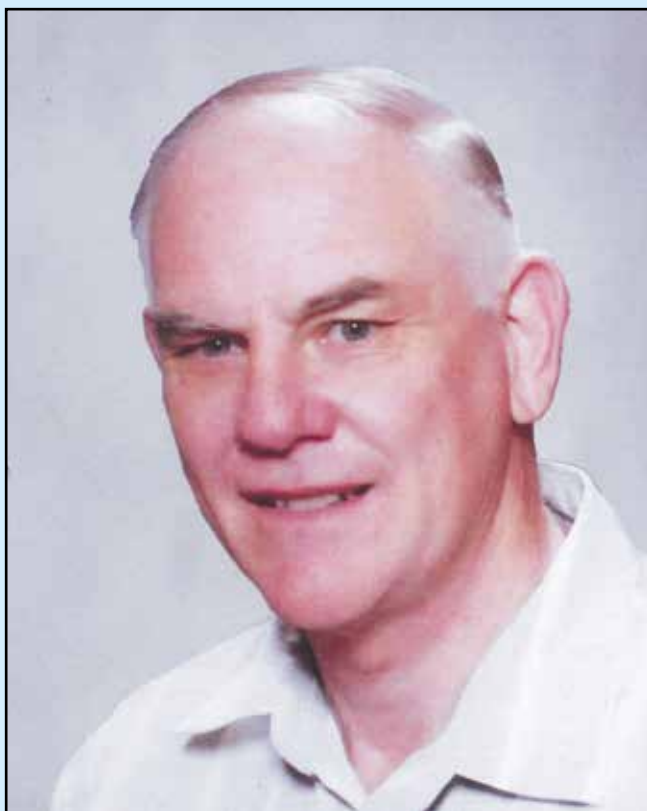




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Dear Readers,

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

It seems a lot has happened since we last issued this magazine in April. Of course two months has elapsed as usual, but the passing into Glory of our President and Treasurer of the Mission, Charles Williams, (see pages 6 & 7) has had tremendous ripple-on effects that have impacted on all our Board members and the editorial team. This includes causing a delay in getting this issue to the printing company and subsequently into your hands.. Please excuse us in that respect.

But, more than just a delay, it has reminded us that we are all mortal and whilst each of us might like to think we are an important part of the particular organisation(s) via which we serve the Lord, at any time He could call us home! Hence we must devote some time to training younger people,

(say ages 30 to 55) mentoring them and preparing them for leadership roles.

The Mission agrees with the CMS prayer request (see page 20) “that younger people will be called to the ministry”.

If you are keen to find out more about serving the Lord in the Assemblies Evangelistic Mission (AEM) — please phone me or send your questions to my email address:

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

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

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With the Lord

Bruce Crowther passed into the Lord's presence on 12th May. Our love and sympathies are with his wife Margaret and all the other family members. We hope to print an eulogy for Bruce in the August issue.

Charles Williams death from Motor Neurone Disease occurred the next day, 13th May, and again our sympathy is with his whole family, especially Judy his wife, who has moved to Lynden Grove and is now nearer her daughter's home.

Details from Charles's memorial service at Campsie are on pages 6 and 7.

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Narara church site was sold and settled in June 2015. The church had ceased operating from there before the site was sold, but the funds will be used

by Stewards Foundation to promote works within the Brethren Movement.

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The most recent Coordinating Conference was held at Cartwright Gospel Chapel on Thursday, 7th May 2015. It was attended by 28 people from 12 churches and 5 para-church groups. A lot of interesting reports and future activities were on the agenda, which made for encouraging reading in the Minutes. Contact Brad Scott (9626 0055) if you have not received a copy.

It was good to hear the new church plant (City Light, meeting in the old Balmain Gospel Hall) is flourishing and having two services each Sunday. Two extra men are coming onto staff (part-time) to help the new converts and to do more reach-out events.

There are two other Assemblies in the CBD but in the 1970's there used to be at least eight, so there is a lot of lost ground to be re-conquered for the Lord.

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Part of the recent survey of our churches by CBCS investigated to what extent the 'local church' is involved in their local community. It seems many churches are struggling to connect with local people. CCC(Aust) has been looking for a range of opportunities to help in this respect and several were mentioned in Brad's report. These include:-

- a) Hands & Feet (feeds poor people living on the streets)
- b) Sports Chaplaincy Australia (trains people to be chaplains to sporting teams)



- c) Christians Against Poverty (CAP) funding. Helping people budget and get out of debt.
- d) Working with local Councils to deliver social-needs training workshops on our church properties.

So, developing young leaders and reconnecting churches with their local communities, are both being worked on this year. If readers have other mechanisms working in their churches to achieve either of these goals (e.g. the Friday Night Cafe in Sonny Ng's letter on page 15) please let Brad know. They can be added to the four listed to help achieve more church growth in NSW.

Meetings & Events

(Note: for the **latest details** please be sure to check at these 2 websites:-

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www.ccaustnsw.com/events

2015:

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|------------------|---|-----------|--|
| 6-10 July | Treasure Seekers & Gen-Youth: School Holiday programs for all ages at Bexley Gospel Hall. Phone: Thomas (0412 979 183) or CK (0418 298 877). | 8 Aug | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| 11 July | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. | 15 Aug | Women's Mission Convention at St Ives Community Church, starting 2pm. Details soon. |
| 26 July to 2 Aug | Education Week (SRE) ICCORIES | 15 Aug | Unite 2015, (a Next Gen event) |
| 6 Aug | NSW Coordinating Conference; 7.30pm; City Light church., Balmain. | 22 Aug | Pathfinders at WPHCC; 7pm. |
| | | 12 Sep | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| | | 10 Oct | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| | | 23-24 Oct | "Inspire" Women's Conference at Camp Toukley. |
| | | 30 Oct | GLO Expo and 50th Anniversary at Riverstone Community Church. |
| | | 5 Nov | NSW Coordinating Conference; 7.30pm; Gracepoint Community Church, Fairfield. |
| | | 14 Nov | 'Awake to Israel' at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm. |
| | | 28 Nov | Pathfinders Christmas Dinner 6pm at WPHCC |

2016:

- 15-17 Jan **VITAL 2016,** Camp Toukley
- 18-19 Mar **Build 2016 - Men's Conference** ("Humility & Meekness) at Camp Toukley.



