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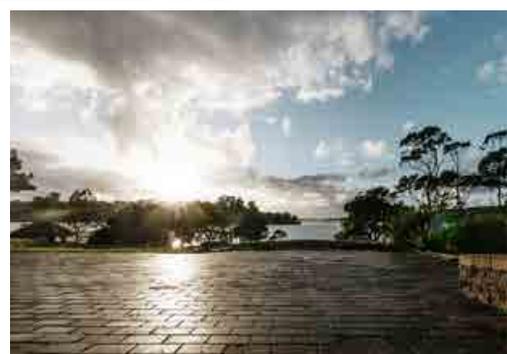
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# EDITORIAL

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In a famous interview, singer and civil rights activist Nina Simone was asked what freedom was to her. She responded: “No fear.”

The scriptures, too, often pit fear against freedom—especially the freedom of faith. Fear is powerful. It’s a disconcerting force in our national politics, seen in our willingness to exclude ethnic and religious minorities and in the mistreatment of people seeking asylum and in our prisons. It’s a powerful source of inhibition in our interpersonal relationships—whether selfish insecurity that causes someone to withhold good things from others, or well-founded reticence to engage resulting from prior hurts.

In many respects fear is just as significant for the Christian. It hinders our holiness by weakening our willingness to confess and to invite God’s healing. It narrows our vision for what God might intend for our life. It creates bitter and jealous division among us where the gospel should bring unity.

But Christians are those who have placed their faith in the God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, overcoming death so that we might serve Him without fear. And so, in the words of philosopher and novelist Marilynne Robinson, “fear is not a Christian habit of mind.”

In the pages that follow, you’ll read stories from students and from faculty members about how the Holy Spirit has been at work in his people to move us beyond fear. We pray that as you read you’ll be encouraged by God’s work among us, and join in our prayer that God’s work in us—and in you!—might result in many putting their faith in our Lord Jesus, in whose service is perfect freedom.

Richard Glover and Michael Grivas-Allison  
Editors, SOCIETAS 2016



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# A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

## THE PRINCIPAL ON HOW THE GOSPEL SPEAKS TO FEAR

One of the most comforting and challenging lines in the entire Bible was penned by the apostle John in his first general letter: ‘There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.’ (1 Jn 4:18)

It is a comfort because, in its context it speaks of sins forgiven, justice satisfied and punishment exhausted, all as an expression of God’s astonishing love for us. It is a challenge because so often and in so many ways we remain people haunted and sometimes even paralysed by fear.

The most basic fear that the Bible speaks about is the fear of death. The writer to the Hebrews described the way God’s Son took to himself flesh and blood, became just like us, so that through his death ‘he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery’ (Heb. 2:14–15). Jesus died, not only to destroy the devil but to deliver us from the fear of death. Some psychologists suggest that a great deal of what we do, consciously or unconsciously, flows out of this primal fear. We all struggle for some kind of permanence, some legacy, some method of cheating death in

our own little way. Perhaps it’s only for a moment, blocking it out while we overload ourselves with little pleasures. Perhaps it’s on a grander scale: surrounding ourselves with comfort, or wealth, or fame; building monuments to ourselves or to our memory. But whatever the precautions, death will inevitably come.

The gospel of the crucified and risen Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, is the answer to death and to the fear of death.

In the glorious vision given to John in Revelation 1, the risen Jesus is the one who holds ‘the keys of death and hades’ (Rev 1:18). Rather than death locking him in after he had given up his spirit on the cross, he now is the one who binds and constrains it. Death has been rendered ultimately powerless. By dealing with the judgment our sins deserve and by rising as the firstfruits of ‘those who have fallen asleep’ he has taken the sting out of death. This is because, as Paul makes clear ‘the sting

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of death is sin’ — amazingly not the ‘sting of sin is death’ (1 Cor. 15:56). Once sin has been dealt with, death is not what it was before. The Son who came because ‘God so loved the world’ (Jn 3:16) and whose death is the definitive demonstration of that love (Rom. 5:8) has transformed death for all who are his. It is now a passage into his welcoming presence. This is why Paul can face the real possibility of death by an executioner’s hand and still say, ‘My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better’ (Phil. 1:23).

Despite a myriad of attempts to recast it in another way, the gospel remains a matter of life and death. We ought not to allow life, or death, or the gospel of the one who died in order to give life, to be trivialised. There is something stark and confronting about the gospel because the choice between life and death is stark and confronting. But when the gospel is understood in this full-blooded way it addresses the fear that drives or paralyses us. It is the love of God, who ‘sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins’ (1 Jn 4:10), that ultimately ‘casts out fear’.



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Yet as John explains what all this means, he speaks of more than our confidence for the day of judgment — not less than that, but certainly more. He speaks of God's love perfected in us, in our testimony and confession of Jesus as the Son of God sent into the world as its Saviour (1 Jn 4:14-15). But also in our love for one another (1 Jn 4:12). For while the fear of death remains the primal fear that haunts each one of us, it is not the only fear. We can be afraid of each other. We can look at the world around us, or even just the churches, and be afraid. We see in others a dangerous challenge to our comfortable lives. We see others as a threat to things we hold dear. We see others doing things and saying things and building a new community consensus on things that caricatures us and marginalises us and finally disenfranchises us. And as the threat grows, so often our fear becomes indistinguishable from hatred.

But, John says, it is this fear too that is banished by love. We love because he first loved us, most certainly (1 Jn 4:19).

## The gospel, it turns out, has massive consequences not only for our relation to God and his promised judgment, but also for how we treat each other...

The love of God is primary and the motivation for all other love. Yet in the concrete particulars of life in the here and now, we respond to that love of God by loving one another. 'No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us' (1 Jn 4:12). It is this perfected love that casts out fear, remember. What is more, 'whoever fears has not been perfected in love' (1 Jn 4:18). Most chilling of all is the challenge, 'if anyone says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen' (1 Jn 4:20).

The gospel, it turns out, has massive consequences not only for our relation to God and his promised judgment, but also for how we treat each other, and especially those who bear the name 'brother', in the meantime. One modern writer has

described how in Jesus, God himself entered the human maelstrom of hatred and fear at the point at which it was most intense, in order to bring real relief from the inside. Jesus Christ bore the fear turned to hatred of those who ought to have welcomed him, the centrepiece of a much wider fear and hatred that engulfed all the nations, in order to cast out fear forever in those who turn to him. Among the great blessings of the gospel are peace and love and life.

At a time when the darkness in the West is deepening and fear rises and is fed in many circles, the answer is a clearer grasp of all that has been done for us, why it was done for us, and with what consequences. Perfect love casts out fear.



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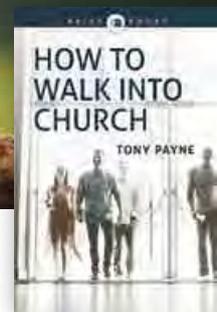
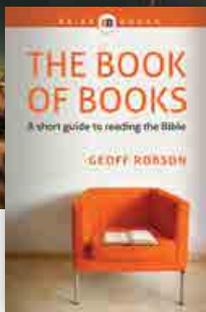
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# **Britt Cicognani**

## **FIRST YEAR PROFILE**

**My name is Britt and in describing myself I wish I could tell you that I have many diverse and thrilling interests. But if we're doing an honest get-to-know-you then I would have to reluctantly tell you that the things I possibly enjoy most are visiting Officeworks, any 'all you can eat' food experiences and a good nap.**

I love Jesus, I love youth ministry, and I love my job working as an Occupational Therapist. I am currently fortunate enough to be living a part-time life that nicely combines these three passions: I am a part-time OT, a part-time student minister at Menai Anglican Church, and a part-time Moore College student. I live most days in the Sutherland Shire and, since I took a secondment at Shoalhaven Hospital, I now live part-time on the scenic South coast.

How did I come to be studying at Moore College? After uni I started working full time in an acute hospital. Working in a hospital was a significant learning experience. In particular my time working in palliative care had a profound impact on me. Working with patients in the end stages of life impressed upon me that at the end of the day what truly matters above all is a relationship with Jesus. I was repeatedly hit with the reality that life is fleeting and unpredictable and what we all need more than anything else is not found in quality healthcare but the eternal hope offered in the Gospel. Therefore I decided that, though I really enjoyed being an OT, I wanted to make some changes that would allow me to spread the Gospel and do more ministry.

During this time God was very gracious in throwing doors to part-time life wide open for me. He lined up the right people, the right conversations, and the right opportunities. At the time I was being encouraged to consider theological study, my church kindly offered me a paid ministry position and the possibility of part-time hospital work presented itself. I thought it would be a tough negotiation to get a part-time work contract but God clearly had it in hand. Though my boss was clearly baffled by my decision to forego full time work, she was very supportive, flexible, and proactive in making it happen. This meant I was available to keep the job I so enjoyed and take on part-time study and part-time ministry.

I had some fears coming to Moore College. There was the plagues sense of inadequacy for study and ministry, and the concern that I didn't really have a long term plan. It may sound counterintuitive, but I was afraid my love for God might be diminished if studying his word became a formal academic exercise. I just didn't want my love for God to be replaced with a knowledge of really big theological words.

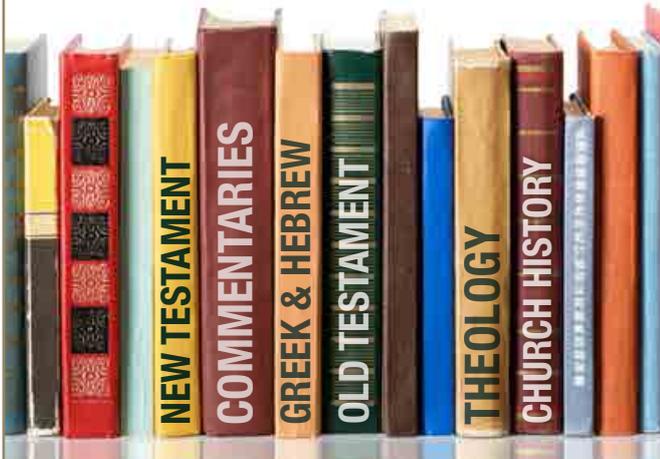
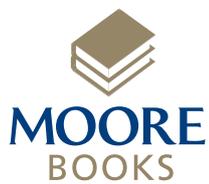
Eighteen months into studying I am pleased to say these fears have been allayed. College has profoundly challenged my theology – and I have learnt some big words. But overall, studying his Word more fully has made me love him so much more. College has been beneficial for my thinking, but also for my heart, as I have become increasingly convinced of God's faithfulness and the power of the Gospel for salvation.

It's a challenge balancing work, study, and ministry, and I still don't know where I am headed – prayer for direction is appreciated! But I am grateful to God for bringing me into this 'part-time' season. It has been an immense joy and I can't recommend it highly enough to those who have the opportunity to give part-time life a go.



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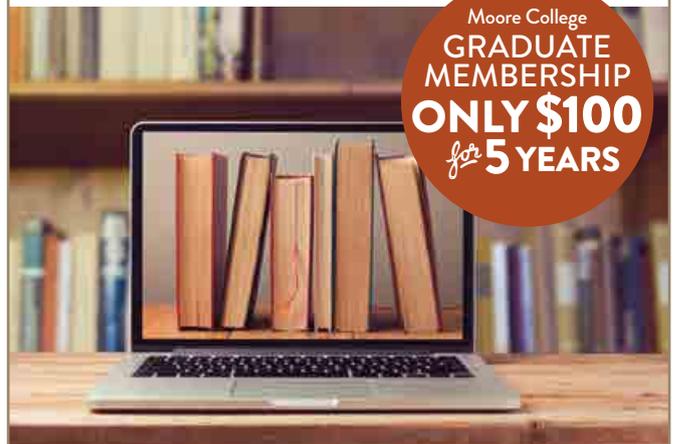
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# FIRST YEAR





**ROBERT ABOUD**

*Sally and I are very grateful to be amongst the College Community this year. We love being amongst others who have such a strong desire to see God's message ring out in our world. We hope to take that message to the unreached after college, wherever that may be.*



**REBECCA ANTAW**

*I'm married to Daniel and we have just moved to Glebe from Perth. Daniel transferred over for work meaning I have the privilege of studying God's word and being better equipped to serve women at church. Settling into life in Sydney, at college and at St Thomas' North Sydney*



**DAVID ANTHONISZ**

*Married to Michelle, blessed with Matthew (16) and Kate (12). Currently a Student Minister at St Peter's Anglican Hornsby, which has been a blessing for our family. Please pray for our family during this huge season of change and that we would continue to grow in His love.*



**MATHEA AU**

*I'm loving learning in community here at college and serving my church family at Heathcote-Engadine Anglican. Please pray that I will keep working out what godliness looks like in this new season of life, and keep clinging to that hope which is anchored in the new creation.*



**LAUREN BAKER**

*I am excited this year to learn more about how to think about the Bible and about God. I am enjoying learning languages but would appreciate that I will keep up with the heavy workload, and also that I will be able to balance study, ministry and rest well.*



**DAN BISHOP**

*Married to Shannon and Father of Ezekiel. I enjoy slack-lining and bio-hacking and am looking forward to where God may use us. I'm thankful for our time serving at Youthworks Outdoors and doing a ministry apprenticeship at Jannali Anglican and am currently serving at Church@thePeak establishing a youth group.*



**PETER BLAIR**

*We have moved from Northern Ireland to Sydney to train for Anglican ministry back home. We would value your prayers for us as we continue to settle in Australia, for the busy college workloads, and for our friends, family and church in Belfast.*



**TIMOTHY BONES**

*I'm Tim! My wife, Jess and I, live on the sunny Central Coast and go to EV Church in Erina. I commute to college every day while my wife works at a local school as a kindy teacher. Pray for us that we would not feel isolated from college community.*



**ANDREW BOOTES**

*Married to Miriam and we have two boys, Mathias and Tommy. Thankful for the privilege it is to study God's word deeply and to be student ministering at Church by the Bridge. Praying that we would be equipped to serve God in ministry wherever God takes us in the future.*



**ANDREW BROWN**

*I am at college to get better equipped to share the gospel in the school chaplaincy context. I am married to Steph, and we serve at St Andrew's Wahroonga with our three children Eliza, Matilda and Henry. Please pray that I would keep learning to love and serve God more.*



**RIKKI BROWNLOW**

*I am a Maths teacher having a break for a year. I am serving at Minchinbury Anglican church, my home church, doing women's ministry. I would love prayer that I would use this year to the Glory of God to help me decide my path forward for the future.*



**LILY BUDD**

*Married to Daniel and had a baby in late May! We're really grateful for the opportunity to study God's Word together and are enjoying living at MooreWest after moving up from the 'Gong.*

**DANIEL BUDD**

*I'm married to Lily, and we're a part of Newtown Erskineville Anglican Church. Really thankful for the opportunity to study at Moore, and for our family and friends at Figtree Anglican who have made it possible. Pray that God would increase our love for Him and His word during college.*

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- 1 John 4:18



**POLLY BUTTERWORTH**

*Before coming to college, I was a high-school teacher and have begun with the hopes of becoming a school Chaplain. I'm married to James who's studying to become a high school teacher too. We would love prayer as God equips us to take the gospel to teenagers through these roles.*



**CAROL CHAN**

*I grew up in Australia as a 'third culture kid', enjoying the best of both worlds (especially the good coffee!). Please pray my heart, as God keeps challenging me and revealing Himself, as I prepare to go back to Hong Kong to serve the youth there.*



**SIMEON CUMBERLAND**

*I'm married to Kristen and we have a delightful young son Jude, with #2 due soon! Studying God's word and thinking about its implications every day is such a privilege. Pray that God would be preparing our family for a life of ministry in whatever situation he would call us.*



**JAYNE DEDRICK**

*Just retired from school chaplaincy and excited about studying at Moore. Enjoying the community fellowship and serving at St Stephen's, Bellevue Hill. Hoping to work as a hospital chaplain after graduation. Would appreciate prayer for energy and wisdom in seeking to balance my home, college and church.*



**SUSAN DUC**

*I'm doing the Dip BM in my year off being a lawyer. I church at St Barnabas, Bossley Park and serve there in youth ministry. I love being at College, and am praying for God's guidance and courage in thinking about the path ahead. I also love dogs and oranges!*



**CHLOE EATOUGH**

*Growing up in Sydney as the youngest of 10 kids has been awesome. Knowing Jesus is even better. I'm student ministering at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican, and am hoping to minister to youth and young adults cross-culturally after college. I'm excited to grow in my understanding of God as my Father!*



