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**He (Jesus) told them,  
*“The harvest is plentiful, but  
the workers are few. Ask the  
Lord of the harvest, therefore,  
to send out workers into His  
harvest field.”***

Luke 10:2 (NIV)

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# First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first issue of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine for 2017.

This publication's content is primarily intended for Christian Brethren living in NSW, but like many things in today's world, Christian activities cannot be restricted by lines drawn on maps. So you will find some material which relates to all of Australia, such as the PSSM Mailbox Club on page 9, and the Internet Corner items beginning on page 28.

We also have (page 17) the first part of an Address given in 2015 at a special church service in Sydney to commemorate the very first Christian Church Service held in Australia on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788. Thankfully the Church has been an important part of our society ever since, and we need to pray fervently that this will continue to be the case.

There are three short articles this month about our youth leaders and young people becoming more active - see pages 21, 23, and 26. All are important for the future and we ought to support them fully - by all means possible - but particularly with our prayers each day.

We have perhaps a few more than usual adverts this month for various activities including conferences, and I sincerely hope these activities help readers to grow closer to the Lord.

On a more mundane, wordly, level I should mention that the magazine subscriptions became due last month. Thank you to all those who have already paid for 2017 and made the correct assumption that the prices have not risen again! We are not sure how long we can hold the price, because all costs are rising gradually and particularly the Australia Post charges. Perhaps more people would like to convert to the cheaper option of receiving a magazine via email in PDF format? This will save you money and us postage.

Every church and individual who subscribed last year but has not paid for 2017 by 20<sup>th</sup> February, will find an Invoice included in one of the magazine packs you receive this month. □

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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 all our assemblies and churches. Short items (even if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to the Mission office at PO Box 20, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715, or better still, e-mailed to:

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

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

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

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The most recent Coordinating Conference was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Kings Park Community Church. First item of business was to elect a new Chairman for two years. The only proposed candidate was Alex Worley and he was elected.

The Minutes of the meeting were issued by Brad Scott on 13<sup>th</sup> February and are worth reading because important issues are discussed. These include Marriage Celebrants and changes to SRE in Schools.

If your church or assembly has not received a copy of the Minutes, Brad can be contacted on 9626 0055 or:-

[brad@cccustnsw.com](mailto:brad@cccustnsw.com)

**Guildford Arabic Gospel Chapel Report:** Jamil Choucair thanked those who helped them get established in the Guildford building. It is exciting to

have the church at Guildford amongst a predominantly Arabic speaking neighbourhood. He also told of the ministry to refugees from Lebanon, Assyria and Iran, many of whom are Muslims. Most of these refugees are traumatised. They can't forget the trauma they've seen and been through. The Gospel is like a "soothing cream" to them.

### New Developments

Kalati Perese shared the vision for **Gracepoint** Community Church, which has purchased an old warehouse in Smithfield with the aim to convert it into a church. He showed sketches that give an indication of the final building appearance. Kalati asked the churches to pray for them as they seek to raise further funding to cover the costs of the building and for wisdom as the church, Barry Flack and Brad Scott meet and negotiate with Council.

### Burwood – "The George"

The old Burwood Gospel Chapel has been demolished and excavation has started for the proposed new building. It includes 3 levels of under-ground carparks; a new church area on the Ground Floor; 2 levels of Commercial Office space; and 12 levels of Residential Apartments.

The whole complex will be known as "The George" and there is currently an opportunity for people to buy in if they wish. (Please contact Phil Adams at Stewards Foundation if you are interested.)

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For **Awake Sydney!** news please see page 23 of this magazine. ➤

## Meetings & Events

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

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

[www.cccaustnsw.com/events](http://www.cccaustnsw.com/events)

### 2017:

- 25 Feb 'Pathfinders' at West Pennant Hills CC; 7 pm start. "God is at Work" (see advert on page 2).
- 4 Mar **"And God Said"** Conference; 10 a m - 4 . 30 p m ; " The Discipleship Directive" at St Clair / Erskine Park Christian Church.
- 11 Mar **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel; 10am to 5pm. Conference "The future and the Church" (see advert on page 8).
- 12 Mar **"Sunday Night Lights"**; 7pm to 9ish at St Clair / Erskine Park C.C. (see pg 25)
- 13 Mar **WMC Coffee and Dessert Night** with Judy Ayers and Julie Loudon; cost \$15 pp; 7.30pm; President Ave C.C.
- 14 Mar **WMC Coffee and Dessert Night** with Judy Ayers and Julie Loudon; cost \$15 pp; 7.30pm; St Ives C.C.
- 24-25 Mar **BUILD 2017** - Men's Conference @ Camp Toukley; "Deliberate Discipling" - the speaker is Daryl Bay (NZ).
- 2 Apr **"Sunday Night Lights"**; 7pm at Wareemba Gospel Church.
- 8 Apr **'Awake to Israel'** meeting at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 4 May **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; venue TBA.
- 5 May **Ladies Winter Clothes Fashion Parade** at Elouera Gardens Community Room, start 10am with morning tea, \$5 donation. Clothes available to purchase.
- 6 May **Thrive 2017** - Women's Conference "Overcome", Kings Park C.C. Speakers are Sophia McCrindle (book of Ruth) & Louisa Hope (the Lindt Cafe siege).
- 7 May **"Sunday Night Lights"**; 7pm at Riverstone Community Church.
- 27 May **'Pathfinders'** at West Pennant Hills C.C; 7 pm start. Hear the Blaxland Gospel Singers.
- 4 Jun **"Sunday Night Lights"**; 7pm at Blacktown Faith Christian Church.
- 16 Jul **"Sunday Night Lights"**; 7pm at St Clair / Erskine Park Christian Church.
- 25 Aug Ladies Summer Clothes Fashion Parade at Elouera Gardens Community Room, start 10am with morning tea, \$5 donation. Clothes available to purchase. □

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

## General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for Marriage in our Country, as the debate continues.
- ☆ Pray for our church community as Jesus taught the disciples to pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
- ☆ Pray for our church elders that they will have wisdom as they lead our local churches.
- ☆ Pray for our churches as they get back into the normal yearly activities and that these activities will bring life to people in the community.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para-church ministries as they lead and provide vision for these ministries. May we see the Boards of these organisations support and provide services that help connect churches to the community. May these Boards support our local churches as they share Christ in their communities;

CCCAust(NSW), Lutanda, Stewards, Emmaus, Hands and Feet, CBCS, GLO, CMS, AEM, ACM, AMT.

