

Please Pray For Southern Sudan; 'Future In Balance' – SIM

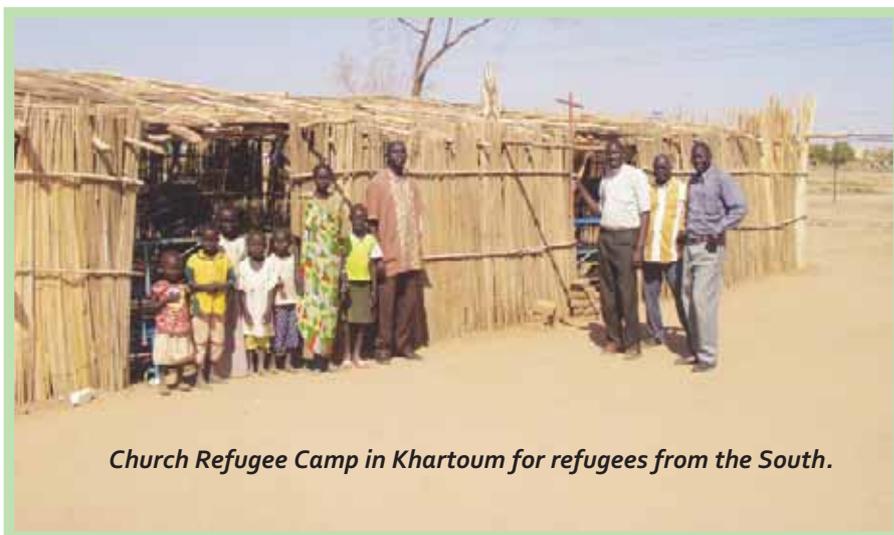
ON 9 January 2011 a referendum is scheduled to decide the future of Southern Sudan – to gain independence or remain as a united Sudan.

SIM (Society for International Mission, which began its work as Sudan Interior Mission) is concerned with reports that there are fears that the outcome of the referendum will trigger a new conflict.

A further complication jeopardising a peaceful resolution is ownership of Sudan's oil fields. These are located on the southern side of the proposed new border between North and South.

Background To The Referendum

Sudan won independence from Britain and Egypt in 1956. Supported by powerful pro-Islamic military leadership, successive governments have been engaged in two prolonged civil wars, leaving the South devoid of infrastructure, schools, medical services and homes. A comprehensive *Peace Agreement* was signed in January 2005. This granted autonomy to the South for six years, leading to the referendum on 9 January 2011.



Church Refugee Camp in Khartoum for refugees from the South.

Call To Prayer

The future of Sudan hangs in the balance and Sudan's Christian minority are urgently calling on fellow believers around the world to pray for them and the nation. Christians make up only 5% of the 41 million Sudanese, and these are concentrated in the South.

Since the signing of the Peace Agreement in 2005, SIM has re-established its work in Sudan, working

alongside local church partners to help rebuild Sudan, church and nation. Much has been accomplished and many have come to know Christ.

30 Days Of Prayer

In answer to this call SIM has launched a campaign *Sudan – 30 Days Of Prayer* to urge fellow Christians and churches to engage in fervent prayer for the 30 days leading up to the 9 January referendum.

SIM has prepared a special prayer pack for use in personal or group prayer.

Among other things this pack includes a prayer guide with specific prayer points for each day and a short PowerPoint presentation for use in small groups or church services to inform and encourage.

The prayer-pack is available free of charge and can either be downloaded from the SIM website:

www.sim.org.au or by calling the SIM Sydney office (02) 9580 1422.

WEA, WCC Call For Prayer For Sudan

The leaders of the World Council of Churches and World Evangelical Alliance have called for the referendum in Sudan to be held on the date promised, be free and fair, and the results accepted by all parties. In a joint interview, Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and Rev Dr Geoff Tunnicliffe, CEO and Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance, said it was time to call on religious and political leaders in Africa and around the world to assure a free and fair referendum and for all to abide by the results. They also stressed the importance of supporting the Sudanese people in southern Sudan as they make their decision on the future of south Sudan.

Tveit spoke of a recent meeting with Muslim and Christian leaders and scholars who said the election cannot be viewed as a point of tension between Muslim and Christian. Tunnicliffe said the WEA is calling for a day of prayer for Sudan on 5 December. Both leaders pointed out that there are hundreds of thousands of Christians living in northern Sudan who could be impacted by the outcome of the referendum.

Distributing Bibles In Mauritania

PAUL Haralan Popov, CEO of Door of Hope Int, shares some of his experiences during a recent trip to Northern Africa ...

