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## Home for Christmas

Five years and 10 months ago a Vietnamese father and son left Vietnam secretly in a small boat to start a new life in some unknown country. They left behind a wife and mother and five younger children to fend for themselves in what was becoming for them an increasingly difficult situation. Now the family is re-united in Melbourne under the Australian Government's Family Reunion Program. After the years of separation, family members are getting to know each other again.

Mr Pham was a former officer in the previous South Vietnamese forces. When the Communist Government assumed power he was sent to a re-education camp from 1975-1981. Upon release he decided there was little future for his family and with his eldest son, Hung, made a dangerous journey by small boat to Indonesia in company with other refugees. The group landed on an isolated part of the Indonesian coastline and was directed to a United Nations Refugee Camp at Galang, a journey which took two months on foot. The journey was hazardous and the group was often powerless to protect members from danger. Women in the group were especially vulnerable.

During the 18 months stay in the camp, father and son responded to the Gospel through a Christian mission. They arrived in Australia with a few clothes. They came in contact with the Richmond Vietnamese church. Hung immediately took up English studies and at the end of the following year won a place in engineering at the University of



Pham family (Back row) Thu, Hiep, Hung and Trang; (Front row) Thanh, Mrs. Pham, Mr Pham and Truc.

Melbourne. At the end of his first year a growing desire to serve the Vietnamese community led him to transfer to medicine. He is about to commence his third year studies. During this time he has been active in the church, is the secretary and a frequent interpreter for sermons delivered in English.

Mr Pham found the difficulties of adjustment very real. Language and work did not come easily. He is now a conductor on Melbourne's tramway system.

With hard work he has renovated a house for his family and is active in church life.

The family in Vietnam often found life difficult. Mrs. Pham worked at keeping family morale high and eking out an existence. The Australian Government accepted the family as migrants in 1985 but it was not until November 11, 1987 that they arrived. The difficulties in obtaining exit visas were considerable. In more recent times the Department of Mission, Education and Devel-

opment worked with Alan Matheson, the Ethnic Liaison Officer of the Australian Council of Trade Unions and a Churches of Christ member, to put the family case to the Vietnamese authorities in Canberra. The A.C.T.U. has a world program of aid to the families of union members where natural justice appears to be denied. Fares for the family were met by Mr. Pham. Some assis-

— Photo by Ralph Petty  
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## GUEST EDITORIAL

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### ON MY MIND

Eric Hollard



Some eight years ago we introduced to "The Christian" a series called "On My Mind". The first writer in the series was veteran minister, Eric Hollard. Later we replaced the series with "Guest Editorials". As the following Guest Editorial is the last for which we are responsible we invited Eric to tell us what is on his mind now, as he completes 52 years of ministry. (Editor).

During the 52 years I have experienced a World War; mankind passing from the level of earth into the world of planets; almost safe living" and now the nuclear phase; from pushing a pen to pushing buttons on a computer; ministering in three different nations; a golden wedding; my own nation moving from being a "Christian nation" to joining the "pagan nations"; competition between churches giving way to co-operation; knowing a generation of young people who were "family" to me, and now baptising their children and marrying some of them; being "out in front" in church and now becoming a name and little more; walking alongside "giants" in the Kingdom and becoming aware of the space that they have left in my life; and memories beyond measure! And possibly none of these would be "on my mind" were it not for the fact of Jesus Christ. Had he not come, what would my mind contain? What would I be? Where would I be? Had he not come, what then?

So because he came, and God has filled my life and mind with the sheer abundance of what is now mine, I come to this...that when he came to me in that personal moment of intimacy and said to me, "Son go work in my vineyard", and I did, there came to my mind and my life things which are as old as his love and as limitless too.

I recall Paul saying, "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus". And the Christ who drove him to that concept of life also said that he had "come to seek and save the lost." And when Christ communicates that to you, and you sense that there is not anything else that you can do with your life, then it gets into your mind! And it is still on my mind!

Here I am then, years after the glow first began to get warm in me, still believing it, only now I have found it gets warmer and warmer.

There are so many I want to thank for sharing with me in the developing of my mind and who are now firmly locked into the memory where Christ abides. Little did they know it, but when they came in, they simply came to where Christ was, and now I cannot divorce them from him.

I think that we are all sentimentalists, our emotions sharpened by the love of God, and life held together by that which is our "common mind", our faith, with the Eternal One as the root and end of it all.

The City of New York has officially concluded that the Salvation Army is a religious nonprofit organisation whose properties warrant exemptions from taxes.

As part of its activities the Bicentennial Authority with the support of the National Library of Australia is funding the Historic Records Search. The aim is to unearth privately held

letters, diaries, photographs, financial records or any other paper based records throughout Australia and record their existence on a computer register at the National Library. The search does not wish to collect these documents but to record their existence for the future. People who think they have suitable material can fill out a search brochure available from libraries and other community organisations or phone the search at the National Library (062) 62.1270.

The worldwide Charismatic movement has tripled in the past 10 years according to David Barrett, editor of "World Christian Encyclopedia". Charismatics and Pentecostals now account for 17% of the world's Christians, with Charismatics now having 27 million adherents worldwide.



## Holiness

I had noticed an emphasis on holiness by preachers with a world view and it was that theme I chose for my term as president of Northern Districts Women's Conference during 1986/1987. 1 Peter 1:15 "Instead, be holy in all that you do ..."

Those preachers had been saying things like "Christians, clean up your lives", "Understand who you are in Jesus", "Christians merging into their surroundings" and "Are you living as Christ's one?" I believe the emphasis is there because we, the church, need to take a fresh look at who we are and whom we serve, and do it with total honesty.

I recall a preacher saying that in the church we so often get it wrong. We say "Serve God and Please man". What we should be saying is "Please God and serve man". That sounds like risky business! But it is to God that we must ultimately give an account of our lives; not man, as much as we want to please those around us.

Surely if we get that truth into our hearts and lives we will be revolutionised! Charles M Sheldon's book "In His Steps" had a profound impact on me when I first read it. When the fictional minister asks himself honestly "What does following Jesus really mean?" and he and some of his congregation begin to ask "What would Jesus do?" (in every situation) their lives are dramatically revolutionised. Pleasing God, and in doing so, serving man, becomes their yardstick.

Yet if we are called to live holy lives isn't that what we should be doing naturally? Using a basic definition of holiness as "giving every area of life to Jesus as Lord" we can't help but grow towards maturity, can we? But growing means change, and change is risky. Some of these changes may include -

- \* A need to surrender an area of our lives we haven't yet trusted God with.

- \* Renewal of our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

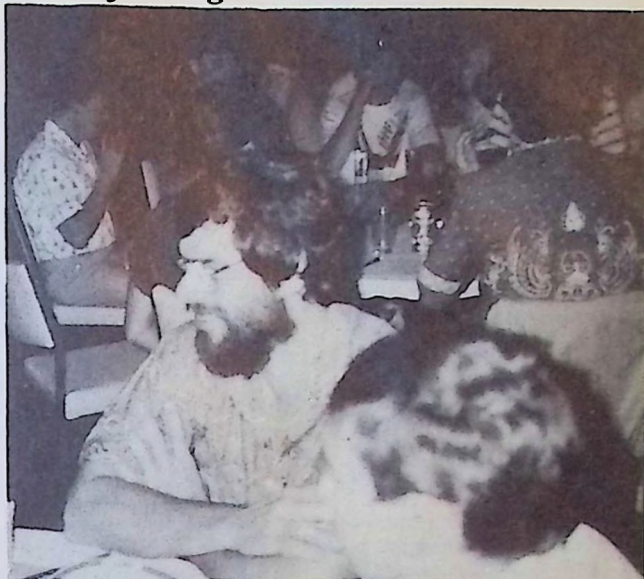
- \* Re-assessing our priorities.

- \* Being obedient to the leading of the Spirit.

Then we'll truly grow in holiness as his people, empowered by the Spirit to be his ambassadors. We are different from our unbelieving neighbours. We are showing the world who Jesus is. Let's live the things we speak and in doing so demonstrate to those around us the character of Jesus. Let's live holy lives (not holier than thou lives!) and in doing so please God and serve people.

— Kay Wray  
(Owen, S.A.)

## Week of Evangelism in Cairns



### Chinese banquet during week of Evangelism.

On the last day of lectures before the September holidays six Kenmore Christian College students boarded the "Sunlander" in Brisbane for the 36 hour rail journey to Cairns. The reason for the trip was to participate in a week of evangelism with the Cairns church.

The week of evangelism is a week devoted every year by Kenmore College for the explicit purpose of learning the practical side of evangelism. It is a week where the students learn how theology can be translated out of books and into living reality.

Cairns minister Gabriel Babare had prepared a week with special emphasis on the family. So through surveys and special events opportunities to share the faith were generated. From the Monday the students were involved in door knocking an area of Cairns. This led to opportunities to talk with people who don't ever come in contact with the church.

On the Friday a "Fun with the Son" day led by Bozo the clown was held. 30 children attended a day of games, puppets and kite making and flying. Local businesses, banks and building societies contributed items and each child was presented with a sample bag with literature advising the church's activities.

The church has an under 30's group and on the Saturday night a

Chinese banquet was held in a local restaurant. It was an opportunity to talk with non-Christian members of the group in a relaxed atmosphere. Two students shared how God had helped, and was continuing to help, them in their lives.

Members of the church opened their homes to have students stay with them for the week.

It was an interesting week with many things learnt, but the work continues with the Cairns folk following up the contacts made. The week was a success in many visible ways, but more importantly it was a success in those areas where it is so hard to measure effectiveness: presuppositions challenged, the visible presence of the Cairns congregation as a caring group, seeds planted in the lives of contacts.

Our thanks go to Kenmore College, the Queensland Home Missions Dept., Graeme, John, Triscia, Gary, Antionette and "Bozo" for contributing to the week in such a wholehearted way.

— Gabriel Babare.

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## Missionary's Silver Jubilee

— C.G.T.

Australian Churches of Christ have been blessed with some long-serving missionaries. One of them is Rosalie Rofe, of Papua New Guinea. She arrived there on May 23, 1962, at a time when the four-year-old mission was still very small. The first baptisms came in the next year, and from those small beginnings Rosalie has seen 60 churches grow, with a present membership of 5,500. She worked with a changing but always dedicated team of full-time and part-time missionaries and volunteer workers, and with them has rejoiced to see nationals emerge as leaders in church and Conference.

She herself has been very much involved in the training of national Christians. She brought her teaching skills to her early work at Tung, Chungribu and Asau, and in 1969 began training Pidgin School teachers for Village Literacy Schools. Her conduct of workshops for pastors, and her appointment in 1979 by the P.N.G. Conference as pastor teacher led on to the task of becoming pioneer co-ordinator for Momonup Training Centre, established in 1981. This Centre is



Rosalie Rofe with her parents and Chatswood Board Chairman, Athol Cust (on the right) cutting Jubilee cake.

concerned with community development through agronutrition, adult literacy and leadership training - with special attention to community leadership and lay leadership within the church. She was also appointed as church advisor, and has served well as Field Chairman of Overseas Mission in 1968, 1979-80 and 1985-87. All this and more she has accomplished with God's help and that of her fellow-workers, despite sometimes lonely and difficult living conditions.

Her home church of

Chatswood, N.S.W. has always supported its Living Link missionary in prayer and giving. Months ago it was decided to appoint a small committee to begin planning a Silver Jubilee dinner at Chatswood during Rosalie's furlough. Eager helpers were co-opted to ensure that this would be a memorable event not only for Rosalie and her home church, but also for her family and friends, including those who have worked with her on the Mission. Invitations were despatched, greetings sought interstate and overseas, a beautiful jubilee album prepared by Lin Wilson, featuring missionary articles by Rosalie over the years - all culminating in a beautifully presented meal, served to 145 in the church hall on November 7. Alan Fax was M.C., Mrs. Rita Dickson assisted with the greetings, and R. Whan and P. Dixon led in prayers. Athol Cust (Board Chairman) presented Rosalie with the Jubilee Album, music tapes and a cheque for \$2,711.50. The cutting of the Jubilee cake, made by Mrs M Bishop was a

feature, as was the music from Lorraine Hensby (soloist), Ngaiire and Fiona Hosking (flute and guitar) and P. Verco (accompanist).

Greetings by letter, tape and direct speech clearly showed the impact of Rosalie's missionary life. They came from Chatswood ministers (past, present and one to come) and Nick and Narelle Barbarino (members also supported by Chatswood, in a Slavic Gospel printing ministry in France). Greetings also came from the Overseas Mission Board, fellow missionaries (past and present) and friends - and in particular two tapes from P.N.G., one of singing, the other from Lazarus Diniiri (Conference).

Most moving were the greetings from the pioneers of the mission - Harold Finger, writing of "one of the hottest places in the Kingdom of God" where workers "slogged it out" and Frank Beale, speaking on tape of Rosalie's memorable first "walk" to Tung, and how, over the years whether leading or just serving, she has given her best.

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We have churches in Sunraysia. Members moved in from elsewhere to take up the newly irrigated blocks, re-inforced later by those who came as soldier settlers. **Robinvale**

Robinvale is the latest of them, commencing just 30 years ago. It has suffered from the instability of populations in smaller country



**David and Julie Ratten** towns, its more permanent members coming from up river at **Boundary Bend**. But a good witness is being maintained by its 21 members.

### Dareton

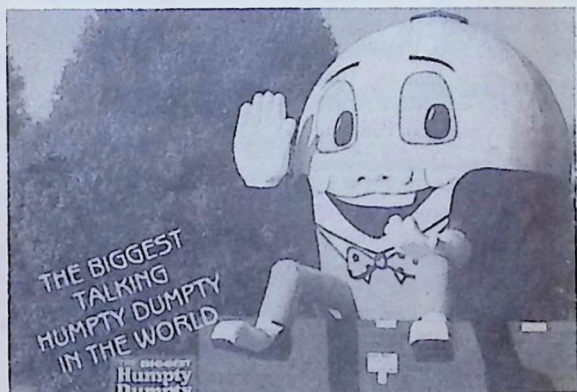
Dareton is across the river in

New South Wales. In 1929 settlers set up the Lord's Table and a small but faithful congregation has continued its witness, and still does, in co-operation now with the Uniting (formerly Methodist) church. Both congregations maintain their identity while worshipping and working together with ministry supplied alternatively from the respective denominations concerned. **Maurice Keatch** of Churches of Christ is the present minister.

An interesting feature of the church's life is that years ago they set apart a block of land for the church and members work it voluntarily, bringing in a steady income each harvest.

Nelson's ministry.

A while back the church changed its seating arrangements with single chairs arranged in a wide semicircle round a platform central to one of the sides. It makes for a family feeling of togetherness in worship. However they are now looking at ways and means of altering and building to give more seating space and more foyer room. Round the chapel walls are a number of beautifully designed banners, each representing one of the fruits of the Spirit, and so appropriate to a fruit growing district. They originated during a series of "The Fruits of the Spirit" preached by David Ratten.



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## The mighty Murray Redcliffs

Redcliffs, named after a distinctive feature of the Murray at that point, has a fine building in Guava St. Pioneer families that moved in in 1923 are still represented today among the 40 active members. They are working towards a full-time minister by 1989. Meanwhile **Ivan Cameron** (descendant of pioneer preacher R.G. Cameron) and his team are keeping the work going.

The thriving town has good potential. The morning we were there the chapel was almost full. Coffee fellowship in the hall after the service was an unrushed, take your time, catch up on everybody, climax to it all.

### Mildura

Mildura is the oldest of our churches in Sunraysia, just seven years from its centenary. It is a strong growing church with a membership of 131. David Ratten is just the one to build on the foundations laid by Peter

The church is very visible to the community both by its premises and its people. They also have a number of spots on local radio.

We were there on a Sunday night, and they explained that the long weekend had depleted their numbers. But the place was about full, and with the temperature at 40° Celsius did not need to be packed much tighter, although they do have air conditioning.

David Ratten has charisma and leads a good service — nothing special — and preaches a good sermon. One woman said of him, "He's infectious!" I had never heard a minister so described, but she is right. Incidentally he also plays A Grade District cricket. There were five re-dedications at the service and a further two at the half yearly Convention gospel service a week later.

## Half Yearly Convention

The Sunraysia churches join in  
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## Tasmanian President dies suddenly



**Don and Delka Lee.**

Delka Lee found Don dead beside her early on Thursday morning November 12. The evening before, in apparent good health, he had finished typing his Presidential sermon for Caveside, the last of the Tasmanian churches on his Presidential itinerary.

Don Lee was well into his term of President of the Tasmanian Churches of Christ Convention

(the equivalent of a state conference) and was to have presided over its Executive at Bicheno three days later.

Don was baptised at Invermay 42 years ago, just before he married Delka. He was Superintendent of the Invermay Sunday School when it was the largest in Launceston, with some classes meeting in the buses used for transport.

Don was in the grocery business throughout his working life. His hobby was dog breeding and he was a Life Member and Chairman of the Launceston Kennel Complex of the Royal Show.

His major ministry was with the Gideons, being a foundation member of the Launceston Camp and its current Vice-President when he died. He specialised in work in the high schools and with the Ashley Boys Home, spending a lot of time with the young people themselves. A young woman at the funeral came with tears in her

## A.C.C. General Secretary



**David Gill**

The Australian Council of Churches has announced the appointment of the Reverend David Gill as General Secretary-elect. David Gill, who will succeed Jean Skuse, is to take up the position on a date to be fixed late next year.

David Gill has held the post of General Secretary of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia since January 1980. For 12 years he served on the staff of the World Council of Churches

eyes and said, "He gave me my first New Testament."

The Lees have three children, Peter, Christine and Geraldine and seven grandchildren.