- ☆ Pray that our churches will see people responding to the good news about Jesus.

## Anchor Church, Marrickville

- ☆ Pray for the church Eldership:  
Matt Sparks

Praise Points:

- ☆ Praise for the 5 new interns starting this year to be trained up. Praise God for their willingness to learn and be equipped for whatever God has in store for them.
- ☆ Our amazing Gospel Community leaders and their faithful service to our church community.

Prayer Points:

- ☆ That God would bring more fruit from our evangelistic efforts and move people from death to life.
- ☆ That God would heal and protect our staff families & team (we have had a lot of sickness & injury lately).
- ☆ For provision of housing for our lead Pastor Matt and his family. ➤

**Armenian Bible Church of Sydney,  
North Parramatta**

- ☆ Pray for the church Eldership:  
Kevork Berqodian, Jani  
Martirosian, Edward Ohanesian,  
Ted Vartanesian

**Praise Points:**

- ☆ Praise God for love and unity amongst the Body of Christ.
- ☆ Praise God for North Parramatta Gospel Chapel for their continuous support and love.

**Prayer Points**

- ☆ Pray for opportunities to minister to local (Armenian) communities.
- ☆ Pray for wisdom and discernment to lead and serve the church for His glory.

**Hands & Feet**

**Praise God for:**

- ☆ the way people in the community are being connected into our churches.
- ☆ the conversations we are having with the homeless.
- ☆ Joe and Titilia and their faithfulness in serving God through this ministry.
- ☆ for the extension of the ministry into South Australia as Craigmore C.C. starts to serve the needy in their community.

**Pray for:**

- ☆ Hands and Feet as they try to find ongoing funding and food sources to support this work.
- ☆ Hands and Feet as they try to find volunteer truck drivers to free Joe up to do other ministry building activities.
- ☆ Paul and Erin as they work towards purchasing a property on the River in Moree to allow them to provide an array of services to the needy in their Community.



*“God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede.”*

*— Oswald Chambers*

**Please submit any news items, letters, or short articles for the April 2017 magazine on, or before, 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

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# Postal Sunday School Movement (PSSM)

## Mailbox Club Inc.

by Helen Paterson  
(at Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook)

As several people have recently enquired "Is PSSM still operating?", I am privileged to have the opportunity of bringing an up-date on this ministry. As many of our readers will know, this ministry, mainly to country boys and girls throughout Australia originally, was founded in 1933 by Miss Edith Davies MA, a Correspondence School Teacher, with the help of other well known Christians. Mr W. Mottram was Director and the organiser of the first lesson book named "JOY BELLS".

By 1938 enrolments had reached 10,000 scholars. Between 1953-64, there being no Director, voluntary staff and Committee members continued the Office work in Sydney and Melbourne. Teachers operate from their own homes.

Early in 1964 my husband, Pat, was invited to be Federal Director (following our return from serving in the Belgian Congo), and this service he faithfully fulfilled, and was blessed



in, until retirement in 1985. As the work grew, offices were opened in each of the other States, secretaries appointed, visitation took place in each State – to teachers, scholars and many isolated areas – yielding a big increase in scholars, as also did outreach to country schools, Shows, etc.

As deputation meetings were held in each State, people were led by the Lord to offer their time and talents through Prayer Groups, Committees, as teachers, Annual Rallies and holiday camps in each State, all of which God richly blessed and many people accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. All praise and honour are His! In 1976 the change was made from using "JOY BELLS" to the "MAILBOX CLUB" individual lessons for each age group.



*Pat & Helen Paterson in 1964*

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*Andrew & Terri Good in 2008*

From 1985 to 2002 Robert and Judy Price (ex-missionaries) led the work, followed by Andrew Good, supported by faithful secretaries in Western Australia and Tasmania, and with the support of Committee members. Following Andrew's home call in 2009, Jeff Tidswell of South Australia became the Director, a role he still has.

Sadly, in 2015 the Tasmanian office was closed and Mrs Pat Davidson was farewelled after 40 years of dedicated service in both the Office and conducting 22 annual holiday camps.

A number of us felt deep concern as the work was showing lack of progress and we prayerfully brought this before the Committee. As a result, in August 2016 it was decided to close the only remaining PSSM Office in WA and transfer the headquarters to Queensland where Terri Good, the widow of Andrew, had kindly offered to be Secretary and make available a room in her home to become the Office. The transfer was made in September 2016, with God's wonderful help, and Terri is happily settled into

the work which now includes many scholars doing their lessons on-line via the Internet. Already the work is prospering and growing again, praise God, but there are ongoing needs for more prayer partners, and voluntary helpers in the office. Currently there are about 50 teachers, including 3 who deal with the students in prisons.

