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DROUGHT

WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION
NEEDS OVER
ONE MILLION DOLLARS
URGENTLY

African refugees travel long distances seeking refuge from oppression or relief from drought. The churches have many agencies through which to help.

Six year drought threatens 75 million with death by starvation in North Africa.



-E.P.S. Photo.

ON BEING A MOTHER IN 1974

by Alison Buckmaster

To be a mother in the 70's is a terrific challenge. I always, like most girls, I believe, wanted to be a wife and mother, to have a home and family of my own. I'm sure you don't realize just what a responsibility it is to be a parent until you nurse your first baby and know that this little life is dependent on you and your husband for everything, until they are old enough to look after themselves. It is a rather overwhelming realization. To know that you are helping to mould a future generation. It is at this time, I believe I started fully to appreciate my own mother and the sacrifice she had made in bringing me up and the patience and love she had shown.

Today the family as an institution, is under great pressure. I believe firmly that a solid family is the basis of society. If the family breaks down so many other social problems arise and go on from one generation to the next. I find being a mother a very complex occupation. As well as the general duties of a mother in caring and feeding her children and looking after the home, there are endless calls on her time with school activities, church activities, and the need to keep informed on current issues.

Today there are so many outside pressures on the family. We share the bringing up of our children today with many more people than our parents did. Teachers, T.V., radio, films, newspapers, all influence them, as well as parents.

Many of these influences are not desirable and are difficult to explain wisely. Children are taught to question very early. Much earlier than I was. I think I accepted parental authority as rather the normal thing but this is not the way today. Modern education teaches children to work it out for themselves, not to rely on their parents or necessarily follow their example. Sometimes a school teacher's example is not what we would desire. Bad language is quite common from teachers to children especially in high school. Some of the literature children study at 15-16 is very adult and most depressing to them. Thrusting some of life's toughest problems at young people without giving them any real answers. Moral standards are being undermined so seriously through the media that young people who are looking for satisfaction and ideals in life have very little hope of finding them. But I believe they really want solid standards and ideals and are depending on us to give them. This to me is the challenge of being a Christian mother. As Christians we have the standards that Jesus gave us in his life

on earth. It is difficult daily to set an example to our children but He helps us and we don't need to go ahead in our own strength. When we are questioned, it is marvellous to have the authority of the Bible to go to, to show Jesus' way through most of life's problems. I know that without His help with patience and love I could not be a very good mother.

As well as the challenge and responsibility of being a Christian mother there are many blessings to thank God for.

The love we receive from our children. Their beautiful trust.

The sweetness of little babies.

The joy of seeing them achieve things.

One of the greatest blessings is the fellowship of the church in bringing up your family. The way the church family shares in the general ups and downs of life. The support in joy and sorrow with our extended family in the church. The interest and concern and fellowship is a very real inspiration to keep going on trusting God daily for guidance and wisdom.

**SOCIAL SERVICE
GIVE GENEROUSLY ON
AUGUST 18**

INNER SPRINGS TO WHOM DO YOU GO?



The Government decree that all babies must be weighed by metric measure threw both Sister and me into confusion. The once simple task of weighing in pounds and ounces became a formidable one to which neither of us seemed equal. For a few moments Sister was lost in thought. Then her face brightened. "I know", she said, "there is a Polish mother who comes here. They have been using the metric system for some time and she will know all about it."

How good it is to have someone to whom we can look for help. Puzzling situations have faced mankind since time began, and they have grown deeper and more complex with the years. When Hezekiah the King became concerned over a certain matter he did a beautifully commonsense thing. "He spread the matter before the Lord." (Isaiah 37:14) He did first what you and I often do only as a last resort. Then worn out by our own uncertainty, and the confused advice of family and friends we are in no condition to see the answer when it is given.

There is no other so trustworthy, so qualified, as the One who could say with absolute certainty, "All power is given unto Me, in heaven and in earth". Power to deal with all our perplexities, whether earthly or spiritual.

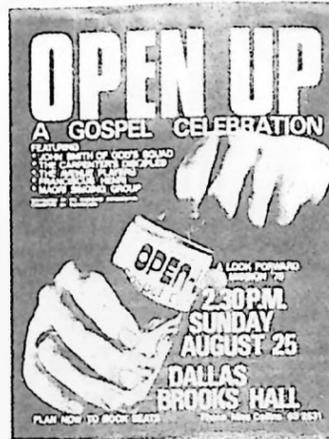
Where shall we go if not to Him?
No other holds the key
Of life and death, and heaven
and hell,
In Him alone we see

The Christ in whom we live or die
In Him we rise or fall,
Where shall we go if not to Him,
The Saviour, Lord of all?

PRAYER: Lead us, Our Father, to your feet when we grow perplexed and troubled. Grant to us a clear vision of Thy purpose. We thank You for Your Word that is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path".

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER



GOSPEL CELEBRATION TO OPEN UP CHURCHES 1975 MISSION.

A co-operative program of evangelism amongst 10 churches, in consultation, to plan, promote and programme; MISSION '75 is to be launched in Melbourne on Sunday, August 25 at the Dallas Brooks Hall, East Melbourne, at 2.30 p.m.

Under the title of OPEN UP a programme has been devised to feature song, dance, drama and words aimed at reminding Christians of the gospel and inspiring the churches to plan to be involved in MISSION '75.

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

GETTING TO KNOW YOU MRS. PAULINE CROSBY. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Pauline, wife of Keith Crosby and mother of three, is a hospitable home-maker, excellent cook, member of the Parish Council in Dulwich—Rose Park United Parish and Organiser of Volunteers at Royal Adelaide Hospital. A pattern emerges in her Christian life leading to these areas of service.

Pauline and Keith spent 1939-46 in England where Keith pursued post-graduate study. Their eldest child was born there and Pauline involved herself in local Church affairs. At the outbreak of war she joined the Women's Voluntary Service and demonstrated cookery for the Ministry of Food. In 1969-70 Pauline was a member of the Arrangements Committee for the Eighth Assembly of World Convention as Convenor of the sub-committee for Hospitality. She was deeply involved in her home Church at Prospect, served as President of Women's Conference in 1957, and was the first leader of the Christian Education Committee. This was followed by service with the National Council of Women, Women's World Day of Prayer, and ecumenical women's work.

A term as President of Girl's Brigade in South Australia in 1954 led her to active interest in that organisation until 1971, as Captain of the Prospect Company, Battalion Commanding Officer, Commissioner for South Australia, and National Commissioner from 1967-71. Pauline represented Australia at the first International Conference of Girls' Brigade in London, in 1968.

In 1971, various circumstances, including concern for her husband's health, led Pauline to retire from many of her activities outside her home. Consequently, when she was asked by Australian Church Women in South Australia to consider going into the Royal Adelaide Hospital to establish a volunteer service, she was able to accept the challenge. The success of this venture in community service is evident in the amount of work being done by "Lavender Ladies" (and "Lavender Lads")—within the hospital, and in the community for ex-patients, and the many expressions of gratitude by patients and relatives.

Pauline manages to combine efficiency,



drive and strength of character with gracious charm, humour and humility and she well deserves the title "a Christian gentle-woman."

Helen B. Morrow.

AT WORK AND WORSHIP. NEW SOUTH WALES.

A wonderful July Conference meeting at Burwood, was built around the theme, "Life at its best—now I'm a Mother." Mrs. Shirley Mansell welcomed the 140 ladies and 20 children (in creche provided) who attended. Their attention was caught and held by Dr. Elaine McKinnon, a school doctor and herself the mother of three teenagers, as she spoke on the development of the young child, and parent child relationships. She pointed out the necessity of Christian mothers to be alert to the dangers of humanistic teaching both at School and University levels.

VICTORIA.

The President, Mrs. June St. Aubyn, welcomed 134 delegates representing 59 groups, to the July Council meeting.

The devotional segment was presented by L. Joyce; L. Stirling leading in the Prayer of Intercession.

Rose Filardo, Field Worker for Inner Area Suburban Churches, spoke on her involvement with breaking down the communication barrier between Italian, Greek, Yugoslav and Arabic migrants and through a cultural understanding to be able to emphasise the fulfilment of a Christian life.

Missionary Rally is to be held at Swanston St., Church of Christ, on Wednesday, August 14th—10.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

INTRODUCING SHENTON PARK, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

This is a very interesting inner-suburban group. The district was old and so were the people, but it is now becoming alive again with young-marrieds moving into the area and the church. Both the President, Cynthia Beckitt, and the Secretary, Beryl Drown, are young mothers, full of ideas and enthusiasm, as they seek to reach women for Christ through C.W.F.

At the commencement of this year a programme of C.W.F. activities was distributed to all women connected with the church—both members and "contacts." As each meeting approaches personal invitations are delivered or posted to all ladies showing any interest. This has resulted in attendances increasing from 9-12 last year to 20-30 this year. Bible Studies held every 2 weeks have been a real source of fellowship and deepening of spiritual lives.

Once a quarter a "Happy Hour" for elderly ladies in the district is held in the lounge room of the Manse. The guests really appreciate a time of community singing, items, devotional thoughts, followed by a special morning tea.

Much of the President's time is spent in visitation to those who are 'on the edge of things' and this has resulted in quite a number becoming more involved with the C.W.F. Another avenue of contact is the monthly paper, "The Woman's Whisper," produced by this enterprising fellowship. Shenton Park C.W.F. have several projects, including the aim of sending a parcel every 2 months to the Aborigines Missions, and the raising of funds for their new building, but their first ambition is, through these programmes of study, fellowship and social outreach, that women will be drawn closer to Jesus Christ and each other in love.

May C.W.F. members throughout Australia join their prayers with those at Shenton Park, as they follow the Theme for 1974, "By love, serve one another." (Gal.5.13)



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

WINTER BIBLE STUDY (Unley, W. J. Philp). Winter Bible Study series using the book "Jesus Christ for Today" is proving very interesting and the fellowship of sharing homes is wonderful . . . At a Racism Service on July 21, various missionaries took part . . . On August 11 there will be a Ministers' Panel at 7 p.m., to help advise on members' problems and questions . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Lawton are attending the World Convention and three other members are also overseas . . . Winter ills have reduced numbers somewhat.

"Many other signs"

Dr A.G. Elliott

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book, but these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his Name."

— John 20:30-31.