This summer as I travelled in restricted countries, ministering to underground believers in sweltering desert temperatures of 45C, God was truly at work. My trip to Northern Africa brought new hope to struggling Christians and produced vital contacts and a unique method of distributing God's Word.

Musaf (not his real name) lives in Mauritania. He is a Christian who deeply loves the Lord and risks his life daily helping persecuted Christians, because loving Christ in his country is punishable by death.

The situations he faces bring him to his knees as he prays to find affordable shelter for these persecuted Christians who stand in such grave danger. Musaf helps aid at least five such cases every

month. Each time he risks his own life. He needs a permanent shelter to protect such believers. I would like to provide a safe place where they can live and learn skills to support themselves and their families. Musaf hasn't the money for such an undertaking, but he has the heart and has asked Door of Hope to help.

Mauritania is one of the poorest and most restricted countries in the world. The Constitution recognises Islam as the only religion. Printing and distribution of non-Islamic religious materials and evangelising Muslims is prohibited. Islam has dominated Mauritania for more than 1,000 years.

The handful of believers (between 400 to 1,000) are in constant danger. New Christians are urgently in need of Biblical teaching, guidance, protection and support. There are no churches there. Accepting Christ can mean los-



ing your family, friends and all means of financial support.

To Christians in Mauritania a camel is a means of transporting Bibles across the sand dunes of the Western Sahara Desert. So, how much does a camel cost? US\$1,600. A Bible costs US\$30. A camel can transport 900 pounds – that's a lot of Bibles.

Door of Hope would like to hear from you if you are led to support this project. Contact details: PO Box 5191, Sydney NSW 2001; australia@dohi.org; www.dohi.org

EVANGELICAL believers in Ethiopia's multi-ethnic communities are growing by leaps and bounds, at least numerically. Many however need teaching. Middle East Reformed Fellowship, through a partnership with the Ethiopian Reformed Fellowship, is seeking to address this need through radio programs in the three major languages, correspondence courses, and production of literature. They are also looking to the Lord for the establishment of a Bible training facility. www.merf.org

FEBC Myanmar has launched a youth karaoke program which captured the imagination of more than 100 who auditioned to be part of it. As a result, the station has gained new young listeners and many new volunteers, as well as growing partnerships with many churches. Experienced FEBC couple, Larry and Barb Podmore, are facing a change in their situation. They had been expecting to settle in Singapore to work out of the International Office. However there arose a need in FEB Cambodia. Knowing the Podmores had undertaken similar team development work in Mongolia, they have been invited to join the staff in Phnom Penh for an initial two years.

ESA Country Ministries have planned exciting camps for youngsters of all ages for the coming school holidays. But adults are not forgotten, a ladies weekend, father and son canoe camp, and a fishing camp are also on offer. Write for their brochure to ESA Camping & Conference Centre, PO Box 34, Marysville Vic 3779. A new book, *The Evangelisation Society of Australasia: The First 35 Years 1883-1918*, by Robert Evans assisted by Darrell Paproth, is to be launched next January. Information from Steve Kilpatrick on 03 5963 3303.

VICTORIAN readers can check up on policy positions of the various political parties for the upcoming state election on 27 November. Look up www.saltshakers.org.au/issues/politics/688-2010-victorian-election, or write to PO Box 6049, Wantirna Vic 3152.

WHY is it that just about every agency involved in humanitarian relief work discourages the public from donating unsolicited goods? Nick Clarke, Christian World Service staff member, recounts some of the bad experiences of recipients that nullify the good intentions of the donors: food arriving past its use-by date, much of which could be bought locally for less, differences

in dietary needs and unequal distribution of goods to name a few. So give cash and be the blessing you hope to be for the world's poor and traumatized. – *Touchstone*, November 2010

CHRISTIAN Friends Of Israel are celebrating their Silver Anniversary this year, having begun in a small way by American couple Ray and Sharon Sanders, recently arrived in Israel in 1985, following what they believed to be the call of the Lord. The result has been a many-branched aid program that has helped numberless Israeli citizens of all colours and creeds. Apart from traditional aid of food and clothing, they have launched an emergency volunteer project to help civilians forced to evacuate their homes and live in bomb shelters for weeks at a time; a bridal salon providing free outfits for wedding couples and their families; Doors of Hope supplying financial help for a wide variety of needs; ministry to victims of terror; Project Hope for the Future helping Ethiopian families; Forsake Them Not for concentration camp survivors; David's Shield assisting IDF soldier and First Fruits which operates through local pastors and spiritual leaders. (Continued p.3)

New Life Is Closing – The End Of An Era

THIS is the final issue of *New Life Christian Newspaper*. Reluctantly the Board of New Life Australia has decided to cease publication of *New Life Christian Newspaper*. Despite our best efforts, it is no longer financially viable and subscriptions continue to decline as loyal supporters and subscribers go to be with the Lord.