Don Lee was a stalwart of the Margaret St., Launceston, church and among other things was "anchor man" of the Sunday evening prayer meeting. The chapel was packed for the thanksgiving service with over 60 accommodated in the foyer. Members of the Tasmanian Conference Executive were present, led by Gordon Henderson, Past President. Don Smith represented the Vic.-Tas. Conference President, Clive Ward.

in Geneva, Switzerland. Five of these years were spent with the sub-unit on Church and society where he conducted a major study on violence, non-violence and the struggle for social justice. He served as organising secretary of the WCC's Fifth Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya in 1975.

Since 1985 David has been Moderator of the Christian Conference of Asia's Committee on Mission and evangelism.

## Humphrey Bear

Humphrey Bear delights thousands of children TV viewers.

It is not generally known that Humphrey's companion Sue Oliver and the chief script writer Cecily Cupitt are active Christians. Of course they cannot put across religious propaganda or use Humphrey for the purpose of proselytism.

However they are able to create situations that highlight family life, the importance of graciousness in human relationships, generosity of spirit, forgiveness, honesty and reality in dealing with life situations.

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## Sunrasyia

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Conventions twice a year. The guest preacher for this one was Graham Agnew of Marlon, S.A. He met with church leaders at a planning dinner and preached at the Saturday and Sunday night rallies. Music was provided by "Kairos" and "Kaleidoscope" backed by instrumentalists. There is a lot of musical talent on the River.

Part of the Convention fellowship was to take over the well known "Humpty Dumpty" tourist location for a barbecue meal preceding the night service.

Arthur McWilliams and his "Kaleidoscope" choir put on regular musicals in the local Theatre Centre, attracting wide community interest.

If things get tighter the annual Melbourne winter exodus might be finding its way to the River instead of Surfers! The Sunrasyia churches will certainly look after them.

— G.R.S.

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## ABORIGINES AND THE BICENTENNIAL

To the Editor,

Permit me to say a few things in response to "Comment" ("A.C." Oct. 31 page 20). The Bi-centennial celebrations should encourage both Aborigines and other races to participate on an equal footing. "Love one another as I have loved you."

In particular I would refer to the last question in the article i.e. "In what ways can we recognise the implications of 200 years of white occupation, and act in reconciling ways that provide dignity and hope for Aboriginal people for the future?"

I think that the best way for Churches of Christ is to expand their mission outreach through church development and leadership. There are many areas where the church can expand its work, but the Aborigines will benefit most if their own pastors can do the field work. They will take more notice of their own people.

Recent issues of the "A.C." and publications of the Federal Aborigines Board give hope that the Lord's message can be delivered by converted Aborigines. Let us hope that we can help them to achieve this.

I think that Aborigines are in the same boat as we are when it comes to land. If they want it they pay money for it and work to get the money as we have to. Therefore we should have equal opportunity.

— R.G. Salisbury  
(Bribie Island, Qld.)

(But is there a difference between buying land that belongs to someone else and having land restored that was once taken from one's ancestors by force? Ed.)

## CHILDREN AND TV

To the Editor,

The average Australian child spends about four hours every day looking at a television set.

A lot of what he/she sees is

violent, sensational rubbish — bad for a child's personal and moral development.

But even if the program content were all wholesome stuff — it would still be tragic to spend so much time passively viewing.

Think of all the things not getting done in those hours — talking together, playing games, making things. These are the vital ways that a child learns. They are the means by which character is formed.

Turning on the television freezes these activities, turning children into silent statues. It turns off processes that transform children into people.

What a contrast between the television dominated home and the ideal Christian home where the parents "teach their children the faith, train them in the practice of virtue, provide for their physical, intellectual and spiritual needs, show them loving care and ... in bringing them up, correct them and guide them as the Lord does".

— Arnold Jago  
(Mildura, Vic.)

## A TREATY WITH THE ABORIGINES

To the Editor,

In reply to Rex Morris ("A.C." Nov. 14) I do not need to "swot" up Australian history. Further I reviewed Rowley's "The Destruction of Aboriginal Society" in "Sennachie" in the July 1971 issue. Rex is totally unaware of my writing on Aboriginal affairs or he would be aware of my appreciation and concern for our Aboriginal brethren.

To put the historical record straight, the only effort to make a treaty with the Aborigines was that of Batman and this was hastily repudiated by the Government because it recognised that they were a sovereign people with a prior right to the land. There has been no talk of a treaty, particularly after the big influxes of population during and after the mining era when the fact that the natives did have permanent settlements built in stone and had "private

property" was suppressed.

In international law the white occupation of Australia (except certain parts which had and has no Aborigines) is illegal, but a treaty will legalise all the injustices, all the wrongs and all the dispossession. The slow process of Aborigines obtaining justice through the courts will stop abruptly and permanently. There is too much at stake to allow the Government to make big fellows of themselves in the eyes of the world with a treaty which itself will be the greatest injustice of all.

— John J. Alderson  
(Havelock, Vic.)

## CHURCH AND BUSINESS

To the Editor,

Perhaps I have just discovered why I always read the Letters to the Editor after the cartoons and jokes in the "A.C."

Bruce McIntosh's comment ("A.C." November 14) about N.T. scholars suggesting that the church is more analogous with the public service than with free enterprise so far as "Service" is concerned still has me chuckling.

Could this be an explanation of the church's ineffectiveness in bringing people into the Kingdom of God.

As for me and our church we are in the business of God. The

# LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

## "Stop the Incarnation!"

To the Editor,

Last year my wife and I decided to go away between Christmas and New Year. We made all our plans. A portable gas stove for the main meal outdoors, and an amount budgeted for snack breakfasts and lunches. Clothes for cold, clothes for hot, and some for in between. The only thing we didn't plan was accommodation. We had not decided on a particular destination. Every other time we had managed to get a motel room or an onsite caravan. But not last Christmas. There was no room anywhere. The first night we slept in the car. The next night we drove all night to get home.

Thinking back on it I could not help but think of Mary and Joseph and Bethlehem and "no room in the inn". Apparently God had his incarnation in Jesus all planned, all except the accommodation!

Last Sunday our minister quoted a verse from the Bible that I hadn't heard before. It was "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." He said that God had planned the incarnation and the cross and the whole lot before time began. His text was something about Jesus being born "in the fulness of time". I think that must have something to do with a time schedule which was part of God's plan.

Fancy God planning all that and for so long, and forgetting about accommodation for the incarnation event.

But that small oversight didn't stop God. He didn't send word round heaven saying, "Stop the Incarnation. There's no accommodation in Bethlehem." he found a man who had a kind heart and a spare stable.

I wonder if that was part of the plan!

TERTIUS



## Working to avert Famine

Recovery from the widespread droughts of the early 1980's in northern Africa is a long slow process. Eritrea, to the north of Ethiopia, has been working hard to build an agricultural capacity that can withstand famine. It's urgent and difficult work.

A recent food assessment survey conducted by the Eritrean Relief Association warns that recent setbacks may lead to another horrific famine: "The current precarious situation is attributable mainly to the complete absence of rainfall in June and July when it was crucially needed for the planting of most crops. The massive locust plague, during March - July has also caused extensive damage to the sprouting crops."

Since the famine in 1984-85 the Eritrean Relief Association has been assisting peasant farmers in rural areas to rebuild their livelihood through an agricultural rehabilitation program.

Force Ten is supporting this work as its December project. The program directs funds to urgent needs like: agricultural workshops (\$600 each); water pumps for drinking water and irrigation (\$2,500 each) and spray equipment to control locust plagues.

The program is a part of a long term partnership between the Australian Council of Churches and the Eritrean Relief Association. For more details contact Force Ten, Box C199, Clarence St. P.O., Sydney 2000.

## Myths About Third World Women

Myths about Third World Women continue to influence the work of development planners, reports Irene Tinker in CARE Briefs on Development Issues, published in co-operation with Overseas Development Council.

### Myth No.1

Women are dependent on men: In fact, far from being dependent, it is estimated that women are the heads of one out of every three families worldwide.

### Myth No.2.

Women do not work: Generally, rural women in the Third World work between 10 and 12 hours a day, collecting water and

fuel as well as growing, processing and marketing food. Urban women most often work in small businesses and services.

### Myth No.3.

Women are not farmers: In many countries, women produce the vast majority of food for family consumption. Women provide nearly half of all agricultural labour in the world.

### Myth No. 4.

Animal work is a man's domain: Wherever animals such as cows, sheep and goats are raised for consumption, women rather than men are likely to be responsible for their care.

### Myth No.5.

A woman's income is incidental: In many countries, a woman's income is critical to the survival of the family. Typically, the poorer the family, the greater the proportion of its income is provided by women.

### Myth No.6.

Women do not understand business: In Southeast Asia, West Africa and Central America, women have traditionally dominated local markets. In many countries, women have moved into large-scale production and trade - especially in textiles and clothing - as well as into small industry.

## Holiday with a Difference (2)

— Dorothy Cant

While in Indonesia we also went to see Salib Putih (White Cross), a 100ha agricultural enterprise with tree and fruit crops, fodder and 90 Friesian cattle, an orphanage for 108 children, school, old folks' home, and rehabilitation centre for beggars, school truants and prostitutes who are brought in batches by the police. Other visits were to both Duta Wacana Christian University in Jogja, and Satya Wacana University in Salatiga, which runs crash courses in Indonesian language and culture in conjunction with Sydney Uni.

Last stop Jakarta, where our hosts were LPPS, a development group set up by the Catholic Bishops. There we talked to a number of people involved in solving

poverty problems, through Protestant and Catholic groups, Muslim and secular organizations - all apparently co-operating well and with healthy respect for each others. We were taken to see a new village being built on land purchased by the church so that people facing eviction from their slum homes can build their own houses, aided by another revolving fund. We talked to a young widow, mother of two young children, who works six days a week in Jakarta and builds her house on the seventh.

Our final visit was the most moving. We went to a desperately poor fishing village/slum, with crowded shacks, open drains and a quite indescribable stench. The Muslim Javanese villagers have been unable to speak Indonesian, health has been appalling and no children have gone to school. Now the local Catholic parish has bought two buildings in the heart of it, and three nuns and a team of volunteer ladies come regularly, to educate the children, assist a doctor in his clinic, and teach the mothers cooking, reading and writing, nutrition, family planning, sewing and Indonesian.

Our lasting impression of Indonesian Christians is of a kindly, hospitable people committed to serving Christ as he comes to them in the needy of their communities. They seemed to us to be signs of hope in the midst of suffering.

An agreement was signed this year by the Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi granting "full liberty" to the Assemblies of God to develop and evangelise in the country. The Assemblies of God has over 900 churches and preaching points in Italy as well as a Bible School in Rome. After the agreement was signed an Assemblies of God worship service was aired over national television for the first time.

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A Conference is to be held in Pretoria, South Africa, in Feb. 1988 to bring together supporters of the National Initiative for Reconciliation (NIR) from all over South Africa. The conference will focus on the theme "Helping the local church to Work for Change in South Africa".

Whilst the aid allocation in this years Federal Government Budget escaped further cuts on Sept. 15 it nevertheless will fall to its lowest level for more than 25 years. Aid this year is expected to be 0.36% of GNP which will see Australia fall below the international average for the first time.

50 Australian development agencies are seeking international support for an independent, international enquiry into East Timor in a bid to focus international concern on the issue.

Baptist pastor Titus Mihet appeared in court on Nov. 6 for building a church in the village of Marca, 25 miles from his main church in Zalau in north western Romania. Work started in May and is still incomplete but the church is already used for worship. He is charged with building a church without authorisation. The congregation numbers 150 in a village of 9,000. Mihet looks after 7 churches in the area with 2 lay helpers.

Pastor Doru Popa was expelled from the pastorate of his church in Arad, Romania, by the Baptist Union after pressure from the Romanian state on its leaders. Popa, an engineer, gave up his job this summer to serve his church full-time. He had 98% support of his church for this move.

Baptist evangelist from Leningrad Valeri Barinov, who had been expected to emigrate from the Soviet Union with his

family in Oct. has not yet fixed a date for leaving the country.

According to the Director of the Chinese Research Centre, Jonathan Chao, the church in China is at the moment the fastest growing church in the world. In his estimates, by the year 2010 there will be 100 million Christians in China. Their present number is about 50 million.

Youth Discipleship Camps conducted by African Enterprise in South Africa are being seen as a simple, effective way of beginning to heal wounds of distrust, anger and violence. The basic concept is that black and white young people, future leaders, come together for prayer, Bible study, fellowship and soul searching discussion.

For the first time since World War II, Moscow has a Jewish public lending library; housed in a private apartment, it opened on Sept. 10. The library's initial collection numbers only 500 volumes (in Hebrew, Russian and English).

The US Supreme Court ruled recently that religious organisations may discriminate on the basis of religion in their hiring and firing, even for jobs that are not overtly religious. The ruling appeared to be limited to nonprofit organisations.

36% of Americans believe astrology reports to be scientific, according to a poll of 2,000 adults. The study showed that 67% of Americans read astrology reports often or sometimes.

In America the Christian spouse in a mixed marriage is much more likely to change religion than the Jewish spouse according to a recent study of Jewish-Christian couples. One third of Christian spouses con-

vert while only 5% of Jewish spouses abandon their faith.

The number of unreached peoples (i.e. ethno-linguistic groups without previous contact with Christianity) are estimated to be 530.

According to Marilyn Pye the real site of the Garden of Eden is in Queensland. Pye holds a belief that the mummified bodies of Adam and Eve, along with many ancient records, lie buried in a pyramid tomb in a hill in Cooktown, Queensland.

The Californian Court of Appeal has reinstated a lawsuit for \$1 million brought against a congregation by a couple whose son committed suicide. The couple said incompetent counselling by four ministers of Grace Community Church, a fundamentalist congregation, led to their son's death. The court opinion said the issue is not a question of clerical malpractice, but rather a question of "negligent failure to prevent suicide and intentional or reckless infliction of emotional injury causing suicide".

3 more church buildings have been torn down in recent months in connection with urban redevelopment projects in the Romanian capital. One was the 18th century Sfinta-Vineri church which was recently completely restored.

As a result of a Swedish parliamentary decision the (Lutheran) Church of Sweden will no longer be the country's official registry as from 1991. Currently every baby born in Sweden (Lutheran or not), and all immigrants to Sweden are required to register with the Church.

In some provinces of Mozambique up to 95% of the children of displaced families are suffering from severe mal-

nutrition. The Mozambican Government's relief arm says not only are the vast majority of the children victims of prolonged hunger, but they are also suffering from disease related to the starvation.

Toxic chemicals used in agriculture claim the lives of at least 5,000 in Brazil every year and contaminate another 500,000. The release of information on the chemical contamination comes as Brazil is struggling to cope with a major nuclear radiation scare.

From one small centre in Sydney which opened in 1963 Life Line has grown into a world movement that has developed with 283 centres in 12 countries. Life Line goes under the name of "Telecare" in Canada and "Contact" in the US.

A small passenger plane belonging to the American MAF was hijacked on Oct. 30 during a flight over Surinam's jungle interior. The pilot radioed headquarters to say that he and 4 Surinamese passengers were safe in a village about 120 miles to the south. The pilot has been released since but no information is on hand as to the fate of the passengers.

150 evangelists from 18 states of India, representing various languages, cultures and denominations gathered in Bombay Oct. 25-Nov. 1 for the Conference of National Evangelists. Jonathan James, National Director of AEF for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands was the keynote speaker.

In what is probably an Australian record for volunteer fundraising, Spring Fair '87 raised \$217,000 to support the ministries of Wesley Central Mission in Sydney.

The United Church of Christ became the first

major US denomination to officially acknowledge "that Judaism has not been superseded by Christianity" and that "God has not rejected the Jewish people".

On Oct. 25 over 1,000 Brigade members packed the Lyceum Theatre, Sydney, N.S.W., to celebrate the 104th birthday of Boys' Brigade. The annual Gift to Mission appeal raised \$6,700 for braille education kits for use in Christian Blind Mission International schools for the blind. A poster competition was won by the boys from the 189th N.S.W. Tamworth Co.

An 8 person delegation from 3 ecumenical organisations — the World, Latin American and US National Councils of Churches — is to visit the 5 central American nations which are parties to the regional peace accord.

The General Synod of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands has commissioned an investigation into the biblical foundation of infant baptism.

Church leaders from Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong met recently with staff members of the Christian Conference of Asia to discuss issues related to partnership, sharing of resources, human rights and democratisation in their region. A major focus was the emperor system and the treatment of aliens in Japan.

600 million rural Indians have been experiencing the effects of the current 'creeping drought' which began back in 1980. A 'creeping drought' is occasioned by the recurring failure of seasonal rains, the gradual lowering of the water table, and the drying up of traditional village wells. There is an increasing number of villages that do not have safe, reliable drinking water.



## TOO MUCH THEOLOGY!

### Thoughts for Christmas

A woman came to her minister wanting suggestions for Christmas carols for a party she was having. He gave her a list, but she complained that none of them was suitable. "They've got too much theology in them," she said.

She was looking for "Jingle Bells" and "White Christmas" and "Hurrah for dear old Santa Claus". But Christmas is all about theology.

### What is Theology?

Theology is the study of God, his attributes, his nature, what he has done and is doing, and his relationship with people. To think theologically about Christmas is to blow our minds with the endless meanings of it. It is all about God.

For instance, we read that "in the fulness of time God sent his Son". What theological implications are in that simple sentence! It means that God having created the universe, knew in advance the risk he took in creating men and women with freedom of choice. He knew that they could never become dynamic, creative people unless they had such a choice. But he also knew that inevitably they would make a lot of bad choices and often destroy themselves and their societies. But God proceeded with his creation, believing that it was worth it. For all the bad choices there would be those who would choose to become children of God. So "in the fulness of time God sent his Son." At just the right moment in history God arranged for a Saviour.