Please contact Terri (see below) if the Lord leads you to share in this great ministry in some way, or if you wish to receive the bi-monthly newsletter "Prayer with Thanksgiving" (see sample opposite). The PSSM contact details are -

PSSM Mailbox Club  
PO Box 357  
Morayfield QLD 4506  
ph: (07) 5433 1628  
email: [info@pssm.com.au](mailto:info@pssm.com.au)  
website: [www.pssm.com.au](http://www.pssm.com.au)

People of all ages are warmly invited to join the MAILBOX CLUB. Its Bible-based lessons are graded to individually suit scholars from young children to adults. Each student has a personal teacher assigned to respond via the mail or on-line. The lessons are sent free of charge on request.

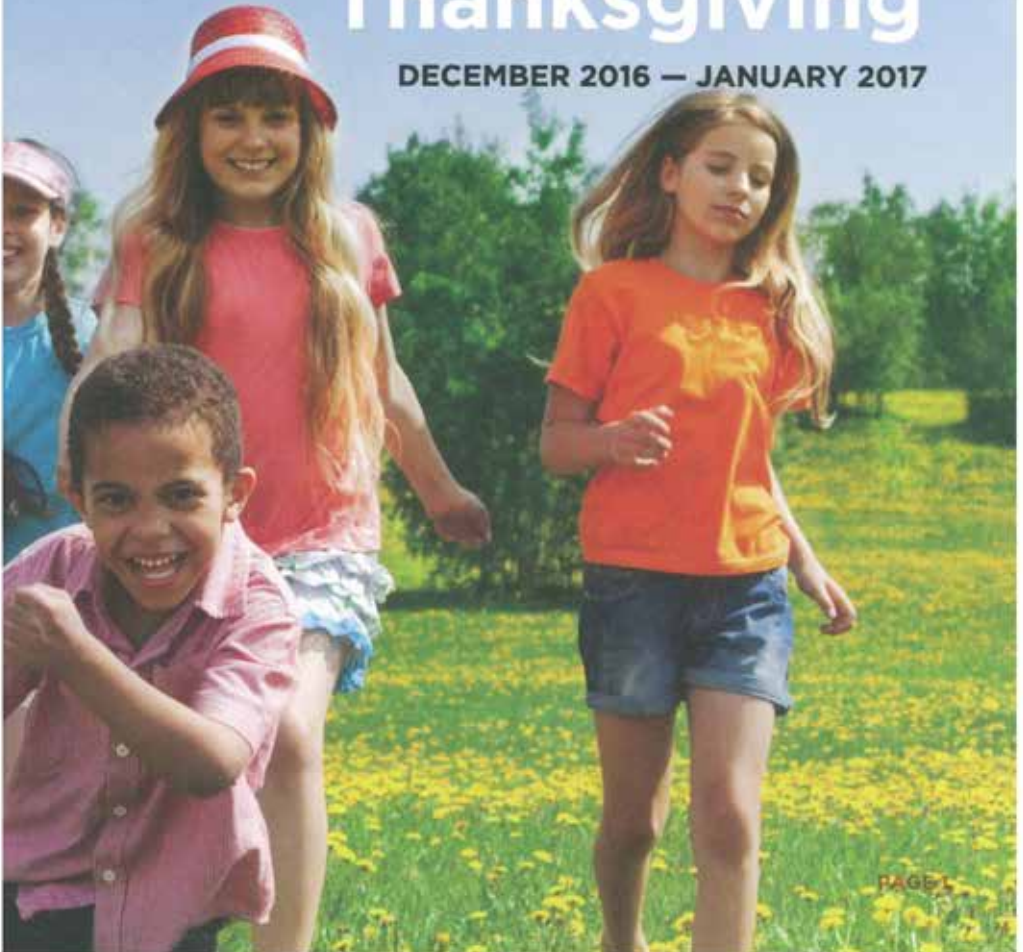
At present about 200 students are using the postal mail service and another 200 are responding on-line. They are in all states of Australia except the Northern Territory.

My heart, and many others, would thrill to see PSSM growing more, and the Lord blessing many more lives through prayers, the lessons, and faithful teachers, in these days when so many people need Him. □



# Prayer with Thanksgiving

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# News from some Commended Workers

## Faye Loudon January 2017

Dear friends

Once again I am writing to say thank you for your continued prayer and financial support.



God answered many prayers last year – here are some quotes from a letter I received from a boy in Year 6 that I taught in Year 5 (the letter was given to me at the end of his Year 6) and from a survey I conducted with my year 5 classes:

“I would like to thank you for teaching me about God and the other people in the Bible. Talking about Bibles, I would like to show my appreciation for the Bible you gave me. When I’m down, I always read the Bible and think about the scenarios you taught me.”

“Yes, I am a follower of Jesus. If I hadn’t gone to Scripture I wouldn’t know anything about God.”

“I follow Jesus because he died on the cross for us.”

“A follower of Jesus is a person who believes in Jesus. Scripture is the main reason I believe in God and Jesus.”

God is certainly working in the lives of children through SRE and we need to pray that this wonderful opportunity will continue in our State schools. I attended a celebration of SRE teachers at Parliament House in November last year and it was encouraging to be with over 400 SRE teachers of all denominations and to hear positive speeches from members of Parliament about SRE.

Everything can change so please keep praying for this work and for our new Premier in NSW.

My part-time work situation has changed dramatically as the funding at the school for Special Learning Support Officers (SLSO) went down from 80 hours to 8 hours which means at the moment the school went from four SLSOs to one, and she had to drop from four to two days. I am praying that this will change and I might get some more work at this school again. I also had some casual work in the local Christian school but that work has ended too. Please pray for me regarding my work situation.

Thanks again for your care, prayers and financial support.

## Greg & Sarah Clark 23 January



Thank you to the Board of NSW AEM for their very kind gift received via

mail, week before last. It was very much unexpected and greatly appreciated.