Throughout the 72 years of its existence *New Life* has promoted Gospel work both in Australia and overseas. This ministry which was the vision of the late Eric Daley, Founding Editor of *New Life*, has promoted and assisted the cause of evangelism and Christian mission through many churches and non-denominational agencies. His vision was an inspiration to us and we have always sought to honour his memory and his monumental work in establishing *New Life* and editing it for so many years. We have sought to keep his principles and guidelines before us in pursuing the ministry of *New Life*. It grieves us that we have had to take this decision, but after much prayerful consideration of the present circumstances it has become apparent that it is a decision we had to take.

The board is grateful to God for all who have been involved and helped in this great work through the years, especially the editors that followed Eric – John Coleman, Bob Thomas, Ross Prout, Helen Woodall, and in recent years Bob Thomas again.

There are two similar publications which you might like to subscribe to: *Challenge* and *Eternity*. Because of privacy issues we cannot send your details on to either of these worthy publications, but we want to encourage you to approach them yourself. Their details are given below.

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NURSES Christian Fellowship Pacific and South East Asia Regional Conference was held in Japan from 27 September to 1 October. The theme was *Revisiting And Revitalizing NCF: The Way Forward*; the central tenet being that to take NCF forward into the future, well prepared Christian nurse leaders are needed. Sessions on *Leadership Development* and *Leader-*

ship in Action were presented by Dr Sue Allen from UK and Australian Margaret Hutchison. In contrast, Dr Esther Chelliah presented on *Spiritual Care among Nurses*. Esther has a ministry in Singapore with people searching for acceptance and healing. Thirteen countries were represented at the conference, from older established groups like Australia (97 years) down to Mongolia which was represented by three participants. – Margaret Brown

Not Goodbye ...

I'M sure many of you who have enjoyed reading *New Life*, maybe for

decades, share the sadness we feel at its having to cease publication, especially at a time when it seems to be so much needed. For me it is something akin to grief; it has been so much a part of my life for the last 33 years.

But I am so grateful to the Lord for what it has meant to me: its content, its means of provision, the fellowship with likeminded staff and with you, our readers. Many of you I feel I know personally though we may not have met.

My prayer for you all is Psalm 20.1-5, and remember, it is never goodbye, just 'see you later'. – Barbara Furman

The End Of An Era

NEW LIFE closed? It seems impossible. For so long it's been an important part of evangelical church life in Melbourne and beyond. Mrs Len Buck is supposed to have been asked once: 'Is Len free on Saturday night?' The story has it that she replied, 'I don't know, I don't know – but wait a moment – *New Life* has just arrived and I'll check for you!' I suppose its just a good story but it illustrates the part that *New Life* has played in the lives of Christian people in Melbourne particularly.

Twice in my own experience Eric Daley, our Founding Editor, had an important role to play. The first was when Melbourne Bible Institute (now Melbourne School of Theology) was in desperate need of a capable person to handle the so-called liberal material for students who would be examined for Melbourne College of Divinity certificates and degrees. Eric Daley, a member of MBI Council, told his colleagues that they should get me to join the lecturing staff to supervise the students sitting for the external examinations of the MCD. The board agreed and I was delighted to accept a role with such a leading Christian body of learning.

With the aid of various leaders around Australia, especially Rev James Beattie, we were able to lift the pass rate from 40% to 90%. This also changed the focus of my own Christian experience as I gained expertise in what is usually called Apologetics.

In a somewhat similar way Eric had already recommended my appointment to the Australian Institute of Archaeology and the rest is now history. I was soon privileged to be an area supervisor for the American School of Oriental Research and *New Life* readers will know that my basic approach has been the defence of Scripture.

Eric Daley was instrumental in bringing me to MBI at a crucial time, also to the Australian Institute of Archaeology, together with the late Rev Gordon Garner. For some time he went to the western states of Australia and I went north to Victoria, NSW and Queensland.

They were very important years in my own future life as an international lecturer, thanks to a large degree to Eric Daley. He was a man who had a dramatic influence on my life, and on many others also.



Much more could be said but time and space does not permit. Eric Daley was a quiet unassuming man of God. He had a dramatic effect on the lives of hundreds of people. In days to come many people will rise to call this humble man of God blessed – a spiritual giant who was used in many remarkable ways.

