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First Glance

by Colin Winrow

Dear Readers,

The editorial team hope you again find this issue interesting and helpful. Thank you for your comments of support over recent months, both verbally and via email. We have been given suggestions for future articles and ideas on ways to improve what we are doing. Sadly we only publish six issues a year so it can be some time before good ideas get into print.

Nevertheless, please keep the ideas coming - we really do appreciate your input, even if we have not responded directly to you yet.

As you read this month's pages you will note quite a lot of material about Emmaus Bible College. This was not planned in a human sense. It came about via God leading people to write the items and offer them to this editor who was feeling a little concerned, at one stage, by the number of blank pages before him!

I really believe God wants to re-awaken our interest in this Bible College - which has had a significant impact upon the Christian scene in Australia since its opening in 1959.

It is undergoing change to adapt to the current needs, but perhaps we - past, present, or potential students - are the ones who need most to undergo change. Do we really believe we can get away with NOT studying the Bible seriously when many of our assemblies are struggling?

Maybe your thoughts on the matter will prompt you to write a 'Letter to the Editor' which we will be glad to publish in a future issue, although

there will have to be some changes in that 'department' after August's letters.

Several brethren "elder statesmen" objected to having anonymous letters included, and I can see their point, and wish to apologise. They pointed out that it downgrades what has been written to the point where it becomes virtually useless.

If the reason for an author to 'hide' is that he or she fears criticism or, heaven forbid, long-term hurt, then we should realise that it's ungodly to expect to be hurt by what others say and to hold it against them. Let us all recognise that we are each human, and subject to error, but that surely we can help one another by gracious comment or critique of another's words or actions. What say you?

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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

Feel free to submit your local news or event dates for inclusion in this 'Out and About' section so we can encourage others in NSW Assemblies. Short items (even 1 or 2 sentences) are welcome and can be mailed to the office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or faxed to 9715 5528, or e-mailed to:-

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

Please email your wording for notices on the web site to:-

webmaster@cb-nsw.org.au

These services are available to all NSW Christian Brethren Assemblies and related organisations.

Since our last issue the Strength in Unity Conference in NSW has been held and a brief report is on page 27 of this issue. Details of the results of the dialogue will be published in a separate report to be issued soon.

In NSW each year four 'Camp Davids' for adults with intellectual disabilities are held at CYC camp sites. For those who attend, both campers and helpers, they are all memorable camps. In our December issue we will have a report (DV) on the September camp at River Park.

Before readers get this issue Faith Community Church in Blacktown will have held their dedication and thanksgiving service for their new church building on Saturday, 7th October. This multi-cultural assembly would welcome our prayer support for their emerging ministries.

The Parklea Markets outreach team from West Pennant Hills Community Church issues an email report on their monthly activities. They have some interesting experiences! If you would like a copy of the report for your prayer times, please contact John Kennedy or Paul Walker on 9639 8653.

Please note that the Stewards Foundation is holding its AGM on Saturday, 18 November (see list of events below) and afterwards, at 3.30pm, will hold a meeting to give information about the new retirement village being built at Glenhaven. More information is in the advertisement on page 21.

Emmaus Bible College also has a number of important meetings in the next two months and would welcome strong attendance at these as it faces significant changes of operation in 2007 – as you will read in the article starting on page 15.

Meetings & Events

For the latest and more complete list please visit the 'Coming Events' page on the NSW Christian Brethren web site at:-

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

2006:

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| 16-20 Oct | CYC Spring Festival Camp #1 at 'River Park', Yarramundi. |
| 2 Nov | NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference at Burwood GC, 7.30 p.m. |

- 10 Nov Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 10-12 Nov GLO Family & Friends Weekend at CYC, Eltham Park, Mt Victoria, NSW. Phone the GLO office on (02) 9838 1595
- 11 Nov Outreach Book Stall and Ladies Auxiliary Cake Stall will both be selling from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village.
- 18 Nov The AGM of Stewards Foundation starting at 2.30pm, at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, 3 Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook.
- 18 Nov Promotional Afternoon Tea about Glenhaven Gardens retirement village, starting at 3.30pm in Elouera Gardens. Ph: 9747 1351.
- 20-24 Nov CYC Spring Festival Camp #2 at 'Eltham Park', Mt Victoria. □
- 24 Nov Emmaus Semester 2 ends.
- 25 Nov Open Day at Emmaus Bible College 10.30am to 4pm.
- 25 Nov Emmaus Bible College Celebration Dinner at Riverstone Community Church, 6.30pm. Phone 9876 4370.
- 3 Dec Emmaus Celebration Service.
- 8 Dec Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am Ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 26 Dec to 1 Jan Family Camp 2006 at Camp Toukley. Ph: 4396 4336.
- 2007:**
- 5-9 March CYC Autumn Festival Camp #1 at 'Eltham Park', Mt Victoria.
- 12-16 Mar CYC Autumn Festival Camp #2 at 'River Park', Yarramundi.
- 25-30 June The 4th International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM4) in Wiedenest, Germany. See NSW Brethren web site.
- 4-6 July CRE-2007 Sydney Showground, Olympic Park.
- 19-21 Oct Lutanda's 77th year Reunion and Celebration at Camp Toukley.

**PLEASE submit your items
for the December 2006
issue of this magazine
BEFORE
10 November!**

AWAKE TO ISRAEL

History

Current Events

Prophecy

Meetings are held monthly, February to November,
2nd Saturday, 2.30pm at Epping Gospel Chapel
cnr Carlingford Road and Duntroon Ave, Epping.

The Purpose is to: Study the Scriptures under the leadership of competent Bible teachers; Communicate with workers in Israel, particularly Brethren assemblies, to encourage and uphold them in prayer; Review current events; and Pray for the "Peace of Jerusalem" – recognising the promise "... they that love thee will prosper".

All are welcome and are encouraged to come and together search the Scriptures. For further information phone (02) 9869 7164.

