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& FOR **HIM**

← COLOSSIANS 1:16

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## Our purpose:

- To stir each other to study what the Word of God says concerning Israel and our relationship with Her, as gentile believers, both now and in the future.
- To encourage the believers in Israel in whatever way we can.
- To facilitate and be involved in evangelism and discipleship of Jewish people.
- To pray for Israel.

**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come together and search the Scriptures**

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this June 2019 edition of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine. A lot seems to have occurred in our country since I last wrote here.

We have a newly elected Federal government and, whatever we think of the election results, we can be sure that God is ultimately in control of this world’s future.

Many Christians prayed and fasted in the lead-up and many believe we should continue to do so. No matter what the tensions are between government and the Christian church, the Bible urges us to pray for our leaders and governments. (1 Timothy 2:1 to 3)

Also criticism and persecution of Christians is on the rise - worldwide it seems, but history reveals that persecution of the church leads to more faithfulness and commitment in those who don’t “crumble” under the pressure.

We must be a strong voice in the communities in which we mingle

including our places of work, schools, universities, social media, and our family and friends. But we must always be loving, gracious and wise in our pronouncements, as only the Holy Spirit within can enable us to do. We are weak but He is strong!

Maybe a hymn of praise by Timothy Dudley-Smith will encourage us to speak up and tell people about God and His love and power:–

**Tell out my soul**, the greatness of the Lord; unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of His word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

**Tell out, my soul**, the greatness of His name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy name - the Lord, the mighty one.

**Tell out, my soul**, the greatness of His might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by; proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

**Tell out, my soul**, the glories of His word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure; tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children’s children and for evermore! □

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# 'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

If you attend a NSW assembly, or you work with any associated Christian Brethren ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section so we can inform and encourage people in all our assemblies and churches. Short items (even if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to the Mission office at PO Box 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 May Newsletter from Stewards Foundation was distributed by email. In it Mr Ross Bunyon, Chairman of the Stewards Foundation Board said, "Stewards Foundation has grown to become more diverse. With this growth and added complexity, the Board has decided to make changes to the management structure.

"In recent weeks, Lutanda has become a subsidiary of Stewards Foundation. This grows our Christian Camping and Conferencing ministry, adding to our Christian school work being delivered by CCM (Christian Community Ministries).

"Alex Worley has been appointed Managing Director of Stewards Foundation. He has led Lutanda for the past 5 years and is excited to be taking up this new role in addition to his role as Managing Director of Lutanda.

Philip Adams has successfully managed Stewards Foundation for many

years and he continues in the role of General Manager of Financial Services. He will focus on the banking side of Stewards Foundation to continue delivering the high-quality service our banking customers expect."

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**The latest new phone number for Stewards Foundation is (02) 8775 3100.**

Note also their fax machine is no longer in use.

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**Brewarrina.** Hands & Feet needs urgent practical help there. Details from Brad Scott's email, dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, are given on page 24 of this magazine.

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**Emmaus Correspondence School** (in its latest News email) is advertising a Volunteer Opportunity (see page 23). "Initially we would like someone to take over the control of the Bible Gems calendar distribution and the finances but with a view to longer term involvement as Registrar."

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Would you like to support **Christian Brethren Community Services** by becoming a member of the Company. (Read the back cover of this magazine to see the extent of these Services.)

Please send for more information and the application form by writing, phoning, or emailing; details follow:-

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## Meetings & Events

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

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

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

### 2019:

22 June **Women's Mission Convention** at Kings Park C.C. from 10am to 3pm.

23 June **"Sunday Night Lights"** 5pm start at Faith Bible Church, Blacktown.

24-28 Jun **Camp David** @ Yarramundi, contact Reuben 0426 797 382

8-12 July **M2MAD - Primary Camp** at Blue Gum Lodge; Enq. Jessica Stone ph: 0456 159 670.

26-28 July **Bible Teaching Prophecy Weekend** at Epping Chapel. Topic is GOING HOME – speaker is Dr. Andy Woods.

28 July **"Sunday Night Lights"** 5pm start at Riverstone C.C.

2 Aug **Coordinating Conference;** 7.30pm at Burwood.

16 Aug **Inspire One Night** at Hope Society Church, 27 Iron St., North Parramatta.

25 Aug **"Sunday Night Lights"** 5pm start at St Clair C.C.

31 Aug **'Pathfinders'** at West Pennant Hills C.C; 7 pm start; – Songs we sang in Sunday School.

1 Sep **RENOVO Youth Conf.**

29 Sep **"Sunday Night Lights"** 5pm start at Riverstone C.C

30 Sept **M2MAD - Primary Camp** at Winmalee. Enq: Jessica ph: 0456 159 670.

7-11 Oct **Inspire Teen Girls Camp** at Blue Gum Lodge. Enq. Jessica ph: 0456 159 670.

18 Oct **Spring Fashion Parade** of Ladies Summer clothes for residents, family & friends at 10am, Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook.

27 Oct **"Sunday Night Lights"** 5pm start at St Clair C.C.

1 Nov **Coordinating Conference;** 7.30pm at Burwood.

9 Nov **Christmas Shopping/** Coffee Confab at Elouera Gardens, 9am to noon.

24 Nov **"Sunday Night Lights"** 5pm start at Riverstone C.C

30 Nov **'Pathfinders'** at West Pennant Hills C.C; 7pm start; Christmas Celebration.

### 2020:

April **Build 2020 Men's** Conference at Camp Toukley.

2 May **Thrive Conference** for women. Connie Main Duarte will be the main speaker. □

**Please submit any news items, letters, adverts or short articles for the August 2019 magazine on, or before, 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

*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 that our churches can be salt and light in our changing world, that we can show the love of Christ through the way we interact with our neighbours, friends and family. May people see Christ in us.
- ☆ Pray that we as churches will not forget that even as society changes, we have a sovereign Lord who is in control and we as His people are still on the offensive, taking the Good News of Jesus to a world of people who need this wonderful news.
- ☆ Praise for the election of a new Prime Minister and government, and that we live in a country with peaceful democracy. Continue to pray for those in leadership. *Romans 13:1 - Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*
- ☆ Praise God for the recent rain in some drought-affected areas of Australia.
- ☆ Pray that our church elders will have wisdom as they lead our local churches.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para church ministries as they lead

and provide vision for these ministries. CCCAust(NSW), Lutanda, Stewards, ACCS, Hands and Feet, CBCS, CCM, GLO, CMS, AEM, ACM, AMT, WMC.