Eric Daley would be surprised to find this, but in my life and the lives of many others he was a major consultant, a generous hearted Christian friend and someone whose life example was of tremendous value to the Lord's work in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and beyond, especially in the islands of the Pacific.

We at *New Life* have indeed been blessed to share in the great work he commenced and we give thanks to God in every remembrance of him.

– Clifford Wilson.

Luke 1.37
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 impossible.'
 Inserted by Ivan Bell

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New Life For Old

THEREFORE, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5.17-19)

THESE words of Scripture have underpinned our work of publishing the chronicle of God's gracious work in His world over the past 72 years. So in closing, we meditate on them for a while.

But first, we remember that Eric Daley, our Founding Editor, wrote in his first editorial on 10 June 1938: 'Just as the humble believer must go on, in dependence in simple faith on the Lord he loves, so *The Edifier* (which changed its name to *New Life* a year later), launched in faith, must commence with but an imperfect and circumscribed viewpoint of the whole field of evangelical activities, but as the Lord enlarges the vision, and a wide conception of the Holy Spirit's working brings new fields into view, so will the influence of the journal be extended.'

We who succeeded him, Rev John Coleman, Rev Ross Prout, Mrs Helen Woodall, Rev Bob Thomas, have striven to uphold that vision with the help of many through the years, especially Dr Clifford Wilson, the 'Women in Focus' team led by Nesta Lewis, Pastor Don Prout and Rev David Morley. In all things and at all times we have been well supported by the Staff and Board of New Life Australia, especially Nesta Lewis, Barbara Furman and Alison King in office management and Allen Penn in typesetting.

Over and above all else we have been deeply conscious of the providence of our gracious God and have seen ourselves being first and foremost His servants in proclaiming the message of His work of reconciliation with mankind through the finished work of Christ on Calvary's Cross. And what a message this is!

First of all, it is a message of God's grace in His saving work. All other religions together with all aberrant forms of Christianity are 'doing religions'. They require their adherents to be, to do, to give, to sacrifice, to hope against hope that they can somehow or other reconcile themselves to their god(s). True Christianity stands out as the one and only 'done religion'. It simply calls everyone in the whole wide world to accept what God has done in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.

Then it is a message of renewal – 'What a wonderful change in (our) life has been wrought since Jesus came into (our) heart.'

Thirdly it throws our focus onto the Lord Jesus Christ, the Reconciler – 'What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus!' He set aside the glory of Heaven to be born on Earth in the poorest of circumstances, knowing what it is to do hard labour as a carpenter, to be betrayed by a friend, let down by another, to endure injustice, mocking, torture and agonising death, 'to be tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin'.

And then it drives us who have been reconciled out into all the world to proclaim that message of reconciliation.

Well, that's simply what we've tried to do all these years. May God have mercy on us for all our short-comings, and may He continue to bless you, our loyal subscribers, donors and advertisers as you've supported us along the way.

– Bob Thomas.

Australian Evangelical Biblical Scholar Honoured

AT a presentation dinner held at the Presbyterian Theological Centre, Sydney, on Friday 12 November, an enthusiastic company of fellow scholars and family members gathered to honour Dr Bill Dumbrell.

During the dinner a Festschrift was presented to Bill, who has made a significant contribution to Australian Biblical scholarship over the last 40 years. This volume, *An Everlasting Covenant: Biblical and Theological Essays Presented to William J. Dumbrell* is edited by John Davies and Allan Harman and published by the Reformed Theological Review in its Supplement Series.

Bill has had an enormous influence on many students, and his work is regularly quoted and referred to in many scholarly settings. He has taught Old Testament at Moore College (where he was vice-principal) and at a number of other Australian theological colleges, as well as in Singapore (Trinity) and Vancouver (Regent).

It was pleasing that his wife Norma and a number of Bill and Norma's adult children could also be present at this happy occasion. This volume of studies is organised around the theme of Covenant and includes contributions from Australian and overseas scholars, all of whom are former students and colleagues of Bill's. The Australian contributors include Steven Coxhead, John Davies, Mark Glanville, Greg Goswell, Allan Harman, John McClean, Joe Mock and Don West. This book is available



Bill Dumbrell receiving the volume from Dr John Davies and Dr Allan Harman.

from the Reformed Theological Review, PO Box 635, Doncaster, Vic 3108 for \$35 plus \$3 postage in Australia (postage Asia \$8.80; elsewhere \$13).