A tribute to Charles Williams (25/4/1941 to 13/5/2015)

by Colin Winrow

For a considerable time last year, Charles Williams knew something was wrong with his health. He underwent many tests and scans which eliminated a lot of possibilities, until eventually in November 2014 his doctors concluded he had Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

MND is a cruel disease, for which there is no known cure at present. Certain treatment regimes may bring temporary relief of some symptoms, but the fact that 'in Australia the average time between diagnosis and death is only 22 months' tells the tragic tale of its relentless, rapid progress in most victims.

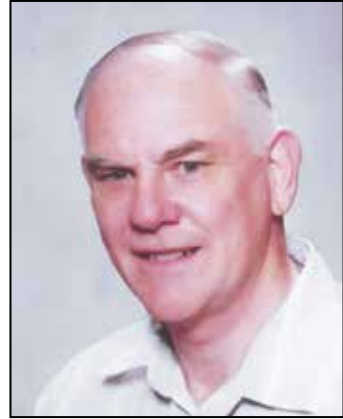
After Charles shared the news with his fellow directors on the Board of the NSW Assemblies' Evangelistic Mission (AEM) (perhaps better known in NSW as "Outreach") we were shocked, but hoped for a better outcome than the "average".

In fact, the reverse happened! The Lord took Charles home in the early hours of Wednesday, 13th May.

Before that he had faithfully carried on with his service to God, carrying out his duties and responsibilities with AEM, including attending every Board meeting, even the one on May 12th.

I understand this was also the case at Campsie Community Church, where he regularly attended and served in many ways.

This church held a lovely Memorial Service for Charles on 20th May. The building was filled with people who knew Charles – many family members, and friends, and colleagues who had



worked with him over the years – in service to the Lord.

Elder Robin Bathurst led the service and brought much comfort from the Scriptures to those gathered. Several of Charles' favourite hymns were sung, and Psalm 23 was read by Kerrie Christie, and John 14:1-6 was read by son-in-law Geoff Cook.

Precious memories of their father were shared by Sue Cook and Geoff Williams, and memories from other friends were shared by Eric Gordon, John Ryan, Grahame Martin, and myself (on behalf of everyone associated with AEM).

I said at the time:–

"May I first express condolences, on behalf of the Directors and Members of the NSW Assemblies' Evangelistic Mission, to the extended family of Charles who was the President of the Mission until his passing into glory a week ago. We especially extend our sympathies to his dear wife, Judy, at this time.



Charles has been associated with the Mission, as a volunteer, from its very early days in the late 1970s when Capt. Fred Wilkins started to encourage evangelism in NSW and to help support evangelists and other brothers in Christ from the Christian Brethren Assemblies.

The Mission sold second-hand clothes and bric-a-brac to raise money to help these brothers. Laurie Cowell, Graham Hayden and others worked with Fred, and they soon also opened the Christian Outreach Book Service and started publishing the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine. With the funds raised they created & strongly supported the Home Workers Fund (now the Ministry Support Fund).

Charles helped — with his practical and technical skills and his knowledge of business and accounting. He was soon invited to be a Director on the Board, and in June 1994 he was elected to be the President of the Mission Board, or Management Committee. He was subsequently re-elected every year for the next 21 years — that's a long time of service in a volunteer organisation!

The Mission thanks God for Charles's great service, and I believe we must thank Judy and other family members for supporting him in that service in various ways.

Last year, when Cynthia Riseham, our Treasurer and book-keeper, went to glory, Charles also took over her role – ostensibly until our next AGM in late June this year. But God had a

different plan for him – in a far better place - heaven!

Charles had the business skills for all the roles I have mentioned, but he also had a willing “hands-on” approach which found him helping to sell books, cards, and calendars etc at Assembly functions, camps, conferences etc, for many years. He helped a great deal when the Mission had to move its headquarters – first from Newtown to St Peters, then to Kirrawee Chapel, and then to Burwood Chapel.

I found him to be a gentle person in all his dealings with us in the Mission – a true gentleman one could say. I believe he was also diligent, dependable, trustworthy, reliable, thoughtful, and easy to work with.

Like all of you here today, we mourn his passing and we will miss him for a long time!!!

To his wife Judy, and his extended family, may we at the Mission again express our sincere condolences, and may we offer our help in the future if you need it.

But this would only be a small response to the loss of family time you would have experienced while he was serving the Lord in Mission-associated activities — for which we and many others are very, very grateful. Thank you so much!!!



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The Apostle John has a delightful ability to get his teaching across to us by means of biographical snippets. Over the next few issues we will think about what he teaches regarding the events after the Lord was crucified. What do we learn from the people who were involved? Below are the 3rd & 4th articles.

3. The Lord appears to Mary (John 20:10 to 18)

The story returns to Mary. John gives us a very human picture of a woman in deep distress of soul. Again, he establishes the truth of the resurrection by a simple factual account of the events that had happened.

Mary returned to the tomb and it appears that she arrived there before Peter and John had departed. Whether John attempted to explain his new belief that the Lord had risen, we do not know. In any case, Mary still believed that her Lord had been removed from the tomb and she continued in her grief at her loss.

In this grief she looked into the tomb and saw two angels, one where the Lord's head had been and the other at His feet. They asked why she was weeping. In her reply she showed that she had not realised that the Lord had been raised from the dead. She persisted in believing that someone had removed His body. But her respect and reverence for the Lord continued. In the same way that she had spoken to Peter and John, she still refers to Him as her Lord; she does not say they have taken away the body, but that they had taken away the Lord.

Mary turned at this point. Perhaps

movement had attracted her. She saw someone, but through her tears she could not tell who it was. So, when the Lord asked her why she was weeping and who it was she was looking for, she imagined she was listening to the gardener. Her answer was a request that, if he had removed Him, he would tell her so that she could take Him away. Again she doesn't mention a body; she speaks about 'Him'.

The impossibility of what Mary was asking, strikes us at once. This was a woman who wanted to carry a fully grown man to whom over 30kg of spices had been added. How would she carry Him? And where would she carry Him to? What would she do with His body? Sometimes grief makes us say impossible things.