In homo sapiens, made in his image, God reached a peak in creation. But inevitably the image was marred. So God's contingency plan was to achieve a higher creative peak still, "the new man in Christ Jesus".

### Incarnation

And in thinking theologically of Christmas we have that expressive theological word "Incarnation". Literally it means "in the flesh". Christmas was when God came into the world in Jesus to live in human flesh. During the time of his being "in the flesh" God did not have to stop being God the creator and sustainer of the universe, but by his very nature could at the same time be "God-in-a-man" as one writer put it.

The incarnation means that we can take a long look at what God was doing and saying and being when he was "in the flesh". Then we can know what God is doing and saying and being, now.

It only takes a little bit of imagination to see God at work in the healing teams round the world, performing his healing miracles, even through those who do not know him. It is not hard to see God, once in the flesh, now at work in the often stubborn minds of national leaders, whenever they have insight and a will to peace and justice and compassion. (That is why the Bible tells us to pray for them!) The very first Christmas carol, Mary's song, is all about this sort of thing.

### Salvation

Christmas is all about the theology of salvation. "Unto you is born a saviour," carolled the angels. "You shall call his name Jesus," said the messenger, "For he shall save his people." There is so much theology wrapped up in the terms saviour and salvation, that it is a pity to narrow it down into merely the assent to a formula that gives us the right to go to heaven when we die.

Salvation is all about the action of a gracious, creative God in the lives of those willing to respond to him. Salvation is God releasing us from hang-ups, fears and inferiority feelings, now. Salvation is God creating in us the will to love and to care. Salvation is God building into us the stuff of eternity, so that at the end of life God cannot stop us.

### Not only in the Gospels

And Christmas theology is not only in the gospels. In Philippians we see Christmas according to Paul. In his great hymn in chapter 2 he describes the Christmas event as Jesus Christ being in the form of God, but emptying himself, being born in the human likeness and in obedience, taking death in his stride. The theological implications of the word "therefore" in verse 9 are staggering. That one word takes in the whole action of God from the stable birth to the whole of creation confessing that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

I have no quarrel with Jingle Bells and White Christmas and holly and ivy and tinsel and Christmas holidays. Christmas is a celebration and who is going to be squeamish about the ways in which we celebrate God's breaking through into our humanity?

The important thing is not to lose sight of what we are celebrating.

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## Obituaries limited to 100 words.

### ANTHONY, Doreen

(10.11.87). A beautiful and talented woman is sadly missed at the Port Lincoln, S.A., church although all share the confidence she is now in our Lord's presence. Doreen's husband Brian and children Cheryl, Carmel, Bill (dec.), Lee and Gary received strong testimony to the love and respect with which she was held in the community. Her many works of art, oils on canvas and on chinaware, beautifully special places in many homes. Doreen was a keen worker in the Sunday School, Girl's Club and C.W.F. Aged 57 years at the time of her death she is remembered with love.

— Jim Spiker

### BOWDLER, Gwendoline May

(16.10.87) Miss Bowdler died three days after celebrating her 92nd birthday. When her family moved into the Fairfield, Vic., district she was actively involved with St Paul's Anglican Church and the Church of Christ and a regular supporter of the local Council of Churches. During World War I she and her family constantly provided encouragement to young soldiers in training at Heidelberg, making them welcome in the home. She was a competent seamstress with Hicks Atkinson until retirement. She was a member of the Heidelberg choir and a member of the original committee of Carols by Candlelight, of which she was librarian for a number of years. She is survived by her sister Mrs N. Houghton.

— Ran Tippett

### CORBETT, Caroline Frances

(19.11.87). Caroline was born in Brighton, Vic., in December 1888 and died peacefully two weeks before her 99th birthday. After her husband's death in 1963 Caroline continued to live in Malvern until about two years ago when arthritis in the feet made it necessary to go into nursing homes. In early days she was associated with the South Yarra church and for the last 20 years with Gardiner where she was a regular attendee. She was a kind and generous person, had a good sense of humour and an amazing

memory of people. Her passing brought to an earthly end a long and memorable life.

— Harold Steele.

### HOWELL, Mary Antoinette

(25.10.87) Nettie, daughter of Jabez and Margaret Thurgood, was the third member of the Fairfield, Vic., church to be called by her Lord within a few days. She had spent her life serving at Footscray, Carnegie and Fairfield during her 81 years. In her youth she was active in all aspects of the worship and sporting activities of the churches concerned. Following the death of her mother soon after the birth of her sister Eileen she devoted herself to caring for the family. She became a psychiatric nurse where she met William Howell whom she married. At Fairfield she was a strong supporter of C.W.F. She maintained constant attendance at services despite considerable difficulties until confined to hospital shortly before her death. We commend her brother Bill, sisters Gwen (Mrs Chiffey, Coffs Harbour) and Eileen to the love and compassion of our Lord.

— Ran Tippett

### REVELEIGH, Edward (Fred).

(23.11.87). Edward Reveleigh was born at Williamstown, Vic. on July 9, 1900 and grew up working hard as an apprentice boiler maker and engineer. He attended the Middle Park church in his youth and was baptised in 1922. That commitment to Christ was to continue strongly throughout his life. Fred was usually the fore when it came to doing the manual labour around the church and loved nothing better than to be making or repairing things. As the Secretary of the football and tennis teams he put organising skills to work. At that time he was also Secretary of an enthusiastic Bible class of 28. Fred married the only girl with whom he ever kept company. He and Gwenellian (Gwen) were married on December 21, 1929. His passing ended a lovely partnership of joy and service together in the church. Moving to Dandenong in 1941 they joined the church there, and Fred again commenced to put his working skills to great advantage. He was always organising and doing any work needed. When a new church

was built in 1957, Fred was in the forefront of the organising and building of so many of the requirements. He and Gwen served faithfully as members of the board for many years, and never missed either morning or evening worship until later years. His work of maintenance at the Dandenong Hospital resulted in him being declared an Honorary Life Governor. His organising ability was made available to the Comforts Fund during World War II, and he did a lot of building for the Girl Guides when Gwen was a Commissioner. Fred worked for the SEC for 35 years until he retired, and was held in high esteem. Fred Reveleigh always worshipped and worked as a faithful and an obedient follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Fred was a faithful and loving husband. A father to Lianne (Avery) and Wendy (Allen) who will be greatly missed. A grandfather who was dearly loved. A co-worker who was respected and admired.

— P.A.P.

### SCHILLING, Iris Evelyn

(12.10.87). The Nowra, N.S.W., church was saddened by the passing of Iris. Her parents were Arthur and Ada Smalley of the Ballarat church. She was born at Heathcote, Vic., one of 13 children. She married Harry at Burnley church, July 13, 1940, just prior to him going overseas on active service. She was a Sunday School teacher, Christian Endeavour leader at Burnley, Dandenong and Morwell churches. At one time she organised a half-way house in her own home for women and children needing help. She was instrumental in the establishment of Lifeline in Morwell, the first scheme in Victoria. She was one of the early members of the Nowra church being involved in singing and Bible study groups. She died at Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, with her family present.

— J. Clelland.

### SOUTH (Volkman), Ivy

(21.10.87). Born at Lismore 6.4.20 where she grew up, at the age of 10 she committed her life to Christ in the 1930 Hinrichsen mission. On 23.5.41 Ivy married Charles Henry (Harry) South in the Lismore, NSW, church. They made their home in Sydney, attending Marrackville church. In early 1946 they transferred to Tamworth, Ivy was one of the foundation members when the church was established 22.11.53. She took an active part in the C.W.F. and served in all the choirs. As well she was Kindergarten Supt. for many years. Christian love goes to her children Patricia, Terry, Jeffrey and Cathy.

— E. Stiles

### THODAY, Anna Lina

(19.10.87) Mrs Thoday died a few days before her 95th birthday. She had been a member of the Fairfield, Vic., church when her family was young and led them to Christ. Later she moved away from the district, but returned to renew her fellowship with the church in 1967 when she resided at the Pilgrim's Rest Home. There she encouraged other ladies from the

home to share fellowship with the congregation. When the home was closed she transferred to Judge Book Memorial Home at Eltham. Unable to attend services she regularly supported the work of the church. We commend her family to the love of our Lord who meant so much to her.

— Ran Tippett.

## Catholics and A.I.D.S.

The Catholic Education Office of N.S.W. has provided A.I.D.S. Kits for its schools.

While the Kit refers to condoms as one way of avoiding infection, it points out that they are not 100% safe and that ultimate safe sex is within marriage and through abstinence outside of marriage. It makes clear that it is not life threatening (as A.I.D.S. is) to refrain from sex before and outside of marriage.

The Kit uses audio-visuals as well as role playing, work sheets and discussion. It also raises related issues such as how to say "No!" in certain situations, and sexual stereotyping and "sexual bragging".

## Success

In 1985 the project which told the story of the work of the Christmas Bowl funds was that of brick kiln workers in Pakistan. A video was produced which told of people tied by debt to landlords, working incessantly, but with no hope of ever being free.

The funding of a brick kiln for these serf labourers was a risk but one which had the hoped for result. 25 families have been able to work their way out of bondage and into freedom of self-help. The good news is that plans are underway to build a larger kiln.

Leaders of 24 evangelical groups in Zimbabwe have committed themselves to plant nearly 2,000 new churches in the towns, villages and rural communities of their country by the year 2000.

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## Western Region Outreach Committee Picnic

Nearly 200 gathered at Brimbank Park, East Kellor, Vic., for an old-fashioned church picnic on Cup day (November 3). There were egg and spoon races, three legged races, tug-a-war, water balloon throwing and much more.

People from the various churches represented by W.R.O.C. (Western Region Outreach Committee) began gathering at 10.30 for the games and barbecue. The highlight of the afternoon was an apple pie competition. There were 16 entries with the winner being Mrs Lesl's Raisbeck of the Footscray church. Mrs Cynthia Saunders,



Preparing for the three legged race at W.R.O.C. "Cup Day" picnic.

also of Footscray, was runner-up. After everyone enjoyed a piece of pie the day was officially over. Jeff Gray (minister at

Sunshine), Del Thatcher (Williamstown) and Dan Lundgren (minister at Footscray) planned the day.

Various churches represented assisted in providing for the games.

## Outreach Luncheons

Question: How can a small inner suburban church reach out to the community around it?

Answer: By asking someone who knows the needs of the community, seeing which needs can be met with their limited resources, and then following where the Spirit leads.

The Kensington Park, S.A., church last year discussed the needs of their community with a representative of the Dept. for Community Welfare. From the rather long list provided, one stood out as being within the church's means to meet - to provide the opportunity for elderly semi shut-in people to enjoy a meal together from time to time. The social workers from the local council gave their active support, providing a list of people to contact, and arranging for the council bus to provide the transport to and from the church. Church members volunteered for all of the tasks involved, from the initial planning to the washing up so that no one was asked to do too much.

The guests are greeted at the door where they pay a charge to cover the cost of the meal. They are given a name tag and encouraged to mix with members from the church and Friendship Club. After a first class meal a program of entertainment or a talk on a subject relevant to their needs is provided.

One thing is quite obvious — they enjoy the opportunity to talk



Kensington Park Luncheon

with others as much as they enjoy the meal and the program.

The church, of course, has been greatly encouraged as they have seen the response to this outreach.

Moral: A small church may not be able to do everything, and meet every need in its community, but it will be greatly blessed if it does something to meet some needs.

— Max Thompson

An average of about 20 children die each day at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia, due to an acute shortage of drugs. Most of the deaths are caused by diarrhoea and most of the victims are aged between 3 months and 3 years who have been admitted to the hospital because of high fever and vomiting.

## Apology

In our November 14 issue we published a letter from Marlon Robertson regarding the availability of Churches of Christ logo badges from the Gisborne, Vic. church. We apologise that her name was spelt incorrectly.

The logo badges are available from Marlon Robertson, 12 Oakley Court, Gisborne 3437 for 4.50 each (including postage).

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## CELEBRATING

Christmas is celebrating, worshipping the Christ Child, It is giving, loving, hoping, sharing joy,

Opening a gift wrapped parcel;

And holding in our hearts

The anguish of others,

Their hunger, persecution and poverty;

O may the Christ Child, whose birth we celebrate with joy,

Be close to those who silently cry.

— Pat Kerr (A.C.T.)

## A GIGGLE GOES A LONG WAY

by Mary Ann Crum (Baker Book House).

I have about one minute (the time that my kids take for their afternoon sleep) to tell you about the book "A Giggle Goes A Long Way".

Mary Ann Crum has delightfully captured the antics of toddlers, and in a profound way applied them to the ways we relate to God. For anyone who is involved with children, especially young mums, this book of short devotions will bring a smile as it realistically examines the joys and trials of parenthood. Important spiritual lessons can be gained by watching our kids carefully and remembering that Jesus challenges us to be like them.

Well, I'm off now to wipe the crayon from the kitchen wall. Bye.

— Liz Payne.



## Friendship

In the film 'The Killing Fields' there is a deep and moving friendship between Dith Pran, a Cambodian, and Sydney Schanberg, an American. Both are journalists and both were working on the Vietnam war and America's intrusion into Cambodia.

In the overthrow of the Cambodian Government by Pol Pot, Dith Pran became a prisoner. For four years he endured 'retraining' and for four years his friend tried to discover where he was.

The story has a happy ending as Dith Pran escapes and the friends

— R.N. Hawkins.  
are re-united.

I could not help but think about what the Bible talks about as the cost of friendship. "Greater love has no man than this, that He lay down his life for his friends." This "laying down of the life" is usually applied to warfare and dying. It can mean, however, far more than this. For you can lay down your life's ambition or financial gain for your friend. You may prefer him or her above status or fame and be willing to honour him or her above self.

Everyone wants a friend  
but few are really willing to be one.  
For friendship is costly in time and self interest.  
It is mixed with tears and bruises,  
as well as gifts and laughter.  
It may mean playing in the back row

## Failure ...Not a Good Feeling!

— Russell Wesley

The word failure is less in use now and is almost non-existent in the school system. However people still have the feeling that they are failures.

The word "failure" is defined in the Oxford Dictionary as non-performance, lack of success, ceasing of action, becoming bankrupt, and as an unsuccessful person or thing. So when the word "failure" is directed to the quality and worth of a person, we should be alarmed! The word "failure" does not imply that "I am a failure" even if we are feeling really low after the return of an essay or exam paper or if someone makes a personal comment on a job poorly completed.

No two people are alike. We all have strengths and weaknesses and make mistakes. At some point in our lives, at school, in sport, at work, in relationships, with life in general, or with God, we all feel that we have failed. While there is no easy solution to this "not so good" feeling, it is important to remember that no one is a failure in the eyes of God. To believe otherwise would be calling God a failure, for we are made in the image of God.

To be honest in our relationships with people is important. To be realistic about people's abilities

is necessary. But to be sensitive and caring is essential. At such a point in a person's life it may be necessary to change direction. An open door will replace the one that is closed. This may be a challenge to try again. It may be the time to focus on what one can do. It may be time to focus on who one is and one's need for faith in God. There is no point in thinking in failure terms.

To contribute by our words or actions to someone's sense of failure is perhaps a sign that we too have failed! And that is not a good feeling!

Though the "ecumenical partnership" in effect in the US between the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is "not the full unity we seek to manifest", it is an "expression of visible unity which should be celebrated and constantly deepened", according to a "vision statement" to be circulated next year by the UCC-CCDC Ecumenical Partnership Committee. UCC-CCDC partnership was declared in 1985.

when you would choose to be up front.  
But you are glad to do it for him.  
A friend knows you, your weaknesses and strengths,  
and still stands with you  
even when he has to correct you.  
For friendship is based on trust and knowledge.  
It may be shattered by exploitation and deceit,  
but is healed by forgiveness and love.  
The relationship is maintained down the years.  
As the song says, "Friends are friends forever  
If the Lord's the Lord of them".  
The greatest example of friendship I know  
is found in the life and words of Jesus,  
in the pages of the Bible.  
To discover him through trust and commitment  
is to create a transforming friendship  
that will make you a friend of the friendless  
and a friend for all seasons.

## A FAMILIAR FACE

— a meditation for Advent 87 based on a  
real experience

He stands hesitating on the footpath outside my workplace,  
as a cluster of the upward mobile pass by  
eager to return from their ample lunch to their decision making.

He looks me full in the face and knows me.  
He has the bearing of a professional person gone horribly wrong —  
a failed businessman; a broken down doctor; or a rejected clergyman?

He whispers apologetically the need for his fare home.  
I give him the money but disturbed by this unwelcome encounter  
hurry back to my office and its security.

His image, unidentified, remains before me all afternoon.  
In the depths of the night, I awake and know immediately —  
it was the face of Christ.

— Bruce McIntosh

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## Stage One at Warragul Opened.



### The opening of the new complex

Over a century ago, a group of Christians met to form the Warragul, Vic., church. As they grew they built a chapel. This building in Palmerston Street was built in five days. It was adequate for the needs of the church for many years. That building was extended to having a hall built in 1955 and in 1974 alterations and modernising of the building were completed.

Over recent years the building was showing signs of wear and was going to cost a lot to renovate. Also during these years the congregation had grown, so many more people were attending services in a building with boundaries which could not be extended.

A decision had to be made. What would the church do? Pay for renovations and repairs on a limited site or move?

In 1983 a decision was made to move. To where or what we did not know! It was then that a letter came from St Pauls Grammar School seeking cooperation between our church and their school. They envisaged us building our new chapel on their land so they could use it as their worship centre and we could use their rooms and hall.