It is almost nineteen hundred years since the Apostle John, the son of Zebedee, penned those striking words of testimony concerning the Gospel record he has given us. The Fourth Gospel is indeed a Gospel of "signs" (sêmeia), for this is John's word for the miraculous deed in which Christ is the central figure, Son of God and Son of Man, and which testify to His deity. It is significant to students of this Gospel that, as the Holy Spirit has directed, the human author has arranged the materials at his disposal so that the Seven Signs — (1) Turning Water into Wine (Jn 2), (2) Healing of the Nobleman's son (Jn 4), (3) Healing the Lame Man at the Pool of Bethesda (Jn 5), (4) Feeding the Five Thousand (Jn 6), (5) Walking on the Sea (Jn 6) (6) Blind Man Healed (Jn 9), (7) Raising of Lazarus (Jn 11) — lead finally and conclusively to the Greatest Sign — The Resurrection.

Most scholars assume that John is the last of the evangelists and that Matthew, Mark and Luke all preceded him in time. Furthermore, it was generally accepted until recently that the letters of the Apostle Paul were also written prior to any of the Gospels. However, so fresh and expanding is the tenor of current Biblical scholarship, that today conservative exponents in this field may well make claims for even earlier datings for the original autographs of the Gospel story. And John's Gospel is particularly significant from this point of view.

Of course, one of the well known discoveries of ancient New Testament documents was that of Prof. C. H. Roberts of Manchester, who, in 1935, elucidated and published a fragment of papyrus of a small portion of the Greek text of John 18, known as the Rylands Fragment, and which is generally dated by competent palaeographers as early as A.D. 130. Meanwhile, in 1933, at Dura-Europa on the River Euphrates, investigators from Yale uncovered a fragment in Greek of the "Harmony of the Gospels" (The Diatessaron) by Tatian, a mid-second century document which also incorporated portions from John.

More than thirty years ago, in a forceful and convincing reaction against Rudolf Bultmann and his school, Prof. A. G. Olmstead strongly insisted that the narratives of John might well be the very oldest part of the Gospel tradition, going back to Aramaic records even earlier than A.D. 40! Furthermore, it is interesting

and instructive to note that archaeological discoveries in the Middle East by capable teams in the years since World War II all tend to point to the same conclusion. For example, Bultmann and his associates had assumed that John was later, since he uses the term "Rabbi" much more frequently than the Synoptics. In fact a Second century origin was suggested, for it was then that the term "Rabbi" began to be employed in the synagogues. Yet, in 1930, Prof. E. L. Sukenik, of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, discovered an ancient Jewish ossuary (an earthenware or stone receptacle for the bones of the departed) much earlier in date than the Second century in fact, going back to the middle of the First century, A.D.50, containing bones and bearing names and titles, including that of "Rabbi Theodotian".

Yet, many ministerial training institutions of today still blindly follow the Bultmannian errors in their persistent re-iteration of the later dates for the Gospel narratives. We need to be much more careful of the theories of those whose statements make it plain that they do not fully accept the Scriptures as "the Word of God".

Ossuary inscriptions recently unearthed from the middle of the First century also disclose many of the common names which occur in John's Gospel — such as Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, Johanna, Salome, and the name Lazarus, a form of the ancient Eleazer — all of which had been dismissed by liberal scholars as fictitious. Similarly, name places and topographical allusions in the Gospel, such as Aenon, Sychar,

NEW SOUTH WALES MINISTERS' REFRESHER

The large attendance of ministers at the Annual Refresher was indicative of an interest that was not disappointed. Guest lecturer, Keith Horne of Doncaster, urged the development of a "Today Type of Evangelism" i.e. a compassionate zeroing in on real twentieth century needs. Arthur MacRoberts stimulated lively discussion with a series of Bible Studies on Bases of Unity. Dr. David Berecny, staff psychiatrist at Rydalmere Hospital and a member at Telopea, offered a probing analysis of "Problems in the Minister's Family." John and Shirley Truscott brought the peoples and challenge of Indonesia into focus with a superbly produced audio-visual. Bob Smith led morning Encounter sessions, while Geoff Risson, Max Hall and Col Crago brought evening devotions. A provocative "What's New" segment was ably referred by Jay Bacik. Peter French, who organized a series of Prayer Laboratories, was elected President, Robin Mitchell Vice-President and Bob Aldred Secretary for 1965.

Bethsaida, and Gabbatha — have all been identified by archaeologists.

All of this makes the Gospel of John so much more real and vivid. It is a truly trustworthy account. It is clearly, from the word of the writer, a selection of material evidence — for "many other signs Jesus did . . . which are not written in this book . . ." But these are given to us, in order that we may "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we might have life through his Name."



MALCOLM GRAY WITH JO DAVIS CUP

Television Newsman, Malcolm Gray, (currently seen reading local news, Monday to Friday at 6.15 on GLV 10, Gippsland, Victoria) has won the Jo Davis Cup for public speaking.

Victoria's champion public speaker is awarded the cup each year by Victorian Rostrum Clubs, the public speaking group.

Malcolm spoke for ten minutes on the subject "The Wild Waves". Cups were presented to him by Mrs. J. Davis, widow of the cups donor, and by the Patron of Rostrum, His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, The Honourable Sir Henry Winneke, K.C.M.G. O.B.E.

It was only the second time in the history of the cup that the award has gone to a member of a non metropolitan club.

Malcolm Gray is a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and is Chairman of the Board of the Church of Christ, Traralgon. The last ten years he has been a leader in the annual Christmas Camps at Banksia conducted by the Vic. D.C.E.

David Allison of the Church of Christ, Black Rock (Vic.) won this same prize in 1967.

Indonesian Political Prisoners

It is estimated that at present there are 55,000 political prisoners being held in Indonesia without trial. The majority of these were arrested following alleged involvement in the attempted coup in 1965.

According to figures supplied by Amnesty International, large numbers of prisoners are now being secretly transferred to permanent labour camps. This represents a new stage in the Indonesian regime's policy towards political prisoners and renders yet more permanent the detention of many thousands of citizens without charge or trial. No decent, freedom-loving person can condone this contravention of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states, *inter alia*—

Article 5: No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 9: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 18: Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion . . .

Certainly, no Christians can support the Indonesian Government's policy, nor can they with a clear conscience ignore what is happening not far from our shores. In the labour camps, prisoners will be forced to perform arduous physical labour, notwithstanding that many of them are aged and infirm. It is reported that the prisoners are being transported in trucks where they are forced to squat with their hands on their heads for long periods. Food supplies for the prisoners are said to be inadequate and sickness and malnutrition are rife.

How You can help: Christians who are interested in action on behalf of Indonesia's unfortunate prisoners can—

* Pray for those who are unjustly incarcerated; pray also that enlightenment may come to the captors.

* Write to the Federal Government requesting it to urge President Suharto to release all prisoners who have not been, or will not immediately be brought to trial; and/or urge the Federal Government to take up the matter through its representatives on the United Nations Organization.

* Support the work of Amnesty International, a non-denominational and non-political body, which is constantly fighting for the release of prisoners of conscience in all countries (About 3,500 prisoners have already been released as a result of this action).

Rupert O. Darby,
Social Questions Committee



INNER CITY OUTREACH

A new worker has been announced for Melbourne's city church and two neighbouring Inner Suburban congregations. Robert Ferguson from Western Australia, who is a final year student at Woolwich Bible College, has accepted an invitation to minister with Swanston Street and South Melbourne—Middle Park churches commencing in 1975.

This is a new appointment and an extension of the ministry for all churches. At Swanston Street, Robert Ferguson will assist Allan Webb by working amongst students and building up cell groups and training young Christians for ministry. He will also be part-time minister for the South Melbourne—Middle Park churches together with a student assistant from the College of the Bible. He will be living in the South Melbourne manse.

The announcement was made jointly by the churches to their congregations and is part of the planning of the Vic.-Tas. Home Missions Department's Inner Areas Ministry.



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON WORLD EVANGELIZATION

Evangelical Christians have often been guilty of opting out of social and political responsibilities, the Reverend John Stott of England told the International Congress on World Evangelization.

"We are to blame for this neglect," said Stott. "We should repent of it and not be afraid to challenge ourselves and each other that God may be calling more Christians to immerse themselves in the secular world of politics, economics, sociology, race relations development and other spheres."

But Stott made the point that such activity is not evangelism, and socio-political liberation should not be confused with God's salvation.

"Scripture keeps distinct God the Creator and God the Redeemer, justice and justification, the reformation of society and the regeneration of the individual," he said.

Stott added: "Sometimes we expect the convert to step right out of his former culture into a Christian subculture which is totally distinctive. Sometimes we seem to call him to withdraw from the real world altogether."

He urged the 3,000 participants: "Conversion must not take the convert out of the world but send him back into it, the same person in the same world, and yet a new person with new convictions and new standards."

NEW TEE SHIRTS



* NEW EXPLORER TEE SHIRTS are being worn around the streets by the boys, providing good publicity for the Explorer Movement.

INTERMISSION CONVENTION

By J. K. Robinson

Churches of Christ Carnarvon Mission was the venue this year for the annual Intermission Convention in which representatives of Missions and Christian agencies working among aboriginal people in W.A. come together for spiritual fellowship and discussion of business matters of common concern.

The Convention was held from June 24th to 27th inclusive, and was attended by missionary and administrative personnel from a wide area—from Fitzroy Crossing in the North to Experance in the South and from Carnarvon in the North West to Cundeleele in the East, together with representatives of Aerial Missions and the Bible Society, numbering 80 visitors in all. Many came from isolated outposts. A notable feature was the presence of a number of full-blood aboriginal men, some of them tribal chiefs and leaders, who are now devout believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a joy to have the presence also of young aboriginal men and women, some of them married couples, who are in missionary service or training for same.

The entire proceedings took place at the Children's Homes location, the



Jim and Olive Bieundurry, new staff members at Carnarvon, attended the Intermission Convention.

visitors being accommodated in the various sections. The local staff had arranged for the Mission children to take their meals in their own sections, leaving the main dining room and kitchen for the use of the Convention for meals and meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards, who normally have charge of the dining room, provided the meals. They were assisted by a number of senior aboriginal girls and two daughters of missionaries. These girls received some remuneration for this extra work. Visitors helped with washing up and the necessary shifting of tables and chairs before and after each meal.