EMMAUS BIBLE COLLEGE seeks a Secretary

Emmaus Bible College will be moving to a new site in Epping in early 2007 and will require the services of a Secretary to work five days per week. In addition to managing the day to day running of the office, it is hoped the successful applicant would be available to assist our female students as required. Past experience within a college or school may be an advantage. Potential applicants should contact the Principal, Doug McNaught, on 02 9868 4712 or via email to <principal@emmaus.edu.au>



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Meet John and Valerie Angus

Valerie and I grew up in vastly different circumstances, she came from a family which might be regarded as typically Australian. Valerie's mother sent the children, Valerie and her brother, to Sunday School at Abbotsford Gospel Hall. Valerie's Sunday School teacher sent the children home with the message: "If you send your children to Sunday School, then you ought to come to church". Valerie's mother Mrs Fox went to "church" and there came to know the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. On moving to Waitara, Valerie, her brother, and Mrs Fox attended the Waitara Chapel. At the age of 15 years Valerie came to put her trust in the Lord and commenced her missionary work, bringing 11 girls to Sunday School that year.

In contrast I was brought up by a widowed mother, my father having died in New Zealand when I was just three months old. My mother returned to Australia since members of her family lived here. My earliest recollection of church was attending the "Morning Meeting" at Crows Nest. This was a small Assembly associated with the Goulburn Street meeting. When the Japanese shelled Sydney Harbour my mother was advised to leave Sydney and we went to live in the Blue Mountains, initially at Wentworth Falls but later at Katoomba. I attended the Worship Service and the Sunday School at Lutanda Children's Home,



Wentworth Falls, where my mother had worked for a short period. After the war we returned to Sydney and I returned to the Crows Nest meeting and the Pacific Hall Sunday School. In the final years of high school I did not want to associate with Christians and especially those who asked embarrassing questions like "Are you saved?" I was taken to many evangelistic meetings but did not make any commitment to Christ until I left school. At the age of 17, while reading my Bible, I read John 3:16 and saw for the first time that becoming a Christian did not involve feeling different but simply believing in God's only Son. Immediately I had a vision of the cross and a feeling of great joy and peace filled my heart. I was baptized at the Willoughby Gospel Chapel.

At Waitara Chapel, Valerie taught Sunday School, attended tract distribution rallies and missionary conferences. The Assembly was active with six commended missionaries and four Sunday Schools, three of which developed new Assemblies.

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A great place for developing young Christians!

On leaving school Valerie commenced nursing at Hornsby and later at Royal North Shore, graduating with General and Midwifery Certificates. In her training years Valerie was active in the Nurses Christian Fellowship.

When I left school I attended the University of Technology and studied engineering. Life was extremely difficult for a boy of 17 with an invalid mother to care for and no dad. Two years earlier my mother had become bed-ridden with rheumatoid arthritis. I nursed her at home but ultimately that became too difficult and my mother went into hospital and was there for 13 years until the Lord called her home. I was left to 'batch' at home and try to study. My new-found Christian life at University was exciting. I went on a 'welcome to freshers' picnic and met the leader of the EU (Evangelical Union), Ken Potter, and developed a friendship that has lasted to this day. I became Secretary for the EU. Prayer, house parties and outings were great times of fellowship. The benefit of meeting Christians from outside the small circle with which I had been connected was enormous. In particular I must mention Dr Paul White, Dudley Foord, and Dr Howard Guinness. As a result of failure in second year, my career path changed and I completed studies to become a High School teacher. It was my pleasure to be a counsellor for the ISCF (Inter School



Valerie nursing at Hornsby Hospital

Christian Fellowship) at Richmond, Epping High and Willoughby Girls.

In 1953 I moved to the Waitara district and commenced going to the local Assembly. It was there I met a spiritual young woman named Valerie. Our relationship was sealed when we discovered that we had both been writing to different missionaries in Fiji. Valerie and I taught Sunday School at Asquith and we were foundation members of the Asquith Assembly together with other young people from Waitara. It was a great thrill to be part of a church planting team. Valerie and I were married at Waitara Chapel on May 12, 1956. The Lord gave us two children, Faith and Peter, both of whom love the Lord ➤



and each serve Him in their own spheres.

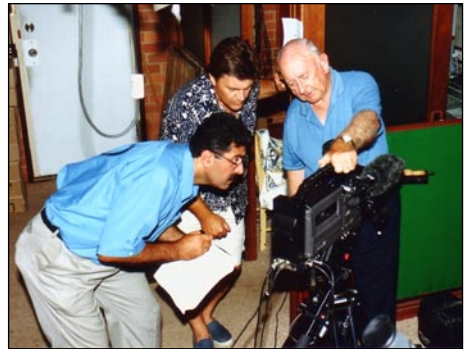
After high school teaching my professional career was varied and included curriculum officer for the Department of Education, plus College and University lecturing in Education. I had a strong interest in audio-visual education and did research in this area, completing an MSc and a PhD degree.

At the age of 55 years I took early retirement with the view to serving the Lord and establishing a facility for Christian video production for the Assemblies. With the fellowship of Valerie and the commendation of the Asquith Assembly, Christian Media Services (CMS) was established and became an Incorporated Association. Superannuation funds were used to purchase equipment as Valerie and I sought to be self-supporting home workers.

At times we both engaged in "tent making", Valerie working at Elouera Gardens and myself working for Lutanda and also undertaking

some part-time lecturing. A special privilege was to be chairman of the College of Christian Higher Education. A major breakthrough for the College was gaining accreditation as a degree granting institution.

When we moved to Epping from the Hornsby district the Eastwood Assembly became our spiritual home. Valerie commenced a crèche and a Sunday School. I accepted responsibility as an elder and had the privilege of sharing in the Bible teaching. After the Asquith Assembly closed, Eastwood continued our commendation. Eastwood Chapel has also provided space for a small Television Studio.