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THE Leprosy Mission Australia is giving people the opportunity to transform the lives of disadvantaged communities in Third World countries through their Christmas shopping this festive season.

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Your 'Gift of Love' can help boys like this young fellow to raise goats for sale and self-support.



The cost of gifts range from \$10 for a pair of chickens or \$25 to support a child's education to \$100 for a hand-powered tricycle or \$250 to help start a women's self-help group, among many other items.

TLMA's overseas project manager Helen Nixon says many charity organisations are running Christmas gift promotions each year which are widely supported by the Australian community. 'There is an increasing awareness of social justice in our community which may have an influence on materialism and the choice of gifts made at Christ-

mas,' she said. 'People also enjoy seeing the tangible way in which they can buy a gift and make a difference to the lives of people affected by leprosy as a one-off support to the mission with no strings attached.

'Buying from the "Gifts of Love" catalogue helps restore dignity to people with leprosy who have been physically and socially affected by the disease, giving them hope for their future.

To browse a 'Gifts of Love' catalogue, contact TLMA, on 03 9890 0577.

MAF Pilot Drowns In Indonesia

BENJAMIN Uskert, 30, a pilot and mechanic serving in Sumatra, Indonesia with Mission Aviation Fellowship US, died on Sunday 7 November 2010 in a swimming accident.

Ben was at a beach with a group from a local orphanage when two teenagers ventured into deep water and were swept away from the shore. He and another adult swam out to assist them but Ben and one of the youths were overcome by the waves and current.

He was pronounced dead at the scene; the body of the teenager has not been recovered. Memorial services were held in Banda Aceh (Sumatra) on Saturday 13 November.

Ben Uskert was born and reared in Valparaiso, Indiana, USA, and accepted Jesus as his Saviour at an early age. He graduated from Purdue University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Technology. He took additional courses at Trinity Bible College and Moody Bible Institute.

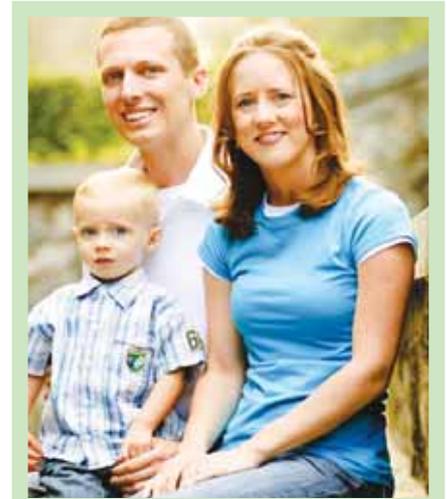
Prior to joining MAF, Ben worked as an aircraft technician and trainer. He also served as director of maintenance for the Indiana Aviation Museum, overseeing a fleet of 17 aircraft. He married Katie Tucker in 2005 and their son Jeremiah was born in 2007.

'We are profoundly saddened by the loss of our friend and fellow worker in Christ, as well as the young man he

was attempting to rescue,' said MAF US President John Boyd. 'Please pray for Katie and Jeremiah, as well as the other members of the family.'

The Uskerts joined MAF in 2008. They attended language school in Indonesia for nine months before beginning service with the MAF Sumatra program in December 2009.

MAF has served in Sumatra since 2004, when the organisation played a key role in the recovery efforts following the deadly Tsunami that devastated the Aceh area.



Ben Uskert with wife Katie and three-year-old son Jeremiah. Photo by Tripp Flythe.



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Christians Risk Safety For Indonesian Tsunami Victims

BRAVE Indonesian Christians are risking their own safety in dangerous conditions to help their brothers and sisters affected by the tsunami on the Mentawai Islands.

Barnabas Fund partners from churches in Padang, West Sumatra, have formed a relief team, which is gathering supplies and transporting them by boat across the stormy Indian Ocean.

The majority-Christian Mentawai Islands of Indonesia, which lie 90 miles off the coast of the country's West Sumatra Province, were ravaged by a three-metre-high tsunami on 25 October. Over 450 people were killed, with hundreds more injured, and there are around 15,000 refugees living in temporary shelters after homes and entire villages were swept away.

Barnabas Fund sent immediate financial aid for food, clothing and medicine, and is continuing to support relief efforts.

Huge Storms

The volunteers from Padang are working alongside their counterparts in Mentawai to distribute emergency supplies to the worst-affected areas, but the conditions have made it difficult to reach certain places, where many tsunami victims are yet to receive any aid.

The team asks for prayers for safety, reporting that the victims are scattered in various islands and inter-island transportation is very difficult because of very high sea waves. The huge storms have increased the challenge, and the scale of the task is almost impossible to communicate.

