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I DO APOLOGISE FOR THE 'OUT OF DATE' CONTACT  
PEOPLE IN MARCH ACW NEWS.  
I ADVISE YOU NOT TO USE THIS CONTACT LIST.

Phyl Marsden - Editor

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Go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ . .  
Amen



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

## ACW News

We seek: to unite Australian Women in their allegiance  
to their Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ; to help  
Christian women to take a more effective place  
in the total life & mission of the church.

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

MAY, 1992

Easter will have come and gone by the time this reaches you all. It is a special family time for most of us, both in our own families and in the wider Christian family. Ecumenical Services are a feature of this season and rightly so. Christ's death and resurrection is the basis of our unity.

Remember when Anzac Day observances were the only Ecumenical Services? We thank God for the changes He has made in our attitudes.

Last month a misprint inferred that our Conference would be in Burnie. However, it will be held at Camp Clayton, a lovely coastal spot between Ulverstone and Devonport. We are sure you'll find it pleasant. The Conference Committee will give you more details soon, so that you may be able to plan a holiday round it. September 13 - 17, 1993

The leaflets about our Winifred Kiek Scholar, Ana Manu Taumoepeau, are out now. They help with the spelling and pronunciation of her name, and have other information. Our WKS Convenor, Betty Brown has travel plans for state visits in hand. You will probably have heard from her by now. We know you will enjoy meeting Ana.

It was suggested at our March meeting by Margaret Napier, our ACWC Rep., that we start a Relief Fund. She told us that at ACWC meetings usually one or more of the member countries have suffered some major problem: a volcanic eruption; a cyclone; flood or war. It would be good to have money available so that National Executive could send a gift to those countries to show we care. In the past, we have been unable to respond to the need immediately. National Executive can decide how much is appropriate in each case.

In order to do this, we have designated half the World Community Day offering for 1993 to start this fund. The other half going to ACWC for administration as usual. We hope that you approve of this idea. Then Victoria will be able to see how it works in practice.

We on the National Executive, covet your prayers. I know the Lord will over-rule, so that He can work through us.



Yours in His service,

Lorraine Davis - National President

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN SPOONS. BUTTER KNIVES, JAM SPOONS, TEA TOWELS AND LAPEL PINS CAN BE ORDERED IN ANY QUANTITY FROM:

Major Joan Tong, 8 Metella Cresc., Belfield, N.S.W. 2191

Spoons, Butter knives and jam spoons:

Whole/Sale - \$2.55 Retail - \$3.00 (or more!)

Tea towels - \$4.20 Retail - \$5.00 (or more!)

Lapel Pins - \$1.60 " - \$2.00 (or more!)

The Retail/Selling price can be determined by

you.

PLEASE ORDER NOW FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY SERVICES IN 1992. THEY SELL WELL AT SPECIAL DAYS.

An account will be sent with the order, payable to the National Treasurer.

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Australian Church Women S.A. Unit

Congratulations to Mrs Lieut. Col. Val Schmitke, who with her husband was recently appointed to that rank.

\* The speaker at the last meeting was Mr Tony Downey from Telecom. He is the leader of the Review team for Telecom Call Charging Principles. An interesting and informative talk. A booklet is now available "What you need to know about 0055".

All women's groups will be receiving information regarding protesting against the degradation of women's posters at newsagents etc. We will be also asked to bycott the buying of a variety of women's magazines as a protest. This has come from the Adelaide Business and Professional Women's International.

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Society.

Scripture distribution shows an even trend, with some improvement in sales of all varieties, including videos and comics for children. Free Bibles are distributed to those who cannot afford them, e.g. to those in prisons, and to students at theological colleges. A new translation, Contemporary English Version, is now available. This is a very simple language and is very easy for people to follow who have no knowledge of Christian terminology. So far,

we have only the New Testament, but it is expected that the whole Bible will be available by 1996.

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#### NOTINGS FROM ACWC REPRESENTATIVE

Last year, there were many natural disasters worldwide - one of which was the Mt Pinatubo volcanic eruption.



As the emotion and publicity immediately following the eruption dies away, we tend to push it to the back of our minds.