A building committee was formed to look at this arrangement. Many options were looked at. As these options were looked at many barriers arose with titles etc, so an alternative site was consid-

ered opposite St. Pauls. Again problems arose, cost of road construction, acquisition of land for road access. The costs of overcoming these problems began to escalate, so other sites were considered around Warragul. Again more problems arose as we tried to find an adequate site within the town boundaries and these alternate sites would not allow for cooperation with the school.

We wanted to move and grow but everything seemed to be hindering progress.

It was then that Mary and Len Seabrook saw it as their service to the church to donate seven acres of their land opposite St Pauls school. When the church was at a low point, we prayed and gradually saw all the problems being overcome and the possibility of a building on the site seemed real. This generous donation of land allowed some of the financial concerns to be overcome. The Properties Corporation have been very helpful also.

Many hours of work were spent planning with the church, architects and others who could be involved in the project.

The decision was made to build a complex that could be used not only to house a chapel and hall but also a kindergarten facility for use by the community. There was an urgent need for a kindergarten in the area. The need for elderly accommodation was seen as

being almost as urgent and so these areas were pursued and details obtained.

The old church in Palmerston St was sold and demolished in November and for the past few months the church has met in St Pauls hall. Much fundraising has

been done this year and a lot of fellowship and enjoyment obtained as we strived to work together for the new building and a new outreach in a growing area of the town. The ministry team of David and Debbie Buesnel joined us in January.

When the quotes came in for the complex, the church had to decide whether to go ahead with the plan as such, which was above what we could afford, or would we have to cut back on costs by omitting the kindergarten.

The church unanimously decided we were to put the needs of the community first and therefore decided to leave off half of the hall and move ahead in faith knowing we were still short of the quote by quite a large amount of money. Floor coverings and extras were omitted. A Government grant was given towards the construction of the kindergarten and an application was made to the Shire of Warragul for help with the shortfall of money. A grant was received for help with the kinder

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## Signs and Wonders Conference.

— Ron McLean

My wife and I have just returned from the John Wimber Signs and Wonders Conference which was held in Canberra. The conference was organised by Kairos Ministries of which Rev. Dan Armstrong is the director. John Wimber the key-note speaker at the conference is the director of Vineyard Ministries U.S.A. and is well known and respected through-out the world.

When we read in "Renewing Australia" an article concerning John Wimber's teaching on spiritual gifts we were eager to know more. Statements such as "We were always taught that healing and other gifts of the Spirit were only for New Testament times. John Wimber says that is not true!"

Evangelicals have not accepted the idea that the experience of the gifts of the Spirit was dependent upon a subsequent blessing. Wimber does not accept it either. He believes that when a person receives Christ at conversion he also receives the gift of the Holy Spirit to which Peter refers - Acts 2:38. This passage, he says, indi-

cates two things which happen simultaneously - the receiving of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. From here, he says it is necessary to take a step of faith. Since the Holy Spirit now dwells within there needs to be a moving out to do the things that Jesus did, taking the risk, and asking the Holy Spirit to empower one to lay hands on the seeker and allow the Lord to minister healing or whatever provision, into the need.

Our curiosity to hear what Wimber had to say was further stimulated when we read that in 1982 the Fuller Theological Seminary had begun a Signs and Wonders Course with John Wimber as the lecturer. Fuller Seminary has three faculties - one in theology, another in psychology, plus a third the School of World Missions. The last named sponsored the course in Signs and Wonders, known as MC 510. The School of World Missions was founded by Dr Donald McGavran, well known throughout Churches of Christ for his leadership in Church Growth. Dr. Peter Wagner whose views on church growth and missions were greatly influenced by Donald McGavran was responsible for MC 510, the course taken by John Wimber which is designed to explore the theology of the miraculous in evangelism and church life and to lead students to experience spiritual gifts and to learn to heal. It was the obvious endorsement of Wimber's ministry by such missionary statesmen as McGavran and Wagner that helped stimulate us to attend the Signs and Wonders Conference as a learning experience and to become further equipped for ministry.

The conference was held over a period of four days. There were four workshops to choose from during the afternoon sessions. They were Physical Healing, Ministering to the Chronically Ill, Spiritual Gifts and Developing a Learning Curve for Accepting the Supernatural.

The workshops were conducted by members of the Vineyard Ministries team. Actually

## FOLLOWING

To love, to serve and to follow  
And thus sail on an unknown sea, With the breath of life in one's nostrils  
Is the glorious liberty  
Which the children of God encounter  
With the joy of life in their hearts,  
And a path of peace through sorrow  
And a shield from the fiery darts.

On the ocean dark and restless,  
While the brooding tempests rage,  
They will find the harbour at sunset  
And the dawn of a golden age,  
When they trust in the Holy Spirit  
And look to the vision of God  
When they follow the path of our Saviour  
And tread where his feet have trod.

Margaret Burrage-Coburn  
(Swan Hill, Vic)

120 who are involved with John Wimber in Vineyard ministries in the U.S. came at their own expense to share with others what God can do through individuals.

The format of the main meetings was to begin with 25 minutes of praise, singing choruses which quietly and reverently exalted the Lord, followed by at least an hour of teaching and the final segment of about 20 minutes would be ministering to one another. At the conclusion of the teaching segment the conference would be asked to wait and see how the Holy Spirit would move. Sometimes a specific invitation would be given for people to respond if they were wanting to be more effective in the Lord's service or if they wanted to receive healing etc. The opportunity was given for people to leave their seats and come forward or to stand where they were. Others present were encouraged to minister to those who had expressed a need by getting alongside and praying with them. The emphasis was on

people ministering to one another.

Among the 4000 from all denominations in conference we met at least 15 from Churches of Christ - many of them ministers and wives, some who had served on our overseas fields and it was a great joy to meet and fellowship with Rosalie Rofe home on furlough from Papua New Guinea.

No one was expected to accept and agree with all that was said and done at the Conference but we returned feeling that we were greatly blessed, encouraged and renewed by the Lord and more enthused to serve him.

Soviet authorities are thinking of allowing 4 of Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity to work in hospitals or children's homes following her recent visit to the USSR. On her visit she met Russian Orthodox leaders and visited Ukrainian villages where people who were affected by last year's nuclear accident at Chernobyl have been resettled.

## Warragul

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Although at present only stage one of the development is completed, we look forward to using the whole of the available site to further develop the possibilities that have been shown to us.

As we look back through all the problems and decision that were made to get the complex to its present stage, we see that none of this would have been possible without the guiding hand of God. Not only has a building been erected, but we have also seen a growing of God's people, so now we can look forward to continued growth under God's leadership.

P.S. The complex was officially opened on October 24, with Alan Avery as guest speaker with 300 attending the weekend services. The above history of the new church was presented to the opening service by Ray Earl a past secretary of the church, and a member of the building committee.

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## Exchange Program



**Phil Kennedy**

An exchange program involving the Queensland Social Service Department's Gold Coast Administrator and an Administrator with the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will take place during 1988/89.

Phil Kennedy, Administrator responsible for the Golden Age Retirement Village at Southport and Lady Small Haven at Benowa, will commence an exchange with Charles Hattendorf, of the Oklahoma Christian Home in Edmond, for 12 months in April 1988.

The Queensland Social Service Department and the N.B.A. have over the last 18 months achieved a mutual affiliation.

Executive Director Don Stewart said, the impending staff exchange represents the Department's on-going commitment to and promotion of staff training and development."

The exchange holds exciting opportunities, not only for Phil and his family, but will promote a deeper understanding of welfare issues facing both organisations. At the conclusion of the exchange each administrator will return to his home organisation to sensitively apply the knowledge and experience gained.

Phil Kennedy said, "Through this particular overseas exchange, participants will be thrust into situations where each will no doubt encounter new challenges in unfamiliar environments, and be exposed to different management techniques and perhaps differing philosophies, gain a practical understanding of how others meet the needs within society and of course, valuable long-term contacts will be made."

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## Goodbye to Ranwadi



**Julie Trinnick**

It's hard to say goodbye! It becomes even harder after four years of teaching in another country. Julie Trinnick from Victoria has been teaching French and English at Ranwadi Secondary School for the past four years. She has seen some of this country's future leaders and has shared her faith with them along with her expertise in teaching. Julie has also run the school store, taken small groups for Bible study, taken groups of girls camping, opened her life and her home to the people of Pentecost Island.

The school at Ranwadi is run by the Conference of Churches of Christ in Vanuatu and in this country where fewer than 25% of

those seeking secondary education are actually able to receive it, plays an important role in the future of Vanuatu.

Like many Australians before her Julie has now to say goodbye. At the end of 1987 she returns to Australia but is not sure what she will be doing. On behalf of the Australian churches we say thank you to Julie for her willingness to serve God and the Churches of Christ in Vanuatu and Australia.

Soviet customs officials are still impeding the import of religious literature into the USSR, despite earlier assurances that "purely religious" literature was no longer subject to any restrictions. Keston College has received a considerable number of reports that Bibles, Old and New Testaments as separate publications and religious calendars are being noted on the customs declarations of incoming Western tourists, and customs officials on these people's return journeys are checking to ensure that religious literature brought into the USSR is taken out again.

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## Kenmore Graduation

November 20 was an important date for 10 Kenmore Christian College students who upon completion of their studies, graduated at the Baptist City Tabernacle. 300 came to support the graduates and their families, many commented that the service was an inspiration and a challenge. The College Choir shared in the evening by singing "Let Us Adore" as a choral call to worship and a rendition of the 23rd Psalm as an item within the service. Prof. A.F. Wilson, Chairman of the College Board presided while Conference President, Don Cranston, awarded the prizes, diplomas, and certificates. Three



College Choir under the leadership of G. Warne.

graduates Noel Baxter, Mark Willis, and Bruce Warwick, brought challenging messages on the theme "Now Faith Is ..."

### Graduates for 1987

Those completing the Diploma course include the following (their future ministry is indicated in brackets): Noel Baxter (Kedron), Rosemarie Homan (Chaplain, Social Service Department), David Horne (Colac, Vic.), Trevor Pedler (Roma), Bruce Warwick (Cairns), Mark Willis (Sunnybank), and Brendon Workman (Leichhardt). Those completing the two year certificate include Garry Cowley, Antoinette Herbert, and Karen Sibald.

Each year a number of prizes are awarded as a result of the generosity of a number of individuals and churches. This year's prizes were awarded as follows: Harlaxton Church Prize for First Year Greek — John Adermann; Harlaxton Church Prize for New Testament (in English) — Noel Baxter; A & W Finger Scholarship for best non-exit student on basis of College life, academic achievement and human relationships — Greg Murphy; Christian Women's Fellowship Prize for best lady student — Denise Sheppard; Nell Machin Prize for best contribution to College life — Antoinette Herbert; College Dux — Bruce Warwick; H.K. and I.M. Burkhead Prize for Essay on the Restoration Movement — Jenny Ramsay.

As Principal, I believe that every student deserves a prize because each one has worked hard throughout the year both in studies and in helping to ensure that the college family works closely together and supports one another.

other.

### New Offices

Like the other Queensland Brotherhood Departments, Kenmore has shifted into its new offices in the Administration Building. Our telephone numbers have been changed, and all faculty

and staff can now be reached on (07) 378 1988 during office hours. If you are visiting the college, why not stop in and see our new offices. Mobile Mission Maintenance has constructed our partitions and they are magnificent.

Randy Edwards,  
(Principal)



Don Cranston, Conference President, presenting diploma to Brendon Workman.

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

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## 'November Happening' at The Patch

Rowland Croucher was the featured guest speaker at The Patch, Vic., for a highly successful 'November Happening' — a series of various events held during November as a time of renewal and outreach.

Members, friends and contacts were introduced to the Happening with hospitality evenings/afternoons being enjoyed in various homes scattered throughout the Dandenong Hills. The young people experienced an entertaining and challenging night with their special guest, Christian magician, Ric Cutler. A men's breakfast catered by the ladies and a ladies' breakfast catered by the men proved to be the highlights. All who heard him were inspired

and encouraged by the input of Rowland Croucher.

The worship service, again with Rowland, emphasized why it is The Patch is soon to embark on renovations. Musical items by Kevin and Liz Baxter were appreciated. A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon followed a church family luncheon with the program being provided mainly by our own talented young people and the young in heart.

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## C.W.A.F. remembers



**Colour Party (L. to R.): John Piper, Albert Porter, Don Cleaver, Jim Harrison and Carl Annear.**

This year the Launceston C.W.A.F. meeting fell on Remembrance Day so a special meeting was held. Jean Piper led a very moving service which began with the arrival of the Colour Party: John Piper, Albert Porter, Don Cleaver and Carl Annear, all of whom had commenced their war service at the age of 18.

A minute's silence followed the playing of the Last Post. Simon Harrison played and sang a composition of his own, "There's an Unknown Soldier" and Jim Harrison reminisced on his service with the A.I.F. which commenced on the day war was declared when, being in the Militia Forces, he was called out of church that Sunday morning September 3, 1939, and continued with service in the Middle East.

Jean's devotionals concluded with the large crowd singing "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah".

There was a very comprehensive display of photos and memorabilia of the Boer War, the Great War, World War II and the Vietnam War which brought back many memories relating to church members and their families.

## Childrens Book published

"The Magic of Mr Ree" written by Ron Holmes, one of our South Australian ministers, has just been published by Vital Publications. It is a book written for children in the 10 - 13 age range. Copies are available from Ron Holmes at 6 Keirana Ave., Noarlunga 5167. Phone (08) 384.7788 or Mrs E.M. Rankine, Secretary, Federal Literature Dept., 5 Atkins Ave., Glen Iris 3146. "The Magic of Mr Ree" will cost \$3.95. A review and further details will appear early next year.

## Pudding Day



**Julie Simpson, Jenny Blake, Sue Wigg, Lorna Golder and Debbie Golder making puddings**

The Friendship Centre at the Naracoorte, S.A., church finished the year on a high note with 29 attending for the "Pudding Day". Everyone helped to make 40 kgs. of Christmas pudding mix which was then sold for \$2 per 500 gms.

Churches internationally are stepping up their efforts on behalf of Mozambique. They are raising funds to aid the 5 million or more of Mozambique's 14 million estimated to be on the brink of starvation. Mozambique's infant mortality rate is the highest in the world — 375 per 1,000.

Through the year the church has contacted many people they may have otherwise never come to know. The Friendship Centre gives them a welcoming and friendly place to entertain and introduce these people to Christians who are ready to befriend them. Crafts, board games, darts and carpet bowls are offered each week. A creche is also held each week, supervised by a church member who is assisted on a rostered basis by some of those who attend the Friendship Centre.

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## Bibles in China By Fear or Favour?

—Ernest Horth,

(Chief Executive Officer, Bible Society in Australia)

Thousands of Bibles are rolling off the Amity Printing Press in China and will be distributed to Christians in that country.

At the end of October 20,000 copies of the Bible had been printed and will be distributed to Christians as soon as they are bound.

By the end of January it is expected that 100,000 copies of the first edition of the "Standard Bible" will have been despatched. The production of 100,000 Reference Bibles will follow.

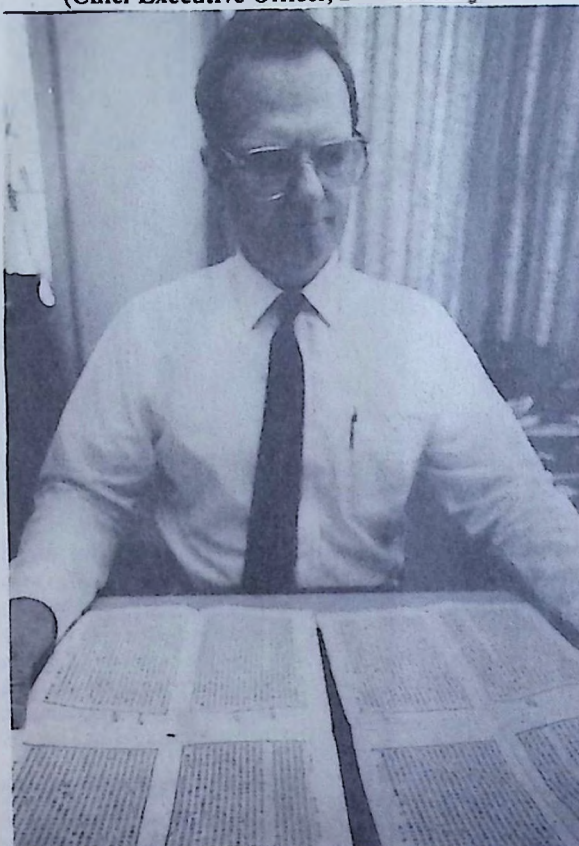
Already, 5,000 copies have been transported to the Jiangsu Provincial China Christian Council office in Nanjing city for distribution, and more will be transported as the copies are bound. The office has received orders for Bibles from all over the country.

In recent years the China Christian Council has printed 2.9 million Bibles on presses in mainland China in response to requests from Christians.

Any suggestion that the printing and distribution of scriptures in China to Christians is illegal is plainly wrong.

At the beginning of October 1987, there were orders for 100,000 standard Bibles and 100,000 reference Bibles, and it is expected that between 200,000 and 300,000 copies of the New Testament with Psalms will be printed at the Amity Press, depending on the extent to which the workers can utilise their newly acquired skills.

For the moment, only the New Testament with Psalms is planned to be printed in the simplified script mainly because there is



Ernest Horth examining some of the first pages printed at the Amity Printing Press, Nanjing, China.

currently greater demand for the Bible in regular script. Another reason is that scholars have not yet finished work on new punctuation for the new script for the entire Bible, which is essential to facilitate better understanding.

The Union Version of 1919 is considered to be "the Bible" by the majority of Chinese Christians and it is also the version currently used by the majority of Chinese

Christians outside the People's Republic of China.