**LYNDON FROST**

*My wife Abi and I are really excited to be over here from New Zealand, studying at Moore. We're looking forward to being equipped and trained so that we can go back to NZ with the tools to handle Gods Word and teach others.*



**MAGGIE FUNG**

*Very thankful to God for privilege of a 1-year break from legal work to study at Moore. Please pray for personal growth and equipping for lifetime of service that makes the most of whatever opportunities He provides.*



**MARLEE GREEN**

*Having always loved learning and people, I'm very thankful that God used these things to bring me to trust in Jesus. Excited to think harder and love better. Please pray that as I consider the future, I'd serve Christ and people honestly, humbly and with genuine joy in the present.*



**JENNY GRIFFIN**

*Married to Dewey. Live in Cabramatta. Church at St Barnabas, Fairfield. Love Sydney's South West which is culturally diverse but has high needs. Hope to teach scripture as our high school students are very receptive to the gospel, with many coming from religious migrant backgrounds.*



**WILL HE**

*Will enjoys music, coffee, people, and Jesus. As such, he loves talking to people about Jesus over coffee with some great ambience. He did two years of MTS at Macquarie university and hopes to be trained at Moore to go back and serve in a university context, locally or internationally.*



**BEC HITCHCOCK**

*I am really thankful to God for the privileged to study His word and know Him more fully. I would love prayer that I become more like Jesus in my time at college and serve Him and his people better because of it.*

**But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled.**

- 1 Peter 3:14

# First Year



**JOHNSON HO**

*I am married to Cherry. We were both born in Hong Kong. We are currently thinking of going back to Hong Kong after college. Please pray that we will continue to love God and serve Him in our relationship, in Church and in my study.*



**DAISY HONG**

*Was born and raised in Indonesia. Committing to doing one year of full-time study this year. I appreciate your prayer for diligence in my study, growth in wisdom and an obedient heart to follow God's will joyfully. Thank you so much for praying :)*



**LUCY KNIGHTS**

*I've moved to Sydney this year from Newcastle after finishing MTS with my church. I'm so excited to grow personally and be further equipped for a lifetime of ministry whatever that may look like post college. I'm especially keen to keep growing in humility and dependence on God.*



**JOSE LAM**

*Married to Vincy and expecting our first child in April! Currently serving as a student minister at St Peter's, Hornsby. We'd like to stick around in Sydney for the long haul but not sure what that might look like ministry-wise, so prayer is much appreciated.*



**CARMEN LAU**

*Being an apprentice in ministry at Cumbo last year was a huge privilege - I've learnt to love the Gospel of grace and freedom, then let it shape my life and ministry. Please pray I will grow in understanding and love of God's word and share Jesus joyfully wherever I go.*



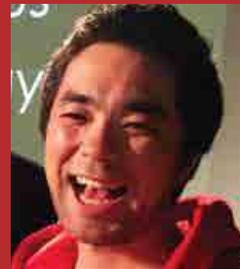
**BRIAN LUONG**

*Married to Joy. Serving at Australian Ling Liang Church. A massive Hawthorn fan. We aim to bring the Gospel back to the Western suburbs of Melbourne. Please pray that I will study to learn so that I might love God and His people even more deeply.*



**LUKE MARSHALL**

*Married to Bek with a young bub Ellie. I'm enjoying learning about God and serving at St Pauls Canterbury. Next year I'm hoping to study high school teaching. Please pray for us to love God and to be godly witnesses to him wherever he chooses to send us.*



**MAKITO MIYASHITA**

*Moved from Japan in 2005. Simultaneously nervous and enjoying studying and living at college. Please pray that God would guard my heart, keep me humble, continuing trusting in him, and grant me his wisdom, so that I will bear the fruits of his spirit, to serve him and others better.*



**SCOTT MONK**

*Journalist, sub-editor, author, speaker, chocoholic, Rabbitohs tragic, sinner, saint and student minister...I'm a man of many hats. Pray that I am an effective, fearless and faithful servant of Christ who always loves Jesus, his people and his word, as well as for humility, holiness and energy.*



**MATT MORRISON**

*Having worked with youth for over half my life, I'm at college to get a better understanding of God's word so that I can serve Him faithfully. My plans are to serve the Lord overseas with youth/university students. Please pray that God will be equipping me for His work.*



**EVAN MOSES**

*Hi, my name is Evan Moses. I'm married to Madi who is a wonderful pastry chef. I'm praying that God will let me study as long as I can, with a view to lecture theologically. I'm excited to grow from reading the bible in the original languages.*



**THOMAS MURRAY**

*"There once was a young student, needing penny, For having travelled great distance, hadn't any; He left the Green Isle, Yet only for a while, To return and preach the GOSPEL to many!" Thankful Northern Irish Man, seeking to make the most of this God given opportunity! Ephesians 6:18-19*



**ROBERT AND JEMIMA NICHOLS**

*We're Robbie and Jemima Nichols. We've come to Moore to be equipped as best we can to love and serve any and all around us. We don't know where the Lord will lead us after college but we couldn't be more excited for whatever is ahead.*



**TOM ONG**

*Please pray that God might give me opportunities to present the gospel and the boldness to take them.*



**JONTY PERRETT**

*I'm married to Beth, and we have a two year old son Ethan. We're excited to be trained to serve in ministry for the rest of lives, and I am especially enjoying learning languages. In the future, we hope to serve either in international student ministry or overseas, particularly Asia.*



**AMI PHILLIPS**

*Thankful to have had the time to think through things of faith this year and for the people that have helped me grow in my joy in Christ! Please pray that I would be still and know that He is God wherever He has me serving Him.*



**RACHEL PICKERING**

*As a High School teacher, my goal is to evangelise and disciple teenagers to live a radical life for Christ. As I continue to sharpen my knowledge of, and trust in God, I hope to align my life to a mission focus, no matter where that is.*



**MICHELLE POLLEY**

*Moved from Townsville, Queensland, adjusting to city life in cold, BIG Sydney. I'm thankful to be part of St David's Church in Forrestville, and to study God's word at MTC. Please pray that I will keep loving Jesus, serve faithfully, and be seeking to proclaim the gospel wherever I go.*



**CALLAN PRITCHARD**

*I have the great privilege of studying with Katrina this year. I'm excited to think and learn from the Bible, especially with peers, and under my teachers. Please pray I will be a sensitive husband; and that I will grow a deep knowledge of, and affection for Jesus.*



**KATRINA PRITCHARD**

*Hello! This year I am excited to be at college with Callan, learning from and about the Bible! Please pray that I will be thankful in all things, trust God's plan (and not rely on my own) and work at being a godly wife and friend. Thank you!*



**MIRIAM PURSER**

*Thank God for this year at college! I am enjoying learning and getting to know my year. Thank God for Steve (husband) who is a great friend and conversation partner. Pray for diligence in considering how to love God's world with my gifts. Also, for resolve to prioritise those things.*



**EMMA ROBINSON**

*I'm married to Martin and we are really enjoying both studying God's Word together this year. We've just moved to Yagoona Anglican Church to gain experience in cross-cultural ministry. Please pray for us as we consider different options for our ministry after college.*



**XERRI SCIBERRAS**

*Nihao, I'm Xerri! I completed a ministry apprenticeship at West Ryde Anglican and am excited and thankful to be further prepared to serve God as I study His word at college. I'm thankful for the support of family, friends and church. Pray that I will always humbly listen and obey.*



**DANI SMITH**

*My name is Dani and I'm married to Mitch who works full time for a printing company in Sydney. I have loved studying at Moore so far and growing in my love and knowledge of God and His word. Please pray that God would reveal His plan for our future.*



**JACQUIE SPERINCK**

*I'm married to Mike and we're serving at Northmead Anglican Church. I'm excited to be studying full time at Moore for the next 3 years. Please pray that I'll grow in my knowledge and love of Jesus, and in my longing to see Him known throughout the world.*



**SAVITRI SURJAUDAJA**

*I'm Savitri, married to Andrias. We're serving at FOCUS Indonesia, an Indonesian university student church. There's been no greater joy for me than living under Jesus and seeing people surrendering their life to Him! I'm excited to be studying at Moore and hope to return to Indonesia to proclaim Christ!*



**YC TANG**

*Winnie and I got married in 2013, both from Hong Kong. We are currently at FOCUS Cantonese UNSW. Please pray that we can continue to grow in godliness and knowledge of God that we can be used by him in his great salvation plan.*



**ADRIAN TEH**

*Praise God for His grace and providence providing this opportunity to study in fellowship at Moore College. Please pray that He will continue to guide and provide according to His perfect plan and good purpose, above all that He be pleased and Christ glorified! Rom. 11:36*



**AMY THOMASON**

*Fresh from the world of Exercise Physiology, I'm excited to be at College and studying a different type of -ology! Growing in my understanding of the Bible, and using that to help disciple young adults, are two things I'm particularly looking forward to this year.*



**AN TRIYANTO**

*I am married to Anton, who is currently in 4th year. I always wanted to study in college, but never thought that I could due to some difficulties. Now that God has made my dream come true. Anton and I are praying for opportunities to serve in South East Asia.*



**NAOMI TUBMAN**

*It's exciting to be taking a year off teaching to be learning at Moore and ministering alongside my husband Craig at The Garrison in the Rocks. Beyond 2016, options are: complete second year, parish ministry, return to teaching or mission in France! Would love prayer for that and the Garrison!*



**BETHANY UTBER**

*I'm grateful to be studying at college and serving as a student minister at Annandale Village Church. I'm praying that over the next four years the Lord grows and shapes me in every way, that I might be well prepared to serve him in ministry, hopefully in a gospel-poor location.*



**JAMES VIGAR**

*I come from South West Sydney and would love to return there to be involved in parish ministry. Coming to college is a huge privilege and I'm greatly encouraged by the solid teaching and loving community. Please pray that would continue so I'll be better equipped to serve God's people.*



**MELLISA WANG**

*Since meeting Jesus at uni, God's word has been constantly reshaping and challenging my selfish heart that life is about my glory. I hope at Moore my understanding and love for God will grow deeper so that I can better share the truth with others and give God the glory.*



**YVONNE ZHENG**

*Mother of Melody Zheng. Great privilege to be part of the Moore community. The study of theology using my second language has challenged me. I am passionate about Church planting and the sharing of the great news of Jesus among the Chinese. Currently working as student minister in Penrith.*

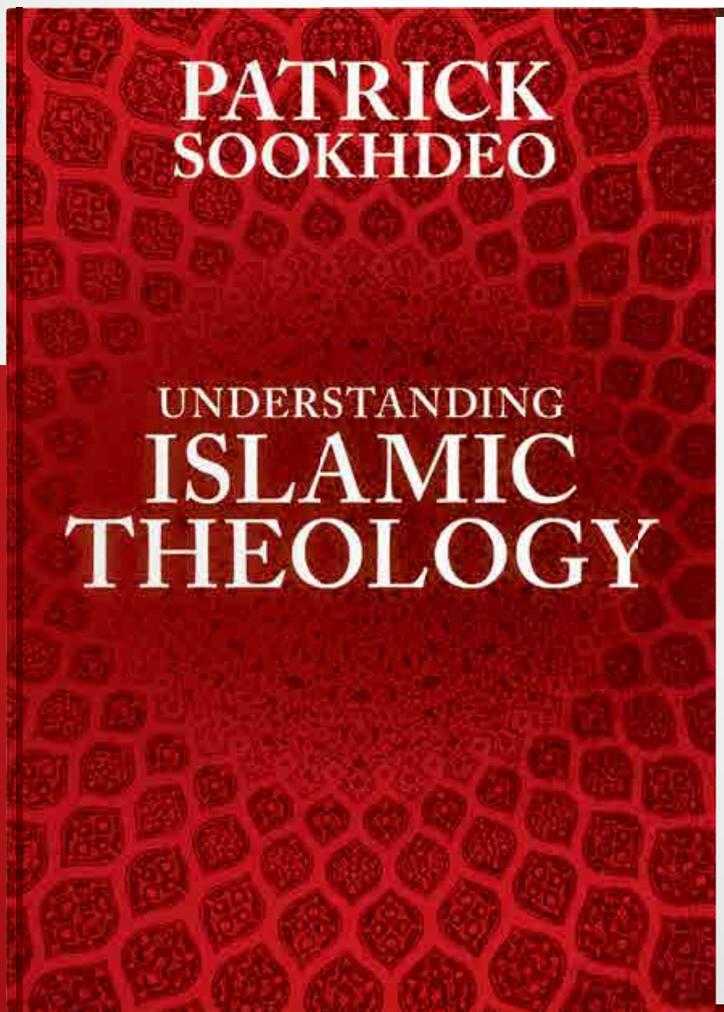
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- Hebrews 13:6

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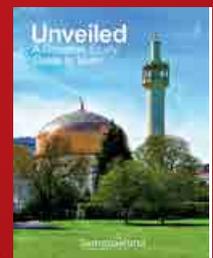
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# Fear in the service of God

Former Dean of Students and lecturer in Ministry Keith Condie offers some insights on the root of common fears in Christian ministry and the gospel's answer to our anxieties.

**In the United States a woman has become the subject of extensive study on account of her fearlessness. When presented with the stuff of nightmares – snakes writhing in amongst each other, haunted houses, and Japanese horror films – she showed no capacity to perceive threat.**

It sounds great, right? Boldly approaching any situation with superhuman fearlessness? Researchers found that her fearlessness came from a form of brain damage. Her amygdala, the centre in the brain that triggers our 'fight or flight' response, had been entirely calcified over a number of decades.

So inherent to being human is the feeling of fear that it takes damage to the brain to make it absent. And yet God's word says the Christian need not fear anything but the Lord. But when clammy hands, sleepless nights and dread of the worst case scenario strike, Keith Condie says identity in Christ is the key to freedom from fear.

In essence, he says, fear is bound up with some sort of threat. Fear is stirred up as we perceive threats with the potential to impact our sense of security or safety. In Christian ministry, fear can be bred by anything we see threatening important relationships, or our sense of self; or by outcomes that could shed a negative light on us in the eyes of others. Since ministry is an all-of-life vocation, there is an inherent, subconscious link between who we are and what we do. This link may see someone in ministry undone by fear. Often the desires related to our fears begin as honourable—we want to minister God's word effectively so that lives are changed. But if our ministry seems ineffective, having fostered this link between what we do and who we are may shift our assessment from 'perhaps there is something to work on in this ministry' to 'perhaps there is something wrong with me'. Our sense of identity is undermined and a current of negativity flows freely.

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Speaking of other common fears among college graduates, Keith reflects: "You might spend one, three, four years training for ministry and then venture out into a role, perhaps as a women's worker or an assistant minister. You start to feel less effective in that ministry than you envisioned. At the same time, your overwhelming feeling is that everyone looks to you for answers. Yet your own perception is, 'I am not the person with all the answers, and I'm really unsure of what I'm doing. Sure, I know my Bible reasonably well, but I don't know how to do everything I'm being asked to do.'"

These private anxieties can cultivate a fear of being 'found out', that the incompetence we perceive in ourselves is about to be uncovered. Fear in ministry workers often comes from within. Negative speculation runs riot within us and fears are fed. Images we conjure up about outcomes or how a person might view us morph into threatening and very real possibilities.



**God's mission can take people to scary places or cause them to give up material securities. Yet we can rest secure in his hands.**

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# Fear in the service of God

Another private fear for ministry workers is private sin being found out. “Godly character is so important in Christian ministry,” says Keith. “People can be struggling with ongoing sin, fearful of being found out and of how that will impact what others think of them as a ministry worker.”

**“If fear is there we must acknowledge it, face it, and figure out where it comes from.”**

If gospel workers are so susceptible to these fears, what is the remedy? What rescues us and our ministries from fear’s negative impact? The Bible’s wisdom literature repeats the refrain ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom’. A life of wisdom does not start with chasing the approval of peers or parishioners, but with fear of the Lord alone. The New Testament relates the fear of the Lord with trust in Jesus, who spoke great assurances about fear. Matthew 10 recounts Jesus’ comments about the fear of man, saying, “do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell”. He moves quickly to assure his hearers, “Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” God is in control of life and death, heaven and hell. Yet those who trust in the Lord Jesus have no reason to fear. They are on the side of this awe-striking God, all because of Christ’s work. Recognising the scope of what Jesus has done for us prompts us to see Jesus as trustworthy. Paul, answering his own question—‘Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?’—writes: ‘No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate

us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord’ (Romans 8.35a, 37–39). Our identity needs to be fully grounded in this secure love of Christ. Possessing a sense of ‘who I am’ that rests in being a beloved child of God frees the Christian to foster a healthy divide between identity and activity. By preaching this into our own hearts we affirm that while we may struggle or feel ineffective in one area or another, we know we’re safe and secure because of our relationship with God.

