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**October 2016**

**Don't judge each day by the harvest you  
reap but by the seeds that you plant.**

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

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- *To encourage the believers in Israel in whatever way we can.*
- *To facilitate and be involved in evangelism and discipleship of Jewish people.*
- *To pray for Israel.*

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

# First Glance

by Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of October 2016, I hope and pray you benefit from it. It has been a joy to compile this magazine! It contains more letters than average from workers in various fields of Christian endeavour, and this without much effort or arm-twisting from me!

This alone is a blessing to an editor, but more than that, the letters and articles speak of much sowing and reaping for the Lord in all sorts of circumstances and places. I get the feeling that the younger people in our movement are 'arising' afresh and keenly working for the Lord Jesus to spread His Good News and Hope and Grace and Love, as detailed in the New Testament.

May we older brothers and sisters keep encouraging them and praying for them and supporting them in whatever ways we can.

As you read the following pages I'm sure you will find ways to help, either explicitly mentioned or at least implied by the author. Please share what you read with your Christian friends in your church or elsewhere.

Please also read the two book reviews in this issue and perhaps buy one or both of the books as a gift for someone, or yourself.

It turns out that both are available in "e-book" form as well as paperback. E-books are much cheaper, and if you order and pay on-line they can be downloaded direct to your computer or smart-phone within a few minutes. Much more 'efficient' than driving to the bookstore or waiting for your mail order to arrive.

Happy Reading!



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# 'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies

compiled by Colin Winrow

If you attend a NSW Assembly, or you work with any associated Christian Brethren ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section so we can inform and encourage people in all our assemblies and churches. Short items (even if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to the Mission office at the new PO Box 20, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715, or better still, emailed to:

[outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au](mailto:outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au)

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

[webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au](mailto:webadmin@cb-nsw.org.au)

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As reported in the last magazine brother Graham Hayden died on 15<sup>th</sup> August - aged 87. He had been a full-time commended worker since 1976! A Thanksgiving Service for his life and ministry was held at Oatley Gospel Chapel in the afternoon of Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. The building was packed with family, friends and colleagues. Mr Bruce Towill led the service, and Graham's daughter Rosemarie Green gave an interesting Eulogy. Personal reflections were given by his brother Milton Hayden, his son Graham, and friends Colin Winrow and Gary Coleman. Son-in-law Douglas Green gave a stirring Homily, and then a photo-tribute to Graham's life was shown, accompanied by the song "10,000 Reasons".

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11/3/1932 to 10/09/2016

Dr W D Archbold, much loved Bible teacher and preacher, has gone to be with His LORD.

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Dr John Angus is critically ill and is being treated in Shell Harbour Private Hospital and would appreciate our prayers for his recovery.

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Tragically, John's only son Peter Angus was killed in a road accident in Shellharbour NSW on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please uphold John and his family in prayer at this very difficult time.

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HELP! Brad Scott is looking for someone with IT experience in using and developing systems for Microsoft SharePoint 2016.

He wrote "We would like to develop some tools to use with the CCAust, CCAust(NSW) and Hands & Feet organisations to help automate communications and processes."

If you know someone who could help Brad and would be willing to give some of their time, please let Brad know by email:-

[brad@ccaustnsw.com](mailto:brad@ccaustnsw.com)

or phone 0400 260 077.

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The CCAust (NSW) Youth Ministry Director, Sean Nolan, reports: "We have had success in convincing the combined churches of Sydney to come together sometime in the next year or so to do a large scale evangelistic ➤"

campaign together. This will be called **Awake Sydney**. It is at a critical stage of development and we would love your prayers – this would be a great opportunity for our churches' younger generation to lead in the Christian community of Sydney."

[Let's be sure to keep our ears & eyes open for more news about **Awake Sydney** in coming weeks. — Ed]

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Every year at Emmaus Bible College there are examples of success and amazing achievement by students with the intent to develop their skills and knowledge in order to serve their God. From time to time there are people enrolled who are not able to claim assistance from the educational infrastructure as they are international students nor do they have the means to continue study at their own expense. At present the College needs \$5000 to assist currently enrolled students in this situation and a donation from you would greatly help them to continue their studies.

You can make a direct deposit to:

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Or contact Emma at the College on 02 9876 4370 to make a credit card donation.

## Meetings & Events

(Note: for the latest details please check on these web pages:-

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

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

### 2016:

- 28-29 Oct **'Inspire' Conference** for women, at Camp Toukley.
- 3 Nov **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; Emmaus Bible College.
- 11 Nov **Pastors Network** at Emmaus Bible College; speaker is David Miles – "Gospel Shepherding".
- 12 Nov **Christmas Shopping Morning** and Coffee Confab at Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook; 9am to 12noon.
- 12 Nov **'Awake to Israel'** at Epping Gospel Chapel, 2.30pm.
- 19 Nov **UNITE 2016**: Combined youth and young adults gathering @ West Pennant Hills Community Church, from 7 to 9pm.
- 26 Nov **Pathfinders** at 6pm at WPHCC.

### 2017:

- 13-15 Jan **VITAL** "The Intimacy Project", Camp Toukley.
- 2 Feb **NSW Coordinating Conference**; 7.30pm; venue TBA.
- 24-25 Mar **BUILD 2017** Discipleship @ Camp Toukley; speaker is Daryl Bay (NZ). □

Please submit any news-items, letters, adverts or short articles for the December 2016 magazine on, or before, 18<sup>th</sup> November.