Sorry I didn’t send an email last week, Sarah and I were on the Primary Camp which just finished Friday afternoon.

The camp was wonderful with many non-churched children hearing the Gospel. There were so many fruitful conversations and a number of children committed their lives to Christ.

Our prayer is that the seed sown will take root and grow and flourish. ➤

High School Camp started yesterday and there are 90+ teenagers here for the week. Many have been previously which is a wonderful privilege as this gives the Gospel the best chance to take root and grow.

Yesterday at church a young lady who had served at Primary Camp last week and became a Christian at an earlier camp, turned up at the morning service and it turns out she lives within walking distance of Church. She has grown much in her faith over the last 12 months. We have the same prayer for her growth and maturity.

Last year after having the marriage of our daughter Caitlin in July 2015, we did it all again with our son Josh. It was a wonderful day and he is now married to a wonderful Christian girl with a family that are very involved here at camp.

Once again please extend our thanks to the Board for their kind and thoughtful gift and most of all we appreciate your prayers and concerns for the ministry here at Kedron. Our prayer is to remain faithful to our Gospel calling.

God bless

Greg and Sarah Clark

### Doug & Jenny McNaught

9 December 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We would like to thank you for your support, care, fellowship and prayers throughout 2016.



We have appreciated everything that you have done for us this year and have enjoyed any time that we have been able to spend with you.

It was a good year, in many ways with Katie's wedding but also very hard with Brian's home call. My brother was 57 and he died of a brain tumour on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016. Please continue to pray for Janet, my sister-in-law, in the long lonely months she faces as a widow.

On the whole the Lord has been good to us and sustained us throughout the year. We have learned to look to His love and to enjoy His goodness in every circumstance.

Jenny continued to care for the ladies in her Bible Study group and prays that she will be able to spend more time in Bible study and prayer with them and less time visiting hospital and going to appointments. She has also been quite busy with our grandchildren.

The pre-season football training started before Christmas but the players have a break for a few weeks while many of us rejoice that the Saviour of the world was born in Bethlehem. It is a great time for us to remember that we can enjoy the best thing that has ever happened to the world.

We are expecting a fairly quiet January this year. However, we are starting to be booked up for speaking engagements in the rest of the year.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Church in Burundi. There is an organisation called Shine, supported by the local church, that is trying to establish a development >14

bank to support the local Christians. The idea is to lend money to be used to establish small businesses to support Christian families and feed their children. The money is lent at low interest rates and paid back to the bank so that it can be lent to other families to establish more small businesses. Shine has some good business ideas to help the people, including growing cash crops, using solar power for lighting and purifying water for children to drink. If you could pray about this work it would be helpful, because Burundi is one of the five poorest countries in the world.

The Sports Chaplaincy people are always on the lookout for Christians who want to get involved in their local community and act as witnesses to the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. It isn't necessary to be good at sport, just to have a heart for the lost in your community. There are sporting organisations in Australia looking for people willing to volunteer in this role. These days the vast majority of Australians are involved in some kind of sport and it is a good place for Christians to be present. Please continue to pray for this important work in Australia and overseas.

Thanks again for all your support, care and fellowship during the year.

**Geoff & Liz Folland**  
**12 February 2017**

The year has begun with a bang. Last week we held a three day student leader retreat. I (Geoff) was encouraged that we had twice as many



student leaders attend as we did a year ago. In case you haven't heard me share this, Ruell (our student president) wasn't a believer 3 years ago, Jess (our student vice-president) wasn't a believer 2 years ago, and we had two other student leaders who weren't believers 1 year ago. I love seeing God work in students' lives and move them to connect with Jesus and then be motivated to connect other people to Jesus.

Liz was able to visit for a day although, because of our remote location, she had to catch a water taxi back to the car to get home in time to run the kids around after school.

Thanks for praying about my preaching opportunities. A few weeks ago I preached morning and night at Seaforth Baptist. The morning service was led by Chris, who had come to weekly meetings at Macquarie University in the late 1990's. He testified to the difference that our ministry had made in his life. Worship at the evening service was led by Emily & Jesse - Emily was involved as a student at Macquarie Uni and Jesse was involved as a student at Monash University. They met at a Mid Year Conference and were married 4 years ago. It was encouraging to see former students going on in their faith and serving in their local church.

This morning I preached at Crest Baptist in Bass Hill. It was for the English congregation of a rapidly growing Arabic church. There are some Sydney Uni students there who are looking to get



*involved on campus this year.*

*While I was away at the student leader's retreat, I received several more invitations to preach. My schedule is feeling quite full so I've had to start booking people for later in the year. I'd appreciate your prayers that I'll be well prepared for the upcoming engagements and that God would use them to accomplish His purposes.*

*I continue to facilitate a SHIFTm2M training group for pastors and ministry leaders. We study the gospels and reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus to consider what principles of ministry might apply to our various contexts today. I find this diverse group of fellow leaders to be stimulating company.*

*Our SHIFT group meets one Thursday a month and we represent local church and para-church ministry leaders from different denominations and organisations.*

**Answered Prayer...** *Last update I asked you to pray for three things:-*

*1. That God would bring to us Christian students who would grow and develop to become leaders in evangelism and discipleship on campus.*

*2. That God would lead us to students who are ready to hear and respond to the gospel.*

*3. That God would raise up leaders (students and missionaries) who would lead our campus movements into the future.*

*I have been so encouraged to receive emails and text messages from parents and church leaders introducing me to Christian students about to start on*

*campus at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Sydney. I see this as a specific answer to the first prayer point above. Please continue to join us in these prayer points, so that we can see God's answers over the coming weeks.*

