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#### by Colin Winrow, Editor

# First Glance

Dear Readers,

This year is a significant one for Emmaus Bible College. It celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year of teaching ministry and this issue of the magazine is helping to commemorate this achievement by dedicating more space to the College's activities.

It is surely true that the College, its teachers, and its graduates, have had a profound impact for good in Assemblies throughout Australia, and indeed overseas, when we consider where they have gone to serve the Lord over those 50 years. Many of its early students are now with the Lord, but many from more recent years are still with us and serving faithfully. For this we can be very grateful.

It now falls on the shoulders of our current Brethren to ensure that sound Bible teaching continues to be an important foundation of our movement, and that young and old alike are encouraged to study the Word to the best of their ability, all their lives.



As I write this column the 'Jesus–All About Life' advertising program is in full swing and many churches in Sydney and throughout NSW are making special efforts to reach people with the Gospel. Maybe your assembly is involved, and possibly running some special activities. If that's the case I pray the Lord will bless your endeavours - with souls saved and fruit for His Kingdom.

It would be great to hear details of what happens around our assemblies during this period, so if you feel moved to write a few words about what went on, I would be very willing to publish them in the December issue to encourage others. Please note we need to have the information on or before 13<sup>th</sup> November.

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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 NSW Assemblies. Short items (even one or two sentences) are welcome and can be mailed to the office at PO Box 640, Burwood, NSW 1805, or faxed to 9715 5528, or preferably e-mailed to:-

#### outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

Also, please e-mail your wording for **Notices** or **Coming Events** (to be included on the NSW Christian Brethren web site) to:-

#### webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au

The third NSW Assemblies Coordinating Conference for 2009 was held at Emmaus Bible College on Thursday evening, 8<sup>th</sup> August. There were 31 people in attendance, representing 19 Assemblies.

It was reported that discussions have occurred with the leaderships of two more churches who may be interested in joining with CCCAust.

A report from the Toukley Men's Conference Committee was up-beat about the last event – more young men attended. The Committee would love to hear any feedback on how to further improve the conference – phone 4983 2355. The topic for next year will be 'Humility – the attitude of Christ'. Brochures are now available.

Lutanda reported that 70 children gave their lives to God during the camps held in the last school holidays. Praise the Lord!

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The Home Workers Treasurers reported that giving has increased by 8% but more would be welcome as the cost of living continues to rise.

Peter Mackie, the CEO of CBCS, reported that the new aged care facility opened two years ago at Glenhaven is being fully utilized, and an extension to the Cherrybrook facilities opened last year. The Government gave CBCS 10 new bed licenses earlier this year. God has been good in providing these. Also, construction has started on new works at the Cardiff Heights site.

A CBCS promotional video is available and CBCS would like to visit Assemblies to promote this ministry. If you would like to hear more please contact CBCS, ph 02 9842 4111; or email: admin@cbcs.com.au.

Planning for the next National Conference is going ahead for the June long-weekend in 2010, at Mueller College, Redcliffe, QLD. Since the meeting, full details of the conference and accommodation options have been issued in a letter from the chairman Ross Bunyon. This can be viewed in the Christian Brethren web site at:-

www.christianbrethren-nsw.org.au/ pdfs/National Conference Invite.pdf

Brad Scott reported there have been initial trials of several Video Conferencing systems, with a view to making it possible for more people around the state to participate in the quarterly Coordinating Conferences. Hopefully we may be in a position to test a system more fully at the next Conference on 5<sup>th</sup> November. News came of the passing of Mrs Mary Rossiter in early September. She and her husband were one of the founding families of Fairfield West Gospel Chapel and she was Brian Riethmuller's mother-in-law. Mary was 103 years old and had lived in the same home with her two sons until just a few months ago.

The funeral was on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, at 10am and followed by a memorial service at Fairfield Christian Fellowship.

Howard Wilson's wife, Elizabeth, was "called home" on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. after a brief fight with cancer. Condolences also go to the family of Joan Whitefield on her "home call" on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Meetings & Events**

#### For the latest list please check at:-

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

#### 2009:

24 Oct	CBCS Thanksgiving Service at Elouera Gardens, starting at 2pm.
31 Oct	<b>Open Day</b> for Stage 2 of Glenhaven Gardens; 2pm to 4.30pm; 1A Mills Road, Glenhaven,
31 Oct	<b>50th Anniversary Celebra-</b> <b>tion</b> Dinner for Emmaus Bible College.
5 Nov	NSW Assemblies Coord- inating Conference at Emmaus Bible College, 7.30pm.
7 Nov	<b>'09 GLO Open Day</b> – at Riverstone Church and

Sports Centre; 10am to 4pm. ph: 02 9838 1595.

- 7 Nov **CMIAid Open Day** at Dural premises; starting 10am. Ph: 9651 6477
- 13 Nov Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 14 Nov Outreach Bookstall at Elouera Gardens Community Room 9:00 am – 12 noon. Purchase your Christmas Cards, 2010 Calendars, and Gifts. Plus Ladies Auxiliary Cake Stall. 3, Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook.
- 14 Nov **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 19 Nov Emmaus Bible College **Cel**ebration Service (7pm).
- 27,28 Nov VITAL'09 Youth Leadership Development Conference in the Collaroy Centre. ph: 0414 722 877.
- 11 Dec Ladies Missionary Prayer Meeting at Burwood Chapel. 10.30am ph: 9477 7568 or 9546 8545.
- 27 Dec to Family Camp at Lutanda's 2 Jan Camp Toukley. Bookings ph: 1300 733 189.

#### 2010:

7,8 May Toukley Men's Conference. 'Humility - the attitude of Christ'. ph: 1300 733 189.