The principal focus of the programme was on spiritual refreshment and fellowship, and the strengthening of a sense of unity among people devoted to the cause of Christ among Aborigines, but who have few opportunities for such

blessings beyond their local fields. The two principal speakers were D. Nelson, minister of South Perth Church of Christ, and F. Johnson (a part aboriginal) minister of Marribank Baptist Church. These led Bible Studies in "Philippians" and "Nehemiah" respectively, and each made apt application of the subject matter to the personal spiritual needs of missionaries. Wholehearted singing, uplifting prayer sessions, reports of work in different centres and short business sessions, were also part of each day's schedule. Attendances at the evening sessions were increased by the addition of people from Carnarvon town who could not attend during the day. On the final night there were over 250 present.

In assessing the value of the Convention one cannot help being enthusiastic. The blessing of personal communication, the benefit of spiritual food, and the benediction of corporate worship were matters of deep significance to all present. There was a deep note of thanks and praise to God for the fruitage of the years, there was a realistic vision of the fields which are "white unto harvest" in which labourers are so sorely needed, and a grasp of the perspective of the work. Mr. I. Johnston, District Officer for the Aboriginal Planning Authority, attended the Convention fulltime and gave helpful insights. Many thanks and much credit is due to the Carnarvon Superintendent and staff for the excellent arrangements.

WORD TALK NO. 101

The biblical significance of the word mediator is involved. The Interpreters Bible Dictionary takes 15,000 words to unravel it. Kittel fills a small volume. Emil Brunner entitled his mammoth work of 1927 "The Mediator". This small word is the crux of the uniqueness of Christ.

In the O.T. only in Job 9:33 (and in some manuscripts 33:23) is the word used and there it is translated as arbitrator or umpire. However, Moses was looked upon as the great mediator of the O.T. Covenant although the Law, the prophets, priests, kings and sacrifices were also seen as agents of mediation. The Messiah was to be the coming prince who would mediate between the nations and between God and man.

In the N.T. the word is used six times, twice of Moses (Gal. 3:19-20). In Hebrews Christ is seen as the mediator of a new Covenant, sealed in his blood, creating a new relationship between God and man (Heb. 6:6; 9:15; 12:24).

The single verse (1 Tim. 2:5) is the most interesting use of the word. It is the clearest definition of Christ's role as a representative of the human race and of God in bringing about man's reconciliation. It is possibly a quote from an early credal statement of belief. Jesus incorporated the word of God in himself. In the O.T. mediator was the term used for the one specially anointed into the service of God and man—the king, the prophet, the priest. The N.T. claims Jesus to be the king, the prophet, the priest, the sacrifice, the Messiah, the divine Lord and Saviour, the mediator between God and man.

The Names of Jesus MEDIATOR

FOR TODAY

Mediation involves the creating and maintaining of relationship between God and man. Man's sin has created a chasm between the creature and the Creator and Christ is the effective bridge—a term not used in the N.T. but descriptive of his work.

To be effective the mediator must be fully representative of both sides—Son of God and Son of Man. He is the final revelation of God (Heb.1:1-6). No Joseph Smith's are required!

The umpire's decision in any sport is always unacceptable to a large number. Umpires are abused, scorned, injured and have even been killed. But their decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Jesus accepted his role fully knowing the cost involved.

One great contribution Australia made to international relations between labour and management has been the development of the arbitration and conciliation system.

This is tending to be broken down by collective bargaining and direct negotiation with the employer. However, in our relationship with God we are neither the arbitrator, conciliator, negotiator nor bargainer. Christ has done this on our behalf and he works through his Spirit for us to receive God's grace in our being reconciled to him.

GORDON MOYES.

OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 150 words.

MODERN TRANSLATIONS

In "A.C." July 13 J. E. Munro warns of the use of Modern translations especially the T.E.V. to which we would like to reply.

1. Modern versions have been translated from the earliest manuscripts available; these may be only a small percentage of those in circulation, but are the most accurate.

2. The K.J.V. is not a perfect translation, therefore newer versions should be compared with original manuscripts not the K.J.V.

3. Genesis 1:1 is a matter of interpretation. We would take "When God began creating . . . etc." to indicate that God existed before the beginning of the world. It does not necessarily preclude a creation of seven days.

4. Luke 1:27 in the T.E.V. has the word 'girl'. However in verse 34 Mary states "I am a virgin." In the K.J.V. the word virgin is used in verse 27 but not in verse 34. In both versions it is quite clear that Jesus was conceived supernaturally and born to a virgin.

5. The "blood" of the K.J.V. is replaced by "death" in some instances in the T.E.V. However Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, John 6: 53-56, 1 Cor. 11:25, Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 John 1:7 and Revelation 7:14 all use "blood" referring to Christ's blood, many referring to its power.

6. The passages omitted from the R.S.V., Luke 24:40 and Mark 16: 9-20 are included in footnotes. Luke 24:39 indicates Christ showed his hands and feet at this time, and Mark 16:7 states that the disciples would see Jesus in Galilee, both verses testifying to the reality of his death and resurrection.

The gospel message is simple. No-one will be able to say he couldn't understand God's plan for his salvation. The Bible Society has a programme called 'Good News for New Readers.' Here the language is simplified even more for semi-literate.

Let us praise God that His word is being eagerly read and great things are being accomplished through modern translation, paraphrases, selections or whatever.

M. J. Lovell
G. D. Lovell
South Aust.

To the Editor,

A lot may always be made out of a little, and so if a lot of further research and understanding flows from Mr. Munro's little letter (A.C. 13/7) then we may ultimately all profit.

My understanding is that the KJV was translated about 1611 from manuscripts then available. The KJV was written in modern English of the time (maybe) and in that form has been an assisting agent in millions of conversions to Christianity.

Since 1611 earlier manuscripts have been found that have enabled us to

realise, for example, that perhaps the KJV is in error in including 1 Jn 5:7b,8a; and further, missionaries realise the value of placing scripture in the vernacular amongst the people with whom they work resulting in better understanding and a readier acceptance of the Christian message. Are English speaking pagans to be denied God's Truth in a language they, too, understand?

I ask Mr. Munro why he "checks" newer versions "against the KJV," and also does he equate the KJV with "the truth," and if so then on what authority?

I am endeavouring to catalogue versional differences and to measure these apparent differences against the Hebrew and the Greek. If any of your readers would send me references they have noticed I would be most grateful. A stamped, addressed envelope will ensure acknowledgement.

Martin Suter,
Queensland.

CULTS AND ISMS

To the Editor,

Whilst at most times I read and enjoy "Tertius" in his provocative letters, I must protest that in the overall picture of the July 13 issue the subject matter is fraught with ever so much semi doctrinal 'stuff' of a dangerous and

Un-Churches-of-Christ nature . . .

Whilst we may commend the 'drive' and kind of 'sincerity' of ever so many of the Cults and the Isms; both respectable and rabid; there is a very grave danger of seemingly communicating an approval of the 'sect' itself in a Churches of Christ publication, and leaving a lever and a fulcrum in the hands of skilful and dangerous deviates, who actively would use it vigorously to foster their own doctrines, and soothe their own itchy ears, to promote their own ends.

The 'look what I've got' gospel may seem to be the product of a 'live' church irrespective of what their doctrines may be . . .

Most Christians who examine 'Pente' type faiths, would find that in order to adopt 'Pente' faith; they would first have to repudiate the faith and the hope as revealed in the Bible . . . (Heb. 11:1-31; Rom 8:24-25) . . . and substitute a 'faith' of the 'see what I've got' variety

Too many of their 'peculiar doctrines' make void the authority of God's Word and substitute 'new revelations' as the leading of a spirit . . . BUT surely not the Holy Spirit.

I do not think the Holy Spirit may be accused of contradicting the word which was given holy men of God, under inspiration. Makes you wonder doesn't it?

Hope that you too feel the same, that faith and hope which is seen is not in accord with the Word.

H. H. Large
Queensland

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

ENCOURAGEMENT

To the Editor,

Most of us have jobs in which we know for sure if we are doing alright. Either the finished article works or it doesn't. Or we get a rise or promotion, or we got told by the boss that we did it wrong, and this is thy right way to do it. Or we work on the books until they balance, or check the sales against the chart. But I've wondered how a minister knows whether his preaching is getting through or not. No one seems to tell him, one way or another . . .

When our minister first came to us, nearly every Sunday I'd tell him I enjoyed his sermon, and others did too. I don't any more because it seems silly to say it every Sunday of the year. No doubt every one else feels the same. When we have a visiting preacher he stands in line with our minister. He usually gets a lot of compliments. We are a very appreciative congregation. But some of us carry it a bit too far. I've heard some of them say to the visitor, in the hearing of our minister such things as, "That's the best sermon I've heard for a long time!" or "It's good to hear the real gospel being preached." or "It's nice to have a change of voice sometimes."

I've resolved to do something about it, because our minister is a good preacher. There are often things in his sermons that grab me. So instead of saying ad nauseum, "That was a nice sermon," I'm going to tell him what part of the sermon gave me a lift . . . or a necessary swift kick . . . or an angle that I hadn't thought of before. And once in a while when we have a visiting preacher, I'm going to say to him, loud enough for our minister to hear, "That was good. Keep at it and you'll be as good as our minister!"

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS

OVERSEAS MISSIONS



PHOTO OF MEN AT ANNUAL MEETING:
L to R: AUGUST BEN, ERMOT BAI, J.O. SANDERS, JOHN BOLTON, PAUL WILLIAMS.

WIDENING OUR HORIZONS

by Joyce Bolton

Our 1974 Annual Meetings at Bunapas were a real International affair this year. Other years there has been much discussion on which was the "fairest State of all", with some people declaring that certain islands were beyond compare. This year we had our horizons widened.

For the first time our New Guinean Pastors took part in the meetings, and they were able to give valuable insights into some matters, especially regarding the local churches.

Since 1969 we have enjoyed the fellowship of our co-workers from the New Hebrides. We have appreciated their ideas and advice as they have been on the 'receiving end' as well as the 'giving end' of missionary work.

Among the new faces this year, was one who claimed to be a 'Kiwi', and who tried to tell us there is a land south of Australia that is worth seeing. Mind you, Paul Williams had to go to Australia to find a wife!

