



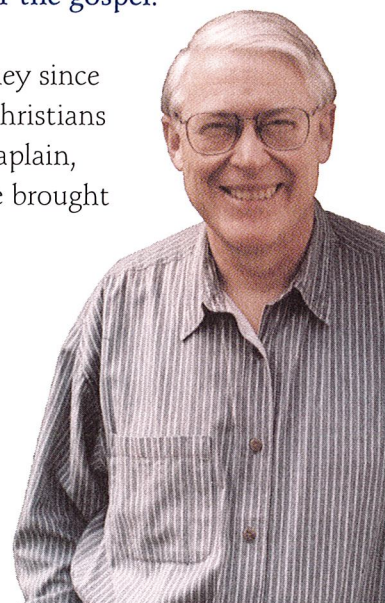
MOORE MATTERS

June 2000

“I saw *Eternity* the other night...”

is the rather startling beginning of an old poem. But it happened to me. I was in London watching a Christian audio-visual. It featured a photo of the Harbour Bridge with ‘Eternity’ written in fireworks from the New Year’s celebrations. No one with me needed to be told that this was Sydney. The bridge and the Opera House are sufficient to identify the city all around the world. The Olympic Games are going to complete that job of making us known. This is not a matter of pride – **it reveals our opportunities for the gospel.**

The preaching of the gospel of the Lord Jesus has been in Sydney since the very beginning of white settlement. Leading evangelical Christians in England made sure that the first fleet had an evangelical chaplain, Richard Johnson. The college library contains a book which he brought with him on that epic voyage.



Sydney was always a tough town for Christian witness, but there have been throughout its history Christians determined to make Christ known. This is true now as it was in the beginning. We thankfully record that the Lord has blessed the efforts of his servants. We would be fooling ourselves if we thought there was going to be much change to make it easier, unless the Lord intervenes dramatically. But we should be in good heart.

by Peter Jensen

Moore College has been integral to the strategy for almost 150 years.

Times have changed enormously since the early days, but our aim is the same as that of the leaders who first set up the college. Those such as college founder Bishop Barker had a vision for the gospel, and for the churches in Sydney and the world. What they may not have been able to see was that this would one day be such a significant world-city.

Sydney is now a city with abundant human and financial resources. And it is geared to make an impact. Our business people, educators and thinkers have a world-vision. They do not stop at our city or national boundaries. They can see the possibilities. We must do the same. We cannot afford to be provincial or parochial.

Our vision is first of all for the city in which God has planted us. We wish to see the gospel preached, churches founded and nourished, and Christians encouraged to walk with the Lord in their daily lives. **But our prayers, efforts and resources have to be given to the kingdom of God in the Lord’s world-wide work. To fail here is to fail the Lord in what he has given us, and what he has given us to do.** It becomes clearer with every passing year that the college remains integral to this strategy. **Please continue to support us as we seek to find and do the will of the Lord - in the light of Eternity.**

Mission is a highpoint in the students' year. Over eight days they have opportunity to put into practice what they have learnt as they work alongside local church members in outreach and evangelism. This year a record thirteen student teams headed out at the end of April. Ten of the teams were spread across the Sydney Diocese - from Nowra, Ingleburn, Sadler, South Coogee/Coogee and Darling Point to West Pennant Hills with Cherrybrook, Castle Hill, Pymble, Terrey Hills and a combined mission to West Pymble, West Lindfield and Turramurra South. Other teams went further afield - to Crossroads Christian Church in Canberra, Gulgong Presbyterian and to Sabah, Malaysia.

Mark Thompson led a team of twenty-one students to Sabah, the Malaysian state occupying the northernmost tip of the island of Borneo. They were accompanied by retired graduate, Allen Quee and reporter, Jeremy Halcrow of Anglican Media. This mission came at the invitation of Bishop Yong Ping Chung, who visited Moore last July and is now Archbishop of South-East Asia. The group divided into three, with one under Allen Quee staying in Kota Kinabalu, the capital city (pop. 300,000) on the west coast. Year 4 student Cameron Munro took charge of the group at Sandakan (pop. 150-200,000) on the east coast, while Mark Thompson headed into the jungle interior, to Telupid, with the remaining group.