John instructing Edward Royal & Neil Dupen in the Eastwood studio



CMS Inc dinner held at Epping Chapel

Our ministry has included video recording in the Fijian and Hindi languages and recording the work of missionaries. Over the last ten years television production has occupied a significant amount of our time.

Programs have been produced in the English, Arabic, Spanish and

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Editing TV programs

Assyrian languages for TV Channel 31. We have received letters and phone calls from prisoners, patients in hospitals, lonely people, people with spiritual problems and those suffering from drug abuse. We value your prayer for the people we have reached. Please pray for younger people to catch the vision of the TV and video ministry and become involved in this outreach.



An Indian family in Fiji who we visited and encouraged after they came to Christ

In conclusion, we wish to record the Lord's faithfulness in His provision for our needs. We are indeed grateful to many Christian friends and the Assemblies who have had fellowship with us in our ministry over the last fifteen years. □

Some more photo memories of service and fellowship at Asquith & Eastwood Assemblies...



Asquith Assembly Sunday School



John with one of his Asquith Assembly Bible Classes



An International Night at Eastwood Assembly (John helped organise these)

Prayer. Does It Really Work?

by Dr W.D. Archbold

The morning had been rather busy, as I had been mulling over a difficult passage of Scripture that I had been asked to speak on. Right on schedule a steaming hot cup of fresh coffee and two Tim Tams were placed on my desk, so I decided that while I took a break I would pursue one of my chosen pastimes.

I opened the well-worn volume of one of my favourite authors and turned to a familiar passage and began to read these words, "He was shearing when I knew him, so I sent a letter to him, just on spec, addressed as follows, 'Clancy of the Overflow'".

At that very moment my computer advised me that I had just received a new Email, not 'a letter written with a thumbnail dipped in tar', but a letter none the less. It was from the Editor of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine asking if I could write a few words for inclusion in the next edition of 'Outreach' – outlining what we are doing in our ministry for the Lord.

So I turned my thoughts from 'Clancy' to that specific task, and began to ponder upon, "What were we doing?" I came to the conclusion that we were doing exactly what we were commended to do some twenty-five years ago. We were teaching the Scriptures and preaching the Gospel of His Grace to as many as we possibly could, and travelling anywhere that we were invited to do so. So week-by-week we prepare messages and then



travel to different places to share what God has lain on our hearts.

To any would-be readers, this in all probability does not sound all that exciting or challenging, so I thought that sharing one of the many experiences that has emanated from the pursuit of our ministry would

be much more exciting and challenging than a report that advised that 'we were here on a certain day and next week we are

off somewhere else to preach and/or teach'.

Quite some years ago Jean subscribed to a magazine called "Christian Women". I used to look forward to its arrival as Mrs Alice Chambers had a column in it, where she answered questions that she was asked by various correspondents. Her answers were always very instructive.

However, in one edition I came across an amazing story and as we are always on the lookout for good stories to use as illustrations, my eyes were glued to this fascinating article for the next twenty minutes or so. The

What were we doing?

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story was an illustration of an amazing answer to the prayer of a critically ill woman. The story is factual, as the supporting documents can be found in the Maritime Office located in Canberra.

The story begins on a fine autumn morning in the year of 1829. A small sloop named the "Mermaid" was anchored in Sydney Cove, and was preparing to slip its moorings in time for the early morning outward tide. Its destination was Raffles Bay. For those who are not geography buffs, Raffles Bay was on the coast of Arnhem Land in what is now called the Northern Territory. The British had established a small outpost there presumably to thwart any attempts of would-be invaders.

The trip was uneventful until they reached the treacherous currents present in Torres Strait, and despite Captain Nalbrow's expert navigational skills they hit a coral reef and sank. The 18 crew and the Captain crawled onto a rock and three days later the crew of the schooner "Swiftsure", which was passing by, saw them and rescued them.

Unfortunately their elation was to be short lived as two days later the "Swiftsure" ran aground and was wrecked. The 14 men off the "Swiftsure" joined the 18 off the "Mermaid" struggling in the boiling surf. They all managed to swim ashore and were later rescued by the "Grovenor Ready" which was a much larger ship and had a crew of 32.

On the way to Papua the "Grovenor Ready" was totally destroyed by the terror of all mariners of that time; the ship was gutted by fire. The men took to the longboats and were drifting aimlessly around in the Pacific Ocean, when fortune favoured them again as the government cutter "Comet" rescued them from a potentially dangerous situation.

The number of survivors had now swollen to 65 men. They were settling into the discomfort of a badly overcrowded ship, when they ran into a freakish storm and the "Comet" was overturned and quickly sank.

For eighteen hours they clung to any piece of flotsam that they could lay their hands upon.

The lookout onboard a ship named the "Jupiter" which was bound for Western Australia, yelled at the top of his voice, "Men in the water off the starboard bow". Boats were lowered and all the men were again saved and came onboard the "Jupiter". They were warming themselves up after being hours in the chilly water, and lo and behold the "Jupiter" hit a coral reef and was badly holed and began to sink.

Now we have a total of 123 men with their five Captains all wondering what was going on. Was there a Jonah on board or had someone killed a china man? The entire dejected company were sitting on a rock when a schooner named "The City of Leeds" saw their plight and rescued them. This ship was a passenger ship and had a doctor ➤

*• The story begins ...
in the year of 1892. •*

on board who attended to any medical problems of the passengers.

As the survivors were describing their extraordinary experiences to the doctor, he noticed that some of the men spoke with Yorkshire accents. So he said, "I have a passenger who is quite ill and has prayed that she might see her son whom she has not seen for some years. If one of you men could pretend to be her son she may rally and get well".

One of the Yorkshire men replied, "Doctor, there be Yorkshire men and Yorkshire men, it depends on what part of Yorkshire you come from how your accent sounds". The Doctor replied, "She comes from Whitby."

