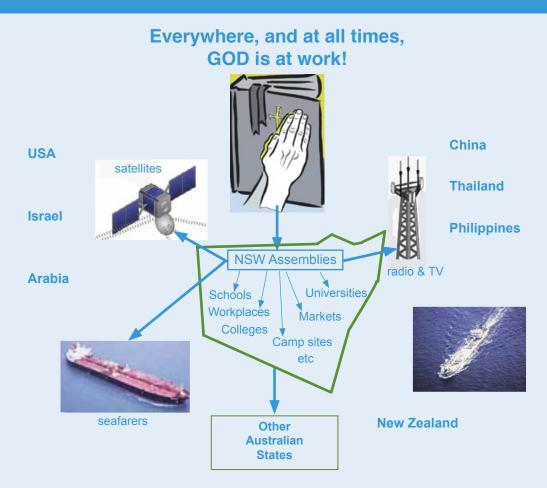


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Dear Readers,

First, an update on one thing I wrote in this column for the December issue. I pondered if "some readers might like to write and share their most memorable Christian event or memory since 2000?" Sadly I've had ZERO response so far, but the offer is still open!

Under the Lord's guidance, this first issue for 2011 has had fewer articles submitted than usual, but each one is longer than average, so the pages are still full – praise God. I hope you gain benefit, even inspiration, from each article and letter, and gather many points for prayer.

Please note that due to delays in producing this issue, the deadline for the next issue will be very near by the time you read this magazine. The date for submitting new material is Friday, 11th March. Any later than this and the April issue will be late too!

On a totally different matter, looking at the events around us – the NSW State election is coming up. In my



experience, people in our assemblies are very low key about politics at state and federal levels – it's not a common topic for discussion, even as an election approaches.

I hope that does not mean we ignore the Lord's instruction to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's" (Matt 22:21). We do have a civil responsibility to cast our vote in Australia, but 'who to vote for?' is a big question. Many of the issues at stake are important for Christians, but I hear friends say "can I trust any politician?" We need to pray for much wisdom as we consider the policies being mouthed and as we cast our votes on 26th March, but we can keep in mind that God is the One who establishes our civil authorities (Romans 13:1).

Ultimately, God IS in control.

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

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

webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

Sincere commiserations to Peter Clines whose mother died in January - please read his letter on page 14.

Also, Jean Riethmuller, the wife of Fairfield Christian Fellowship's long standing and well known elder Brian Riethmuller went to glory on the 21st January, after a long period of battling dementia. Peter Mayhew conducted a graveside service at Forest Lawn Memorial cemetery Leppington, followed by a memorial service at Fairfield Chapel that was attended by over 200 family and friends.

The first NSW Coordinating Conference for 2011 was held on 3rd February at Emmaus Bible College in Epping. 35 people were present, representing 24 assemblies. The Minutes were circulated on 10th February.

Some notable items of business were:-

- 1. The commendation of Geoff Folland to work at Macquarie University as the CCCAust Chaplain. He worked as the Christian Brethren Chaplain from 1995-2008 at that University and then spent 2 years studying overseas. Geoff has now returned to Australia to take on the role of regional director for Student Life. Geoff has offered to return to the role temporarily at Macquarie for 2011, with the aim of training someone to take over the role in 2012.
- 2. The commendation by Eastwood Assembly of Lily Song. Lily has a desire to work amongst unsaved Chinese students at Macquarie Uni and is keen to work alongside Geoff Folland.
- 3. A letter of commendation was received at the meeting from Dubbo and Riverstone Assemblies seeking that the Conference recognise their commendation of Andrew and Donna Cowell. After serving the Lord for 13 years in Indonesia and Philippines, they have returned to Australia for their 3 children's educational needs. They will be working for GLO in various areas. This is not a request for funds. Andrew and Donna will remain on the AMT list at present. They are presented to the churches for prayer and wider support. Andrew will be taking up a senior role in GLO Australia.
- 4. Fairfield Christian Fellowship and Grace Point Community Church have agreed to merge and will formally come together in about 3 months.



For the lat	test details please be sure to	13 May	Ladies Winter Clothes; 10am at Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook. Enquiries to 9872 4603 (Ladies Aux.) Ladies Missionary Prayer
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12 March	'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm - see page 17.	14 May	'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm - see page 17.
12 Mar	cMIAID Dinner in Sydney. starts 6pm at Pacific Hills Christian School, 9 Quarry	21 May	Pathfinders annual dinner 6pm at West Pennant Hills CC.
19 March	Road Dural NSW 2158. Pathfinders - an evening at West Pennant Hills CC for	10 June	Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel; 10.30am.
	senior folk; includes singing, items, & fellowship, starting at 7pm.	11 June	'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm - see page 17.
8 April	Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel; 10.30am.	13-17 June	e IBCM5, this year (DV) is in Strasbourg, France. The theme of this year's
9 April	'Digging into Daniel' a one day Prophecy Seminar at Epping Gospel Chapel,		International Brethren Conferences on Mission is "I will build My Church".
	10am to 6pm (includes Awake to Israel meeting). To register ph: 9502 1967.	18 June	NSW Women's Mission Convention at West Pennant Hills CC. ph: 9894 4264.
30 April	Garage Sale at Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook from 8am to 1pm. ph 9872 4603.	22-24 July	Bible Prophecy Teaching Camp at Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong. The
5 May	NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at		speaker is Dr Barry Horner (author, Future Israel)
	Emmaus Bible College, 7.30pm.	4 Aug	NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at
6 May	Fashion Parade and sale of		7.30pm.

Prayer & Praise Requests from NSW Assemblies

compiled for February

If your assembly would like to send prayer requests in future, please contact Brad Scott on (02) 9625 0055 or email: bradstc@bigpond.com.

General Prayer Points

 Please pray for David Scott who is slowly recovering in Nepean Hospital after suffering a ruptured gall bladder. His blood became 'poisoned' and doctors have been greatly concerned for his well-being as they try to remove the poisons. Please pray for David and his wife Joy at this time.