Allen reports *"I found (the group) committed to gospel ministry, keen to be serving the Lord, and excited about the experience of cross-cultural ministry. They were co-operative, took initiative with sensitivity, and gave themselves without reserve."* He also comments on *"a serious lack of trained leaders"* and of being *"saddened by many things we witnessed"* in reference to the great emphasis placed on manifestations of the Spirit. Nevertheless, he tells of *"splendid opportunities to encourage and share with individuals and couples"* and of *"a remarkable and fruitful time."*

Describing the mission as *"unlike any other I have been on,"* Cameron says *"It was profoundly exciting to work over ten days in a culture not our own, profoundly encouraging and humbling to witness the evangelistic zeal shown by the church in Sabah, and profoundly challenging too. The need of the church in Sabah is astounding."* He explains the challenge *"God has blessed the church with incredible growth but this has created a shortfall in trained Bible teachers."*

Wendy Ko (Year 1) tells of work with the Kadazan indigenous people in the interior and of some new experiences - *"houses on stilts, monkeys along river banks, going on long boat rides and using squat toilets."* Most of their ministry was in the form of testimonies, talks and seminars with translation. Wendy says, *"We were overwhelmed by the generosity and hospitality of the people. One of the poorest churches actually knocked down a wall so more people could come to see us. Others had walked a 5 km dirt track in pitch-darkness just to hear us."* She sums up the mission *"Seeing the poverty of the people in Sabah, both physically and spiritually, has helped me to be thankful for what we have here in Sydney; not just for the physical comforts we have, but also the great Bible teaching that we get at college. The trip has taught me to treasure the gospel and to see it as our responsibility to take it to places like Sabah where the need for good Bible teaching is so great."*



Musical item by the team during an evangelistic meeting at Christ Church, Likas in Kota Kinabalu



Cameron Munro preaches at a Sandakan church, with the local minister translating



From left - Aleks Pinter, Mark Thompson, local minister James Ming and Jeremy Halcrow travel by river from Kuala Sapi to Suolok



Eric Cowan is a semi-retired businessman who graduated Dip B&M in March. He says *"What a joy to be among so many bright young dedicated people. It augers well for the Anglican denomination to have these great men and women coming through the ranks."* Born in Scotland of Brethren parents, Eric emigrated at fourteen to Zimbabwe. He attained an MBA (Capetown) and PhD (London). With Zimbabwean wife, Gail and three children Eric moved to Australia to head I & J Foods for some 19 years, worshipping at Frenchs Forest Baptist Church. Four years ago he became involved with the interdenominational mission organisation, SIM after a short-term mission to Korea, and last year was elected its NSW Council Chairman.

On his year at Moore, Eric reflects *"I learnt much that I did not know and found it quite an appropriately humbling experience after the business world, where I just had to pick up a phone and have people leaping to my command. I feel that I will be much better equipped to serve SIM as a result."* He highlights *"the generally high standard of the lectures"*, and that *"the whole atmosphere was warm and caring at all times"*, emphasising *"Above all was the centrality of Scripture and the focus on proclaiming the Gospel."*

Tori Hill is a Sydney girl completing 4th year BD this year. Trained as an accountant, she recalls hearing *"that there was a need for women as chaplains in girls' schools"*, and thinking *"this sounds like a great ministry opportunity. God has given me the gifts and willingness to do this kind of work."*

Tori reports that at college *"I have learnt, re-learnt, and had modelled to me the absolute centrality of Christ and his Word in ministry. I have also seen that there are many opportunities for theologically educated women to be involved in ministry."*

Tori enjoys living-in at Mary Andrews College but says it is hard to keep up with family and friends outside. As an Anglican candidate she has been a student minister at both West Lindfield and Merrylands West. Presently learning how to minister in a school environment at St Catherine's in Waverly, she has found *"all three positions both challenging and encouraging, and the learning from them invaluable as an addition to what I am learning at college."* Engaged to 3rd year Moore student David Walker, Tori is *"looking forward to being in ministry full-time, although it is hard to say what shape that will take."*



Josh Dinale (on left) and **Scott Hedley** are the first students to undertake Moore's new one year course for the Diploma of Bible and Youth Ministry. They study seven first year subjects with BTh and BD students, plus nine specialist subjects designed to equip them for youth work.