This security speaks not only into social fears or anxieties about our performance in ministry, but also into risky gospel opportunities. God’s mission can take people to scary places or cause them to give up material securities. Yet we can rest secure in his hands. This truth – that the worst the world can throw at us, even death, cannot separate us from his love – is one to preach to ourselves regularly. Even in the face of extraordinary difficulty, we have eternal security.

As we apply this knowledge to our hearts, Keith says that self awareness is a necessary first step to unshackling the chains of fear. “If fear is there we must acknowledge it, face it,” he says, “and figure out where it comes from. What is feeding my particular fear in a given context? Is it a lack of trust in God? How should I speak the word of God into that context instead?”

**‘I’m called to be faithful in this ministry, not successful.’**

Because we are human, strong fears can even bring with them physiological reactions. While these can be isolated to certain instances, for some fear and its outworking can be ongoing. When this is the case, perhaps an anxiety condition is at play. If this is so, we should recognise the positive impact of professional medical advice.

For all of us, Keith encourages us to temper the physiological impacts of fear through self-care. “We should remember that we are creatures as well as Christians,” he

says, repeating a line he often deployed in Ministry and Mission lectures. “Anything that takes care of our bodies – getting adequate sleep, exercise, maintaining a healthy diet – these are good for our whole self. When our body is healthy, we are in a better position to manage fears effectively.” As well as looking to God and preaching the gospel to ourselves, treating our bodies well can help alleviate rather than elevate feelings of fear.

A gospel worker’s personal expectations can sprout a harvest of fear. Keith identifies this issue as pertinent to those starting out in ministry, as we expect ourselves to fulfil a whole range of responsibilities well, despite our lack of experience. Our expectations need to be tempered by telling ourselves, ‘I’m called to be faithful in this ministry, not successful’. This entails recognising our areas of responsibilities in life and balancing them well, not neglecting one for another. The temptation in upfront ministry is to slip into perfectionism. We might neglect family or other important relationships, simply to perfect the sermon. Instead, ask ‘what are the areas across my life where I need to be faithful? How can I balance these, not permitting ministry responsibilities to overwhelm my whole life? God calls us to be faithful. Fruitfulness is his work.

Reflecting on his experience of fear in ministry, Keith shares his go-to approach. “If ever I feel afraid in a situation, perhaps of certain outcomes, other people or what they might think of me, I say to myself, ‘Fear God, love people’. Scripture tells me to fear God and him only, so a trigger like this prompts the question, ‘What does it mean for me to be loving in this particular context?’” A framework like this changes our perception of day-to-day situations. With our awe focussed on God not other people, our actions are channelled towards selfless love of others. We are free to walk into previously fear-inducing contexts with a renewed mind. Our focus is shifted away from godless fear and towards godliness. Fearing God liberates us to be selfless. While still grateful for an intact amygdala, we find greater joy in Jesus as he frees us to love others and fear God alone.

*Lauren Mahaffey is in Third Year.*



# What is CMD?

The Centre for Ministry Development was established by Moore College in 2012 in recognition of the desire of clergy and churches for assistance in our crucial task of effectively proclaiming Christ.

The goal of the Centre is to enhance theologically shaped, lifelong, reflective, evidence based 'best practice' in ministry. This is conducted in partnership with the best possible providers through personal mentoring, training, encouragement and support.

## CMD Programs

CMD has developed a number of programs tailored to a person's stage of ministry:

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- Church Strategy (Vision & Operations)
- Creating effective small group ministry
- Optimising welcoming & integration
- Recruitment
- Risk Management & Governance

## The CMD Team



**Archie Poulos,**  
Director, who is also the Head of the Ministry Department at Moore College.



**Helene Tyas,**  
Registrar and Executive Officer of CMD events.



**Peter Mayrick,**  
Partner, with a background in management of large pharmaceuticals, and Partner in Effective Ministry. He leads many of CMD's workshops and consulting.



**Kirsty Bucknell,**  
Consulting Psychologist, enables CMD to adapt and analyse tested professional tools to assist ministers in personal and team development.

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# David Simmons

## SECOND YEAR PROFILE

**I first heard about Moore College sitting in a church pew as a teenager. I had always thought that kind of thing was for someone else, not me. I was into sport. I wanted to be a full-time footy player, not a full time minister.**

So upon leaving high-school I started training full-time with the Cronulla Sharks, and not long after I was playing in the NRL. I really enjoyed my time at the Sharks, during which I got married to Samantha and had 2 beautiful kids: Andi and Caleb.

I wanted to play my whole career there, but things didn't turn out the way I'd hoped. Football is a business, and if I wanted to keep playing I had to head west. I left the Sharks and moved to Penrith to play with the Panthers. That was an uncertain time for me and my family. We had always lived close to family, friends, and the church we'd grown up with. Now we were out on our own at a new club and looking for a new church. It didn't take long until we found a home at Emu Plains Anglican Church. It was through these uncertain changes that my wife and I experienced great growth in our faith. We came to appreciate the family of believers that God has called us to in Christ, and we grew through serving with them and learning from them at church and in small groups.

I had also started to think about what I would do when footy was over. The NRL was encouraging its players to study or gain work experience for their transition into life after football. When I considered what I wanted to do, I couldn't get the thought of Moore College out of my head. Moore had just begun part-time classes for first year, so I signed up. Even then I never thought this would lead to full-time study, but I wanted to give it a go—at least to grow in my knowledge of God in order to be a better leader at home, church, and around the locker room.

I studied while playing with the Panthers, and six years later I finished first year. My time in the NRL was also coming to a close. After twelve years of playing, my body was starting to break down, and my heart was not in it like in the beginning. I found it harder and harder to get myself "up" for games. We also had four children now (adding Xavier and Zoe to the family), and it felt like the right time to move into something new.

Now College became the only thing on my mind. Although there is no way of knowing where we'll be working in the future, no matter what I see myself doing as I look ahead I know that having a greater knowledge of God through His word, and being better equipped in ministry, will be invaluable wherever I go. That is the reason I'm at College. I know it's the best place to grow in love for God and his people for a life-time of ministry, wherever that takes me.

Where do I see myself in the future? Five years ago I never thought I would be at Moore. Five years before that I never thought I would be in Penrith—and so on. Even though I don't know what tomorrow will bring, I know I will be ready to serve the Lord there.



***“I know that having a greater knowledge of God through His word, and being better equipped in ministry, will be invaluable wherever I go.”***

# SECOND YEAR





**BRIAN BARKER**

*I'm married to Michelle, and we have a son Elliot. It's a privilege to be studying here at college and to prepare for ministry wherever God has planned for us.*



**KATIE BARRATT**

*I am very excited to spend another year at College studying and deepening in knowledge and love of God from His precious word. Please pray I make good use of this time and that I may trust His good and perfect plan for my life with patience, productivity and love as it all plays out in time.*



**JOCELYN BIGNILL**

*I'm so happy to be continuing to be stretched and challenged in my knowledge of love of God this year. Please pray for my concentration and diligence, that I won't lose the joy of being able to study God's word and learn how to serve him better.*



**HANNAH BLAKE**

*Excited to be going deeper in God's word, doing life with the College community, and serving again at Sylvania Anglican. Still looking forward to whatever ministry God has in store, in churches or schools, here or overseas. Pray I'd love God and love people well, and would bring him glory.*



**MATT BORG**

*My name is Matt Borg, I'm married to Molly. Over the past year I have enjoyed having the opportunity to think deeper about Gods' word. I am currently a student minister at Picton/Wilton Anglican and plan on heading back out west after college to spread the news of God's grace to the working class.*



**MIRIAM BRADSHAW**

*Thankful for my family at College and Unichurch. Please pray that I would love them more and Jesus most. I had a plant that died from neglect last June, investing in a less sensitive species this year.*



**SAMUEL BROADFOOT**

*Sam, having definitely 'married up', is staying true to form and preparing to move up - to serve people in NSW north of Sydney with the gospel. With 3 years of study to go, pray that our kingdom-urgency and focus will grow, along with love, humility and joy in Christ.*



**ROBERT BROWN**

*My wife Alice and I are keenly aware of the privilege of being at college this year. Along with our two children Jonty (3) and Pippa (0) we plan to return to the UK after studying to be involved in church planting in the very deprived North East of England.*



**ANDREW COURT**

*Married to the munificent Meryn. We both trained as music teachers and love doing music together when we can. Living in Parramatta and churching at Toongabbie. Desperately and earnestly want to be effective and fruitful servants of the King.*



**KAT COWELL**

*My husband Nigel and I have moved into Newtown this year and are looking forward to being involved in the college community and our church community at St Matthias. Please pray that our love for and trust in God would grow through the joys and challenges of the year ahead.*



**BENJAMIN DANSON**

*First year was a tough, but good year for me as I tackled learning two languages. I'm looking forward to continuing to dig deeper into God's word and better understand and read Greek and Hebrew. You can pray for my continued growth in godliness and raising money for third year.*



**JACK DAY**

*I'm married to Katie, who's also in second year. Please pray for us as we think about where to serve the Lord after college. We don't have any specific plans yet, but we're currently considering some opportunities to serve across cultures, possibly in Bible translation or theological education.*

**KATIE DAY**

*I'm married to Jack (who's also at college) and we're serving at St Luke's Liverpool. Please pray that in our relationships at church, God would use us to impact lives for the gospel. Pray that we would balance family, church and college well and be humble as we study together.*



**RACHEL EVANS**

*Stoked to be at College with such faithful, fun brothers and sisters, exploring the depths of God's goodness to us in Jesus through his word. Loving ministry in the diverse mission field of Parramatta. Please pray that I'll be like Jesus, loving others, humble, trusting God, prayerfully seeking to grow God's kingdom.*



**VICTOR GEORGE**

*Happily married to Veronica. Hoping to be a minister of the gospel to the Indian diaspora church.*



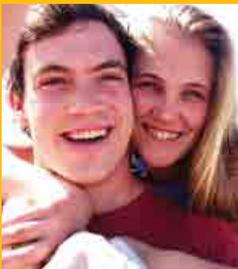
**LEAH GORRING**

*I am looking forward to a second year of studying at Moore and serving at Summer Hill Church! I enjoy reading, the beach and coffee with friends. Please pray that God will keep me from being puffed up by knowledge and instead grow my love for him and others.*



**JACK AND KATE HAMER**

*My wife Kate and I are from Adelaide and are both studying. Our plan is to return to Adelaide for Parish Ministry. Please pray that God would be preparing and growing us at college in our love and knowledge of him, and of each other.*



**ANDREW HAYES**

*Married to Monique - she's a legend. Living in Gosford. Serving at EV Church. Thankful for 2015 at Moore, looking forward to more of the same. Please pray for: character, humility, prayerfulness, love.*



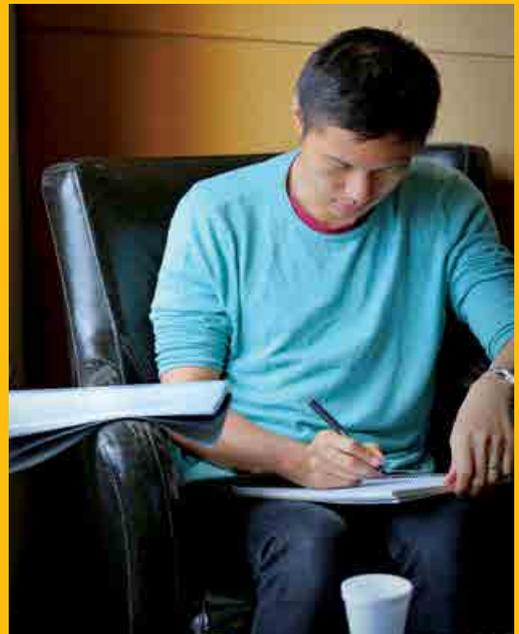
**LUCY HE**

*Privileged to be at Moore and serving at St Paul's Carlingford, as I continue to be equipped to serve God and his people possibly overseas or in Sydney. Please pray for humility, prayerfulness and that God will continue to grow me to love him and put my identity in Christ!*



**PETER HYNES**

*Married to Rebecca, we came to Moore from France in 2015. We praise God that we are able to stay another year. We serve at Newtown Baptist Church. Our desire after college is to serve God in New Caledonia. Please pray for relationships with the church there and that Rebecca would be able to get her nursing registration and a job here in the meantime.*



**JERI JONES**

*I am a student minister at St Albans MBM Rooty Hill with a focus on Youth and Mission. Please pray that this year I would not just grow in knowledge, but that I would also grow in godliness and love for God and His people. Also, that God will give me wisdom to balance full-time study, part-time work and student ministry.*



**SARAH KANAGARATNAM**

*Thankful for God's goodness in teaching me about himself, life and ministry through the good and the hard of studying, living at Carillon and churching at St John's Parramatta. Looking forward to being stretched in my thinking as I delve further into his word and think about student ministry in the future.*



**JOHN KHANANA**

*Ailsa, Matilda (2) and I are living and serving in South Sydney while studying. First year at Moore was stretching and helped John establish deeper foundations in God's word. Longer term we would like to serve the local church in an English speaking country.*

**for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.**

- 2 Timothy 1:7

# Second Year



**SEBASTIAN LANE**

*I'm married to Jess who is an Occupational Therapist and is also starting a part-time diploma at Moore. We have just moved to Vine Church in Surry Hills where I'm serving as a student pastor. Together we're looking forward to leading a community group and evangelising in the inner west.*



**KAREN LAWSON-SMITH**

*I'm really thankful for being reminded of God's faithfulness to his people over the past year. This year I'll continue to serve at Guildford Anglican and to live at Carillon. Please pray that I would grow deeply in my love for God, his word and his people this year.*



**TIMOTHY LEE**

*Married to Sammy, with John (4), Noelle (2), and Hope (0). Trying to learn much and serve well at the new church this year (Mosman Presbyterian). Hoping to go outside Sydney after college to serve in a church, but don't know where yet.*



**TAWANDA MASANGO**

*My wife Shupi and I have enjoyed serving at St Johns Maroubra in 2015. This year I will be serving at New College Village while Shupi continues with kids ministry at St Johns. We look forward to ministry among university students in Zimbabwe after college.*



**ANGUS MCCOWATT**

*Pray for Sal and I to use this year to serve God with all that we have and to make the most of our wonderful chance to study God's word at Moore.*



**DAN MCKINLAY**

*Do pray for me as I study God's word, and also for the Church in Scotland where evangelicals make up a very small number of the population. My wife and I hope to return to the UK after gaining the best education we can here in Sydney.*



**ERIN MCLEAN**

*Well hello there! Welcome to my blurby thingy! Let me tell you a little something about myself... Loving being a part of the wonderful community at Moore. Growing immensely as a student minister at Chatswood Presbyterian. Hoping to serve overseas in the future. Praying I become more like Christ each day.*



**CHRISTINE MEAD**

*I'm married to Thom. We live in Sydney's South West and are part of the church family at St Barnabas, Bossley Park. Please pray that I'd be able to keep it together this year as a wife, a student, and trainee with Two Ways Ministries.*



**MARCELO MORBELLI**

*How great is our God! Lizzie and I would be eternally grateful for your prayers as we seek to glorify and serve Him in all we do: work, college, marriage, evangelism, friendships and family. As we start at MBM Rooty Hill, pray that we would love and serve the saints well.*



**NATHANIEL JUM NADEN**

*An Aboriginal man from the bush studying at a theological college in the city to tell anyone who will listen to me about Jesus.*



**PATRICK O'KEEFE**

*I am looking forward to another year at Moore and church at St Mark's in Northbridge. And excited for a first year of marriage with Issy! Please pray for a continued dependence on Him in all that this year will bring.*



**PEDRO OLIVEIRA WOOLMER**

*I'm married to Joy and we have a one year old son Mark (who patiently sat through a semester of doctrine last year). We're continuing at Unichurch UNSW in 2016 and would love to do university student ministry overseas after college.*



**DANIEL ONG**

*I'm married to Frida and we've got two boys (Caleb and Joel). I've enjoyed the learning experience at Moore, either in classes, at Handcraft, or near the pong table. Our family is currently serving God together with the saints at St Matt's Botany. Please pray for us for wisdom as we sort of the future plan of heading to Indonesia post-college.*