The ongoing eruption of Java's Mount Merapi, which has forced up to 400,000 people from their homes, has diverted attention away from Mentawai. Many aid agencies have left the Islands to focus on Merapi, and one pastor expressed fears that pledged government aid would never reach Mentawai. He said it had not come following an earthquake in 2007.

There is an ongoing need for food, water, medicine, clothing, blankets and tents, as well as additional sup-



Brave Padang Christians getting supplies to Mentawai

plies including baby food, vitamins and nutrients for children and pregnant women, and sanitary pads.

Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund, said: 'It is truly inspirational to hear about Christians putting the call to serve one another sacrificially into practice in such dangerous conditions. We must pray for their safety and also be willing

to serve sacrificially ourselves – by giving whatever we can to help their brave efforts.'

If you would like to donate to help our Christian brothers and sisters in Indonesia please telephone 07 3806 1076 or 1300 365 799. Please quote project reference 00-634 (Disaster Relief Fund).

Please Pray

Give thanks for the bravery and determination of the Padang Christians and pray that the Lord will keep them safe. Pray that the waters will calm so that aid can quickly be transported to all those in need. Pray that aid agencies and the Indonesian government will not neglect the tsunami victims in the midst of the volcano crisis.

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HOW THEY BROUGHT THE GOOD NEWS FROM CAIRNS TO STANTHORPE SAFELY HOME AFTER 2000KM



'Come ON, all ye faithful!'

DAVE (David Carnell), Carnsey (Andrew Carnell), and Sav (Andrew Sav) have safely arrived home in Stanthorpe, Qld, after walking 2,000 kilometres from Cairns to raise awareness that there are still 2,000 languages that don't have the Bible.

The three men left Cairns on 24 August and arrived in Stanthorpe on 11 November, after walking on average more than 30km each day.

'I was never really sure that I could walk the 2,000 kilometres,' recalls Sav, 'but when we reached the 1,500 kilometre mark, it suddenly struck me that I could do it. That was an awesome moment.'

Each kilometre represented a unique language that doesn't yet have the Word of God – not even a single verse. In addition to walking, Dave, Carnsey, and Sav held evening meetings at local churches and town halls en route to share information about the 350 million people who don't yet have access to the Bible in their own language.

'More than 10,000 people from 124 different countries have visited our website (www.the2000walk.com)' says Sav. 'This gives some indication of how widely our message has gone out.'

Lowlights

Dave, Carnsey, and Sav experienced plenty of challenges during the 2,000km Walk, including cooling their feet in a creek they were later

informed is inhabited by crocodiles, walking eight kilometres in the wrong direction before realising and retracing their steps, and suffering from severe blisters and painful feet.

Highlights

Highlights included their frequent newspaper, radio, and TV interviews, and seeing for the first time a road sign with 'Stanthorpe' marked on it after walking for 73 days and 1,818 kilometres.

Dave, Carnsey, and Sav walked the final kilometre along with 100 support-

ers who joined them on the road. They were met at the finish line by a bagpiper and 350 cheering people who released helium balloons.

'The group finish was symbolic of the fact that translating the Bible for the remaining 2,000 Bible-less languages is not a job for a few individuals, but is a team effort where many, many people are needed,' observed Sav.

Facing A Task Unfinished

Although the 2,000 Walk has finished, the task of translating the Bible into the 2,000 remaining languages will continue for many years. People who are interested in getting involved can contact the mission organisations Operation Mobilisation (for which Carnsey is Queensland's State Director) and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

While they're relieved that the 2,000 Walk is all over, Dave, Carnsey, and Sav are grateful to God for His blessing and for strengthening their faith. 'If I sense the Lord calling me once more to get up and do something like this, I'll probably be even more ready than before,' says Sav.

– Karyn Markwell, Markwell Publishing (www.markwellpublishing.com.au)



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PERSECUTION WATCH ...

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(Hebrews 13.3)



Iranian Pastor Accused Of 'Thought Crimes' To Die By Hanging

AN Iranian court has passed down a death sentence on a Christian pastor, who was found guilty of so-called 'thought crimes'.

According to www.present-truthmn.com, the official verdict has now been delivered in writing to Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani, stating that he is to be hung for the crime of apostasy.

Spokesman Jason DeMars of Present Truth Ministries, says: 'There are 20 days to appeal the verdict, and Youcef's attorney is now beginning the process of the appeal.'

The prayer burdens surrounding this development are many, DeMars said in an e-mail to ASSIST News Service.