*Thank you for your partnership with us this year. We praise God for those who stand with us in prayer and with financial support.*

### **3 Prayers for a New Semester**

*1. That God would bring to us Christian students who would grow and develop to become leaders in evangelism and discipleship on campus.*

*2. That God would lead us to students who are ready to hear and respond to the gospel.*

*3. That God would raise up leaders (students and missionaries) who would lead our campus movements into the future.*

### **Furlough/Long Service Leave**

*Liz and I are taking furlough/long service leave in June & July. We're looking forward to travelling to see family in the US and UK, and to do some sightseeing. The kids are coming with us, so we're trusting God for a great family adventure.*

*In His grace,  
Geoff & Liz*



**Please submit any news items, letters, adverts or short articles for the April 2017 magazine on, or before, 17<sup>th</sup> March.**



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# Australia's Christian Heritage

Analysing popular stereotypes on  
the foundation of Christianity  
in Australia.

by Dr Stuart Piggin, Honorary  
Associate Professor of History,  
Macquarie University

This Address was given by Dr Piggin at a Church Service in Sydney at 1pm, 3 February 2015, to commemorate the First Christian Service held in Australia. Dr Piggin is the Director of the Centre for the History of Christian Thought and Experience at Macquarie University, Sydney. (Used by permission.)

## The setting and the question

We are at the site of:

- the First Christian service on Australian soil,
- the first sermon preached,
- the first church and
- the first schoolhouse.

The preacher at that service, held under a 'great tree', beginning at 10 o'clock on 3 February 1788, a hot midsummer's day, was the Rev Richard Johnson, Australia's

- first minister,
- first educator,
- first carer for orphans,
- first carer for aboriginal children.

With all those firsts, he was quite a pioneer – and John Newton, author of the much loved hymn 'Amazing grace', who recommended Johnson to MP William Wilberforce who recommended him to Prime Minister William Pitt, bestowed on Richard Johnson the title, 'Patriarch of the Southern Hemisphere', that is, if you will, founding father of the Christian movement in Australia.

Now, since this was the site of the first school house, it is surely fair to put a question to you. Here is the question:



If Newton gave Johnson the title 'Patriarch of the Southern Hemisphere', what title did the Eora people, the Aboriginal people who lived in the Sydney Basin, give Richard Johnson?

Well, I don't see a forest of hands of those keen to answer the question. But I ask it to make a point. The basic question asked by the organisers of this event is:

'Does our heritage matter?' What they really mean is 'does our Christian heritage matter?'

Well surely we must know what our Christian heritage is, before we can decide if it matters. But I doubt if we have ever found what our Christian >18

heritage is – we are in great danger of losing it before we ever find it. Nobody has ever told us. Has anyone ever told us what title the Eora people gave Richard Johnson? I will tell you at the end of this address, but my point is that there are parts of our Christian heritage we just don't know because no-one has ever told us.

Then there are other matters which we think we do know. We have been told them so often they have become stereotypes. But maybe they are false stereotypes.

And the event we are commemorating today focuses our consideration of some of these stereotypes which bear on the relationship between national health and religious faith. It is important to know if these stereotypes are true or not.

So, answer true or false to the following stereotypes:

1. We are a secular nation in which Christian faith has never been central. We were settled after the Enlightenment and it was never intended that Christianity should be foundational to the new colony.

2. The founders of our nation were so uncaring about the Christian faith that they did not even bother to hold a church service on the first Sunday of settlement.

3. The preacher's sermon at that first service, like many sermons, was irrelevant to the future of the nation; the Rev Johnson was out of touch.

4. The settlement was the work of a callous government who, no longer

able to off-load their social misfits in America, now packed them off to the remotest part of the globe and forgot about them, caring next to nothing for their material welfare and nothing at all about their spiritual welfare.

5. The State largely ignored the Church; we prospered anyway and the separation of Church and State is clearly very desirable and should be preserved at all costs.

**Stereotype 1. We are a post-enlightenment secular nation and it was never intended that Christianity should be foundational to the new colony.**

The first Governor, Arthur Phillip, was certainly influenced by the Enlightenment, but he was no secularist let alone a doctrinaire atheist. He seems to have believed in the importance of the role of the church in civilising and moralising the masses. We find evidence of this in at least two surprising places.

In July 1788 Governor Phillip ordered to be made a 'Sketch of Sydney Cove'. The Governor was dreaming of the settlement as a new 'Albion' (Britain). So it was not a map of what Sydney was really like, but it was a plan or sketch of what he wanted it to be like. It shows a straight, wide street built to the west of the Tank Stream, and on the western side of the street, between the hospital and the barracks, is a large site, central to the settlement, marked 'Ground intended for the Church'. In the few years Phillip was here as ➤

governor he did little to help Johnson build a church, but he always intended that there would be one.

The centrality of the church in the settlement is also evident from a medallion made to commemorate the landing of the First Fleet in Sydney Cove. It was made from white clay dug up in the Cove and sent by Governor Phillip to Sir Joseph Banks. Phillip wrote that this was the clay ...with which the Natives mark themselves, it is found in great plenty, a few feet below the surface ... the people use it to cover their Houses. Banks in turn sent the clay to his friend Josiah Wedgwood, the potter, who designed a medal which became the first Great Seal of NSW approved by King George III in 1790.

The seal depicts Convicts landed at Botany Bay; their fetters are taken off (it was always assumed the convicts would become free – our nation was never a gaol and would never be a place which practised slavery) and the freed convicts are being received by Industry, a female figure sitting on a bale of goods holding a distaff, a spindle for spinning wool or flax, with a bee-hive, pickaxe, and spade, nearby, and she is pointing to oxen ploughing (the freed convicts would prosper through industry and farming) and between the convicts and the female figure, at the centre of the whole design, the steeple of a church on a hill.