# Second Year



**THOMAS PATTISON**  
*Jesus' promise to build his church makes me excited for the future. Even though the patch that I might be involved in long term is flexible (existing church, university ministries, schools, new churches or overseas work) the goal is consistent: to see people come to know and love Jesus. Sharing that with my wife Brie is a huge joy.*



**BRIE PATTISON**  
*Married to Tom, learning and serving at Grace City Church and loving the opportunity to get to know God more deeply at college. Pray that God's word would continue to engage my heart even while it's my textbook, and that God would work powerfully and save many people in Green Square!*



**JORDAN PETERSON**  
*I'm married to Anna, and we have a baby boy called Will. Please pray that Anna and I mature in our faith, that Will grows up loving Jesus, and that it would become clear where it is that God would have us go after College.*



**SHUVAH PUN**  
*Please pray for my husband Joseph and I as we learn to love and serve God and each other in our marriage (wedding 9 April 2016). Pray particularly as we juggle church, college (me), MTS (Joe) commitments and catching up with our family, Christian and non-Christian friends .*



**WILLIAM QUACH**  
*I'm married to Rebecca and we thank God for the birth of baby Sophie in 2015. We're currently at MBM Rooty Hill and hope to serve in South-West Sydney in the long term. Please pray that I'll be able to prioritise my walk with God and family responsibilities for 2016.*



**ALAN READER**  
*Alan and Angie Reader are entering their second year at Moore College. Alan studies full-time while Angie works full-time as an engineer. College has been a challenging and stretching experience so far, and they're excited about what it in store for second year study. They are also looking forward to being a part of the Newtown residential community this year, and tending to their potted veggie patch (their little bit of Tasmania in Newtown). Angie and Alan are still praying about and exploring ministry opportunities for when they return to Tasmania in 2019.*



**LISSE REID**  
*Lisse is deeply passionate about engaging people with the gospel, and growing them through gospel-centred ministry. She is married to Craig, who is working for AFES this year. They love being parents to Annabel, who they are seeking to raise knowing and loving Jesus.*



**BRIAN RENNIE**  
*It has been exciting to dig into the scriptures in more depth. Please pray that God would continue to grow me and shape me for a lifetime of ministering God's word to his people.*



**KATHRYN RUSSELL**  
*I'm married to Joshua. He is an Assistant Minister at Northmead Anglican. I have the privilege of serving alongside him while I study. Pray that we would proclaim the praises of the One who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light, with joy and perseverance.*



**JOHN SHIN**  
*I am the father of three children whose names are Samuel, Yejoo and Garam Shin. My wife is Young Hee Kim. I want to serve as full time minister in a local church if God allows me to do that.*



**DAVID SIMMONS**  
*David Simmons. Wife, Samantha. Children, Andi, Caleb, Xavier and Zoe. Currently living in Penrith. Hoping to better equip myself to be a faithful servant of the gospel wherever that takes us. College has been inspiring and challenging so far. I'm excited for the years ahead.*



**JESSICA SMITH**  
*I hail from Wagga. Aspirations include: releasing an album with our Carillon girls' a capella quartet, having the Moore logo colour changed to orange, and serving Jesus cross-culturally long-term. Pray for my new role as a student minister in Lakemba as I share Jesus with the Muslim community.*



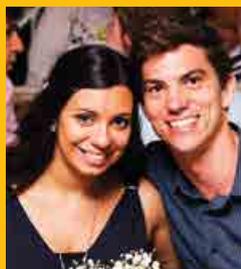
**MATTHEW SMITH**

*Help! I'm trapped in this picture and the only way you can release me is to pray for me!  
This year's verse is Mark 10:43-45. I want to grow in my service of others, especially in the sacrifice of my time. Also: humility, holiness, and consistency in prayer. Thanks!*



**NAOMI SMITH**

*I grew up in Japan as a missionary kid. My faith was nurtured at the Sydney Uni EU and refined after working with the KGK student group in Tokyo. I currently attend Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Please pray for disciplined study and for God to save Japanese people in Sydney.*



**PHIL STOLK**

*First year at college was such a great time making new friends and learning to understand God's Word in ways I never had before. This year Janice and I are looking forward to the arrival of our firstborn and being one year closer to getting back up to North Queensland!*



**DANIEL TAN**

*Last year, I was deeply struck by God's sovereign faithfulness to his covenant people throughout the ages. At the end of my time at college, Deb and I plan on returning to Singapore to proclaim the good news of the Lord Jesus to the many who have yet to know and love Him.*



**GEORGINA TASKER**

*We are so thankful for the Moore College community and can't wait for second year, 2016 has brought a lot of change for us already! We've moved into Little Queen Street and are starting student ministry at Parramatta Cathedral. Please pray as we continue discovering God's plan for us.*



**EDWIN THAMBIYAH**

*The first year at Moore College though challenging was one of the best years in my life. The love, fellowship and the insight into His Word are some of the things that I treasure so much at Moore. Please pray that we would discern correctly and obey God's leading after my study at Moore.*



**CHRIS TOWNSEND**

*I'm Chris. My plan post college is to proclaim the gospel in the world's most populous Muslim nation, Indonesia. I'm excited to learn more about God's unbreakable love for us through his eternal covenant with us. Please pray for growth in godliness and increased 'godwardness' in my daily walk with the Lord.*



**MARY TSANG**

*Thankful to God for all the relationships I've built last year and what he's taught me about the church through Ephesians and his grace and faithfulness through OT. Pray that God would grow me through college to know, love and proclaim him. Pray that God would ground my identity, hope and joy in being his child.*



**MATT TYLER**

*I'm looking forward to making use of the Biblical language skills I developed last year to dig into God's word. Last year I enjoyed getting the big picture of Mark and the background of Genesis. Post-college, my wife Ellen and I are investigating Bible translation in the Pacific.*

**ELLEN TYLER**

*I'm married to Matt and I would appreciate prayer for good health as I study this year. Pray that we may be faithful student ministers at Hoxton Park Anglican, and that we would continue to grow in Christ's likeness as we are challenged by his word. I like baking and reading in my spare time.*



**NICK WEBB**

*Wonderful Rebekah and I hope to serve in student work in South East Asia, perhaps in Indonesia. Please pray for growth in our willingness to become all things to all people, that by some means we might save some.*

# Second Year



**ANTONY WEISS**

Looking forward to a second year at Moore whilst on leave from Shore; deepening my understanding of God's plan for redemption, serving at Christ Church St Laurence, engaging with the student body at College across all years and preparing for ordained ministry in the Diocese of Sydney. (St John:17)



**ANDREW WEST**

Married to Christine. Student minister at St Johns Park Anglican. Pray for wisdom about post-college plans and that God would use us for His glory and the building up of His kingdom.



**EDWINA WHITESIDE**

Edwina is seeking to revel in God's goodness, majesty, and grace. Please pray that she manages her time well as a student, friend, and body part of St Martin's Killara and that her life is shaped by Jesus ad infinitum!



**ANDREW WILLIAMS**

We're thinking seriously about moving to NZ (my homeland) so please pray for NZ, a country in desperate need of the gospel, and for guidance as we consider our future. Also hoping to get a better routine with study this year so pray for discipline balancing family and study.



**JACK WONG**

I thank God every day for growing me in the knowledge of Him, sustaining our marriage (my wife Cindy) for another year, for giving me a fantastic college family to be a part of and a wonderful church (FOCUS UNSW) to serve in and learn how to minister in Cantonese.



**NICK WOOD**

Nick is married to Bek, serving in South Turramurra, and loving MTC. He would appreciate prayer as he juggles the church youth ministry, college and married life this year. He is looking long term to doing ministry with youth and young adults.



**DANAE WOODWARD**

I appreciate God's grace more deeply as I grow to see myself and my world more clearly. Please pray I speak and demonstrate this grace to others in my upcoming marriage to Nick Woodward in April, to friends at college and church, and with family in QLD.

**NICK WOODWARD**

Moved from Hobart to Sydney for uni, became a Christian through uni ministry, went on to do MTS and now in second year of college. Getting married to the lovely Danae (also second year) in April! Pray we will grow in love and knowledge of each other and of God.



**HARRISON XU**

Married to Carol and we have two sons Andrew and Daniel. We migrated from China to Australia and settled in St John's Parramatta 15 years ago. I am looking forward to being better equipped to serve in Chinese churches in the future. Please pray for my study, as English is my second language.



**PAUL YOUNG**

My wife Bec and I are from Perth. We came to Sydney to learn deeply about God's word and ourselves through the move, in order to serve the church back home. Pray that we'll grow in our trust of the Lord and that we'll know His goodness deeply.



**ROB AND MELODY YOUNG**

Follower of Jesus since '09. Married to lovely wife Melody, birth of our first child Zachary in Dec '15, serving at Village Church Annandale, fishing, coffee roasting and pong enthusiast. Please pray for us to keep growing in our godliness and character in our time here at College.

**And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear**

- Phillipians 1:14



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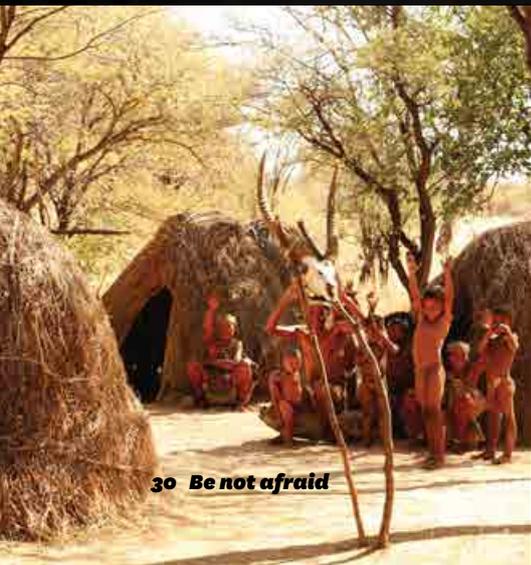
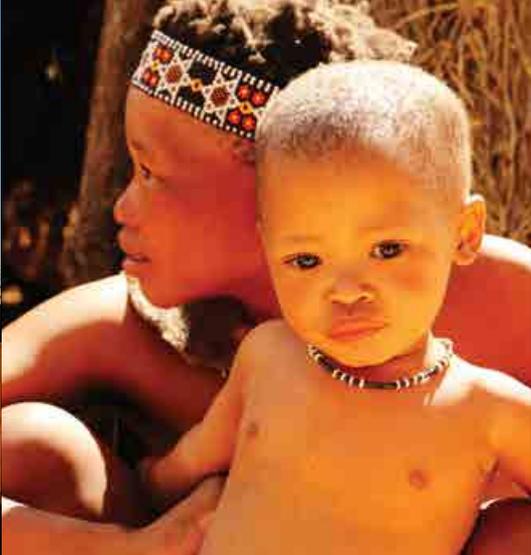
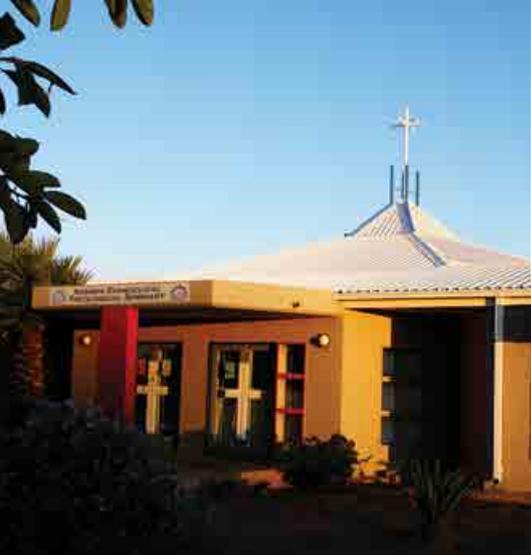
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*Pictured: Daily life at Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary (NETS), in contrast to life in a rural Namibian village.*

# Spirits in the storm

## NEW FACULTY MEMBER SIMON GILLHAM REFLECTS ON FEAR AND MINISTRY IN NAMIBIA

**When Simon Gillham went to school the nation of Namibia did not exist. The land was once a German colony, German South-West Africa; it was annexed by the British in the First World War and given to South Africa as a protectorate.**

During its time as a protectorate Namibia became one of the hot spots of the Cold War, and endured the harsh realities of apartheid government, not achieving nationhood in its own right until 1991.

The country itself is mostly desert, and the nine different people groups who inhabit it have existed in relative isolation from one another. Two rivers run along the northern and southern borders. “That’s about as much sense as the borders of the country make,” Simon comments.

Nevertheless, the peoples of Namibia do share a few things in common. They are interested in the Bible, even if they are largely ignorant of what it says; and they have a deeply ingrained sense of animism, which is never too far below the surface.

Simon was the Principal of a small bible college in Windhoek—pronounced in the German fashion: Vind-Huk—called Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary. “A name in need of an acronym,” he says; hence NETS.

Being “a pretty simple bloke” from rural New South Wales, Simon felt that the complexities of leading a cross-cultural ministry team were well beyond anything he could do in his own strength or wisdom. The enormous need and the lack of people however, meant that it was important that someone stepped up.

Simon recalls that many people were worried about his family’s finances, their safety, and his children’s education. “They’re all reasonable things to worry about,” he muses, “but I’m convinced that there really is no such thing as a risk free life.”

He acknowledges there was real danger living a life behind electrified or razor-wire fencing, supplemented by armed guards; but he also appreciated being able to raise his kids in an environment away from the pressures of materialism.

“As Christians we need to do better, to understand the spiritual risks.” He recalls Jesus’ words, “He said: I’ll tell you what to fear. Don’t fear him who can only kill you—that’s nothing; fear him who, after that, has the power to throw you into hell.”

***When a materialist sees a dust storm rising on the horizon they look for physical causes: wind picking up the dust and spinning it into a squall. When an animist sees a dust storm they think: “That’s the spirits – and they’re upset about something!”***

There are many different fears Simon and his family faced, and it would have been easy to be paralysed and to second-guess himself. But at the end of the day, he remembers that feelings of fear can be just as self-indulgent as pride.

“I think,” he says, “that if God is in charge of all things and he’s put me in a particular position, I rest confident in his wisdom and not my own. Wherever I am, I want to do my best to be as faithful and effective in ministry as I can.”

As it happens, when Simon stepped up as Principal he didn’t have the time to indulge in his own inadequacies. Instead, he was invited to address the fears of Namibians from the classroom, the pulpit, and even on television. Two such fears left a significant impression: isolation and animism.

While the Namibian desert no longer presents the obstacle to social cohesion that it once did, the inherent isolation of the desert and the history of apartheid government means that relationships tend to be disconnected. There is a great degree of mistrust.

When students at NETS were asked to name the most powerful experience from their time at college they would routinely express their joy in forming a genuine relationship with someone from a different culture or tribal background. “I think it was only because of the unity we have in the Gospel. Finding our identity in Christ is a thoroughly transforming reality, and really does help to break down those cultural divisions.”

But there is a fear that the peoples of Namibia hold in common across the desert. Beneath the veneer of Christianity there is an underbelly of animism: the belief that the spiritual world impacts the physical in ways that we largely cannot control.

Simon explains how this belief impacts life. When a materialist sees a dust storm rising on the horizon they look for physical causes: wind picking up the dust and spinning it into a squall. When an animist sees a dust storm they think: “That’s the spirits—and they’re upset about something!”

As a result of the prevalence of animism Simon found his pastoring and preaching changing. He spoke more openly and directly about fear and power. “I could genuinely say that you have nothing to fear, because the one who has power over all the spiritual powers and principalities is Jesus, and he’s won the victory, he’s conquered through grace. You’re okay, trust in him.”

Simon has now moved to Sydney where he has taken up the role of head of Moore College’s Mission Department. Speaking of fear, he admits: “The thought of being on staff here at Moore College terrified me. When I was a student here, I was scrambling to stay in touch with the pack. I was never convinced I was up to the job in Namibia, and in some ways the job here is an even bigger stretch.”

Simon is glad that many of his students will go on to become ministers in Sydney Anglican churches. But he also wants to help students make “the biggest splash” for Jesus that they can. “We’re ridiculously privileged, and I think we’re responsible for that privilege. And there are parts of the world that are screaming out for evangelism, for Gospel ministry, for people to do translation work.”

With this vision comes a warning for those who will go. “Humility is one of the great characteristics of the Lord Jesus, and humility is what he expects that his servants will exhibit. If we’re not humble now, I think the Lord will humble us. That may be a painful process, but it will be a good thing.”