## Prayer Requests from NSW Assemblies

#### compiled by Brad Scott

We have mentioned in several issues that a considerable time ago the NSW Strength in Unity (SIU) movement began to encourage individuals and assemblies to set aside a time for Prayer and Fasting on the first Tuesday of each month. Since then Brad Scott has sent out a reminder e-mail each month and has included some suggested prayer and praise points. This year these have included prayer points from assemblies in NSW.

If your assembly would like to send such requests in future, please contact Brad on 9625 0055 or email bradstc@bigpond.com.

Meanwhile here are more prayer points issued in the last two months.

#### Narara Gospel Chapel

- The Elders are considering closing down this Assembly as they are few in number and all getting older.
- Pray for wisdom as the Elders look at selling their property – that God's will is done.

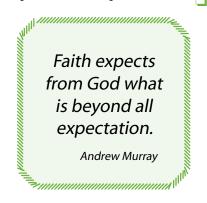
#### North Parramatta Gospel Chapel

- Praise God for the new Korean group which is meeting in the chapel.
- Pray for International Teams staff who have moved their office into the downstairs hall.
- Pray for the continued outreach through their various ministries.

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#### Norwest Community Church

- Praise God for our Multi-cultural church, as we juggle and form a single family out of 3 churches (English, Spanish & Filipino)
- Praise God for our young people and the growth and outreach they are involved in, amongst our community.
- Pray for wisdom as we have almost outgrown the School Hall we rent and need to find new accommodation in our community.
- Pray for wisdom as we consider purchasing "the Plaza". We need a miracle at this stage as the asking price is \$6 million. Please pray with us that the vendor may reduce his price significantly (to \$4 million) or that God would provide the Gap.



## PLEASE submit all items for the December magazine BEFORE 13<sup>th</sup> November.



As of mid September - 1550 churches had registered for JAAL!

**Website and resource update** - we have now changed the 'Jesus. All about life' home page to show the JAAL banner and logo. This is so people who respond to the campaign will link into the **allaboutlife** response site.

However you will notice a link underneath the banner where you can click to visit the jesusallaboutlife.com.au website and log into the members area to upload your events and to download resources.

**Please Pray** for people to feel confident to share their faith and for unity of the churches.

**Praise God** for the more than 1,550 Churches coming together for this campaign in NSW.

We hope you have now seen the TV advert at home or at the movies.

To read about the meaning of the adverts visit:-

http://jaal.allaboutlife.com.au/Jesus\_has\_Answer.aspx

If you have any questions relating to the campaign please email us at aal@jesusallaboutlife.com.au

God Bless,

from the 'Jesus. All About Life' Team

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The team of up to six people hires a stall at Parklea Markets once a month to be a witness for the Lord and to distribute Christian literature. The following are some brief notes about what they experienced recently.

#### August 8th:

An Asian man passed by and showed an interest. His family had been exposed to a cult which had made him confused. He came from a Buddhist background. He was glad to receive a DVD via which his son could listen to the English version and he could listen in his native tongue, Mandarin.

A man who accepted the tract "The Father's Love" also took some Radio Bible Class booklets. He asked what church we came from and if any such churches were in the area of Picton? He said he would contact RBC to see if they could recommend a church in the area.

A young woman stopped to take a Bible commentary which we had available on the New Testament. She also asked about Bibles for sale. We offered her the NIV soft cover Bible which had been donated by a generous couple but she wanted a different version. We wished her God's Blessing through the use of the commentary.

Believers from Liverpool of an Assyrian background took some Chinese tracts to give to Chinese students.

#### September 5th:

We spoke to a partially disabled man who could only walk as far as our stand before his legs gave way and he sat down to speak with us. He described himself as an historian and thus we spoke to him about the history of Jesus as revealed in Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. He then left and went on his way.

A young Indonesian couple came and looked through our material on display. They revealed that they were Christians and took 2 DVDs for their friends to look at.

A Palestinian Christian from Jerusalem, who struggled with English, came and gave us Greetings in Christ's name. A Malaysian Christian couple stopped and took a DVD in their language. An Australian Christian and his Filipino wife took a DVD and some tracts.

A man and his young daughter passed by and the daughter, who seemed to be about 5 or 6 years of age, read out aloud to her Father the words of the banner "The Gift of God is Eternal life through Jesus Christ Our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God uses many methods to proclaim His Word!

A man stopped to talk to Paul at the front of our stand. He reminded us that we must individually invite Jesus into our hearts to become Christians. He said that he had done this and he now was a Christian.

A Filipino man who spoke Tagalog took a Jesus DVD in that language.

A Filipino lady and her daughter who were seeking a Tagalog Bible were directed to the Bible Society website.



#### by Doug McNaught

Psalm 1 makes a statement that sets the whole tone of the book of Psalms and goes back to the command that the Lord gave to Joshua in Joshua 1:8. However Psalm 2 starts with a question "Why?" If we want to use the Psalms as a basis for our prayers then we can be confident that questions are okay, especially "Why?"

There is a contrast between the heathen (the nations) and Israel. They are first mentioned in Lev 25:44 and refer to everyone else, those who don't know the Lord with the special relationship that Israel has and who don't have the Law of the Lord (see Psalm 1). The heathen rage because

they don't know the Lord. "Rage" appears first in 2 Kings 5:12 where Naaman rages that he has to wash in the Jordan River, a

muddy little creek in his estimation. He doesn't understand that the Lord rules in the earth and that the people of the earth have to bow down to the Lord. In Jude 13 we see that raging has to do with restlessness as well. The heathen don't know the Lord so they are restless and don't have any anchor to keep them secure.

