

HOPE FROM ABOVE: Bringing The Gospel Using Aviation And Technology



'Go ye' – the dedication Service.

HOPE From Above Inc, a newly established organisation with a purpose to reach unreached and inaccessible people groups with the Gospel, overcoming their isolation through aviation and technology. Isolated conditions could be due to remoteness, political situations or language barriers, and often it could be a combination of factors.

HFA's aim is to assist local missions and organisations in their work with unreached people groups, by providing expertise in aviation and technology. Forming these partnerships is an integral

part of HFA's work, as these partners are experts in their local field with a good understanding of the culture, customs and needs. The purpose is achieved using strategic research. Hans, the director of HFA, explains: 'We aim to identify the location of unreached and inaccessible people groups, and establish what is required to reach them with the Gospel. Applying aviation and innovative technology we explore possible solutions to overcome the isolation.'

HFA was established in December 2013 and is therefore still in its pioneering stages. On 13 April HFA had its first public event, a Dedication Service. Here the vision of HFA was shared with more than 100 people, the work was dedicated in prayer to the Lord, and all the promotional and media material launched. This includes a brand new website, which can be found at www.hfa.org.au

Another core aspect of the ministry of HFA is to raise awareness in the church in Australia about the inaccessible and unreached people groups, and the need to bring the Gospel to them through means such as the HFA display at the Belgrave Heights Easter Convention. The display involved images of a vast landscape and a model drone 'flying' above them, with the images from the drone displayed on a computer beside the banners. The aim of this display is to generate interest in the possibilities within aviation and technology to access the isolated unreached people groups.

'Reaching the unreached people in our world who are living in isolation is no simple task,' says Hans. He explains that the most important support HFA can receive is prayer. Prayer points include: for the hearts of the people groups to be open to the Gospel and for the Lord to provide the needed resources to reach them.



Now that's isolated! But not out of reach out of the Gospel.

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Good News From The Middle East

IT'S not all doom and gloom in the Middle East. Rev Victor Attallah, Director of Middle East Reformed Fellowship, visited PTC Melbourne on 7 May and spoke at chapel, sharing with faculty, students and visitors something of the work of MERF and the situation in the Middle East today, especially as it affects Christians. He made three main observations:

First, Islam is crumbling from within, with their own surveys showing that 53% of Muslims in Iran and 40% of Algerians are discontent with Islam, but while Islam is crumbling, not all are becoming Christians. In the light of this, Christians don't need to get involved in polemics. 'God's Word abides forever', and Christians should concentrate on sharing the Gospel, focussing on the simple message of who Christ is and what He has done.

Secondly, Christians need to stand firm in their faith, not softening the message but allowing the Word to take hold of their own minds and hearts, not becoming frustrated or defeated, but knowing that as Sunni and Shia are more and more at war with one another, more Moslems than ever are being converted.

Thirdly, we must take advantage of living in special days. Moslems can no longer tell people that the imam or sheik is going to think for them, because Islam is also living in a very different world. The vast majority of Muslims are under 35, they have the internet and other aspects of the technological revolution such as FaceBook. Broadcasting ministries have unprecedented opportunities with the Gospel, something which MERF has been involved in for many years, most recently setting up a FaceBook page called *Sayings Of Isa, The Christ*.

In Algiers alone there are 28 known groups of worshippers, a remarkable increase in just a few years.

Victor Attallah grew up in Egypt and Lebanon in what was at first a nominally Christian home. He became a Christian aged 13. By 15 he had begun witnessing to friends and at 16 went to a Bible institute and then on to seminary. He went through a period of doubt before coming to trust in the sovereignty of God in creation, providence and redemption. Although he had attended a liberal college, by the grace of God he was able to hold to the faith. With his wife Lisa he founded and organised MERF, which is now active throughout the Middle East, Africa and the Sub-Continent. He is a man of action, one of those people who 'can get things done', and personifies 1 Corinthians 15:58: 'Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.' For more about MERF go to: www.merf.org

– Bob Thomas

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

CAR: May God Empower The Peacemakers

IN early 2013 the Central African Republic Government desperately appealed for help as bands of local and international Islamic jihadis backed by Sudan and Iran advanced on the capital, Bangui. But President Bozize had recently signed oil concessions with China, leading the US and former colonial power France to think that regime change in Bangui might serve their interests. They therefore refused assistance and let CAR, which is French-speaking and 70% Christian, fall to Arabic-speaking local and international Islamic rebels. Only when CAR was in total chaos did France send in peacekeepers. Contrary to reports, the conflict was religious from the very beginning. Likewise, the Seleka Muslim forces did not kill and burn 'indiscriminately'; rather, they targeted Christians and spared Muslims.

Compounding the tragedy, many Muslims betrayed their Christian neighbours and welcomed Seleka, anticipating that it would usher in an Islamic order wherein Muslims would be privileged simply by virtue of being Muslim. Some Muslims even joined in the looting of their Christian neighbours. Consequently, all trust has been shattered. With nobody coming to their aid, the traditional village self-defence units known as 'anti-balaka' went on the offensive to liberate CAR from the scourge of Seleka and exact revenge. Whilst church leaders, with support from some local Muslim clerics, have been leading the call for reconciliation, leaderless rogue anti-balaka and ex-Seleka militias are out of control, making it impossible to break the cycle of violence.

Seleka rebels are still killing and plundering throughout the centre and north-west of CAR. Around 100 people were killed in the past week in dozens of villages across north-west CAR close to the border with Chad. The fighting commenced on 1 May, allegedly after armed men, some reportedly in uniform, plundered Seleka's food reserves. According to the head of the UN Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Amy Martin, several armed groups are operating in the border area, including Seleka fighters who have formed alliances with armed Fulani herdsmen. Though it is not clear who is committing the violence, the deputy prefect in Markounda, Lucian Mbaigoto, said the killers were speaking Arabic and Fulani. Everaldo de Souza, a priest in Dekoa, told Reuters that ex-Seleka rebels had killed at least seven people in three nearby villages, though he expected the death toll to be much higher. In Mala, terrified citizens sought shelter in the Catholic church until it too was targeted. Yetina Isaac, a resident of Markounda, described how rebels entered homes, killed the occupants and set fire to the houses, burning the frail and the dead. She also reported having seen children 'thrown alive into the fire'.