One of the men said that he was from Whitby, and the Doctor noted that he was also about the right age. So the Doctor took him aside and said, "Well, you will do fine, but get the name right, her son's name is Peter Richardson." With tears streaming down his cheeks the mariner said, "I am Peter Richardson".

Peter was a crewman on the original ship the 'Mermaid'. Had God caused this man to be shipwrecked 5 times to answer his mother's prayer? Well what do you think? I believe that this was an amazing answer to that woman's prayer. She saw her son and she rallied, and lived for another 18 years.

I had my sentiments about this story amazingly confirmed by an astonishing personal experience. Some years after I had read this story and used

it a few times in my messages, I was booked to preach at the Waverley Gospel Chapel. So on Monday morning I went to my study to pray and then began to prepare a message for the following Sunday.

I began to prepare a message on a subject that I thought would fit the bill. Then God seemed to be clearly saying to me, "I want you to preach on the story of the shipwrecks." Five or six times I told God that this was not on, as I had something else in mind, but God persisted, so reluctantly I prepared a message using the illustration of these shipwrecks.

At the end of the Sunday service a woman walked down the isle and

introduced herself to me as Ronda Scott. What she then related to me was nothing short of amazing. She said, "I

prayed to God this morning that He would show me that the things that I have written were being read by someone". She continued, "I am an invalid and I never come out on Sunday evening, but God told me to come tonight. I researched that story and submitted it to the editors of "Christian Women".

The astonishing part of this incredible sequel is that God was nudging me on Monday to provide part of the answer to Ronda's prayer that she did not pray till the following Sunday morning. Does praying work? I believe it does.

If this sounds too good to be true – please let me continue. Early on a >14

*• She saw her son
and rallied. •*

Tuesday morning in September of this year I had experienced a rather restless night and awoke at about 4.30am. As I couldn't get back to sleep I thought I would do several things. First I would turn on the radio and listen to some peaceful music. Secondly, I thought that I would run through in my mind the message I had already prepared for the following Sunday.

As I went from point to point I again received a strong feeling that I should preach on the subject of answered prayer using the Shipwrecked story. I thought to myself, "Here we go again!"

I'd not only prepared another message, but I had also spent some time rehearsing a hymn that I intended to sing at the end of the message.

Naturally, I began to think of all the excuses I could find for not telling the Shipwrecked story again. At precisely the same time there is a segment that comes on the radio at about 5.20am called, "The Passing Parade". The narrator shares stories that are stranger than fiction, but true. As I was still

arguing with God about what I should preach, the narrator told this story.

He began with, "Back in Sydney Australia in 1829 there was a ship call the "Mermaid" which left for Raffles Bay and was shipwrecked..." etc.

I was absolutely dumfounded. I was so amazed that I risked a possible divorce by tugging on Jean's shoulder and said, "Listen to this" and I related to her what had been turning over in my mind.

When I got out of bed I went into my study to pray and then I turned my computer on and opened the

Email box. There was a message there from my good friend James Elliott from Adamstown Assembly. I opened it

and what do you think was in the background of his message? It was a picture of a shipwreck!

Just an amazing coincidence you might say, but in my opinion either God is trying to tell me, or someone that heard the message on the Sunday, or perhaps you, something that He wants known. Prayer, does it work? Yes, I believe it does! □

• ... something that He wants known. •

**PRAYER:
DON'T GIVE GOD INSTRUCTIONS —
JUST REPORT FOR DUTY!**

Emmaus on the move!

by Robert Vance

After nearly fifty years at Ray Road Epping, Emmaus Bible College will relocate to new premises in 2007.

The move has been prompted on a practical level, by facilities and finances, and on an aspirational level by the urgent need to rebuild the college's credibility and reputation as the major force in the strengthening and unifying of Christian Brethren Assemblies in Australia.

Times have changed since the early years of the college, when lecturing and discipleship was often provided by volunteers and expenses of the college were met by student fees and rentals from on-campus accommodation.

To satisfy the requirements of tertiary accreditation today the college must provide lecturers who have appropriate academic qualifications, courses which are written to prescribed standards, and library and research facilities sufficient for tertiary studies.

The directors have made decisions on the understanding that there is both need and demand for accredited courses in Theology, and that the present relationship with our accrediting body, the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD), is the appropriate body for Emmaus. SCD allows its affiliated colleges to teach and assess their own preferred subjects, while insisting on high standards of teaching staff, course structure and assessment. This allows Emmaus to teach the Bible with a particular emphasis on evangelical and Christian Brethren distinctives. In other words, there is no theological 'slant' imposed



Entrance to present College

on us. This is important because we have seen a drift away from the verbal plenary inspiration view of the Bible in all the major Christian denominations and this is instilled at their respective theological education and training colleges.

So a commitment to quality and autonomy in Christian education costs money, and increasingly Emmaus has come to rely on its residential income as student numbers dropped and costs rose. At the same time the condition of the buildings at Ray Road has deteriorated to the point where expensive renovation is required.

There have been several attempts to redevelop the property in such a way as to improve the college facilities at the same time as realising some of the land value for college purposes. The most recent design involved building townhouses and apartments for sale, while retaining Woodlands House and building new lecture rooms and >16

library facilities along the northern boundary of the property. After long negotiations with Hornsby Council and the neighbours, and many redesigns to satisfy their concerns and regulations, the whole project became uneconomic and was discontinued.

The next step was a logical one. If we sold the property we would realize sufficient funds to form an endowment for the college. These funds would be invested, initially with Stewards Foundation, and the income would provide the operating expenses of the college. Emmaus would lease premises in the short term while its future location was evaluated. There are several projects in the planning stage which might be modified to incorporate an appropriate long-term future home for the college. Stewards are presently planning redevelopments at Burwood and Waitara, as well as greenfield developments in the western suburbs. In the meantime the college would remain in the Epping area, developing and improving its courses and training program, while keeping its capital intact for the future.