Abbotsford

- Pray for the encouragement of the believers as they persevere in witnessing for Christ in their community.
- Pray for the weekly Gospel Meeting and the unbelievers who attend to hear the good news.

- Praise God for the Kids Club that was run last week and the kids and families who attended.
- Praise God for the monthly ladies luncheon and the women being touched by this service.

Adamstown

- Pray for Val Teerman who is struggling with health issues and for Rochelle who is having treatment for cancer. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and perseverance for these women as they live for our Lord.
- Praise God that the church has been able to buy the property next door. This allows for future expansion of the church.
- Praise God for Matthew and his family having an opportunity to holiday and have a break from the ministry.

Mr Alan Nute - with the Lord

News came from England that respected Bible teacher Mr Alan Nute passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord on 7th January 2011. He had been living near Bristol, England, cared for by one of his daughters in recent years. He deteriorated rapidly with bronchial-pneumonia, but all his children, Fraser, Priscilla, and Rebecca were in his room when he died.

Mr Nute had visited Australia several times to give Bible teaching at conferences & assemblies and earned much respect in Christian Brethren circles.

On hearing the news, Mr Don Fleming emailed saying "I counted him as one of my best friends and we maintained a regular 'kindred spirit' kind of correspondence right to the end – well, almost to the end. Plus, we had some thoroughly enjoyable phone conversations. And, Gae and I stayed with his family a couple of times in England. I'll miss him."

Graham Hayden expressed similar sentiments, calling Alan "a great English Bible teacher. A one-in-a-million man of God."

[Some of his messages in Oz can be heard at www.blessedassurancepromisebox.com]





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Christmas Gifts	15,756	22,638
from NSWAEM	0	2,700
from other sources	28	31
	\$18,619	\$27,744
Dec: from Assemblies	2,810	1,635
Christmas Gifts	18,740	18,594
from NSWAEM	4,200	2,700
from other sources	26	40
	\$25,776	\$22,969
Totals	\$126,921	\$125,950

The funds (in 2010), except for special designated gifts & Christmas gifts, have been divided between 20 workers and their families in November and December.

Late Christmas gifts received in January 2011 = \$650

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The First Cry from the Cross (Luke 23:34a)

by Doug McNaught

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34a)

⁶ His pain was

compounded... 9

In the October 2010 magazine there was the first of a series of articles by Doug McNaught collectively called "He Saved Others". In that article – "The Silence of the Cross" – we looked at the fact that the Lord Christ Jesus remained silent for the critical hours when He could have spoken to save Himself, but He was determined to save us from our sin so He made no effort to save Himself. Now we can start to look at the times when Jesus chose to speak and we can find out what He said.

Before we look at the words the Lord used (Luke 23:34a) it would be good to look at His personal condition. He

spoke these words as He was forced to lie on the cross, while it was on the ground and while the nails were forced through the flesh and bones of His hands and feet.

Jesus was already physically exhausted, having barely slept for at least twenty-four hours. He was also beaten, battered and brutalised. Isaiah 52:14 tells us that His face was so badly bashed that He was hardly recognisable as a human being. He was so exhausted from the loss of blood that was a consequence of a severe flogging that He could hardly walk, let alone carry His heavy cross. His back was flayed so that the bare bones were visible.

Emotionally, He would also have been completely exhausted. When the soldiers first came to take Him away, all His friends ran away – so He was completely alone. He was also struggling with the problem of injured innocence. We always feel much worse when we haven't done something wrong and we are accused of a crime. His trial was a travesty of justice and He was forced to go through a conviction that was a crime in itself. The place of extreme pain is the loneliest place on earth so His

pain was compounded by the fact that He was experiencing both extreme physical and emotional pain.

To add to His woes, the Lord Jesus was experiencing deep spiritual pain. Ever since Christ was a very young man He had come to His Father in prayer, early in the morning, during the day, in the evening and at night. However, at this time, He was carrying our sins and that caused a restriction in His ability to communicate with God in heaven so even the comfort of prayer was not available to Him at that time.

History records that when men were being crucified they cursed as loudly as they could during the time that the nails were being forced into their flesh and bones. The Phoenicians had designed Crucifixion as a punishment for slaves who ran away. It was made to be so painful that any slave would think carefully before they ran away and risked this extreme form of punishment. The Romans used this form of execution to punish people who rebelled against their rule.

The Lord had told His followers that they were to obey the government in every way unless the government tried to force them to disobey God - so Christ was completely innocent of rebellion against the Roman authorities. However, every sinner is a rebel against God's Holy Law so He was dying a rebel's death to save rebels from sin. Each one of us, sinners all,

are sinners by choice, _ He didn't even think one sinful thought in His entire lifetime, He executed as a rebel. didn't stop to have one

moment of self indulgence, yet He was being executed as a rebel.

All the soldiers and the Lord's enemies would have expected Him to finally lose His self-discipline under this extreme pain; however, His cries were unlike any of those that had ever been heard from someone being crucified.

The Lord Jesus spoke, that is, He didn't scream in agony or call out, overcome by His extreme pain. His were carefully chosen words. Even at this extreme stage of His agony Christ didn't lose His self-control. We know that He was a man in every respect, except that He didn't ever sin, and even as His battered brutalised body

was being stretched and nailed to the cross, He didn't allow Himself one moment for self indulgence.

The Lord began by calling to the Father. Even though He was in the most difficult situation He was still able to call to the Father. This reminds us of the parable of the prodigal son; when the son finally came to his senses and returned to the Father, the Father was waiting for the son to return. This, then, reminds us of Deuteronomy 30:1-3 where we find that God told His people that He would be waiting for them to humble themselves before Him and call out – then He would hear them. The fifth commandment talks

> about honouring our parents and the focus of this commandment is our submission to God's perfect order in

the world. Even as Christ suffered on the cross, He was willing to submit Himself to God's perfect order on earth. Every sinner can come with confidence and call out to the Father as long as he or she is willing to submit to God's perfect order on earth.