Aged 19 and 20 respectively, Josh and Scott are considerably younger than usual college entrants. This course aims to attract those who have completed Year 12, demonstrated a capacity for tertiary study and who, above all, have a passion for seeing young people grow in their knowledge of Jesus and what he has done for us.

Those who decide to pursue youth ministry long term will have the option of proceeding to second year in the BTh (Youth Ministry) course by doing some set reading and written assignments, together with proof of competence in Greek.

Faithful in Prayer



March 94 issue of this newsletter reported that the ladies of St Clement's Lalor Park Moore College Prayer Group had been praying for the college since 1970. Audrey Little had led the group since the mid-1980's, and she continued to do so till her health failed 2 years ago. She went to be with her Lord in January and the college community gives thanks for her life and faithfulness. Widowed at 37, Audrey brought up her five children alone on a farm. The Lalor Park

ladies continue to pray under the leadership of Dulcie Simpson, wife of graduate Bob Simpson. It was Bob's first wife, Elaine who started the group. Thanks ladies! That's 30 years now – is this a record?

"Trial" Brisbane Conferences a Success

The five year "trial" for Moore's External Studies Brisbane Conferences reached the halfway point with a fifth conference from 24th to 26th March. It was the best attended so far, with 95 people from as far afield as Armidale, Lismore, Noosa and Bribie Island. Graeme Goldsworthy and Keith Condie opened God's Word with Studies in Psalms, Biblical Theology and Christian Worship.

Michael Uptin of CMS Queensland with Northern NSW writes, *"Sandra and I look forward to the injection of good Christ-centred teaching that we get at these events"*, and comment from a Presbyterian minister in Noosa *"it was an absolute treat – your two speakers were excellent."*

The "trial" would appear to be a resounding success!

DIARY DATE: Special 2-day School of Theology

As there will be no Annual Lectures in August this year, a special 2-day School of Theology is planned for 18th-19th July. Speakers include Dr Don Carson from USA and Professor Henri Blocher of Paris.

Library News

Following a 1998 grant of almost \$100,000 from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Moore College Library now has a new computer system in operation. Members of the public may access the catalogue via the Internet, and provision has been made for all single students in John Chapman House to have direct access via the college LAN. The address of the library is <http://library.moore.edu.au>

This technology is transferable to the new library building which will, of necessity, be a high priority in the Master Plan under consideration.

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“Devote
yourselves to
prayer, being
watchful
and thankful”

Col 4:2

Moore Prayer

Give thanks

- ◆ For the success of Missions, and lives won for Jesus
- ◆ For Peter O'Brien's Ephesians commentary, plus other faculty publications
- ◆ That the Correspondence Course reaches over 3,500 people in 34 countries each year
- ◆ For all who have provided funds for 15 & 17 Little Queen Street

Pray

- ◆ That God continues to raise up gifted men and women to train at Moore
- ◆ For the choice and funding of a sixteenth faculty member
- ◆ That July's School of Theology will be a great blessing to many
- ◆ For opportunities to share the gospel during the Olympics
- ◆ For 1,500 e-friends and over 60% of Sydney parishes supporting the college by June 2001
- ◆ For Peter Jensen and Council as they prepare a new Education & Facilities Master Plan for Moore