Muslims in the north are calling for partition and for a separate state. Apart from Sudan and Iran and possibly some other Islamic states, there is no support for that as most recognise that such an entity would simply become a base for international Islamic mercenaries operating mostly at the behest of Sudan and Iran. While Seleka violence is receiving little media coverage, news of 'Christian ethnic cleansing of Muslims' is rife, not just in non-Muslim media, but in Muslim media. For example, Iranian media are warning Muslims that a 'Christian' genocide of Muslims is under way, with echoes of Rwanda. This creates a seriously dangerous climate for Christians. Foreign militants should be expelled, rebels must be disarmed and leaderless rogue anti-balaka need to be reined in or the situation could become much worse. CAR desperately needs peace.

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PLEASE PRAY THAT God Will:

- fill CAR's Church leaders and evangelists with a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit so they will speak with boldness and authority and lead the nation to Jesus Christ for transformative grace to make peace and reconciliation possible;
- pour out His Holy Spirit in generous abundance on the citizens of CAR, opening the eyes of the blind, unstopping the ears of the deaf, healing the traumatised and freeing those held captive to pain and rage. (Luke 4.16-21);
- work powerfully so that this nation, which has been invaded and ravaged by enemies, betrayed and abandoned by friends and torn asunder from within, will seek grace and healing from Him who is both willing and able to save.

'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'

(Matthew 19.26 ESV)

BEAUTIFUL FEET ...

Bringing The Bible To Life In Northern Territory

WHILE many versions of the Bible are available in English, thousands of Indigenous Australians still do not have the Bible in their own language. However, for the first time ever, Kunwinjku-speaking Christians in Oenpelli, NT, can now read and share the entire New Testament in their own language.

This exciting milestone has taken nearly 30 years and the hard work and collaboration of many to achieve. Over these years, CMS missionaries Steve and Narelle Etherington have helped train and equip a group of Aboriginal women as translators for this project, witnessing first-hand the difference God's Word makes in people's lives when it is available in their heart language.



Steve and Narelle Etherington

'The most exciting thing is seeing lives dramatically changed as people read the Bible and tell others about it,' said Narelle. 'The impact extends across generations as people not only read the Bible themselves and seek to live it out, but also teach it to their children.'

Rev Jeremy Gehrman, General Secretary of CMS Queensland with Northern NSW said, 'This translation project is possible thanks to Steve and Narelle Etherington, the Aboriginal people with whom they have worked closely for years, and the partnership of churches in Australia praying and financially supporting them.' More than 4.8 billion people worldwide do not know Christ. By translating the Bible into the Kunwinjku language, Steve and Narelle Etherington are helping to change that by bringing God's Word to life for Bible-poor Indigenous Australians living in remote parts of the country. 'It's so important that we try to help the Aboriginal Church grow. They are reaching out to tell other Aboriginal people about the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus loves Aboriginal people as much as He loves other people in the world,' said Steve. 'Bringing the Bible to life in Kunwinjku not only involves a lot of language research and documentation of the spoken language but also teaching children and adults how to read the Bible, apply it to their lives and tell others. I'm encouraged that people have a desire to read the Word of God, to see what He has to say.'

'Beautiful Feet Sunday'

Each year churches around Queensland and Northern NSW hold special services – on *Beautiful Feet Sunday* – to celebrate mission and to support the work of CMS missionaries like Steve and Narelle Etherington. 'How can people hear the good news of Jesus Christ if it is not in their language?' asked Rev Jeremy Gehrman. 'We take having our Bible readings on Sunday in our language for granted. Imagine if it was read in a different language in your church? For people to grow as Christians they need the Bible – the Word of God – in their language.'

Beautiful Feet Sunday highlights the need to let people of every tribe, language and nation know about Jesus Christ in a language they can understand. This year *Beautiful Feet Sunday* is being held by churches

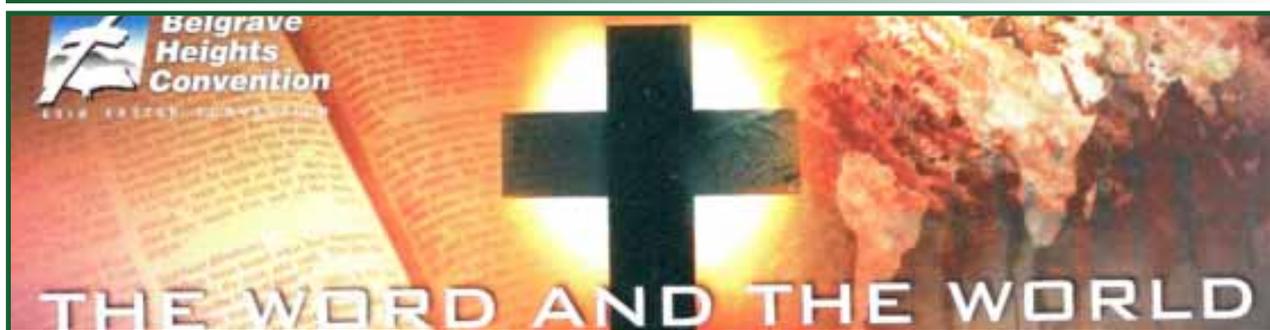


Reading Ephesians in Kinwinjku

throughout northern NSW and Queensland on 1 June onwards. It is coordinated by Church Missionary Society, which works with churches to set apart long-term Gospel workers who cross cultures to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For further information on world mission through CMS or to involve your church in *Beautiful Feet Sunday*, visit www.cms.org.au/beautifulfeet, contact qld@cms.org.au or telephone 07 3112 6530.

THE WORD GOES OUT ...