No one can deny there is a critical shortage of Bibles and New Testaments in China and that there will be for years to come, but Amity Press is printing Bibles for Christians wherever they meet, be that in reopened churches or in homes. If people want a Bible they can either go to a local church and ask for one, order one by post from provincial or local Christian Councils or request the national China Christian Council directly for a supply. If they are out of stock of Bibles, they can place an order, with or without advance payment, and receive the scriptures as they become available.

They may have to wait for their Bible or they may be able to buy one straight away; either way Christians can get Bibles in China without fear. Contrary to recent

media reports these certainly will not have to be signed for by recipients.

The Amity Foundation, which operates the Press, is a legal entity recognised by the government and this is the extent of its relationship to the government. The government is not controlling or regulating the number of Bibles and New Testaments being produced nor who gets a copy.

The printing of Bibles is an ongoing, long term project of the China Christian Council. Information regarding the availability of Bibles is regularly made known to the Christian public, mainly through the journal of the China Christian Council, "Tian Feng:" (Heavenly Wind), which has a wide circulation among churches as well as Christian groups and individuals.

It would appear that the future for Christians in China is a much happier one than some outside observers would have us believe.

A cameraman working on a new creation science film in the US, which features Australian Ken Ham, became so convicted by the film's message that he committed his life to Christ. The film "The Genesis Solution" has Ken Ham presenting biblical solutions to critical issues.

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How do we cope with life's changes? This was the question addressed in *A Time for Coping*, which was a series of sessions held at the Maylands, S.A., church. Session leader was Kevin Harvey, a Churches of Christ minister, practising psychologist, director of Koorlingal Homestead, Williamstown, a centre for the enrichment of marriage, family and personal life.

Dozens of people attended the seminar each Thursday night for

five weeks. Churches of Christ people were joined by people from the local Uniting Churches and from the community.

Sessions dealt with marriage and the changes that happen over time in every marriage; with the changes that come from life's transitions — life style, mid life, retirement, work, the empty nest, ageing; with recognising the signs and causes of stress and discovering more effective ways of coping with it; with surviving times of struggle and loss in grief and sickness, and finding healing; with increasing the joys and satisfactions of parenting and coping with its difficult times.

Attendees were delighted with Kevin's warmth, enthusiasm and insights, which stretched them, challenged them and changed them.

— Richard Lawton.

## Perth Bible College Graduation

The 1987 Graduation service marked the completion of another very successful year in the history of Perth Bible College. The Principal, Dr. Alan Meers, reported that there had been 27 full-time students and over 100 part-time students studying during the year and already 11 applications are in hand for 1988.

Among new innovations were the training of Special Religious Instruction ("Scripture") Teachers and this course had proved to be very popular. Next year the College will offer a Graduate Diploma in Ministry for people engaged in full-time Christian ministry. The first activity in this course will be a seminar series by Dr. James Bolce on January 29.

The other exciting news for next year was the recent decision to construct the four remaining residential units. Already a donation has been received which will completely cover the cost of the brick laying.

During the evening Mrs. Margaret Meers led the student Choir in two songs and four students demonstrated how "The Touch of His Hand" study series works in practice.

12 students qualified for various College awards including

Andrew McKenzie (Scarborough), Julie-Ann Glenle (Kalgoorlie) and Frank and Barbara Robson (Thornlie).

The speaker for the evening was John Bond, minister of the Thornlie, W.A., Church of Christ who presented seven principles of discipleship from Matthew 12.

## Answers to Prayer

More than 40 members of the Ringwood, Vic., church each spent an hour in a day of prayer and fasting on Melbourne Cup Day (Nov. 3), immediately before a weekend of special meetings with Paul Downie from Manifold Heights, Vic. The meetings were under the captivating theme of "The Great Escape".

There were special feature meetings for young adults, youth, mothers, elders and leaders. On the Friday evening 100 sat down for a meal together. Brian Jacques was the song leader with Michael Dunn providing music and a testimony. "Emmanuel" played at the youth night and our own Andrew Stray (with Nellie Bland) and Scott White also brought top quality contributions

## World Christian Action

World Christian Action, formerly Inter-Church Aid, is the relief agency representing most non-Roman churches in the world. Neither name has been very well known, but everyone knows about the Christmas Bowl, World Christian Action's approach to the churches at Christmas time, and there are very few Christian homes where a bowl does not appear on the Christmas Dinner table.

The Federal Department of Christian Union has supplied the following material to inform readers about what World Christian Action is.

It is one of the oldest voluntary relief agencies in the world. Frequently it is the first agency into emergencies and often the last to leave.

The Australian World Christian Action is promoted by the Australian Council of Churches. It enables the churches of Australia to do together far more than what could be done by single de-

nominations in isolation.

Through its long experience W.C.A. has developed expertise, particularly in relation to developmental projects where training and direction are necessary. Also through its reputation, it has won entry where, in some areas and countries, entry is not granted.

Relief in the form of food and clothing, shelter and medicine, is commonly basic, but relief is not enough.

Developmental projects which will help people to help themselves are essential to aid programs. As well as that a depth dimension to all aid is an undergirding support for justice.

Education both in the giving and the receiving countries, is a necessary part of the aid program.

As a co-operative program W.C.A. is not paternalistic but consultative. Projects and priorities recommended by the receiving countries make up the programs. That is why we aim to reach the target of \$2,500,000 in this year's Christmas Bowl.

## National Gathering for Parliament House opening.

Up to 100,000 Christians are expected to converge on Canberra in May next year for the opening of the new Parliament House by the Queen.

The Gathering's organising committee is urging Christians from across Australia to come to the nation's capital on May 7—9 and join in the mass witness of prayer, celebrations and marches.

Committee chairman Desmond Higgs said he was "very gratified to see the co-operation given by

Government officials and the Canberra Police Command in planning the various events for the weekend."

This historic opportunity to witness is being supported and organised by Canberra Christians and 16 Australian Christian organisations.

All who want to help can contact Des Higgs or Rick Ward at Y.W.A.M. Canberra on (062) 41.5500 or P.O. Box 61, Watson 2602 or Mal Garvin on (051) 44.6864.

to the programs.

On the Saturday night a bus load from Manifold Heights came to support their minister with a magician, testimonies and songs. Earlier the Ringwood young people had attended a special service at Manifold Heights.

Prayer was answered as 15 stepped forward to confess Christ publicly over the weekend. More than that came forward for prayer for reconciliation, repentance and healing. On the Sunday night after the service there were still 40 who had stayed for prayer and to en-

courage others in the chapel at 10 p.m.

Many lives were touched. Six are being baptised in December. Whole families have been reached, relationships amongst the young people which were broken have been healed, new Bible study groups are starting and God is using the new believers to bring their friends to the Lord.

— Barry Jenkins.

**RECOMMEND THE CHRISTIAN**



## P.N.G. Pastor Honoured

Pastor Mukok (pronounced Moo-kock) of our Samban church was decorated with a medal from the Governor-General to commemorate 10 years of independence in September 1985. Mukok however, is not a man of financial means to enable him to travel to Port Moresby to receive his award in person. Eventually, after much delay, his medal was presented to him by the local councillor in a small ceremony at the Samban church.

On the occasion I could not help but think of what God had achieved through our missionaries over the years. Samban was still very much steeped in traditional animistic thinking when Alleen Draney and Rosalie Rofe made their first visit here in 1969. Literacy was virtually unknown in the area, and so they requested the village people to choose a person who would be willing to attend a short course on the basics of learning how to read and write.

By consensus, the village chose its leader, Mukok, to go. He was a little sceptical though and told his people, "You all know me as a pig-headed, obstinate man. If I find it too difficult I will run away and return to the village!" By contrast, Mukok came back after the course was over in sheer delight, for he discovered that his initial literacy skills were opening the way for him to understand 'God's talk' through the pages of the Bible.

In 1970 Rosalie Rofe moved



### Mukok's Medal Presentation

the Pidgin School from Asau to Bunam where Mukok continued to attend until 1973. He did however, have to return briefly to Samban in 1972 after his first wife died following childbirth complications.

In 1974 Mukok went to Yamen as a Pidgin School teacher to strengthen the foundations of a small work that was developing there. Since 1982 Alleen Draney has resided at Yamen to found the Yamen Girls Bible School now located here.

In 1975 Mukok had a strong desire to return to his native Samban but the mission had other ideas. Plans were under way for a new Bible School to be established at Tumba in 1976 with Bob Whan as Principal. Mukok was called upon to go and share in the construction of the dwellings and a classroom.

Mukok was among the very first intake of our students to attend Bible School, graduated towards the close of 1977, and immediately returned home to be baptised at Samban. However, because the mission had moved August Ben from Mul to Samban in 1976 Mukok felt led to work again at Yamen some three hours walk away from Samban.

This step meant that Mukok was able to minister there while two men from Yamen, Kanjan and Tomsen, could undergo training with the 1978-79 Bible School intake. August Ben returned to Vanuatu in 1979 after a

superb ministry, but Mukok waited until the new graduates were settled in before at long last he was able to minister to his own people at Samban. It had taken 10 years.

The church at Samban continued steadily under Mukok's leadership until in 1984, after repeated invitations, he consented to relocate and minister to the village people at Kekten. Without him, the church at Samban gradually went into decline. In his absence, the winds of revival were starting to blow from August 1985 onwards, gently at first but then with a mighty Pentecost rush. In a little over a year Samban was to witness almost 300 baptisms!

Mukok returned to Samban at Christmas 1985 and these days is working with me in advisor role to the national churches in our area. In this task his work involves imparting the value of his vast wisdom and knowledge to others, stimulating congregations, supporting younger pastors and giving inservice training to inexperienced leadership.

—Graham Batley,  
(Samban, P.N.G.)

### Rotary Vocational Award



Tony Gluth (President) making presentation to Mervyn and Mercy Lawrie

—Photograph courtesy of "The Times"

The Victor Harbor, S.A., Rotary Club has honoured Mervyn Lawrie with its Vocational Award.

The Rotary meeting heard that Mervyn Lawrie was an outstanding example of using vocation beyond the call of duty to serve others.

Retiring from the full-time ministry at the age of 70 Mervyn has relentlessly continued to minister to people in need. Now 80 he is honorary chaplain to the South Coast District Hospital, a regular visitor to three of Victor Harbor's nursing homes and ministers to numerous "shut-ins" and other

needy folk.

For relaxation he enjoys fishing. He was a keen sportsman in football and cricket, and on leaving College joined the Gawler A grade cricket team, making centuries in his first three matches.

Mr Lawrie left his father's farm in the lower Mid-North in 1930 and trained for full-time ministry at the College of the Bible.

He ministered at Gawler, Tumby Bay, Wudinna, Kadina, Port Pirie, Beverly, Fullarton, Kaniva and Victor Harbor, retiring to Victor Harbor 10 years ago.

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Churches of Christ Bible College. I can recall no announcement or decision of Federal Conference authorising the setting up of still another College and thus further fragmenting the already crowded Bible College scene.

This seems to me particularly regrettable at the very time that our Federal College is in the throes of setting up its new campus and needs the support of the Australian churches.

Do we want or need leaders with "Diplomas of Church Administration" who if we are to judge by the illustration are young men with computers and telephones and "a fresh dynamic approach to training to become champions"?

Presumably 'improved' administration techniques are supposed to lead to improved communication. With whom? And what are we to communicate?

I commend to readers a little book in the WCC Risk series "Beyond Technology" by John Bluck. Space restrictions forbid quotes but one sticks in my mind — "Why doesn't the electronic church produce a more Christian America?"

— Max Collyer  
(Boronia, Vic.)

## REPLY TO M. COLLYER'S LETTER

The Institute was founded by the Wollongong, N.S.W., Church of Christ (membership constitutes 12% of N.S.W. Brotherhood) with the backing of 10 senior ministers of some of our nation's largest churches. Its goal is to investigate a "church based model" for training a few very gifted individuals. It only accepts "self starters with a strong call and who believe in Church Growth". Students study biblical and theological work at the N.S.W. Brotherhood College and the Diploma in Ministry is issued jointly by the Institute and the Brotherhood College. Students attend management and other academic courses at Wollongong University and practical subjects at Wollongong and by internship in positive growing churches. The Institute is unashamedly committed to the Church Growth Movement. From what I remember of Mr Collyer's philosophy (in his letters) the Institute would not be for him.

— Barry McMurtrie.

## CHRISTIANS IN FELLOWSHIP

To the Editor,

After reading two books, the New Testament and the book "That They All May be One" published by the Austral Company in 1909, and then reading the two

documents "The Basis of Membership in Churches of Christ" (1978) and "Christians in Fellowship" (1964), I am completely confused after 58 years of membership with Churches of Christ in Victoria. Jesus commanded confession of faith and the immersion of believers. The Apostle Paul endorsed the instruction of Jesus.

Members of other denominations who hold to these New Testament teachings may be received into our membership by letters of transfer. But can we honestly call ourselves New Testament churches if we admit "Christians in Fellowship". This is a hot potato and should be dropped. Would we go into a Roman Catholic church and have the audacity to move that some of their tenets be changed to suit our beliefs? Everyone moving into a Church of Christ should be given a copy of the New Testament Church Constitution. God requires obedience to his word for the blood bought church in all things, and this includes church government. The church from the beginning "continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

— Henri Pietzsch  
(Hurstbridge, Vic.)

## MISSION GIVING LAGS

To the Editor,

I was appalled to read in "Missionary News" that giving to Overseas Missions is already \$31,319 behind budget requirements.

All Christian missions are worthy of support but our first priority must be to our own Churches of Christ missions, already restricted in their outreach. We are committed to support them and are the only ones who support them. When we fail in that support we betray our missionaries' trust and neglect the Lord's commission.

How disappointed and disillusioned our overseas churches must be that their brethren in Australia have failed them! Are we now forcing our Overseas Missions to continue to cut back in the areas where our Lord has called us in the same way that we've done to our Aborigines Missions? At Carnarvon and Norseman, the first centres of our Aborigines work, there are now no missionaries. The church at Looma has been pleading for a pastor for so long, and now that one has been appointed, it seems doubtful that he will be able to continue there because of inadequate giving.

Brothers and sisters, at a time

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## COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

### GARDEN PARTY

You are Invited to the College of the Bible Garden Party, to be held on the grounds of the Glen Iris campus

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You and your family are welcome to meet others interested in the College, to meet the new students and enjoy what could be the last Glen Iris Garden Party.

Bring along your picnic tea, tea and coffee will be provided.



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when we are spending so much on ourselves in this affluent land, please urge our church boards to encourage us to recognise our obligations and support our missions in prayer and giving as our 'reasonable service' to our Lord.

— Elma Ewers  
(Perth, W.A.)

## LAW AND ORDER

To the Editor,

Whilst acknowledging the undoubted leadership of the churches and other charity based organisations in relieving distress in the community, little or nothing is done to reduce or eliminate the underlying causes of distress.

In fact, I have yet to learn of any church or other organisation making an all out attack on two major causes of distress i.e., irresponsibility and corruption in both government at all levels and the media, especially television which is now practically devoid of all censorship and almost totally "self regulatory".

It is my conviction, after 18 years of letter writing, approaching clubs etc. about membership in the Festival of Light and similar organisations, that the churches can and should take a leading role in an all-out attack on such irresponsibility and corruption.

This is not the responsibility of the clergy alone, but of every rank and file member to protect the morals and indeed lives of their children and/or grandchildren, and to do this by the appointment of "law and order" committees in every congregation to attack these areas of concern. I believe the vast, all too silent, majority are ready and willing to applaud and assist any consecrated committee so appointed.

What would Jesus do!

— Chas C. Wadsworth  
(Campbelltown, N.S.W.)

## IRRELEVANCES

To the Editor,

It seems to me that we have become swamped with an array of irrelevant issues in Christianity. Some examples of what I am referring to are the following —

1. Bicentennial Backmasking.

If it's true, then there are two possibilities — a) You're a Christian therefore it cannot harm you and b) You're not a Christian and it doesn't matter anyway.

2. Creation Science.

Who cares how old the earth is? What has the method of God's creation got to do with humans coming into a relationship with him?

3. The popular interpretation of Revelation.

I am referring, of course, to the self-appointed prophets who watch every event in the world and draw some outrageous conclusions about Christ's return and other future events. Not only does this practice consume too much time and money that should be used elsewhere, but it sucks God's people into some sort of palliative arrangement whereby they needn't worry about reversing some of the injustices in the world. They can sit back and act as visionary voyeurs because when the rapture comes they will be whisked away before the tribulation, which is reserved for all the "commies" and other undesirables such as Catholics.

All that these side issues do is take away from the glorious revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the power that is available to change the lives of men, women and children.

— Paul Craven  
(Belmore, N.S.W.)

The first Anglican Catholic Church of Canada in Australia congregation has been formed in Brisbane. The Archbishop of Brisbane, Sir John Grindrod, has been obliged to accept the resignation of Rev. Albert Haley, who is in charge of the new congregation. Former Anglicans who associate with the new ACCC congregation have effectively excommunicated themselves.

## Home for Christmas

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tance was given by an Australian church member. The Department of Mission, Education and Development and the Department of Community Care have actively co-operated to assist the family. The Departments would welcome enquiries about assistance.

Now a new life for the Pham family has begun. Father and son are deeply thankful to God whose guidance they acknowledge and feel through the traumatic years of separation. The Richmond Viet-

namese church is committed to a program of refugee sponsorship and currently has accepted eight sponsorship applications. The Department of Community Care plans to assist with material needs to supplement the caring spirit of the congregation. The Pham family story is a tribute to human endurance and their steadfastness in hope and faith. They have a strong commitment to building a new life in their adopted homeland. After the long, lonely years of separation everyone is home for Christmas.