The Lord's reply brought an immediate change in Mary. He had first addressed her as woman or lady. Now He named her. Speaking her name would have immediately suggested to Mary that he knew her; she recognised the voice at once. She responded by calling Him Rabboni, which John tells us means Teacher.

It appears that Mary fell at the Lord's feet and grasped Him. His >10

response was to tell her not to cling to Him. The time of His ascension to the Father had not yet come; He would still be with them, appearing to His disciples from time to time. Rather than cling to the Lord, Mary was to go to the disciples with the message that the Lord had risen. In obedience, she did exactly that.

What did the resurrection mean to Mary? It gave her hope; it changed her gloom to joy. It caused her to bow in worship before her Lord. It made her a messenger of the risen Lord. Does the resurrection of the Lord Jesus have that effect on us?



4. Jesus appears to His disciples (John 20: 19 to 23)

The disciples may have scattered with the crucifixion, but they were soon not merely in touch with each other but were meeting together. Their fear had not evaporated, so when they met they did so behind locked doors. If their leader had been crucified on a false charge of insurrection, they could expect similar treatment.

Jesus entered the room where they were. His body, a resurrection body, was not subject to the limitations experienced by our human bodies. He could move freely through closed doors. So He stood in their midst and said "Peace be with you". This Hebrew greeting meant more than a wish that those being greeted would avoid conflict or not experience stress; it meant well-being in the widest sense. Because the Lord had risen, there could at last be true peace in the hearts of the men and women who followed Him.

The Lord then showed the disciples His hands and His side. This was conclusive evidence that He had been raised from death to life, that the one who stood before them was the same

one they had followed from Galilee to Jerusalem. No further evidence was necessary that the Lord had risen. The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

But there was work for the disciples to do. He had taught them over the previous three years. Now they were to go forth as witnesses for Him. He sent them as the Father had sent Him. What did the Lord mean? There were aspects of the way in which the Lord was sent that are vastly different from the way in which the disciples were being sent. He had been sent to accomplish redemption. He came as the Lamb of God to take away our sin. We can never do that. In any case, that work has been done once and for all time.

But there are very definite ways in which we are sent in the same way that the Father sent the Son. He was sent to do the will of God. He came and He did that will without questioning why He was here. It is also our responsibility to be obedient to the Father. The Lord Jesus came to a world that hated God so ➤


that He was despised by men. If we are sent as the Son was sent, we can expect that we will also be rejected by a world that hates God. The Lord said that if the world hated Him it would hate us as well. We are sent to bear reproach for the name of Christ.

However, this does not exhaust the Lord's message to the disciples. He was sent in dependence on the Father. He was sent with the message of the gospel, a gospel of forgiveness and salvation. He came in love, displaying the grace of God. He came to reach all men and women with His love. As He was sent by the Father, in the same way He sends us.

Then the Lord breathed on the disciples and said "Receive the Holy Spirit". Some have seen a conflict between these words and the fact that the coming of the Holy Spirit did not occur for another 50 days. Were there two comings of the Holy Spirit? No. It is best to think of the Lord's action here as a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. This was, in effect, a promise that the Holy Spirit would come and

empower them in their service for God.

From then on, their task was to preach the gospel. But what does it mean when we read that sins are forgiven or sins are retained? What it cannot mean is that any man on earth has the power to forgive sins. That is the prerogative of God alone. The loosing from, or the binding of, sin is the effect of the preaching of the gospel. As we preach, some respond in faith and are loosed from their sins. Others refuse to believe and their sins are retained. Forgiveness, or the withholding of forgiveness, is the responsibility of God Himself. What we can say to those who believe is that on the authority of God's promise, we know that their sins are forgiven. Some will not believe and we can likewise say that their sins are retained.

The Lord sent His disciples. He also sends us. He may not send us to minister over large territories in the way Peter and Paul did. However, He still sends us with His message to those who are near us. He sends us – that is not an option. Are we willing to go? 

A Second Chance.

William Wilberforce is reasonably well known because he led the charge against slavery in the British Parliament. Many don't know his story of faith.


Wilberforce was a young prominent politician, building an impressive public profile. He was enjoying his new career and had no desire for the Christian faith.

In a journey across Europe in a horse-drawn carriage, through a long conversation, he became convinced of

the truth of the Christian message. He chose to give his life to follow Jesus. Yet this led to depression, as he felt he had wasted his life.

It was in a meeting with the famous Christian leader and ex-slave trader, John Newton, where Wilberforce was released from depression.

He wrote that he had "... been given a second chance".

His experience can be yours as well – a second chance at life and faith! 

News from some Commended Workers



Doug & Jenny McNaught 30 April

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your prayers, support and fellowship over the last months. We have been kept quite busy, by the grace of God and we appreciate all that you do for us.



Please make a special point of praying for the church in Burundi over the next few months. There is to be an election in June. The current president came to power in 2005 after a peace deal was brokered. There had been a long and bloody civil war, lasting thirteen years. If the president runs again it will violate the peace deal. The civil war was fought along tribal lines similar to the large war in Rwanda. The Hutu majority were fighting against the Tutsi minority. Hundreds of people were killed. This fighting was just the latest in a long series of battles fought since their quest for independence began in November 1959. The people in Burundi are living in fear of another massacre. Please pray for a peaceful election and security for the people in that country. Burundi is also a very poor country, considerably poorer than Rwanda, for example, and violence would leave many people homeless and destitute. Last year there was some significant flooding in the capital Bujumbura and many were flooded and quite a few people died as well.

We continue with our regular routine.

Jenny is still working with some people in our local community, taking them to medical appointments and giving other support. She is still working with the local ladies in the assembly and baby sitting as needed. Ben (our son) and Estelle are expecting their second child at the end of May.

We had a full month in April and thank the Lord for giving us the ability to carry on this work as well. The Lord has been gracious and given travelling mercies during this time. In the next month we look forward to being fairly busy again with some local ministry trips and a couple of trips up the Central Coast.

The football continues with games every weekend and I go to training with the teams twice a week. There are players who have to cope with painful and sometimes long-term injuries. I have still been able, by the grace of God, to pray with some of the teams before they begin their games from week to week.

Thanks again for your prayers, support, fellowship and love. We look forward to seeing you again.