Logical steps are not always speedy steps. Towards the end of 2005 the property was placed on the market and 'expressions of interest' sought from interested buyers. In January this year, the directors commenced negotiations with Citiscap Developments which had made the most attractive offer. After nearly six months negotiation which included a substantial increase in the sale price depending on the outcome of Citiscap's development application, contracts were exchanged on 14 July

with settlement expected in January 2007.

A suitable commercial property to lease has been located at 240 Beecroft Road, Epping, and negotiations and council approval for college operations in the premises are proceeding. The new premises backs onto Ray Road, and is literally 'over the road' from the existing property. The property consists of around 400 square metres of open space on the ground floor which can be subdivided to accommodate lecture and conference facilities, offices for college staff, a library and Emmaus Correspondence School national distribution, a kitchen and café area with an outside covered space—making the property most suitable for a college campus and conference centre (see photos this page and next).



Front entrance to new premises

The importance of theological education and training for the Christian Brethren movement was addressed at a conference of educators from the eastern states of Australia held at Emmaus in March 2005.

Tim McLaughlin, from President ➤

Avenue assembly, identified three reasons for the decline of assemblies over the last fifty years:-

- Increasing reduction of elder's time available for ministry – partly alleviated by full-time pastoral staff.
- Denominational drift away from distinctives, combined with perceived lack of leadership and/or pastoral care in assemblies.
- Failure to train and provide opportunities for successive generations of leadership – partly caused by reluctance of older leaders to retire and pass on leadership.

The conference minutes show that the importance of training pastoral staff, educating Bible teachers and preachers in our distinctives as well as sound theological foundations, and the need for leadership training were recognised by all.

These factors have also been recognised at recent Strength in Unity conferences which are endorsed by our NSW Christian Brethren Coordinating Conference.

The directors of Emmaus Bible School remain convinced that the college has as its mission the strengthening of individual assemblies by the provision of education and training for all its members so that the unity of our purpose and love for the Lord and His work will be effectively carried out.

We are looking forward to the Reunion Day and Celebration Dinner on November 25 as an opportunity to review our first 50 years, catch up with former students, lecturers and



Northern end of building



Inside view before fitout



On the terrace

principals, and to present the vision for the future.

Robert Vance
Director and Board Secretary,
Emmaus Bible School, Australia



Please join us for a nostalgic

OPEN DAY

Saturday 25th November

at Emmaus Bible College 25 Ray Road Epping
Anytime from 10.30 am until 4.00pm and later for a



Celebration Dinner

At Riverstone Community Church
Cnr Garfield and Hamilton Roads
Riverstone NSW
At 6.30 pm

Feel free to come to either one or both of these events- no charge for the open day
Ph 9876 4370 or visit our website www.emmaus.edu.au
Celebration Dinner RSVP 15/11/2006

NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission Homeworkers Fund Treasurers' Report

Your Treasurers report that we have distributed your gifts for:-

	2006	2005
January - August	\$42,015	\$41,842
July: from Assemblies	3,095	3,050
from NSWAEM	2,500	2,500
from other sources	3,033	3,153
	\$8,628	\$8,703
August: from Assemblies	2,210	3,510
from NSWAEM	2,000	2,000
from other sources	46	25
	\$4,256	\$5,535
Totals	\$54,899	\$56,080

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Book Review – ‘A spectator’s guide to Jesus’

author: John Dickson

published by Bluebottle Books, 2005

What a challenging read! John Dickson lays before us a series of word ‘portraits’ of Jesus. Each of these portraits reflect a straight-talking Jesus who turns our views about God upside down – a suffering Messiah – how can this be?

To our ears, these words do not have the same impact as to the ears of a first century Jew. John Dickson provides us with a historical basis to look at the words of this crucified Palestinian peasant who spoke with the authority of God Himself.

With portrait titles like “Healer – The deeds that baffle”, “Christ – more than a surname”, “Friend – the scandal of his social life”, “Temple – the relocation of God’s presence”, “Servant – His preference for the lowly” and “Caesar – His subversion of an empire”, I would suggest that this book allows us to communicate Jesus to our non-Christian friends in a way that places Him at the centre of our radical faith.

Dickson introduces a culturally relevant Jesus to the average non-theologically trained Australian. As a historian, he references early historical documents to explain the implications of what Jesus was saying to the Jews of the day. He then uses a ‘Reflections’ section to explain what this means for Australians today. For example, in his chapter called “Teacher – His words

and their impact”, Dickson challenges us afresh to understand just how radical is the teaching of Jesus. Jesus rejected the accepted traditions of the day that were based on the written sayings of various famous Rabbis in the Mishnah (eg the ritual washing of hands before eating). Instead, Jesus put Himself in the role of Teacher and called on His disciples to be learners from Him. Jesus would today ask us questions like “Do you contemplate my sayings on divine forgiveness and soak them up for yourself and embody them toward others?” Dickson then allows Scripture to speak for itself

by simply quoting verbatim passages like Luke 15: 4-10.

More straight talk from Dickson comes in the chapter “Friend

– The scandal of His social life”. Let me quote from the book (page 93) and let Dickson’s tone and words speak to their full volume –

“The first Christians were utterly devoted to Jesus’ ethical standards, which included some very clear guidelines on marriage, sex, honesty etc., and at the same time utterly devoted to the social generosity Jesus had embodied. They ate with Gentiles and the immoral, they insisted that the rich among them should give honour (and assistance) to their poor brothers and sisters. They gladly accepted the shame of aligning themselves

**‘ Dickson introduces
a culturally relevant
Jesus ... ’**

with people who were weak, sick and imprisoned, and their treatment of women – despite the current bad press on this issue – was positively enlightened.”

Dickson challenges us to contemplate deeply the various portraits of Jesus that he paints and to lead radical lives in a vibrant, personal relationship with the Creator of the universe “who values humility above status, service above power and generosity above privilege.” p161. If we could live under the Lordship of Jesus and show these lives every day as we befriend sinners and introduce them to “The Friend of Sinners” what would be the effect on the spread of the Gospel of Jesus?