"Vain" is first mentioned in Exodus 5:9 where Pharaoh tells the slave drivers to force the Israeli slaves to work harder because they wanted to go and sacrifice to their God. As far as Pharaoh was concerned they were interested in useless and irrelevant ideas. In 1 Peter 1:18 we find that we have been redeemed from vain things that have nothing to do with God. The Psalmist wonders why people who don't know the Lord don't want to have anything to do with the Lord.

The Lord is the Creator of the Universe and He rules the Universe but the people who don't know Him plot in vain; they think that they can control events but they can't.

The kings of the earth want to rule the earth. The Ten Commandments tell Israel that their God requires absolute obedience but He offers them unrestricted access in return. However, they are required to obey Him in everything that they do. The

• The Lord is the Creator of the Universe • kings of the earth have a different relationship with their gods. They believe that they can manipulate their gods so that they will get their

own way in the end. When Adam and Eve first sinned they were tempted to "be like gods knowing good from evil". The temptation was for them to be in control of their lives. If they knew the difference between good and evil they would be able to do what they wanted to do because they would believe that they were always doing what was good. The kings of the earth believe that they can dictate to the Lord and tell Him what is right and what is good.

However, it was the Lord who gave the Law and He defined what is right and good. All the other kings set up their laws and codes of conduct and



now "experts" say that they gave the first laws and the Lord copied His regulations from them. This Psalm was believed to refer to 2 Samuel 7 when King David sat on his throne and was finally at peace so he decided to build a Temple for the Lord. However, after Nathan, the prophet, told David to go ahead, the Lord told David to wait. At this stage David was the Lord's anointed. The Lord's people wanted to be like the nations around them and have a king (1 Sam 8:5) and He gave them King Saul but then Saul disobeyed and the Lord rejected him. Nevertheless, the Lord chose David to

be the king of Israel and he became the Lord's anointed.

By the time David sat on the throne of Israel

and he had peace, all the nations were under his control. They did what he said, however from time to time, they rebelled. They believed that their gods were more powerful than the Lord of all the earth (compare 1 Kings 8:60). They wanted freedom from David's rule and they did what they could to be free from God and His king David.

The Lord laughs at these people. The first time we come across laughter in the Bible is Genesis 17:17 when Abraham laughed when the Lord told him that Sarah would have a child. Sarah was ninety years old and had been through menopause so Abraham and Sarah both believed that this was impossible. The last time laughter occurs in the Bible is in Luke 8: 53 when

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the Lord told the little girl's parents that she would be made whole but they knew that she was dead. People laugh when they know that something is impossible; the Lord laughs when He knows that something is impossible. It is impossible for anyone to force the Lord to do anything that He doesn't want to do (compare Psalm 135:5). The nations want to control the earth but the Lord laughs because He knows the truth.

The nations rebel against the Lord and they think that they can get away with whatever they want but the Lord calls them to account in His own way

> at His own time. They will cease to exist but the Lord's anointed will never die.

This is a Messianic Psalm. Even though it was written in the first instance about King David, it looks forward to the Coming One, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will rule forever because He rules from heaven and no one can take His throne away from Him. Every one of the nations that sought to destroy David no longer exists but Israel is there today and the Lord's anointed still rules in heaven.

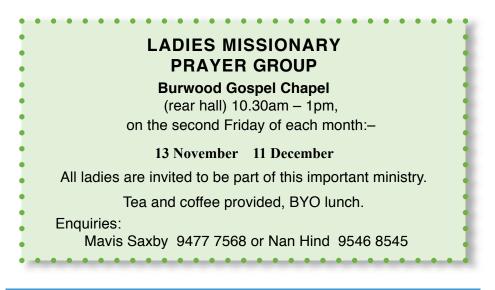
The Lord chose to put His Name in Zion (see Deut 12:5) and He put His king and Temple there as well. When the Lord's people sinned at a later date He chose to allow the Temple to be destroyed but this didn't change the fact that Zion was His own place.

Verse 7 of Psalm 2 is quoted in Hebrews 1:5, making this a Messianic

• This is a Messianic Psalm • Psalm. On the day that sin entered into the world, the Lord cursed the serpent but, in that curse, He promised that a deliverer would come to defeat the serpent (Gen 3:15). The Son of God came down to the earth to take the heathen for His inheritance. When Satan tempted the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:8, 9) he took the Son up to a mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and offered them to Him if He would worship Satan. However, the Lord had already promised His Son that He would give Him the nations for His inheritance and all the earth for His possession. The Son will rule all the earth with absolute authority and destroy all his enemies as someone smashes a pot against the ground.

At the beginning of the Psalm the nations are conspiring against the Anointed One but by the end of the Psalm they are commanded to bow down to Him and serve Him with trembling. All the nations that raged against the Lord are encouraged to make peace with Him so that they can avoid His anger. They need to be afraid that He will deal with them in anger if they don't make peace with Him – so it is better to take refuge in Him than it is to rage against Him. In Psalm 118:22 we can see that the stone the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. The nations conspired against the Anointed One but God will force all the nations to bow before Him unless they take refuge in Him by submitting to His authority.

[Note: the author has used the KJV in this article because he believes that it gives the best rendition of the poetical qualities of the Psalms.]





# Farewell to Mr & Mrs Graham Kindt



Mr. & Mrs. Graham Kindt and their daughter, Glenette

A fellowship lunch was held recently at the Manly Vale Bible Fellowship at which Mr. & Mrs. Graham Kindt were given a farewell, prior to them taking up residence at Beth Eden, Unit 12, 19 Bell Terrace, Graceville, Old 4075, a suburb of Brisbane. Graham and Glenyth were associated with the Brookvale Assembly in 1986 and, following the sale of the Gospel Hall in the same year, Graham was instrumental in purchasing land at King Street, Manly Vale by Stewards Foundation. Subsequently, the Foundation built Kings Court Christian Village, a complex of thirteen Residential Units, and provision of a "Chapel" for the

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Manly Vale Bible Fellowship to meet in July 1997.

