

It has only been because of his illness that he has not been able to attend the Breaking of Bread services here at Bexley. He has however been able to come to the Flack Family Lunches.

When thinking of Dad – it is his giving, his laughing, his fun and his love that we will never forget.



Len (90th birthday) with his grandchildren & two of their wives

Dad the Builder – the Flack of all Trades

extracts from Barry Flack's tribute to his father,
Len Flack, at the Thanksgiving Service.

"It is impossible to sum up any person's life in an hour, but we are here to bring Dad honour and respect and give God glory for his life.

Dad was gentle, he was faithful - to God, to his wife Edna, his whole family, and all those he came in contact with, he was a servant to God and others, he was consistent and he was always thankful. His prayers always reflected his thankfulness to God for all His blessings, but most of all he was thankful for the salvation Jesus offers us all.

But I want to focus mainly on one area of his life - he was also a builder of many other things.

Dad was an engineer, a designer, a draftsman, a builder, a mechanic, a wood worker, a craftsman, he was just so practical that he could put his hand to anything. He would rather do something, than say a whole lot!

While growing up at Maroubra, he developed his love for the ocean, and he built canoes out of bent up corrugated iron and later more sophisticated canvas ones and would go fishing out in Lurline Bay.

He was trained as a fitter and turner at AGL, and so he developed his love for working with metal and could make up anything with his lathes and his tools.

He married Mum in 1945 a month after the war was over. Building a family had begun and that project would continue faithfully till the end. Mum and Dad became great parents. One of our family traditions is to try

to have Sunday family lunch together every week. This tradition has been in place for many generations. Who could forget Mum's baked dinners!

When Mum passed away 26 years ago, Dad went to have cooking lessons, so as to keep that tradition going. He would do the best baked dinner in the Weber BBQ out the back. Later, when he was unable to prepare the Sunday lunch, one thing always continued, he would be the one who would say grace. It was always a prayer of thankfulness for what God and his Lord Jesus had done for us. He would always start with - "We have much to thank You for..."

While at the DMR Dad worked his way up to become acting Chief Engineer when he retired in 1979. He was involved in purchasing and maintaining large earth-moving equipment and even helicopters. So in a very real sense he was involved with the team in building roads and bridges throughout NSW.

After Dad retired he did some TAFE trade courses, always keeping his mind active, and his hands busy. He took some boat building courses and built a small timber sail-boat. Dad also built lots of things to do with the fishing boat, trolleys for the outboard motor and adaptations to the trailer & caravan. He could build anything!

In a sense, he was also a memory builder for us boys, in providing so many Christmas and Easter holidays at Narooma. Mum and Dad also had



a great love for travelling around Australia, especially Tasmania, and we had many trips down there. These memories live on and bring us great joy.

Dad was always looking for ways to help and serve other people in any way he could, **building** for God's Kingdom in very practical ways.

He was always involved in building projects, e.g. helping out when River Park Campsite was being designed and built.

Over the years he developed a love for leatherwork and crafts and produced some wonderful pieces. This love flowed out into teaching leatherwork and crafts at rally, HBCs and CYC Camps.

He also did a lot of tapestries with Mum - way too many - there were not enough walls in the house! One of Dad's tapestries was of the 3801 loco - combining two passions into one!

In his later years, he developed a passion for timber turning and collected beautiful pieces of timber. He said the pieces he collected would give a hint as to what they needed to be made into, pens, bowls, clocks. He would spend many hours down at the Oyster Bay Wood Turners, with a new circle of friends. Again there are only so many pens, clocks and bowls one can deal with and give away!

He also loved the latest technology and used it in his own way to tell others about God. I think mainly about him buying his own 16mm projector. He used it to show the latest gospel films

at churches, youth groups and camps.

Dad's influence has flowed down to the sons and grandchildren - people that love buildings things. They much prefer doing practical things with their hands, pulling things apart to see how they work, and then trying to put them back together again, enjoying the satisfaction of building something well and being proud of it.

Dad also built into the lives of many young people as he helped out with leading young people groups and camps. He also had a number of young men stay with him at home while they worked in Sydney and needed accommodation. I know he had a lasting impact on those men.

One of the things I often noticed at Dad's, was that there was an open Bible next to him on his bed. He has always been faithful to God and His Word.

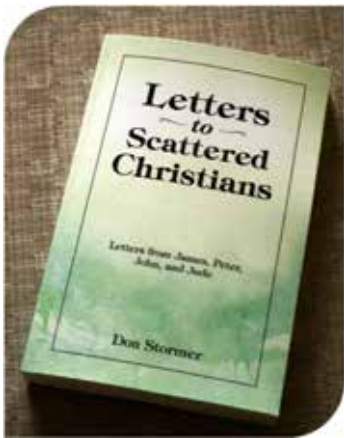
Dad was a quiet and gentle man - sometimes a little cheeky! - who didn't like getting up and preaching sermons, but his life was a sermon to so many of us, especially his family, in his example of love and steadfast faithfulness. The service he gave to others, mostly in physical and practical ways, were sermons in themselves, and in a real sense he was again building, in a very practical way, for the Kingdom of God.

My Dad was a builder of many things, and in so many ways we have all been impacted by his life, both physically and spiritually - and so we give him the honour that he deserves today — HE WAS TRULY A 'FLACK OF ALL TRADES'.



“Letters to Scattered Christians”

A book written by Don Stormer



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– Don Stormer

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The following comments have been made about “Letters to Scattered Christians” by people who will probably be well known to readers of this magazine.

“This collection of studies in the New Testament books of James; 1 and 2 Peter; 1, 2, and 3 John; and Jude are filled with very practical explanations of the teachings of each letter. Comments address the biblical text according to its themes by paragraphs and segments, which helps the reader to see the flow ➤

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*Theron Young, PhD, Lecturer in Bible and Biblical Languages,
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Don Stormer has written a commentary for everyone wishing to delve deeper into these letters."

Lynn McCrindle, CMIAid, NSW

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*Cedric Gibbs, MB ChB, MA;
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Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre, Cherrybrook NSW

Set in well established gardens, and with an enviable reputation for delivering a high standard of care, the 120 bed Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre provides high and low level care and special support for people living with dementia.

Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village, Glenhaven, NSW

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

Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW

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

Lynden Grove Retirement Village, Cardiff Heights, NSW

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

Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

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

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