[Editor’s Notes:

Thanks to Mr Alex Worley, an Elder at Mascot Christian Fellowship, who

wrote this review and provided it on time, and without having to be nagged!

The book can be purchased from Outreach Book Service (in the rear hall at Burwood Gospel Chapel) in the paperback version for \$16.95, and presumably also from other Christian bookshops.

The Librarian at Emmaus Bible College, Elizabeth Webb, reports that the book is in stock there and can be borrowed (see article on page 19 of this magazine).

She also reports that “John Dickson has another excellent, relatively new, book out on Jesus which I have on the shelves here. Entitled ‘The Christ files’, it is more academic but still very readable, and is to do with the historical Jesus.” □

Glenhaven Gardens – a Christian Retirement Village.

Stewards’ Foundation wish you to know that Glenhaven Gardens is well under construction and Villas and Hostel are due for completion in June 2007. Stewards’ is having an Afternoon Tea at Elouera Gardens Village on Saturday, 18 November 2006 – 3.30pm, when you can view plans and look at what is intended. If you so desire, you can express your interest. Come and see – you will be very welcome.

Brochures are available from Stewards’ Foundation of Christian Brethren. Ph: 02 9747 1351



The first three items were collected by Don Crane for the **September Outreach Prayer Requests** bulletin:-

GREG & SARAH CLARK



The School Holiday Camps were very well attended, the Primary Camp full of Girls and almost full of boys. The High School Camp was full a week before the Camp started. We ended

up taking an extra 10 Campers. It was great to have the opportunity for young people to hear the Gospel in a wonderful setting. It was wonderful to hear of the Campers who committed their lives to Christ and are being followed up by a number of Leaders. We are very excited to be holding a new Senior High School Camp in late January. It will be directed by Julius and Melinda Gilder. The renovations have been proceeding well. The false ceiling is now fitted and we are ready to paint, carpet and fit out. Some paving beside the Bandicoot Lodge and near the Kitchen has been completed and landscaped. Sarah and Caitlin have returned after a wonderful trip to visit Sarah's parents in the USA. Their health is a concern to us. It has been hard for Sarah, being so far away from them. Some prayer and praise points follow.

PRAISE for the enthusiasm of the follow-up team. PRAISE for the good progress made on the Basement renovation. PRAISE for continued bookings and the number who are rolling over deposits. PRAY for the health of

those living on-site. PRAY for the Staff and PRAISE for the unity enjoyed. PRAY for the Board as they make decisions regarding Camp Kedron.

THANKSGIVING for the faithfulness of volunteers who attend Camp every week.

GRAHAM & BETTY HAYDEN

After 30 years as Secretary to the Co-ordinating Conference (Combined Elders Meeting), I have moved away from active involvement, but not in spirit. Since this has happened I have received many expressions of appreciation from individuals and Assemblies. We are grateful for such contacts and encouragement. We praise the Lord for provision of health and accommodation during the past years. In particular, our ability to move weekly from our home at Bonnells Bay (Morriset) to mid week housing in Sydney. We lived for several years at Rockdale and then moved to Sutherland, then Epping College campus and then to Croydon. In that same time frame, we moved the Outreach Office of NSW Evangelistic Mission, from Newtown, to St.Peters, to Kirrawee and finally to Burwood Chapel. We praise the Lord for the caring encouragement of our Assembly at Tingira Heights (near Belmont). Please continue to pray for us ➤



as we seek to continue to serve the Lord at the N.S.W.A.E.Mission (Burwood) (Book Service, Home Workers Advisory Council and Home Workers Fund). Pray for us also as we seek to tidy up and down size the past years of ministry – Historical Archives related to Assembly Activities etc. Pray for us as we seek to catch up on our maintenance of Home, Garden, Vehicles etc.

STEVE & LAI YAN WALKER

EVENING BIBLE SCHOOL: Praise the Lord for the first term of our Western Sydney Evening Bible School (WEBS). There will be 25 to 30 each Sunday evening during the third school term. We are doing a New Testament Introduction in 18 sessions. There will be 3 more terms for students to attain a Level 1 Award. Teachers with me are Doug McNaught, Cedric Gibbs and Allan Driver. **EMMAUS:** Last semester was a particularly encouraging time in 1 and 2 Samuel. This semester has already been a blessing, as we deal with Local Church Life and Worship. Praise and pray for sister T and brothers C and W in their life and study. **TASSIE TIME:** Praise for a much looked for holiday in Tasmania during September, with Lai Yan's two Christian sisters. After that, we are with the GLO Smithton students for the last week of September. **FAMILY EVENTS:** After 7 years in the UK, Alice and Andy are coming back 'down-under'. They will settle in NZ, but will be with us for three weeks in October. They, and their



two girls and a new baby, will be here for Brett and Renate's wedding on 14th October. Scott has applied to do full-time medicine, but is still working through the Application/Transition process. Pray for Lai Yan's aging dad in Malaysia, pray for his salvation. Praise the Lord, with us for the enormous joy Sheree brings us. She turns 2 in October and is a lovely little chatter-box.

DAYA & MARGARET NAND

"MARANATHA"

This is the word of greeting I use when addressing an audience. It is the word used by the early believers and a constant reminder of our Lord's return, and for us "to occupy till He comes."



After fruitful ministries in Fiji and New Zealand, the Lord opened the door for us to come to Australia. Here, our commendation from four NZ Assemblies was also endorsed by the Burwood Assembly and we have been serving the Lord there.

Many years ago we were involved in the commencement of the Fiji Gospel School and it has been a great joy to meet up with brother Pradeep here who is one of the fruit of the teaching of God's Word at that school. He has been instrumental in assisting us to settle into the Aussie way of life and to the Assemblies. Similarly, dear brother Colin Tilsley brought a large GLO team consisting of Australian and NZ believers and we had the privilege of serving with them. That visit was indeed of much blessing and >24



challenge to us as we were the first local full-time workers and the team's activities really excited us to get involved in the Lord's work.