# Praise & Prayer requests from NSW Assemblies

compiled by Bradley Scott and others

*Please take some time today to pray for our churches, assemblies and para-assembly ministries and the work of God in our nation.*

## General Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray for our Christian Politicians as they stand for what honours God.
- ☆ Pray that we as churches will be aware of our culture and able to communicate the great news of Jesus with our communities in a relevant way.
- ☆ Pray for our SRE teachers as they share the Good News of Jesus with children in schools.
- ☆ Praise God for the lives being touched through the work of Hands and Feet and the number of people being connected to the church through this ministry.
- ☆ Pray for our church leaders that they will be wise in applying biblical truth in our changing cultural standards. Pray that we as churches can connect with our communities and share the good news about Jesus with them.
- ☆ Pray for the Boards of our para-church ministries as they lead and provide vision for these ministries. May we see the Boards of these organisations support and provide services that help connect churches to the community. May these Boards support our local churches as they share Christ in their communities:-

CCCAust(NSW), Lutanda, Stewards, Emmaus, Hands and Feet, CBCS, GLO, CMS, AEM, ACM, AMT.

- ☆ Pray that our churches will see people responding to the good news about Jesus.

## Waitara Gospel Chapel

Praising God:

- ☆ For the faithful group of believers, from many cultures, who meet here each Sunday morning for worship, teaching from the Scriptures, and a precious time of Remembrance of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- ☆ For allowing us to worship and be a witness to the community in our current location (Waitara/Hornsby) for over 106 years, and for all the blessings that have flowed in those years.

Pray:

- ☆ For more young Christian families to join with us, so we can again run Sunday School and Youth activities.
- ☆ That the Lord will raise up a younger generation of leadership to help reach out with the Gospel to the rapidly growing local population of ➤

“unit dwellers” from many places in the world; most of whom do not know much at all about Jesus Christ.

### Wareemba Gospel Church

Praise God:

- ☆ Praise God for the renovations and face lift that the old Abbotsford’s Gospel Hall has received with the help of Stewards Foundation. This Church is now known as Wareemba Gospel Church.
- ☆ Praise God for brother Tom Jacobs from India. The Lord led him to our Church and he has been of great help and encouragement to us all for the last 3 months. He is an IT specialist and newly married. Returned to India last month to be with his wife.

Pray:

- ☆ For healing and unity among the English and Korean speaking believers. Some Korean believers have left under the leadership of Mr Kim Daeyoung and started their own Korean speaking Church in West Pennant Hills.
- ☆ For the young people as they organise a sing along night on September the 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, followed by a sausage sizzle. We will be inviting friends and family to this service.

### West Pennant Hills Community Church

Praise God:

- ☆ For all those from different ages and backgrounds who make up this local expression of the international body of Christ.
- ☆ For opportunities to be part of God’s mission including with local youth and with those from unreached peoples in Australia and abroad.

Pray:

- ☆ For a children’s ministry coordinator in 2017 to facilitate the valued volunteers working in these ministries at present.
- ☆ That we can all reflect Christ’s character and perspective. Pray specifically for those who are struggling with health and vitality.

### Winmalee Gospel Chapel

Praise points:

- ☆ Unity & Harmony that exists within the assembly.
- ☆ For the encouragement & experience the elderly in the assembly provide.

Prayer Points:

- ☆ Our outreach into the community.
- ☆ Zeal to grow both spiritually & physically.

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### Emmaus Correspondence School

#### Praise Points:

- ☆ Give praise for the students who have committed their lives to the Lord and their desire to know more of how they should live for Christ.
- ☆ Give praise for the opportunity to be able to place Bible Gems Calendars into the hands of prisoners in Victorian Correctional Centres.

#### Prayer Points:

- ☆ Pray that there will be sufficient churches placing calendar orders so that the work of ECS in placing a Bible Gems Calendar into each prisoner's hands will be able to take place.
- ☆ Pray the changes that are to happen in the Emmaus Correspondence School (NSW), regarding our legal entity, will go smoothly.

### Hands & Feet

#### Praise God for:

- ☆ the opportunities to speak with volunteers and friends of Hands and Feet after the sudden death of one of our volunteers. A number of our volunteers are now attending church and we have had opportunity to share Christ with numerous volunteers. Three have given their lives to Christ.

- ☆ the inclusion of two new Indigenous ministries for Hands and Feet in Moree and Brewarrina. We are excited by what God is doing through Paul and Erin Strahan and Isaac Gordon in these communities.

#### Pray for:

- ☆ Hands and Feet as we try to raise funds to maintain the ministry to the homeless, families in crisis (through local churches), refugees, and the Aboriginal Communities in North Western NSW.
- ☆ Continued opportunities for the six churches who distribute food within their communities, that they may have opportunity to share Christ as they build relationships with those who come for food. □

## ADVERT

### Seeking a Pianist

**Do you know someone who enjoys playing the piano and who would like to play for the Sydney Festival Male Voice Choir?**

**If so, please contact David Gordon on 0400 426 373.**

**The Choir sings in various venues in Sydney and NSW, and programmes may include an instrumental item by the pianist. The Choir practises most Friday nights at Ermington from 7:30 to 9:30p.m. Having a second pianist would lessen the load on our regular pianist.**



**Saturday**

**12th November 2016**

*Second Coming  
Conference*

# The future & Israel



**Speakers:**

*Paul Cohen—Manna International*

*Deana Woods—Friends of Israel*

*Ron Jarlett—Awake To Israel*

*Greg Willis—Timeline Ministries*

**Epping Gospel Chapel**

**10.00am—4.30pm**

**Car Duntroon Ave Carlingford Rd**

**DETAILS: [www.awaketoisrael.org](http://www.awaketoisrael.org)**

## Outreach Camps update from Lutanda

Join Lutanda in praising God for His work as they bring the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ to underprivileged kids in NSW.

Praise the Lord that Spring Primary camp went by successfully and that a number of campers made a decision to follow God. Praise also that the leaders grew in their personal journey with the Lord during this time. These and other leaders are excited and keen for the upcoming Summer Camps that are in January and applications from campers have already started to come in!

Please pray for the leaders that did Spring Primary to continue to work out their faith and not to forget about the challenges and steps forward they took

on their week at camp. Also for the campers that made a decision to follow God, that they will be able to be placed in a positive supporting environment where they can grow.