Even though the Lord was suffering extreme torture at this time, and He was completely sinless, meaning that the torture was unjust, He asked for forgiveness for those who were tormenting Him. This kind of forgiveness is purely an act of God and can only be given when a person confesses their sin. This is not just a legal issue that deals with past sins but also includes a complete forgiveness>

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of future sin. The Lord prayed that this sin would be completely removed from the record of those who were tormenting Him.

The Lord was primarily praying for the crucifixion detail of four men who were, at that moment, actually nailing Him to the cross. They forced His skinless back onto the rough wood and stretched out His wounds so that they tore and bled again but He prayed for their forgiveness. These men were only doing their duty, so the Lord was also praying for the Romans who handed Him over to these men so that they could do their job. He was also praying for the Jews who had rejected their true King and handed Him over to the Romans, but He was also praying for every sinner. At that stage He was dying for every sinner who had ever lived and all the future sinners as well.

Many of the people who cried out for the Lord to be crucified were deeply religious and they believed that they were doing the right thing. So many of these people had been badly taught by their leaders while others were completely ignorant of the fact that this man was there to die as their Saviour; many of them didn't know God at all. However God's forgiveness is available to all who call out to Him, confessing their sins and repenting of all that they have done against God.

The main issue with this forgiveness is that it depends on Christ and not on anyone else, nor what they may understand. The Lord prayed this prayer knowing that all the demands of justice would be fully met by His death. This was no prayer for a special deal to be made but it was the prayer of the righteous Judge knowing full well that all the demands of justice were soon to be met in His own death.

It was prophesied of the Lord Jesus that He would make intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12). This prophecy was fulfilled when the Lord made this prayer for He was interceding on behalf of all transgressors when He prayed for our forgiveness.

Not long after this, the dying thief asked the Lord to remember him and the Lord was able to promise this man that he would be with Him in paradise that day. The prayer was answered almost immediately but the forgiveness lasts for eternity.

In His teaching the Lord had called on all His followers to love their enemies and He gave the perfect example of loving those that hate you. His enemies were twisted with hate as they called for His death and they mocked Him with delight as He suffered in extreme agony but He prayed for their forgiveness. Surely this is the greatest example of loving your enemies that has ever been shown. We can never love our enemies as much as He loved His enemies.

The major 'issue' with the forgiveness that the Lord offers is that it is only available to sinners. While we know that everyone is a sinner, forgiveness only comes to those who confess.

News from Edward Royal

I would like to share with you an exciting thing that happened to me at the end of last year. I was challenged by a young Christian man, who encouraged me to join in a tour to Syria, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. It happened so quickly. Soon I was packing my suitcase with my two cameras, tripods, laptop and tapes, which made three quarters of the weight I carried! My aim was to make many programs. I found myself staying behind in Israel for another 3 weeks. I couldn't resist the opportunity of being in the Holy Land where the Bible became more alive to me, as the Lord kept inspiring me from His Word.

The tour went from the north to the south. We saw both new and well known archeological sites. For example the original baptismal site where our Lord was baptized by John the Baptist – which is 40 km away from the existing site. The excavation was opened just two months before our arrival. I was so excited when a friend showed me a place called Burgin where Jesus healed the ten lepers. As you remember a Samaritan man was among those healed - and this place is on the route where Jesus used to travel on the border of Samaria. To be able to film in these places was a wonderful experience - Î even found myself filming newly excavated bones from the site! I praise God for this opportunity to see these things - and there is so much more to see. My Bible has become more relevant to me. Now when I read it I can see, I can walk, I



Edward, former Iraqi officer, in peace with Israeli soldiers, Jerusalem.

can smell and feel the environment in which these things happened. I recommend that every born-again Christian should make every effort and grab every opportunity to visit these Biblical sites.

Another unexpected and exciting thing happened for me in Nazareth after the tour. I was invited to one of the Christian schools in Nazareth to share my testimony. The high school students, a group of 250, refused to leave the hall when the bell rang to join their classes because I had not finished yet. The teachers asked me to join them again the following day. The next day I came and there was a bigger group, and at the end the same thing happened. This repeated for four days in a row! They were mostly from traditional Christian background. They loved hearing me with my Iraqi accent. They asked me to come back again so that they may be able to organize a combined meeting with other schools in a sort of conference or revival meetings. The > news was spread by the young people to their families. I ended up attending meetings at homes in Nazareth.

The knowledge and experience I gained from this tour has encouraged me to lead a tour that would bless others. I'm leading a tour in May this year to Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Please consider coming and joining me – and recommend it to others. For more details visit my website:

www.edwardroyal.com

and from there go to Events and you will find the link.

I celebrate the Lord's goodness in my family and ministry. We are all well apart from Agnis, who has suffered severely from lower back pain due to disc protrusion which was pinching a nerve. In August she had an operation but after two months the pain came back again. Doctors put her on anti inflammation tablets and pain killers, saying there is possibility she

might need another operation. Syntheh started her year 12 studies. Nahrain still works as a beautician therapist and she has also applied to study teaching part-time next year.

Last year I finished discipleship with two groups of young people and one with elders, ending up with 9 baptisms. This year I have commenced another young group of 7 people. At last I have the chance to raise a group of fine young people well grounded in the Word of God. I see that they will

be very helpful and effective in the ministry. Please hold them in your prayers, because all of them came out from the traditional church and are receiving real opposition from their families.

Our TV programs "Life News" are still doing a great work of evangelism and teaching, through Television Sydney (TVS) in the English language and Al-Hayat satellite in English and Arabic covering Australia and New Zealand. I am really humbled by the Lord by the amount of people responding to these programs, as unworthy labourers as we are. I am playing these programs on our website as well – in English, Arabic and Assyrian.

We value your prayers.
Edward and Agnis Royal
(Bet-Nahrain Christian Church
for all Nations)



Eastern Gate - Jerusalem wall; closed until the King of kings enters it.