We had the wonderful privilege of having Mr. J.O. Sanders as our speaker at the meetings this year. We spent quite a time trying to sort out where he came from as most conversations started 'the time I was in Thailand', or 'when I was in China', or 'I visited Japan one time', or 'on my way to America.' Mr. Sanders is the Principal of the Christian Leaders Training College at Banz, New Guinea. Many of you will have read some of his books, and many who support the Q.M.F. will know him too. Mr. Sanders' messages were a challenge and encouragement to us all and we praise the Lord that this man was able to come and minister to us.

As well as much time spent in rich fellowship around God's Word, hours were spent in reviewing the past year's work and discussing future plans. One fact was very obvious, there are open doors in all directions, and we need the support of the Australian churches to go through these doors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are short of workers to maintain the present work, and we need others to come to allow further outreach. We ask you to pray for this situation as it has become urgent.

Maybe you could have your horizons widened too!

NEWSLETTER FROM MISS D. CATTS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

A concern for their people seems to be growing among a few of the church members of the Chungribu/Grengebu Church. A concern both for those who have been baptised but are not fully committed to Christ, and for the people who are not yet Christians. Over the next few weeks a programme 'happens' to have been arranged that should challenge us all to take hold of all the opportunities that the church has now. Please pray that apathy and laziness (or is it really indifference to the Lord?) will not kill the flame that is flickering.

Two all night prayer meetings have been held to pray for the church and for the Christians and their work. These were held on nights when a singsing was also being held in the village—singsings go all night too.

C.L.T.C. Team

A team of five students of the Christian Leaders' Training College at Banz, led by two graduate pastors with the College (making 7 altogether) is spending four weeks in the Mission area. For the first two weeks they worked in the Gokto area. This week (8th-12th July) four of the team are leading a Bible School for 'Big Men' or village elders, while the other three team members are holding meetings at Manvek. This team of three will go to Yemen in the Grass Country, then to Bunam for two days.

After the 'Big Mens' Bible School at Tsumba, the team of four will come to Chungribu for an evangelistic convention on Friday to Sunday. Then from 15th to 19th they will hold 'Deeper Christian Life' type meetings in Grenbebu.

The team returns to Banz on 19th July. We hope the church will then be ready to train and to work to reach their whole area for Christ.

T.E.E.

We have decided to set up a programme of Theological Education by Extension. This is the name that has been given to such programmes that have been very helpful to church growth in Latin America and Asia. Economic conditions in these countries are similar to ours in that churches cannot afford to train pastors in the traditional Bible College, and this very education tends to take the pastors away from the simple village life that their congregations follow. The ordinary man needs to be mobilised in the outreach and teaching programmes of the church. So we want to prepare self-study materials that can be used by the 'ordinary' member of the church, including the more mature people who are the real leaders in the villages, but whose family and other responsibilities would prevent them from going to college. The self-study materials are used by the Christian in his study through the

week, and he meets with the rest of his class and his teacher in a seminar meeting each week for lesson correction, testing, discussion, lectures, etc. That is, theological education, but the student is not extracted from his normal life; his school is extended to him.

During the August school holidays we want to hold a workshop to plan and write courses for our programme. We will probably have a second workshop in the first week of the school holidays in December. I am the convener for these workshops. We ask you to pray for this programme as a whole, and for the workshop in August.

We are hoping that all the churches will be enthusiastic about the programme, but we at Chungribu feel this could be just what is needed to equip our church members to meet the challenges they are facing.

Discipleship Class at Pakinggabu

Every adult in Pakinggabu must be enrolled in this class. Pastor Ermot reports that the classes are nearly finished, and the time is coming for the people to weigh up whether they are ready to follow Jesus and be baptised. Ermot feels that some may be thinking that baptism is the road to 'cargo', so do pray for Ermot as he teaches and counsels, and the Pakinggabu people as they decide. It would be good if Pakinggabu could be an example to the rest of the area of what happens when Jesus is truly made the head man of a village.

Progress in Linguistics

The workshop at Ukarampa was extremely helpful. We now have an orthography and we are duplicating some written material to see if the people who speak the language think the alphabet and spelling system is as good as we think it is. It will also be interesting to see how the different dialect groups react to the Kragebu dialect in which it is written.

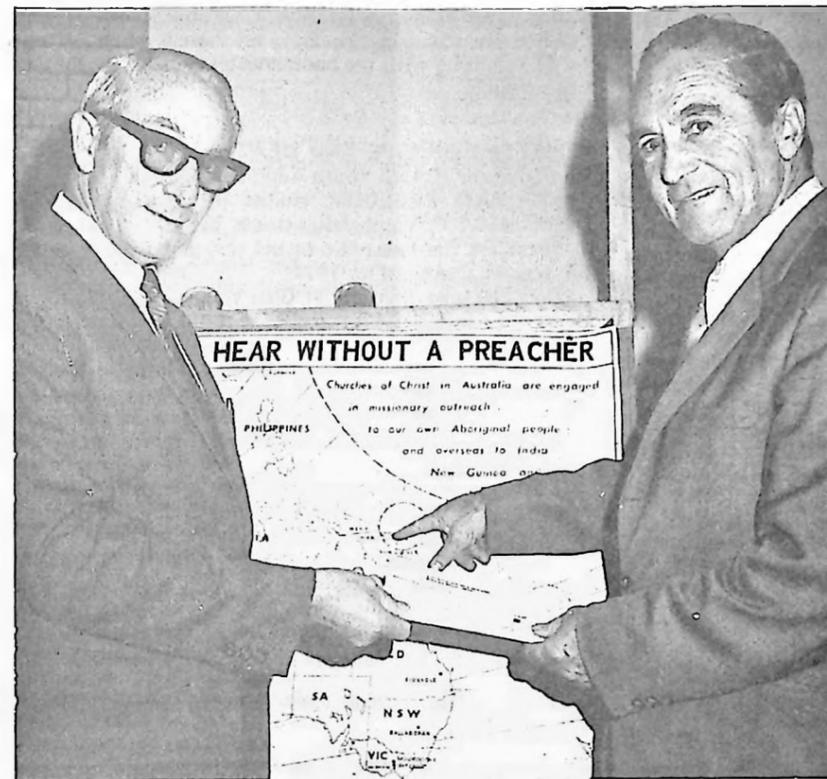
I also want to get on with the grammar analysis (the verbs seem to be a headache. They all seem irregular!) and the preparation of a set of primers to teach pre-literate Ra'o speakers how to read both Ra'o and Pidgin. I am not very fluent in the language yet, so I need to continue putting time and effort into language learning. The linguistic work too, needs your prayer.

Moving towards Conference

The churches are continuing in their moving towards a Conference of Churches of Christ in Papua New Guinea—the combined meeting and organisation that the churches will set up for their work together. Churches and missionaries have been discussing the

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Gift For Overseas Missions



A. J. Kennedy (left), Treasurer of the Church of Christ, Maryborough, handing cheque for \$640 to Mr. F. Richards, Chairman of the Churches of Christ Vic-Tas Overseas Missions Department.

The Maryborough Church of Christ, Victoria, having cleared its debt on its chapel, has now more opportunity to help others.

They accepted a missionary project and have given \$640 to purchase an outboard motor. This will enable missionaries in New Guinea to ferry supplies and staff to stations on two rivers. Teaching, literacy work, and medical patrols will thus be mobilised.

Other gifts this year have included \$88 for Old. Flood Relief, and \$49 for Ethiopian famine relief.

Carnarvon Jottings

During the last school holidays eleven of the younger children were given the opportunity of visiting the U.S. Naval Base at Exmouth Gulf. Mr. Alan Wise started out with the group but a cave-in on the road only forty miles from their destination due to very heavy rain, caused them to return home. They did, however, make it two days later and really enjoyed the trip. The children came back with glowing stories about life at the Base.

Mr. Lance Fisher paid a "flying" (and I do mean "flying") visit to Perth, Carnarvon and points further north recently. He came to give Sister Dawn Noble away as a bride to Mr. Douglas Gilchrist of the Inglewood church. It was a lovely time of fellowship for the many friends who gathered together. The following day Mr. Fisher arrived in

Carnarvon by 'plane in time to speak at the morning service. The following morning Mervyn Broad piloted an aircraft taking Bob Williams, Jim Bieundurry and Lance Fisher to Roeburne and Onslow for several days. After an overnight stop in Carnarvon Mr. Booth took the party in the Bible Society 'plane on a six day visit to Cue, Meekatharra, Jigalong and Marble Bar. Here they joined Cedric Jacobs and the Foots in a Mission at Cue for the local Races weekend. Despite heavy rain, many a good time was had together. A short time with Fields at Marble Bar was worthwhile too. After another overnight stop at the Mission, Mr. Fisher headed off back home to Victoria after flying 3,300 miles around the North West and meeting up with many old friends again to talk of the Lord Jesus Christ and His love.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

This man had a good job, but obtained leave of absence so that he could help his people. He had heard that they were in great trouble in the old broken-down city of Jerusalem. When he got there, although there was opposition in secret and also in the open, he rebuilt the city wall, and even became governor for some years. Who was he? He has a book of the Bible named after him. (See page 18).

SPOONERISM: LOT PIDS

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COMPETITIONS

For girls and boys in South Australia and New South Wales (aged nine or under). Make a drawing of "My Favourite Bible Story". Post the drawing to Jay, P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041. Competition closes on September 30. (Soon: A competition for boys and girls in Victoria and Tasmania).

Too Late

The little boy was quite impressed with the ticket office at the planetarium which took reservations for a rocket trip to the moon.

"I'd like a ticket," he said to the clerk.

"Sorry, young man," the clerk said with a twinkle, "but all trips have been cancelled for a few days."

"Why is that?"

"Well, right now the moon is full."



"Your tests show one thing . . . You know how to bend, mutilate and fold a card."

BOOKS TO READ

VISITATION EVANGELISM FOR THE 70's

by Norm Hayward

This do-it-yourself manual on home visitation evangelism is being bought by many members of Churches of Christ in South Australia who have a concern for witnessing co-operatively in their communities.

It is a book written out of experience gained on the job. It describes how a church may go about its program of visitation evangelism. The book is written for now and details a program with 13 steps. It places the emphasis in evangelism upon the concern and ability of church members.