Now in our Assembly at Burwood we have GLO students mainly from Korea and we are encouraging and providing opportunities for them to get practically involved as they practice their "English." The Assembly had actually dwindled down to only two people and there was every reason for its closure! But God had been preparing brother Pradeep at Emmaus as well as with the Asian Evangelistic Fellowship and he had a vision and faith to continue. A Korean assembly had been gathering at Emmaus and the Lord led them to Burwood and we praise Him for that great encouragement. Now we have believers from Australia, Fiji, Korea, Lebanon, China, India, etc and we have a happy and active group.

It is my privilege to be involved in the teaching and preaching areas and provide training and encouragement under the leadership of brother Pradeep. Our Sunday evening meetings are mainly conducted by the young people who are giving a healthy spiritual input. The prayer meeting prior to the evening service is well-attended and it is so exciting to witness the spiritual growth and love as they get involved in the practical ministries of preaching, song-leading, chairing, skits, and so on. At present I am taking a series in the Book of Revelation on Sunday mornings, while our evening theme is on the eight miracles of Christ in John's Gospel. We are focusing on the Person and work

of Christ. Our monthly Sunday BBQ provides a time of good and healthy fellowship and we are a real family church. We encourage the use of gifts and talents at both our services.

Also I have been attending the Bankstown Assembly prayer and Bible study meetings on Monday evenings. This has been a revival to my heart. Only a few attend but missionary letters are read and they are prayed for. We share in the study and it is a blessed time. In our times when the focus and concern is for larger assemblies (and there is a proper place for that) it must not be at the expense of a spiritual and faithful assembly. I have also ministered at the Concord and Wollongong assemblies and been encouraged by the response to God's Word.

I continue on the wider ministry of assisting believers with sermon preparations, counselling, answering questions etc and these requests are from NZ and the USA. Locally there are also requests by phone – so life is indeed busy but brings much joy as people are blessed, released and used in the Lord's work. We certainly appreciate the prayers and fellowship of God's people.

With love and greetings in Christ,
Daya and Mary Nand

Prayer request: We need to rent a house on a long-term basis, as we have now shifted 3 times and are anticipating another soon! If writing to me please use this address: Daya Nand, Burwood Gospel Chapel, 29A George Street East, Burwood, NSW 2134. Phone 9746 9975 Mobile 0424 525 813

Email: daya_n@hotmail.com



GEOFF & LIZ FOLLAND

August 15: J-Team arrived yesterday for a 3 week mission trip. These students from Campus Crusade in Japan have arrived to help accelerate the development of our movement among international students, and develop their own ministry skills to apply on their return to Japan. We are very excited about the opportunity to partner in this way – especially as it broadens the vision of our own students to see and hear what God is doing around the world. In December, Student Life is planning to hold a summer project in Japan.



September 18: We have safely arrived home with our fourth family member!

Thank you so much to everyone who prayed, and who wrote notes of encouragement. Our trip went very smoothly. Philip and Katrise did very well on the plane. There were no dramas with travelling around Manila. Katrise took to us very quickly and she settled well into her new surroundings – at the hotel room initially and then at our house here in Sydney yesterday. We had a great time catching up with friends in Manila – Dennis & Jeri, Darren & Deborah, John & Libby.

September 25: Having been back from Manila for a week, life is starting to return to normal. But ministry is rolling on.

It is so encouraging to see God working in the lives of students on campus. Thanks for partnering with us in this ministry. Your prayers make a difference.


In His love and grace,
Geoff & Liz

Our team continues to be a real blessing to us. With a mixture of youthful enthusiasm and (some) wise experience, we are able to support each other and encourage each other to use our unique gifts to further the kingdom of God.

[On September 2nd Geoff and Liz flew to Manila to meet and collect Katrise, the little girl they are adopting.]

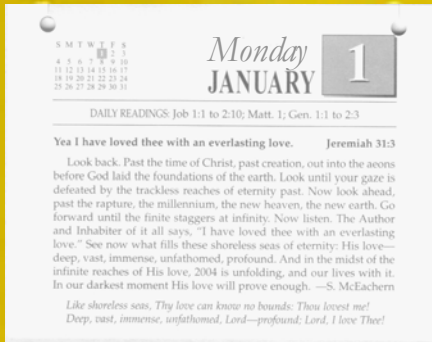
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Strength in Unity Conference 2006

by Ross Bunyon

The NSW SIU conference held at the CYC River Park campsite in September attracted over 160 participants. Approximately 50% were under the age of 35. A majority of Sydney Assemblies were represented and a good cross-section came from the country.

It was a great weekend of worship and teaching with David Jones, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Hobart, and social researcher Mark McCrindle providing challenging messages.

The emphasis was on mission and opportunity was given to the men and women who were present to have a 'Conversations about the Future'. We were able to identify opportunities to move forward together and to be more effective in our local churches. Outcomes of the conversations will be sent to participants and reported to the next NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference in November.



National Networking

by Ross Bunyon

Following on from an initial meeting held at Phillip Island in June this year, representatives from Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and NSW Assemblies met at River Park in early September. Representatives from Stewards Foundation and AMT also attended.

There was a strong willingness to work together and it was agreed to establish a National website with links to each state.

Discussion was held on a vision for Christian Brethren working together across Australia and it was agreed

that 'Working together for Mission' was a good start. This was a clear statement of what we are pursuing on a National basis. Further work will be done on the vision, how it may be communicated and on clarifying how it may be implemented.

It was agreed to hold a National Conference at Phillip Island on the June long-weekend in 2008. An International speaker will be invited and it is expected that he will visit the other States before and after the conference for local involvement.



**PLEASE submit material for
the December 2006 issue
of this magazine BEFORE
10 November!**



These last items were collected by Don Crane for the October Outreach Prayer Requests bulletin:–

PHILLIP & ROBYN GUMMERSON

Thanks so much for your prayers and faithful support. We are greatly blessed by your prayers and support.