News from NSW Home Workers

Peter Clines 3rd February

It is with deep sorrow I advise that my dear mother Ruby Clines went to be with the Lord on January 26th, aged 97 years. For the last 15 years of her life she suffered severe depression, but I was able to care for her during this period because she was always very co-operative and appreciative of all I did for her.

Ruby was a wonderful, godly, caring, very intelligent, business-like woman, with a keen sense of humour. She ran the family home while her husband, Alfred, who predeceased her by almost 25 years, concentrated on his study and ministry.

Alf was a recognized Bible teacher, preacher and lecturer at Emmaus Bible School for 30 years. Ruby remained in the background, but faithfully supported him during almost 50 years of marriage.

My brother, David, joins me in thanking the many who have upheld us in prayer through this difficult period, & contacted us with messages of sympathy since her death.'

[Mrs Clines' funeral was held on 2nd February at Woronora Cemetery where Alfred was buried. Mr Lionel Sadat conducted the service. –Ed}

Andrew & Janice Collins 13th January

Dear friends, New Year greetings for 2011.

We look forward to all God has in store for us for this new year – confident that He has good works prepared in advance for us to do and confident that He will provide for us all the resources we need for those purposes.

As we enter this New Year we are looking at some changes in our ministry roles. We are privileged to have been serving with the support of NSW Assemblies since 1983, first at Emmaus Bible College and since 1992 with International Teams.

For two years now Janice has served as National Director for International Teams. We are encouraged that two people are in process to join the office staff in full-time capacities this year. This will give great opportunities to help more churches and individuals as they seek to engage in global missions. Next month we shall have our ACCESS orientation training for seven new missionaries and our office staff as well.

Since February 2009 Andrew has been a full-time student at UTS Sydney studying for a degree in Adult Education with a major in Human Resource

Development.
Andrew has found this opportunity to be inspirational and life-giving.
He has been able to apply new learning concepts



both in his role of teaching at North Parramatta Gospel Chapel as well as in a growing role as Training Coordinator for



International Teams in Australia as well as in international leadership training and development.

Because of credit given in Andrew's course for prior learning, and the scheduling of required subjects in 2011, he will now be a part-time student for two semesters. The good side of this is that Andrew will be able to increase his ministry involvement with International Teams in mentoring new staff and developing needed learning programs. The bad side of this is that Andrew's entitlement to the Austudy allowance will now cease.

Thus we find ourselves in need of additional financial support from God's people so we may continue to have the personal resources necessary for us both to serve in full-time ministry in 2011 and beyond. We are trusting God to supply this need through His faith-filled people.

There is much we should love to share with you about the work God is doing through International Teams and we continue to delight in the community of North Parramatta Gospel Chapel, blessed with a diversity of ethnic heritage, fully united by God's loving spirit in us.

Yours sincerely
Andrew and Janice

George & Rita Galieh 15th January

Dear Friends,
On our return
from our month
long ministry



in Thailand we received this touching email...

"We appreciate your visit to us each time you come to Thailand. We also appreciate your spiritual concern for the Thai people and the hard work you performed during your time with us. May the Lord richly bless you and keep you in His Work as long as possible so more souls will be saved."

Prathes Raveevornrungjumrus

We must tell you this amusing experience. We arrived at a high school in Chaiyaphum and immediately felt an aura of antagonism from the teacher. He said, "You've only got twenty minutes." This, after we'd set up all the gear, and expected the usual forty?

Oh, well, one item and straight to the message. But while George was playing, the teacher motioned the kids (about thirty of them) to leave.

George raised his eyebrows, but I signalled "keep going", thinking he must have hated the violin. Then the teacher approached Somchai and said, "We're bringing in the whole school, and take as long as you like". We praised the Lord for softening his heart!

We hope you enjoy our pictorial report of our recent tour of Thailand. Although many times weary, the Lord gave us the needed strength and enthusiasm whenever we took two or three meetings, plus travel time, a day! How can we explain how exciting it is to share the Good News with so many who've never heard it before? So many Buddhist

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government schools gave us an open invitation to return.

In the near future we have several seniors groups, outreaches in South Australia, and a beach area in NSW.

Last year we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary and we remain as committed to sharing the Good News joyfully as when we first began. Communication Radio continues to broadcast the Good News three times weekly throughout Australia & HCJB. We are so thankful to the Lord for His continued blessing of strength and good health.

We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for all of you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel (Phil.1:3).

In His Service,

George & Rita

[To hear George's 1-minute bites of 'Soul Food' or listen to song samples of their CD, go to:-

www.ritastellagalieh.com

Sonny & Juno Ng 16th February

Warm greetings to you with the love of Jesus our Lord. Peace to you. It has been a long

time since I last wrote. Sorry for this silence.

Time has flown very quickly. Thanks for your faithful support and prayers. Last year I had taken time out for a complete rest because of my poor heart condition since Feb 2010; acting on my cardio doctor's recommendation.

I relinquished all my responsibilities and duties in the church and GLO mission so that I could be stress free. It was a very hard adjustment for me since I am a person on the GO for the Lord's work.

By God's grace, I had recovered very much in health and stamina today. Last year my cardio doctor gave me a check up and issued another new pill for my blood fluidity. This new drug (ikorel) works very well for me and eases my chest pain and breathlessness. Today I have been able to stand on my feet for a good 6 to 8 hrs and carry on serving the Lord and the church people. My cardio doctor put off my stent ops to a later time when it is needed. PTL.

I had been resting from all church activities and GLO work too since last Feb 2010 – on doctors' orders. My strength began to come around again in November/ December 2010. I was able to feel good and excited to do some small tasks in church and visitation work. After much prayer and discussion with my wife Juno, I feel strong and able to get back into some duties again in the church but not with GLO mission. It is wise not to jump into full stream yet. So I would welcome your prayers here - asking God's grace and strength to serve Him and His people well in the coming months.