Australians would always be a free people, even if its convicts had to be redeemed, and the Christian faith would be central to that freedom and

committed to that redemption.

**Stereotype 2. The founders were so uncaring about the Christian faith, that disgracefully they did not even bother to hold a church service on the first Sunday of settlement.**

It is often said that it is a disgrace that there was no service on the first Sunday in the Colony. But that is an ill-informed judgement. It would probably have been a bigger disgrace if they did hold a service on the first Sunday. Why? Because it would have been a shambles. A semblance of order had to be created before the public worship of Almighty God could be permitted.

There seems to have been plenty of care put into this service:

- A suitable site had to be chosen for the service at which about 800 would have been present. I imagine Johnson spent some time choosing this site – the first flat land large enough south of the Cove to contain this congregation;
- the convicts were ordered to 'appear as clean as circumstances will admit...' and
- 'No Man to be Absent On Any Account Whatever',
- the guard was to be changed earlier than usual, so as to give those who had been relieved 'time to cleanse themselves before Church', and
- the 'Church Drum' was to beat at 10 o'clock.

Not a soul was absent – except the souls of the women convicts, for they did not disembark until 6 February. ➤20

A lot of thought went into preparing for that service. And it was a far more impressive service than if it had been hurriedly arranged for the first Sunday.

Captain Watkin Tench reported in his diary that the behaviour of the convicts and troops who assembled for the first service 'was equally regular and attentive'.

[Note: In the subsequent parts of this Address – to be published (DV) in April, and June – Dr Piggin analyses the remaining three stereotypes he listed above on page 18, and draws some conclusions.]



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## The Timeliness of God

by P. Maxwell

It would be so much easier if we could just be thankful, instead of faithful. In moments of waiting, the Biblical definition of faith becomes annoyingly ethereal: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

Can it be the conviction that God should bless me abundantly and immediately when I want something really badly? I vote for that definition of faith... But, thank the Lord, that is **not** the case. Let us praise Jesus that this writer doesn't get what he wants when he wants it.

God is good, and that has cash value for our lack today (Hebrews 3:13). He tells us to persistently ask Him (Luke 18:7–8). He tells us to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these [material] things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33)...somehow.

And He tells us to trust that His timing is perfect (Psalm 31:14–15). Let us do that with the lowest bit of materialistic entitlement, and the highest confidence we can muster.

If we knew every variable in our circumstances as God does, we would readily admit that God's timeline for blessing us is perfectly appropriate.



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Hi friends,

Well we've had an amazing start to the year, here are three photos from the M2Mad outreach camp that Inspiring Hope ran at Camp Toukley in January 2017. Its theme was "Let Your Light Shine".

There were over 40 leaders and around 40 of the campers made decisions for Jesus Christ.

You can also watch an amazing video of the leaders from the M2Mad camp, by typing this link into your browser:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3\\_MDxf7eRk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3_MDxf7eRk&feature=youtu.be)

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VITAL Conference (13 to 15 Jan) was also "off the charts" with so many testimonies of God moving in and through the young people of our movement. Here (bottom right) is a photo from VITAL, where the young people (Josh Fattal and Jeanette Nolan) are honouring the amazing Brad Scott.

Luv and Blessings,  
Sean Nolan.

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*Brad Scott, Josh & Jeanette*



**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER  
& SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP**

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

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

**Lillian Fleming 9858 5436 or Jackie Sardar 9785 3439**

**Meetings to be held in early 2017**

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

**Cherrybrook Christian  
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(also on Fridays)

**10 March    14 April    12 May    9 June    14 July**

# Awake Sydney! (Young leaders being mobilised)

by Sean Nolan

Hi Friends,

As discussed in our various catch up meetings, I am writing (this email) to invite you to the first combined **Prayer and Vision meeting for Awake Sydney!** The meeting will be on **Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Baptist Union Head Office, 7 to 8:30pm** (Level 1, 3 Carlingford Rd, Epping). The simple purpose of this meeting is to gather representatives, from all the Church denominations that have been engaged and enthusiastic about the Awake Sydney! vision, in one place to begin building **this vision – prayer-fuelled evangelism.**

Attached (to the email) was the **Awake Sydney Vision** document with all relevant details, dates and the strategy to building an evangelistic movement filled by prayer, for our city. We will give out hard copies of this document on the night, overview the document and then spend quality time in joint prayer for each other, Awake Sydney, and our city. (The idea is that we organically build Awake Sydney through bi-monthly prayer meetings over 2017, leading into an evangelistic outreach to Sydney in 2018 – this is all in the **Vision** document.

Friends, humbly... this email is going to representatives from **every mainline Christian denomination in Sydney** (eleven in total) as well as a number of well known and loved para-church ministries. I believe with all my heart that through a gathering as diverse and broad as this, one that is

centred on the simple timeless Gospel message of faith in Christ, God will move with power in our city (Acts 1:14; 2:1).

I look forward to working together to inspire the hope in Jesus to our city, and to meeting with you on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to begin building and birthing this vision.

Will you or your organisation's representative kindly RSVP to me for this meeting by mid-February.

*(Friends, to be transparent, the largest challenge of the Awake Sydney! vision is getting a bunch of very busy people together to pray and coordinate. To offset this potential roadblock, could we kindly ask you to arrange an appropriate person from your organisation to come to this and subsequent meetings in the event you cannot attend. This will ensure we have a broad group, regularly praying, and for them to communicate back to yourself any key information shared.)*

Warmly in Christ and expectation,

Ps Sean Nolan, on behalf of the 'Awake Sydney' Steering Committee.