*Michael Grivas-Allison is an editor of Societas and a student in Third Year.*



# Part time students

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# Natasha Leong

## THIRD YEAR PROFILE

**I'm Tash, and I live in Carillion House on the College campus. Reader, musician, and wannabe foodie are some ways you might describe me.**

My family and I came to Australia from Singapore when I was three years old. My parents were not Christians at that time, but God in his graciousness has worked through various people to bring the Gospel to bear fruit in my family's life. Looking back, I'm so thankful for generous friends and ministers who taught the Bible faithfully, modelled faith in action, and cared for us.

Prior to studying at Moore College I worked as an Occupational Therapist, then completed a two-year Ministry Apprenticeship at the University of Sydney's Cumberland Campus. During that time I became increasingly convicted of the priority of proclaiming the Gospel to the lost. I was challenged to think about how I would use the opportunities and capacities God has given me for His kingdom. God provided wise, godly people who helped me to think through all of this and showed me the importance of having a solid Biblical foundation in order to articulate the Gospel faithfully – so here I am at Moore!

I have been a part of the FOCUS international congregation at the University of NSW since the beginning of 2015. It has been a really exciting time as I have come to understand the importance of evangelising, training, and sending international students back to their home countries. International students have to balance lots of pressures and expectations, but I'm always so encouraged to witness them making costly, gospel-driven decisions. This is a demonstration of God's ongoing work in them. It has been a humbling experience as I have examined my own expectations and have been confronted by my sin, but in God's kindness I have seen Him continue to work in me as well.

I've come to appreciate more and more how richly God has blessed Sydney, particularly in access to evangelical churches and teaching. In contrast, so many other parts of Australia and the world just don't have that. I hope that the "big vision" of God's kingdom will shape the decisions I make and that I'll be able to serve Him on a university campus somewhere outside Sydney when I finish college. To begin with that will probably be somewhere interstate, with a view to going overseas at some point. Where and when exactly? I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store!

When I think about future ministry and my Christian life, I do become fearful at times. I am afraid that I will compromise the truth of the Gospel by fearing others more than God, or prioritising keeping friends over holding out the truth to them. In my Christian ministry I also worry that I will fail, that my efforts will prove unfruitful, and that I will appear weak. Or, if I am "successful", that I will become proud and fall into the pattern of thinking that I can "do it all" myself.

Despite these fears, I know that my identity, worth, and honour are not defined by my action (or inaction) but by the Lord Jesus, so I need not fear at all. I need to keep being reminded that weakness and limitation are wonderful things that God has given me as a created being, and that even through them He demonstrates His abounding wisdom and glory. I can confidently rest secure in Jesus who has removed the sting of death, who continues to equip and sustain His people by His word through the Spirit, and who has demonstrated God's generous and overwhelming grace – a grace that I should never stop preaching to myself and to others.

# THIRD YEAR





**DANIEL ALLAN**

*I'm married to Kathryn, a primary ESL teacher. We've moved to Croydon Park and are enjoying community life. It's my second year as student minister at St Aidans, Hurstville Grove. Pray for ever-increasing thankfulness, joy and obedience as we discern God's will for our lives during and after College.*



**ERIN ARTHUR**

*Third and last year at college, living in Newtown and churching at Maroubra. So pumped for all that God has in store for this year! Praying with mission agencies to wherever He has in store for me next year. Whatever He has in store, life is good because God is great!*



**ALEX BACKLER**

*Country lad from SA. Bachelor of Industrial Design. Holy Trinity Adelaide. Team Sports. St Stephen's Newtown. Imagination. Seeking depth and head and heart. Music and dance. Art and design. Seeking to help others use their creative gifts to strengthen the church spread the gospel.*



**TIM BARON**

*Family: wife Kate, daughter Ellen (4), and baby due in March. Plans beyond college include ministry in the country. New church: St George Nth Anglican, specifically serving @ Bexley Nth congregation. Excited about growing more this year at college and church. Pray for our general health after a hard few years.*



**TOM BARRETT**

*Husband of Vanessa, father of Nathan and Talitha. Starting a new student ministry position at Kingsford Anglican in 2016. Hoping to learn more, at college and at church, about how to care for God's people well. Interested in Sydney parish work after college. Interests: Music, technology and building things.*



**DAVE BINGGELI**

*At one time an exercise physiologist, Dave now loves learning more and more how God's grace renews and transforms people, communities and even societies. Dave and his wife, Eirian, enjoy fellowship at St Alban's Five Dock.*



**HAYLEY BOAG**

*Halfway between second and third year. Will be finishing up at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican this year and will miss teaching my energetic K/1 class. I'm still looking to go overseas at some point in the future. Thank you for your prayers.*



**KARL BONNER**

*Karl lives off-campus in Marsfield with his wife, cat, and two goats. He enjoys writing, film-making, painting, and kebabs. He isn't sure what to do post college, but for the moment is busying himself with some preaching here and there; and playing banjo at his little church.*



**MURRAY BORDER**

*My family (Sarah, Malakai, Emma and Lucy) and I are starting at the cathedral this year. We are excited to be going to a more local church as well as continue study and enjoy the community here at Newtown. We are thankful to God for all these abundant blessings!*



**AMY BROWN**

*I have been very blessed to join the Moore community in 2015 and look forward to another year building friendships and immersing myself in God's Word. Please pray God will continue to transform me as I study and serve Him in children's and youth ministry at Pymble Anglican Church.*



**VINCENT CHAN**

*Family: Vincent, Mei and Zachary. Excited about: The freedom of being a Christian. Future plans: Currently investigating overseas work.*



**MICHAEL CHIN**

*I'm married to Mercie and we are serving at St Andrews Strathfield these next two years. Please pray that God would grant us good communication with each other and others to make wise decisions for God's glory post-college.*

# Third Year



**SAM CHRISP**

We're serving at Enfield-Strathfield Anglican church and learning how to be parents to our little one year old girl, Jasmine. Sam is studying for a BD and Shan-Shan is completing a Diploma part-time. We're thinking about the possibility of ministry to Mandarin speakers in future.



**MARTIN CHUNG**

Married to Pearl with two children: Nathan(8) and Jemima(4). We're thankful for all that God has provided since we moved from Melbourne to join MTC and the lovely BHG community. Pray that He would lead us as we think through where to serve at the end of 3rd/4th year.



**ROSS COLLINS**

Married to the beautiful Kristie, currently serving at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican church. We grew up in the Sutherland Shire and love seeing people come to know Jesus. Pray that we would continue to grow in our love and knowledge of God as we seek to share the good news with those around us.



**BEN CONNELLY**

I am currently serving the Saints at Mortdale Anglican and my wife continues to work in clinical trials. We continue to ask for God guidance as we begin my 2nd last year at Moore and begin planning what comes afterwards.



**TRISTAN DALLAS**

I'm married to Anthea, and, together with our daughter, Miriam, live in Newtown, attending St Barnabas' Church, Broadway. I really enjoyed both the Old and New Testament courses last year, and am thinking of working outside Sydney in some form of student ministry after college.



**VANESSA DE SAUTY**

It has been an incredible journey deepening my knowledge of God and challenging many presuppositions I had held before college. This learning has been perfectly supplemented with soy cappuccinos, fascinating conversations with an incredible year group, and too much time in the Den.



**MARK DELBRIDGE**

Returning to study after a year break. Excited to delve into the mind-boggling, yet delicious maelstrom of theological study. Constantly refreshed and sustained. Still certain of God's love and steadfastness through all and in all. Currently serving at Newtown Erskineville Anglican church.



**JARED DUNN**

I have a beautiful wife Ruth, and a lovely 14 month old daughter, Elsie. We have been learning lots at college. Please pray for us that God may direct us in the way He wants us to go, and that we may follow His lead, and listen to His voice.

**Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval**

- Romans 13:3



**HELEN FULLER**

Student minister at St Andrews Wahroonga, planning for kids and/or women's ministry beyond college. Would love prayer as I head towards the end of my degree.. That I'd be ready to be wherever God puts me, and that I'd faithfully serve him with what I've learnt through college!



**BEN GEORGE**

My wife Liz and I serve at Village church, Annandale. We are prayerfully looking at ministry to the subcontinental communities in Sydney long term; and are looking forward to studying God's Word together this year.



**MICHELLE GERUNGAN**

Currently churching at Chatswood Presbyterian. Always learning how to love and serve Jesus more. I enjoy baking, analogue photography, and painting in watercolours. Please pray as I consider future ministry outside of Sydney.



**RICHARD GLOVER**

Married to Alison, who does amazing work with women experiencing domestic violence. We church with the saints at St. John's Ashfield, where I'm a catechist, and have moved this year to Ashfield where we share an apartment with a friend. Revelling in the good news of Christian Ethics this year.



**SCOTT GORMAN**

*Miriam and I value your prayers as we seek to love each other and raise little Rose. College highlights: people, Hebrew, handball, coffees, the library, studying the Trinity, and moving to But-Har-Gra. We're currently serving with Drummoyne Presbyterian Church. Looking forward to see what God has in store.*



**MICHAEL GRIVAS-ALLISON**

*Along with my wife Rani, I serve the Saints at St John's Campsie, while considering opportunities to serve overseas. Pray for Rani and myself as we continue to explore our new marriage, our studies in God's word at Moore and SMBC, and our future under Christ.*



**FI HENDERSON**

*Hi everybody, I love Disney, Taylor Swift and the excitement of starting a new student minister position doing kids ministry at Willoughby Park Anglican Church. At the halfway point of my degree I am still planning on doing four years even with Greek and Hebrew. Fare thee well!*



**KEITH HILL**

*I'm married to Kate, and we have one very active son Ethan (3), with baby #2 due in May 2016. We love the community at College, and serving the saints at St Augustine's in Neutral Bay. After College, we'd love to leave Sydney and serve God in country NSW.*



**SARAH HUME**

*In April I married Wei-Li. Praise God for this blessing and pray for us as we start married life together. We will continue to serve at Summer Hill Church, so pray for wisdom as we work out what that looks like this year. Pray for wisdom for me as I decide whether to continue onto 4th year or to look for opportunities with AFES.*



**EDWARD HUNGERFORD**

*Married to Stephanie and attending St James Anglican Church where I am leading the 6pm congregation. Beyond college, our prayer is to be investing into the local church and seeing Christ glorified in our local community. I've loved growing in my knowledge of Biblical languages.*



**TALAR KHATCHOYAN**

*It is a privilege to be able to continue my studies this year. Pray that I will be sensible to this great privilege and forever grateful for the gospel of Jesus, delighting to make Him known to whomever He may take me.*



**BRAD KONEMANN**

*Married to Katherine with two beautiful children, Eva (3) and Reuben (1). We love being part of the community at Anchor Church Sydney and are planning to continue serving God here after college. I love soccer, cooking and exploring new places.*



**BEN LATTIMORE**

*My wife, Bethany and I welcomed our second child, Josiah, into our family last year. Praying that our hearts might overflow with love for the lord Jesus so to be able to love those he places around us now, and also wherever he leads us after college.*



**NATASHA LEONG**

*I'm thankful to be continuing at Focus International Church (UNSW), serving, learning and being part of students' growth. Please thank God for the ways he's growing and maturing me in Christ. Pray that I will love others with generosity and for wisdom as I think about post-college options.*



**JOSH LEWIS**

*Already enjoying third year. Churching at St Andrew's, Wahroonga. Residing at John Chapman House. Optimistic about God shaping me this year. Still praying for those I know who don't know the Lord. Thanking God for such caring family and friends. Interested to see what lies ahead. College is a blessing.*



**LAUREN MAHAFFEY**

*I'm stoked to have another year serving with the church family at Summer Hill in 2016. Please pray that God would keep growing my affections for Him and sharing the gospel through my study in third year.*

**For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"**

- Romans 8:15



**CAM MAXWELL**

*Carine and I are in our third year of marriage, being constantly bewildered living in Newtown, and thankful to be part of St Matthias Night Church. We are excited about the spread of the gospel throughout Australia, and are keen to head back to picturesque Adelaide one day.*



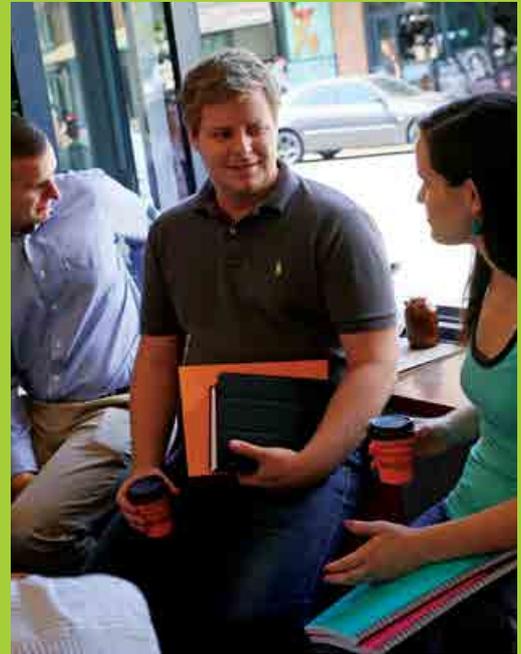
**JEREMY MORRIS**

*Married to Mim, living with our cat Doris in Redfern. Doing ministry at Darling Point. I love that the more you learn at College the more you realise there is to know about God, which is daunting and exciting – we will never stop learning about him into eternity! Pray that Mim and I can keep doing that – growing in love with him and each other.*



**CANDY PANG**

*Keen for overseas mission post-college. Please pray I will be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding this year, so as to walk in a manner worthy of him, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*



**TOM POUNTAIN**

*Please pray that I would love my beautiful wife Hannah and ratbag children Eleanor and Abigail more. Also that I would serve the saints here at Moore, St. Andrew's Cathedral and back in the UK.*



**MARTIN ROBINSON**

*Emma (first year) and I are very thankful to be studying together at college this year and serving at Yagoona-Condell Park Anglican. Pray that we will knuckle down, study hard, and serve with joy.*



**TIM ROWE**

*Together with my wife, Sarah, and son, William, we are thankful for another year at Moore, learning about God, ourselves and ministry. We enjoy living in Newtown, studying with a great group of Christian brothers and sisters, and serving at Rouse Hill Anglican Church. Please pray for us as we start making plans for after college.*



**PAUL SEARLE**

*Living and serving in Manly alongside my wife Marcella and our three children. Please pray for Marcella as she works to support the family while I study and that I will faithfully love and support her and the kids throughout the busy college year and beyond.*



**PAUL SEVILLE**

*We're so thankful to God for his constant care: my studies have challenged and strengthened my faith in Christ, and Bethany, Cadence (3), and Alexander (1) have been a great source of support and comfort over this time. We are loving student ministry with the saints at Lugarno Anglican.*



**ELIZABETH SHEHATA**

*Please pray that I would glorify God in all that I do and continue to delight in God as I study his word. Please also pray for wisdom to know what to do in the future, whether in Australia or outside.*



**JIMMY SHEPHERD**

*Currently serving at St Paul's Chatswood. Excited to do ministry along the Northern Beaches in the future.*



**LUKE SHOOTER**

*In 2016 I plan on becoming a candidate and also will be moving from Vine Church in Surry Hills to St Thomas' North Sydney. I would value prayer for development in my preaching and with the languages.*

**“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”**

- Luke 12:32



**AIDEN SIBRAVA**

*Jess and I are really interested in rural and regional ministry. We’re both from down near the NSW-VIC border and love seeing Australia (preferably with a muddy 4x4). Please pray for a safe and fruitful year of preparation as we hope for a faithful future ministry.*



**LUKE SINCLAIR**

*This year I am looking forward to: growing even deeper in my knowledge of God, being a student minister at St Andrews Strathfield, another year at Chappo, and another winter that is so much warmer than my hometown of Christchurch, New Zealand.*



**EDWARD STOCKS**

*I’m Eddy and this is my second year as a student minister at Soma Church. I’m married to my lovely new wife Nyssa. Beyond college I hope to enter parish ministry or become a chaplain. I’m excited to put together all the different things I have learnt this year into practice in my ministry.*



**SAM TERRY**

*This year is about embracing hummus and being Anglican. We are investigating Muslim ministry and also leaving the who-needs-shoes-anyway policy of our old independent church behind. It’s ok. We do have nice shoes. And we’ll have even more soon: Marinka is pregnant with our third child! Yay!*



**TIM THAMBYRAJAH**

*Married to Hollie, father to a collection of pot plants. Looking forward to another year of ministry, learning, and handball.*



**JONO WARD**

*Carina, our daughter Charlotte and I are super thankful to our Lord for another year of studying the bible and finding out just how much we have in Jesus. We are looking forward to serving the people at Yagoona Anglican this year and are excited to see where God will lead us.*