In the church, we witnessed the baptism of one Chinese young man who came to know the Lord Jesus in







December. He was baptised on Jan 26, 2011. Now he has returned to his home town in south China (Guangdong). We are very glad to spend some time with him and shared the gospel message too.

Also two of our members have enrolled for the Bible course at GLO Training Centre in Tasmania for this year. One is Indian brother Samsany Murthy (his family joined him at the Centre too) and the other a young Sri Lankan man Christopher Barrington (just completed his HSC). It was exciting for the church to see how God had called these two men to do this Bible course. Do pray for their progress and spiritual growth.

Well, my wife Juno and I send our sincere thanks for your prayers and monetary support and gifts to us. Our God is indeed glorified by your love and involvement in His mission through the Gospel of Christ.

Sonny and Juno,

Your fellow workers & servants in Christ Jesus.

Galations 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."

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Edmundo's Bible Study Group

Emails received by Rob Flinders (SCFS Port Missionary) from Edmundo, at sea, in October 2010

19 October 2010

Dear Brother Rob,

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning." Lamentations 3: 22–23.

A blessed Day brother Rob! How are you? Here I am again, writing you a letter because we will arrive in Los Angeles tomorrow. I suppose you're busy again, checking seafarers' examination booklets. Don't forget your meals on time! Otherwise you won't have the energy to visit the ships, especially when the gangways become steep!

About us here onboard, we are fine. The voyage was not rough. Many times since I came onboard we secured everything on deck after leaving port because of low-pressure systems or the possibility of storms along our way, but God did not allow heavy weather and rolling. He always lightens our way! Thanks for your prayers.

The Bible Study is doing fine; we already finished 'What The Bible Teaches' (WTBT), and are now up to lesson seven in 'Lessons for Christian Living' (LFCL). I will send you the examination booklets of brothers Richard and Eduard. Our brothers are now bolder when they pray.

Together with brother Cesar (2nd Mate), I always encourage Dionisio (Cook), Richard, and Eduard to be strong. In early December the three of them will go home. We keep telling them that CMA CGM Vivaldi is the



Container ship - CMA CGM Vivaldi

training ground, and when they get home - then the battle will begin! We shared our experiences, that even our closest friends and relatives will test our faith and try to lead us back again to our old life.

Our concern is mostly focused on brother Eduard. His parents are laymen inside the Catholic Church and his sisters are all active members. Eduard said, 'They know already that now I'm born-again.' One of his sisters asked once what kind of group he is attending onboard and when he explained she never asked him again.



L to R: Edmundo, Dionisio, Cesar, Richard, & Eduard, studying Emmaus Bible Courses



Edmundo (centre) and the Bible Study Group

Please include in your prayers Gilda, the wife of brother Dionisio. I think I forgot to tell you that a year ago she was diagnosed with breast cancer (stage two). When brother Dionisio was on vacation last time they saw the Doctor regularly, but since he came onboard his wife didn't visit the Doctor because Dionisio is not there. She's always in our prayers brother Rob.

Brother Dionisio is very strong and it seems like he is not affected. He works normally, attends the Bible Study and never misses a single meeting, and he rejoices together with the other brothers. Deep inside I know it's hard for him to be away from his family, especially at times like this. The only thing I know is that our God is loving and gracious to His children. I'm always around him brother Rob to cheer and lift up his spirit through God's Word.

He told me that he always shares the Gospel through phone calls and text messages with his wife. They pray together and also laugh and cry together. Gilda has started reading the Bible. Once Dionisio asked Gilda if she already accepted the Lord in her heart. Her reply was 'Yes!' Dionisio replied, 'If you truly accepted the Lord you must follow His commands.'

Ten years ago Gilda put a shrine of an idol inside their yard, about 2.5 metres by 2.5 metres. Then she placed a statue of Mary inside.

Last time in China while I was taking my lunch early because of my duty, brother Dionisio sat beside me and, with a big smile on his face, said to me; 'It's okay now bro Ed!'

I replied, 'What do you mean?' He said, 'My wife called a worker and destroyed the shrine of Virgin Mary inside our yard and took out the three feet tall statue of Mary in the shrine and the two feet statue of Santo Niño inside our house.'

After this, one of their neighbours came by and told Dionisio's wife, 'Something not good will happen and you will regret what you did to the shrine!' But Gilda replied, 'It's only in your mind!' The sad part is, when Gilda's sister arrived, she took home all the idols, even though Gilda tried to stop her.

Brother Dionisio said, 'When I get home brother Ed, I will share with them what the Lord has taught me.' Praise God!

God is now using brother Richard to witness to our crewmates. Many times he will come to me and tell me about conversations between him and the 3rd Engineer or the Engine Fitter. Once he was asked why he didn't now >20

make the sign of the cross before he took his meal and why he doesn't now take the beer for the crew inside the refrigerator. Every time they asked, God provided an opportunity for Richard to witness.

There was one conversation that looked as though it would backfire on Richard but God turned it into a long conversation. He was sharing with the Engine Fitter what the Lord is saying, 'To look at a woman lustfully is to commit adultery with her in your heart ...' The Fitter replied, 'Well, you have a great sin because you are living with a woman outside of marriage!' Richard said, 'Yes, because I didn't know God's Word before. Now I have asked His forgiveness and I'm forgiven and I will now do what is right.'

Yes, brother Rob, brother Richard is living with a woman outside marriage; she's pregnant and due to give birth at the end of this month. Richard also shared the Gospel with her. Richard told me that Lulu, his live-in partner, started reading the Bible and said to brother Richard that he is right about the false teachings of Roman Catholics.

Now, according to brother Richard, she also accepted the Lord. They plan to get married through a pastor or a civil wedding when he arrives home and they will dedicate the baby to the Lord. In fact he wants to visit SCFS Intramuros; same with brothers Dionisio and Eduard.

About me, I will try to finish the two courses that you have given to me and

also the one that Pastor David gave me last year through brother Guus in Antwerp. I have three!

Nine crewmembers will go home between November and December - another opportunity to share the Gospel!