God's Provision For The Israelites In Exodus – And For Believers Today

REV Simon Manchester has been the senior minister at St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney, since 1989. In his final year of school he was invited to a Christian camp where Peter Hastie was the speaker. (Peter spoke at one of the BHC seminars). Simon said, 'I found Christ at that camp. I arrived as an unbeliever and departed as a new person in Christ.' He trained as a school teacher before studying at Moore Theological College. He is married to Kathy and they have three adult children. During 1982-84, he served as curate under Dick Lucas, at St Helen's in London. He believes that one of Western Christianity's main problems is the icy indifference of society as opposed to the fiery aggression faced by so many in anti-christian areas of the world.



God's Provision For The Israelites In Exodus, And For Believers Today

1. The Preparation Of God's Servant (Exodus 1.1-3.10)

Our culture breathes trivia and helplessness. God's Word gives light and life. In Exodus we see God's plan of salvation in miniature. Exodus is the blue-print for God's plan of redemption. We see God's power and His love revealed.

- God has the power to keep His promises to love and to save His People.
- God has the power to mock Pharaoh, and the love to make a servant. God's love is seen as He moves Moses out of Egypt, into the wilderness where he has to learn humility and trust.
- God has the power to present Himself as terrifying, and His love is dangerous.

2. The Testing Of God's People (Exodus 3.11-6.27)

God revealed Himself to Moses and overcame Moses' objections.

- **The Sufficiency Of God.** Moses gave five objections to God. 'Who am I?' My faith is measured by my dependence on God. God promises to be with Moses and that's all he needs. 'Who are You? What's Your Name?' God's answer is beyond exploration! 'Say "I AM has sent you".' God is exalted, separate, free; beyond understanding. 'What if they don't listen?', Moses was given three signs, but be careful of seeking signs. 'I don't speak well!' The Lord replied, 'I make mouths!' 'I don't want to do this.' God became angry. The only completely willing, able and sufficient servant was Jesus.

- **The Set-Backs Of Life.** Life is full of good and bad; trouble and triumph; encouragements and disappointments. God was preparing Moses, yet he neglected his own son's circumcision; God's covenant sign to His people. Moses was only saved through the intervention of his wife. Moses has to learn patience. Don't grumble about your situation. We need to ask the question, 'How can I honour You, Lord?'

- **The Scope Of God's Plan.** God will set them free and bring the people into the Promised Land. God chose priests from the tribe of Levi. Jesus is our great high priest. Now believers are a holy priesthood to God. God is sufficient, despite the set-backs. He has the whole span of the plan in His Hands.

3. The Evangelism Of God's Enemies (Exodus 6.28-11.20)

What God did in preview in Exodus, He will do in judgment in the end times. God sent the plagues giving the Egyptians time to repent. Daily we see God's power in creation without and conscience within. They hardened their hearts. What is your response?

- **God's Display And The Reason.** God is about to teach everyone that He is great and gracious in sending the plagues. They were not random attacks, but deliberate and personal; exposing idolatry and affecting all of life, health and prosperity.

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REACHING OUT TO CLAYTON KIDS – AND BEYOND

TEACHING THE KIDS: Jesus Is The Way, The Truth And The Life



Arnis Putnins Teaching the Children at ROCK

THE urgent Christian Gospel message of ROCK – Reaching Out to Clayton Kids (and beyond) – was proclaimed to children and adults immediately before Easter, from Monday 14 April to Thursday 17 April, in the open air at Namatjira Park, Clayton, Vic. The death and resurrection of Jesus (God the Son), repentance and forgiveness from sin, and cleansing of sin by Jesus' Blood were the essence of the ROCK mission leading up to Good Friday.

The specific theme of this mission was: *Jesus Said, 'I AM The Way, And The Truth And The Life'* (John 14.6). That theme was the focus in the various Gospel presentations by spiritually gifted ROCK team members. Holy Spirit-inspired Gospel songs, Bible stories, skits, drama, testimonies etc centred on Jesus the Saviour as the only Way, Truth and Life.

Attendances were encouraging, with children's attendances ranging from 89 on Monday to 135 on Thursday. Adult attendances were notably higher, ranging from about 20 on Wednesday to about 60 on Thursday. Also, many passers-by paused or lingered to hear the Gospel of Jesus.

Clayton's Christians give praise and thanks to God for Holy Spirit-enablement in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus to receptive gatherings in the park at Easter 2014. God willing, the next Summer ROCK mission will be in early January 2015 at the same venue. Please pray!
– Dr Des Gaffney

New Principal For Northside Christian College

THE Chairman of Northside Christian College Board, Mr Mark Donato, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Doug Holtam as the new Principal of Northside Christian College as from 1 July. Mr Holtam brings with him extensive experience in education and leadership, having worked in the education system both locally and internationally. He is currently Deputy Principal at Bayside Christian College.



Mr Holtam said, 'I am impressed with the College's investment in new buildings and teachers' commitment to improving learning outcomes through the use of cutting-edge learning technology. Clearly, Northside Christian College is very well positioned to deliver high-quality education to its students. I relish the opportunity to serve and lead the College at this exciting time in its history.'

The current Principal, Mr Stephen Leslie, completes nearly 30 years in Christian education, including a successful and rewarding 11 years at Northside Christian College. The College Board, staff and community extends its heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his service to Northside Christian College.

BGR Helps Survivors Of Twin Landslides

A REMOTE village in north-eastern Afghanistan has been declared a mass graveyard following back-to-back disasters after twin landslides buried at least 2,000 people in the Argo district of Badakhshan, one of the country's poorest regions.

Baptist Global Response is sending \$10,000 for emergency food aid to their Afghan partners. These churches intend to 'fill the gap' until more help arrives in the hard-to-reach mountainous disaster zone.



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- **God's Display And The Response.** The human heart readily hardens itself. Unless God changes our minds there is no hope. People always have a choice. God uses suffering to bring people to Himself. But He may also initiate or re-inforce the process.

- **God's Display And The Result.** Many heard about the God of the Israelites. Even Rahab, in Jericho, heard and repented. Pharaoh watches as his country turns to disorder, ugliness and chaos. Yet he refuses to believe.