At the Conference in Bangkok last October, Gloria Gaa was asked if the Philippines could be an alternative venue for the 1994 Assembly. She said they could not accept this responsibility as the Government believes it will be many years before the country recovers from the devastation caused by lava and ash and there will be still a long way to go in 1994.

In spite of the problems in the Philippines, Gloria brought a cheque with her to give to the representatives from Bangladesh towards their cyclone relief.

Gloria Gaa is the Philippines General Committee Member.

#### Her Prayer Requests Are:

\* Pray for Church Women United of the Philippines and its Executive Officers and Board of Directors as they hold office in 1992/1993. May our Lord God Almighty through His Son Jesus Christ bless and use them as partners of men and as individuals in the worldwide peace-making processors of the church and nation.

\* Pray especially for Filipino mothers and

fathers who choose to leave their families behind in order to find work abroad desiring to give them a decent and dignified life. May they find happiness and fulfillment in their respective situations.

\* Pray that our Lord will grant the Filipino people a peaceful and clean 1992 National and Local election.

May the Lord give wisdom to every Filipino voter to elect only those government officials who think of public good over and above personal interests.



Margaret Napier - ACWC Representative

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The authorisation has been given by FLC International Committee for a grant of 2,000 dollars for the 'Women's Refuge and Training Centre' in Papua New Guinea which is run by the Sisters of Visitation. ACW

submitted this request to the FLC I.C.

Shirin Samuel reminded me in a recent letter that there are just so many needs for under privileged and poor women through out the world. We, in Australia, should be thankful for what we have.

Shirin exhorts the ladies of Australia to be on the look out for the new publication of Circle of Prayer which is now on the way to State Convenors.

May God Bless you all as you spread the news of love, peace and reconciliation as you tell the FLC story.

Juanita Miller - National FLC Convenor

FAITH and ACTION (Some excerpts from ACW Tas.R.)

The struggle continues against the now firmly established policy of immoral videos readily available to the impressionable young of our society.

Action is most important in that struggle; but the primary force must be faith in prayer for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to lead the direction of the activity.

The ACW Tasmanian Committee, in 1984, undertook a roster of denominational members and friends to write letters of complaint and/or praise to programme sponsors or managers. This was in order to have letters continually posted from a variety of people and addresses. In the belief that such an arrangement would have a greater impact than a sporadic posting from known names.

Maybe there are new friends in ACW who are not aware of the roster and perhaps a reminder is timely for the initiated.

January & July	-	Anglican
February & August	-	Baptist
March & September	-	Churches of Christ
April & October	-	Catholic
May & November	-	Salvation Army
June & December	-	Uniting

God has given us a tremendous responsibility in caring for His 'little ones' and their eternal destiny. We must continue to ask for His help.

Marie Price - Former Tasmanian Secretary

CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER  
Col 4:2a



CHINA ABLAZE

(continued from last month)  
Mr Sun and the two elderly Bible women and the caretaker remembered me. What memories came flooding

in as I recalled the times when I preached in that church; the last time was in 1950, when a cadre got up and told the congregation not to pay attention to what I had said - they were going to give people good things to enjoy now and the next generation would not know anything about Christianity because children would be taught there is no God - a prophesy which has been reversed as far as the Gospel is concerned. How amazed I was when I was taken to King Memorial Middle School, where I taught English and Scripture during the 3½ years I was in Shaoxing; although no one at the school knew we were coming, within a few minutes of arrival we were warmly welcomed by the Chairman of the School Board, then the Principal and his Deputy and other teachers came and greeted us with joyous enthusiasm. They took us to see the plaque which read that the church there had been opened in 1828 and Rev. R. Palmer, a CMS missionary. The Chairman of the Board said they were preparing to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school in 1994, and invited us to come back for it. I was also asked to write about my association with the school for the history book they are preparing for 90th anniversary. It seemed incredible that a former foreign teacher would be so graciously received. The school is now a Teacher Training College with many more buildings than in 1951.

A visit to our former home brought back many memories; it is now in a very dilapidated condition, housing three families.

Yours in Christian bonds,  
Deaconess Mary M. Andrews

(to be continued next month)