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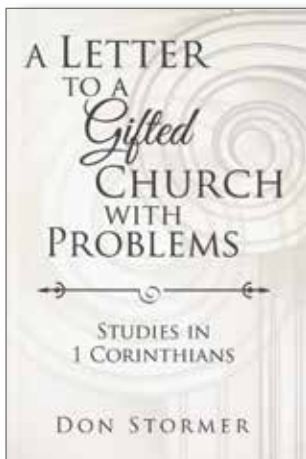
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## A New Study Book



Of the letters which Paul wrote to churches, 1 Corinthians is the one in which he had to correct Christian practice most. One gains the impression that many in Corinth would have been quite satisfied with the way they were living, but Paul saw a number of areas where correction was necessary. In their wisdom, Christians in Corinth were claiming to be followers of different men. However, they needed to learn that true wisdom avoided a party spirit. They needed to avoid taking fellow believers to court before unbelievers and to show them much more love. They had to learn not to stumble those who were weaker in the faith and not to embarrass poorer believers when they met as a church for the Lord's Supper. They were not to seek spiritual gifts that drew attention to themselves in order to have a greater sense of self-

importance. Yet this was a church with great gift!

Although the letter was written to correct obvious abuses in Corinth, it has ongoing lessons for each generation. Principles emerge from the apostle's advice to the Corinthians which guide us centuries later. As we take to ourselves the advice and admonitions given so long ago, we find that we can live more faithfully to the glory of God.

— Don Stormer



“Those in the ministry of building up the Lord's people in local churches will find much help in their understanding of issues which concerned the Corinthians and still concern us in these latter days; for among all the churches of the Living God there will be attempts by the evil one to divert new Christians into sectarianism, seeking to follow man's wisdom rather than the simplicity that is found in the preaching of the cross of Christ.

May you find much blessing as you seek to understand the message of this letter from the Apostle Paul, now expounded for us by a careful and accurate student of the Word in this modern era. I heartily commend it to all who hunger for God's truth.”

*(Extract from the Foreword by Ken Harding)*



**The book is priced at \$25.00 plus \$7.50 postage and is available from:**

Don & Helen Stormer, 58/7 Kitchener Rd, Cherrybrook NSW 2126

For direct deposit details please contact [dstormer@bigpond.com](mailto:dstormer@bigpond.com)

Phone: 02 9875 2037

Copies of *Letters to Scattered Christians* and *Letters Written from Prison* are also available at \$25.00 per copy plus \$7.50 postage. Each book includes study questions suitable for individual or group Bible studies.



Don Stormer's third and latest study book is on 1st Corinthians (see advert opposite) and follows the style of his previous two books "Letters to Scattered Christians" and "Letters Written from Prison". As such, I think this new book will be just as useful as I personally found them to be.

So far I've not had time to read it in depth from cover to cover, but an 'overview' might impress you as much as it did me.

The book is a handy size for personal use or group study, being 231 pages, divided into 26 chapters which cover, in reasonable depth, every chapter and verse in the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. It is down-to-earth Bible teaching without copious footnotes and theological discussions on points of contention, which can sometimes be distracting and confusing for the average Christian.

Don identifies six main "themes" in the letter: division in the church is

wrong; questions about judging; a Christian and his rights; church order; the resurrection"; and some personal matters concerning Paul. For each theme he writes a summary chapter and then several chapters dealing verse by verse with the details Paul is teaching. At the end of each of these chapters is a set of "study/discussion questions" which are very suitable for either further personal study or for group Bible studies; there are 25 sets of questions in all.

At the appropriate places Don includes two fuller explanations of topics which the Apostle Paul mentions but which are also explained in other portions of Scripture. The first is "You are the temple of the Holy Spirit" (page 83) and the second is "resurrection truths" (page 215).

I'm reasonably sure people will find this a useful book to read and then keep handy for future reference. □

*"We were called  
to be witnesses,  
not lawyers  
or judges."*

*"If you are  
searching for  
nuggets of truth,  
the Bible is a  
gold mine."*



by Andrew Cowell

By now some readers will have attended one of these “Sunday Night Lights” events for young people aged from Year 11 to late 30s. For those who have not, here is some information to help you decide if it’s for you.

### Background

In 2014 Riverstone Community Church (RCC), St Clair/Erskine Park Christian Church (STEPCC) and Faith Community Church (FCC - Blacktown) recognised the need to better cater for their Young Adults. Interested parties from each of the three churches met together, the result of which was the formation of **Sunday Night Lights**. This ministry is primarily for the young adults from the three founding churches, however, we also like to invite young adults from surrounding churches as well.

### Overview:

“Sunday Night Lights” is a monthly combined churches Sunday Night service ‘run by Young Adults for Young Adults’ that incorporates:-

- # rich **contemporary** Worship,
- # relevant **Bible** Teaching,
- # real **social** Networking.

### Goals

Sunday Night Lights aims to deliver a combined churches Young Adults ministry that:

1. caters to the **spiritual needs** of Young Adults,

2. encourages Young Adults to **engage** and interact with other Young Adults whilst remaining **loyal** to their home church,
3. provides an environment in which Young Adults can **develop** spiritual maturity, ministry ability and leadership skills,
4. creates a context in which Christian Young Adults can **invite** non-Christian Young Adults to attend ‘contact’ and ‘evangelistic’ events.

**In brief**, Sunday Night Lights aims to help young adults grow in their personal devotion to Christ, His Church and His mission.

### Further Information

If you want to get a feel for the event check out the Facebook page:-

<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=512533378885732&ref=bookmark>

If you have any further questions please contact me (mb: 0426 838 948) or Allan Driver (mb: 0410 463 563).

[Dates and places for future meetings are listed on page 5 of this magazine.