**SCOTT WESTWOOD**

*Pip and I are heading to Auburn Anglican this year and are super pumped about that! Pray that we’d learn to minister across the cultural barriers and keep preparing for ministry post-college (wherever that may be).*



**GLENN WILMINGTON**

*My time at College will most likely end this year, but my thankfulness to God for the opportunity to study His Word with His people will be life long. Eternal life-long. Please pray that I will continue to trust the Father who has cared for me, the Son who has died for me, and the Spirit who is working in and through me, wherever they send me.*



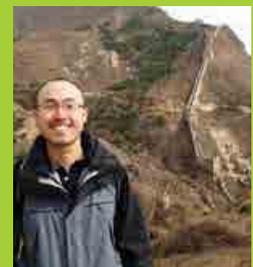
**GREG WONG**

*Husband to Aileen and father to Zachariah and Adele. Halfway through the BD and God-willing, hope to return to Melbourne to work at our home church afterwards. We’re enjoying serving the saints at Chatswood Presbyterian and loving life at ‘The But’. Please pray we grow more like Christ each day.*



**MARK WOODHOUSE**

*I’m married to Lucy, who is training to be a GP, and is serving at the often-colourful and always-challenging St John’s Darlinghurst. I’m loving College, and am thankful for the opportunity to study and be encouraged by the wonderful College community.*

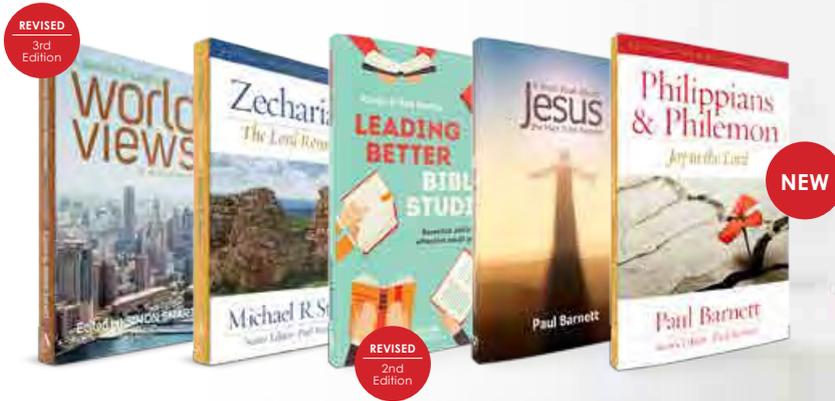


**JONATHAN WU**

*Jonathan is from Singapore, and will be returning back to his home church, where he hopes to be training up small-group leaders and future Gospel workers. He enjoys reading, especially mystery novels; all the more so over a cup of superior Newtown coffee.*

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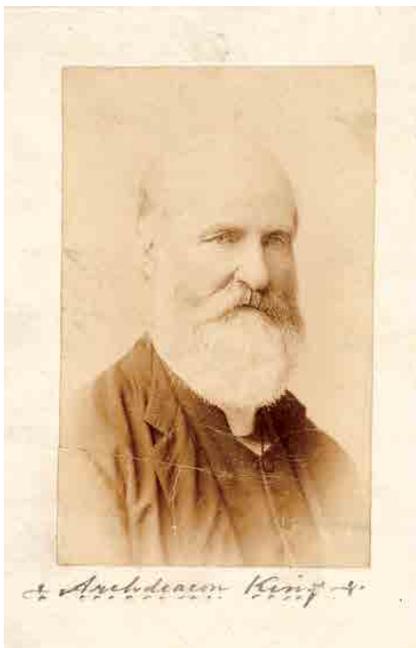
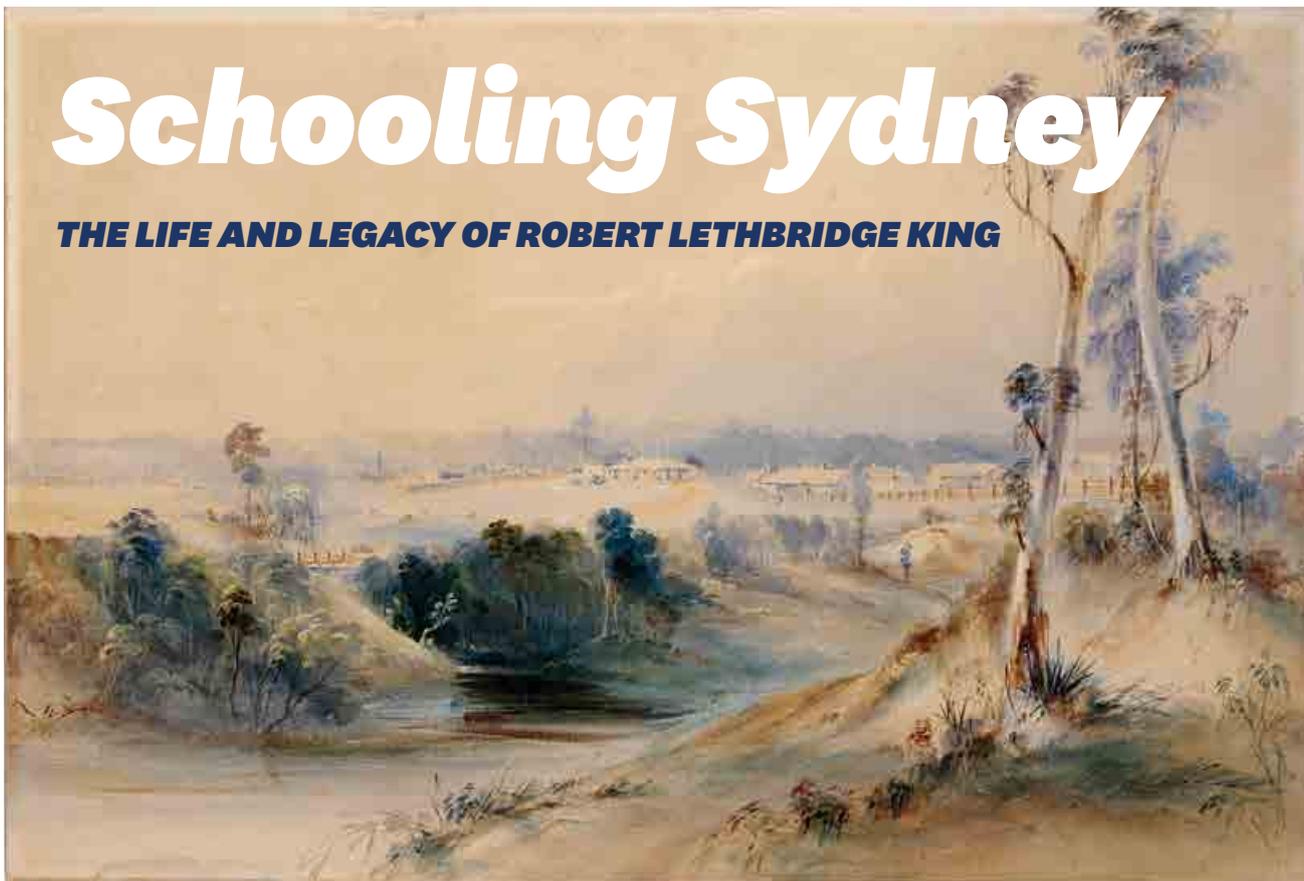
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**THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT LETHBRIDGE KING**



Top: The King family's South Creek property, Dunheved.

Above: R L King, c. 1880

***“My 4th Boy was born, Feby 11th 1823. He was born at Sea on our passage from New South Wales to England, Two days after we sailed from the Cape of Good Hope. We landed at Plymouth, 22d of April. He was privately Baptised by the Revd William Cowland, Curate of Launceston in Devonshire, and called Robert Lethbridge King. Publically Christened at Greenwich ... Sponsors, my uncle Major General Lethbridge, the Revd William Cowland and Mrs John Lethbridge King.”***

– Harriet Lethbridge King, journal entry, undated.

Thus records the birth of Robert Lethbridge King (1823–1898), aboard the 170-ton cutter Bathurst. The fourth of seven sons to Phillip Parker King and Harriet King (née Lethbridge), King was a descendant of an influential early Colonial family who went on to become a Church of England clergyman and Principal of Moore Theological College (1868–1878).

King's father Phillip was named after Captain Arthur Phillip, with whom King's grandfather Phillip sailed out in First Fleet as the Second Lieutenant of the Sirius. King's parents arrived in Australia in 1817, from where his father surveyed parts of the northern and western coasts of the Great South Land that explorer Matthew Flinders (1774–1814) had been unable to complete.

In 1826 King's father was appointed to command a survey of the coast of South America and the Magellan Straits, taking

with his eldest son Philip (1817–1904). Philip was late to join the crew of the Beagle, the vessel that carried naturalist Charles Darwin on his voyages of exploration and observation. The two maintained a lifelong friendship.

King's mother Harriet was largely responsible for the early education of her sons, including their Christian formation. Harriet wrote in 1827 to the boys' father in England of her challenges.

*“I have been very busy unpacking ever since I came here but I continue to teach Essington and Robert their lessons every day ... I also tried to keep them in proper subjection but it is no easy task to manage so many boys, for Charles and Frederic now come in for their share of correction ... Essington grows into a very fine, handsome boy and is one of the most inquisitive I have ever met with, an incessant talker, and poor Robert can never get a word in when Essy is present ... Robert is of a very yielding temper and gives way to him.”*

**King spent three years at St. John's College, Cambridge reading classics, mathematics, and natural science. He was also a remarkable talented sketcher of landscapes, portraits, flora and fauna, the latter remaining an interest throughout his life.**

Robert was clearly a very able boy and a tutor, named McGuire, was engaged from amongst the family's workers. In a letter to her husband in February 1829 Harriet observed:

*"Your dear boys are all very well and I think will not disappoint your expectations, I do my utmost to educate and make them what I know you wish. McGuire pretends to teach them but fails in all but writing. I teach them arithmetic and reading myself and... [I am] very much pleased and surprised at Essington's and Robert's performance they both read, better than I could have hoped, Robert VERY well and learn as quick as ever."*

Upon returning to NSW from his adventures on the High Seas in 1832, King's father Phillip decided that he would attend The King's School, which opened its doors that year at the directive of Archdeacon William Grant Broughton (1788-1853) and under oversight of the Rev. Samuel Marsden (1765-1838)—the latter then Rector of St John's Parramatta, where King himself would later be the incumbent (1855-1868). The boy's tutelage at King's was short-lived. In 1839 his father was appointed Commissioner of the Australian Agricultural Company, and so the family left "Dunheved", their South Creek property, and moved to the AACo's headquarters "Tahlee" at Port Stephens.

At this time there had only been two Sydney-raised Church of England ministers in the Colony: Marsden's son-in law, Thomas Hassall (1794-1868), the first Australian candidate for ordination, and William Macquarie Cowper (1810-1902), the first Australian-born clergyman. Cowper was the son of the Archdeacon William Cowper (1778-1858) a staunch Evangelical who had been recruited by Marsden in 1808 as an additional Chaplain to the Colony.

William Macquarie Cowper attended the University of Oxford where he found the religious life of Oxford to be 'at a low ebb' with the Oxford Movement and the Catholic Revival in the Church of England gaining momentum. Ordained by the Bishop of Exeter in 1835, William Macquarie Cowper sailed back to Australia reaching Sydney in February 1836. Within a month he was licensed by the Bishop of Australia, William Grant Broughton, as Chaplain to the Australian Agricultural Company in Port Stephens, where the King family had moved. Cowper got on well with King's father, the Commissioner, and before long he was entrusted with Robert's education, taking

him into the clergy house at Stroud for the next two years.

William Macquarie Cowper was later appointed as the Acting Principal of Moore Theological College in 1856, taking with him three of his resident tutees from Stroud as Moore's first student body, ahead of the arrival in September that year of the College's first Principal, Rev. William Hodgson (1809-1869).

Before this time there was still no scope for a theological education in the Colony. King was therefore sent to England, following in the footsteps of Hassall and Cowper. His mother recorded his departure in her journal (23rd March, 1841).

*"Dear Robert left us this day for England. May God help, protect and carry him and safety there, but especially do I pray that he may be kept from Sin, oh that he may be fitter and prepared to make a useful and steady minister in the Church of Christ."*

King spent three years at St. John's College, Cambridge reading classics, mathematics, and natural science. He was also a remarkable talented sketcher of landscapes, portraits, flora and fauna, the latter remaining an interest throughout his life.

It would appear that the years abroad enabled him to become more independently minded and to establish his own theological outlook. According to a letter to his father (January 9th 1843) he kept to a disciplined routine during the week, that apart from his studies included walks and "taking constitutionals" as well as time chatting in his friends' rooms.

On Sundays his time was heavily devoted

to worship and growing under the Word. Before 10:00am College Chapel he would take a Sunday School class in the town for an hour before going "to University Church St Mary's [Great St Mary's] where a sermon is preached as there is no sermon in the College Chapel", after which he would walk or read. Between 2:00pm and 3:00pm Robert would go "to listen to a sermon preached by a select preacher" immediately followed by dinner at 3:00pm then at 6:00pm he attended Evensong at the St John's College Chapel. He wrote that, "After Chapel I either go to one of the other churches in the town for a sermon or remain quietly in my rooms for the rest of the evening."

Committed to a life in ministry, Robert's correspondence reveals his devotion to Christian company.

*"My intimate friends [are] all Johnians ... and although I know many to speak, the true are only about nine with whom I am very intimate. These are all intended like myself for the church, and are all with I think but one exception truly and sincerely pious men. Seven of us meet every Saturday evening to prepare for the Sabbath. We meet alternatively at each other's rooms and thus there is a bond of union between us based on Christian principles."*

Robert received his Bachelor of Arts in the Mathematics Tripos in 1846 and before setting sail for Australia he spent a brief time as a schoolmaster at Truro Grammar School in his 'native' Cornwall. Returning to Sydney, Robert was soon ordained in the temporary wooden St Andrew's Cathedral, and was

Below: St. John's Stroud, by Phillip Parker King.



**“They will tell you that many scholars have given up the idea that the history is true? But never allow such an idea to dull your mind. I do not deny that there are difficulties in the Bible.”**

appointed Curate of St Philip’s Church Hill under Archdeacon William Cowper, whose son had been his tutor and mentor at Stroud.

In her journal, his mother Harriet wrote: “My dear Robert was ordained a Deacon on 19th September 1847. He preached at St Philip’s in the Evening and took his text from 1st Corinthians 2d.” King’s mother derived great encouragement from her son’s preaching and his administration of the Lord’s Supper. On Christmas Day 1847 she wrote:

*“I would record the blessings of this day. Went to church twice, and heard my dear Robert preach for the first time in Carrington [part of the AACo’s million-acre holding]. His Sermons were appropriate and truly Gospel, his morning text third chapter 1 Timothy 16 V. He showed how there were 6 things to be observed in the text in Christ was the theme of his discourses.”*

In this same year it was decided that a new church was to be built on Church Hill, completed in March 1856. During this period King was afforded considerable responsibility as William Cowper’s curate, including teaching at the Parochial School attached to St Philip’s.

Despite his rather taxing parochial duties, King, now 29, took as his bride the daughter of the Colony’s first Post-Master General. Harriet wrote:

*“My 4th Son, Robert Lethbridge married Honoria Australia Raymond, Decr 30th 1851 – give them thy blessings Oh Lord and grant that they may order their walk and conversation by thy holy precepts and Example...”*

A few years later their first son Robert Gidley King was born, only to die a little after his first birthday.

Three months after their infant’s death, Robert and Honoria left St Philip’s for St John’s Parramatta, where Robert became the third, rector following in the footsteps of Samuel Marsden and Henry Hodgkinson Bobart.

King quickly proved to be a good organiser, overseeing the rebuilding of the Church, which had been delayed during the gold rush when artisans and stonemasons abandoned their obligations in Sydney to seek their fortunes. King instigated an evening service and built up the parochial school, founded under Marsden. During the early days of his incumbency in 1855 Robert’s father Phillip Parker King, recently honoured with the rank of Rear-Admiral of the Royal Navy, collapsed and died at his St. Leonard’s home “Grantham”. His mother Harriet died some nineteen years later.

Robert and Honoria were blessed with three more sons and two more daughters while they were at St. John’s, their last son and 9th child born later when they were at Moore College. Twin boys Copland and Cecil became Anglican priests, Cecil serving as rector of St John’s Camden (1893–1927), and Copland as a missionary for 27 years in New Guinea. In 1897 he declined an invitation to become the first bishop of New Guinea, believing that his talents were more suited to subordinate positions.