## St Ives Community Church

Pray for the church leadership:  
Ben O'Donoghue, Brad Taylor,  
Peter Weldon.

Praise God:

- ☆ For opportunities to share the truth of Jesus in the local community, through SRE and in partnership with like-minded ministries (including Hands and Feet and Celebrate Messiah) .

Pray for:

- ☆ The guidance and unity of the Spirit as several new ministry and service initiatives are planned for the coming months.

## The Christian Church of Grace (Canley Vale)

Pray for the church leadership:  
Jamil Ayoub, Odisho Aziz,  
Zaya Daoud, Edwar Gewrgies,  
Wisam Istefo.

Pray for the church as they reach out to their community.

## The Church for Everybody

Pray for the church leadership:  
Kevin Chichian, Spiro Magliveras,  
Edward O'Toole, Ken Timothy. ➤



**Praise** and thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness.

**Pray for:**

- ☆ we are seeking the Lord's guidance for our church which could involve major changes;
- ☆ for a new place to meet as we feel our time in Marrickville is finished;
- ☆ for continued street outreach and regular Bible teaching and Sunday School ministries as well as ongoing commitment to prayer;
- ☆ for those in our church and families who are not well with various difficulties and afflictions.


### **Tingira Community Church**

Pray for the church leadership: Peter McKenzie, Norman Propert, Derek Torrance.

**Praise:**

- ☆ For Friendship Time (our monthly Seniors program) going great with good numbers, now in its 34th year.
- ☆ For a happy and united Fellowship.

**Prayer:**

- ☆ For our missionaries Russell and Lorna Torrance heading off this year for a three year mission to Guiuan, in the Philippines.
- ☆ For Church growth and more younger folk to join us as we seek to reach out in our community. 

## Seeing, but not seeing?


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Some years ago researchers at Harvard Uni conducted an experiment where they asked some students to watch a video and count the number of times a team of basketballers threw a ball to each other. Another 'control' group of students was asked to merely observe the scene. During the video a lady with an umbrella, and then later a person in a gorilla suit, each walked into the scene for 5 seconds.

When questioned afterwards the intriguing result was that all those in the control group noticed the lady with the umbrella and the gorilla, but many of those counting the passes failed to see either! 35% of the counters missed seeing the lady and a staggering 56% of

the counters failed to notice the gorilla! It seems that if you are completely focused on one task you can often miss a lot of what else is happening.

Many people claim they don't see God at work in the world. Yet if there is plenty of evidence all around us pointing to God then perhaps, like the counters at Harvard who didn't notice the person in the gorilla suit, they are also failing to notice what God is doing because they are too focused on something else.

Take a more careful look at your world every day and you may see God at work around you. If so, then give thanks and praise His name. Perhaps you could also help Him when asked? 



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## NSW WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER & SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP

It was in recognition of overseas missionaries as wanderers, living away from their homeland, and frequently finding themselves in difficult, painful circumstances, that the NSW Women's Missionary Prayer & Support Fellowship began and continues. Priority is given to women's needs publicised in the AMT Global Prayer Matters, supplemented by information shared in private correspondence. Missionaries commended by NSW Assemblies are more intimately known so are remembered more frequently during our prayer times. Meeting with missionaries on furlough is an enjoyable highlight.

An offering is taken each month for gifts to encourage missionaries. A feature is a gift for a 'special treat' for missionaries' children when the family is on furlough.

To cater for scattered communities, our groups meet at two venues: Cherrybrook and Oatley, on the **second Friday of each month**, generally from February to December. Tea and coffee are provided at 10.15am before prayer from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

**Northside venue:** Elouera Gardens, Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook.

**Contact: Lil Fleming** ph 9858 5436 email: [lflem@bigpond.com](mailto:lflem@bigpond.com)

**Southside venue:** Oatley Gospel Hall, River Road, Oatley.

**Contact: Jackie Sardar** ph 9785 3439 0410 683 174

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21 May 2019

Dear email Pray-ers,

May the Lord be praised for His gracious kindness to the world, in providing The Way of salvation for men.

We're sending this prayer newsletter a little early this time as we will be heading to Brisbane for our son Tim's wedding to Wai Wai Tse on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. We'd appreciate your prayers for them.

Joanne is a lot better after the rough time we mentioned 3 months ago. We ended up going away to Foster for 11 nights. It took almost a week for her to pick up, but we are still seeing the benefits of the holiday and trust she will be well for the wedding. There was a possibility, that due to worsening neuropathy, that she will have to stop taking one of the chemo drugs or at best reduce the dosage. Thankfully, we have just seen the haematologist again and she has decided to keep her on the drug for the next 8 weeks. Please pray for wisdom for the haematologist in deciding the steps into the future. There are other new drugs available, but Joanne, as we all are, is in the Lord's hands and He has been very good to her.

Albert Fairweather hasn't been able to teach on Skype as originally planned but is training 55 people who are keen to do church planting. He is doing this by email, sending PDFs providing teaching. He has also put together some lessons for them to do and he answers their questions and gives guidance as necessary.

We send him some of the contacts we make on Facebook if they seem keen to do church planting.

We have just finished digitising and editing 1,548 recordings from Maranatha Christian Assembly's (Adelaide) audio cassettes and have started Epping Gospel Chapel's (Sydney) cassettes.

Recordings of the following speakers have also been added to PromiseBoxAudio.com:—

Dean Ayoub 23, Jon Ayoub 48, Les Crawford 3, David D'Lima 10, Christina Eglinton 2, Eugen Freudigmann 1, Rob George 1, Tom Golding 2, Graeme Harrison 1, Paul Kulikovskiy 6, Murray Lydeamore 18, Peter McWilliams 4, Jim Savage 2, Roy Savage 104, Steve Schmidt 139, Robert Schutz 67, Wendy Strachan 2 and Michael Taylor 7.