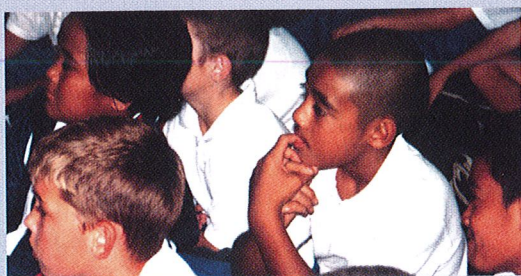
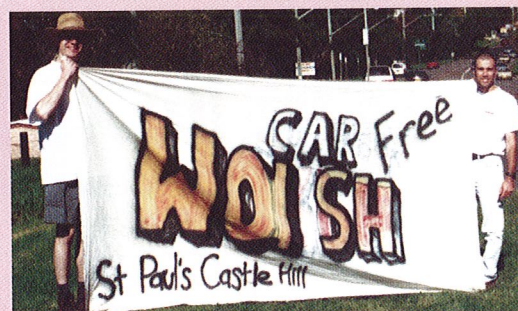
Keith Condie says the two churches *"had planned a wide variety of events to maximize points of contact with the local community."* He highlights an evening Chat Show on 'Living through Suffering', at which Rhett Harris *"gave a very moving testimony to how faith in Christ has upheld him and Katrina following the discovery that their daughter suffers from a severe handicap."* Other events included an Investment Seminar with a segment on investing for eternity, several 'Grill a Christian' BBQ's in private homes where guests asked questions after a short gospel presentation, and a variety of concerts. At one, Con Campbell *"wowed the audience with his skills on the saxophone then spoke of how he 'changed gods' – from jazz to Christ."* Work with children included primary school seminars featuring 'Chunky the Monkey'. Keith reports *"A number of people committed their lives to Christ during the mission."*



Mike Raiter led the team to Crossroads Christian Church, run by graduate David McDonald. The mission also involved both ACT university campuses, the Institute of Sport and the Defence Forces Academy. In a mission Mike describes as *"one of the busiest"*, he reports *"over 50 evangelistic meetings were held during the course of the week."* The team gained access to primary schools for a variety of lunchtime programs. They spoke at Sunday services and a dinner at the Anglican church which another Moore graduate, Malcolm

Richards is establishing in Gungahlin, Australia's fastest growing suburb. Mike concludes *"We all give thanks to God that so many heard the gospel and some expressed faith in the Lord Jesus. It's terrific that David, Malcolm and others down there will be run off their feet over the next few weeks with so many follow-up visits."*

Andrew Lubbock reports on this mission led by Keith Mascord *"the partnership with staff and lay members of St Paul's began early – at a 7am women's breakfast on the first Saturday, at which Denise Chee and Jocelyn Kidd testified to God's goodness in Christ."* The joint venture continued through playgroups and primary school evangelism, a 50+ lunch, high school chapel service, women's craft night, men's breakfast and services on two Sundays. *"College team members were able to provide an 'independent' perspective on Jesus for the not-yet Christian friends and family of those hosting three dialogue-style meetings"* says Andrew. The team door-knocked for the new Oakhill Family Church congregation, and staged a free car wash on the final Saturday which Andrew describes as *"a highlight – we were excited to proclaim Jesus as we washed, eagerly anticipating God's work in the lives of those we met and with whom we spoke."*



Richard Gibson enthuses *"We soon realised we were surrounded by people who loved Jesus and wanted his gospel preached to their friends and neighbours. They had been preparing and praying for months. They had been giving sacrificially to pay for literature, advertising, food and the special events."* Richard says, *"Time and time again we found ourselves locked in conversations about life and death, just metres from where drug dealers plied their trade."* He continues *"Buddhist families*

received New Testaments. Muslims took away Arabic New Testaments. A Czechoslovakian woman read 'A Fresh Start' from cover to cover and had passed it on to a neighbour before the afternoon was over." Sadlier Rector, Geoff Taylor writes *"Under terrific leadership the students 'did the college proud', with exceptional graciousness, energy and giftedness. I was genuinely humbled by their enthusiasm and ministry mindedness, even at times their readiness to take some 'hard yards'."* He concludes *"It was clear that many were well out of their comfort zones, yet still they ministered most faithfully. Things really do look well for the future if this team is representative of the current students at college."*

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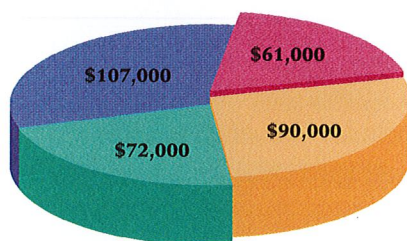
Development initiatives in 2000 focus on the dual challenge presented by a student body which has leapt a huge 70% in just 15 years, to a record 241 full-time students this year.