Their elder brother Robert Raymond followed in his father’s footsteps to Cambridge and ordination. King’s concerns for unhelpful influences and unfulfilling Christian witness at Cambridge were to re-emerge some three decades after his own time there. In a letter he sent to Raymond from Moore College (July 9th 1877) he referred to Psalm 1, cautioning his “dear dear boy” to “be very careful of

*your Sundays...walk not in the counsel of the ungodly or stand in the way of sinners not sit in the seat of the scornful... After chapel go to one of the parish churches at about 12 noon - be discerning about which church - Trinity Church... or the Round Church - St Bene’t’s [the oldest building in Cambridge] – Saxon tower near Corpus [Christi]...only go where it is good for your soul. Go to church to avoid unprofitable concentration on Sunday evenings.”*

In another letter that year, Robert raised his concerns about theological liberalism and attacks on the historicity of the Bible.

*“They will tell you that many scholars have given up the idea that the history is true? But never allow such an idea to dull your mind. I do not deny that there are difficulties in the Bible.”*

Raymond came home and went on to serve a curacy at St. Paul’s Redfern (now St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College), then as rector at St John’s Gordon from in 1893.

In 1867 King had become a Canon of St Andrew’s Cathedral, before, on 3rd December that year, Bishop Frederic Barker nominated him as the second Principal of Moore Theological College at Liverpool. Not only was King an exacting scholar of New Testament Greek, but he also displayed an impressive scientific understanding, having been on the Australian Museum Committee (1848–53) and an Elective Trustee (1853–58). He had his teaching experience at Truro Grammar School and had developed the parochial and grammar schools at St Philip’s Church Hill and St John’s Parramatta, as well as being an examining chaplain for the Diocese since 1858. The founding Principal, Rev. William Hodgson, clearly approved of King’s appointment. “My successor is remarkable as a man of earnest piety and fervent prayer, as well as distinguished by his active habits, his conciliatory manner and his Christian consistency.”

King’s unostentatious piety, his true sense of what a minister of Christ ought to be, his scholarly interests, and prominent colonial family pedigree made him a popular Principal—not only by clergy within the See of Sydney but also those well beyond its theological and geographic boundaries. During King’s decade as Principal, seventy-seven Moore College men were ordained and went on to serve in seven Dioceses.

One of King’s most outstanding students at Moore was Francis Bertie Boyce (1844–1931). Boyce served in the Diocese of Bathurst before returning to Sydney in 1882, where he served initially in the parish of St Bartholomew, Pymont and then at St Paul’s Redfern from 1884 for 46 years until his death. Boyce recalls:

*“In my second year [William Hodgson] was succeeded by the Rev. R.L. King B.A., another Cambridge man who distinguished himself at the college not only by reason of his scholarship but through the depth and fervour of his spiritual life.”*



St. Philip’s Church Hill (under construction) and St. Philip’s School, c. 1855.

In 1876, King reported to the College Trustees that the number of students was on the increase and he requested further assistance in their teaching and training as the demands of his role were impacting his health. The appointment of a Vice-Principal, Rev. George Sheppard, was a great relief; however, King's health deteriorated, exacerbated by a fall from a horse. Shortly after the accident he announced his departure from Moore College.

From the demands of College life, King returned to parish ministry as the first incumbent of Christ Church, Gladsville, moving to Holy Trinity, Miller's Point in 1880. In 1881 he was made Archdeacon of Cumberland. Whilst still rector of Holy Trinity and Archdeacon, King returned to Moore as Acting Principal between September 1884 and September 1885, after his successor Arthur Lukyn Williams resigned due to failing health.

His input into the development of educational institutions continued. In 1887 he was invited by Reverend Dr Alfred Barry, Bishop of Sydney, to be on the Provisional Council to establish, under the St James' School Compensation Trust Act (1886), "A school of the highest type, including departments of education for all classes of the community, in which the teaching shall be throughout in accordance with the principles of the Church of England." The Sydney Church of England Grammar School, more familiarly known as Shore, opened on the 4th May 1889 at North Sydney.

King retired from parish ministry in 1893 and remained as Archdeacon of Cumberland until 1895. Correspondence to his son Raymond that year and again in 1896 revealed not only a very frail hand but also a worry that his affairs and his wife Honoria would be suitably taken care of upon his death. Despite his failing health, King remained as sharp as ever in his Reformed Evangelical conviction. On 8th June 1895 he wrote to his son in defence of the Trinity.

*"There is so much ignorance on so high a subject... Misunderstanding the word incomprehensible as meaning that which cannot be explained which of course is not its meaning... The doctrine of the Trinity may not be utterly understood - but that of the Athanasius' Creed is utterly misunderstood."*

King concludes the letter by exhorting his son Raymond to hold firm to the faith:

*"I do hope you are keeping up with your reading on these points we cannot afford in these days to allow ourselves to get rusty on points of doctrine."*

A month later, with a more stable hand, King again wrote to Raymond, this time about the Roman Catholic Church.

*"I am one of those who have learned to regard the Church of Rome as indeed a Christian church but at the same as a sadly*

*fallen church... [The Roman Catholic Church] has insulted our reason by asking us to pray to a woman however we may call her memory 'blessed' ...[which] insults our Christianity by placing before us for salvation another as Mediator instead of the 'One mediator between God and Man the Man Christ Jesus.'"*

With further bouts of illness and failing health, and concern to be prepared for his life's end, King wrote a farewell discourse from his home in Stanmore—a single letter, written over several months. It reveals both his anxiety about his frailty and his concern that his son Raymond hold firm to the Gospel, as well as commending that he read the writings of Charles Simeon.

*"Anxious...I do not expect to have many more opportunities to write...Keep close to God and walk with Him in humility..."*

*Remember you have the highest privilege to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified... humble the sinner and exalt the Saviour"* (August 1896).

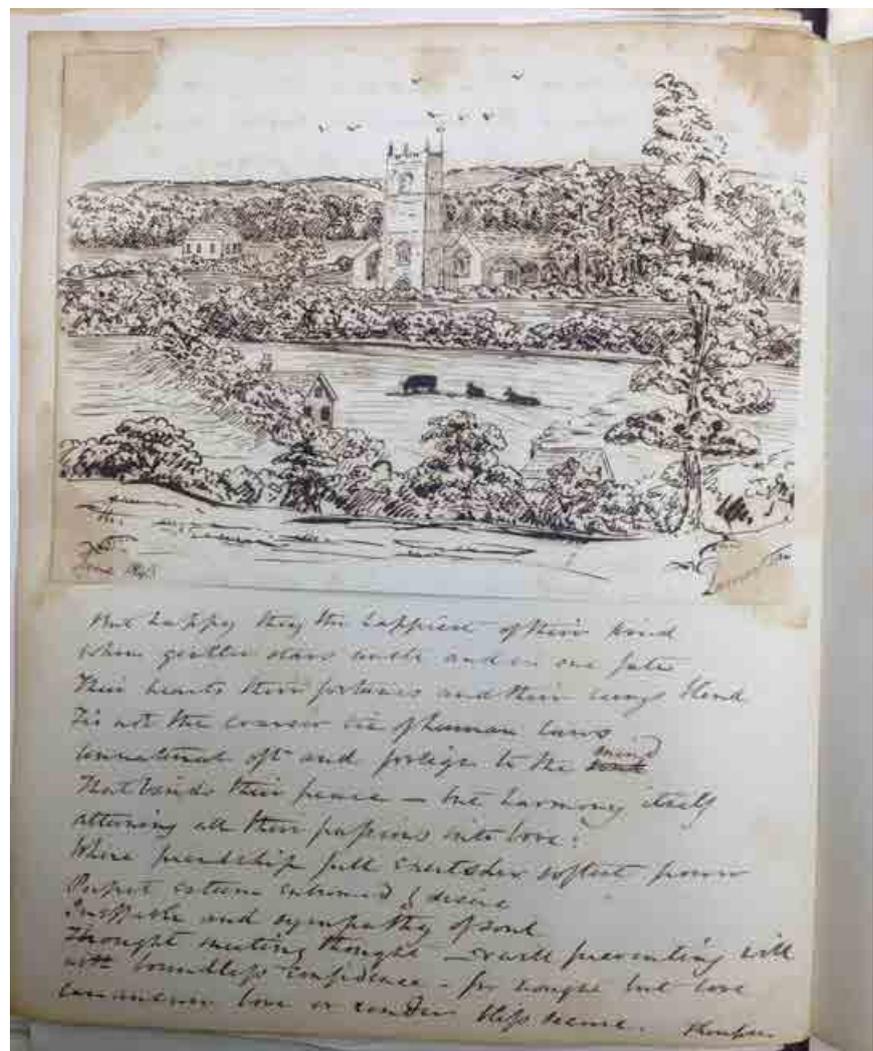
*"...my letter still unfinished... Be sure that you are found ever living for Him and growing in grace and love and holiness..."* (30th May 1897).

Two months later, on July 24th 1897, Robert Lethbridge King died at Stanmore. He was survived by his wife Honoria and eight of their nine children. William Macquarie Cowper wrote a heartfelt tribute to his former pupil and colleague.

*"My dear friend ... during nearly half a century he had striven earnestly and consistently and in godly simplicity to fulfil his ministry and varied positions to extend the kingdom of Christ."*

*Antony Weiss is a Second Year student.*

Below: St. Mary Magdalene, Parish of Launceston, Cornwall, by R. L. King.



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## **Dan Kong**

### **FOURTH YEAR PROFILE**

I'm Daniel Kong. I'm the husband of Jessica, the father of Elijah, the younger brother of a design teacher – Joel, and the son of migrant parents, Henry and Juliana.

I was born and raised in the suburbs of Melbourne. My adolescence was spent following my parents along to international student ministry meetings, church, and Bible study groups. Upon finishing high school, my family dropped me off at the University of New South Wales to study solar engineering. Their parting advice was: 'Go to Phillip Jensen's church.' I had no idea who Phillip was – and I couldn't find him either because, by then, he had already left UNSW!

Nevertheless, I spent my university years wrestling with the bible teaching at Campus Bible Study. Throughout that time God kindly persisted in humbling and teaching me, despite my pride. I graduated and moved to Wild St. Anglican in Maroubra. During my time there God graciously gave me opportunities to share the gospel with kids in Scripture and youth group. The ministry at Wild St. was confidently focussed on teaching from the Bible. I began to see first hand that the harvest was plentiful and the workers were few. Suddenly, all the pleas made by ministers for more gospel workers made sense. I had spent most of my secular work life in a lab. So as I began to consider vocational ministry the prospect of spending all day with all sorts of people and speaking with them from the Bible was daunting. But it simply made sense – becoming equipped and taking every opportunity to proclaim the gospel was partaking in the harvest of the kingdom; doing another lab experiment – though fun and useful – was, for me, just not in the same ballpark. That led me to UNSW as an MTS trainee.

One of the great things about MTS was that I met Jessica. During MTS, we were both trained in a gospel-centred framework for ministry. Our desire to continue preparing for a lifetime of ministry led both of us to study at Moore. We studied together for three years after getting married in first year. We've loved and appreciated the centrality of the gospel in all areas of college life.

One of the fears going into Moore was whether we would be able to get through the rigorous study. While it is rigorous, the gospel-shaped nature of study here has helped us realise that our identity and status is not tied up with our academic success (or failure). Rather, studying the Bible hard has continually reminded us of our helplessness apart from Christ, and our abundant sufficiency in Christ.

We're praying that God will keep using us in vocational ministry after college. We are prayerfully considering proclaiming the gospel in a cross cultural location. We're currently speaking and interviewing with a mission organisation. It's been very helpful to discuss the way God has been working in our lives, to reflect on how God has created us and to consider whether it'd be wise for us to head overseas, all with the help of godly people. We hope to be working with international students in Melbourne in 2017.

# FOURTH YEAR





**BEN ALLEN**

*Nearing the end of college our family is more concerned than ever to reach the lost with the good news. Please pray that this would be our priority wherever we are. May God use us as he wills. Many thanks, Ben, Jess, Sophie (6), Amelia (4), Zachariah (2) and Lucas (o).*



**SAM ATWOOD**

*I'm married to Kirby and we have 2yr old twin boys; Oliver and Linden. I work part time with the AFES group at UTS and am looking forward to returning there full-time in 2017. Please pray this final year would consolidate my thinking and formation, and I would be refreshed and ready for the work ahead.*



**ALAN AU**

*Enjoying my first year of being married to Beatrice. Loving the intensity of the last year of college. Serving the young people at St John's Parramatta. Looking forward to ministering in a less reached and less resourced region.*



**PAUL AVIS**

*Tamworth-bred, Canberra-trained. Wife Zoe, son Eddie and I anticipate an exit from Sydney to work in church-based or university student ministry, wherever God wants us to be!*



**SUSANNA BALDWIN**

*Thankful for four years immersed in the words of eternal life. Burdened afresh for the 1800+ language groups worldwide with no Scripture in their mother tongue. Excited for the next stages of training and preparation to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators: please pray for guidance towards a suitable destination and role.*



**TOM BATTY**

*Married to Madeline with three kids, we love taking them outside and look forward to where God will send us in 2017 and beyond.*



**STEPHEN BEATTIE**

*So pleased to be studying this year along with my wife, Miri (first year). Please pray that it would be a great year of deepening understanding and trusting in God.*



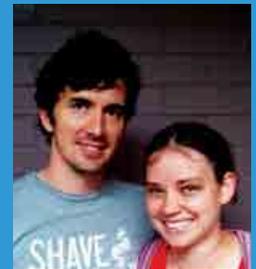
**COL BERNAYS**

*We continue serving at St Stephens, Penrith. We look forward to finishing College this year and returning to Canberra, where we are from. Please pray for us as we make decisions about life after college and to raise our children (James and Annabelle) to love the Lord.*



**LUKE BIRD**

*Luke (student), Gemma (long suffering wife) and Ruby (cute daughter) are so grateful to live at But-Har-Gra and church at St Mark's Pennant Hills. Please thank God for our time at college and pray for us as we move to Brisbane to tell uni students about Jesus.*



**MARK BOLAS**

*Mark is excited and thankful to be heading back for Moore in 2016. Excited to see how God will work in preparing him for ministry this year. Thankful for the gift that this time at College has been. Mark and his wife Kylie will both be serving at Sylvania Anglican.*



**CHRISTOPHER BOOTH**

*Chris hopes to lead his family of Laura (wife), Daniel (3yr old) and Georgia (1yr old) well as they prepare for ministry in South West Sydney and the Army. He loves making a 'joyful noise' whenever given the chance to sing at church, despite others telling him his gifting is elsewhere.*



**GRANT BORG**

*My wife Clare and I, along with our daughters Leah and Amber, will be serving Jesus along side MBM in Rooty Hill in 2016, as we prepare to plant a church in the South West of Sydney early 2017. Praise God for the powerful gospel of his glorious Son.*



**DAVID BRACKENBURY**

*Thanks for your prayers. Our time at Moore has been a great blessing. Give thanks to God for the generous love of others, especially at MooreWest and St Mark's. Pray that we would glorify Him by preaching Christ crucified and that our children would love King Jesus.*

**Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.**

- Luke 12:7



**JENNY BRADSHAW**

College is an increasing joy and it's been great continuing at Randwick Presbyterian this year. Please pray for wisdom and trust in God for post-college decisions. I am hoping to serve God and his people outside Sydney. Please pray for good goodbyes at church and college as the year ends.



**DALE BROWN**

I'm a bogan. There's no use in denying it. So I live with my wife Amy on the Central Coast and we plan to use our lives to tell as many kids and their families about Jesus. What up!



**MICHAEL BURGESS**

Living in Newtown. Serving with the saints at Rouse Hill. Looking forward to what God has planned for the future.



**DAVID CHANG**

I am married to Annie and we have a baby girl Charissa. We are thankful for God's abundant love and grace toward us in Lord Jesus. Please pray that we might learn well and serve well in this last year at Moore, and that we would know God's will for us as we seek to serve Him in full-time Gospel ministry next year.



**TOM CONYERS**

I was born in Wagga and went through uni in Canberra where I did a music degree and a ministry traineeship before coming to college. I'm currently a student minister at Saint Augustines Neutral Bay and looking to do some kind of cross-cultural ministry post college.



**DAZ DIENER**

As a family we love the outdoors, coffee and strawberry milkshakes. Pray for increasing diligence, wisdom and trust.