Pray for the Leaders of Summer Primary and Summer Madness camps, that they can be preparing themselves spiritually, emotionally and physically for the week ahead; for the campers as they prepare for camp and also for the Lutanda and Inspiring Hope staff as they prepare for camp.

We are always looking for volunteers either as leaders in the camps or to support us in the “behind the scenes” work (kitchen, activities, etc).





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# News from some Commended Workers



## Bruce & Helen Buckley 28 September 2016

Dear friends,

Although we are not officially 'NSW Home Workers', we thought you might like to know what has been happening for us in the last few months.

We moved to Smithton, Tasmania in January of this year for Bruce to take up the position of Principal at GLO College of Ministries. It was hard for us to leave all our friends at Campbelltown Christian Community Church and our family in NSW but with the Lord confirming in our hearts this move, we finally made the decision to go.

The first few months were a big learning curve with new roles, a new place, a new Church and many challenges but also many opportunities.

Our 17 students come from Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, PNG, and USA. What variety, especially as we learn to appreciate each other's differences. We can say we love them all, what a great bunch.

Highlights for us would be leading a short term mission trip to the Philippines



and just seeing growth and enjoyment in learning by the students.

We have enjoyed visits from visiting lecturers and friends 'passing through', visits to other Tasmanian Assemblies on team ministry and holiday Bible Clubs.

Bruce, as well as lecturing, does curriculum planning plus student mentoring along with other things. Helen helps out where she can, sometimes in the kitchen, the office or picking vegetables from the veggie patch plus student mentoring. There is lots of variety for both of us.

We will be back in Sydney over the summer break.

Student enrolments are already coming in for next year, so if you know of anyone interested in completing a Certificate IV course in Christian Ministry and Theology please tell them to get in quick! Information can be found at

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

## John Hills 29 September

Irene and other ladies from our Church have Scripture classes in local Schools, it is an ongoing pressure that these classes ➤

*continue in our State schools, I know from experience that it is the only Gospel message that some will ever hear.*

*Continue to pray that it will continue, and that the seed sown will stay.*

*A few weeks ago we had two local power failures then power surges, by the time I purchased a UPS the damages had been done with the first power failure, it took out the Motherboard and other gear.*

*So a total computer rebuild, I lost some software and 80 Gig of files.*

*This held up TV Satellite production, but last week I managed to backup lots more files, then started to catch up with editing.*

*We have this privileged position of going to air every night of the week, one hour of English which I am responsible for, and Jamil Choucair is responsible for 6 hours of Arabic programs.*

*Pray that we will be fresh spiritually and put together programs that will affect the lives of those who know the Lord and challenge those who don't.*

*We are reaching one third of the world's population! It still amazes me that we have this opportunity.*

*But this all came under threat recently, we pay \$1000 per month broadcast fees and Jamil had to ask the folk in America could we temporarily reduce that to \$500 because of the lack of support.*

*Christian Media Services Inc. urgently need ongoing monthly contributions for our broadcast fees to keep us on air, even regular small donations would be a great help.*

*Pray for the work, workers and for our Outreach and need of funding.*

## **Doug & Jenny McNaught** **29 September**

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*Thanks for your prayers, fellowship, support and care over the last month. We have appreciated everything that you have done for us.*

*Please continue to pray for the church in Burundi. The situation there is still not completely safe even though it is not discussed by the media as much today as previously. Jean-Marie Nibizi, his wife Jeanne and their two young children continue to labour for the Lord in church planting and seeking to establish development industries to support the Christians in their difficult circumstances. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world and the majority of the local people struggle to survive from day to day.*

*Jenny continues her regular work supporting and encouraging some of the older ladies. They all appreciate the time she spends with them. She also keeps busy with the grandchildren and has been doing some exam supervision at Our Lady of Mercy College in Parramatta. It won't be long before she goes down to the HSC exams.*

*Please pray, also for Janet, my brother Brian's widow, as she comes to terms with the loss of her soul mate and the love of her life.*

*We have had a busy month in September visiting assemblies in Sydney and were able to go to our home assembly for a couple of weeks. It was good to get back to our home base and spend time with them as well.*

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The football season is over and there has been a break from training but they plan to begin summer training in October before a short break over the Christmas period. There is one Christian young man who recently came down from Queensland and is looking to find a home church where he can worship and be encouraged as he seeks to grow in the Lord. Please pray for him especially at this time.

We are expecting, if it is the Lord's will, to be quite busy in the next month with visits to the Blue Mountains, Sydney and the Central Coast.

Thanks again for your support, prayers, fellowship and love during the last month.

**Steve & Lai Yan Walker**  
**19 October 2016**



Dear brothers,

THANKS. Belated thanks for the three gifts passed on to us from AEM. It has been quite amazing how the Lord has provided. Thank you for being part of His provision.

CHALLENGES. This is a very challenging year, with the retirement of 2 of our 4 elders, and a third returning to Asia, that leaves the burden of eldership on my shoulders. One-man eldership is

not God's ideal and is a daunting task. Additionally, my older brother was taken into custody in June, and the primary burden of visiting and supporting him has also come my way. Thankfully, God's promise is that we will "walk and not faint" even when we are not able to soar or run!

EVANGELISM. As well as a heavy teaching schedule, we have a number of evangelistic opportunities. Each Camp David continues to minister to new campers (recently a 48-year-old camper heard 'Jesus Loves Me' for the first time; he was so struck by this chorus that he sang it on the concert night with tears in his eyes). Easter and Christmas also provide opportunities to speak to whole school assemblies. Bexley assembly have a monthly outreach luncheon for seniors, and it is a blessing to be one of the speakers. We are also able to still support assemblies that want to run holiday Bible clubs.

SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT.