Bye brother Rob. You are always in my prayers and I miss you! God bless and my regards to sister Greta, brother Michael, and Arnel.

> In Christ, Brother Edmundo

> > 20 October 2010

Dear Brother Rob,

Hello once again! Glad to hear that you now already received my mail! I can't sleep last night thinking that you didn't receive it.

I'm still here at the Seamen's Centre together with brothers Cesar, Dionisio, and Eduard. We have one more hour and then we will get back to the ship.

Brother Richard told me yesterday that Lulu delivered their baby last Saturday (16th October) by normal delivery! He said she didn't have a hard labour. He's very happy and praising God! I said to him that God controls everything and that He always answers prayers.

He sends his greetings. This morning he asked me 'How's brother Rob?' I said you're fine but you didn't receive my email, so I'm planning to go ashore again.

I also asked brother Dionisio how is his wife Gilda. He said, 'She's fine!' and then he laughed! I asked why?





L to R: Eduard, Dionisio, Richard, Edmundo, and Cesar.

He said that she started to share the Gospel and then she was disappointed because people laughed at her. He advised her not to be discouraged.

He told her she must first show the changes in her life. They prayed together last night and, by his request, she led their prayer.

'Bye, brother Rob, until my next letter! Once again thanks for everything, for your time, for all the resources, for the emails and text messages. All our brothers send their greetings. God bless dear brother!

Ingat po at kumusta kay sis. Greta at Tiffany. Nagmamahal,

Bro Edmundo

ADVICE from RICK WARREN

In a recent short interview with author Rick Warren ("The Purpose Driven Life") since he has become rich from book sales but his wife Kay has cancer, he concluded by saying:

"We need to ask ourselves:-

Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes for my life?

When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, 'God, if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know you more and love you better.'

God didn't put me on earth just to fulfil a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do. That's why we're called human beings, not human doings."

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD.

Difficult moments, SEEK GOD.

Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD.

Painful moments, TRUST GOD.

Every moment, THANK GOD.

The Bible Study group returns home

by Rob Flinders

Since my initial report (see pages 18 to 21) four of the men who were in Edmundo's Bible Study group – Cesar, Dionisio, Richard and Eduard – completed their contracts and returned home to the Philippines. Edmundo has remained on board inasmuch as his contract does not end until the beginning of February.

After they returned home to Manila, Dionisio and Richard visited the headquarters of SCFS in the Philippines. The senior pastor there is brother Vic and it was he who advised Richard how to proceed in obtaining a licence to marry his partner Lulu. On January 10th a Marriage Licence was granted to Richard and Lulu and five days later, on 15th January, they were married, on the premises of SCFS Philippines, by a local pastor. After the wedding Richard and Lulu's daughter, Phoebe, was dedicated.

Brother Dionisio and his wife Gilda. brother Cesar, and brother Edmundo's wife Adora all attended the wedding and also acted as sponsors. I have received a number of photographs of the wedding, both from Dionisio and also from brother Vic. It has been good to see how this situation has had a joyous outcome. It was yet another reminder to me that because of brother Edmundo's faithfulness in leading a Bible study on board his ship, Lulu has a husband. Phoebe has a father and Richard has demonstrated in a very visible way the genuineness of his repentance and faith in Christ.

Brother Dionisio often sends me e-mails and it seems clear to me from these that his repentance and faith in Christ are very genuine. A particular source of joy to brother Dionisio is the seeming genuineness and sincerity of the faith of his wife Gilda. Dionisio has even sent me some photographs of the demolished grotto where the statue of Mary used to stand before Gilda called in workmen to demolish it.

Brother Dionisio has told me that he and Gilda have attended church at SCFS Philippines on several Sundays and that they have also attended an evangelical church closer to their home.

Three days after Richard and Lulu's wedding, SCFS Philippines conducted another of its four-day training seminars for Christian seafarers. At



L to R: Cesar, Dionisio, Lulu, and Richard (now Mr & Mrs Panday! and Phoebe (Panday!)

these seminars men are taught how to establish and lead Bible Study Fellowships on board their ships. Brother Dionisio and sister Gilda both attended this seminar, as did brother Richard! I'm not sure that this was the best of ways for Richard to spend the first week of his married life, inasmuch as Lulu was obliged to remain at home to care for Phoebe! However, I can only assume that Richard and Lulu agreed that this is something Richard should do. It is perhaps another indication of the genuineness of his commitment to his new-found faith.

Brother Eduard lives in the southern part of the Philippines, in a province known as Iloilo. SCFS Philippines has a pastor there by the name of George Totica. George has made several attempts to persuade Eduard to come to his church but, so far, that has not happened. Eduard is not married and his family members are all staunch Roman Catholics. I imagine that Eduard is under considerable pressure from his family to not renounce Catholicism. This is a matter for prayer.

As I write this, (31st January) CMA CGM Vivaldi is about 48 hours away from arriving in the port of Dalian in northern China. When last I heard from him, brother Edmundo told me he was expecting to sign off and return home shortly after arrival in China. If that does indeed happen, then I imagine Edmundo and Adora, Dionisio and Gilda and Richard and Lulu will meet up to talk about all that

has happened. I'm sure this will be a joyous occasion.

Eventually the time will come when each of these men will be obliged to take up new contracts and join ships yet again. It is more than likely that each one will go to a different ship. This will be a real time of testing for each of those men and also for their wives. For periods between seven and nine months, each of these men will be unable to attend church, unable to attend Prayer Meetings or Bible Studies and will be unable to benefit from the teaching and encouragement of a godly pastor. It may well be that each will find he is perhaps the only Christian on board his ship. The men will be required to work long hours, often for seven days a week and there will be great temptations for them to become undisciplined about reading and studying the Bible and to be undisciplined in prayer. They will also be tempted to join in some of the activities of their non-Christian crew >24mates.



The regular route of CMA CGM Vivaldi

Conscious of this, I will endeavour to remain in ongoing contact with each of them by e-mail. However, the list of men in situations such as these seems to grow continually and this stretches my ability to provide the fellowship and encouragement they desperately need.