In the last quarter we sent 52 orders out. They included 425 DVDs to the following 7 countries: 18 to India, 12 to Kenya, 8 to Uganda, 6 to Australia, 4 to Philippines, 3 to Zambia and 1 to Pakistan.

May the Lord bless and keep you all.

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letters, adverts or short articles  
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on, or before, 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Rob Flinders (Port Missionary)**

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MATRAVILLE NSW 2036

20 April 2019

(Readers may remember in the last magazine, Rob told us about Roger & Captain Ric. Roger is now on another vessel ...)

*This is part of an email I received from Roger a couple of weeks ago ...*

*'Regarding our Bible Study Fellowship on board, we are continually growing through the grace and blessings of our Lord Jesus. Our Captain here on board, Arvin L. Reoma, is a devout Roman Catholic and very active in attending our Bible Study Fellowship. He talked to me that he is willing to study more about the Bible because he wants to serve the Lord. So, the same with Brother Ric before, we spent special time after dinner to study the Bible in my cabin. I shared with him that only Jesus Christ can save us through our faith in Him as our Lord and Saviour. Please help me in prayer for the life of Capt. Arvin L. Reoma that our Almighty God will grant the desire of his heart to serve Him.'*

**Doug & Jenny McNaught**

46 Barnetts Road

Winston Hills NSW 2153

20 May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your love, prayers, support and gifts over the last few months. We appreciate everything that you do for us and accept it as from the Lord.

I have been thinking about 1 Cor 12:3

*recently. In our postmodern world people like everything to be done right now, and many Christians want to be in a big hurry. However, our God has perfect timing and He works in grace and mercy. It is good for us to study our Bibles, meditate on the Word and pray each day but we can remember that the Holy Spirit taught us that we needed the Lord Jesus Christ and taught us to believe. As Christians, we can do nothing, without the Holy Spirit, that will bring any glory and honour to our Saviour and we should always give honour where honour is due, that is, to the Lord our God.*

*We have both been struggling a bit this year. Jenny has had some pain in her shoulder and I have had trouble sleeping so we are just managing to keep our heads above water, by the grace of God.*

*Jenny still keeps working with her voluntary community work, encouraging and helping the local ladies as they face the challenges of growing older.*

*If it is the Lord's will:*

*We are planning to drive up to Brisbane next week. One of Jenny nephews (Tim) is getting married on 1<sup>st</sup> June and we have been invited to the wedding.*

*The football club continues to struggle with only a few wins and mainly losses. I have been going to training sessions and trying to encourage the players, coaches and volunteers.*

*Next month is looking quite busy for us – with the wedding, then teaching on three Sunday mornings, and the last two Sunday evenings of the month.*

*Praise Points:*

- *Safety as we have travelled during* ➤

the year to churches and football matches.

- That the Lord has continued to give us the ability to continue in our service for Him.
- We have free access to the Bible and time to engage with it on a daily basis.

Prayer points:

- Safety as we continue to travel.
- Jenny as she has to increasingly deal with government instrumentalities as she continues to serve in the community.
- For wisdom to prepare and speak the Word, by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- For my two novels "Gulf" and "Sinking Sand".
- That we both might be able to sleep better and be able to be more productive for the Lord.

Thanks again for your love, fellowship, prayers and support.

Much love,

Doug & Jenny

**Geoff & Liz Folland**  
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Baulkham Hills NSW 2153  
20 May 2019

Friends,

I like to say that our ministry is characterised by **a passionate core and fuzzy edges**. By that I mean that those closest to the centre of our ministry are passionate about following Jesus. But there are plenty of students on the fringe of our community who are exploring

faith. Sometimes this is expressed in the most surprising ways.

Last Monday evening our student leaders, Lydia, Joyce, Joel and others organised a worship and prayer night at the Queen Mary Building - a residential college next to campus that holds six hundred students from across Australia and around the world. They also invited friends to join the night. And seven friends who aren't Christians - including some atheists - came! They observed the worship, were able to write down questions they had, and went out for dinner afterwards. Even I am surprised that atheists would want to attend a worship night! The feedback afterward was that one friend commented about how much fun these Christian friends were. (Is that surprising?!?)

So often our Christian communities are defined by who is "in" and who is "out". We speak of people as being Christians and non-Christians. But such stark a distinction - although true - can be unhelpful.

I've been sharing with students this week from Acts 2:42-47,

"(v42) They devoted themselves to **the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

(v43) Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. (v44) All the believers were together and had everything in common.

(v45) They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

(v46) Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together

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*with glad and sincere hearts, (v47) praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."*

*There are four activities listed here (teaching, fellowship, communion and prayer) that we also practice in our contemporary Christian communities. These are foundational to our Christian growth. However, I asked the question why, if we are doing the same things, that God isn't adding to our number daily those who are being saved (v.47b)?*

*It's not what we are doing, but how we are doing what we are doing. We meet for teaching at church or in a lounge room. We pray at church or in a small room somewhere. Everyone in the room when we are teaching, fellowshiping, etc, is someone who is "in".*

*Where did these early believers in Jerusalem meet? Three thousand had been added in one day - there was no time to build a building big enough to meet in, and churches weren't built for 300 years anyway. No, it says (v.46) they met in the temple courts. Just as Jesus had taught in the temple courts (Luke 20:1), the apostles taught in the temple courts (Acts 3:1, 5:12). Who was there? Religiously diligent Jews. Some were spiritually open. Others weren't. It was a mixed crowd. The boundaries were fuzzy.*

*It also says they met in their homes. What did a home in Jerusalem look like? They weren't like our suburban homes where the nuclear family invites guests over and no one outside knows what's*

*going on. Instead, they were households with extended families, slaves, and were observable by their neighbours. The boundaries were fuzzy.*

*Last Saturday I met with some men to pray in a local cafe. One commented that it felt strange to pray in such a public space. I realised I do it every day, with students in the cafeteria or local cafe. How can you add some fuzziness to your spiritual practices?*