The college currently has 15 members of faculty, an increase of just 36% in those 15 years. The Head of Mission is supported by one individual donor, and funding for two other appointments depends on parishes in Sydney and beyond. There is urgent need of a sixteenth faculty member. Peter Jensen seeks to make an appointment mid-year. Outside resources must supplement income from student fees and an annual diocesan grant in order to support the teaching appointments necessary, and avoid the alternative of prohibitive fee increases.

Likewise, financial help is urgently needed for loan repayments, essential maintenance and renovations to existing houses, and to build new housing units such as the two townhouses at 15 & 17 Little Queen Street. Moore's commitment to preparing pastors in community is being put to the test!

BUILDING FUND (as of 15th May)

(gifts over \$2 tax deductible)



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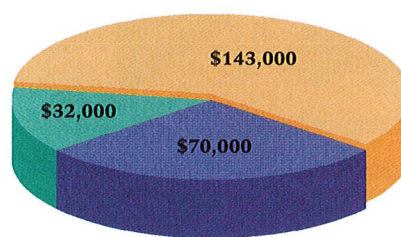
(in addition to \$212,000 received 1999)

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NEEDED - \$151,000

GENERAL FUND (as of 15th May)

- for faculty appointments



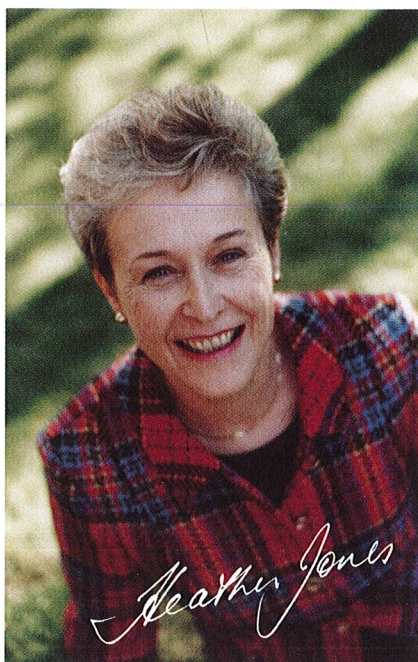
Dept. of Mission appointment

(4th of 5 year pledge by one donor)

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2 appointments + 1 new mid-year
received still needed

NEEDED - \$143,000

MOORE MATTERS



Our newsletter receives a new name for a new millennium. In active form it reflects the pivotal position Moore is playing in much of the gospel ministry taking place in Sydney, throughout Australia, and indeed around the world.

Mattearing brings responsibility. Let us not fail the task of equipping to the best of our ability the abundance of suitably gifted workers God is sending us. This calls for a *giant leap* in resources, for unprecedented levels of sacrificial giving from the family of Moore College supporters who share our belief that **MOORE MATTERS - for the sake of the gospel.**

I could cite many recent examples of such giving - from the couple who pledged an extra \$65,000 to get 15 & 17 Little Queen Street underway and the dear lady able to give just \$20 p.a in life who recently left 10% (\$30,000) of her estate to the college, to the young professional giving \$1,000 per month indefinitely from a family trust in support of faculty.

If not one already, will you personally take up today our invitation to become an *e*friend of Moore? Your rewards will be in heaven as you meet up with the many who were reached through the faithful ministry of men and women from Moore.

Overwhelmed by e-talk?