As many readers would know, most days I visit some of the ships that call at Port Botany, to offer Bibles and Bible Correspondence courses to the seafarers onboard. The opportunities I have to 'sow seed' amongst the men are unlimited.

Last year over 400 Emmaus Bible courses were completed and returned to me for marking by seafarers visiting Port Botany.

In addition to this, there are some 15 to 20 Christian seafarers with whom I am in regular contact, most of whom work on board ships that do not visit Australia. We communicate with each other by e-mail, by text messages and sometimes by telephone. I also airmail packages of resources to these men to the various ports their ships visit. In providing resources, I'm endeavouring to provide the teaching of which they are deprived by nature of their employment. These resources

also equip the men in their ministries of reaching out to unconverted crew members on board their ships.

Sometimes I too am tempted – tempted to feel that the service I provide is too demanding and beyond my capability to provide. However, from time to time, God heartens and encourages me through events such as those that have happened on board CMA CGM Vivaldi and so I'm encouraged and strengthened to continue.

Great as my encouragement has been, I suspect the encouragement for brother Edmundo has been greater. This brother, it seems to me, is the epitome of the words penned by Paul in 2 Timothy 2:21 - 'if anyone purifies from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the master of the house, ready for any good work.' I rejoice with Edmundo and with Adora in the way that God has used him.

There is much for which to give God great thanks. There are many things also for which we can ask God to provide 'grace to help' for these men, their wives and others like them. Please join me in doing so in the coming months.

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Farewell to Family Camp?

by Dr W.D. Archbold

The intercom buzzer on my desk ominously sounded and a bright red light flashed. This indicated that it was the Managing Director of the Company I worked for who was on the line. I answered and a rather gruff voice said, "Would you come into my office". So off I went and when I sat down he leant across his huge desk and handed me a brown envelope and said, "You are fired."

I was somewhat taken aback, as I was the Sales Manager and had increased the sales dramatically since my appointment some five years earlier. It is a long story but the gist of it was that I point-blank refused to lie to the customers as the Managing Director had frequently instructed me to do.

To add insult to injury it was the middle of December and Christmas was just a few days away. I had a wife, three children and a mortgage all depending upon me, and I was out of a job.

Brother Neal Moulang had been encouraging me for some years to take my family to a Family Camp that he had been the Director of for some time. I was a little down and discouraged and also badly in need of a holiday, so I applied to go to Family Camp. Thus began a love affair that has lasted for almost fifty years. Jean and I have attended this Camp for forty-seven consecutive years.

The Family Camps began when several families decided to go to Towradgi, pitch their tents, have



communal meals and each day have a short talk from the Bible. From this inconspicuous beginning there developed a Camp such that there came a time when we had to limit the numbers – as the facilities at Toukley at that time could not cope with more that two hundred people.

The move to Camp Toukley was at the initiative of brothers lack Christie. and Alan Roe. What was the vision that these men had for this Camp? Their vision was to have a family holiday with a definite Christian emphasis and where Biblical values were encouraged. To attain these ends, they began each day with a short devotional at breakfast time. The children had their Happy Hour at 9.00am and in the evening the adults and teenagers had a fellowship time which concluded with some sound Biblical teaching. This pattern was followed for many years. Perhaps this proves the old adage that states, "if it works don't try to fix it."

The fruit of these meetings based upon this pattern is evident in the lives of many who found Christ at ≥26

the Happy Hours when they were children and there are a legion of people whose lives where enriched by the wonderful fellowship and the Biblical teaching they received from many excellent teachers.

Verona is a person in point. Some years ago she heard of Family Camp from a woman who was a teacher at a Tech course she was doing. It was with some trepidation that she applied and duly arrived at Toukley with her teenage son. Jean and I always made a point of making new campers feel at home. Halfway through the camp we decided to have a chat with her on spiritual matters. It was obvious that she was impressed by the friendliness of fellow campers and she had been enjoying the studies at night. During the conversation I thought I would ask her this question, "Would you like to become a Christian?" Without the slightest hesitation she replied, "Yes I would". We had the joy that day of leading her to Christ. The next year she was at camp again and this time she brought her alcoholic husband with her. During that camp we also had the joy of leading him to Christ. They have been Christians now for many years and still keep in touch with us.

When the Emmaus Bible School decided to rent Camp Toukley from the Lutanda Board and engage in continuous camping they approached Jean and I to be the Directors of this God honouring and much blessed Camp. It was a wonderful privilege to

direct these Camps for about 30 years. It is without the slightest hesitation that I can say that the time spent at Family Camp is indisputably some of the most enjoyable of our entire lives.

The following are just a few random selections of memories that flit past my mind from time to time. I thought that I would begin with the Toukley Shield. In earlier days there was a significant contingent that made their way from Melbourne to Toukley. So on the appointed day the NSW men would play cricket against the men from Victoria. I am pleased to say that we won every game against them and NSW still hold the Toukley Shield.

The tennis comp was an important part of our program. It was mixed doubles and was played over about a week with finals and then the grand final. It depended upon who the men drew as their partners that tended to determine who won the Toukley Cup, as some of the women were very good players and others not so good.

The table tennis comp was just as fiercely contested. Each evening after the fellowship time and supper were concluded, we would all retire to what was affectionately referred to as the Rec Hut. This was where the elimination games were played until we had a singles and doubles champion.

Each evening we had twilight games that consisted of, soccer, cricket and volleyball. The teenagers would pit themselves against the Dads and there was stout competition, as the

old blokes didn't like to be beaten by their sons.

The daily visits to Soldiers Beach were a much-enjoyed recreation. Can you imagine as many as a hundred people all sitting together on the beach and how this looked to the general populace. However water is not only good to swim in, the beach is a good place to baptize people. The Rock Pool was the preferred venue for these occasions. They also opened up great witnessing opportunities. It was a great joy to baptize quite a number of people there, amongst whom was our youngest daughter Margaret and our grandson Joshua. Joshua made his decision for the Lord at a Family Camp and he wanted to be baptized there also.