4. The Praise Of God's Name (Exodus 12.15-27)

Exodus shows pictures of salvation, rescue and redemption, all fulfilled in Christ. On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elijah talked to Jesus about His Exodus.

- **The Substitute.** The Passover was introduced and became the start of the Israelites' life and calendar. Those who sheltered under the shed blood of the Lamb were saved as the Angel of Death passed over the land.

- **The Sea.** The Israelites were saved and the Egyptians were drowned. If we give God the Glory He deserves, we move into a safe harbour. We cross over from death to life.

- **The Song.** This is a song sung to the Lord. It recognizes what happened, who did it, and how and why it was done. We need to sing our praises and give thanks to God for His mighty works in and for us.

5. The Care Of God's People (Exodus 16.1-18.27)

God looks after His people as they journey through the wilderness. Like the Israelites we have been rescued and are travelling through hard rocky countryside. We must not give up. God never said life would be easy. He teaches us as we travel, so we might be astounded by His grace and committed to His Glory. But there is a warning for us: the Israelites sang, then grumbled!

- **God Provides The Food.** Bread and meat was supplied miraculously; sufficient for the day and double on the Sabbath. Today we have Christ, The Living Bread to feast on.

- **God's Presence.** Water is unavailable. Again they grumble and Moses bears the brunt of the Israelites' complaint. Miraculously, water gushes from the rock that Moses strikes. We have Christ, the Living Water, to quench our thirst.

- **God's Protection.** When Moses held up the staff, they were victorious against the Amalekites. The church has been given two visible rituals in the bread and the wine. Both point to Calvary.

- **God's Praise.** Things were overwhelming Moses, so Jethro devised a plan. Jesus alone can solve all our problems. In our journey from Grace to Glory, God provides protection. His presence is with us as we live for His Praise.

6. The Power Of God's Covenant (Exodus 19.1-20.21)

The covenant God makes with us, and the loving grip He keeps on us throughout life will see us safely home to Glory.

- **A Marriage Of Two Parties.** Israel was God's very precious possession and so is the church. Israel was to teach the nations about God and display His works, but they failed. So would we, except that Jesus finished the work. Our task is to trust Him, allowing His Spirit to work in us. Through Jesus we can relate to the Holy, Powerful and Dreadful God of Sinai.

- **A Marriage Of Clear Distinction.** Rescue comes before rules; deliverance before duty. God gave instructive, productive loving rules for a liberated people, to help them live a liberated life. These Laws included moral, civil and ceremonial codes. Jesus alone was able to keep these Laws. As we trust Him we are saved from the judgment through failure to keep them.

- **A Marriage Attacked.** Making a golden calf was like committing adultery on your honeymoon. The Israelites were not trying to have other gods. But they wanted to domesticate the Almighty, making a visible, portable statue.

- **A Marriage Protected.** God was angry, but He relented. He acted in mercy rather than in justice. Human hearts are rebellious. They ignore God's Word, preferring what is seen rather than the invisible. They want the benefits, but not the obligations of religion. Moses was willing to pay for their sins. But he was only human too. Christ, the sinless One, alone could make atonement for humanity's failings.

– Barbara Prout ('Mrs DP')

CHURCH AND NATION

Coalition Urged To Reject Commission Of Audit Recommendation To Break Chaplaincy Promise

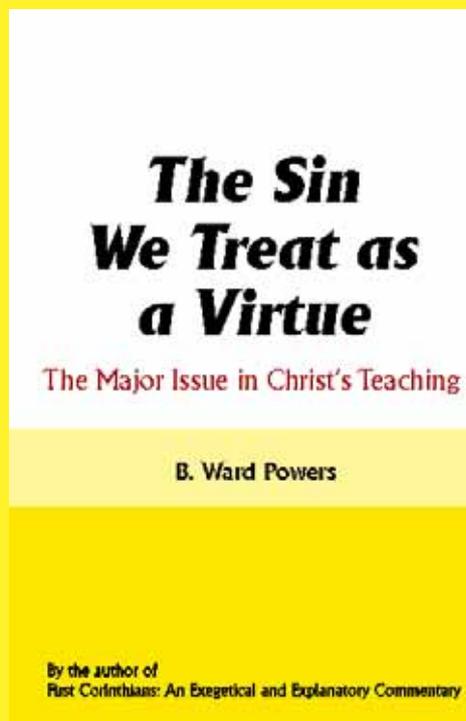
THE Australian Christian Lobby is urging the Coalition to reject a Commission of Audit report recommendation to break its election promise on school chaplaincy. Managing Director Lyle Shelton said the Coalition pledged before the election to continue the National School Chaplaincy Program In Schools to support the emotional wellbeing of students.

'The Commission of Audit has recommended abolishing the National School Chaplaincy Program despite its enormous success and widespread support,' Mr Shelton said. 'A survey of public school principals found that 98% said chaplaincy was a proactive, unique, effective, and important contribution to school morale, and that it should be continued. This is in addition to widespread community support for chaplains. The Chaplaincy Program costs relatively little for the large impact it has on school children. Abolishing national funding for chaplaincy will provide only small savings for the government while removing an important support available to hundreds of thousands of Australian children.'

'Balancing the budget is important, but even more so for community trust in politics are election commitments. There is a great expectation in the community that the Coalition's election commitment on chaplaincy will be kept.'

Mr Shelton noted that the Finance Minister had said that Commission of Audit recommendations that breached election commitments would not be implemented. However, a Commission of Audit recommendation to de-couple aid from Gross National Income in breach of an election commitment had already been adopted.

— Australian Christian Lobby



This book is for all of us who love the Lord Jesus because this whole topic is an issue that deeply concerns every one of us, and it really matters. Is there indeed a sin we treat as a virtue? Could this possibly be true of us, of me?

If there is something basic in biblical teaching about the way I live that is somehow slipping past me, then I want to do something about this. I will be eager to learn what it is, so that I can bring my life into line with the will and plan of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit: because of my love for the Lord Jesus, who said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will do what I command you' (John 14.15). And he said to those who claim to be his disciples, 'How can you call me "Lord, Lord," and not do the things that I tell you?' (Luke 6.17,46.)