**Prayer Points:**

*Vision Night; 25th May, 6:30pm*

*Please pray that God would use the night to encourage the hearts of those who come. Pray that the tickets sell out. Pray that God uses the night to help provide for students to come to Mid Year Conference.*

*Mid Year Conference; 8-13 July*

*Praise God for the good number of students who have already registered. Pray that those who are still deciding will be convinced to come. Pray that finances, holiday options and work commitments won't get in the way.*

*Thanks again for praying for us!*

*In His grace,*

*Geoff & Liz*

*Please encourage any students coming to one of my campuses to consider connecting to Power to Change online at:*

*Sydney Uni:*

[www.facebook.com/powerchangeUSYD/](http://www.facebook.com/powerchangeUSYD/)

*Uni of Notre Dame:*

[www.facebook.com/powerchangeBroadway/](http://www.facebook.com/powerchangeBroadway/)





What a great weekend, 162 men in a room learning from the Word of God. We were challenged about how we as men live for God at work, on the sports field and at home. Stephen McQuoid and Tom Meredith encouraged us to allow God to invade all areas of our lives and for us to honour His name in all we do and say. The audio messages have been loaded onto the ccaustnsw.com website by the time you read this. They are worth hearing.

We also had the joy of hearing the "Garry Story", where Garry a real-estate agent in Wollongbar asked John Fleming what he was doing on the weekend. John told him he was attending a "Men's Conference" at Toukley and Garry asked if he could tag along. It's a seven hour trip by minibus from Wollongbar to Toukley and by the time they reached Port

Macquarie, Garry gladly stood up in the bus and pronounced he had decided to give his life to Jesus.

Garry shared his testimony at the Conference to a crowd of cheering and celebrating men.

We continue to rejoice at the number of father and son (and grandfather and grandson) combinations that attend the conference. Around 30 teenagers and young men attending with their fathers this year. It is great to see fathers investing in their sons. St Ives served us through the music ministry of a group of their young men.

Men, you need to be at this event in 2020! It is a great time of refreshing, fellowship and encouragement. A time to be encouraged personally and renewed for the challenges of the upcoming year.





# Build Men's Conference – Youth Report

by Jacob Mitchell  
Youth Worker,  
CCCAust (NSW)

On the final weekend of March, men from churches across CCCAust gathered at Camp Toukley for the annual BUILD conference. Over the course of the conference men were spurred on towards following Jesus in all aspects of life.

Stephen McQuoid, our guest preacher from the UK, spoke on what it means to be a man of God, whilst at work, at home and at rest, and our very own Tom Meredith spoke on strengthening the inner man and servanthood.

A highlight for many was the opportunity to gather with men of all ages and stages in worship. The music team from St Ives Community Church did an awesome job in leading us in song with old hymns as well as newer songs.

Attending the conference were around 20 teenagers who had come with their fathers and grandfathers. I had the privilege of leading a session with these young men. We looked at Psalm 1 which speaks of what it means to be a man who flourishes like a tree planted by streams of water.

Over the course of an hour we discussed what sort of men we would hope to become as well as how it is that even in their teenage years they might set habits of being men who are shaped by the word of God.

It was encouraging to see these young men from a range of churches seeking to grow in their knowledge of God.



*Music team from St Ives C.C.*

Pray that in the wake of this conference that the men who attended will be stirred up to be following Jesus in all of life. Pray that the words we heard would take root and have a flow-on effect to our workplaces, families and churches.

And please remember the next generation in your prayers. Pray that God would raise up more young people and that from those in attendance at BUILD 2019 God would raise up church leaders, missionaries and faithful servants to carry out His work. ▣

## **Jesus said:-**

Whoever believes in me,  
as Scripture has said,  
rivers of living water will  
flow from within them.”

John 7:38 NIV



Camden Assembly was established over 60 years ago and since then has had many fluctuations in the size of its congregation.

Currently, the demography of the area is changing – with huge developments and the building of Badgerys Creek Airport. Many of the older farming generation are selling up to developers and younger generations are building houses and moving in.

Camden Assembly currently consists of five believers plus five children under five. With the influx of a new generation we have decided to keep the Assembly alive and have re-launched the Sunday School. We also hope to re-launch, in the next year or so, a School Holiday Outreach program during the June School Holidays.

Recently, with the help of Noel & Geoff Kerslake from Gosford Assembly, we were able to reach out to the whole local community at the Camden Show (April 5 & 6) by handing out free Bible Verse plaques. These were gratefully received by the local community. We estimate that about 260 plaques and Gospels of John were distributed.



We thank Alan and Daphne Bailey of Southport Assembly in Qld for the Gospels, along with their help at our stand in the show by distributing texts and conversing with the locals. They were “passing through” on their way back from Tasmania! On the following Sunday morning, Alan erected his model of the Tabernacle at our Meeting and gave good explanatory ministry to the visitors present.

The Kerslake family produce the plaques themselves, and have a regular stall at Parklea Markets, where plaques are handed out every week for free by Ron Kerslake of Northmead Assembly.

Camden Assembly are thankful for the visit by the Baileys and Kerslakes and the help we received.

We are always ready to receive visitors, and hope that local interest has been raised from this outreach activity.

As more new residents arrive in this developing area, we pray and hope that the Assembly will again have a positive fluctuation and grow to have a strong testimony in the Macarthur District.



## More recollections of Bulli Family Mission

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by David Gordon

One year a team member was given a volleyball set (net, posts and ball) for a Christmas present, and he took it to Bulli. It was set up in the "Mission area", and was well used by the team.

One of the campers spied it, and immediately issued a challenge to the Mission team. He posted a note in the ablution block, and dozens of campers signed up. The Mission team fielded 9 players (the usual is 6) - but the campers' team fielded 18, because there were so many who wanted to play.

Needless to say, they got in each others' way, and the Mission team won! Everyone had a great time - and the challenge was immediately upgraded to "the best of three". In the second match the Mission team contrived to lose, thus making the third match the decider. Almost everyone from the camping area turned up to watch, as well as dozens of locals, for the word had got around. There were probably 200 people there to see the Mission team just clinch victory.