The author, the Rev. N. Hayward, after a vigorous ministry with the Salisbury Methodist Church (S.A.) built around evangelism through home visitation is currently the Director of Mission '75 in South Australia. It is clear that his concern is that the Good News will be proclaimed to as many people as possible, by as many Christians as possible, to commit as many people as possible to Christ. We do well to listen to what Norm is saying, that Visitation Evangelism is a task for the whole membership of the church and not just for an enthusiastic clique.

The charm of the manual is the flexibility of the program it presents. It can be fitted into the planning of churches in various stages of preparation for mission. Its power is the emphasis on prayer and preparation through training to witness. Its value may well be in the focus it makes on motivating the whole church to win people to Christ. A good \$2 worth, from the Churches of Christ Bookroom, 104 Grote St., Adelaide. (Postage 20c).

E.W.H.

I WONDER, I WONDER

by Maguerite Kurth Frey. (Concordia Publishing House)

At some time you are going to be asked by your small child "Mummy, where did I come from." And this won't mean Melbourne or Sydney. You can be sure that it will be at a time when you are very busy or not feeling ready for this discussion. These columns have recently reviewed books for teenagers on sexual behaviour but just as important are the early formative years and the natural acceptance by both child and parents when questions are asked. An eminent psychologist, Dr. Lyn Barrow, says that the biggest step in sex education is to teach your child to be proud of it's sex. I wonder, I wonder is written for 5-9 year olds and sets out to do this. It is very factual information given in an interesting story with bright clear illustrations. The story is of a happy well adjusted Christian family and their attitudes. The author encourages positive attitudes towards the origin of life and the role of the family which are so vital in these early years. Your child will appreciate having this book to refer to when future questions arise.

HELEN CHAPMAN

PRAYER AND MODERN MAN

by Jaques Ellul (Seabury Press) \$5.95

Ellul writes from the background of the French Reformed Church and this book published in 1970 is probably one of the best books of recent times on the subject of Prayer. This book is not about how we should pray, nor is it a theology of prayer. Instead the author has set himself the task of finding an answer for people today to the question "Why should we pray?" With cutting, and at times disturbing logic he slices away at a large range of reasons that are often given for praying. When looking at the essence of prayer he points out that prayer receives its validity not from what I have to say but from the one to whom it is spoken. Prayer becomes prayer by decision of God. He takes time to consider reasons for not praying and comes down in the only reason for praying as the command of Jesus, "Watch and Pray", that, he says, "is the sole reason for praying that remains for modern man." The final section of the book is

devoted to prayer as combat. Concerning his style of writing, whether something has been lost in translation I do not know, but at times he is far from easy to follow and his continuing cutting down of inadequate reasons for prayer at the beginning could be a bit disconcerting. However there is much value to be had in persisting with the book and taking time to study what is being said.

Don. E. Stewart

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH, studies in 1 John, by Ron Elbourne (C.L.C. Youth-Adult study, 35c).

FAITH AND FREEDOM, studies in Galatians, by Robin Denholm (C.L.C. Youth-Adult study, 35c.)

These are the latest two in the very popular Books of the Bible series, produced for 1974.

Ron Elbourne (minister at Glen Waverley) has written five studies to help groups get to grips with the first letter of John. Robin Denholm's book has four studies in Galatians.

Galatians is described as a "rocket", both in the armed services sense of a drastic corrective, and in the usual sense of a light-giving explosion—that Christians enjoy forgiveness, not because of any religious ritual or good works, but by God's free grace alone.

1 John is seen as urging Christians to remain true to the teaching they had received—as a matter of life and death—and as encouraging them to go on loving, no matter what.

The issues raised are all of vital importance to Christians in the seventies. Both these books will be used avidly by groups which have enjoyed the others in the series, on John, Jonah, Moses, the Sermon on the Mount, Philippians, Acts, Isaiah and Psalms.

—R.W.L.

(Available from F.B.C.E., 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Vic. 3000. Post 7c.)

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HALLGREN-STEVENSON. Mrs. Jean Hallgren, wife of the late Mr. Laurie Hallgren, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stevens would like their friends to share their joy in God's priceless gift of love to Ruth and Keith.

BIRTHS

EDWARDS (Tulloch). To Barbara and Jack, a son, Peter Grahame, at Geelong 10-7-74.

GRAY (Thompson). Jill and Malcolm are happy to announce the arrival of Katie's sister (Cinnamon, Peta) July 4, at Central Gippsland Hospital, Traralgon, Vic.

BIRTHDAYS

80TH BIRTHDAY—Mrs. Elsie I. Clark, 3/25 Nile Ave., Sandy Bay, Tas. Ralph and Rona are proud to announce that the 80th birthday of their Mother, previously of Malvern-Caulfield Church and now of Collins St., Hobart, took place on 6th August, 1974.

THANKS

Glad and Wal Mason of North Essendon Church express thanks with pleasure at the response to their Golden Wedding Celebrations on Sunday 23rd June. Your personal attendance was greatly appreciated. To all who sent telegrams, cards and letters we would like you to accept our grateful thanks. We find it impossible to reply to those greetings, so we humbly ask you to accept our thanks for your thoughtfulness in remembering us on "our great day."

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER. Loving memories of my darling husband, Bill. 3.8.1967, and son, Colin, 17.8.1964. Dot.

FARRAR. In loving memory of my dear husband "John" called home August 6, 1956. "In Heavenly Love Abiding". Ada Farrar.

JENSEN, James. In loving memory of my dear husband, who passed away August 15, 1961. "Forever in my memory". Inserted by his wife May.

KEMP, Dr. W. A. Passed away August 15, 1970. Still with us in so many blessed memories, yet "With Christ, which is far better". Inserted for his family and all those in whose memory he lives.

LAUNDER. In loving memory of Graham, our dear son and brother passed away August 6, 1957. Aged 20. Until we meet again. Father, Mother, Malcolm and Joy.

MASTERTON. Cherished memories of James George, beloved husband of Vida, loving father of Dorothy (Mrs. F. Dunk), David, Ken, and John. Called to higher service, August 16, 1958. "Ever in our hearts."

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DEATHS

ASHLEY, Elsie. Victoria. July 25, 1974, peacefully at her home, dearly beloved wife of the late Herbert, loved mother of Alice (Mrs. Allison), Dorothy, Bill and Ada (Mrs. McFarland), fond mother-in-law of David, Helen and Doug., loving grandma of eight grandchildren. Mum and Dad re-united.

HUTSON, Andrew. On July 12 at "Carinya Lodge", Mt. Lawley, W.A., dearly beloved husband of Maggie Hutson, loved father of Medwyn, Elaine, Dora and Joyce. Aged 90 years.

McINTYRE—On July 17, after a long illness, Malcolm Troup, of 23 Curlew Court, Doncaster, beloved husband of Merlyn, loved father of Noelle (Mrs. L. Cox), Graeme and Jannette (Mrs. M. Avery). Merlyn and family wish to thank their many friends for their constant kindness and support during Malcolm's long illness.

VIC-TAS D.C.E.

The Adult Committee is busy arranging final details of the workshops and evening programs for the Festival of Faith (half-yearly Convention of Vic-Tas Conference) on Aug. 16/17.

The Saturday night program will include 24 young members of "Gospel Theatre Productions" singing excerpts from "According to John". The full production may be seen from August 26 to Sept. 14 at Nicholas Hall.

"ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN" AT THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

George Wood and his Wichita (U.S.A.) youth choir spent five action-packed hours at the College of the Bible on Friday, 19th July. They toured the College, were entertained to morning tea and dinner, and elected to attend the classes in "Communicating the Gospel" and "Restoration Movement." They conducted the worship of the College with one of their fast-moving programmes of song and testimony. George Wood was the preacher. He was obviously deeply moved with the experience of bringing his young people to his old College, especially as four of them were his own children, and as his wife was also able to be present. Mr. Wood graciously paid tribute to what the College experience had meant to him, and in prayer thanked God for the faithful work of the Faculty. The students responded warmly to his strong challenge to open up to the Holy Spirit as the dynamic for pastoral and evangelistic leadership. The College Women's Committee assisted Mrs. Lawrence in doing a splendid catering job for the day.

AND TALKING OF ENTERTAINING

The student body, again with second mile assistance from Mrs. Lawrence, entertained the Board of Management to dinner on Tuesday 23rd July. After the

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meal, each Board member sat with a small group of students and wives and asked and answered questions. Finally the whole group came together for further sharing.

HEAVY DUTY

The Ballarat ladies have supplied a new heavy duty washing machine for one of the blocks of flats, to replace the one that was teetering off the edge of its usefulness.

And talking of gifts, music in worship is being lifted by the electric organ, given by the church at Ainslie (A.C.T.) when they installed a new electronic organ.

WARM WINTER NIGHTS

A regular attendance of between 80 and 90 in the warmth of the big lecture room, has characterized the July Winter School. Lectures covered the Deity of Jesus, the Resurrection, the Presence of Christ, and his Second Coming, presented by the Faculty. Guest lecturers provided workshops and presentations as follows: S. H. Wilson on Suffering, E. C. Keating on Miracles, D. H. Smith on the Uniqueness of God's Salvation in Christ.

K. D. Horne on the Relevance of Church Attendance.

Over a hundred copies of the notes were used by leaders of study groups in the country and interstate.

"CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL"

The College is looking forward to the first of a two day series of "Celebrating the Gospel". What is hoped will become an annual event, is in fact to celebrate the gospel and to enable students and ministers to hear good preaching of the good news of Jesus Christ. The sessions will be in the College chapel at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. on September 10th, and 10 a.m. on September 11th. The preacher will be noted Bible teacher, Rev. David Hodges of Toorak Presbyterian Church.

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About 160 members of our Australian Churches arrived together in San Francisco on the first stage of their journey to Mexico City.

Qantas were our hosts across the Pacific Ocean in the giant 747B carrying more than 350 passengers at 11 miles a minute with efficiency and cheerfulness.

San Francisco is a city with an uncertain future, but it does not act like it. It is reckoned to have the highest per capita income of any city in the U.S.A., and it is hard to imagine a city with more opulent buildings, more tourist attractions, or more eating houses or cinemas per square mile.

But the city's future is uncertain. Some geologists argue that there is no uncertainty about it. Disaster will surely come to this beautiful and wealthy city on San Francisco Bay. The only uncertainty is when.

For the San Andreas Fault runs directly through the city's most crowded area, and someday there will be other earthquakes to match the one that came in 1906.