Yes, there is a sin we are treating as a virtue.

This sin is greed—sheer plain greed. Coveting. The comfortable, respectable, sin, but the extremely dangerous and damaging sin. It is condemned by the Tenth Commandment. It is the sin Christ spoke against more often and more vehemently than any other. He warned against it in the strongest possible terms: 'Beware! Take care! Watch out!' It chokes the Word of God in your life, he said. It hinders a person entering the Kingdom of God and deprives them of eternal life. That is how serious it is. Paul said that greed is a form of idolatry and can destroy a person. He found this sin sneaky, tricky, and insidious.

The risk to us from this sin is all the worse because it is so often not recognized as sin. It is so all-pervasive that we do not actually see its deceitful danger. But statistics show it is insidiously at work in the church, seriously affecting its work and witness in the world.

It is a trap and a snare that can so easily catch us quite unawares. Breaking free of it is in fact one of the most difficult issues we face in our Christian lives. Can anything be done about this? Yes! It is crucial that we become aware of what the Bible says about it, and then think through how to live our lives in accordance with biblical teaching.

This book will point to all the relevant Scriptures. Can you afford not to heed what they say? They just might save you from spiritual disaster. Don't treat this lightly. Jesus didn't. Paul didn't.

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'THIS IS MY STORY'

Observations On The Changing Context of Bible Translation



WE are now well into an era in which the Church is truly global and is increasingly attuned to both proclamation and practice of the Gospel. Wycliffe's concern is not just to get Bible translation projects started, but to see the Church engaged so that minority language communities can thrive. This means caring about the whole person and trusting God to bring wholeness to individuals, families and communities. Therefore, in addition to Bible translation and the use of the Scriptures, we are also concerned about poverty alleviation, aid and development including literacy, medical ministry including HIV/AIDS, and micro-enterprises because these deal with many of the urgent crises facing the poorest of the poor – the same people who still need God's Word in their language.

I had the privilege of growing up in the mountains of Papua New Guinea amongst the Kewa people. My parents dedicated the early part of their married life to help the Kewa have the New Testament, with work continuing on the Old Testament. This first-hand account enabled me to witness the transforming effects that the Scriptures had on people's lives, on the local churches, and on the community as a whole.

My childhood encounters in PNG gave me a solid foundation and motivation for various roles I have held in Wycliffe Bible Translators since I joined the organization in 1980, including my current one as Executive Director of the Wycliffe Global Alliance.

The Wycliffe Global Alliance, as the name reflects, is an alliance of 110+ participating organizations from Africa, Asia, the Pacific, the Americas, and Europe. These organizations (which include Wycliffe Australia) support, recruit and equip people for Bible translation work around the world. Many are responsible for leading Bible translation programs in their own countries.

In my role I am grateful for the privilege of witnessing many things that God is doing around the world: young people gathering in Oslo, Norway to fervently pray for missions; indigenous Christian leaders in the Andes Mountains of South America who are assisting their people climb out of poverty through Bible translation and literacy; Singaporean business women using their financial resources to extend God's Kingdom in poor communities in Southeast Asia; Indian Bible translators who have given up comfortable lifestyles in South India to live amongst Dalit communities in northern India; village people in remote areas of Papua New Guinea turning their backs on the worship of evil spirits and turning to the living God. The Holy Spirit is always actively at work around God's world, whether we realize this, whether we see it or not.

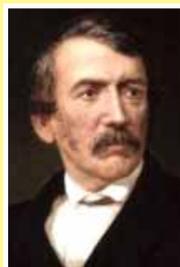
– Kirk Franklin, Wycliffe Global Alliance Executive Director

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– David Livingstone

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GOOD NEWS FROM ABROAD

New Ministry Centre Seven Years In The Making

SEVEN years of prayer and hard work is a long time. Waiting is difficult, but it remains one of God's strongest tools to shape His people. J.P. Sundararajan of Audio Scripture Ministries and their national partner World Cassette Outreach of India, shares this exciting and long-awaited news: 'On 23 May we will be dedicating our new Ministry Centre in Bangalore, India.'

The project began through prayer seven years ago. Through many obstacle-filled years, God has continued to bless the efforts of the two ministries. Sundararajan says, 'It's taken us a while, but God taught us how to rely on Him even in these matters. We are absolutely thrilled that in a couple of weeks we will be able to move into our building and start using it for ministry.'

The new centre will also have a chapel which will serve as both a place of worship and a place to train pastors and evangelists and others who discovered Jesus Christ through audio Bibles and now want to know more.

Pray that God will continue to bless the work that ASM and WCOI are doing together, and that interest in the true Word of God will grow daily.

– Julie Oosterhouse via MNN



Sandararajan putting the finishing touches to the building. – Photo courtesy of ASM



Last month WCOI distributed 25 Audio Bibles at a Blind school in Tamil Nadu. These units were given by World Mission. Most of the children who received these Audio Bibles were either partially blind or fully blind. The Principal of this school is a believer and she has been serving in this Government-run school for many years. The kids stay within the school and the Principal has been witnessing to them over the years and many have accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour. It was such a joy to see these little kids feel so happy touching and feeling their new Bible. The pocket sized *MegaVoice* envoy player loaded with the Bible has made it easier for them to not only carry the Bible wherever they go, but also to navigate the Bible with so much ease. Do pray for these children and also for the Bibles that were distributed. WCOI has also completed recording the full Bible in Gujarati and Telugu. We are working on recording the Bible in other major Indian Languages as well. Please do continue to pray for us. More details: <http://www.wcoi.org/>

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PERSECUTION WATCH

Religious Liberty Partnership Calls For Action On North Korea

THE Religious Liberty Partnership, a coalition of Christian organizations from over 20 countries that focus on religious liberty, has called for the release of all detainees in North Korea, an independent tribunal and sanctions against officials responsible for human rights violations.