Graham and Glenyth were involved in every aspect of Assembly life. Their leadership and organizing ability, as well as their loyalty and faithfulness, will be remembered with much appreciation.

In addition to serving the local Assembly, Graham's interests were extended to the wider work of the Christian Brethren Assemblies as a Board Member of Stewards Foundation, Christian Brethren Community Services, and the Bethshean Nursing Home where his insights and business experience were greatly valued. He was also a long-standing member of the Sydney Festival Male Voice Choir.

As a token of the appreciation, inscribed Pens were presented to Graham and Glenyth and they were commended to the Lord and the word of His Grace.

> [This information was kindly provided by Mr G. Dutton.]

"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation." — Corrie ten Boom

# Camp Kedron Manager's Report 2008/09

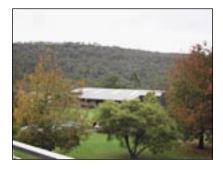
Another very busy year has come and gone. We had a total of 73 residential camps and 14 day camps. Of the Residential camps 40 were church camps, 10 were Band Camps, 9 were Catholic college retreats, 8 were Kedron camps and 4 were School camps plus 2 others.

The Camp Kedron School Holiday camps continue to grow. This year some 248 Primary campers attended in 3 camps and 254 High School students in 4 camps. We are planning the addition of an extra Primary camp in the April School holidays to take advantage of the opportunity that 2 weeks holiday affords.

The Life Exchange camp for Special Needs campers was again full to overflowing and a wonderful blessing. The exceptional dedication of Greg and Jenine Varady-Szabo is acknowledged and appreciated.

It is a blessing to see how God touches the lives of all who attend, as well as the leaders who come to serve. Many have given their lives to Christ and commenced and continue in the follow-up program.

We have a wonderful team of Leaders and Directors who continue to do an outstanding job in putting together these camps. A highlight of 2008 was a monthly Directors Training night that proved to be very beneficial, informative, and encouraging. The input and hard work of Julius and Melinda Gilder in this venture must be acknowledged. Their continued input into the camping program is so valued and appreciated.



by Greg Clark

Around the site there continues to be improvement and upgrading. Some of the work done over this year includes updating of the Main Auditorium, recarpeting of the Top Conference Hall, an overhaul and addition of a balcony on the BBQ area, improvements to the Parking area, an upgrade of the façade of the Indoor Sports Centre, as well as other works. Some of the less obvious work completed around the site is a fixed seat in the Basement of the Main building, the rendering of the lower level of the Main building, a general improvement of lighting around the site, safety glow strips on stairs and the cleaning of older slippery concrete paths.

A major project we talked about last year, the building of an oval, has progressed and we hope to start in the near future. Meetings are currently happening with Council, and plans being prepared. Approval in principle for the project has been obtained through the Dept. of Lands.

Overall we have much to be thankful to God for in the continued growth and development of the ministry of Camp Kedron. >14



#### Camp Kedron Manager's Report 2008/09 (cont'd from p 13)



I cannot finish this report without acknowledging the hard work, dedication and commitment of the staff. Carl Edwardes, Phil Crowley and Les Far have worked above and beyond the call of duty and their efforts have enabled us to take the extra camps this year. I also am very thankful to their families for their continued support and patience during the many long hours required. The other group which contributes with incredible effort and enthusiasm is the volunteer workers without whom we would not be able to achieve much of what happens around the site. A huge thank you to all who have encouraged us this year with their help. We have a Faithful and Loving God!



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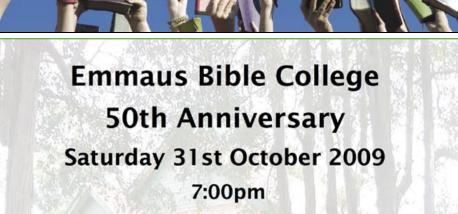
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On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Emmaus Bible College will celebrate 50 years of teaching God's Word in Epping, NSW.

We will celebrate 50 years of recognising the grace of God and the work of the boards, staff and students He has connected over the years. It is anticipated the evening will be a celebration of blessing, evidenced by so many and as an opportunity for petition in order for the goodness of God to continue at Emmaus for years to come.

# Have you heard of 'Gen2' yet?

Gen2 is an innovative and exciting new programme being launched now by Emmaus Bible College, for commencement in early 2010.

It is designed to focus the attention of those aged between 18 and 23 on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

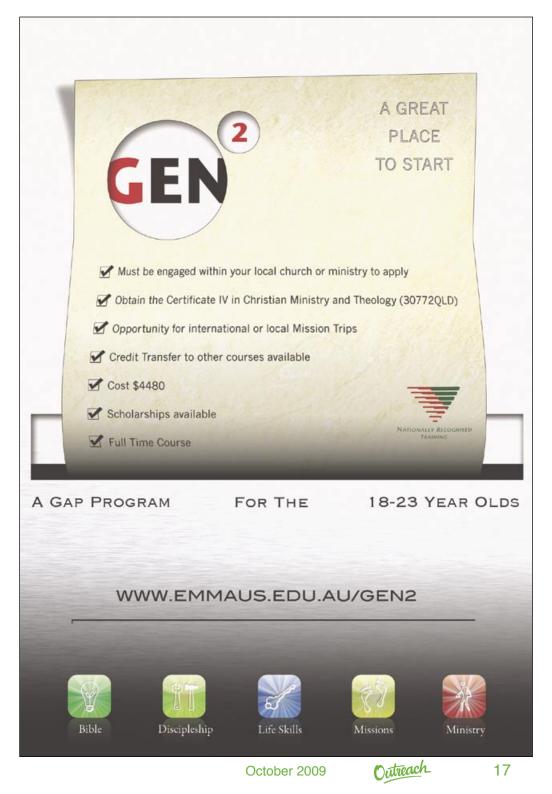
For a year they will attend lectures in biblical studies, theology, ministry and life skills, participate in mission activities, possibly overseas, and be active in their home church or a para-church agency in an internship capacity.