Much love to all.

Geoff & Liz Folland 9 June

Hi,

Classes finished last week and so the question arises, "What do Student Life



missionaries do when not on campus?" ➤

This past week the answer has been, "Have team meetings". For three days last week I joined about a dozen leaders from around Australia on a Skype call (from 9:30-4:30pm) talking through issues that affect us nationally. (Skype meetings don't make for fun photos!) Today our missionaries serving at Sydney Uni and Notre Dame met to evaluate the year so far and plan for the rest of the year.

Registration deadline for Mid Year Conference (MYC) closes this Friday so we are busy following up students who still haven't registered. John North will be speaking on sharing our faith as a way of life.

Last Thursday night we had an "End of Semester" party. It was so encouraging hearing Yianni share his journey to finding Jesus. Several other students also shared and it became clear to many students that God worked through Student Life this semester at Sydney Uni. Minji, one of our student leaders, was excited to see a student she met at summer project come to Christ as she led her through Christianity Explained.

It is the time for harvest after months of sowing into these relationships. The team at Newcastle Uni recently shared this story...

"A few weeks ago our team mates Josh and Prue were out doing some evangelism and met a guy from Saudi Arabia named Suwileh. Despite being from a Muslim background he was interested to learn about Christianity. Later in the week he met with Josh again and brought along his friend Abdul. The fol-

lowing week I joined them also as Josh went through a session of Christianity Explained. This past weekend Josh took Abdul, Suwileh and another non-Christian guy, Sam, to church. How cool is that!!! Please pray for those guys and for Josh as he continues to meet with them all."

Thanks for your ongoing partnership with us. Please pray for our preparation over the next few weeks and for God to bring the right students to MYC.

In His grace,
Geoff & Liz

Aaron & Shelley Daniell 27 May

"Five Bold Moves Jesus made in His life to build a spiritual movement that would sweep across the globe."

This was the focus of a recent trip I took with John North to Israel with 9 other Aussies to join up with another 190 delegates from 53 nations representing many ministry organisations at the **Global Youth Initiative (GYI) Summit**.

It was so valuable to network, think strategically and learn from others who are all committed to making disciples based on Jesus' approach to life in their own nation. Along with the other Aussies we now have faith goals that together we pray will strengthen and encourage the church here in Australia. >14



To study the life of Jesus in the land where He lived, to experience the culture, engage with the people and be still in quiet places, was truly life changing.

Thank you to GYL, all who support us as a family, as well as those who gave specifically for this trip. I sincerely pray the Lord will bless you as much as He has blessed me in so many ways through this journey.

EvangelismSHIFT

Three weeks ago we had our second EvangelismSHIFT seminar with Woodvale Baptist Church. Many of the leaders have expressed how EvangelismSHIFT has helped them significantly to think more intentionally about the relationships they have with people and what God would do through them in their journey with people towards Jesus.

Please pray for us as we prepare for our third Seminar with Woodvale in just 4 weeks. Pray that God would also continue to equip the leaders through their daily time with Him.

Faye Loudon 15 June

Dear friends

I was very surprised and pleased to receive another gift from Outreach recently to help support me as I teach Scripture weekly. It was very much appreciated and I want to say thank you very much for this gift. Thank you for your prayers that children will come to know our Saviour.



I am happy to report that my classes are lovely, with no disruptive children. In fact it's more that the children get very excited about what they are learning and are asking lots of questions. It is great to see their enthusiasm and interest.

Recently the lesson was on Jonah and when I said he tried to hide from God, in each class, the children reacted quite vocally with "no-one can hide from God, He sees everything". Truths are being learnt and we pray the children will understand what it means to follow the living Lord Jesus.

I had the opportunity recently to do some English teaching at GLO Ministries and enjoyed my time doing this. Although preparation took a lot of time, it was great to meet the students and see them enjoying the lessons.

I have also been doing volunteer work in one of the schools where I teach SRE. I stay on after SRE and spend the rest of the day helping disadvantaged children with homework and general learning. I am really enjoying the extra time I spend at the school and being able to interact more with the teachers.

Thanks again for your prayers and support.

Regards, Faye.

Sonny & Juno Ng June

It is a joy for us to share this short report with you, dear friends and fellow servants in the Lord Jesus.



Our involvement with our local church at Blacktown Faith Community Church is going on very well. I am still serving the fellowship as an Elder with three other Brethren; and Juno and I are still doing the pastoral and hospitality work for the Church. Juno is very involved in the music and worship team. This year we have been focusing on three young families; giving some personal help and encouragement.

In August last year, we were asked by GLO to help a new migrant Christian family who had migrated here from Iran. They had a wonderful testimony to share about their spiritual conversion. Pray for them that they will be able to find good jobs and for their two boys in their schooling.

In May 2015, the church participated in the local Blacktown Day. We set up two stalls to distribute gospel literature and offered craft time for the families with young children. It was a great time talking and making contact with the visitors to our stalls. Our helpers were able to share the gospel thru' some tracts. We hope to receive some visitors to the church.

On GLO involvement, my wife Juno is still serving with the GLO National Committee. She was asked to provide some assistance in bookkeeping this year as GLO had a new treasurer come on board. Juno spends two and a half days at the Office.

We moved house to another location since August last year. We are now living in the Plumpton suburb. It was a wonderful place that God had provided for us. We are happy to use this place for

the church work and provide hospitality to visitors. We certainly welcome anyone who wishes to pay us a visit any time.

Health-wise – we are keeping very well by God's mercies. Our last medical check-up was good. There was a small worry for us concerning our 'sugar level' – we are a little diabetic.

Here are some prayer requests for you to support us:

For good health and strength to keep serving our wonderful God and Saviour till He comes.

For the church at Blacktown, this year some members had moved away due to personal reasons like marriage, retirement and family purposes. Pray that the Lord will help us to get new friends in our neighbourhood.

For the fellowship – that our small group will gain courage and strength to keep up the good work for the Lord and His gospel work.

For more new contacts as the Church operates a Friday Café night (fortnightly) as an outreach effort to the community.

The church needs more young adults to fill the gap in our fellowship; do pray for God to help our young people to bring in their friends.

MY WIFE JUNO AND I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL – FOR YOUR PRAYERS, CARING SUPPORT AND FELLOWSHIP.