A makeshift "cup" was presented to the winners, after which John Odell spoke briefly to the crowd, telling them that many people see following Christ Jesus as a killjoy experience — yet the afternoon had shown that is not so. John then talked about the Lord's statement that he had come to give life - in abundance. Soft drinks and finger food were served for everyone, and many of the campers stayed to talk with the Mission team.

While the match had been in progress I walked past a chap who was laughing so much he was in danger of falling off his chair. I commented that he seemed to be enjoying himself, to which he replied, "Yes, and without a drop of alcohol. I wouldn't have thought that was possible, I haven't laughed this much in years."

I don't know if he stayed to hear John's message ... but if he did, he certainly would have heard the Good News!



## Thinking of laughter .... here are some of Dad's jokes

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by Dedpan

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo.  
I had to put my foot down.

What's the best things about elevator jokes?  
They work on so many levels.

I used to hate facial hair,  
but then it grew on me.

I'm reading a book on the history of glue. I just can't put it down.

I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro. It's a total rip-off.

Last night I dreamt I was a muffler  
... I woke up exhausted!





*Jamil Choucair (on the left) interviewing Jusef William*

I have attached a photo from last week's video recording session, and we will be doing the same this Wednesday as well.

This is taken in our Studio at the rear of Eastwood Gospel Chapel, shooting with three cameras. Jamil Choucair is interviewing a Christian brother from Egypt, Jusef William.

Last week we shot six separate interview type programs (28 mins each) – tough going to do this all in one day!

We are going to air with programs 3 days a week on Satellite TV and 3 YouTube channels plus the Internet.

There is a lot of work in filming and editing for the Arabic and English programs.

We would like folk to pray that people will tune-in to these programs and that the Lord will challenge those who are not saved, and strengthen those who already know Him.

Thanks for the gifts.

The Lord bless.

John & Irene Hills  
(20<sup>th</sup> May 2019)

16 Stewart Street  
Campbelltown NSW 2560



# Thrive Women's Conference 2019

by the Thrive Committee



Thank you all for your prayer and support of Thrive! We were delighted to welcome new and familiar faces from 18 churches across the Greater Sydney region to Thrive 2019. It was a blessing to see women of all ages and walks of life gathering in unity around Christ and His Word. We enjoyed a day of genuine worship, rich fellowship and powerful teaching (including talks from speakers from our own family of churches). We are delighted with the great feedback we've received from participants so far and excited to see how God will continue to use the seed of His Word sown into the lives of His daughters through Thrive 2019.

Our main speaker this year was Erica Hamence. Her messages on *Peace With God*, *Peace Within* and *Peace For the World* were thoroughly Biblical, extremely practical and very well received. Erica's messages will be available for download on the CCCAust(NSW) website shortly. We encourage you all to have a listen!

<https://cccaustnsw.com/conferences/downloads/>

Thrive was the first conference held at the new Stewards' facility, "The George" in George Street, Burwood. There were some additional logistical challenges this year due to the fact that we were using a new venue, but ➤

everything ran very smoothly on the day. It didn't even rain! The bright, comfortable chapel on the ground floor was a great space for our main sessions. We were able to offer break-out seminars for the first time, due to the availability of the lecture and seminar rooms on Level 2. We enjoyed eating lunch together in the sunny, private courtyard. Onsite parking, lifts and suitable amenities helped us cater for the needs of less mobile participants. We are grateful to our hosts – Stewards Foundation, CityLight Burwood and the Australian College of Christian Studies – for sharing their facilities and resources with us.

Please continue to pray for the Thrive committee - Monica Vasquez (Allawah CC), Sarah Thompson (Botany Bay CC) and Sophia McCrindle (West Pennant Hills CC) - as we begin to prayerfully plan for Thrive 2020. Our vision is to

see women grow in the deep, rich soil of God's grace in Jesus Christ so that we can truly thrive in our relationships with God, our church families and the communities we love and serve. We're committed to making Thrive attractive, affordable and accessible to as many of the women in our family of churches as possible, including those from regional and country churches. If you have feedback or suggestions for us, please email them to [sarah.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.thompson@gmail.com)

We would also appreciate your help in getting information about Thrive 2020 out to the women in your church. Thrive 2020 will be held on Saturday 2 May 2020. We're excited to welcome Connie Main Duarte back as our speaker. For more information, visit

<https://site.corsizio.com/c/5cd37ff41a64e2a399d7621d>



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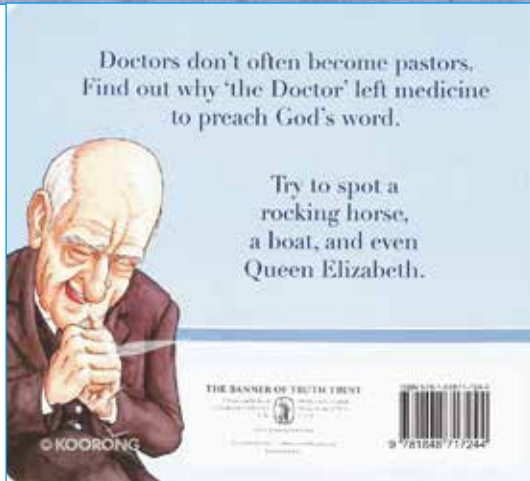
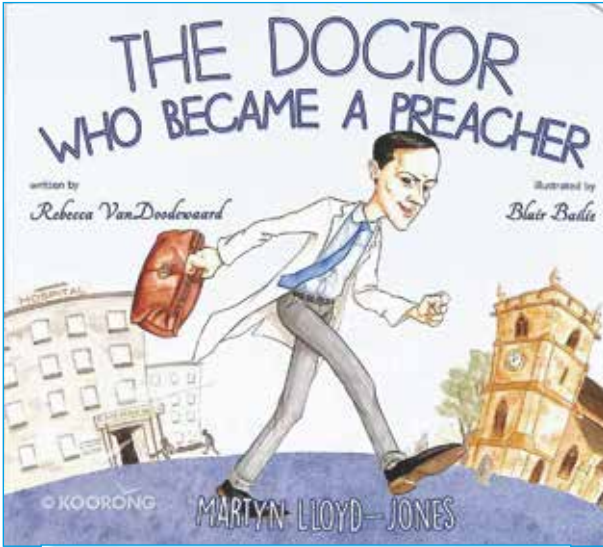
*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

*John 16:33 NIV*



# Board Books for Children (aged 1 to 4) - a review

by Kristin Stiles



*this book's back cover*

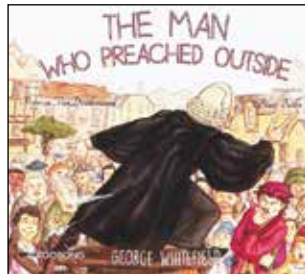
Rebecca VanDoodewaard's new set of 16 page board-books, based on the lives of men and women of the faith, is such a refreshing offering in the area of children's Christian literature. Her first four books in this series highlight the lives of Martyn Lloyd-Jones, George Whitefield, Susannah Spurgeon, and Katharina Luther.