That came without warning, unless you count the warning given loud and clear by "The Flying Rollers of the House of David," who claimed responsibility for the disaster. One of their number, Mary

McDermitt, preached in the streets and like a female Jonah denounced the sins of San Francisco and told the people that unless they repented she would call down fire from heaven to destroy them.

San Francisco was a pretty swinging city in those days and on the night of April 17, 1906, the taverns were open, and the theatres were full. At one of them Enrico Caruso was singing in "Carmen." After the public entertainment there were private parties till early in the morning.

At 5.13 a.m. on the 18th, the earth moved. For just 72 seconds the streets heaved and the fields rocked. For 192 miles along the San Andreas Fault-line the earth opened and closed, and the land on the western side of the Fault moved 16 feet to the north.

That was bad enough, but then came the fire, with or without the curse of Mary McDermitt, and it burned the city. The Hotel Californian, occupied by the World Conventioneers at the corner on Taylor and O'Farrell Streets, is built on the site that was right in the centre of downtown San Francisco area destroyed by the fire.

The Fire Department was quickly on the job, but they were at a disadvantage. The same powerful forces that had broken and twisted the gas pipes which fed the flames, also smashed the water pipes. There was no water, and how can you fight a fire without water?

General Funston, the army man in charge of rescue and containment operations, thought like an army man and his answer was . . . dynamite! If you can't wash it out, then blow it out! To the chaos of broken buildings and spreading fire was added the noise of continuous explosions. The dynamite destroyed many of the buildings still standing but it didn't put out the fire which burned itself out in three days. When man was again in control of his city, 400 people had died and \$500,000,000 damage was done to property.

And the Fault is still there, and who knows when the earth will move again? But now it is one of the more crowded spots on the planet. The mind boggles at the dimensions of the disaster if the 1906 earthquake repeats itself.

But nobody worries much about



Rosalyn Marsh came to Sydney from Adelaide to get the plane started. Ken Masterton left, Gwen Conning right.

Allan Avery and Gordon Moyes, Handcuffed by a real policeman with a real gun in San Francisco's Chinatown.



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earthquakes in San Francisco. At least they appear not to worry. Of course, at the end of the news and weather report each night the T.V. camera shows the evidence that in the past 24 hours San Francisco has suffered no earthquake.

We intended to ask the Fire Department if provision has been made for water next time, if there is a next time. But all the top men were out . . . at a fire!

Rudyard Kipling once said, "San Francisco is a mad city, inhabited for the most part by perfectly insane people, whose women are of remarkable beauty."

We weren't there long enough to endorse or refute this opinion. The women, especially the black women, were strikingly beautiful, but for the rest, the city couldn't care less what we think, so long as we go there and spend.

The city is fascinating and it was certainly a warm-up introduction to the life-style of the U.S.A. Small film houses everywhere announced hard-core pornographic films, and there are shops with wilder books and gimmicks and gadgets than Australian cities would be permitted to display, the massage parlours are boldly advertised, and "gay" (homosexual) announcements are prominent. There was no evidence of a Festival of Light, but we found the church there.

We Find the Church

The church is alive and well in San Francisco, but the way is hard.

We also found the church in Oakland, but Oakland is not San Francisco. We thought that S-F was a large city but it

has only 43 square miles with 730,000 people. Oakland, Richmond, Daly City, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Alameda, Berkeley, are cities in their own right, but put them all together with San Francisco in a conglomerate of cities in the Bay Area and you have nearer three million.

But we found the church there, witnessing and serving. It has problems, for in addition to having the longest bridge in the world, the largest man-made island in the world, the most populous Chinese colony outside China, the world's largest underground garage, the world's largest man-made park, and the highest per capita income in the U.S.A., the city has lowest per capita church attendance.

We found the church at Oakland where we met with Dr. Karl Irvin. He is the Regional Minister for the churches of Northern California. There are about 70 congregations in his care.

Fifty of us found the Forest Hill Christian Church. We were invited to have the evening meal with them, at one of their annual functions.

They call it their annual report meeting. No formal business is transacted. That happens at another occasion at Forest Hill.

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at Souvenir
shop at Nadi

The reports are handed to the members and the work of the various departments is reviewed. Appreciation is expressed of the service given and a red rose presented to each department leader-the treasurer, the board chairman, Church school co-ordinator, chancel choir president, the Church Visitor (which includes the Fishermen's Club, a small group which meets every fourth Monday for prayer before visiting church contacts), the President of the C.W.F. . . . these and many more received a red rose. The Australians were each presented with a carnation.

It was a happy occasion of fellowship, and this was our first contact with the churches of the U.S.A. Forest Hill church was re-located recently, and its beautiful sanctuary has a magnificent stained glass window created by a Korean artist.

The minister is Charles Lee Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and two other members of the Church were at the 8th World Convention in Adelaide.



Edda and Thornley Thomas



Joan and Neville Moore with Qantas Steward



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work of Conference and the way the churches can accept more responsibility and be more independent. We certainly need the Lord's guidance in this.

There are so many opportunities and there is so much work to be done. It is hard to sort out priorities. It is exciting to see what God can do as we co-operate with Him. Pray that we will be prepared to give all that He asks.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

OVERSEAS SURVEY BY FESTIVAL OF LIGHT LEADER

The Rev. Fred Nile, Director of the Australian Festival of Light, left Sydney on Thursday, 4th July, to conduct an intensive six weeks survey of family life in Europe, Middle East and U.S.A. Mr. Nile said at the airport "I am concerned about the heavy pressures on family life such as moral pollution, inflation and housing. Moral pollution has become a multi-million dollar industry with strong links between organised crime syndicates and prostitution. Australia must learn from the sad experience of other countries if we expect to control this serious problem which can eat out the heart of a nation and bring about its moral collapse."

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QUEENSLAND

SURVIVAL CRUSADE (Maryborough-Hervey Bay, N. Merrick). The church is busy preparing for Maryborough Survival Crusade with evangelist Des. Nelson, September 8-22. Rob Holt will be song leader. Mr. Nelson is at present attending the Congress on Evangelisation in Lausanne, Switzerland. Prayer cells have been set up in homes, and members will spend quarter hours each for 24-hour prayer as they pledge their full support . . . The circuit has budgeted to provide \$150 monthly for the repayment of the Hervey Bay chapel. It also supports Stan and Marlene Mitchell in Nepal . . . Girls and Boys Brigade well established . . . Bible study in Revelation is proving very topical . . . Bruce Roberts and Eric Hart were guest speakers at the opening and dedication of the Hervey Bay chapel.

GEORGE WOOD AND "GOD'S CHILDREN"

A series of five Gospel Concerts was presented at Swanston St., Melb. On Sunday morning, July 21, there were 325 communicants. In the evening there were queues 100 strong before the service opened. All available seating with choir seats, steps, aisles and porch overflowing left hundreds turned away. Attendances at the five concerts exceeded 2500. The thank offering realised some \$1150,00. There were 21 primary decisions and 20 reconsecrations.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

MANSE REPAIR (Inverell) Board of OFFICERS aims to cover exterior of MANSE with "Permalum" Aluminium siding, fit Aluminium windows, repair and paint interior, etc. so MANSE REPAIR FUND has been commenced and is growing steadily. Several large donations have been received including \$150 from C.W.F. and a further \$349.88 will be added as a result of the "Day at LYN HAMILTON's" at Delungra. A hot luncheon was served to about forty ladies and there was a well laden stall provided by LYN and MARGARET and JOYCE LOWREY of TERRY-HI-HI. These three ladies work throughout the year to make their DAY a success. LYN led the Devotions and, besides the benefit to the Repair Fund, a great day of Christian Fellowship was experienced . . . The June "YOUTH FOR CHRIST" Rally featured N.E. University students with "Freedom Road." . . . A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AFTERNOON is held for elderly church folk each Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. STAN McFETRIDGE . . . Visiting speakers in recent weeks include ROGER CLARK and ROBIN MITCHELL from Sydney.

MINISTRY (Avenell Heights). Jim and Jeanie Logan of Indiana, U.S.A. are preparing to come to minister to the church. After five years Warren and Robyn Murray have returned to Sydney. Warren was instrumental in the establishment of the church and served as deacon, secretary, B.S. Supt., and organist. Robyn served in the B.S. and women's activities. At a farewell supper presentations were made to them for their devoted service . . . A sacred concert arranged by the ladies with items from church clubs and the Salvation Army gave proceeds to organ fund.

PROJECT NEW GUINEA (Wyoming, D. Gurney). Project for \$380 has a three-fold purpose—for linguistic work, for a duplicating and literature room at Chungribu station, for a duplicator for Mui station . . . In recent weeks, the church has rejoiced to see eight decisions made by young people . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cheate worshipping at church again . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Carlin are on an overseas tour and plan to attend the Keswick Christian Convention in England . . . Mr. D. Gurney has accepted a call to Ballarat and will commence there in October. In February 1975 the church anticipates the arrival of Mr. Ed. Morrison from Coburg to carry on the ministry here.

SPECIAL WEEKENDS (Cardiff, R. G. Smith). A Bible Teaching Weekend held recently was conducted by Peter Van Donge, lecturer at Tahlee Bible College, assisted by students from the college, who shared in song-leading, testimonies, and items . . . A weekend was also held recently to focus on stewardship . . . Two young men have been baptised . . . The church farewelled youth leaders Rex

and Beryl Gray and family. The Grays have gone to the W.E.C. Bible College in Tasmania to train for full-time Christian work . . . B. Robinson Boys' Brigade Captain, filling the vacancy left by R. Gray . . . R. G. Smith has accepted a further year to his term of ministry.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

EIGHT RECOMMITMENTS (Fullarton, M. T. Lawrie) Mr. and Mrs. Poulsen have left for service with M.A.F. in New Guinea. At the close of the Renewal Weekend there were eight commitments to Christ . . . 14 members took part in distribution of Gospels, in co-operation with 8 other churches. Approximately 20,000 homes visited . . . New hymn books have been ordered . . . Church is planning for Golden Jubilee in April . . . Mr. Jolly has left for the World Convention.

TEMPLE DAY (Semaphore, P. R. Whitmore). Successful rededication and Temple Day recently—offering amounted to \$760 . . . All church buildings have been painted and the roofs tiled—much needed improvements . . . Minister and wife recently holidayed in the Blue Mountains . . . Evening Womens' Fellowship held a meeting with representative of Semco.