With our love and thanks,

Steve & Lai Yan

**Geoff & Liz Folland**  
**20 October 2016**

Hi friends,

Jess started studying Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney two and a half years ago. Just before uni started she met Minji, a student leader at Sydney Uni, through a summer project. As a result of that conversation, Jess began Christianity Explained with Minji



on campus, eventually committed her life to Christ, joined a local church and last month she was elected student vice-president! Some of our other student leaders, who have grown up going to church with their family, exclaim that they have never seen something like this. But it has not been an isolated story. Our new student president, Ruell, became a Christian with us 3.5 years ago. We have seen one new believer this year for every 10 Christian students involved with us.

And we are trusting God for more next year. The ministry continues to grow and develop. The opportunities and challenges of ministry abound. And we want to be prepared.

As you know, we rely on God to provide for all our needs for life and ministry through our faithful ministry partners. Several large financial partners finished supporting us during the year, leaving a substantial shortfall in our budget. And we have some extra expenses coming up - our national missionary conference, summer project and extra travel. We are looking for God to provide \$1,000/month in additional financial support, and \$12,000 in special gifts.

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us in this ministry? Are you able to partner for \$50 or \$100 per month? Are you able to give a special gift?

Giving has become much simpler with online giving at: <https://www.powertochange.org.au/give>

(Our missionary number is: 8001191)

If you choose to give this way, please email me ([geoff.folland@powertochange.org.au](mailto:geoff.folland@powertochange.org.au)) to let me know (including the amount) so I can check it gets processed properly. The website also explains other ways to process support.

Thanks so much for considering this request.

In His love and grace,  
Geoff & Liz

In addition, let me add that I have just (after almost 12 months of work) been recognised as CCCAust chaplain at Sydney University (I finished that role at Macquarie Uni last June, after 20 years. As you know, Gareth Watkins is now the CCCAust chaplain there.)

### Faye Loudon October 2016

Dear friends

Once again I am writing to say a big "thank you" for the recent gifts I have received. They are much appreciated and a real blessing from God.

Thank you for your prayers for SRE and in particular for the classes I teach. Keep praying for these children and that I will prepare and present the lessons God's way.

One of my Year 2 classes has over 30 children and can be challenging at times, especially with at least two special needs children. I have many pictures to put on my fridge because - to keep one girl still, she draws me a new picture each week. Pray for this class especially that I can manage all the children, make the lessons interesting and be able to do some creative work at times.

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# 2nd Anniversary serving with AFCI



by Aaron Daniells

Dear Friends,

This month (September) we celebrate our second anniversary serving our Lord Jesus with Ambassadors for Christ International – Australia (AFCI). We appreciate your prayers for us as a family and value sharing life with you, so we write to personally invite you to take a step of faith with us by investing financially into the work the Lord has called us to as a family.

The last 12 months have been filled with many great memories: Jacob entered his teenage years, Emily began high school and Bethany has enjoyed getting her big girl teeth. We enjoyed special moments with extended family and witnessed the marriages of close friends. We praise God for good health and His grace to enjoy life in service to Him.

We love our home church at Raymond Terrace. Aaron serves on the Pastoral Team, Shelly leads “Cherish” our women’s ministry, while Jacob and Emily both serve in kid’s church.

We can also testify of the amazing work God is doing through us in the lives of so many people in other places. This year we have had the privilege of preaching regularly in churches across NSW. We also helped to equip the outback churches of Alice Springs to share their faith in Jesus by delivering Christian Life and Witness Classes. ‘Living the Christian Life’ was also our focus when invited to speak at a Teen Boys Camp at Old Bonalbo this year. The highlight was seeing 12 young men respond to Jesus by surrendering to Him as Lord of their life.



During all these opportunities, our focus this year has been the refining and replication of EvangelismSHIFT. Our vision is to see a movement of churches across Australia and beyond whose people have a culture of living as witnesses.

We continue our journey in Perth with Woodvale Baptist Church, resourcing and equipping the leadership to pass on the witnessing lifestyle they themselves have begun to live and working with Key Leaders to form a multiplying disciple-making ministry plan.

This year God brought five new churches from Ballina, Wollongbar, Alstonville, Raymond Terrace and North Sydney to begin the two-year EvangelismSHIFT journey. We have also been training our first EvangelismSHIFT Apprentice Facilitator from Perth, AND our first International (Filipino) Participant who will launch EvangelismSHIFT in the Philippines as an Apprentice Facilitator.

God is growing our team and the number of churches desiring to partake in EvangelismSHIFT. Lord willing, ➤





we will see EvangelismSHIFT groups launched in Lithgow and Western Sydney next year, with new groups in Melbourne and North NSW from 2018. It's exciting to see God planting seeds in various church denominations that will multiply across Australia. But that's not all...



A fortnight ago Shelly and I, along with the Australian AFCI team, returned from two weeks of intense training at AFCI's Asia-Pacific Emerging Leaders Training Conference in Bangkok. Aaron and John North ran strategic ministry planning sessions each day for seven AFCI national teams. It is clear God orchestrated this fortnight to give birth to plans that could see EvangelismSHIFT multiply internationally into Fiji & India from 2018.

As you can see, God is at work through us and is having a significant eternal impact both locally, nationally and beyond. We PRAISE GOD and give Him ALL THE GLORY!

Looking forward to the future, we have a shortfall in our monthly budgeted needs. So will you take a step of faith with us?

We humbly ask you to prayerfully consider investing financially into the work God has called us to. Your weekly or monthly support enables us to meet our budgeted needs. I hope you can see that this ministry is a good spiritual investment.

We love sharing life's journey with you and pray God may bless you as you seek to serve Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

All our Love,  
Aaron, Shelly,  
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*“There is no neutral ground in the universe.*

*“Every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God, and counterclaimed by Satan.”*

*C.S. Lewis*

# “In Everything Give Thanks”

NSW Women’s Mission Convention 10 September 2016

written by Mandy Juraev  
photos by Julie Loudon

1 Thessalonians 5:18 in the King James Version reads, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”. For many of us, this has been a familiar verse since our childhoods. But what does it really mean to give thanks in everything? What about when our circumstances are difficult, even hostile? How can we be thankful for situations that are not as we would like them to be?