— Don Smith

## Church leaders and the Bi-Centennial Year

The leaders of 13 of the major churches of Australia, including our Federal President, Nell Gilmore, have been praying and studying the Scriptures and thinking together for the past two years, concerning major Australian issues. These are issues that Christians should be thinking about and acting upon during the Bi-Centennial Year, and afterwards.

In the statement to the churches they acknowledged their concern at the divisions between the churches while they proclaim the Gospel of Reconciliation.

The leaders have identified the areas of Australian life that should be of major concern to Christians. They are

1. the need for reconciliation with God as our only hope,
2. racial and multi-cultural tensions,
3. the breakdown of family life,
4. the need for Divine guidance in technology to ensure that what could be life-giving does not become life-destroying,
5. the gap between haves and have nots,
6. Australian isolationism,
7. the division between Aboriginal people and the rest of society.

The church leaders will continue to meet for worship and study and will issue some short papers to stimulate discussion and action amongst Christians.

On March 14, 1988 they will share in a half night Vigil for the Nation, inviting fellow Australians to join them in prayer, across the nation.



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## VIC

**DANDENONG** (P. Pitts, F. Rees, M. Esbensen). Church saddened by the death of Fred Reveleigh. Church expresses sympathy to Gwen Reveleigh, Lianne & families, Wendy & families ... Annual meeting held ... CYF held youth camp at Belgrave Heights ... \$733 collected for 40 hour famine ... Hazel Nicholas was bitten by dog on the way to church ... Gwen Reveleigh, Lil Hayhow & Ron Edwards all been in hospital.

**ORMOND** (G. Stibbe, P. Cannon). Glen Stibbe commenced Precept by Precept Bible study group ... CYF conducted youth service. Andrew George preached sermon ... 50 attended Kindergarten luncheon ... Church joined Carnegie in camp at Monbulk ... Fair was great success ... Maidstone church showed two audio-visuals ... Raoul Wittick leaving for Japan soon. Was congratulated on graduation COB ... Andrew George appointed student minister Sunshine ... Lowanna Singers presented the Beatitudes. Delightful.

**PRESTON** (J. McCormick). Sally Weir is currently spending seven weeks working at a kibbutz in Israel ... The congregation have brought gifts of toys, food & money to be distributed to needy families in the Preston area for Christmas ... 35 elderly citizens enjoyed a Christmas luncheon given by the CWF. The entertainment was by the Balwyn Elderly Citizens Concert group ... Church saddened by sudden death of Mrs Audrey Fleming.

**BORONIA** (Kelth Milne). Annual meeting discussed increased giving to World Hunger, accepted in principle new concept of CFA, listed goals for church & community & other matters. Elected to board new Elder John Bird; Deacons Graham Billing, Elaine McLeod; Treasurer Col Henry; School Superintendent John & Cherry Bird ... Dedication service held for Elders, Deacons ... Student minister for 1988 Mike Folland, wife Ruth & children welcomed.

**GREENSBOROUGH** (John Inman). Family camp at Cowes successful in every way. Theme

"One Small Step" challenged 69 in attendance ... Recently Fiona Scott (first church baby) was married at Police Academy ... Youth support group donated \$350 to Sutherland Children's Home ... John Inman farewelled to Shepparton during Christmas party organised by tennis club &

Bible School ... Cantata "The Night the Angels Sang" blessing to Greensborough, The Patch & Ivanhoe.

**NORTH BALWYN** (Paul Burnham). Supper arranged to farewell student minister Mike Folland & family ... Minister Paul Burnham inducted & with Ra-

elene, Lincoln & Prue welcomed into membership. Peter Burnham preached, choir sang at induction service ... Members met minister & family at coffee evenings in homes ... Elizabeth Short baptised. Claire Short, Julie dela Fronde, Jodie Wood confessed their faith ... Youth group organised successful supper show.

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## BIRTHS

**BANKS** Trevor and Helen welcome with love their granddaughter Candice Rae, born 8th December at Ferntree Gully Hospital. Thankyou to Lizbeth and Mark.

**BYRNE (BROWN)** Patsy and Alan thank God for the safe arrival of Nathan Michael (10 lb. 11 oz.) at Box Hill Hospital, 27th November 1987. A big brother for Simon. Mother and son both well.

**PAGE (NEILSON).** 22.11.1987. Sarah Michelle, Stephen and Maureen's beautiful daughter. Sister of Christopher and Kylie. Iris and Alan's sixth grandchild. We are indeed blessed.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**STEELE — ANDREWS** Pam and Eric Steele of Keysborough together with Barbara and Howard Andrews of Rosanna are pleased to announce the engagement of Carolyn and Mark. Congratulations and love from both families.

## RUBY WEDDINGS

**HOLMES — JOHNSON** Ron and Shirley were married on 17th January 1948 at Cottesloe, W.A., by Em Sherman. They are grateful for all the blessings life together has brought. Present address — 6 Keirana Ave., Pt. Noarlunga, S.A.

## GOLDEN WEDDINGS

**ZAMBRA (JOLLY)** Brian and Beryl of 3 Dalley Ave., Pagewood, N.S.W. Married at Enmore Church of Christ on 15th January 1938. Best wishes from Genevieve, Barry, Susan, Warren, Jan and their families.

## DEATHS

**LEACH** John (Jack). Passed away peacefully at Swan Hill on November 20. Loving husband of Margaret (deceased). Loved father of Robin, Juliet, Athol, Dallas, Bev and Helen. Father-in-law to Thelma, Daryl, Lynette, Cheryl, Gordon and David. Loved Pa to 15 grandchildren. We give thanks for his life. At peace with his Lord. **LEACH** John. At Swan Hill on 20th November 1987. Loving father and grandfather of Athol, Lynette, Andrew and Mark. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints".

**LEACH** John (Jack). On November 20th at Swan Hill. Loved father of Rob and Thelma and Pa to De-Ann and Wayne. We give thanks for his life and his devotion to his Lord. We will love and remember him always. At rest in God's care. **REVELEIGH** Edward (Fred). On November 23rd at Dandenong

and District Hospital. Dearly loved and loving husband of Gwen. Dearly loved father of Lianne (Avery) and Wendy (Allen). Fond father-in-law of Allan and John. Greatly loved Grandpa of Colin, Peter and Rebecca, Neville and Judy; Matthew and Nyree and loved great Grandpa of Tara.

## IN MEMORIAM

**LANGLEY** Harold Ernest. Called home Jan. 12th 1979. My love for you will always keep. It cannot fade it grows too deep. The happy days we spent together, Those loving memories will last forever. Your loving wife Rene and family. **LANGLEY** David Malcolm. Called home 24.12.1965. Treasured memories of our dear son and brother, Treasured memories are a gift from God. They cannot be bought but they last forever. Your loving mother, brothers and sister.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

**GORDON AND LESLEY STIRLING AND CHRIS AND MARY AMBROSE** wish all their friends a joyous Christmas. They pray that they will have a blessed New Year. They thank all "Australian Christian" subscribers for their loyalty and support for another year. **CUDDY**, Tom. Praising God for another opportunity to celebrate the wonderful time of Christmas, I take this opportunity to wish all my friends the Season's Greetings. May you all experience a time of deep refreshment. Numbers 6: 24-26.

**HUNTING** Would all my many friends who remember me at Christmas graciously accept this instead of cards and letters as wishing God's blessing and presence to be with them this wonderful time of the year. — Frank Hunting.

**KENNEDY** Sister Florrie Kennedy of Nhill will not be sending Christmas cards this year but extends greetings for a blessed Christmas to all her friends.

**STOKIE** George & Muriel Stokie wish their friends a very happy Christmas and blessings for 1988 and advise because of their health situation they are no longer able to send personal messages and will donate to the Rice Bowl and World Vision appeals instead.

**WILLIAMS** Mr and Mrs E. Lyall Williams wish to extend seasons greetings to all their friends. A gift to World Christian Action will be sent in place of the customary cards.

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The idea that Christianity is the world's fastest growing religion is untrue according to David Barrett, Editor of The World Christian Encyclopedia. Christianity comes in third after Islam and Buddhism.

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## VIC

**WARRACKNABEAL-BRIM** (E. Volker, D. Harmer). It was with joy the congregation watched our two pastors baptising their elder daughters. Eric Volker baptising Katrina & David Harmer baptising Sarah ... There have also been some rededications ... Under the leadership of Eric Volker three Bible study & prayer groups are well attended. One at Brim with 12 participating, one at Warracknabeal in the afternoon with a group of 'oldies', the eldest 90, & an evening group.

**NUNAWADING** (E. Keating, J. Wright, G. Harris, S. Ludgater, C. Bentley). Evening service featured PKs (Preachers' Kids) ... 74 attended singles camp at Cowes ... 1987 aggregate attendances (total all Sunday services) averaging 515 ... \$15,600 now invested by Friends of Force Ten. Accrued interest allocated quarterly ... The Hanging of the Greens highlight of CWAFF Christmas luncheon ... Church program for 1988 presented at dinner. Guest speaker Muriel Robottom ... Members contributed to Advent devotional booklet.

### EASTERN SUBURBAN REGION

**CAMBERWELL** (L. Gibb, V. Longthorp). Nicole Fordham baptised during church's 71st anniversary service Nov. 8 ... Lucy Stevens has had further surgery to her leg ... Elders are meeting with Surrey Hills/Wattle Park Elders to plan joint churches program for 1988 ... Amy Somerville & Gwen Lawes have returned from interstate holidays as have Len & Val Baldwin.

**ASHBURTON** (Ken Barton). Happy & successful 46th church anniversary with Clive Ward as speaker & Glenys Reaby soloist. Thanksgiving offering reached goal of \$1,000 with total of \$1,146 making church a 'Key Giver' for College of the Bible ... Observation of World Communion Sunday included an audio-visual on Coventry Cathedral ... Host church for regional conference & Sunday evening services for Nov ... Ethel & Carl Swanson celebrate golden wedding.

**SURREY HILLS/WATTLE PARK** (L. Gibb). Special proj-

ects Day raised over \$3,000 for College of the Bible ... Milton Oliver, second year student at COB, to be student minister at Surrey Hills/Wattle Park & Camberwell in 1988 ... Larry & Pauline Gibb & family returning to minister at Kalgoorlie ... recent family service well attended ... Church saddened at recent death of Bonnie Dinsdale.

**HARTWELL** (G. Rogerson). Well attended family service on World Communion Sunday included re-enactment of the Last Supper ... Good News Bibles now placed in pews along with a new pulpit Bible given in memory of Ann McDonald ... Another Bible study group now meeting on Saturday mornings ... CWF buffet dinner raised \$400 for COB ... Thanks expressed to paper drive group for 16 years ministry.

**BALWYN** (G. Warren). Recent homecoming service well attended with a number of visitors. Dr Alex Kenworthy of 3AW's 'Nightline' was guest speaker ... Church has sold manse & bought another within one kilometre of church ... In morning services we have had a series of addresses on "What Makes a Church Tick?" They have been based on 1 Thesalonians ... farewell held for George & Lesley Warren & family as they move to Greensborough.

**EAST KEW** (E. Roffey). Recent visiting speakers have included Principal of the College of the Bible, Dr W. Tabbernee, & Louis van Laar of Dept. of Community Care ... Hobbies Workshop, an after-school program for children, have been making kites to fly at a barbecue tea to be held as a break-up ... Rex Prince has had successful by-pass surgery on his heart.

**PORTLAND** (R. Hough). Sunday School anniversary held Nov. well attended by large congregation ... Church annual meeting Nov. 24. Elders elected A. Butler, R. Hope, K. Johnson; Deacons: K. Whitbourn, R. Moody, S. Moody, L. Marriott; Deaconess: L. Butler ... Rex Moody in hospital after serious car accident ... Planning day held Nov. 27-28 with Hamilton joining Saturday afternoon session where we planned next years activities for the two churches ... R. Hough accepted appointment for an indefinite

period.

**OCEAN GROVE** (Andrew Henley). Harvest Thanksgiving service great day. Church luncheon. Baskets of food given to those in need ... Andrew Henley graduated & ordained & gave speech on behalf of all students ... Two further baptisms in the ocean. Brother & sister John & Lorelle White ... Annual general meeting three Elders elected & new board formulated for 1988 ... Minister will address community Carols by Candlelight service Dec. 20.

**RINGWOOD** (Barry Jenkins). Special meetings with Paul Downie resulted in 15 confessions of faith. many more came

for prayer ... 40 each spent one hour at the church on Cup day as part of a day of prayer & fasting ... Two new Elders, Barry Brookes & Barry Stewart, were appointed at annual meeting ... Church supporting Bill Newman Crusade in March 1988.

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## More About Barry



**Gordon Stirling and Barry Farnsworth**

We have already told the Barry Farnsworth story ("A.C." Sept. 5) Barry is blind and paraplegic, except for slight movement in one hand. He is confined to bed.

This does not stop Barry from working for the church he loves and whose worship services he cannot attend, the Sandringham, Vic. church.

He is now on Sandringham's Outreach Committee, as well as being a corresponding member of the church board, receiving reports and minutes and sending suggestions for the agendas. He keeps a note book and his amanuensis is often busy taking down material from his fertile and active

mind.

Barry is now the official Church of Christ representative at the Elanora Home where he and several other Churches of Christ members live. The Sandringham church plays an active pastoral and worship role in the Home.

Barry is on the church plan, recording readings and church prayers for replay in services, and recently helped to plan a Christmas service.

He is a perpetual answer to the countless church people who pass up service opportunities with a horrified, "Oh, I could never do that!"

## Graphics Skills



Kim and Jane Stokle featured above are a talented couple associated with the Cheltenham, Vic. church. Jane has recently returned from a visit to Taiwan where she represented Australia in the graphic design section of the Workskill Australia team. Jane won the regional graphic design competition in Melbourne and

then the national competition in Adelaide where she was presented with the Graphic Design Gold Medal by the Governor General.

Kim is Associate Secretary of Christian Projects. He is an accountant by profession. Kim is already planning a number of activities for Christian Projects.

## Call Me What You Like



— Peter and Kerry Schulz  
(Londua Trainig Centre, Ambae)

How many names can a person have? In Vanuatu, there are no restrictions to how many names you can have.

When we left Australia our names were Peter and Kerry Schulz. Here we are known as Mr. Peter, One long fela man, Teacher from Londua and Mrs Kerry, Mrs Peter, Wife bilong Mr Peter, Mrs Kerry Peter or just Mrs (they do have trouble pronouncing Schulz) in West Ambae language we are referred to a "Tum Tan's" which means whiteman.

The people here have many names., An English name, a language name, and their last name which can be their father's name, their mother's name, their

husband's name, or the lot! There is also a variety of spellings.

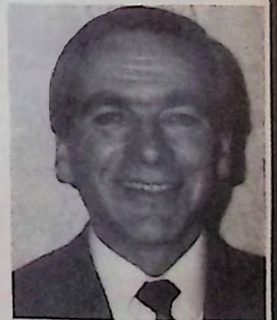
This gets to be very confusing when you are trying to teach students at school. Often they decide on a new name after the school holidays. For instance Kerry has a student called Bendini Boa. When talking to the teachers about this particular student she discovered no one had heard of him. Apparently he calls himself this name in English lessons and in all other subjects he is known as Alfred Mera!

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Father Peter Cross has been elected as the new President of the Victorian Council of Churches. Father Cross is the first Roman Catholic to chair the VCC. The Catholic Church has been a member church of the VCC since 1979. Father Peter Cross is a lecturer in Theology at the Catholic Theological Seminary.

The Australian Council of Churches has launched an appeal to help drought victims in Ethiopia. A grant of \$50,000 from Christmas Bowl funds will commence the appeal. This grant will provide food and transportation costs. 6 million Ethiopians will be at risk of

famine in 1988. Donations should be marked "Ethiopian Appeal" and sent to Australian Council of Churches, P.O. Box C199, Clarence St., Sydney 2000.

The number of abortions in Australia has increased by almost 50% in the last 7 years to 61,773 in 1986-7 according to Medicare refund statistics. The refunds totalled \$6.5 million. There is some dispute on the figures as 7 years ago there were not accurate figures which have been available with the commencement of Medicare.

The Roman Catholic bishops of the US have voted to ask church members to make an

annual special offering for the next 10 years to help cover some of the \$2.5 billion needed to care for thousands of elderly nuns and priests facing poverty. About 44,000 of the 115,000 US Roman Catholic nuns are 70 or older.

A report in a local daily newspaper has accused some Christian missionaries of being part of a series of land grabs in the Dumka region of Bihar, India.

2 World Vision project workers were killed in a recent attack on a community in Peru. A third worker was seriously wounded in an attack believed to have been carried out by members

of the Shining Path guerrilla movement.

A leading member of the Sudanese Catholic Church has spoken of slavery and persecution of Christians in Sudan. The Archbishop of Khartoum says thousands of people have been abducted by force from the south of the country to be sold as slaves in the north.

More than 2,000 have died in detention in Sudan over the past year according to the Sudanese Council of Churches. The report claims that 800 - 1,000 of the deaths have occurred in the southern city of Wau and 1,000 in Disen. Christian community

schools throughout Australia have organised a spectacular production, called "Celebrate 88", to be held in the State Sports Stadium, Sydney, on March 27. This is to mark the commencement of their special week long Bicentennial celebrations. Over 60 schools will be involved.

The Leprosy Mission have received a government invitation to participate for the first time in the care of an estimated 4,400 leprosy patients in South Africa.

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## VIC

**MONTROSE (N. Galbraith).** Church celebrated 110th anniversary in Oct. with Gerald Rose as guest speaker & fellowship luncheon after service ... Annual meeting showed an overall increase in membership of nine bringing total to 109. Roger Holland appointed board chairman & Margaret Meehan as secretary ... Special Sunday evening Cabaret Celebration service saw 120 attend. All age groups catered for with Zadok the magician & singing clowns whilst Cheryl Town brought musical items. Minister closed with devotional message.