CIVIC SERVICE (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe). The Mayor and Mayoress of Prospect, Mr. and Mrs. S. Watson, Councillors and their wives attended a civic service. The Mayor read one of the lessons. Supper followed . . . A Special Series of lectures for Radio University will broadcast theme "Why Can't They be Like Us?"—the subject being racial prejudice . . . Mrs. G. Bonney elected C.W.F. president . . . On Overseas Missions Sunday Mrs. Dorothy Heard spoke of the hardships she experienced in India . . . A disciples class is being conducted . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. A. Roberts have left for World Conference . . . Proceeds from Temple Day to assist the project at Duindui . . . Mrs. D. Rebbeck and Mr. G. Bonney recovering from operations.

LENSWOOD, A. E. Cremin . . . Mr. H. Roberts passed away on July 18 after a short illness . . . Some members journeyed to Strathalbyn to hear two Indian Pastors, others took the opportunity to hear G. Wood during his visit . . . On July 14 Valma Edwards accepted Christ as her Lord, and was baptised two weeks later.

J. E. BROOKE IN HOSPITAL

The many friends of J. E. Brook, Tulip St., Boronia, will regret to read that, following surgery, he is confined to hospital.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MR. AND MRS. BURSTON (Cottesloe) formerly ministering at Caulfield, have now settled in at Cottesloe. Mid-week prayer meeting studies conducted by Mr. Burstun on the book of Genesis . . . Church building has been fitted with fans and heaters, which are greatly appreciated summer and winter . . . Pandrinath Bhalerao, Ast. Sec. of Conf. of C. of C. in Western India, gave an account of Christian activities in India and the people's eagerness to hear the Gospel . . . four members are in Mexico for the World Convention.

NETBALL SUCCESS (Warwick, G. B. Carlslake) At the lightning carnival the A grade team was successful in winning at its first attempt in the C. of C. Association . . . Men will assist North Beach church by supplying speakers every three weeks . . . Mid-week studies have been on Philippians . . . Plans for the first stage of new buildings are being drawn up by B. Kidd . . . Parent/child relationship was the theme for Mrs. Morcombe's talk to a large group of ladies . . . Pandrinath Bhalerao was a stimulating speaker at a special Sunday night fellowship meeting.

98 (BRUCE ROCK/MERREDIN, D. Good). Mrs. Bray (Grandma Bray) celebrated her 98th birthday. She is unable to attend services these days . . . Merredin church was visited by Sudan Interior Mission Rep. John Thornhill . . . Wheatbelt 5th-Sunday services held at Merredin. 98 took communion. Speaker was J. Anderson from York church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Percy Butler have gone to World Convention . . . Bruce Rock ladies are sponsoring knitting and crochet classes . . . Minister joined a forum panel to discuss "Loneliness" at the invitation of the Anglican Mothers Union . . . Book stall recorded good sales at both churches . . . Mrs. Ruth Arnold has been elected to local hospital board along with Murray Arnold.

YOUTH CAMP (Wembley, D. K. Croot). Fifty young people shared in a week-end camp returning to a gospel service. D. Croot was leader. During D. Croot's absence, Chaplain Denby Holmes of Swan Barracks was guest speaker . . . The month has been one of special missionary emphasis—Mr. Bhonsle from Bombay was speaker on June 30, giving special emphasis to the Overseas Missions offering. Dr. Jock Anderson of B.M.M.F. conducted a Saturday afternoon seminar; and that evening Miss Judy Manning was farewelled as she returns to work among blind children—this time with the B.M.M.F. at Isfahan in Iran. At the half-yearly meeting support was increased to Miss Manning and Miss Margaret Manning became a new living-link, working with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Church renewed support to Mr. and Mrs. Powell in India.



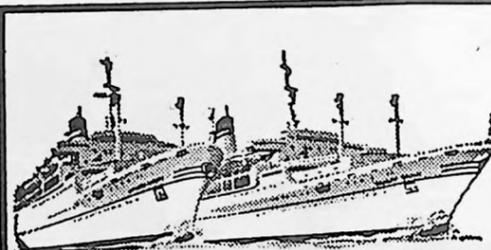
VICTORIA

PORTLAND (B. Duff). Dr. Trevor Banks from Belmont was guest speaker at a recent service on the work of the Department of Christian Union. Mrs. Banks, as C.W.F. representative, talked with the women after the service . . . Monthly Sunday afternoon visits to "Lewis Court" elderly folks home are much appreciated by the residents . . . Good Companions held a church parade . . . Over 25 were present at Youth Club dinner before election of office bearers. Colin Wills has become a club leader . . . C.W.F. held a casserole luncheon, proceeds for purchase of new hymn books and assistance to John and Marie Carmichael, who recently lost home possessions by fire.

WORKERS DEDICATION (Doncaster, Keith Horne, Claude Candy). Graeme Rogerson has been added to the New Guinea work party team sponsored by the church. There will be a dedication service for the eight workers on Sunday evening August 11 . . . Evening services have featured Alex Kenworthy (Radio Talk Back), S.S. Anniversary and a presentation of "Tell It Like It Is" by youth classes . . . 36 young adults in camp at Hall's Gap with minister as study leader . . . Guest speakers at Pastoral Care Sessions have been Dr. G. Whiting, John Paver, and Richard Lawton . . . C.Y.F. entertained more than 30 children including 15 from Nazareth Home at a party and Saturday afternoon program . . . five members have gone to the World Convention.

POLICE H.Q. (Croydon, A. B. Clark). 26 Explorers from Croydon and Ringwood visited District Police H.Q. . . . J. Acquiroff was guest speaker at Men's Fellowship tea. Men then took part in the evening service . . . Local church ladies held Fellowship Day July 12. Testimonies were given . . . Mrs. Alice Holden home after successful surgery . . . Sympathy is expressed to the families of Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. R. Plymin who passed away recently . . . Junior and Intermediate Dept. held a barbeque at the home of Pam and John Baxter. Films were also shown . . . C.W.F. guest speaker was Mrs. I. Lowrey of "Winlaton" . . . A recipe and Tupperware night held at J. Wookey's home.

GLORIOUS APPEARING (Thornbury, G. J. Grossman). C. of C. Choral Society presented the cantata—"The Glorious Appearing". This concluded a winter series on the Second Coming theme . . . 85 participated in recent fellowship tea when the film "Let the Son Shine" was screened . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Williams visited C.W.A.F. for World Christian Action . . . Organists have formed a panel to assist Northcote during the illness of their organist . . . Inter C.E. assisted in Salvation Army doorknock . . . Minister is to conduct a ten-days Moral Leadership Course in Sydney for the R.A.A.F.



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OBITUARY

MALCOLM McINTYRE

To tell the story of a good man in a few words is never easy. Such a man was Malcolm McIntyre. Born at Middle Park in 1908 his family moved to Box Hill soon after his birth. Malcolm married Merlyn Clay of the Doncaster Church in 1935 and to their marriage were born three children Noelle, Graeme and Jan. All his working life was spent in the employ of the E. S. & A. Bank and with the exception of short period in Colac, all his married life was lived in the Doncaster community. The Church was a most important part of his life and his membership dates back to 1928 when he was baptised by Mr. Hargreaves, then minister at Doncaster. He sang in the base line of the choir—presided regularly at the Lord's Table—was a member of the Building Committee who planned the new Chapel and served as auditor of the Church and was always a loyal and devoted member. Music, and the music of the Church in particular, was dear to his heart and he will be remembered by many as the bass singer in the Doncaster Male Voice Party who featured regularly at brotherhood functions (including State Conference), and who were finalists in the P. and A. Parade of 1945. In 1958 doctors diagnosed multiple sclerosis and for the rest of his life the years were never easy for Malcolm. He had to give up work prematurely in 1967. However, in spite of confinement to home and to a wheel chair he was always alert, easy to visit and a man who left his visitor feeling better for making the call. The last two years of his life have been spent in a number of hospitals and on Wednesday 17th July this good and gracious man died peacefully at Templestowe. The service in Doncaster Church and the bearing of his family in that service expressed the victory that was Malcolm's. The congregation echoed his faith in the quoting of an old recorded favourite of the Quartette, "I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar." A.W.C. Candy shared in the service with the writer.

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CARRICK (MRS. ESTHER RUTH)

Mrs. Carrick passed away on May 18 at the age of eighty three years. She was born at Blythe, South Australia and when still a teenager was brought with her sister, the late Mrs. W. A. Strongman, to live in Melbourne by her older brother, James Holloway. Ettie, as she was called, came into the Church at Malvern, was active in youth work and for very many years a Sunday School teacher. After her marriage to Mr. Gilbert she opened their home for women's meetings. She was a charming woman, quick witted and cheerful and a faithful attendant at the Lord's Table. Some years after the death of her first husband she married Mr. Carrick, a widower who, with his wife, had been a friend. He predeceased her some years ago. Two sons of her first marriage, Graddon in Melbourne and Keith in Brisbane mourn her loss. To these and James Holloway and all relatives the very deepest sympathy is extended. Obsequies were conducted by W. Tabbernee, minister of Malvern-Caulfield Church and W. J. Thomson a former minister. W.J.T.

HOW TO HELP

(see P.5)

* Obtain from Amnesty International the names and addresses of prisoners to whom you can write, encourage and assure that efforts are being made for their release.

1974

CHURCH BODIES SEEK CLOSING OF TRADE OFFICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Representatives of Australia's Roman Catholic, Anglican and protestant Churches have issued a combined appeal for the closure of Australia's two Trade Commissioner offices in South Africa.

The unusual joint call to the Australian Government came from the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church's National Commission for Justice and Peace.

The church bodies announced that they had both passed resolutions "urging the Australian Government to withdraw from South Africa the Australian trade commissioners and related trade promotion services presently located there."

In a joint statement representatives said: "The political, social and economic system of apartheid practised in the Republic of South Africa denies freedom and a wide range of basic human rights to the majority of the population who are Black or Coloured. Apartheid is a blatant denial of the humanity of all who live in South Africa. Apartheid should be abhorrent to all Christians and to persons of good will everywhere.

"The more Australian business invests in South Africa, the more apartheid is reinforced."

CHURCH LEADERS PROTEST TO PHILIPPINES AND KOREAN AMBASSADORS

A delegation of Australian church leaders met the Philippines Ambassador, Mr. Gregorio G. Abad, and the South Korean Ambassador, Mr. Suk Chan Lo, on Monday to protest over the recent arrests of church leaders in these two countries.