'Please pray for Youcef, that God would grant him peace and strength in this hour, that God



Pastor Youcef.

would move on his behalf, and that he would be delivered! Pray also for his wife and children; this is extremely difficult for them.

'We are trusting our great Lord to give her the peace that comes only from the True Comforter. Pray that the church in Iran would stand strong, that their faith would not be shaken, but that their eyes would remain fixed on Christ. Pray also for the local officials in charge of this case in Iran, that their hearts would be changed, and that they

would experience salvation in Jesus Christ,' he said.

DeMars concluded: 'Brothers and Sisters, it is critical that we intercede constantly on behalf of our brother Youcef. I trust that, as the Lord leads each one individually, Youcef will be lifted before the Lord continually with prayer and fasting. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," (James 5.16).'

DeMars, in calling Christians around the world to pray for Pastor Youcef, also cited William Branham, who said: 'Prayer changes things. Prayer is the most powerful weapon that was ever put in the control of human beings. There's no atomic bomb, or no hydrogen bomb as powerful as prayer.'
— Michael Ireland, Chief Correspondent, ASSIST News Service

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH!

Degar Christian Dies From Inhumane Torture By Vietnamese Security Police

VIETNAMESE security police have been implicated in the torture and death of a Montagnard Degar Christian believer.

Siu Wong, who was born in 1972 in the village of Bon Broac II, commune of Hdok, district of Dak Doa in the province of Gia Lai, married a woman named Ksor H'Boan, and was living with her at the village of Ploi Ksing, commune of Ia Piar, district of Phu Thien in Gia Lai. They have six small children.

According to the Montagnard Foundation, which is dedicated to the preservation of the indigenous people of Central Vietnam, at around 7am on the morning of 25 September 2009, a security police officer from the communal village of Ia Piar and a security police officer from the district of Phu

Thien, both dressed as civilians, went to Brother Siu Wong's house and ordered him to go with them to their office in the district of Phu Thien.

When Siu Wong and the police officers arrived at the station, the security police asked Siu Wong if he intended to celebrate Christmas this December. Wong replied, 'Yes, of course.' The police then told Wong that Degar people are not allowed to celebrate Christmas or to worship God.

MFI says the security officers then tied up Wong's left arm to one of the house poles and his right arm to another pole, stretching him out like he was on the cross.

'Then they began to beat and torture him. They kicked him on both sides of his ribs and his chest with their heavy military boots, struck him on the back of his neck, punched him in his face and continued to beat him even after he fell in and out of conscious-

ness, limply hanging by his two arms.

'They kicked him in his groin with their boots and he completely passed out. They continued to savagely beat him until his injuries became apparently fatal. Then, the security police officers took him back to his family to die.'

MFI says that at home, Siu Wong's family did not have money to take him to the hospital so they treated his injuries as best as they could at home. His condition continued to deteriorate, however, and so his family sold everything they had and took him to the hospital on 25 February 2010. The internal injuries received from the beating could not be repaired and Siu Wong died in the hospital on 4 March 2010. His parents took his corpse back to their village of Bon Broac II, and buried him there. His wife and six children moved in with his parents.

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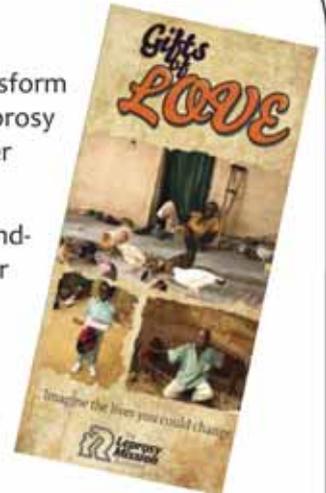
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WITH CHRIST:

Clifford Harold Nicholls, 1919 – 2010.
A thanksgiving service for the life of Cliff Nicholls was held at Warrnambool Baptist Church on Thursday 9 September 2010.

Cliff's deteriorating health saw him and his wife Naomi move into Gillin Park Hostel in June 2010. Naomi had previously suffered a stroke. Cliff passed away peacefully in the Warrnambool Base Hospital on Saturday 4 September aged 91.

The service was led by Rev David Hodgins, with the Gospel message being presented by Cliff's son, Noel Nicholls. The eulogy was presented by Lindsay Nicholls, and a solo item was provided by Mrs Karen Deroon.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Naomi; children Lindsay (and Lea), Noel (and Julie), Jenny (and Steve) Nixon, and Wendy (and Steve) Maskell. Cliff's twelve grandchildren (for whom Cliff and Naomi prayed daily) were all present at the service. The Nicholls family now includes 35 great grandchildren.