The potential for this course to develop our young people, as well as support our assemblies, is enormous. An Information Day for any parents or candidates, or would-be supporters, will be held at Emmaus Bible College in early December; date to be confirmed.

For more information contact Rodney Trinidad:

rodneytrinidad@emmaus.edu.au





# News from NSW Home Workers



#### Greg & Sarah Clark 13<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Things have continued to progress at camp with the School Holiday Camps finishing a number of weeks



ago. We always need to take a break and rejuvenate but it is often a little while before that happens, with other groups booking the site. We have been through a very busy period of camps since April earlier this year and are now having a chance to take a breath before we ramp up again in September.

The School Holiday Camps were as big as we have ever had. The Primary Camp had 82 campers attend. The High School Camp was full a week before the camp started – with a waiting list of over 10. There ended up being 96 in attendance – the largest High School camp ever. It was a great opportunity for young people to hear the gospel in a wonderful setting.

Phil and Helen Watson directed the Primary Camp, they did a splendid job. Julius and Melinda Gilder directed the High School Camp ably assisted by a large team of leaders. Again it was a great camp; the camp divided into Senior High Yr 10+ and Junior High Yr 7-9.

It was wonderful to hear of the campers who committed their lives to Christ and are being followed up by a number of leaders as well as lessons going out to the Junior Campers. We have also given Bibles to a number who did not have one. *Of great encouragement is assistance in making sure that every camper attending a camp leaves with a Bible.* 

We have recently completed a renovation of the original BBQ area to make it much more useful. It now accommodates the gas BBQ and has a nice large balcony attached.

Since I last wrote we have welcomed Les Far to our team. He is working on weekends while attending Morling College during the week. He has been a wonderful addition to the on-site team. Les is a pastry chef who first attended Kedron as a leader in the School Holiday camps.

Carl and Sophie have welcomed Rain into their family and Phil and Chanel continue to contribute to camp life.

We are excited at the upcoming School Holiday Camps. Ben and Robyn O'Donoghue are directing the Primary Camp and Brad and Margaret Taylor will be directing the High School Camp. Ben is endeavouring to promote the camp in Scripture groups and get local children to attend.

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support. Thanks also for those who contribute in the kitchen during both the weekend camps as well as School Holiday camps.

Thank you for those who enquire after the work regularly and who assure us of their prayers. It means a lot.

Some of the things we would appreciate pray and support for are:





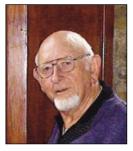
- \* Praise for the July Primary and High School camps.
- \* Praise for the enthusiasm of those on the follow-up program.
- \* Pray for Joan Chambers who is coordinating the follow-up.
- \* Thanksgiving for the number of campers responding to the Followup program.
- \* *Praise for the Directors putting so much effort into the camps.*
- \* Pray for past campers who committed or recommitted their lives to God for continued growth.
- \* Praise for the large number of Senior campers who are now leading at Primary camps.
- \* Praise for the interest in receiving God's Word and the number of Bibles given to campers.
- \* *Praise for the completion of the BBQ area.*
- \* Praise for strength during the busy period.
- \* Praise for continued bookings and the number who are rolling over deposits.
- \* Praise for the opportunities to give the Gospel to school groups that use the camp site.
- \* Praise for the commitment and enthusiasm of Carl Edwardes, Phil Crowley and Les Far.
- \* Pray for the families of our site staff.
- \* Pray for the health of all those living on site with the many camps to host.
- \* Pray for unity amongst all site staff.

- \* Pray that all those we contact day to day may see Christ's love in the staff.
- \* Pray for the Board as they make decisions regarding the future of Camp Kedron.
- \* Praise for the recent AGM and the interest shown by newer members.
- \* Praise for those in our church (St Ives Community Church) involved in cooking, cleaning, sowing, ladies auxiliary etc.
- \* Pray that others will be able to commit to these important areas.
- \* Thanksgiving for the faithfulness of volunteers who attend camp every week.

Faithfully in God's service, Greg & Sarah Clark

#### John Angus 14<sup>th</sup> September

The Lord has been pleased to touch a number of lives through the ministry of CMS Inc. One viewer is a woman of mature years who has just



completed an Émmaus Bible Course. She now rejoices in the Lord as Saviour. Another viewer of our English program has completed seven Emmaus courses and regularly attends the Assembly at Fairfield West, where he actively participates in the worship.

The response to the Arabic broadcast has been great. The Wetherill Park



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midweek meeting, which was started to meet the needs of Arabic viewers, is well attended. Recently five people indicated a desire to trust in the Lord. One man, working in real estate, stayed behind and had a coffee with Jamil. He considered himself to be too bad for God to accept, but eventually the Holy Spirit convicted him and he put his trust in the Lord. When visited the next day his wife also came to the Lord! A number of those attending this meeting are Muslims.

#### News follows of five more families collected by brother Graham Hayden for the September Outreach Prayer Requests bulletin:-

Please pray for our brother Don Crane and his wife Mary who have been regularly responsible for the gathering and production of Home Workers' Prayer Points so that the NSWAEM Office can copy and send them out to assemblies. Because of continuing ill health Don is not able to do this any more. We wish to thank him on your behalf for this helpful and consistent gathering of prayer matters over several years.