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Colin & Mavis Winrow
15 June

To our dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Both Colin and I are very grateful to those who faithfully uphold us in prayer. We really value this prayer support.



Much has happened over the past couple of months and sometimes the volume of work has been almost overwhelming. BUT our God is there always, and He always sees us through.

We have been saddened in recent weeks by the death of a very dear friend and colleague Charles Williams. We are going to miss his dedicated service to NSW AEM and his help to Mavis particularly in the 'Outreach Book Service'. We would value your prayers for the Mission as we have some hard decisions to make in the coming weeks as we seek people to take over Charles' recent roles of president and treasurer.

Our commitments to Waitara Gospel Chapel, Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Christian Literature Outreach, NSW AEM, and LinC Hornsby continue to keep us very busy. But we enjoy being busy; boredom is something we know very little about these days.

Our eldest daughter's family in Goulburn are all doing quite well, and about six weeks ago the insurance company finally paid out on their policy after their home in Windellama burnt down

last July. It is good to have it all over and sorted out. Our little great grand-daughter, Madalyn, is growing up very quickly and we don't get to see her as much as we would like to, but we can now use 'Face-Time' on our Apple computer to be able to talk to her and see her at the same time. It really is great.

We would value your prayers for our youngest daughter and family in Victoria. She has stress fractures in both feet and has been in a 'moon boot' and on crutches for some weeks. Her recent visit to the specialist gave her some encouraging news so we are very thankful for that. It's hard being so far away from family when they are having problems. Thankfully our other daughter and family live about three minutes drive away, so we have lots of opportunity to enjoy their company.

We are both very thankful to the Lord for good health and strength at present, and pray He will continue to use us day by day in His service.

Many blessings,
Mavis & Colin Winrow



Please submit any news-items, letters, adverts or short articles for the AUGUST 2015 magazine on, or before, 10th July.

Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS)

by Faith & Basil Connell

ECS(NSW) exists to bring Glory to God through the supply of free courses to inmates in the many Corrective Centres in NSW, Vic, Tas, & SA. We also sell 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 so many folk purchase them for use in their Bible Study Groups.

In June 2015 we will be sending out the orders for the 2016 Calendars and we would love to see an increase in the use of these calendars in your Church outreach. We are aware that many today use portable devices to diarise their activities. However ECS calendars have beautiful photos for each month and a verse for each day.

These calendars are distributed to each prisoner in NSW, Tas & SA with the 2 offers of free ECS courses attached. Last year the delivery totalled 17,000 calendars. This amounts to a cost of \$17,000 for the calendars plus freight costs. Unless we have the exact number of calendars to give to each inmate in a prison the authorities will not accept a lesser number because this could cause a riot among the prisoners. We understand the numbers will be greater in 2016 so we look to our faithful God to supply this need. The purchase of these calendars by Churches and Assemblies greatly assists this work and we receive many letters from students saying how much they appreciate the calendars and love to study the courses offered to them free of charge.



One student wrote:

"I hope this letter finds you and the college keeping well. I have only recently completed: The Letters to the Philippians, Colossians and Philemon: This course has taken me some time to complete, however I have enjoyed Paul's letters and in some ways relate to his experiences, which have made studying them more meaningful. Like Paul, I have been travelling on a journey, not alone, with God. And every step of the way He has been there to direct, guide and carry. I thank you and ECS for praying for me. God has answered them.

A month has passed now since I received freedom from two years of pain endured by myself, family and friends. A huge weight has been lifted from my shoulders, but all along, like Paul, God was and is my strength. And it is His spirit at work in those who have cared for me during this time. His working spirit is alive in the great work ECS does and to whom it reaches. I cannot thank you enough. I look forward to receiving the results of these letters and to receiving the next study course."

If your Church/ Assembly is not intending to purchase calendars this year maybe you would like to assist in the supply of calendars to these inmates by making a donation.

\$10 would enable 10 prisoners to receive a calendar;

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\$50 would enable 50 prisoners to receive a calendar.

If your Church/ Assembly does not receive an invitation to order calendars by July and you wish to order please contact our office and we will be happy to send you the order forms.

Also, during November and December we look for volunteers to

help take the calendars to the Sydney Metropolitan Correctional Centres and also to hand out calendars to the prisoners. If you would be interested in any of these tasks please contact Faith or Basil Connell at the ECS office 9873 3152 or 0412 970 446 or email us at

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I write on behalf of Christian Media Services (CMS) Incorporated, an organization founded when John and Valerie Angus were commended to Christian ministry by the Asquith Assembly over 25 years ago. The Lord has been pleased to bless the ministry in many ways and through it the lives of many people. We started by supporting Christian ministry at home and abroad. Missionary reports and Bible Teaching was recorded and circulated through a production called Video Magazine, which is now in its 24th year of production. Fiji was visited in the early days and video recordings were made in Hindi and Fijian languages.

A significant development in CMS Inc. came with the commencement of Community Television in Sydney. We commenced broadcasting on television in English, Arabic and then Spanish. Currently our Program, called Christian Media, goes to air each Saturday at 7.30am and Sunday at 9.30am on TVS, channel 44. Through this outreach many lives have been challenged and precious souls have come to Christ. The airwaves have carried the message into Long Bay jail, to the homes of shut-ins, drug victims, and those needing prayer or counselling. John Hills and I have provided English programs for broadcast. I follow up contacts from the program by phone and written information. The Eastwood Assembly has greatly helped by providing space for a recording studio at the back of their chapel.

I would particularly like to place on record the wonderful relationship between CMS Inc and the Sydney Arabic Christians. Brother Jamil Choucair produces the Arabic television programs. Initially we were broadcasting the Arabic programs on Community TV in Sydney but through some changed circumstances the Arabic program was switched to a satellite broadcast reaching all of Australia and New Zealand. When we made an appeal for funds to purchase new cameras God provided in a remarkable way. A lady, previously unknown to us gave a large gift enabling us to purchase the new equipment. We were all set to go, and then our satellite provider became unavailable. What was God doing? What an embarrassing situation! But then another miracle.