- The Doctor Who Became a Preacher*
- The Man Who Preached Outside*
- The Woman Who Loved to Give Books*
- The Woman Who Helped a Reformer*

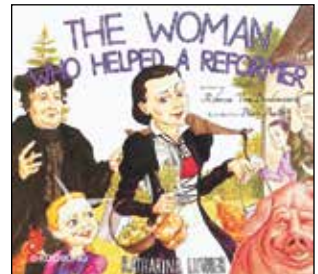
The first surprise is to see two books that focus on the wives of two of the great men of the faith and not just on the famous husbands. The next surprise is the effort that has gone into making these books interactive to engage the littlest ones who read them or hear them read. The third surprise is the quality of illustration which sadly is not always found in books in this genre. ➤



*Susannah Spurgeon*



*George Whitefield*



*Katharina Luther*



Mrs VanDoodewaard provides a great service to the youngest generation by making godly men and women of generations gone by accessible and interesting.

- With Martyn Lloyd-Jones, her focus is on how a doctor saw the importance of ministering to the soul over ministering to the body.

- With George Whitefield, she shows that his passion to preach the Gospel compelled him to travel great distances.

- With Katharina Luther, VanDoodewaard praises a woman who served as a helpmate for her very famous husband and who found her own ministry in raising up her children and providing hospitality to the many visitors who came to their home.

- And with Susannah Spurgeon, she shows how despite being sick, Mrs. Spurgeon still served God and her husband by sending thousands of books to poor ministers.

Mrs VanDoodewaard also does a great service to her readers by how she handles the subject matter. She uses phrases like “ask the Lord Jesus to forgive them of their sins” and writes about how we should serve others out of our thankfulness for what God has done for us. There are rich truths in these books that should be read over and over again to young children.

In addition to the great content, there is much to be appreciated in the educational value of these books. The language is simple and controlled with short, pithy sentences. On the back

cover of each book, there is a list of items that the reader can look for as she or he pages through it. The text contains leading questions that parents can use to have their children predict what will happen next. All of these make for books that help with language acquisition and early reading skills.

Finally, something must be said about the illustrations. Blair Bailie has done a tremendous job creating these pictures. They are colourful and fun with lots of animals, foods, activities, and items to be looked at and identified. Bailie uses some different perspectives, also, to change things up. There is an overhead view of a dining room table that is just so clever. The faces of these famous people are very recognizable, too. Such a wonderful job of bringing to life the words of Mrs VanDoodewaard.

Hopefully there will be many more titles added to this series in the future. It is a wonderful way to introduce children to Christian role models. Perhaps by learning about these men and women at such a young age, these children will later read their writings and study their biographies to learn how God uses everyday people to do great things for His kingdom.

Kristin Stiles helps lead the “Young, Reading, & Reformed” children’s ministry at Reformed Baptist Church of Franconia, PA, USA.

The books are published by Banner of Truth, and can be obtained in Australia from Christian Book Shops such as Koorong or Word, for about \$16 each.





## THE WORD TO THE WORLD

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ECS (NSW) exists to bring Glory to God through the supply of free courses to inmates in the many Corrective Centres in NSW. We also send courses to anyone in the community who wishes to enhance their study of The Word of God through the use of ECS courses. Courses are available for each book of the Bible and many folk purchase them for use in their church Bible Study Groups.

This past quarter has seen some significant changes to our normal volume of work. Flyers requesting new courses are down. This could be that our change to the introductory course offer has caused some decline in response. It appears to relate to a few specific prisons that were previously very active and that there have been some chaplaincy changes. Also some prisons in NSW are now privately operated and this also may have had some effect, but we know that prison numbers still grow so there will be much work ahead.

### Praise Points:

- For the Bible Grant for 2019 from the Bible Society;
- For the salvation of many students and their encouraging letters;
- For the evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in many students;
- For the prayers and support received that enable the work to continue;
- For the continued commitment of all the markers and the successful

move to the new GradeCam marking system.

### Prayer Points:

- That born again prisoners can, on release be –  
Re-established into families  
Find work  
Find an evangelical local Church  
Cope with change in society.
- For wisdom for markers in dealing with student questions.
- For more students to respond to the June free offer.
- For 2 students who are facing deportation following release.

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## EMMAUS CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL Volunteer Opportunity

Are you an organised and efficient person who enjoys using your admin skills to make a difference? Would you like the opportunity to serve in a ministry that reaches thousands of the most marginalised people in our community with the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Emmaus Correspondence School distributes Bible correspondence courses throughout Australia, with our largest cohort of students drawn from the prison population. Each year prisoners throughout Australia receive a beautiful Emmaus “Bible Gems” Calendar which contains an invitation to sign up for two free Bible correspondence courses. Every year hundreds of prisoners take up this offer and begin studying God’s word for themselves. Students are assigned to an Emmaus volunteer who encourages them in their studies and marks their completed course work. The Emmaus courses help connect prisoners to the source of meaning and hope – Jesus himself!

Promoting, distributing, marking and tracking the impact of these courses generates a large volume of administrative work – more than our existing team can handle! We are currently looking for a part-time volunteer to assist with the administration of correspondence courses across NSW, SA, TAS, VIC and WA and to help our NSW office operate efficiently.