It comes in the wake of the official report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in North Korea, which found that 'the gravity, scale and nature' of the violations of human rights in North Korea 'reveal a State that does not have any parallel in the contemporary world'. It details crimes against humanity including 'extermination, murder, enslavement, torture, imprisonment, rape, forced abortions and other sexual violence, persecution on political, religious, racial and gender grounds, forcible transfer of populations, enforced disappearance of persons and the inhumane act of knowingly causing prolonged starvation'.

The RLP Ottawa Statement on the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea expresses concern about the individuals imprisoned in the concentration camp system, victims of religious persecution, female victims of abuse, and North Korean refugees in China. It calls for 'a response of strong international organization and governmental action in light of this comprehensive report.'

Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) is a Christian organisation working for religious freedom through advocacy and human rights, in the pursuit of justice. For further information visit www.csw.org.uk

Kidnapped Nigerian Girls Forced To Marry Boko Haram Rebels

THREE weeks ago, police say 276 schoolgirls were abducted from their dormitories in Chibole, Nigeria by the Muslim extremist group, Boko Haram. Although a handful managed to escape, the fate of the rest has been a mystery. A spokesman with the Voice of the Martyrs USA Todd Nettleton says, 'There are reports that they have been taken across the border into Cameroon. Boko Haram makes that border crossing and sometimes seeks refuge across the border in Cameroon.' What's worse, 'These girls are being offered as brides for a small bride price: the equivalent of about \$US12.'

With each day passing, frustration is growing, Nettleton adds. 'It doesn't seem like the Nigerian government has been effective in trying to get these girls back for their families.' The problem, explains Nettleton, is: 'The Nigerian government has not found an effective response to Boko Haram. They have not proved to be effective in controlling them, shutting them down. It's actually a year, this month that the Nigerian government declared a state of emergency in three of the northeastern states of Nigeria.'

By declaring the state of emergency, the Nigerian government could utilize military force in addressing the insurgency. Now it seems their tactics have backfired.

Between January and April of this year, Boko Haram has claimed credit for more than 1,500 deaths, compared to approximately 3,600 fatalities from 2010 to 2013. Roughly 750,000 people have fled the violence, many of them agricultural workers, adding to the country's woes.

— *Mission Network News*

Radio Station Giving Hope To The Hopeless

WHILE the civil war in the Central African Republic leaves thousands dead and tens of thousands fleeing for

their lives, a Christian shortwave radio station in Boali is sharing a message of hope throughout the nation. Jay Hocking, Communications director of Water For Good, a ministry partner of Reach Beyond, says, 'Our staff there has developed programming focused on peace and reconciliation, and they're bringing in special speakers and religious leaders. Our radio station is the most-listened-to station in the country.'

Despite the continual unrest in Central African Republic, causing Water For Good to close its main office in Bangui and forcing many staff members to leave the capital and move to outlying communities, the work continues. Pray that the Christian radio station would continue to impact the Christian and Muslim communities. Pray for peace and hope as the ministry shares the Gospel in Central African Republic.

Violence Pushes Ukraine Closer To War

DEADLY clashes took place last week outside Slavyansk as Ukrainian troops clashed with pro-Russia separatists, killing 30. Slavic Gospel Association remained vigilant as Odessa convulsed in vicious street battles. The city is home to the SGA-sponsored Odessa Theological Seminary, as well as SGA missionaries.

On Friday 2 May, pro-Russian activists and demonstrators for the unity of Ukraine clashed, leaving behind more than 40 dead. Yet even in the midst of this terrible violence and tension, the evangelical churches SGA serves have a singular focus. Slavic Gospel Association spokesman Joel Griffith says, 'The evangelical churches that we're serving are sort of in the "fire zone" there, and they're just praying for peace to be restored to the region.' They're also praying 'that the Lord would, even in the midst of this hostility, somehow give them the means to be able to proclaim the peace and the love and the reconciliation of Christ.'

Mukti Celebrates 125 Years!

THE 125 Years Celebration of Mukti is a very extraordinary milestone for all of us. As I look back over the years, the Lord has enabled Mukti to grow in leaps and bounds. Every day we see God's abundant grace and mercy on the Mukti family as we continue to minister to His people. Mukti's special mandate is 'creating beauty from ashes' (Isaiah 61.3). When society has no place for the marginalized of our community, Mukti stretches forth her arm and accepts these people, irrespective of their background, and treats them with love and dignity. Very little has changed with regard to giving dignity to children and women since Mukti's inception in 1889. The trauma of victimized children and women who are unwanted and therefore abandoned still continues. Mukti opens doors to wives deserted by their husbands, single mothers ostracized by society, children flung off the railway tracks, some even to the extent of being hidden in the cleft of a rock and so on. With a grateful heart, I am pleased to report that we currently have 18 centres spread over eight states of India.

– Lorraine Francis, Mission Director, Mukti www.mukti.org.au



NSW Council Of Churches Concerned At Promotion Of Gambling During Sporting Telecasts
RESEARCHERS from La Trobe University have found that footy fans are exposed to more than five minutes of broadcast gambling advertising on average at an AFL match, and on-field gambling advertising far outweighed other advertising during commercial breaks, particularly during Test and international cricket. Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation chief executive Serge Sardo said children were now growing up in an environment where everywhere they look they are being told to gamble, and the lessons of alcohol and tobacco suggested on-field advertising was highly effective at encouraging certain behaviours. The NSW Council of Churches supports government and industry measures to curb problem gambling including stronger regulation of gambling advertising.

– <http://nswchs.com>

European Christian Mission Help For Ukraine
ECM has set up an emergency fund to provide Bibles, Christian literature, medicine and practical help to the people of Ukraine. Please send gifts to ECM marked 'Ukrainian Church Aid' or contact the ECM office on (02) 9747 5446 for details.

– www.ecmaustralia.org

Calling Young Writers!