Dr. Bassim Goriel became aware of our Arabic programs and offered to place our programs on another satellite reaching North and South America, Australia and New Zealand. Dr. Goriel has a great outreach and a heart for reaching Muslims for Christ. We are now broadcasting every night of the week in Arabic and twice a week in English on the satellite he uses.

A significant outcome of the Arabic broadcasts has been the commencement of a weekly meeting for Arabic speakers at the Guildford Gospel Chapel. Contacts from the programs have been coming to this meeting and bringing friends with them. A short time ago five young women made commitments >20

to Christ. A recent development is that newly arrived Arabic speaking people have been coming to the Chapel.

Many are poor and without transport and nine must be picked up by car. There is now an urgent need for a small bus.

Prayer requests:-

*Please pray for the broadcasts and the program producers, as they carry a heavy load;

*Pray that younger people will be called to the ministry. There is a need for help with camera work, editing

programs, graphic art and secretarial assistance;

*The CEO (me) slowly has to reduce his work commitment in CMS Inc. and will retire in the near future;

* The provision of a bus for the Arabic Ministry;

* Funds for the satellite broadcasts, currently costing \$2000 per month;

* Pray that the Commonwealth Government will continue the transmitter license for TVS in 2016. This is under threat.



Another Half-Page of Mistakes

more bloopers from Church Bulletins and Announcements

1. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
2. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
3. Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
4. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
5. Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.
6. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
7. Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5 pm - prayer and medication to follow.
8. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
9. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
10. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



The Most Admirable Man

by Doug McNaught

I believe that every Christian should admire the Lord Jesus Christ more than any other person on earth or in heaven. There are numerous examples in the Bible to justify that statement but I believe that the best is in Phil 2:5-11.

We are encouraged in that passage to have a mind like Christ Jesus. What does this mean?

When Abraham wanted to bury his wife Sarah, he approached the local Hittites and asked them "If it be your mind that I should bury my dead" (Gen 23:8). Abraham wanted to know if they were willing to allow him to bury his wife. To have a mind is to have an attitude that leads to some kind of positive action.

At the end of time we read that there are ten kings who have one mind to give their power and strength to the beast. (Rev 17: 13) In this case they are all agreed that the beast is superior and deserves all the power available on earth at that time.

The Lord Jesus Christ had a willing attitude to become a man and make sure that God's will was completed.

Our next question should be about our Saviour's actions so that we can understand His attitude. His actions are best summed up in this explanation: "Who went about doing good." (Acts 10:38) The Lord Jesus Christ's attitude led to the fact that He only did good.

What does it mean to do good?

During the process of creation we discover that God's words and actions lead to consequences that are good. Good comes from God and from God

alone. The Lord Jesus Christ was willing to act in such a way that God's will would be done for good.

On the other hand, we discover that there is good and evil. The Lord told Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Gen 2: 9) There is an expression that mathematicians use, it is "mutually exclusive and exhaustive". The meaning of this phrase can best be described if we think of a jug that is full of both oil and water. The oil and the water don't mix and remain in separate layers in the jug. This means that they are mutually exclusive. On the other hand, the jug is full, that is, the liquid is exhaustive, it fills the entire space. In all existence, good and evil are mutually exclusive and exhaustive. Either God's will is being done for the benefit of all involved or there is a complete absence of God and His ways, this is where evil reigns. There is nothing else. There is no section that has some good and some evil and there is nothing else.

The Lord Jesus Christ did the Lord's will at every stage of His life and He always worked entirely for the benefit of the world so that we could, once again, enjoy the full benefits of God's good things and be completely free from the consequences of being without God.

The first reason that we should admire the Lord Jesus Christ is the fact that He was willing to act for our good.

The Lord Jesus Christ was in the form of God and thought it not robbery to be equal with God. That is, He was >22

God when He left heaven and came down to live on this earth as a man. It was His eternal and Divine right to be God. In the final book of the Bible we read that the Lord said, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending... which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1:8) God doesn't change so if the Lord Jesus Christ was God before He came to live on this earth, He was God in eternity and will always be God. There was nothing that He could do to improve His own position.

We can admire the Lord Jesus Christ because He was willing to act entirely for our benefit and not for His own benefit.

The Lord Jesus Christ became of no reputation. He was the delight of heaven before He came down from heaven to earth. As God, He had the right to take any position on earth that He wanted. In spite of this, He became of no reputation. Becoming of no reputation is different to becoming nothing. He was always God during the time that He lived on earth as a man. However, He understood that if He became an earthly king or a great general, sinners would be more impressed with the wealth and power of His position on earth rather than the truth of His position in heaven. He did this entirely to ensure that sinners were filled with admiration for God rather than the temporary things that come from the earth, whose destiny is to be destroyed by fire. He chose to live a difficult life on earth so that we

could have full access to every spiritual blessing in heavenly places. (Eph 1: 3)

We can admire Him because He was willing to take the hard road for Himself so that we could have access to true and eternal blessing forever.

The Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself the form of a servant. He said to His disciples, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mat 20:28) He came to give His life so that we might be saved from sin. Even though He was the offended party when we sinned, He made it possible for sinners to be reconciled to God.

We can admire the Lord Jesus Christ because He came to act as a servant to save us from sin.

Even though the Lord Jesus Christ came as man of no reputation and acted as a servant, He further humbled Himself to die on the cross. Every person that was hung up on a tree became a curse under the Law. Our Saviour was hung up on a cross to bear the curse of our sin. (see Gal 3: 13) We can admire Him because He was willing to pay the highest possible price to take away our sin. No one can pay a higher price than to die for someone else.

The Lord Jesus Christ did everything required to complete God's perfect plan. He has established the legal framework to rid the world of sin forever and, one day, that will happen. Some people ask, "Why is this taking so long?" The Lord is waiting until all the mansions that He is preparing are filled. ➤

He is delaying so that large numbers of people can enjoy the benefits of His goodness. The population of the world only grows at a relatively slow rate so it is taking time to make sure that there are the billions of people required to fill the mansions in heaven.

We can admire the Lord Jesus Christ because He did everything that was required to restore our relationship with God, even though He had to pay for this with His own life. Not only that, the Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient to save every sinner who believes in Him.

Now that the price has been paid, He has been restored to His proper place in heaven. One day everyone, all the living and all the dead, will recognize

Him for the fact that He only does good things.