The delegation included the President of the Australian Council of Churches, Mr. Neil Gilmore, the General Secretary of the A.C.C., the Rev. Frank Engel and a representative from the National Commission of Justice and Peace of the Roman Catholic Church, Mr. Rienzie Rupasinghe.



NEW SOUTH WALES

MISSIONARY WEEKEND (Epping, Keith Farmer). "Teach Me to Care" was the theme of a Missionary Weekend held July 26-28. Visiting speaker, Ron McLean, gave a clear and interesting picture of current activities and future trends in each of the major fields, one of which was featured each night. Added atmosphere was provided by a missionary exhibition, and there was even a mannequin parade of clothes prepared by the ladies for despatch to the mission fields. A few choruses in Pidgin English were learnt.

WOOLWICH NEWS

Woolwich Winter School, conducted in the College Chapel during July and August, has proved very helpful to all those who attended. Lecturers included R. C. Dixon, H. C. Wheat, G. L. Chapman, J. K. Bond and A. G. Elliott, dealing with various aspects of the over-all theme, "Principles of New Testament Christianity".

Woolwich Student Teams have recently participated in Inter-Collegiate Soccer and Rugby, and the College Basketball Team is enjoying a very good season.

Recent Visitors at Woolwich Bible College have been Mr. Jim Cunningham, formerly of the U.S.A. and now assisting-minister at Margaret Street church, Toowoomba, Queensland, and also Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Ewers, of the City church, Perth. Mr. Ewers is secretary of the Western Australian Conference.

WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE HONOURS LIST, JULY 1974.

New Testament Exegesis IIA G. Deuble, R. Ferguson, S. Warwick. 9 others passed.

New Testament Exegesis IA 3 passed.
Old Testament III G. Deuble. 11 others passed.

Church History IIA G. Deuble, B. Francis. 8 others passed.

Biblical & Historical Theology IIA G. Deuble, B. Francis. 9 others passed.

Philosophy of Religion G. Deuble. 5 others passed.

Hebrew I G. Deuble, B. Francis, R. Slack, S. Warwick. 4 others passed.

New Testament I D. McLeod. 9 others passed.

Old Testament II S. Livesey, D. McLeod, G. Pearman, M. Wallace, 11 others passed.

Church History I 7 passed.

Psychology C. Jones, D. McLeod, G. Pearman, G. Rowcroft, 12 others passed.

Practical Missions: D. McLeod, G. Pearman, G. Rowcroft. 10 others passed.

History of Missions G. Arundell, J. Bond, R. Eldridge, D. McLeod, G. Pearman, G. Rowcroft, M. Wallace. 9 others passed.

Social Counselling G. Deuble, R. Ferguson, R. Slack, S. Warwick. 7 others passed.

Greek I (Day) R. Goldfinch. 5 others passed.

Greek I (Evening) J. Bond. 2 others passed.

Greek II D. McLeod, G. Rowcroft. 3 others passed.

Greek III G. Deuble, N. Proellocks. 2 others passed.



VICTORIA

GIRLS' SUNDAY (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Good Companions participated in Gospel service on Girls' Sunday, Christine Stewart guest soloist, one young girl made good confession . . . 42 men sat down to the Workers' Breakfast prepared by men. Max Meyers from M.A.F. speaker . . . House parties at Blake's, Young's and R. Clarke's well attended when Niry Walhout showed slides of missionary work at Carnarvon, Geoff Richards spoke of work in India, and Joan Healey and Roma Hardwick related the work of the Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Merle Marchant spoke of the varied work of the Endeavorers at C.W.F. . . . Recent speakers Mr. Hovenden, State JCE Supt. and D. Althorpe . . . Intermediates hosts to Thornbury, Reservoir, Gardiner, Carnegie, and Cheltenham churches for camp reunion . . . YPSCE entertained guests at Oakleigh . . . Mrs. Scott and Mr. Davis hospitalised at Guest Home, Mrs. Buchanan in hospital. Mrs. Duffin improving after recent surgery.

GIRLS' SUNDAY (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). Laughing, Loving, Serving is the theme for the Good Companions' year, and a happy time was spent at their special service. There was group singing and a display of handicrafts. Mrs. Joy Home from the Montrose church was the speaker, and also showed slides. Heather Davis played her guitar. Everyone enjoyed a hot tea after the service.

CHURCH LIFE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND (Chelsea, D. Oakes). July 19-21 under the leadership of Mrs. B. Brown. 14 members spent several weeks training for this mission . . . For Girls' Sunday, a basket luncheon was held after the morning service. 35 attended . . . Opportunity Shop held in church annexe doing well . . . Tennis Club teams qualified for finals . . . C.W.F. Birthday, July 23, theme Indonesia.

ANGELS OF MERCY (Frankston, A. A. Avery). Evening services on "The Church and Its Angels of Mercy" highlighted the work of the Leprosy Mission, World Vision, Aboriginal Mission, and the Council of Churches . . . Mr. Avery was given a farewell prior to departure for Mexico. During his absence the Home Mission is giving oversight. D. H. Smith started a series on "Church Growth in Our Day." Churches of the area combined to present a gospel musical according to St. John . . . Ray Haddock seriously injured in an accident—in St. Vincent's hospital . . . Church saddened by the sudden death of Phil Williams and sympathy is extended to his wife and daughters . . . Ladies of C.W.F. and members of girls' Clubs lead and shared in recent morning service.

JAY'S QUIZ

The man's name was Nehemiah. (See page 10).

SPORTSMEN (Berwick, K. J. Clinton). At a sportsmen's service, John Birt, football coach was guest speaker and the Silvertones provided musical entertainment . . . Young men from the church have formed a basketball team and are playing in B-grade competitions at the new Pakenham Sports Centre . . . Mary Finger spoke recently at a service and C.W.F. . . . House Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown, Nar Nar Goon . . . A special meeting of the church decided to conduct a stewardship campaign . . . Audio Visual "In the Bin" screened at an evening service.

FAREWELL (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes). Church farewelled Gordon Moyes, Jack Sinclair and Ann Winchell before their visit to the World Convention and U.S.A. Ray McKenzie is interim pastor . . . CYF conducted evening service on the theme "Happiness is . . ." Caregroup, under the leadership of Trevor Adcock is already finding a lot of Christian community service . . . Pam Whyecross having great success in overseas tennis tournaments since Wimbledon. Parents Eric and Edna have witnessed some of her successes . . . Members saddened at the passing of long-time member Betty Barrow after a long illness.

GIRLS' SERVICE (Footscray, M. F. B. Alcorn). On Girls' Sunday Good Companions ably led the evening service under the direction of Anne Carter and Elva Livett . . . Church was saddened at the passing of Mrs. Carrie Watson . . . S. S. organised a family film night which was well attended . . . Two new members welcomed to C.W.F. day group meetings . . . M. Carter, L. Keatch, L. Norton and W. Burgess have assisted with services at Hoppers Crossing . . . D. Allison and L. Barlow thanked for their help while Mr. Alcorn was on holiday.

FAREWELL (Strathmore, S. Bannon). At the gospel service on June 30, a farewell was given to Fred and Clarice Robertson, who are leaving to live in Nyah. Their Christian witness has been an inspiration to all who knew them. Clarice was one of the original members when the church began 25 years ago, and will be missed by the C.W.F. Fred's talent was his singing, and he was a church elder and treasurer.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT (Castlemaine, J. Byrne). Conference president, Gordon Stirling, accompanied by his wife, was guest speaker at a.m. service. There was a time of sharing with the adult Bible class before, and a casserole lunch after the service . . . Mary Finger, missionary, New Hebrides, visited discovery/prayer group . . . Young people have collected \$100 for Austcare . . . Presbyterian ladies conducted C.W.F. meeting when a speaker gave a travelogue on the areas of Paul's missionary journeys . . . Deacons have reallocated finances for church missions . . . A student fund has been established for possible future students from the church at C. of the B.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. Mackenzie). Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Day held July 7, featured fruit and vegetables in season and a miniature creek with trickling water in the centre. The goods on display were given to the C. of C. Homes, C. of the B. and Burwood Boys' Home . . . Recent visiting speakers have been Sen. Ivor Greenwood on divorce and Mr. King on the work of Gideons International . . . Mr. K. G. Masterton was farewelled prior to departure for World Convention in Mexico . . . Jack Herdman has recovered from serious heart surgery.

GIRLS ENTERTAIN (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Good Companions, led by Aunt Betty, conducted evening service after first entertaining the congregation at "Girls Annual Tea" . . . Fellowship Hour following the service farewelled group (Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Strack) leaving for World Convention in Mexico . . . Mr. Catford, from St. John's Pres. Church, guest speaker at evening service. He showed slides of overseas experiences . . . N. Hutton in hospital.

SPECIAL EVENINGS (Red Hill, K. Denton). Special Evening meetings for July have included Murray Britza and his electronic organ followed by an interview with Murray and Sue Britza; A Youth Rally with Reservoir Baptist singing group "The Matthew Five Nine"; and "Men for Christ" preceded by a Men's Tea with Richie Gunston as guest speaker.



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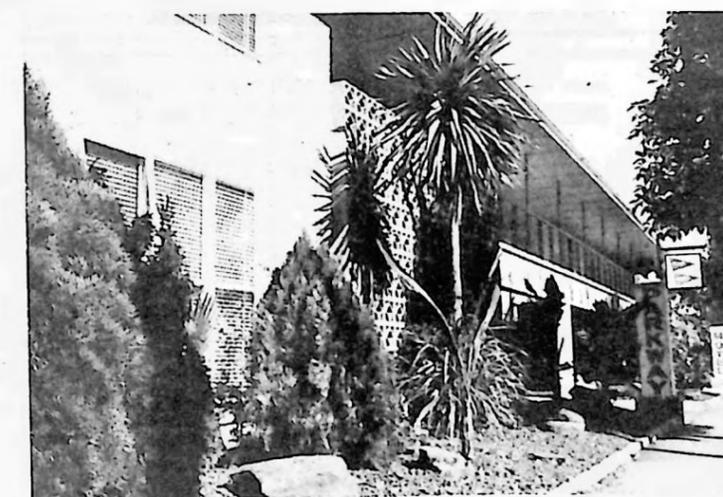
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