#### Bill & Jean Archbold:

We are both continuing to enjoy good health. The swine flu thing seems to have passed us by, and even though the winter has



been cool we've not even had a cold. The exception is that Jean has had a cataract

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removed. The operation was seamless and went well – which has resulted in much improved sight in her right eye.

**Family:** They are all well. Brendan Archbold is showing a lot of spiritual growth and maturity and has a real interest in spiritual things.

*Ministry:* We have bookings for every Sunday night until the end of the year. Then there are some mid-week things to speak at as well. We are pleased that the Lord keeps us busy. In January we were asked by Weeroona Village (a Salvation Army establishment) to take a half-hour service once per month. This is proving very popular there. They like my singing and one man said that he thought I sounded like Slim Dusty. I don't know if this is a compliment or not?

We covet your prayers as several of the assemblies that we ministered at for many years are either closing down or they are reduced in size to where they do not invite speakers any more. We trust the Lord will open up new fields of ministry.

#### Glen & Gabrielle Baigent:

Our greatest need is prayer for the furtherance of the Gospel. Specifically, please pray for us as we consider the future needs of our assembly fellowship here at



Raymond Terrace. Space seems to be our greatest problem at the moment. Pray for our preparation for involvement in the Jesus, All About Life

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*Campaign, and also for growing needs associated with School "chaplaincy" in our local Primary Schools.* 

**Personally:** Pray for Gabrielle's work-related study and for our preparation for long-service leave in September/October 2009.

#### Bruce & Helen Buckley:

At the Campbelltown Assembly we have been gearing up for the Jesus, All About Life Campaign. We have some



skills-training sessions on the agenda which are to help us overcome our fears in talking to unsaved strangers about the Lord. We are praying that we will work both as individuals and together to reach people for Christ. It's our plan to reach out house-to-house in the area around our Chapel. It is our intention to follow on by running a "Learner's Course" in which our contacts will be encouraged to come and learn more. As a couple all this will keep us highly focused and busy, together with all our other involvements.

Family-wise we report all are well. Amanda and Matt now have their fifth child. Joel is engaged to be married to Heather in February 2010. Mick is an apprentice in his second year.

#### Laurie & Margaret Cowell:

Pray for Margaret as she prepares, coordinates and leads two Bible studies for ladies each week. She is a team member in an after-school Kids Club in a local school and she accepts invitations to speak at ladies' meetings across Sydney.

Also she delivers meals to older people, mentors and builds relationships, and is always on hand to help Laurie in his ministries.



Pray for Laurie as he co-directs multiple ministries nationally and internationally. He teaches in the Blacktown internship, and does blocks of lectures in the GLO training centre in Tasmania and overseas. He also does administration related to GLO Ministries, visits workers for planning and care in ten Asian countries, and is helping to prepare seven new workers for China (2), Philippines (3) and Myanmar (2). Also there are still five assemblies in the planting/establishing stage in Australia.

#### Andrew & Janice Collins 25<sup>th</sup> September

Hi there friends,

It's a Friday work-at-home day which means I (Janice) am sitting at my desk in the study attending to lots of International Teams things today and Andrew is at his desk pouring himself into his assignments. It's a two week break from lectures and he has challenging assignments – so I get to see him here as the keen student.

Here is an extract from our September 'Prayer Update' publication:- >23



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#### We have moved

The International Teams office has moved, thanks to the generosity of North Parramatta Gospel Chapel in welcoming iTeams to build new offices with their building, and to the efforts of Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM) and a visiting team from USA.

For ten years we have served from the iTeams office in transportable buildings in the grounds of Parramatta Baptist Church. Now that church is buying the buildings for their use and iTeams has moved to new offices within the premises of our church in North Parramatta.

At a gathering of past and present team members we shared memories of what had been done from the old offices. Then the name plaque was



ceremonially removed and later installed on the front door of our new offices.

It's 12 months since I, Jan, took on the role of National Director. At that time many said how it would be good for me to be able to learn from Andrew. The arena of international leadership would have to be the area in which I have learned most. This takes a lot of time and energy, particularly as the weekly international conference phone calls are scheduled late at night Aussie time.

Recent changes mean I have picked up additional roles at this level. PLEASE pray for special alertness for me in this and for wisdom and grace for all the members of iT's international leadership team. Please pray for our neighbours to become followers of Jesus, and please give thanks for Andrew's studies going well, and for the new offices.

#### Geoff & Liz Folland 27<sup>th</sup> August *Hi*,

Philip came home from school yesterday telling me how to write the date as he did his homework.



We've been really pleased with how he settled into his new school. (He started on Monday). He and one other girl are the only people in his class without blonde hair! He's begun 3rd grade as we hoped.

Katrise begins ballet tomorrow. She looks so cute in her ballet outfit... we'll have to post photos.

Ministry in Australia is continuing with lots of challenges and opportunities. Liz and I have been involved in various discussions with our team back home planning for the future, dealing with various personnel issues and helping different leaders think through issues they face.

This week the national campus leaders for Campus Crusade from Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and Malaysia are gathering to discuss issues in growing their ministries to reach the millions of university students in their countries. The meeting is led by Allan Gibson, the former national campus director of >24



Australia, who is now the deputy team leader for the global campus team.

My (Geoff) summer classes finished last Friday. I took a Hebrew final and a Christian Education final exam on the same day. I did amazingly well in Hebrew, so I am looking forward to more Hebrew exegesis this semester. I was also pleased with the comments on my "Philosophy of Christian Education" paper, which the teacher labelled as "reflecting a heart for evangelism" and being "biblical and unique". (You can read it here: http://geofffolland. wordpress.com/).