“In Everything Give Thanks” was the theme of this year’s NSW Women’s Mission Convention held at Oatley Gospel Chapel on Saturday, 10 September. It was attended by around 100 women from 18 different churches and featured five different missionary speakers who shared with us how they

have learned to be thankful in diverse circumstances.

The afternoon began with a keynote address from Janice Collins who reminded us that Thessalonians was written by Paul, a short term missionary, to the Thessalonians, a church which was faithful to Christ in a hostile pagan environment. She also pointed out that Paul himself suffered greatly for the gospel (2 Corinthians 11:24-26).

Yet, “in everything give thanks” does not only apply to missionaries and suffering Christians. For all of us, intentional gratitude can be the antidote to fear and hostility, producing in us hope, joy and peace through the Holy Spirit. Psalm 46 reminds us that “God is ➤



*The speakers L to R: Ros, Luba, Janice, Sharon, Cherie*

our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” and to “Be still, and know that I am God”. This is why we can give thanks in everything.

Our first missionary speaker was Sharon Thomson, who together with her husband John, works in computers and care-giving for Bible translation with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the United States. Sharon shared with us her very personal journey of learning thankfulness through caring for her mother over the past five years. By keeping a regular Thankfulness Journal, Sharon has learned that thankfulness lifts the heaviness and there is always something to be thankful for, no matter how small.

Ros Baird has been working with her husband Steve in Mindanao in the Philippines since 1997. Most recently, Ros has been based in Brisbane while her daughter, Kaitlyn, completes her education and Steve travels back and forth to the Philippines to support the small struggling church there. They are thankful for the ease of international travel and communication in this day and age, but also for doors opening for new outreach in nearby villages, the opportunity for local Christians to teach Scripture in local schools and work teams from Australia who have come to support them.

The next speaker, Cherie Snellgrove, also works in the Philippines with her husband Dave, but in an urban setting in Manila. They have founded Safe Haven, a community centre and children’s home, which provides temporary homes for neglected, abandoned and

abused children. Cherie testified to how good God is, even though it has not always been smooth and easy. She is thankful that God called them to the Philippines with a sense of urgency, to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to provide a loving Christian family atmosphere for these children where there is always food, laughter, love and hugs.

We then heard from Luba who has recently returned to Australia with her family after spending 8 years teaching English to postgraduate students in a university where her contract did not allow her to speak about religion or politics. Although her integrity was tested and stretched at times, Luba shared her thankfulness for God’s answers to prayer in the development of a discipleship ministry among the young people of that city. As Hudson Taylor said, “When we work, we work. When we pray, God works”.

Finally, Janice shared with us again how thankful she and her husband Andrew have been to be part of what God is doing in Cambodia over the past two years. Janice had been back in Australia only 10 days and shared a little of her journey, both outward and inward, as she and Andrew have been involved in mobilising and equipping Christian youth to walk alongside those who walk alone. She reminded us again from Psalm 146:7-10 of God’s heart for the marginalised and ended the day with the final words of that Psalm, a fitting end in keeping with our theme of thankfulness – “Praise the Lord”.



# Book Review of 'Preparation for Ministry'

by Kirk M. Wellum



Every once in a while one comes across a little gem of a book that is short and to the point, but very helpful precisely for those reasons. This is what the reader will find when he reads *Preparation for Ministry* by Allan Harman, who describes himself in the introduction as a student, pastor, and seminary teacher. This author knows from personal experience what it is like to wrestle with a variety of questions that surround the call to ministry, preparation for ministry, and ongoing usefulness in ministry. The book is composed of 7 short chapters, and contains 4 appendices which take up as much space as the rest of the book and account for its overall length of slightly more than 100 pages.

What I really like about the book is its intentional brevity. This makes it ideal for someone who is pondering some basic questions around whether God is calling them into the Christian ministry. If a more detailed treatment of this subject is required other books will be needed but this book gives the reader a concise summary that can be consulted time and time again when it comes to some of the things that should be taken into consideration when it comes to ministerial training.

Chapter One is about coming to faith in Christ. This may sound like an unnecessary place to start but that is not the case. It is essential that those who aspire to the pastoral office truly know the Lord. Great harm has been done, and is still being done, by those who have never experienced the

regenerating power of the Holy Spirit and do not know what it means to bow to the authority of Jesus.

Chapter Two takes up the call to the ministry and answers questions like how does God call people into ministry, how does a person assess a sense of their own calling, how do they test God's call on their lives objectively, and what role does the judgment and advice of others play in this process. The author has also said some helpful things about the role of families and the thoughts and feelings of spouses in the process of discerning the Lord's will. In my experience, I have found that all of these factors must be considered by those who are seeking to know God's direction in their lives.

Chapter Three is about pre-theological study. It reminds the reader that before any formal studies are begun there are things that can be done by way of preparation. Harman talks about taking heed to our spiritual growth as Christians, paying attention to the variety and quality of our reading, starting to gather resources for a personal library, taking time to listen to top-notch sermons both past ➤

and present, and about counting the financial cost of training. Again, these are common sense kinds of things, but alas, as someone has said: "common sense is very uncommon"!

Chapter Four is about choosing a theological college or seminary. As a seminary principal and professor I am glad to see this chapter in the book because we live in a day when some are of the opinion that seminary training is unnecessary for those going into the ministry. In my opinion, this is a big mistake. Although there are notable examples of excellent men who did not have formal seminary training, they are the exception and not the rule. In our day we need people who know their Bibles well and who can communicate the vast array of biblical truth to others in a way that challenges the idolatry of the surrounding culture. Thus, studying at the right seminary is very important and that means taking due-diligence when it comes to the faculty and staff of the school, as well as its doctrinal position, to name but a few things that need to be taken into consideration.