We, as a church, have just completed 'Lifeworks', a ten weeks evangelistic program using materials and video talks by John North of Ambassadors for Christ. We had over a dozen men and women from outside the church, attend each week. By the end, six of them had indicated that they had placed their faith in Jesus Christ. We are now making plans to follow-up these people with discipleship classes and Home Group Bible studies. We are taking a trip to Queensland to visit Robyn's parents and spend some time together as a family. Then we will be at Camp Toukley giving Gospel messages to 100 or so Primary aged children. Please pray for the teaching sessions and my preparation leading up to this Primary Camp. Our children continue to grow in the Lord. Matthew will be a leader at this same camp and enjoys serving in Children's ministry. He is completing his HSC in the next few weeks and is considering options for after school. Please pray for guidance for him. Jessica is developing her singing gift and has recently moved schools. She has settled in well and the Christian school is keen to see her use her gifts and to grow as a disciple. Timothy is having a lot of fun

and is quite a comedian. His faith is sure but still young. Please pray for Timmy as he grows and starts High School next year. Please pray for Robyn and I as we cope with the continual pressure of full-time work and service and as we seek to live lives that are pleasing to God. Thank you for your love and care.

STUART CLARK

Thank you for your prayer interest. Peter Flack, Jono Scott, Trevor Betuel and I are flying to the Philippines on November 4, as a work



team to do some maintenance on a Camp site out of Manila, called Emmaus, for two weeks. This ministry opportunity has been organized by Julie Loudon and Noela Elvery. They also will be there at that time. Please pray for safety in travel to and from the Philippines and safety while working on the camp site and as we travel around. Please pray that we may continue to have good health, until we go and while we are away. Pray that we may be an encouragement to those we will work with, and for opportunities to show and share God's love. Pray also for the Festival Camp at Mt. Victoria and Camp David at River Park. Pray also for the Children's Camps in January – for team leaders, as they get their teams together; for Study Leaders as they prepare and present the Studies, that God may work through them. Also, please pray that many kids will come along and hear the great news of the Gospel. □



Please note: To make it easier to visit web sites mentioned in this section, all their links are also included as 'hot links' on a page in the NSW Christian Brethren web site at:-

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

Ian McKenzie (who attends West Pennant Hills Community Church) kindly let me know of this useful "freebie". He emailed ... "The Bible software I have used for some time is "Word Search" which recently combined with "Bible Explorer" and as a result they go under the same software of version 7 WORDsearch. I can highly recommend these Bible Software programs. They originate with the Navigators and NavPress."

Ian was keen to pass on the offer explained in the following email extract from Randy Beck at the WORDsearch web site in the USA:-

"High speed internet has gotten so widespread that nearly everyone in the world could have a copy of the best and easiest Bible software—for Free! So I put our Bible Explorer 4 program and a basic electronic library on

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for free download. All you need is a PC (with Windows), high speed internet and an interest in the Bible.

"I've gotten many requests from missionaries, prison ministries, teachers, preachers, and believers all over the world who need Bible software but don't have funds to buy it. Rather than trying to respond to those needs

individually, I'm making it generally available for free on the Internet, and we'll see where God leads us.

"Bible Explorer 4 is the latest version of one of our most popular programs we've been selling and improving since 1995. It is the same program used in our retail package, sold in Christian bookshops and is acclaimed by reviewers and customers for its ease of use.

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Need a speaker for a ministry event you are organising? Or, are you a good speaker and want more work? Then this web site (passed on by Geoff Folland) may be able to help you:-

www.christianspeakers.com.au

Recently started, this site aims to be a website where Christian speakers can put their information, plus a recorded sample message, and where people who need a speaker can go and search for an appropriate person.

Last time I checked there were only six speakers listed but they all seemed to be NSW based. Geoff mentioned >30

there is another similar, but longer established, web site:-

www.christianspeak.net

which seems to have more of a Victorian base. If you know people who might be able to benefit from the NSW site please let them know about it. And, if you know people with a gift in speaking (don't be shy - it may be YOU!) please let them know too - so they can sign up and help make the site more and more useful!

Media Inc, publishers of *Alive Magazine*, *Christian Woman* and book publishing imprint *Ark House*, has just launched a new website for Christian employees and employers. **ChristianCareer.com.au** gives Christian job seekers the ideal place to find employment with Christian organisations, or with a Christian owned and run company.

Matt Danswan, Managing Director of Media Inc, said that ChristianCareer was born out of a need. "In talking to Christian business people, we have found that many want to employ Christians in their companies, but without discriminating against non-Christians, it is impossible to state this in your advertising copy," he said. "Therefore, by creating a website that brings Christians together, the advertiser can comfortably state that they are seeking a Christian for their position."

ChristianCareer also lists a number of jobs within Christian churches, missions, Bible colleges and associated organisations. There does not seem

to be many jobs listed (when checked in early October) but maybe it's early days. For more information go to:-

www.christiancareer.com.au

Dan Patrick worships with the Christian Brethren in Scotland and has sent this email to us:-

"Greetings in Jesus' name! As a disabled Christian I have had to stop my previous church activities and have set up my own web site for the sharing of God's word among believers. The address is:-

www.bible-meditations.co.uk

"I invite anyone interested to look at the site. All the material there is free of restrictions regarding copying, distributing, etc. There is nothing for sale on the site and suitable contributions to it are invited. I would be obliged if you would pass on these details to any interested party."

His web site also includes several useful links, one of which caught my eye:-

<http://citw.org.uk/home.htm>

This 'Confidence in the Word' web site has a single purpose: "To help Christians regain and increase their trust in the Bible." It is offered to all believers, irrespective of tradition or denomination, in the spirit of Matthew 10:8: "Give as freely as you have received."

A key quote on its home page is "The vigour of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts."

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