There is one e-language we
can all speak...

e^{friends} of Moore

encourage the suitably gifted
to consider training for ministry

enable their equipping by
communicating sacrificial gifts

empower this work through
prayer for the college

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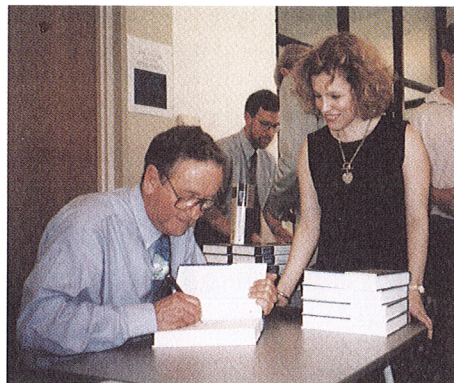
Estimates, based on those giving
to Moore in the past 2 years plus
those requesting the bi-monthly
Prayer Bulletin, are that Moore
currently has 780 **e^{friends}**. We
pray that God will provide 1,500
e^{friends} by mid 2001. Moore
Matters will keep you posted.

Peter O'Brien on Ephesians

A special function at the college on 15th November, 1999 marked the launch of Vice-Principal Peter O'Brien's *"The Letter to the Ephesians"* in the Pillar NT Commentary series. Guests gathered in the Knox Centre Common Room to hear Phillip Jensen pay tribute to Peter's work as being *"thorough, careful, exhaustive, intelligent, reasonable, readable, accessible, and above all humble, so as to tremble at God's Word."* Phillip concluded *"Here friends is a preachers' friend, written by a friend of many preachers."*

Due for publication in the next few months are Barry Webb's *"Five Festal Garments"* (subtitled *"Christian Reflections on Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther"* and based on Moore College Annual Lectures 1998), plus Graeme Goldsworthy's *"Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture"* from Eerdmans. They will be available from Moore Books.

With his own book on the Doctrine of Revelation nearing completion, Principal Peter Jensen stresses *"the need to research and to publish"*, explaining *"such activities will immediately benefit the students and the diocese, but they also represent a direct service to the church in the world. They are an indispensable part of our missionary obligation."*



Peter O'Brien signs a copy for graduate Sarie King,
now Dean of Students at Mary Andrews College



From left: Phillip Jensen, Mary and Peter O'Brien
with Peter Jensen after the launch

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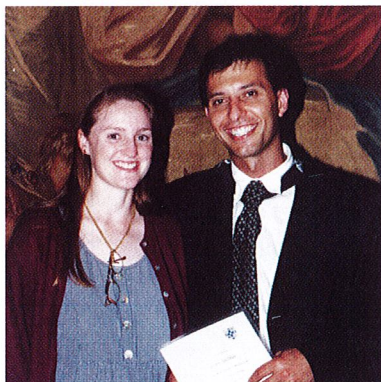
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Graduation 2000

One of the highlights of the college calendar, this year's Graduation ceremony on 6th March in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney was the culmination of much hard work and commitment for 68 graduands. Of these, 24 received the Bachelor of Divinity - Michael Jensen, Alan Lukabyo, James Hely-Hutchinson and Orlando Saer with 1st Class honours. Another 16 received BTh, two BTh (Youth Ministry), and 15 the Diploma of Bible and Missions. Eleven were conferred with postgraduate degrees, Ailsa Knox (widow of previous Principal Broughton Knox) accepting a Master of Theology on behalf of son, David. The occasion was also chosen to award Janet West her Doctor of Theology on behalf of the Australian College of Theology. She is the first woman to receive this degree.

The variety of ministries into which graduates have moved gave cause for excitement. The majority are in some form of Anglican ministry, including cross-cultural, within the Sydney Diocese. Ten are engaged in ministries in schools, universities or colleges, seven for other denominations, two interstate, and seven are as far afield as England, Wales, Denmark, France, Malaysia, Tonga and USA.

Dean of Students Michael Hill interviewed two of the graduates, followed by a stirring address from Barry Webb on *"The Gospel we Preach."* Based on Romans 1:16, Barry spoke of the gospel as shocking and offensive, powerful and demanding a response. He said *"when the gospel is truly believed it will always send you to people"*, and emphasized to the new graduates *"We're in the business of preaching it, explaining it and, with God's help, living lives shaped by it."*

From top: Ailsa Knox receiving David's MTh degree from Archbishop Goodhew, Steven Soldatos with his BTh and wife Hayley, and Rebecca Fulton accepting her Dip B&M from the Archbishop



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