We can admire the Lord Jesus Christ now with joy because, one day, everyone will realize just how good He really is and then everyone will give Him the glory and honour He deserves.

It is all very well to say that the Lord Jesus Christ in the most admirable Person on earth but how should that affect those who believe in Him? We can, each and every day, take time to consider some aspects of the Lord Jesus Christ's character and nature that are admirable and then thank and praise Him for being the most Admirable Man in heaven and on the earth.



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Imagine rolling over in the morning, your first thought “Where are they?” as you reach blindly for the pills, the syringe, the bottle. Maybe you just need it to get ready to go to work, maybe you need it just to get out of bed, maybe you don’t care. Whatever shame you once felt has long since evaporated in the scalding heat of your need.

Imagine trying to manage the network of lies your life has become. You don’t remember how it all started, but the only thing worse than the stress is how you feel when you’re not online looking at those images. Outside of moments like those, you don’t even feel truly alive. It’s worth the risk of getting caught, of losing your paycheck, of watching your house of cards tumble.

Imagine going to your purse and realizing you’re down forty bucks from yesterday. More grocery money, you think, gone up in smoke. You call out her name, but she’s gone, and you head for the jewellery drawer, heart sinking, to see what’s missing this time. You tell yourself, “That’s it, this is really the last time”, but you know it’s not true. Shuddering, you wonder what it will take to break this cycle, to break her. Lord, be merciful.

Addiction takes many forms, but in whatever form it takes, it takes health, money, relationship, peace, trust—all are casualties of addiction.

According to Brainz.org, the ten most common addictions are:

- 1) Alcohol
- 2) Smoking

- 3) Drugs
- 4) Gambling
- 5) Food
- 6) Video Games
- 7) Internet
- 8) Sex
- 9) Shopping
- 10) Work

No big surprises there, but what about phone addiction—a more modern form of addiction. No way, you say. There’s no such thing. Think again.

In her article “Our Creepy Attachment To Cell Phones could be An Addiction,” Huffington Post writer Anna Almendraia states, “This is why I’m always amazed that many of the (mostly younger) students around me sit in class with their phones in their hands, quietly scrolling, playing and texting while the teacher lectures, writes math problems on the board and asks the class to participate. In fact, a group of friends who sit behind me in class has appointed one person to take notes for everyone to scan later, so the rest of them can scroll on their phones until it comes time to sign the attendance sheet. “What’s going on here? Disrespect (for the teacher and their own education) and a misguided belief in multitasking, are a couple of things that come to mind. But what if my fellow students actually can’t put down their phones — not even to pay attention to a fairly complex class that they paid a lot of money to take?”

“Research on the possibility of cell phone addiction is an emerging field, ➤

and a lot of it centres on the habits of the youngest millennials (now teens and young adults), a generation that can't remember what it was like to not have a cell phone. A recent study published in the *Journal of Behavioural Addictions* found that female college students spend an average of ten hours a day on their cell phones, while male students report spending nearly eight. The study also found that about 60 percent of study participants think they may be addicted to their cell phones."

Phone addiction. Porn addiction. Money addiction. Drug addiction. True, some seem (and are) worse than others, but any way you slice it, addiction is still addiction.

The core of addiction is fairly simple: each person has a God-shaped space inside that needs to be filled. And people are filling that space with things other than God. People don't see their need for God, so they put lesser things first, lesser gods—controlling elements that they feel they need in order to function and have purpose, meaning, and a coping mechanism for existence.

Though addiction—in any form—is a terrible situation to be under, there is good news: Jesus loves addicts. He yearns to set the addict free from any dependency on something other than God. Jesus died to purchase lost souls, to take control of a life and restore it to God's original purpose: a life full of love, meaning, and hope.

Define

Dictionary.com describes an addict as "a person who is dependent on an activity, habit, or substance." If you look up the verb *addicted*, it takes on a more sinister meaning: "to habituate or abandon (oneself) to something compulsively or obsessively."

In the apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church, he mentioned how the household of Stephanas had "devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints" (1 Cor. 16:15). In the King James Bible "devoted" was translated as "addicted." The Greek word is *tássō*, meaning to place in a certain order. The idea is that their priorities were God's priorities; they were addicted to doing His will—filling the God-shaped space with God. It's easy to see how the modern meaning of the word—which is largely negative—shows how so many in our world have become addicted to the wrong things.

Discover

1 Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

2 Corinthians 12:9: "'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

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1 John 3:8: "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." (ESV)

James 4:7: "Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

1 Corinthians 6:12: "You say, 'I am allowed to do anything'—but not everything is good for you. And even though 'I am allowed to do anything,' I must not become a slave to anything." (NLT)

Romans 12:9: "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good." (NIV)

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Develop

As Pastor Skip writes in his forthcoming booklet entitled *Jesus Loves Addicts*,

"Given the surprisingly broad range of addictions out there, it's likely that you will either know, or be, an addict. If you depend on anything more than you do on God, that's at best addiction and at worst idolatry.

"Think about how God loves you and has better plans for you than you can even imagine, commit to Him, and seek help."

If you are reaching out to a person with an addiction, whether it's someone you know or someone you have yet to meet, use the acronym LOVE as a guide:

L—Listen to people. Make a sincere effort to get to know them

and their situation. In the case of those affected by addiction, don't make assumptions. Ask questions to clarify and listen well. Bear in mind that most addictions make easy liars of even the most believable person; your compassion is valuable but could make you an easy mark, so pray for discernment as you listen.

O—Observe their life. Where are they coming from—emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually? Ask yourself, again with a blend of discernment and compassion, How can I assist them?

V—Voice God's truth. What does the Bible teach concerning a lack of honesty, contentment and trust, and about God's love for those in need?

E—Embrace them with the love of God in Christ. You may or may not have shared experiences, but keep Jesus the focus of your conversation and outreach.

Jesus loves addicts—will you?

To learn more about the 'Jesus Loves People' series, click here:—

www.jesuslovespeople.com

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I was asked to lead Lutanda a little over 12 months ago and I set out to them a 'new' mission. It has been a difficult 12 months but we are now very passionate about our 'new' (but it is really our original) mission.