THE Annual Australian Christian Literature Awards are gearing up for 2014. There are two categories for young writers: one for those writers under 30 and one for those under 18. Entries close 31 May for both, so get writing! A prize is given for the best un-

published manuscript by an Australian citizen under 30 years of age. A prize is also given for the best unpublished manuscript by an Australian citizen under 18 years of age. More details at the website:

www.sparklit.org

Celebrations At Christian Leaders Training College of Papua New Guinea

2015 will be the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of CLTC. PNG Post has approved the issuing of a set of stamps to commemorate the anniversary. The issue will be in the early part of next year. Watch this space for the design of the stamps as soon as this becomes available. There will be anniversary celebrations in Australia, New Zealand and of course PNG.

– www.cltc.ac.org

Mike Raiter Writes:

'I SPOKE at a *Word Alive Conference* at the impressive Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary in Windhoek. Namibia is 80-90% Christian but, sadly, that means very little, as corruption, gender violence and immorality is rife across the country. As one church leader said to me, 'It's hard to find a church where the Bible is taught and people love one another'. So, our preaching conference was very strategic. Around 25 attended, mainly pastors, from a variety of churches. As we finished, one pastor said to me, 'This has been the most significant three days in my 18 years of ministry'. Then it was off to the UK, where I joined Don Carson, Rebecca Manley Pippert, and Melvin Tinker speaking at *Word Alive*. It was good to talk with others about what can be done to promote Biblical preaching.'

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

New Co-Ordinator For Church Army

THE Board of Church Army in Australia is pleased to announce that Conrad Parsons has been appointed to the new role of National Co-ordinator. Board Chair Ian Freestone said, 'We are very excited in this new season Church Army is in and believe Conrad is the perfect fit in our task of growing a network of evangelists across Australia. The mission of Church Army is to honour and encourage evangelists across Australia in their work of making disciples. Church Army has recently undergone an overhaul of its strategic plan and the Board sees the appointment of a national co-ordinator as a key part of this new chapter. The work of the evangelist is an often misunderstood and undervalued gift to the Church and its mission. Our hope in implementing our strategic plan is to see over 300 evangelists networked together in dy-



namic and empowering relationships. Conrad comes to us with a wealth of experience as an evangelist, Christian leader and effective networker.'

School Ministry Brings Results!

JASON Moss reports that High Schools ministry in Campbelltown, NSW, has started again for term two. He asks for prayer that God would soften students hearts and that many teenagers would turn to Jesus and follow Him passionately for the rest of their lives. Praise God for a Year 7 student who has just started Scripture at Sarah Redfern High in Minto. His mum rang the school's Scripture co-ordinator asking for the contacts of a local youth group and church. As a result he went to Minto Anglican Youth the next Friday and the whole family went to church on Sunday. Some people from the church are doing *Christianity Explained* with the whole family, who are wanting to know more about following Jesus.

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Salvation's Great Blessings

Romans 8.18-27

FOR REFLECTION:

How well do you know the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your experience? Do you recognise His work as outlined here? Do you thank God that the Holy Spirit has been given to you because of the work of Jesus?

Note, again, the two great blessings of salvation in Acts 2.38.

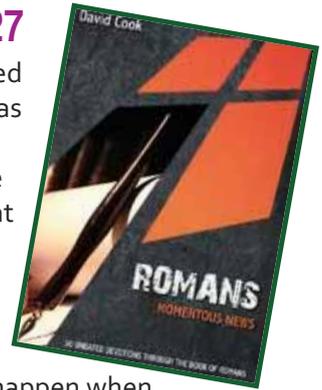
AS children of God, we are waiting for our promised inheritance (v 17). What is our present experience as we wait?

First, Paul says it is one of suffering (v 18). In verse 35, he outlines what he has in mind. He tells us that not only do we groan under the weight of present suffering (v 23), but the whole of creation groans under the frustration of its generation-growth-decay cycle. The creation is waiting for its liberation from the bondage of this cycle, and that will happen when the sons of God are revealed, that is, when Christ returns (v 19).

We have received the down payment of our salvation in the person of the Holy Spirit (v 23). We groan as we wait for the rest of the payment, when our bodies will be transformed (1 Corinthians 15:35ff). Our present experience is one of suffering and groaning. Paul says there should be none

of the unreal positivism that dominates those churches which claim the experience of life is one triumph after another. Note also, there is none of the constant gloom that may suit some personalities, for we are not as we were before we were believers. We have received the Holy Spirit, the downpayment, the first fruits which guarantee the rest is to come (v 23).

Secondly, Paul says our experience involves weakness (v 26). This is not a moral weakness, but the weakness of ignorance. Sometimes life is so complex we simply do not know the appropriate things to pray for. However, the downpayment, the Spirit, does know. He intercedes effectively for us in a way that is consistent with God's will when we may not know what God's will is in the situation (v 27). So here is our present experience, realistic, yet not one of unrelieved gloom; for through the work of Jesus, God has given us His Holy Spirit. The Spirit strengthens us to be holy (v 13). He revitalises us (v 11). He reminds us that we are God's children (v 16) and that we are on intimate terms with God (v 15). He is the first fruits (v 23), the guarantee of full salvation to come. He is the informed intercessor who prays for us (vv 26-27).



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Impact Of The Christian Voter

AUSTRALIAN Christians' report that their supporters should rejoice at the outcome of the WA Senate by-election on 5 April, with the removal from Federal Parliament of Louise Pratt, a Labor senator who supports abortion and same-sex 'marriage'. Australian Christians played a crucial role in bringing about this outcome.

AC reports: we can also be thankful that Joe Bullock has been elected to the Senate. Joe is pro-life and in fact has shown the reality of his Christian convictions by making it known that he has voted for Australian Christians! This demonstrates where his heart lays.

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BOOKS WORTH READING

MANY ADVENTURES FOLLOWED, Roger Young, FRP Printing Ltd, 9 Traminer Crt, Wendouree, 3355, cost \$15, plus postage. ISBN 978-0-646-45661-4.



WHILE browsing through the missionary stands during Easter at Belgrave Heights Convention, my attention was directed to the Mission Aviation Fellowship display. Roger Young was ready to answer any questions about MAF, so I purchased his biography to learn more of MAF and Roger's work.