Chapter Five is about the actual course or courses of theological study. Sometimes students arrive at seminary with the misconception that the work will not be as rigorous as in other disciplines. Nothing could be further from the truth. The study of God's word is very challenging and in some ways the most challenging thing a person can study. Harman reminds us that along with the demands of theological learning there are also

many blessings. Our relationship with God, and His church, and our fellow students should be enhanced as we come to grips with the impact of the truth on our lives.

Chapter Six is about one's early days of ministry and it is full of helpful and practical suggestions. Here we are exhorted to remember the privilege of ministry, the need to keep learning, to plan, to be patient and flexible, to deal with differences of opinion and controversy, among other things. Again, this is the voice of pastoral experience speaking. He knows what he is talking about because he has been there and he has learned these lessons amid the ups and downs, and the joys and sorrows of ministry.

Chapter Seven is about staying fresh as time goes on. As important as seminary is, it cannot begin to give you all you will need to know for a God-honouring and vital ministry. Ministers must continue to study and learn. They must read, and attend conferences, and make sure that their own spiritual lives are nourished. They must also take breaks and vacations. No one can keep on going week after week without taking the time to refresh and recharge their spiritual, emotional, and physical batteries. It is also important that ministers focus on the church they have and not the one they would like to have in the future, or the one that exists only in their imaginations. The grass is not greener on the other side of the fence, and it is essential that we give ourselves wholeheartedly to the work at hand.

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The book concludes with four appendices that enhance this work as a helpful guide to preparation for ministry. The first appendix is a suggested reading list. It is limited in its scope but it certainly represents a good place to start with readings in areas like biblical content and theological study, church history, theology, preaching, the Christian life, philosophy and apologetics, and evangelism. The second appendix is a very short but helpful guide, or perhaps outline, to sermon preparation. Larger books on the topic will cover all of the points mentioned in more detail but this appendix is a good checklist that will help the preacher remember the different aspects of the sermon preparation process. The last two appendixes are reprints of two classic addresses by C.H. Spurgeon and B.B. Warfield respectively. Although both were spoken to college and seminary students years ago they eloquently speak of matters that will never cease to be issues until the Lord returns for His people. Everyone contemplating ministry as well as those who are already engaged in it would do well to read and re-read these classics and take to heart what these giants of the past have to say.

*Preparation for Ministry* is a book that should be read by those contemplating ministry, those who are graduating from Bible college or seminary, and those who need to reflect on what God has done in their lives, what He is presently doing, and what He will

do in the future as they are faithful to Him. It would make an excellent gift for inquiring as well as graduating students as they seek the Lord's will for their lives and they listen for the voice that not only wakes the dead but calls the living to serve Him.

**In short, this book is highly recommended!**

Reviewed by Kirk M. Wellum ,  
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for the December 2016 magazine  
on, or before, 18<sup>th</sup> November

### Faye Loudon continues...

*We had a sad time at the school where I am employed to do learning support work a few hours a week. An 11 year old boy, who was very sick and had special care for some time, passed away in April. I had the privilege of teaching him Scripture and the last conversation we had was "Jerry, you know Jesus loves you", his answer was "Yes I do". His Mum told me he treasured the Bible he was given in SRE and regularly read it. He had a lovely Christian Memorial Service that many of the teachers attended, please pray that what was said at that service will continue to impact their lives. It was a privilege to be at the*

*school to comfort teachers, students and his Mum.*

*It's coming up to the time for Christmas Assemblies in schools, please pray as I co-ordinate this in at least one of the three schools where I teach.*

*What does next year hold? At the moment I am unsure. I am hoping to continue to teach SRE. My work situation will change as the Public School lost a lot of funding with the passing of Jerry, and another girl goes to High School this year, so we have been told to look elsewhere for work. Please pray for me in this regard.*

*Many thanks again.*

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER & SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP

Under this banner two groups meet each month, except January. The weekly Global Prayer Matters issued by AMT form the basis for focussed prayer. These points are amplified by information from personal letters received from missionaries.

Whenever a missionary on furlough is available, as many as possible from both groups meet at Eastwood Chapel, and continue fellowship after the prayer time at Page's Cafe (in Koorong Bookshop, West Ryde) over lunch. More information may be obtained from:-

**Lillian Fleming 9858 5436 or Jackie Sardar 9785 3439**

### Further meetings to be held in 2016

The time slot is 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, with a cuppa available from 10am. Tea and coffee are provided.

**Cherrybrook Christian  
Care Centre**  
(on Fridays)  
**11 November**  
**9 December**

**Oatley Gospel  
Chapel**  
(on Wednesdays)  
**26 October**  
**23 November**

The Year 2016 for Andrew & Donna Cowell and their family can be summed up in four phrases: *Leading & Facilitating*; *Reaching Out*; *Visiting & Encouraging* plus *Training & Developing*.  
**Leading & Facilitating**

One of Andrew's primary ministry roles involves leading the day-to-day ministry of GLO Australia together with fellow Co-directors, David Scott and Allan Driver. The Co-directors are thankful to God for a sizable team of great workers who carry out much of the day-to-day operation of GLO Australia.

In addition to serving with GLO Ministries Andrew serves as an elder at Riverstone Community Church. He is also part of the organising team for the 'And God Said' Bible Conferences, Sunday Night Lights and Encounter Short Term Mission.

### **Reaching Out**

This year Donna, Jade, Rhiannan and Aedan continued to reach out to the community via a weekly after school Kid's Club program. This is a challenging yet much needed ministry to children who come from a low income area. One of the highlights for Donna was having the opportunity to share the gospel with the mother of one of the children. After her daughter was given a Bible the mother asked Donna to help her understand it so that if her daughter asked her questions she could answer them. What an opportunity!