— Editor]



Please submit any news items, letters, or short articles for the April 2017 magazine on, or before, 17<sup>th</sup> March.

# WOMEN'S *Coffee & Dessert* EVENINGS

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

Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot-links' in the PDF version of this magazine. They are also included as 'hot-links' on the NSW Christian Brethren website at this web-page:-

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

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On pages 9 to 11 there is an article about the Postal Sunday School Movement (PSSM) and it mentions a web site at:-

[www.pssm.com.au](http://www.pssm.com.au)

Here you can find more information about the lessons and can sign up if you wish. You may also watch testimonials from some of the students and the volunteer teachers.

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National Christian Heritage Sunday was celebrated in Australia this year on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The First Christian Worship Service on Australian soil, 229 years ago, was held on a grassy hill under a tree near Circular Quay, Sydney, NSW. You may read more about the significance of that service in our article on pages 17 to 20 and on the website here:-

<http://www.nchs.net.au/>

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YouTube on the Internet is a huge source of videos on many subjects, including lots of Christian material.

For example, in the section "Socrates in the City" there are some great, though lengthy, debates, lectures, and interviews with Christian authors, preachers, theologians etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/socratesinthecity>

Many of the talks are hosted by Eric Metaxas, who is an author himself. He also publishes short pieces on:-

<http://www.breakpoint.org/>

which is one of a 'family' of websites created by the late Chuck Colson who founded Prison Fellowship in the USA, and The Colson Centre for Christian Worldview.

One can sign up to receive "Breakpoint" items which are issued daily as an email.

Eric Metaxas has written an excellent biography on Deitrich Bonhoeffer (600 pages) and one on William Wilberforce (300+ pages). Shorter versions of these two books are included in Eric's latest 'good-read' titled "Seven Men and the secret of their greatness".

(Explore the web and you will be able to read extracts of all such books before you decide to buy them. Try Amazon and Koorong for example.)

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Don Stanton and Maranatha Revival Crusade (MRC) now have a website at:

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

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You may have heard of Tommy's Window slide-shows before. Many are in PowerPoint format but some are now videos. A collection of these slide shows, present and past, can be found on YouTube at:-

[www.youtube.com/user/tommyswindowshows](http://www.youtube.com/user/tommyswindowshows)

The shows range in length from 2 minutes to 6 minutes and most can be downloaded, I understand, for use in your church or fellowship group or Sunday School class.

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The **Logosdor** I.T. staff continue to look at ways of supporting global access to Christian resources. Current projects include continuing to provide and assist with tools for the translation of resources/programmes, as well as sites like Max7.

[www.max7.org](http://www.max7.org)

Please pray for creativity and wise decisions by Logosdor staff.

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The **National Day of Prayer & Fasting** will be held on Saturday, 25 February 2017, and will take place in public halls and churches all over Australia at the same time, between 10am and 4pm. The National Day of Prayer and Fasting will be followed by a 40 Day Prayer & Worship relay starting on Ash Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This is the same period as Lent so we can link with the Christians from other churches.

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and **sign-up** to receive ongoing updates. Then you can be kept better informed.

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The **Bible Society in Australia** turns 200 in March and hopes to have a special "push" this year for more Bibles here in Oz. Read their information pack by visiting website:-

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

See also the articles in the **Eternity** newspaper dated February 2017.

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The **Sydney Prayer Breakfast** is an annual event for Christians to pray for the city of Sydney. This year it will be held on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, in the Darling Harbour Convention Centre.

Its website is:-

[www.sydneyprayerbreakfast.com.au](http://www.sydneyprayerbreakfast.com.au)

The Breakfast was a 'sell-out' last >30

year, with over 900 people present. This year, in the bigger venue, it could be 1500 people. Now is the time to book your place at the 'early-bird' rate!

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Can you spare about 27 minutes to view this powerful and riveting address given by the Senate Chaplain Barry Black in the USA?

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4654426/senate-chaplain-black-national-prayer>

It is well worth taking the time to listen to what this chaplain to the U.S. Senate had to say recently (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb) to the new President, Vice President, and many heads of state, members of Congress, lawmakers and dignitaries, etc. gathered at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC. He spoke on the topic "Making your voice heard in heaven".

Thanks be to the Lord that in our country, and in many countries of the world, there are Christian men and women in positions of influence, power, and authority who meet regularly - across political boundaries - to have Bible studies together and to pray together to Almighty God!

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I have just discovered that (while I was sleeping, apparently) HCJB changed its name!

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2014, **HCJB Global** announced that the 82-year-old ministry, founded in Quito, Ecuador, changed its name to **Reach Beyond**.

And so, HCJB Global Australia

became "Reach Beyond (Australia)" and its website changed to:-

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

"The new name is much more than a brand change. It will better reflect our mission. It is a small change but one that profoundly, yet simply, captures the heart of all we do", said Dale Stagg, Reach Beyond Australia's CEO.

The website states "Reach Beyond provides a wonderful opportunity for Australians to reach Asia and beyond with a message of hope in their own language. Our name change is not to forget the past but to show others our purpose and passion. Reach Beyond Australia's short-wave ministry provides a rare opportunity to touch people's lives with the love of God from our own country. Your support enables us to cost-effectively keep carrying a life-changing message to the people of the Asia Pacific."

"Since 2003 Reach Beyond (Australia) formerly HCJB Australia has been transmitting from far North West Australia to the Asia Pacific region through short wave radio and today it broadcasts programs for 9+ hours a day in 30 languages, including 18 South Asia languages. Its main studios are in Melbourne."

"Our shortwave facility is uniquely placed in Australia to deliver powerful messages of hope to remote and isolated communities of the region."

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### **Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW**

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