The Picnic Day was always memorable. For many years several families brought their ski-boats to Camp. All who wanted to have the opportunity of skiing did so, while the younger ones loved a ride in the boats. We would all have a picnic lunch together and then make our way back to the campsite.

Time does not permit me to recall all the fun we had at the prawn catching nights at the Entrance, the fishing trips in Harold Simms' boat. Also the visits to Old Sydney Town, the Reptile Park, the Lighthouse and places like the Fernery. One year, David Maddocks hired a four seated Cessna and as many as wanted to were treated to a flight over all of Toukley's picturesque beaches.

Many times I have heard campers say that the quality of the food at Camp either made it or mucked it for them. We could not write about Family Camp unless we mentioned the name of Jim Olsen. Jim was an I.B.M. technician but during the war years he was seconded into an Army cookhouse. Army cooks are not usually renown for their culinary delights but Jim was the exception. In all the years that we have been to Family Camp we have never had food that bettered what Jim served up to us day by day. When he passed away it was my great honour to have the opportunity to tell of his wonderful ministry to us.

On Christmas Day he excelled himself. We had all the treats that you would have expected if you were at home. Christmas Day used to begin at dawn with a quick visit by the reindeers. Each flat was visited and all the children were given a little gift. The official Christmas tree was loaded with other gifts that were placed there by their parents. At the Christmas service the kids sang carols and for many years I was requested to give a Christmas message at the evening fellowship time.

At the New Year's party the ladies excelled themselves. We all dressed up in keeping with the theme for the night, and after all the fun and games were over we were treated to a sumptuous supper to herald in the New Year. For more years that I can remember the committee asked me to >28

bring in the New Year with a word of prayer. The year that sticks out in my mind was the New Millennium year when Cliff Richards produced a CD on which was recorded his wonderful rendition of the Lord's Prayer. We all joined in with Cliff and every time I remember it my eyes fill with tears. It was a profoundly moving experience. Then all the 'Happy New Year' wishes were shared and off to bed the adults would go. The teenagers were then taken on a midnight walk.

On New Year's Day there was an early dash at dawn to have our first surf of the year. On one occasion about twenty of us were in the surf and a man came running along the beach yelling his head off. In a channel that ran along the break there was a huge shark heading our way. Thanks to this unknown stranger we all got out in time!

On occasions we had people come to teach us new skills. An expert on abseiling came and showed us how to descend a cliff face. An amateur astronomer brought his powerful telescope and shared his knowledge of the stars with us. A competent artist gave oil painting lessons and others with an interest in some handicraft also gave us the benefit of their expertise.

The teenagers should be especially mentioned, as their behaviour was exemplary. On occasions we had as many as 50 young people there. Their needs, spiritual and temporal, were well catered for and they had special

teen times and activities. They were all encouraged to participate in the various programs, which they did with fervent alacrity. Many forged friendships that have lasted to the present day. Some even found their life's partners there and it was my privilege to celebrate some of their marriages.

Over the years there were many campers who were responsible for the organizing and running of these Camps. There are a considerable number of people who are extremely thankful for their efforts. Jean and I have been in Christian ministry for over fifty years. Of all the various ministries that we have been engaged in, our association with Family Camp figures amongst the ones that have given us the greatest satisfaction.

Unfortunately this year it was decided not to run a Family Camp at Toukley and the future seems somewhat doubtful. So we should praise the Lord for all those who found Him there and were encouraged in their faith, and to Him be all the Glory and Honour.

{Note from the Editor: Perhaps some readers also have interesting memories of their times spent at Family Camps? Perhaps you have some more photos too. I would be glad to receive such information and would like to publish suitable items in a future issue of this magazine, or even to start a historical section on the NSW Christian Brethren web site.]

Farewell to Family Camp? (cont'd from p 28)



Netball for women

Some photos from the early days of Family Camps, when everything(?) was Black and White. Can you find yourself in any of them? – Ed



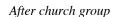
Visionaries



Some children



Some teens





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Internet Corner

compiled by C.H.Winrow



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

http://www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/ Links-AO.html

They are also 'live' links in the PDF version of this magazine which can be purchased cheaply (page 7). Twenty four (24) previous issues in PDF format are stored on the web site for anybody to read – **October 2010** is the most recent:-

http://www.cb-nsw.org.au/aem/Mag/ previous.html

Changed email: Tim McLaughlin has changed his address to:

timmclaughlin@me.com

Internet Evangelism Day is coming near again. It is set for Sunday, 15th May. This 'Focus Day' helps Christians share their faith online. It has never been so easy to share faith online. Exciting new resources will soon be released, helping Facebook and mobile phones users to build redemptive relationships.

However, the plan is to extend the focus to the entire month of May, which gives churches and other groups wider freedom to present digital opportunities in ways that fit into their programs.

More details at:

www.IEDay.net

The web site offers free articles and stories relating to digital evangelism (for a Christian audience):

www.IEDay.net/free-articles

There are also free video clips to download and use (for a Christian audience) including the new cartoon allegory Emlyn and the Far Pools:

> www.IEDay.net/evangelismopportunities

A Muslim Cries Out to Jesus

Have a look at this encouraging testimony:

http://www.cbn.com/media/player/index.aspx?s=/vod/AL32v1 WS

and there are a lot more testimonies and inspirational material on the CBN web site at:-

www.cbn.com/700club/features/
Amazing

Video, audio and print formats are all available.

Love always finds a way

Read the inspirational story of Tommy that gave rise to this web site:-

http://www.tommyswindow.com

and then access more free motivational and inspirational messages there, which are available in PowerPoint or PDF format.

Eternity is a 'free print and online publication for people of faith' that I came across by accident recently. It was supposedly launched in late 2009 but the web site is confusing as to the current status:-

http://www.eternity.biz

Please check it out and tell me what you think or what more you know about this newspaper.



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