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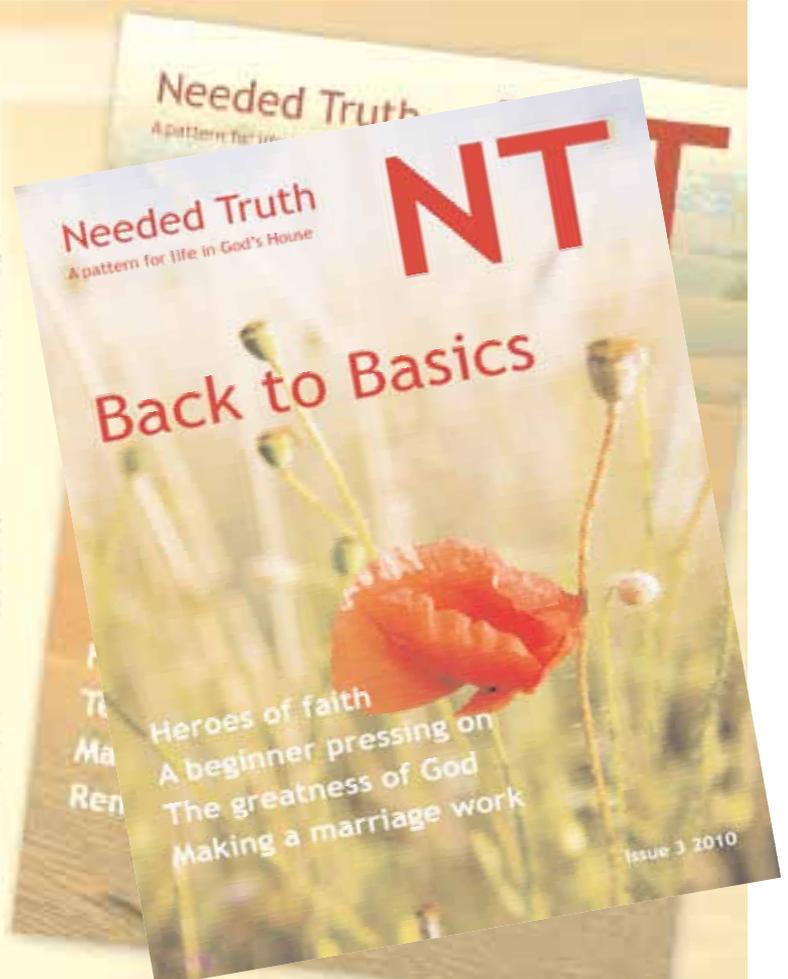


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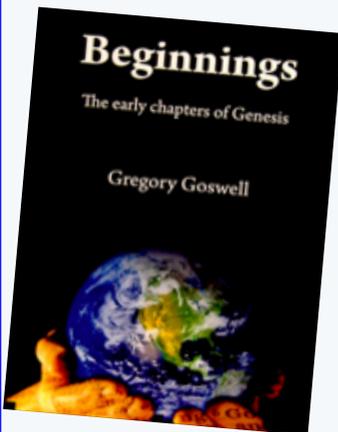
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Because of the age of the ship, it became essential to replace the onboard power generators to provide the vessel with a reliable supply of power and enable it to remain in service. The ship is receiving four 5L21/31 type MAN engines, each with an output of 1,000 kW.

The new generators are being mounted in such a way as to cause minimum vibration, as any vibration transmitted to the operating theatres could make the task of surgeons more difficult.

One of the support services critical to the smooth functioning of the hospital ship is a reliable supply of electricity. The *Africa Mercy* is equipped to the same standard as a medium-sized hospital, with 78 beds in four wards, six operating theatres, a modern X-ray and CT scanner, a dental practice, and a pharmacy.

In addition to the hospital, there are living facilities for more than 400 voluntary crew members and their families, who often live onboard for months at a time. The many facilities include dining room, large kitchen, recreation rooms, laundry, and a small school.

A team of workers had to cut a hole in the side of the ship to remove the old generators, four Frichs diesel generators and two B&W Alpha diesel generators. As the generator installation proceeds, Mercy Ships crew members are working on other projects. The ship being in the shipyard created an opportunity for the crew to repair areas that cannot normally be worked on when the hospital is in use. Projects include replacing the Main Engine Control System, doing a Main engine overhaul and painting in the dining room. Some hospital modifications are being carried out.

When the project is completed, Mercy Ships will be able



One of the new generators being installed on the Africa Mercy in Durban, South Africa.

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