**BRIGHT (Steve Mackle).** Bright's new minister Steve Mackie will face his first Christmas rush as the tourists pour in ... OAC Ministries & Youth Dimension will be working with us over holiday period ... Farewell barbecue for the Bunn & McCurdy families. Dennis McCurdy has been an Elder for number of years ... Jan & Alan McCormack were baptised at barbecue ... Graham Hyman conducted church planning seminar on Dec. 5.

**BENDIGO (J.S. Sweetman).** Services well attended ... Box Hill youth conducted service Nov. 1 ... New midweek afternoon Growth Group commenced ... Church family picnic held Cup day at Lake Eppalock ... Tape ministry commenced ... Holley & Rowley

Thomas celebrate 50th wedding anniversary with PSA in church ... Two young people baptised ... Louis van Laar recent speaker ... Boys Explorer Club held overnight bike hike ... Young Single conducted evening service Nov. 22 ... John, Naomi Sweetman & boys on holidays.

**CROYDON (W. Gibney).** Three baptismal services in five weeks & two others planned ... Church rejoicing in many answers to prayer ... Annual meeting well attended & 40% increase in giving reported ... Church fully supporting Bill Newman Crusade ... Nora & Kevin Handasyde farewelled Nov. 29 on moving to Bunawor ... Opportunity Shop distributed \$12,300 to various projects & missions.

**BERWICK (Geoff Rowcroft, Guy Cooper).** Members encouraged to allocate 15 minutes in prayer between 12 & 2 pm each Wednesday for specific needs in church life ... Fete raised just over \$4,000 ... Ecumenical service held with Order of St Luke ... Rowcrofts & musicians shared in Shepparton's celebrations ... Three Sunday morning services implemented on a trial basis to alleviate seating problems.

**THE PATCH (Glynthea Finger).** Wonderful time of fellowship enjoyed at November Happening. Commenced with men's breakfast on Nov 21 with Rowland Croucher as speaker. He

also spoke at Sunday morning service after which a luncheon was served followed by Pleasant Sunday afternoon. Ladies breakfast held on following Saturday. Rowland Croucher was again the speaker. All meetings well attended ... Shire grateful for donation of Social Aid box for needy families.

## TOAS

**NUBEENA (Gordon Henderson).** Average weekly attendance for last three months have been am 56, pm 24 & communicants 54 ... Recent visit by Leprosy Mission by Mr Jackson much appreciated ... Ulverstone had weekend on the Peninsula & were present at both services ... Two socials recently held with pleasing results ... Youth group (13-18 years) has included Gwenda Greatbatch as a helper for our minister & Melissa Laycock ... SS in solid practice for anniversary Dec. 13.

**DEVONPORT** Long weekend church family picnic at Turners Beach well attended ... Nov. 6 & 7 Rock Challenge organised by youth for youth along NW Coast. Well patronised with good response. Live bands & speakers ... CWF held a successful progressive luncheon with Ulverstone ladies Nov 9 ... Various speakers partaking in services whilst waiting appointment of a new minister ... Kitchen renovations progress-

ing well.

**LAUNCESTON (Gordon Stirling).** Church packed for funeral of Don Lee ... 120 have now completed two year Bethel Bible Study course ... Nursery & Cradle Roll presentations on Dec. 6. New Gene conducted evening service ... Progressive dinner raised \$1,500 towards expenses of New Gene members attending NYC at Stanwell Tops ... Sir Geoffrey Foot did not stand for the eldership but has agreed to be consultant to the Elders.

The Sydney City Mission, as part of its commitment to the Year of Shelter for the Homeless, opened on December 8 a new centre for intoxicated and homeless men in Manly. The building cost \$330,000. Fairlight House will accommodate 16 at a time. The manager said that the residents working on the restoration has given them a new sense of direction.

Scripture Union Victoria is holding a Children's Workers' Training day On February 27. Cost for the day is \$20. Registration forms from Scripture Union Training Unit, 414A Church St., Richmond 3121.



## Deep Roots and High Hopes.

November was set apart as a month of celebration. It commemorated as near as practical the time when the first public gathering was held in a room at the Glenelg, S.A. Town Hall on Christmas Day 1887.

The idea originated in the hearts and homes of Dr. Sylvanus Magarey, followed by Thomas Magarey, Jnr, who wanted to remember the Lord's blessing in their lives, and as an expression of their faith, set up the communion table in their homes and invited a few folk of like mind to meet with them.

Four years later, July 24, 1892, the church was formally constituted and accepted into the Churches of Christ Evangelistic Union Inc. The arrival of William Burford in Glenelg during his year as Conference President gave the little group new life. In May, 1892 that great man of God, T.J. Gore, who with G.L. Surber had come from the U.S.A. some years earlier to help establish the churches in Australia became the first minister of the young church. A. Smith, Joseph Pittman and Jesse Colbourne (for two periods) ministered in the first few years until the church felt strong enough to purchase land and build a place of worship.

Several present members have close ties with the pioneers of our Movement in S.A. Names like Ald, Messent and Pittman are precious in our history, and give us very deep roots with the past.



Trustee Ray Beaumont handing first allocation from Centenary Trust to Alan Wilson of Happy Valley church.



Past and present ministers — Bruce Burn, Neville Bradley, Eric Hollard, Jim Wright, Colin Curtis and Brian Ricketts.

Kathleen Lawton, former World President of C.W.F. of our World Convention, made her decision while living at Glenelg, and is a grand-daughter of Dr. Sylvanus Magarey. William Burford's tremendous contribution to several of the churches in the early days, his vision for the progress of the work and his outstanding generosity set him apart as one of the great men of our Movement.

In recognition of the vision, faithfulness and service over the years by so many, the month of November was declared to be the month of Centenary, when the history of the church was reviewed, and new heart taken for the future.

November 5-8, Dr. Gordon Moyes of Wesley Central Mission Sydney accompanied by Dale White from Carlingford Bible College led us in 13 sessions in three days in a series of inspirational and outreach meetings - local ministers' luncheon, a reception by the Mayor of Glenelg, Combined Services Clubs dinner (attended by 170), visits to a College (650 students) and High School (200 students) and an open air Youth Spectacular on Colley Reserve (attended by 500) provided successful outreach endeavours. Well attended ladies' meeting, family buffet tea, men's breakfast, church leaders' group and Christian Life Seminar led up to an inspiring worship service on Sunday morning. On most of these occasions Dale White sang, played on his guitar and spoke in an eloquent way of the joy and power of the Christian life.

On November 13 the Glenlea

Singers, a group formed originally from senior scholars of the Sunday School in the 1940s, gave a delightful evening of song led by Kevin Klitto

On November 22 the Sunday School anniversary was held under the leadership of Dawn Giddings. The children highlighted some of the interesting events in the church's history in song, story and by slides.

Temple Days have been features of the Glenelg church for many years and on the day prior to Centenary Sunday, further offerings were made towards our Centenary project - the creation of a Centenary Trust, the income from which will provide continuing support to local, Brotherhood and other Christian outreach projects. On Centenary Sunday it was announced that the fund comprised \$36,000 (including an earlier bequest of \$10,000) and the first allocation was made to the young Happy Valley church to provide lighting in their near completed building. A number of families there were originally young people in the Glenelg church.

Centenary Sunday was celebrated, when five of our previous ministers, Bruce Burn, Colin Curtis, Eric Hollard, Brian Ricketts and Jim Wright, participated in the day, introduced and guided through by present minister, Neville Bradley.

### New President

Dr William O. Paulsell was installed as President of Lexington Theological Seminary on October 4. He is the 13th person to serve as President of the Seminary, which was founded in 1865. The Seminary is a graduate theological institution of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Dr Paulsell served as acting President following Dr Daniel Cobb's death after only seven months in office. He joined the faculty as Dean and Professor of Church History in 1981 after serving 19 years as Professor of Religion at Atlantic Christian College in North Carolina.

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## Vanuatu Discoveries

The Overseas Mission Board sponsored "Tour Vanuatu" was a highly successful event for the 17 involved. Numbers were strictly limited because of accommodation and water supplies on the mission stations.

The tour commenced from Sydney on October 18 for a duration of two weeks with the tourists experiencing many changes in life styles - from the modern to the simplicity of a tropical island life, where watches are decorations. The physical beauty of the Islands was appreciated by everyone, from the viewing the immense power of the living Yasur volcano to the tranquility of the jungle trails and the beauty of the beaches, in most cases God's creation still untouched by mod-



**The Tour Group**

ern life which made it a joy to behold.

The tour was enlightening to all. Close personal contact with the missionaries and their families was possible and they became real people in another country. Real people with real problems and joys, who have a great faith in God and the task they have been called

to.

To meet the people of the Islands, to see their life styles to meet the August Ben's, Bill Bull's, Wilson Wayback's Abel Banis and the many pastors, elders and teachers of the village churches and schools, in their own surroundings is an experience that all should strive for if and when

the opportunity is made available again. Thanks be to God for what is being achieved in people's lives in Vanuatu.

— **Terry and Colleen Howard**  
(Balaklava, S.A.)

## Inaugural Graduation.

The Institute for Contemporary Church Leadership held its inaugural Graduation ceremony on November 28 in the Wollongong City, N.S.W. church. It was a great night of celebration and praise, with over 200 in attendance, including relatives of graduates from Melbourne and Dubbo, as well as the Sydney and Wollongong area.

In reflecting on the past year, Dr Carol Preston, Academic Dean of the Institute, pointed to the way God has blessed and guided the development of the Institute.

Barry McMurtrie, President of the Institute, outlined the goals of the Institute as an alternative



**Barry McMurtrie, Carol Preston, Jay Bacik and Stuart Piggin.**

form of training for ministry.

Seven graduates were awarded a Certificate of Ministry in recognition of one year of full-time training for gift ministries in their churches. These graduates were Margaret Barr (Wollongong), Heather Birkett (Burwood, Vic.), Lynda Smith (Austral), Richard and Shirley Weldner (Wollongong), Christina Wiersma (Wollongong Reform Church) and Jeneen Yearby (Wollongong).

Jay Bacik, senior minister of Northside Community Church, addressed the gathering, also participating in the service was Dr Stuart Piggin, senior lecturer in the History Department of the University of Wollongong and a

member of the Institute board.

A special award was given to Bradley Lewin, one of the 13 first year Diploma student at the Institute. Wes Beavis, associate minister at Wollongong and a member of the teaching team, presented Bradley with the Dr. David Beavis Memorial Church Growth Award, a presentation to be given each year in memory of the late David Beavis and the vision he had for the Australian churches. Bradley was sent to the Institute from Whitfords, W.A. church.

As part of the ceremony, 33 young people from the N.S.W. churches were awarded a Certificate of Youth Leadership, in recognition of participation in a

leadership training program organised by the N.S.W. Dept. Church Development and Education in conjunction with the Institute. Certificates were presented by Chris Hutton, Field Director, and Graeme Hush, minister to youth at Wollongong.

A record crowd of 45,000 jammed into the National Hong Kong Stadium on Nov. 16 for the close of "The Hope of Man" Nov. 9 - 15 Luis Palau Hong Kong Crusade. Nearly 250,000 heard Luis Palau over the Crusade with more than 27,650 making public commitments to Jesus Christ.

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The third significant change in the life of the church took place on November 29. This was the retirement of John Ellerby as church secretary after 34 years. John Flannery is the new secretary. Words in the minute book recognizing his service as Secretary read "Appreciation was expressed for the services of the secretary, John Ellerby over the past 34 years (having now retired) with a resounding vote of acclamation". It is planned to recognise his services in a fitting way at a later date.

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His two sons, Graeme and Trevor, are both ministers of Churches of Christ.

Vocational service chairman, John Hutchinson, said the award recognised not only the giving of many hours in service, but the quality of Pastor Lawrie's ministry. People found him a deeply caring friend who inspired faith, hope and love in all whom he met.

— "Victor Harbor Times"



## C.W.F. Fellowship Link



The Nunawading, Vic., church, Springfield Rd. Christian Women's Fellowship Afternoon Group has adopted the Shepparton C.W.A.F. as their special Country Fellowship Link.

Earlier this year the Springfield Rd. ladies went to visit the group in Shepparton. Recently the Shep-

parton ladies came down to visit Springfield Rd. The photo above was taken on this visit.

If you are a country group who would like a Fellowship Link in the city write to the C.W.F. Country Representative, Mrs Madge Bennett, 143 Autumn St., Geelong West 3218.

## Significant Changes at Thornleigh

November 1987 for Thornleigh, N.S.W., will be a month to remember for some significant changes of personnel in key positions.

After five years of fruitful ministry Paul Burnham concluded his ministry with the church on November 15. A spe-

cial feature of both services were items brought by the choirs. At the conclusion of the evening service the contributions of Paul, Raelene, Lincoln and Prue to the church were recognised. A number from the church expressed their appreciation. John Butler represented the local Ministers' s

## Witnessing for Christ



David Harmer with daughter Sarah and Eric Volker with daughter Katrina.

Fraternal. Ed. Newton (Elder) made a presentation on behalf of the church to each member of the family. The church will greatly miss the leadership of Paul and he responded on behalf of the family. A time of fellowship was enjoyed at supper following the presentation. Franklyn Elliott will follow him as minister and will be inducted on February 7.

On November 22 the services of Paul Sanders (a third year Carlingford College student) were recognised after being a student with us for the past three years. We have seen him grow and develop and his work in particular amongst the young people was most valuable. John West (Elder) made a presentation after the evening service. He leaves us for a period to go to South Perth, W.A., church on an internship as part of his college course.

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— Photo courtesy "Warracknabeal Herald"

November 22 was truly memorable day in the lives of Katrina Volker, Sarah Harmer and their families. Not only were these girls obedient to the word "repent and be baptized... for the forgiveness of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" Acts. 2:38, but each was baptized by her own father. (Eric and David are co-pastors of the Warracknabeal-Brim, Vic., Churches of Christ.)

There was a real Holy Spirit anointing on this meeting as a powerful message was presented in word and song. Some of the local young folk from the Assembly of God presented a number of skits on the need of Jesus in our lives. Although there was no public response, seeds have been sown in the hearts of a number.

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## NSW

**MAITLAND** (R.N. Hawkins). D. Clements shared about Prison Fellowship. Ken, a prisoner, told his testimony ... Mr & Mrs R. Smith shared Teen Mission. They are going to Florida for leadership training ... Dinner date with Dr C. Isbister. 48 present ... Minister spoke at year 10 & 12 farewells at Maitland High ... Christmas card distribution using ACTS material ... Gaylene Hawkins going to West Germany as Rotary Youth Exchange.

**PENDLE HILL** (Ross Pelling, Rohan Burcham). Internal renovations to commence in new year in lieu of expensive additions ... Rohan Burcham commences full-time internship ministry ... Evening service replaced with small groups for fellowship & evangelism ... Morning service average 185 ... Interdenominational family mission planned for 1988 ... Coyzer family baptised recently ... Students Paul & Tracey Guest farewelled.

## QLD

**CALOUNDRA** (J. Welden). Building foundations & slab to be completed before Christmas. Building in earnest to begin in Jan ... Adventure Hour children provided worship program Nov. fellowship tea ... CWF stall at Kawana Shopping Town netted over \$322 ... Several visitors including Nambour ladies welcomed at break-up meeting & luncheon ... Church members helping with Camp Cal luncheon for shut-ins, underprivileged & elderly on Dec. 12.

**LOGAN CITY** (Geoff Hannah). Three teenagers accepted Christ at recent combined rally ... 45 children now attending Bible School ... Ladies work in good heart ... Numbers at gospel services on the increase ... Youth Leadership Training Seminar held at the end of Nov ... Garry Cowley, student pastor, farewelled after two years with the church.

**DALBY** (Neil Melville). Barry Pitt, Bruce Marshall (Mobile Mission Maintenance), Col Deacon speakers during ministers

holiday ... Ed Nash, Trevor Meares & young people took Macalister services ... Trevor Meares, Outback Christians in Ministry, conducts fortnightly communion services by telephone to homes throughout Queensland's outback ... Sunday School scholars received prizes & took part during morning service Nov. 29 ... Gifts brought for Normanton.

## WA

**NOLLAMARA** (D. Althorpe, I. Polmear). Church celebrated 29th anniversary in Nov ... CCG Ministry rally held Oct. 30 ... Minister David Althorpe away speaking at Rivervale family camp ... Young people hosts to older folk from Friendship Centre in a games night & supper ... Shuichi & Elaine Kitamura home from Japan for short visit ... Elders held weekend planning conference to consider plans for 1988 ... Dan Schneider presented a night of drama at evening service.

**SOUTH WEST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BUNBURY** (Len Wallam). Very busy program underway ... Prison authorities allowing pastor to visit cells on one-to-one basis ... Increasing attendances at both Sunday services ... Regular visitation to Brunswick, Harvey, Waroona & Pinjarra ... Clothing sales popular. Have opened opportunities to reach local women. South Australian churches have sent several boxes of lovely clothes to sell ... New Sunday School teachers have assisted smooth running of school ... Rivervale CWF has donated Bibles & chorus books.

"New Life", an independent weekly Christian newspaper, have appointed Rev. Bob Thomas as its new Editor. Bob was formerly Editor of "Australian Presbyterian Life".

An average of 1,000 Muslims write each month to the far eastern Broadcasting Company expressing appreciation for FEBC's radio broadcasts and interest in the gospel.