The work of missionary pilots, especially in the tropical highlands of Papua New Guinea, always amazes me. We hear of the ministries of many missions in PNG, but their work would be so much harder without the accessibility of aircraft.

In his quiet, humorous way, Roger traces his journey from childhood in New Zealand to preparation for ministry at the Bible College of Victoria, showing how God used his fascination with planes to direct him to work with MAF. Roger arrived in Wewak, PNG in September 1965, the youngest MAF pilot at that time. The following chapters give a very descriptive insight into the perils of piloting light aircraft in PNG where mist, fog or rain can rapidly change the landscape. Cargo ranged from a mother giving birth, to transporting livestock.

A year later Roger married Rose, from Melbourne. They raised three children in PNG. He suffered two major cancer operations in 1974, aged 35, then spent time retraining. Eventually his health was restored, as was his pilot's licence, and his work continued with MAF until ill-health again saw them return to Australia. Chapter 23 gives an interesting insight to the emotional upheaval experienced by missionaries as they have to readjust to life at home. Roger and Rose still continued with MAF in Ballarat, and relieved workers from time to time in Northern Australia. Roger began his story in reply to the question of a nurse while he was in hospital: 'Does God really answer prayer?' This book displays countless occasions when God has guided, directed and intervened; even though in the author's words, 'It's not as dramatic as *The Air Adventures of Biggles*. Squadron Leader Bigglesworth was fictitious, while Roger Young was a very real, yet ordinary Christian who allowed God to control his life and his flying. If you would like to support MAF, or purchase *Many Adventures Followed* write to: Roger & Rose Young, 10 Winifred St, Mitchell Park, 3355; phone: 03 5338 1164 or email: randr_young@iinet.net.au

– Barbara Prout ('Mrs DP')

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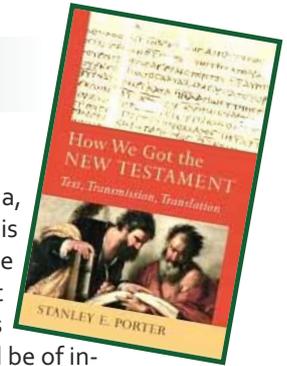
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BOOKS WORTH READING

HOW WE GOT THE NEW TESTAMENT: Text, Transmission, Translation, Stanley E. Porter, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013. ISBN 978-0-8010-4871-5

THIS informative book began as the Hayward Lectures at Acadia Divinity College, Nova Scotia, delivered in October 2008, by prolific author and New Testament scholar Stanley Porter, who is President, Dean and Professor of New Testament at McMaster Divinity College. It covers three vital areas of importance to all who value the New Testament as God's inspired Word: the text of the New Testament, its manuscript transmission, and the process of translation. Porter has written scholarly articles on all three fields. In this book he looks at broader issues that should be of interest to all students of the New Testament and he suggests new ways at looking at major issues.



The traditional aim of textual criticism is to recover the original text of the New Testament documents as they left the pen of their authors (the autographs). Porter reports that we are remarkably close to that goal, with about 90% of the New Testament text free from significant textual variants. Contrary to what Bart Ehrman may assert in recent well-publicised and provocative books, there is no evidence of widespread deliberate changes of the text to support a particular (conservative) theological position. Porter argues that the recovery of the original text must remain the goal of scholarly effort. The upshot of what he says is that we can have great confidence that we have in our hands the actual writings of the Apostles. Next, Porter provides a potted history of manuscripts and editions of the Greek New Testament. He rejects arguments in favour of the Traditional Text (Textus Receptus) and the Majority Text as not convincing, if for no other reason than that the Byzantine text-type does not appear until the Fourth Century, when it was promoted by John Chrysostom. Indeed, he argues that the Alexandrian text-type is the earliest (and most stable) textual witness, and that is why most critical texts of the Greek New Testament since Westcott and Hort use it as a basis. Before we rush to defend our beloved Authorised Version, we need to remember that 90% of the Greek Text that lies behind it is identical to the best critical editions of the Greek New Testament, which should help to take some heat out of arguments about versions.

Porter's main target, however, is Bart Ehrman's book, *Misquoting Jesus*, wherein Ehrman grossly exaggerates the extent of variations in the textual tradition. Ehrman seems to be trying to undermine people's confidence in the Bible in their hands. Porter's own proposal is that instead of using an eclectic scholarly text that is not identical to any ancient manuscript, we should use an actual early manuscript such as *Codex Sinaiticus*. In other words, he wants us to use a text that was actually handled and read by early Christians. The suggestion is not as odd as it may at first sound, for the Old Testament Hebrew text generally used today is an actual text, the *Codex Leningrad*.

Porter provides a description of the writing and materials used in the almost 6,000 New Testament manuscripts presently known (mostly fragments). Then, he argues that the New Testament documents were written in the First Century. Porter marshals a great body of evidence to show that the four Gospels as a corpus was known and accepted as authoritative in the early Second Century. The canon of Paul's 13 letters was in existence by 200 AD, with Paul himself responsible for their collection (using the copies he retained). The Letter to the Hebrews has a strong connection with Paul, even if not actually written by him (it is anonymous).

Lastly, Dr Porter provides a history of Bible translation that began before the Christian era, with the translation of the Old Testament into Greek (the *Septuagint*). The early translations reflect the rapid spread of Christianity and the mission imperative at its heart. As we all know, the Twentieth Century was marked by a deluge of competing English translations. Porter stands back from this and gives his own thoughts on the nature of translation. He attempts to move beyond the pitched battle between the literal camp and the dynamic equivalence camp of translators. To do this he sets Bible translation within the larger context of linguistic and translational theory. As he properly notes, the minimum unit of meaning is the clause rather than isolated individual words, and our commitment to verbal inspiration is not at all compromised if we acknowledge that fact. The next step is to see the paragraph or larger discourse section as an important level of meaning, which will require new modes and methods of translation.

This, then, is the kind of book the Bible teacher or serious student who wants up-to-date information and informed comment of these three key fields of New Testament study should read.

– Greg Goswell

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