Once kids have graduated from Kid's Club they are invited to attend



*Andrew & Donna Cowell*

Impact, a Youth Group program run by our church. Jade and Rhiannan are also leaders at Impact, which provides a great contact bridge when the kids transition from Kid's Club to Impact. Earlier in the year Andrew had the opportunity to share the gospel at Impact. Afterwards Jade and Rhiannan had the opportunity to counsel a young guy who wanted to place his faith in Jesus Christ. Everyone was especially overjoyed because this young guy had attended Kid's Club for a number of years prior to joining Impact! It would appear that after many years of having the seeds of the gospel sown in his heart the Holy Spirit opened his eyes and granted a spiritual harvest.

Another highlight for Andrew was being given the opportunity to share the gospel in Japan. Afterwards a Japanese lady, who came from a Buddhist background, placed her trust in Jesus Christ. Prior to trusting in Christ she had been loved and welcomed by the local church who are actively following her up. ➤



### Visiting & Encouraging

Whilst Donna and the kid's focus much of their attention on Riverstone Community Church Andrew has the opportunity to visit churches and Christians in Australia and overseas. So far this year Andrew has visited India, Japan, Malaysia (twice) and South Korea. In late November he also plans to visit Taiwan. In addition to this Andrew has also visited churches in and around Sydney, Adelaide, Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria. While Andrew is away Donna focuses her attention on looking after the needs at home. Without this valuable support it would be impossible for Andrew to make so many visits to churches and Christians in Australia and abroad.

### Training & Developing

A large amount of the Cowell's time and energy is focused on equipping believers. This year Andrew lectured on Biblical Preaching and World Mission at the GLO Discipleship Training School in Tasmania, delivered lectures on Spiritual Growth in South Korea, trained Indian Church Planters for a week, led the studies at two church camps and was the key note speaker at an Easter Conference.

This year Donna, together with Daphne Harding, continued to lead KYB Bible Studies. She also had the opportunity to teach at women's meetings throughout the year and lead the studies at a Ladies Retreat in September. In addition to this Donna also dedicates time to mentoring and discipling a number of ladies one-on-one.

### Prayer & Praise Points

# Praise God for the opportunity to serve Him full time. We thank God for the individuals and churches who faithfully support us in our service.

# Praise God for raising up such a great team of workers at GLO Australia and for providing a supportive home church for us.

# Pray for Andrew & Donna as they continue to focus their time and energies on Leading & Facilitating; Reaching Out; Visiting & Encouraging plus Training & Developing.

# Pray for Jade and Rhiannan as they continue their University studies. Remember them as they balance their study commitments with many opportunities for service.

# Pray for Aedan as he starts his final year of High School and prepares for the HSC. Ask that the Lord will guide him after he graduates from High School.



L to R: Aedan, Rhiannan & Jade Cowell



Please submit letters or short articles for the December magazine on, or before, 18<sup>th</sup> November.

# Back from Eastern Europe

by Don Stormer

I recently returned home after six weeks in Eastern Europe. In one sense the visit is now a memory, but in many ways I find that I am very attached to that part of the mission field and even though the time will come when I can no longer visit, the believers there have a special place in my thoughts and prayers. There is always a keen desire to listen to the exposition of the Scriptures and this is extremely encouraging.

I spent a week in Moldova with Christian Mission International Aid (CMIAid) teaching from Paul's letters to the Ephesian and Philippian churches. This was followed by two weeks in Romania, the first with a Baptist church in Bacau teaching from 1 Corinthians, and the second visiting assemblies in the north-east. Then I went to Armenia and joined the team from Armenian



Christian Mission (ACM). The second week in Armenia was spent teaching Galatians at a Bible College.

In Armenia, the work of the two organisations I am most closely linked to – Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) and ACM – continues to be blessed by the Lord. A number of younger teenagers were saved at this year's CEF camps. There were three week-long camps in the summer, one for children and two for junior ➤



*Some Child Evangelism Fellowship workers in Armenia*



*Some of the children in the Summer Vacation Bible Schools*



teenagers, in which a number of young people came to faith in our Lord Jesus. Encouraging stories have emerged of teenagers whose lives are changed as a result of the Spirit working in their lives during the camps. After the camps vacation Bible schools were held and these also saw much blessing. One couple organised and conducted four of these schools, reaching more than 300 children. Many of those children and young people came to the Lord in faith.

The encouraging part of this work is the effort made by the CEF staff to build up these young believers in their faith, holding weekly meetings to encourage them as young believers. This is important as many of these children and teenagers come from nominal Christian backgrounds and receive no spiritual help at home. Please pray for this continuing work.

There were other encouragements too. In recent years some of my commentaries on New Testament letters have been translated into Armenian and these have been well received. One

brother asked for permission to record them for people who learn better from listening rather than reading. Another brother who has connections with Persian people wants to translate my books into their language.

Though Armenia calls itself a Christian country (it boasts it was the first country in Europe to become Christian) the number of evangelical Christians is small, and few of them are wealthy. CEF and ACM have over 15 full-time workers in the field, all hard working and going far beyond the call of duty. But they are not well supported. If there are people reading this who are interested in supporting these workers (or perhaps supporting and praying for one particular person or couple) I would be happy to supply them with information and arrange for them to receive the worker's regular newsletters.

Please email me for details at:-

[dstormer@bigpond.com](mailto:dstormer@bigpond.com)

or phone me on (02) 9875 2037. □

# Book Review – ‘Small Church, Big Impact’

reviewed by Stan Fetting



This book, written by Brandon O'Brien, editor-at-large for *Leadership Journal*, finds a way of celebrating some of the advantages of a 'strategically small' church without being critical of larger churches.

He was involved in small-church ministry as a student pastor. Instead of using this simply as a stepping stone for later ministry in larger churches he began to appreciate the virtues of the small church.

O'Brien has included plenty of stories about 'small' churches and by way of definition writes that:

"I've called these churches strategically small not because they are small on purpose (for the most part) but because they recognise that being a small congregation has its benefits. More to the point, they are putting those benefits, that hidden potential, to good use. These churches recognise that running a small church as if it were a big one undermines the smaller congregation's key strengths. In a culture, even a Christian culture, that values size, celebrity, and institutional visibility, these strategically small churches are under-reported and under-appreciated."