Our ideal volunteer is efficient, organised, reliable and has an eye for detail. Strong administrative skills, communication skills and computer literacy are essential for this role. Basic book-keeping or data-entry experience would be helpful.

Duties include:

- Processing mail
- Banking and basic book-keeping
- Keeping student records up-to-date, including recording marks and issuing certificates
- Collating and reporting of statistics to ECS International
- Coordinating promotion and distribution of “Bible Gems” calendars
- Coordinating monthly “Prayer and Share” afternoon for all ECS volunteers
- Assisting IT Officer with updating information on website
- Assisting with reporting to the ECS Board of Directors

The ECS NSW office operates out of West Pennant Hills Community Church and is open 2 days/ week. Volunteers could work out of this office or remotely. Days and hours are negotiable. Training in all ECS systems and procedures will be provided.

For further information, please contact :-

Faith Connell (ECS Coordinator) on 0412 970 446 or

Tim Kirkegard (Pastor at West Pennant Hills Community Church) on 0404 054 887.

# Hands & Feet Inc in Brewarrina

by Bradley Scott (with H&F)

**Brewarrina**, or “**Bre**” as it is often known, is an historic and fascinating town on the Barwon-Darling River, famed for its ancient stone fisheries. It is a small town in far north-western NSW, with about 1200 residents. 68% of the local population identify as indigenous.

Two years ago this community had the awful statistic of the highest suicide rate of any country town in Australia. Isaac Gordon and his team have been working in the community to address this massive concern. The team now runs the local AA meeting, and a youth meeting with over 70 young Aboriginals and they rejoice that in the last 18 months, there were no suicides.

Hands and Feet (H&F) in partnership with Stewards Foundation have purchased an old shop in the middle of the town to provide a place for the team to hold meetings, do training and to continue to develop services to help the community. H&F have just started providing NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) in the town to help people with disabilities and provide employment opportunities for local young people.

We are looking for help to refurbish this building so we can use it to further help this Community.

Thank you to the electricians and builders who have already volunteered to help. We are also looking for a volunteer plumber and a gyprocker/plasterer to help us complete the works. The aim is to finish by the end of August 2019.

If you can offer help please contact Bradley Scott (mb: 0400 260 077 or [brad@handsandfeet.com.au](mailto:brad@handsandfeet.com.au))

To finish the refurbishment we will also need to find another \$90,000.

All donations to H&F are tax deductible.

We would encourage our friends to consider this project as we approach the end of the financial year. Help us help an amazing Community.

Donations can be direct debited to:-  
Acc Name: Hands and Feet Inc Projects

BSB: 802 759

Acc No: 100 000 467

After you donate please email

[info@handsandfeet.com.au](mailto:info@handsandfeet.com.au)

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*The old shop purchased to be renovated*





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## Writers write – but what if you're Selfish, Stingy, or Scared?

by your Editor

**Question:** Are you a writer?

Most answers to this question range from an enthusiastic “yes,” to an emphatic “no,” or a cautious “no, but I’d like to be.”

First of all, let’s define what a “writer” is. *A writer is someone who writes.*

Of course we all agree that the person whose book hits the best-seller list, or who just published their fifth novel, is a writer. But what if you have only had one article published in a magazine? Or you post twice a month on your own blog? Or you write the weekly devotional blurb for your church’s bulletin? Or you keep a journal just for yourself?

Guess what — all of these things qualify you as a writer.

It’s not up to anyone else to tell you what your specific calling is from God. However, as Christians we are all called to share the Good News with others. If you’re good at writing, or even if you don’t think you’re that good but you enjoy it anyway – that might mean that writing is part of your specific calling.

There are many reasons why you might think that writing is **not** part of your calling, or that you could never use writing to make an impact.

**Some writers are selfish:** “I just write for my own pleasure – nobody else needs to read it.”

**Some are stingy:** “If I can’t write something that’s 100% perfect and guaranteed to be a hit, it’s not worth it.”

**Some are scared:** “I’m afraid of what others might think of me if I shared my writing. Perhaps nobody wants to read what I have to say.”

These are all misconceptions. You **do** have something valuable to say. Your words **can help** someone else. What you write doesn’t have to be perfect, especially the first time – **it just has to be written.**

That devotional about Psalm 23; that research paper about Old Testament history; that story idea about a young Christian couple; that blog post about how Jesus pulled you out of the darkness and trauma of your past – it’s all valuable.

**Just write it.** Then re-read it to check for omissions and spelling mistakes, and send it to all the appropriate person, persons, publication(s) or organisation(s) who you think may be interested.

This *Assemblies Outreach* magazine’s editorial team, for example, would like to read what you have produced. Especially if it relates to Scripture or in some way to Christian Brethren activities, ministries, history, or people, etc, in NSW.

We are mainly looking for original articles by Christian writers to feature in this magazine or on our website. We would like to share your written thoughts about leadership, use of technology in ministry or worship, and in social media. Whether you have something already prepared, or you just have an idea for an article, please contact us at:–

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We might also be able to help get your first book published! Seriously!





# “Can science explain everything?”

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## John C. Lennox’s latest book

Most readers would know that John Lennox, the Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University is a Christian believer and is the main speaker at this year’s International Brethren Conference on Mission being held in Rome from 24 to 28 June. Some will no doubt be going to this conference primarily to hear John speak on the theme topic “You shall be My witnesses”.

Lennox has written many books for thinkers - those who are not satisfied with glib phrases and stock answers to life’s complex questions - but as a consequence, the arguments he lays out require concentration. They are not bedtime reading.

His latest volume “Can science explain everything?” was published in January this year by the Good Book Company in the UK as a paperback. This shorter volume (127 pages) may provide slightly easier reading. It seeks to tackle the issue of science and the Bible by showing ‘that there is a different way of looking at things that is more rational, more sensible, and more wholesome than the all too familiar alleged conflict between science and religion’.

Chapters include:

How did we get here?: from Newton to Hawking;

Mythbusters 1: Religion depends on faith but science doesn’t;

Mythbusters 2: Science depends on reason but Christianity doesn’t;

Miracles: a step too far?

amongst others.