Our mission is to minister to the poor and disadvantaged in our society. It's that simple. Whilst we host school groups just like other Christian Camping organisations, we are unique. No other Christian camping organisation in NSW exists to help the poor and disadvantaged. **This is the mission of days past and this is the mission today.**

We run camps through our volunteer network that specifically works with kids in what is now called "out-of-home-care" situations or what you might know as "foster kids". There are a number of these camps that run during the school holidays and some 400 kids come to one or more of our camps. For example, Stu Waller runs Summer Scene at Toukley in January and FORGED at Toukley in July. M2MAD runs at Toukley in January, April and July. Steve Bywater runs a September primary camp. Toukley also runs 4 weekend respite camps each year. Phew – what a list. We have a team of people who support and encourage these volunteers in addition to our site staff who support them in prayer, in word and of course in their excellent work.

And of course, we support Camp Jono and four Camp David camps for intellectually disabled kids. These are

an absolute delight to support. I have been to them all and have had tears in my eyes as the leaders love them with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ! Oh, how the leaders give these little ones a cup of water!

But wait, there is more. There is a JanOne and a July@Yarra that specifically ministers to church kids and their friends to give them a camping experience. We all know of many church kids who had their faith cemented during one of these camps and even saw their friends come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus.

And there is still more. In addition to all of that, one of the first things I introduced was discounts to Assemblies in our movement to stay at our sites. We must give back to the very people who birthed us and continue to support us. My team are getting used to that and they are delighted to see so many assemblies now coming to one of the three Lutanda sites. It is a delight to serve them.

If the Lord is leading you to ask – "how can I help" then may I be so bold as to provide a couple of suggestions:

- I send out prayer requests for the outreach camps every couple of months to the elders of your assembly – please urge them to present that as a prayer request for your assembly;
- You can encourage your young people to get involved in a Lutanda camp – these are a great way to serve the poor and disadvantaged;
- You can subsidise the cost of Bibles – we give away Bibles to the

value of \$4000 per annum to new converts – yes there are that many!

- You can make a donation toward running a particular camp – each holiday camp costs us up to \$10,000 to run that is currently unfunded.

- You can leave a legacy in your will to Lutanda so that by your generosity the work of Lutanda to the poor and disadvantaged will continue and flourish.

So, by this little article, and hopefully


more articles in the future (DV), may you see that we are slowly achieving our new/original mission. Please call on 1300 692 269 if you want any further information. Our web site is:-

www.lutanda.org.au

and our email is:-

welcome@lutanda.com.au

if you are computer savvy.

If you are **extremely** computer savvy, we are also on Facebook and Twitter! 





Here are some more things on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer.

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 listed on the NSW Christian Brethren website at:-

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

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Can someone explain to me what the first part of this recent email from Andrew Chan at AMT is about:-

"Hi readers,

For the curious, AMT's future website will be amtglobal.com.au, not amt.org - we have no military involvement nor are we intending to relocate to Pakistan! On the website there are downloadable Global Prayer Matters pdfs like those being sent out now, for those who want to print them for prayer meetings.

Regards, Andrew"

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"Council on the Ageing NSW" (COTA NSW) is the peak organisation for people over 50 in New South Wales. On 10th June they emailed "We've been busy working on a new and improved COTA NSW website, which we are unveiling today. We've wanted to give people who visit www.cotansw.com.au a much better experience and think our new website does the job.

"We've spent a lot of time making our new site much easier to navigate, and

it now boasts a vastly improved search function. We hope that you agree it's now much easier to find information and resources, like fact sheets, updates about policy, links to another service, or an old news item. You'll find the new site has 'responsive design' features, so regardless of whether you visit it on a mobile phone, tablet, or laptop, it automatically changes size to fit your device.

We invite you to test-drive our new site and encourage you to tell us what you think. Just go to our homepage and scroll down to find our Latest Poll on the left-hand side."

<http://www.cotansw.com.au>

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Christianity Today - Ministries section. Have a look at this video:-

<http://www.christianitytoday.com.au/article/video.promoting.the.2015.young.writer.conference.1.august.in.sydney.is.initiated.by.snapper.rocks.video/19950.htm>

It's a video promoting the **2015 young writer conference** on 1st August in Sydney, and is initiated by the company Snapper Rocks video.

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I received this from a friend recently but I'm not sure if it's true:-

Beyond Facebook:

"Presently, I'm trying to make friends outside of Facebook, whilst applying the same principles.

"Therefore every day, I go down the street and tell the passers-by what I >30

have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before, and what I will do afterwards. I give them pictures of my wife, my daughter, my dog and me gardening, and spending time in my pool.

“I also listen to their conversations and tell them I love them. And, it works! I already have three persons following me; ... two policemen and a psychiatrist.”

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The Department of Education is currently conducting a review of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in our schools. Providers have been assured that the review is not being conducted to determine whether SRE should continue, but rather, it will inform ongoing improvement of SRE.

Christian providers of SRE and other religious traditions strongly encourage all those who value the place of SRE in public schools, to contribute to the review via an online survey.

There are three separate surveys for Parents/carers, SRE Teachers, and Other interested parties.

Parents, grandparents, SRE teachers, and all friends of SRE are therefore urged to make sure that the valuable contribution made by SRE to Public Education in NSW is recognised and enhanced and that SRE continues to operate as an opt-out system that does not require annual re-enrolment in SRE.

The SRE teachers across NSW are trained, authorised, and use approved curriculums. SRE is not compulsory

but is a valuable choice open to families in our multi-faith society. SRE informs students in the beliefs and ethical systems of their family's faith tradition.

It is vital that members of our faith communities do not miss the opportunity to highlight why SRE is a strength of Public Education, and to give insights as to how it might be made even better.

Before 31st July 2015, please take 10-15 minutes to answer the series of survey questions that can be found at-

bit.ly/sre-review

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Jungle Doctor Picture Fables by Dr Paul White is a new series of eBooks (developed by Kids Apps for modern mobile devices like iPad & iPhone) now available on the iTunes Store. These short stories are great for Sunday school, play groups, camps, school holiday programs, kids talks or any children's ministries.

They encourage Christian understanding in the reader. Listeners are led to relevant verses in the Bible using lovable African animal characters. Adults can then assist with further exploration in the Bible, and this can start healthy conversations about how these verses apply today.

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