The author mentions the hunger in contemporary culture for authenticity and believes that smaller churches are well positioned to cultivate intimate relationships among their congregation. Whilst smaller churches find it hard to compete in the *excellence* game, *authenticity* has levelled the playing field.

Responding to need is another feature that the author considers is an advantage

as it doesn't require being mediated through special programs and can often have participation from a significant proportion of the church body.

He values the unique position small churches have to provide a base for mentoring and discipleship using the concept of 'ministry midwives': the encouragement into ministry of people within the church who have a combination of gifting, passion, and calling. The benefit of a greater lay involvement in ministry is examined as a way of helping more people find a way to serve the Lord.

O'Brien places *mission* at the heart of the small church activity, recognizing that mission is "not a means of growing a church; mission is the church's purpose and goal."

He champions the cause of the inter-generational church, although he recognises that at times this is hard to achieve because of a lack of people. Smaller churches don't have the same pressure to segment their ministry into age specific groups. He covers the biblical basis for an experience of a worshipping community that is one, with the concept of family now extended beyond our own immediate kin.

This book is not a long read, and for those involved in small church ministry it serves as an encouragement and further food for thought.

For those ministering in larger churches the book is helpful especially for those seeking to maintain intimacy, authenticity and lay involvement. □



Here are some more items on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer, smart-phone or other device.

Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot-links' in the PDF version of this magazine. They are also included as 'hot-links' on the NSW Christian Brethren website at this web-page:-

[www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html](http://www.cb-nsw.org.au/useful-links/Links-AO.html)

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**Something unusual:-** for a most unusual Christian home page try the following link to Jared Diprose's website, then scroll around:-

<http://www.jareddiprose.co.nz>

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**The 2030 Agenda One World Government:-**

Read about it on the Christian Today website:-

<http://www.christiantoday.com.au/article/the.2030.agenda.one.world.government/22927.htm>

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**Anti-semitism**, sadly, is still common in parts of the world. For more on this topic, and ways to improve the situation please visit:-

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“Bridges For Peace: Christians supporting Israel and building relationships between Christians and Jews in Israel and around the world.”

## Syncretism

Time for a small quiz. Look at the following statement and ask yourself if it is biblical:-

“Love means being tolerant, accepting and non-judgemental.”

Would it surprise you to learn that... it's not! You may be inclined to think there is an element of biblical truth in that statement and therefore the whole statement is valid. But that's not the case. It's actually a mixing of non-biblical ideas with biblical truth. This is called “syncretism”.

Because it is very pervasive, it's important to examine syncretism's causes and how we can battle it in our own lives and when we share the gospel. To help you do this, the staff at Goodseed have produced a 32-page eBook entitled, *The Hidden Danger of Syncretism*. I trust you will benefit from reading it:-

<http://www.goodseed.com/blog/2016/06/07/the-hidden-danger-of-syncretism/>

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**Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)** has a website with the theme “Flying for Life”.

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

The site gives lots of interesting information about where MAF operates in the world and its purposes. More places than I realised. The web site states “We believe everyone deserves hope, including the isolated. So we fly over jungles, mountains,

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swamps and deserts to bring medical care, emergency relief, long-term development and the good news of Jesus."

Be sure to watch the videos available too, and sign up for regular updates and prayer points - delivered to you or your church, either by email or Australia Post. It also delivers news via social media such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, etc.

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Recently I read an article in the Christian Media Magazine (CMM); in it's Art & Creativity section. It was about writing for the Lord. It asked "Are you a writer? Do you have something to share with other Christians or nonbelievers?"

We can all make excuses not to write but you do have something valuable to say. Your words can help someone else. It doesn't have to be perfect, especially the first time – it just has to be written.

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

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

The magazine article ended with a specific appeal:-

"Are you a Christian? Do you like to write? CMM is looking for original articles by good Christian writers to feature on our website. We like to share

unique and thoughtful articles about media, church technology, leadership, creative ministry tools like video and art, social media, and more."

Send an email to:-

[socialmgr@christianmediamagazine.com](mailto:socialmgr@christianmediamagazine.com)

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Life was full and enjoyable for pastor Phil Camden when he was diagnosed with terminal Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and given only months to live. He was the senior pastor of a church in Newcastle. Bible Society's Eternity News reports that after receiving the diagnosis at the end of 2013 he resigned from the pastorate, but turned his diagnosis into a new ministry.

He saw his disease not as a death sentence but as a visa to go into the world of Motor Neurone Disease and bring light where there's darkness, and hope where there's hopelessness, and bring faith where there's fear.

So, leaving his own expiry date to God, he has been able to visit people who are dying with this disease and bring them the message of hope and eternity. He has also started a blog, in which he challenges MND patients to face their eternal destiny:-

[www.fridayswithphil.com](http://www.fridayswithphil.com)

He now believes that what was meant to imprison him has freed him, and his inability has been turned into God's ability to bring dying people to Christ.

– read Eternity News at

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## **Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook NSW**

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## **Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village, Glenhaven, NSW**

Glenhaven Gardens offers modern and spacious 2 and 3 bedroom villas. The village comprises 24 air-conditioned and private units, with either a garage or carport. All units are wheelchair accessible for those who need a little extra room to help with their mobility.

## **Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW**

Carinya House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care support in a setting where residents enjoy the tranquil bushland setting and partake in a very full and stimulating recreational program. It includes a secure dementia support area and also offers ageing-in-place.

## **Lynden Grove Retirement Village, Cardiff Heights, NSW**

Lynden Grove has 44 modern 2 and 3 bedroom villas. It has a semi-rural outlook with picturesque Mount Sugarloaf as a back drop. It is in a pleasant and quiet bushland setting, yet close to local shopping centres.

## **Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW**

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