Our financial situation has been ok over the summer. It's taken a while to work out our personal budget, but I think we're getting on top of it. Our support account took a major hit this past week as we paid for my fall tuition in one go. We praise God for His generous provision through so many faithful ministry partners.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> September

*Hi, Thanks so much for receiving our ministry updates and for praying for us. We really value having people with whom we can share the good times and the hard times.* 

I've been thinking a lot recently about the Apostle Paul and his request for prayer in Colossians 4:2. He realised that spiritual ministry could not be done in natural strength, and that it involved the whole body. We feel the same way.

Time is flying. We're already into the 3rd week of semester on campus and I'm finding that 17 credit hours (5 subjects) is a big load. There is plenty of intellectual stimulation – not to mention reading and assignments!

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The biggest issue that we'd like to ask your prayers for at the moment, though, is for Philip. He has a really great attitude to his new school environment (he's been in school for almost four weeks now), but the system the school uses is so different to what he has been used to in Australia that the teacher is having to devote a lot of extra attention to him, explaining how to do things the other kids have been doing since kindergarten. For example, how to complete the "Accelerated Reading" test on the computer.

Liz and I are investigating different options for how to help him and would really appreciate your prayers that we might make a wise decision.

The Jesus – All About Life campaign is in full swing in Sydney. The Christian groups at Macquarie held a combined event featuring a talk on the life of Jesus by Dr John Dickson. It appears to have been well attended. It's 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.

#### Rodney & Marian Trinidad 4<sup>th</sup> October

Rodney emailed:-"**Please** keep us in your prayers, Marian was rushed to hospital on Thursday (1<sup>st</sup>) to have her gall bladder removed urgently."

Marian is now home but must take things easy.

Please pray for this family. - Ed







# AWAKE TO ISRAEL Bible Prophecy Teaching Camp

Over the period 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July, about 180 people from across NSW attended the 2009 *Awake to Israel* **Bible Prophecy Teaching Camp** at Meroo Christian Conference Centre in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Mountains, just west of Sydney. All were treated over the course of the weekend to a brilliant teaching overview by Dr Tommy Ice from the Pre-Trib Research Center, (Liberty University, Virginia, USA) looking at "Israel – Past, Present and Future".

Tommy was joined by his lovely wife Janice, and after the welcomes and introductions he started Friday night's teaching session by looking at God's covenantal election of Israel. After the first session ended supper was served, and the rest of the night was spent catching up with old friends, making new ones and browsing over the extensive range of books, DVDs and CDs that were available.

Each day began with a prayer meeting, and after a hearty breakfast the day's programme began. Each session started with enthusiastic praise, and was followed by solid teaching as Dr Ice opened the word of God to us. Then a profitable question and answer time concluded the sessions.

Saturday afternoon we viewed a DVD called "The Forgotten Refugees" which was looking at the struggles and persecution of the Jewish people in Middle Eastern countries both pre and post 1948, and the stories of their return home to Israel to establish



Tommy & Janice Ice

new lives for themselves and their families.

Saturday night we were treated to a heart-warming classical music performance of both Messianic and traditional Jewish music which left a tear or two in our eyes as we sat and listened. "Jerusalem of Gold" and "Shalom Jerusalem" were certainly highlights for me.

Tommy's presentations could not help but leave you stimulated, challenged and confident in the truths of the Bible concerning God's sovereign plans and purposes for both Israel and the Church. Also His amazing plan for world history in bringing full glory to Himself through it, which we will see culminate at the second coming of the Lord Jesus and the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom.

One of the gifts given to Tommy>



and Janice at the end of the camp on Sunday afternoon was a boomerang, which is the Australian way of saying "come back again soon".

The 2009 Bible Prophecy Teaching Camp was simply an amazing time of wonderful in-depth teaching and warm Christian fellowship, and for me it was truly a blessing and privilege to attend.

I'm already looking forward to next year - do plan to join us. Keep an eye on the website:

#### www.awaketoisrael.org

for the 2010 Camp's information.

And don't forget, as Tommy would say, "Israel is Israel and the Church is the Church. Don't mix it up!"

DVDs of the camp messages can be ordered through Christian Media Services:

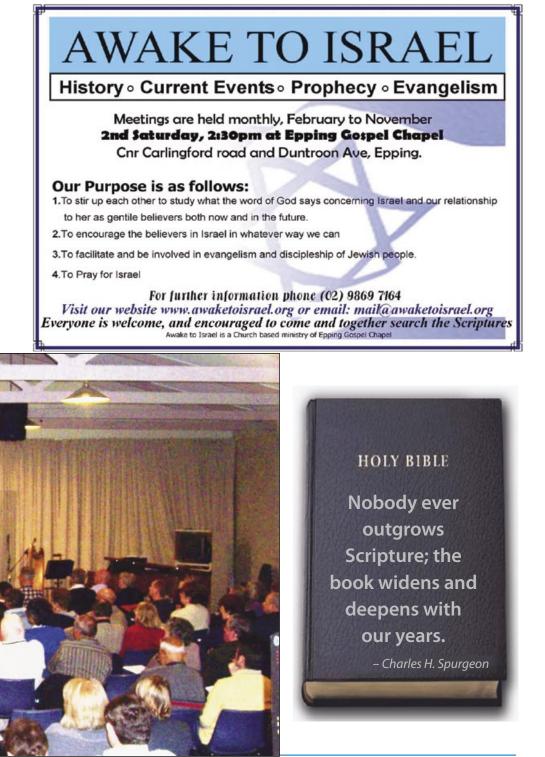
#### www.christianmedia.net.au

Audio recordings of the camp, on both CD and MP3, can be purchased at each monthly Awake to Israel meeting. The DVD set is \$35 (all 8 sessions) and the CD set is \$30 (all 8 sessions).