## Changes of Address

**PURNELL**: Allan and Des — 8 Deakin St., Coburg, Vic. 3058. Phone (03) 386.3161.

**DEVONPORT**: All correspondence — The Secretary, P.O. Box 676, Devonport, Tas. 7310.

**CLINTON**: Russell and Betty — Valley Gardens, 6/20 Renshaw St., Doncaster East, Vic. 3109. Phone (03) 840.1250.

**KENMORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**: New Phone number (07) 378.1988.

**TRARALGON**: Secretary — Ron Picken, P.O. Box 440, Traralgon, Vic. 3844. Phone (051) 74.6058.

**LAUNCESTON**: Minister — Gordon Stirling, 76 Margaret St., Launceston, Tas. 7250. Phone (003) 31.9425.

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## DEATHS

•Bert Watson, Footscray, Vic.  
•Fred Reveleigh, Dandenong, Vic.  
•Mrs Jean Bates, Tumby Bay, S.A.  
•Mrs W.M. Schiller, Mrs J. Hyde, R. Huckle, Brooklyn Park, S.A.  
•Mrs Doreen Marjorie Anthony, Port Lincoln, S.A.  
•Miss Dorothy Goodin, Mrs Os Reeves, Ormond, Vic.  
•Mrs Audrey Fleming, Preston, Vic.  
•Robert (Bobby) Mann, Ocean Grove, Vic.  
•Don W. Lee, Launceston, Tas.  
•Myrtle Klemm, Portland, Vic.  
•Colin Fisher, Rex Baker, Glenelg, S.A.  
•Mrs Daisy Higman, Mrs Jan Pronk, Bright, Vic.  
•Ruth Carter, Cowandilla, S.A.  
•Alex Irwin, Berwick, Vic.

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**MONTROSE**: Secretary — Mrs M. Meehan, P.O. Box 108, Montrose, Vic. 3765.

**OCEAN GROVE**: Minister — Andrew Henley, 99 The Terrace, Ocean Grove, Vic. 3226.

**STEPHENSON, A.W.** — P.O. Box 13, Jamberoo, N.S.W. 2533.

**GISBORNE**: Secretary — The Secretariat, Church of Christ Gisborne, P.O. Box 51, Gisborne, Vic. 3437.

## Forward Together with Christ.

Dr. Gordon Moyes was guest speaker at the Victorian-Tasmanian Presidents' Reception in Dallas Brooks Hall on November 27. His subject was "Forward Together with Christ". In introducing the subject he said,

Plenty of people can shout "Forward!" while not moving themselves. The Generals in the safety of their tents shouted "Forward!" as the Light Brigade faced the Valley of Death. The leading pig at Gadara, shouted "Forward!" after Jesus had healed the demoniac, and set off for the edge of the cliff-top.

There are people who have the qualities of lemmings and all they wait for is a leader to shout "Forward!" and they rush ahead without thought. Opportunistic politicians who jump on and off public bandwagons, strike happy union leaders and greedy employers all have the same skills.

But the Christian declares "Forward Together with Christ!" That immediately qualifies the direction, speed, and purpose of

our ministry.

It governs our direction, because Christ has headed simultaneously in all directions at once. Ascended and glorified, He is free from the physical limitations of our bodies, and in whatever direction we head, we can all be in His company.

It governs our speed, for no matter how fast we reach out now to others, Christ is already there. The first missionary who landed on a remote Pacific Island, overwhelmed by the loneliness of his task, was heightened by seeing on the sand beach the imprint of a single footprint, and he realised that Christ had already landed there before him.

It governs our purpose, because Jesus reaches forward to seek the wandering, to save the lost, and to serve the needy. In His footprints we walk secure in seeking, saving and serving.

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## DISCIPLESHIP

•Bruce Campbell, Mitchell Blyth, Albury, N.S.W. •Paul Critchley, Trevor Tonkin, Castlemaine, Vic. •Ken Gallagher, Glenda Heinze, Glenys Davis, Yarrowonga, Vic. •Mark Cugley, Nollamara, W.A. •Julie Byrne, Stefan Ritchie, Glen Waverley, Vic. •Elizabeth Ritchie, Dandenong, Vic. •Lisa Hawkes, Dale Cleaver, Dale O'Donnell, Prospect, S.A. •Kandy Grey, Rex & Pam Doyle, Marjorie Young, Lorraine Savage, Christine Prior, Freda Rieger, Geoffrey Reed, Lynda Gracie, Stuart Modra, Tania Wakerell, Marlon, S.A. •Susan Wickham, Tina McKenzie, Natalie Adcock, Brooklyn Park, S.A. •Judy Derin, John Skipworth, Gail Croese,

Bowral, N.S.W. •Emma Marshman, Adam Ratcliff, Owen Combined Congregation, S.A. •Elizabeth Short, North Balwyn, Vic. •Katrina Volker, Sarah Harmer, Warracknabeal-Brlm, Vic. •Mavis Barnes, Nunawading, Vic. •Nicole Fordham, Camberwell, Vic. •Ian Cooper, Michael Wierenga, Stuart Greig, Sharon Batchelor, Tina Kost, Mark Baldock, Ringwood, Vic. •John White, Lorelle White, Ocean Grove, Vic. •Barry Charlton, Launceston, Tas. •Debie Sadler, Thornleigh, N.S.W. •Mrs Merryn Standing, Montrose, Vic. •Jan & Alan McCormack, Bright, Vic. •Ron & Judy Cook, Heather Newton, Shane Riches, Richard Smith, Stuart Ashton, Croydon, Vic. •Timothy Fowler, Geraldine Coles, Bendigo, Vic. •Sharon Johnson, Dalby, Qld. •Ron

Harkin, Joanne White, Kelly King, Cowandilla, S.A. •B. Berghius, Mrs D. Berghuis, Miss N. Anulzank, Miss L. Carol, Mrs W. Davie, G. Lucas, M. Wood, Mrs S. Costen, S. Anthony, Greenacre, N.S.W. •Mr & Mrs E. Abraham, David Nannup, South West Christian Fellowship, W.A. •Bill James, Berwick, Vic. •Tim Kroustalis, Kristal Lockley, Ge Thao, Mrs Ker Xiong, Hobart, Tas. •Adrian Coyzer, Tory Coyzer, Karen Warby, Pendle Hill, N.S.W.

Craig Hearn, Glen Waverley, Vic. •Judith Taylor to David Smith, Devonport, Tas. •Janine Kiscock to Greg Neate, Marlon, S.A. •Merryn Dunn to Andrew Lawrie, Tumbay Bay, S.A. •Natalie Packer to Benjamin Hall, Salt Ash, N.S.W. •Sue McKinnon to Anthony Tregenza, Ringwood, Vic. •Kate Ford to Wayne Mildren, Bendigo, Vic. •Miranda Jetta to Allan Davis, South West Christian Fellowship, W.A.

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•Caroline O'Brien to Rhys Jones, Yarrowonga, Vic. •Allison Wright to David Hilbig, Denise Squires to

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**NARACORTE** (Grant Simpson). CWF news: Nine ladies enthusiastically sewed & filled 17 cushions for the Rock children... Fellowship enjoyed by 16 ladies at annual day in the country ... This Christmas two missionary families will be remembered with monetary gifts — the Nicholles in Kenya & the Wallages in Vanuatu ... Coming events: Christmas tea Nov. 12 ... Hospital fete cake stall Nov. 21 ... Combined ladies Christmas social Dec. 1.

**VICTOR HARBOR** (A. Clark). CWF AGM held electing Nell Gruhl as Pres., Jean Shepherd as Sec., Elaine Baggs & Ronda Quillam Vice-Pres. & Irene Clark as Treas ... Special business meeting held to plan "Towards 2000", to decide on elders recommendations to plan for expected growth in members & ministry ... Merv Lawrie presented with Citizens Award for services to the community from VH Rotary Club.

**PROSPECT** (G. Payne). Garage sale resulted in raising over \$1,300. Lots of fun. Everyone involved ... Visit from State Minister Rob Combridge very much appreciated. Copy of his report distributed to all members ... CWF holding final meeting for 87 ... Camera Club final meeting. Presentation of trophies ... Koala Club bus trip to St. Kilda. Visit to trans break-up party ... Exciting time with three more baptisms Dec. 6. Dennis O'Donnell will be baptised in sea at Henley Beach. **MARION** (Graham Agnew, Kelth Horne). Ian Tippet, Vic., has just conducted highly successful planned giving program as church aims for weekly budget of \$4,200 in 1988 ... Recently introduced second morning service going well with numbers steadily building up. Combined morning attendances regularly hit around 300 ... Celebrations at Seven in the evening continue to thrive ... Church packed for a giant concert which featured all local talent (except for one act). Over \$1,000 raised.

**PORT LINCOLN** (Jim Spiker). Jim & Anthea Spiker called by church to provide a team ministry ... Church saddened by sudden

death of valued member Doreen Anthony ... "Leisure Time" musical program attracted 70 for successful afternoon ... Garage sale raised large amount of money for church funds & outreach ... Vera Dodd & Maurice White recovering from sick list ... Church picnic & meeting held at local picnic spot.

**BROOKLYN PARK** (G. Shaw). Church celebrated 63rd anniversary ... Six junior, three senior tennis teams ... Church camp at Victor Harbor ... Deane Olafson spoke to pastoral care teams, hospital visiting ... Coordinators met to plan 1988 ... Board meets bi-monthly ... Visitation of God's Gang parents to form Friendship Groups (Feb. 88) with church members ... Minister continues Graduate Diploma studies with field visit to Gordon Moyes, Sydney ... Sadness at death of foundation member Mrs W. Schiller.

**TUMBY BAY** (Greg Hawkins). Church extends sympathy to Frank Bates & family on Jean's death ... 25 ladies attended Red-cliff camp. Maureen Nankivell camp leader, Margaret Wood study leader ... Scripture Union Beach Mission planned for Christmas holidays ... Combined Ladies fellowships met for Christmas social. 70 attended ... Several interstate visitors had fellowship at Sunday services ... Well attended Dynamite Kids Club goes into recess during Christmas holidays.

**WHYALLA** (Dennis Lord). Church fair went well in spite of 42 degree heat ... Much excitement over church's 47th anniversary. Sonny Pillay spoke. Sonny also led several evangelistic meetings resulting in a great move of the Spirit in many new ways. Thanks to Bordertown church for allowing Sonny to come to us ... In a step of faith we purchased a new organ (Yamaha DX7-IID) and a photocopier. God has miraculously provided in just six months.

**NAILSWORTH** (Brian Trowbridge). Church blessed with six new members recently ... Much praise at the final monthly 'Prayer for Revival' meeting ... Evangelism Committee directing towards community involvement. Close contact with Prospect City Council, Highbury House (for handi-

capped people) & Dept. of Community Welfare ... Outdoor 'Carols in the Park' service planned for Dec. 20 featuring Christian band "Double Take" ... Outreach to local community through 1,200 calendars being distributed.

**DULWICH/ROSE PARK** (Ted Bray, Roger Brown). Tributes to past leading workers of our three original constituent churches — Dulwich Church of Christ, Rose Park Congregational & Methodists (Gartrell) — were paid by speakers for each at parish anniversary & heritage service. Cynthia Snow spoke for Dulwich ... Elsie McIntosh new president of Fellowship group, which held Christmas dinner at home of Ken & Relma Allison, Leawood Gardens.

**COWANDILLA** (R.S.A. McLean). Joined Greek Evangelical Church for thanksgiving service in their new church building ... Two evening services shared with Richmond Baptist ... Supported Ambassadors afternoon of witness. Barbecue & Christian music on local school oval ... 60 children enjoyed Kids Club break-up ... Colin Dredge speaker at morning anniversary service. Evening service around the table sharing with Halls & Dawsons in their recent experience in Vanuatu.

**HENLEY BEACH** On Dec. 13 a presentation was made to Don & Jill Sonsie & family for 11 years of ministry at Henley. They are moving to Merredin & Bruce Rock in WA ... On Feb. 7, 1988, Brian & Merle Hill commence a ministry with us ... Lori McDonald & Frank Broadbent welcomed in as our new Elders ... A special 'thank you' to Jacki A standish & Robert Dodd for their leadership in the Girls' & Boys' Brigades ... Barbara Shrubsole entered hospital for open heart surgery

**HAPPY VALLEY** (Russell Allison). Trash & Treasure, chocolate drive, SS cake stall all very successful fund raisers ... Christian bookstall held over last two Sundays in Nov ... "Adventures in Evangelism" led by Rob Combridge over three weeks. Rob was guest speaker on Dec. 6 ... Sunday School participated in worship service ... Wendy Ridge, Women's Conf. Pres., guest

speaker at annual CWF Christmas dinner.

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**ALBURY** (Rod Foster). Increase in church membership for year approx. 22% ... Ministry team attended John Wimber "Signs & Wonders" Conference in Canberra ... "Graduates" from church's six weeks "Basic Preaching" course recently gave first sermons ... "Help A Needy Neighbour" Christmas appeal underway featuring publicity on 200,000 milk cartons ... Dr Gordon Moyes guest speaker at "Step Out In Faith" weekend Feb. 5-7 ... Excellent video tapes bought for church lending library.

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**GREENACRE** (P. DeWildt, T. Smith). Nov. 29 evening service featured Sunday School presentation of the "Story Telling Man" ... Special dinner for church "oldies" & residents of Croydon Guest Home held Dec. 5 ... Same night saw successful Boys' Brigade display ... Dec. 6 saw Sunday School highlighted by prize giving & end competition ... First of a series of special worship services & nine baptisms ... Church membership has almost doubled in two years.



## VIC

**FOOTSCRAY** (Dan Lundgren). Church has invited minister to remain for further term to 1992 ... Paul & Judy Williams welcomed back to fellowship on return from PNG ... Elders: B. Fielder, K. Holt, H. ...

1988 ... Intermediate Explorers held bike-a-thon to raise \$50 quota for Explorer Jubilee celebrations ... Good number, about 40, attended church picnic at Jells Park South. Enjoyed old time picnic races ... Annual meeting re-elected Elders B. Fielder, K. Holt, H. ... Over \$700, record raised from street stall.

**WAVERLEY** (Ron El-Lindsay Croxford, Elizabeth Patrick). Family dedicated of am service ... Evening service held for

combined GC clubs ... Waves youth group invited board members/partners to dinner (French style) ... Recent artists: R & A Proposch, "Three in One", P Stanley & R VanDenBovenkamp, Carolyn Steele & "Beyond Reason" ... Special concert featured Ray Thornley with supporting artists J Marshall & K & L Baxter ... 52 players enjoyed annual tennis tournament ... Church fete raised over \$1,100.

**YARRAWONGA** The roof & the interior of building have been

painted ... Rod Foster, Albury, baptised a couple. He returned three weeks later to marry them ... Ken Stothard, one of our Elders, is leaving us to enter full-time ministry. He & his wife will be very much missed from all activities. They shortly commence a ministry at Essendon.

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**CASTLEMAINE** (P. Haylock). Prayer chain ministry in action & being well used ... Building committee looking at possible site for redevelopment ... Church office bearers — Elders: R. Kuhle, G. Critchley, C. Roberts; Deacons: C. Clarke, T. Evans, K. Holden, I. Jones, G. Liney, G. Revell; Deaconesses: E. Furlong, T. Turton ... Annual church hospitality luncheon a great success ... Students of Olivet Christian College performed well in recent inter church schools competition.

**CHELSEA** (T. Frazer). Church rejoices with Wayne & Cheryl Allen who have been accepted for admission to College of the Bible



## College of the Bible Graduation



### College Graduates

Graduation 1987 was again held at Blackman Hall, on November 20 with a large and enthusiastic audience. Extra seating had to be brought in to cope with an attendance of 900.

Graduating students were presented by the Principal Dr. W. Tabbernee and other members of the faculty, G. Chapman, I. Allsop and K. Clinton.

Diplomas and certificates were presented by Russell Williams, Chairman of the Board of Management. The recipients were as follows: Certificate in Christian Studies:

Isobella-Ann Deborah Kaye McCabbin and Raoul Jeffrey Wittick.

#### Diploma:

Johannes Paul Erich Schaefer.

#### Diploma in Ministry:

Douglas Jeffrey Gray, Paul William Hammat, Andrew John Henley, John Arthur William Inman, Rhonda Marian Luttrell, Graeme Robert Ritchie, Kelth Ian Thompson, Donald Richard Wesley and Danny Mark Wilson.

#### Diploma in Ministry with Honours:

Ellen Marie (Marjorie) Buckingham and Sylvia Marie Thompson.

The address was given by the Federal Conference President Nell Gilmore who challenged graduates to "Sing the Lord's Song" in a fast changing world, and in a nation quite different from the one known by their parents and grandparents.

The ordination service, as is customary, followed on, conducted by the Principal and

Federal Conference representatives Neil Gilmore and Clive Ward (Chairman of Federal Conference Executive). Those ordained into ministry were Jeff Gray (Hoon, Tas.), Kelth and Sylvia Thompson (Collie, W.A.), Danny Wilson (Col. Light Gardens, S.A.), Don Wesley (Frankston, Vic.), Paul Hammat (Boort/Pyramid Hill, Vic.), Andrew Henley (Ocean Grove, Vic.), Rhonda Luttrell (Strathmore, Vic.), Graeme Ritchie (Goolwa, S.A.), Marj Buckingham (South Eastern Region, Vic.), and John Inman (Shepparton, Vic.).

Others participating in the program were David Thompson on the piano and members of the College community (Cathy Bradley, Graeme Chapman, Debbie McCabbin, Sandra Tabbernee, Kim Thoday, David Thompson and Ros West) who made a presentation of "The Servant Song".

### Garden Party

The annual garden party, probably for the last time at Glen Iris, is being held on February 13 at 5 p.m. New students will be introduced and prize awarded.

### New Campus Dinner

A special event, organised by the Vic.-Tas. Conference, in support of the vision of the new campus at Mulgrave is being held on February 19. The guest speaker on this occasion will be Dr Gordon Moyes.

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