There is plenty of carefully reasoned and compelling material in this book, but one of its strengths for the general reader is its use of apt and telling illustrations. This book reviewer now sees the making of a cup of tea, Aunt Matilda’s cake, and  $1+1=2$  in a whole new light! Whilst not all will be altogether happy with Lennox’s section on Genesis chapter 1, he does make the telling statement, ‘if scientists had taken the biblical perspective seriously at an earlier date, they might well have searched for evidence of a beginning earlier than they did’.

One of the most useful aspects of this book is that it is an excellent piece of gospel literature. Tackling many of the arguments for science and against the Bible and showing them to be superficial and, often, illogical, it moves towards its climax in a chapter entitled ‘The personal dimension’.

Stripping away many of the so-called reasons for unbelief, this book lays out the evidence for the resurrection and the implications of that fact for us all. It stresses that the claims of Christ and the Christian gospel require an answer. Lennox concludes, ‘To fail to get to know Him [Christ] is to miss life’s ultimate purpose and joy’.

This book is recommended. Buy it and give it to any thinker and searcher after the truth!

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**About the Author:**

John Lennox is Professor of Mathematics in the University of Oxford, Fellow in Mathematics and the Philosophy of Science, and Pastoral Advisor at Green Templeton College, Oxford. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University and at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and is a Senior Fellow of the Trinity Forum. In addition, he teaches for the Oxford Strategic Leadership Programme at the Executive Education Centre, Saïd Business School, Oxford University.

John Carson Lennox was born in 1943 in Northern Ireland, the son of a shopkeeper, and grew up in Armagh. He studied at the Royal School Armagh, Northern Ireland, and was Exhibitioner and Senior Scholar at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University from which he took his MA, MMath and PhD. While there, he heard lectures by C S Lewis on the poet John Donne.

Lennox worked for many years in the Mathematics Institute at the University of Wales in Cardiff which awarded him a DSc for his research. He also holds an MA and DPhil from Oxford University and an MA in Bioethics from the University of Surrey. He was a Senior Alexander Von Humboldt Fellow at the Universities of Wurzburg and Freiburg in Germany. He has lectured extensively in North America, Eastern and Western Europe and Australasia on mathematics, the philosophy of science and the intellectual defence of Christianity.

Between 2007 and 2011, Lennox was involved in numerous public debates in the UK, US, and Australia, wherein he articulated an intellectually robust Christian case for the existence of God. Those with whom he has debated include Richard Dawkins, the late Christopher Hitchens, and Peter Singer. Some of these debates and some of Lennox’s lectures can be found on YouTube.

Lennox has written a number of books on the interface between science, philosophy and theology. These include:

**God’s Undertaker:** Has Science Buried God? (2009),

**God and Stephen Hawking,** a response to *The Grand Design* (2011),

**Gunning for God,** on the new atheism (2011),

and **Seven Days that Divide the World,** on the early chapters of Genesis (2011).

Furthermore, in addition to over seventy published mathematical papers, he is the co-author of two research level texts in algebra in the Oxford Mathematical Monographs series.

Lennox is multilingual, fluent in English, Russian, French, and German. He is married to Sally, and has three children and five grandchildren.





Here are 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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The Australian **National Day of Thanks**, 25<sup>th</sup> May, has come and gone this year, and I expected to find some accounts of how churches helped people express their thanks published on the website:-

<https://www.austhanks.org.au>

but today, 7<sup>th</sup> June, **I could not find any!!**

What about in your local area? Anything? If so please let me know and maybe we can share some encouraging stories in this magazine in two months time.

I hope the Federal Election (18<sup>th</sup> May) and the lead-up to it, did not torpedo our desire to thank our fellow Aussies!

The official website's Home Page gives some history of this Day since it started in 2004 and the page concludes with ...

"How you celebrate this Day, be it in your church, your family or your community is entirely up to you.

"But whatever you do, can we encourage you to make a difference this National Day of Thanks.

"Australia's National Day of Thanks is a unique opportunity for Australians to celebrate and give thanks for our God given heritage as a nation, and to demonstrate the values of honour, respect, thankfulness and gratitude towards our fellow man. It is a day for Australians to pause as a nation and say thank you to God and to each other for those many things we often take for granted, those things that really make our lives worth living. Let us use this National Day each year to be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to us."

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It is now a couple of months since many of our men-folk attended the BUILD Conference at Toukley.

The talks given at the Conference were recorded as video and are available to download from the CCAust(NSW) website:-

<https://ccaustnsw.com/conferences/downloads/>

The recent THRIVE conference talks are also available from that web page.

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**Please submit any news-items, letters, adverts or short articles for the August 2019 magazine on, or before, 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

Back in June 2016, we mentioned here the work of **Vision Christian Radio** and we shared some of the “God is at work ...” series of stories listeners to the radio station were sharing on-air.

A few months prior to that we had mentioned in this column a printed publication for young people called **Vision180**. This is a ‘companion’ to a publication with a longer history called **The Word for Today (TWFT)** which I had come across whilst working as a volunteer with Christian Literature Outreach (CLO). We were, and still are, sending over 2,000 copies of this publication into the prisons in Australia, in addition to several other devotionals like *Our Daily Bread* and *Every Day with Jesus*.

Soon after, I began getting my own copy via email from a website by the same name:

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

I aim to read this when I first turn on my computer, nearly every morning, as it arrives with the overnight emails. But today something drew me to visit the website itself where I read the message “**Remembering Bob Gass 1944 to 2019**: Today, we are sad to announce that Bob Gass, the author of Vision’s daily devotional, *The Word for Today*, passed away peacefully on the evening of the 5th June, at his home in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Bob’s wife, Debby has given us permission to share this with you, as we know that many of you will have been greatly impacted by his ministry.”

In Australia, TWFT is distributed as one of the ministries of VISION Christian Media which you can read about by visiting the website:-

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

There it states “At VISION, we’re passionate about ensuring every Australian gets the chance to hear the good news of the Gospel. This isn’t just our goal: it’s in our DNA.”

At the moment, the organisation embraces all these ministries:-

- Vision Christian Media
- Vision Christian Radio
- The Word for Today
- Vision 180
- Vision Christian Prayer
- Vision Christian Store
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