#### report by Brent Grey



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## **Did Jesus Break The Law?**

"I listened with growing intensity to a well-known teacher expound Matthew Chapter 12. However, I was amazed to hear him clearly say that Jesus 'broke the Law'. From my seat I asked if he meant the Law of Moses or the Rabbinical Law? He replied 'Whatever'.

As this astounded me I went home and typed up a twenty-four page refutation. Before I sent it off to him I asked Mr Tom Carson to critique it. He agreed on every point that I made and suggested that it could be a help to others. I eventually got around to putting it on a CD and it is now available."

If you are interested please contact Bill (Dr. W.D. Archbold) on (02) 9644 3276.

NSW Assemblies Evangelistic Mission Homeworkers Fund Treasurers' Report					
Your Treasurers report that we have distributed your gifts for:-					
	2009	2008			
January - June	\$42,776	\$40,890			
<b>July:</b> from Assemblies	3,635	2,817			
from NSWAEM	2,700	2,600			
from other sources	4,091	3,343			
	\$10,426	\$8,760			
August: from Assemblies	3,635	2,967			
from NSWAEM	2,700	2,600			
from other sources	25	43			
	\$6,360	\$5,610			
Totals	\$59,562	\$55,260			

The funds, except for special designated gifts, have been divided between 17 workers (in 2009) and their families.

Please make cheques payable to the NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund Your gifts and letters should be sent to The Treasurers, NSWAEM State Home Workers Fund, P.O. Box 640, BURWOOD NSW 1805

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# Internet Corner



#### compiled by C.H.Winrow

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

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

They are also 'live' links in the PDF version of this magazine which can be purchased cheaply. Sixteen (16) previous issues in PDF format are stored on the web site for anybody to read – **June 2009** is the most recent:-

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

The Stewards Foundation has a new web site at:

www.stewardsfoundation.org.au

Please check it out and give them feedback on what you like or dislike. It will be much appreciated.

Emmaus Bible College has started a Facebook page for those who are savvy with social networking over the Internet.

The link is:

#### www.facebook.com/inbox/ ?compose&oid=5562748149#/group. php?gid=5562748149&ref=ts

or just search in Facebook for 'Emmaus Bible College, Australia'.

It is for any who want to keep up with the happenings and planned events of Emmaus, student news and prayer points. It is open to everyone with any interest in Emmaus, and membership of Facebook, to join. Any contributions, such as alumni news, photos, etc can be emailed to Elizabeth Webb at 'Librarian@emmaus.edu.au' and she can put the items on the page for all to share.

The URL 'www.brethoyouth.com' is for a new and exciting website due to be launched early in December, with thanks to the artistic talents and abilities of Carol Thomson from Riverstone Assembly. It aims to support all NSW Assemblies and their Youth Ministries by publicising articles, reports of activities and mission endeavours, contributions, upcoming events, photos, videos. Anything you wish to share may be emailed to rodneytrinidad@emmaus.edu.au.

The **Christian Venues Association** (an association representing over 200 Conference Centres and Camps with over 25,000 beds nationally)

www.christianvenues.org.au

has just released its Seventh Annual comprehensive directory of Conference Centres, Camps and Service Providers across Australia.

Complimentary copies of the directory "Somewhere To Go" have been mailed to Schools and Churches during August 2009. They were sent so that Teachers, Ministers, Youth Pastors and group organisers have a resource that informs them of the best destinations when they are looking for somewhere to go with their Church or School Group.

It supplements the **VenueFinder** service also provided by Christian Venues.

VenueFinder.com.au is a web based >30



service that collects a guest group's booking needs, matches those needs with Christian Venues member centres and informs those centres of the enquiry. Centres that are available for the specified time will contact the enquirer. To process your enquiry visit:-

#### www.venuefinder.com.au

If your church or school has not received a copy of "Somewhere To Go" please contact the Christian Venues National Office. Enquiries about Christian Venues Association may also be directed to Christian Venues National Office, PO Box 5552, SOUTH WINDSOR NSW 2756 or phone 1800 009 890.

#### **IE Day News:**

This month, Dr David Bourgeois of Biola University is launching two distance-learning courses on Internet ministry called 'The Internet Ministry Partnership Project'.

You can start these courses at any time. The base-level course is free, and there is a more complex pay-for course, covering 10 topics and requiring about 12 weeks to complete, based on 2-3 hours a week study-time:

#### www.internetevangelismday.com/ blog/archives/814

You can access more web evangelism news in the latest Web Evangelism Bulletin at:

www.web-evangelism.com/resources/ webull09jul.php

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"The First Christian TV Station has been allowed on the Egyptian Satellite Service" says a news report from Nicosia, Cyprus on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The latest media developments in the Arab World reveal an oscillation between contradictory trends shaping the freedoms and restrictions on Arabic Christian TV broadcasters. The broadcast charter adopted by Arab governments in a meeting in Cairo last year, seemed to pave the way for curtailing the relative freedom enjoyed by Arab satellite broadcasters. However, this is now offset by the unprecedented and unexpected developing news that one of the region's most popular satellite services from Egypt, Nilesat, has accepted an Arabic Christian station on its platform.

On the other hand, **Arab Vision** (Arab Christians proclaiming the Gospel on TV in the Arab World):

#### www.arabvision.org

is working on developing a new key media outlet as an alternative to the satellite broadcasts of its TV programs – namely an Internet Station.

The number of people in the Arab World with access to the Internet has grown exponentially over the last 5 years. Overall, it is estimated that 24 million people in that region have access to high speed Internet !

PLEASE submit all items for the next issue of this magazine BEFORE 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009



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