**SETH FELLOWS**

This year, Seth and Kate have already welcomed a daughter: Josie Joy Fellows. Excited by the adventures of parenthood, the joys of serving college and Marrickville Road Church communities, the challenges of a fourth year of studies, and the prospects of missionary service, they would greatly value your prayers!



**TIMOTHY FLINT**

I'm married to Tiana with three lovely children – Grace, Laila and Elias. We love living in community at But-Har-Gra and have been greatly encouraged through our studies at college. Moving back to the bush in 2017 to work with Wagga Evangelical Church. Pray that God would keep us faithful and focused on the gospel.



**JAMES FOLEY**

James and Rachelle have loved their three years (one to go) at Moore and are looking forward to returning to Adelaide with two degrees and one baby, Xavier. Please pray that they will be well-prepared for ministry, and that God would be preparing somewhere for them to minister.

**But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."**

- Luke 8:50



**LINDSAY FOSTER**

I'm married to Merryn and we have two daughters Isabelle and Claire. We're serving with the saints at Campbell Street Presbyterian in Balmain this year and are hoping to head to Queensland next year to work in a church and win that wonderful state for Christ.



**JAMES GALEA**

Married to Charlotte. Father of Audrey. Owner of Freddie the Goldfish. Part of Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli. Passionate about Aldi, birdwatching and middle-eastern food. Even more passionate about my family, the local church and most of all Jesus.



**LAURA GRAHAM**

Grateful for another year to soak up study, fellowship and church family at Clovelly. Praying God will continue to shape me to serve him. Hoping wherever I end up to keep teaching the Bible to kids and reading it with women. Thankful for these precious college years.

# Fourth Year



**TOPHER HALLYBURTON**

*Married to Chica, dad of Daniel and Laura. We love living at MooreWest and are sad about moving out at the end of the year. Praying that God will provide a position as a school chaplain for 2017 and a new house in which to serve him.*



**JOHN HANLEN**

*My wife Ally and I live on the Central Coast, where we attend EV Church and Ally works as a preschool teacher. Next year I plan on entering full time ministry, but we are not sure where. Please pray for opportunities next year, to find work and a church that's a good fit for our family.*



**MITCHELL HERPS**

*Mitch enjoys a surf and drinking coffee. Emma and Mitch are attending church on the northern beaches at Freshwater Anglican this year. He is hoping to pursue Defence Force Chaplaincy in the RAN after College. He still only likes the idea of sand.*



**CHRIS HOLDING**

*Married to Mel, we have a son named Calvin and are currently serving at Wilberforce Anglican. Praise God that in my four years at Moore He has grown and humbled me in so many ways. I am STILL passionate about ministry to young people and look forward to returning to full time ministry.*



**PAUL HUYNH**

*Blessed to be married to Zoe and to be father of three beautiful children (Raphael, Cosette and Audrey). We have loved our time here in Sydney, gaining so much from our experience at Moore College and Chatswood Presbyterian. God willing, we will head back to Melbourne at the end of this year to serve in ministry. Please pray that God will help us back in Melbourne to further his kingdom for the glory of Christ.*



**JEROME JAYASEKERA**

*We are excited to be serving at St John's in Parramatta. We look forward to putting into practice what we have learned while at MTC. Please pray for Indra as she continues to homeschool the boys and attends classes. Also pray that God would guide us as we prepare for life beyond MTC.*



**STEPHANIE JUDD**

*Thankful to God for the many things he has (and continues to) teach me through my time at Moore. Following my completion of fourth year, my husband Andrew and I will continue to serve at St Barnabas Church, Broadway. Pray that I would bring glory to Christ as I seek to serve him and his people, and always be a student of his Word.*



**DANIEL KONG**

*Married to Jess and expecting our baby in May. Pray with us that the Lord of the harvest would raise up more workers for His plentiful harvest. Pray that He would be pleased to grow us at and beyond college, then send us to proclaim His glory to all people.*



**BRONWYN KYNGDON**

*I am excited and terrified to be in 4th year, excited for all the learning and encouragement this year holds, yet terrified it is ending, which means finding a job! Pray that I will stay focused on my Lord and Saviour and will trust Him in all that this year brings. Prayer for a job would be great too!*



**ANDREW KYRIOS**

*Married to Sally, a physiotherapist. At college with a view to Anglican Parish ministry. Began 2016 at a new church, Grace Anglican (East Roseville). Sally is also pregnant and is due late May. Looking forward to the exciting times ahead in all respects.*



**EZ LAU**

*Hi, I'm married to Winnie and we have a baby son called Micah. I'm extremely grateful for how I have come to love God's Word even more. We plan on staying in Sydney for the next few years, and then we'll see what opportunities God gives us afterwards!*



**JASON LAW**

*I'm married to Sylvia with Martyn born August last year. In 2016, we will continue to serve at St George North Anglican Church. Please pray that God will continue to keep us living for His Kingdom no matter where He may have us.*



**JAMES MACKENZIE**  
*I am currently the Student Minister at Dapto Anglican, I love Jesus, my family, long term youth ministry, older people getting alongside younger people and the great sport of Rugby Union. I would love your prayers as I seek to serve the Lord in all these things.*



**LIZ MAHER**  
*I've been blessed by my time at college over the last few years and look forward to a final year of being stretched, challenged and soaked in God's word. Please pray that this year I will grow in my love for God and that it will shape me as a faithful minister of His word.*



**JOHN MAHONEY**  
*3 down 1 to go! John is looking forward to finishing college and being let loose into ministry. Please be praying for a good final year of learning and preparation for full time ministry and pray for his wife Laura as she finishes her own studies this year too.*



**JASON MARRIOTT**  
*Katherine and I are excited to be expecting our firstborn in July. I am also excited for a final year of study, and then the joy of getting back into work. Hopefully that will be as a chaplain in a high school proclaiming the glory of God.*



**JOSHUA MAULE**  
*Thank God for the blessing of the first year of marriage with Sara. Praise God for the chance to serve as a student minister at Marrickville Road Church. Pray for wisdom, grace and insight in serving the Lord and his people in the future.*



**JONATHAN MCCONCHIE**  
*Pray for Rachel doing student work this year, our children Jacob, Ben and Poppy as they prepare to move to Melbourne and a job for me next year.*



**RACHEL NOAKES**  
*I am very thankful for these last four years at college, which God has used to grow and change me. This year Cameron and I continue as student ministers at Glenquarie Anglican, focusing on Kids' Ministry. Next year we are excited to head to Leppington with an Anglican church plant.*

**CAMERON NOAKES**  
*I love a good run or bike ride. But of greater importance than physical training is training in godliness and deepening my understanding of God and his Word. Rachel and I attend Glenquarie Anglican Church, Macquarie Fields. After college we'll be involved in a new Anglican Church Plant in Leppington.*



**MATTHEW PEARSON**  
*We're now more prepared to serve God than when we came, and still have a long way to go as we seek to serve God in Northern Australia. Matt, Lisa, Anna (4), Thomas (2) Reuben (0).*



**SIMON PEI**  
*It will be a year full of new challenges for me, my wife Lilian, and our four young children Enoch, Samantha, Amelia, and Janelle. I'm so grateful for all things I had learnt last year from college, church, family and surrounding peoples. Finishing my last year at Moore, I pray that God will lead me to the place he wants me to serve him and his people.*



**PHIL RADEMAKER**  
*Married to Laura and living in Newtown. We came to college from Canberra via Darwin and may end up back in either town or somewhere completely different (probably Sydney in the short term). I'm looking forward to this final year at college and enjoying church at St Peters, St Peters.*



**KATE STACE**  
*Enjoying fourth year and looking forward to finishing college. I married Jackson this year and we are loving serving God at Grace City Church in Waterloo.*

## Fourth Year



**MATTHEW STRAW**

Naomi and I currently work for Church Hill Anglican in Sydney CBD. For the last two years I've been working toward ordination. Pray for us as we head into 2017. We don't know what to do, but our eyes are upon God.



**TAMARA TAYLOR**

Serving with the saints at Earlwood Anglican, constantly amazed by the glorious grace of God through His son and His people, looking forward to the end of essays and getting into kid's and youth ministry.



**MIKE TAYLOR**

My wife Pip and I are looking forward to serving the college this year, partnering with others to proclaim the gospel and doing Student Ministry at Two Ways Ministries. As a Sydney Anglican Candidate please pray God would provide a full-time ministry position for us post-college and prepare us well for this role.



**RICHARD THAMM**

I got married at the start of the year to Gilda. :D I am aiming to finish well at church and college and then head off to work with university students at an as yet undetermined campus somewhere that isn't Sydney. I hope to learn more from college friends before leaving.



**SARAH THORBURN**

Thankful for another year living in Carillon, serving at St Mark's Pennant Hills, and studying at Moore. Please pray for wisdom as I consider where to serve post-college, and that God would continue to grow me in my joy and faith in Christ and in prayerful dependence on him.



**ANTON TRIYANTO**

Married to An and both serving at St Marks Sadleir. We are excited to see people embracing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.



**MEREDITH TWEDDELL**

Praise God for the last three years of college, for the way that he has been shaping me as I've studied his word. Please pray for this year that I would continue to humbly submit myself to God and ask for wisdom for me as I make decisions about mission.



**STEVEN WALKER**

My wife, Liz, and I are serving at St Mark's South Hurstville this year. Please pray for us as we welcome our first baby in August and learn where we will be serving after College. Thank you kindly for your prayers.

**And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

- Luke 2:10



**MICHAEL WEEKS**

Serving Jesus at Trinity Chapel Macquarie. Living at Chappo House. Loving College and the chance to know God, his word and his people better. Hoping to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ in all areas of my life and God's world.



**PAUL WHITE**

Lauren and I are celebrating 10 years of marriage this year with our beautiful son Joel who is three. We serve at Church Hill Anglican and are thankful to our Father for the opportunity that I have to study at Moore. We look forward to making the most of every moment of 2016.



**IGGY WONG**

A little know fact: my full name is Ignatius, I'm a husband to Li Qing and father to Tasha and Nate. We've loved college and will miss the fellowship immensely. Next year, we are heading back to Brisbane to preach the gospel to as many people as we can. Come join us!



**ANDY YIP**

I am married to Kylie and blessed with one daughter (Kara). Please pray that I will serve God faithfully with West Ryde Anglican in 2016, continue to grow in love and knowledge of Christ, serving his saints, and proclaiming his glory to many people as his faithful servant after college.



**ED YORSTON**

Bridget, Tommy (5), George (3), Matilda (0) and I live in Erskineville and hope to soak up all the good things college and our community have to offer in our final year. For student ministry I will be undertaking a number of chaplaincy placements, and hope to serve God's church as an evangelist after college.



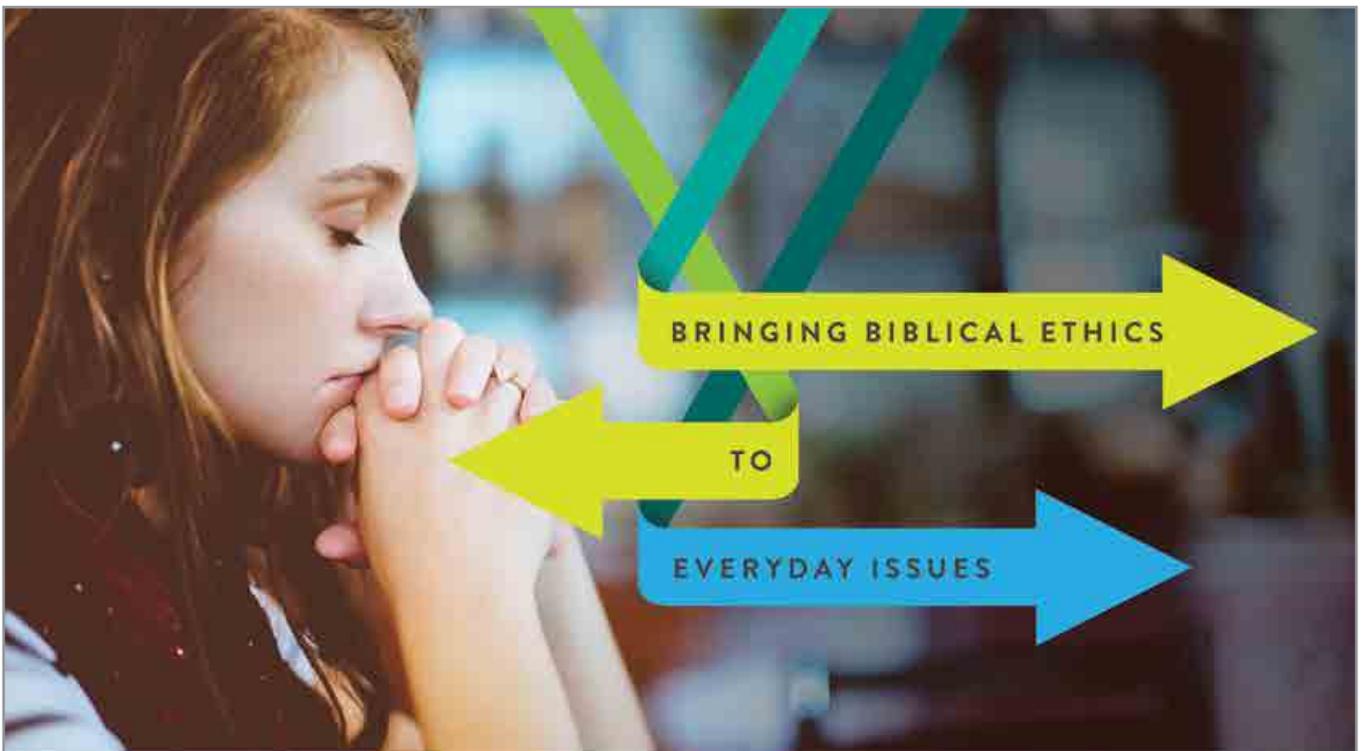
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# Moore Faculty



## MARK THOMPSON

Mark has been teaching at College since 1991 and has been Principal since 2013. He teaches Christian doctrine and occasionally Church History. His research interests have been in the doctrines of Scripture, the Trinity, Christ and Justification by Faith. He is passionate about seeing men and women grow in their knowledge and love of God and in their effectiveness in proclaiming Christ and caring for his people. His great delight is his wife Kathryn and their four daughters: Elizabeth (16), Anna (15), Rachel (13) and Mary (10). They enjoy any form of relaxing together and are usually found on Sundays with God's people at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.



## COLIN BALE

Colin is the Vice-Principal and Academic Dean. He works in the fields of Church History and Ministry. His current research interest is bereavement in Australia caused by the deaths of service personnel in World War Two. Colin is married to Gillian and they have three adult children - Robert, Elizabeth and Edmund. The Bales live at But-Har-Gra. For relaxation Colin likes to cycle, read, watch movies and attend live theatre with Gillian, walk his Australian Shepherd and travel.



## GEORGE ATHAS

George is married to Koula and they have two daughters, Hosanna and Josephine and they attend Earlwood Anglican Church. George has been on the faculty since 2006, and lectures in the Old Testament department (and occasionally in Early Church History). He's also Dean of Research, overseeing the College's postgraduate research programs. George is a history and archaeology buff, a Formula One tragic, a Facebook enthusiast, loves good coffee, likes a wide range of music (especially jazz), and enjoys travelling.



## SIMON GILLHAM

Simon, Margie and Noah moved back to Australia to join the Moore College community this year, after 8 years in Namibia. Maddie is in her third year of studies at Newcastle University. Simon is Head of the Department of Missions and teaches in mission and ministry areas. He is passionate about seeing the lost saved and the saved grown to maturity in Jesus, and excited about the ways in which God will continue to use Moore graduates to those ends, around the world. Simon is studying models of theological education and in his spare time likes building or fixing stuff.



## DAVID HÖHNE

The Höhnes have been part of the Moore College Community for nearly ten years now, attending Newtown Anglican Church. Prior to this they served in Anglican Churches in Sydney, Canberra and Cambridge UK (honorary). They love eating together at the end of each day, talking about history, Myth Busters and favourite stories. David's main research areas are the coming Kingdom of God and Romanticism. Amelia teaches adult students with learning and language difficulties.



## PHILIP KERN

Philip and Amy were married in 1984, and have four children, Alexandra, Philip Stephen, Eliot and James. They attend Abbotsford Presbyterian Church. Philip came to Moore in 1998 to teach New Testament. His current research interests include Galatians, Christology, and the patriarchal narratives. During his spare time he likes to follow the NFL, ride long distances on his motorcycle, and watch his children play sports.



## CHASE KUHN

Chase is married to Amy, and they have two children - Olive and Ezra. They attend St Thomas' Anglican Church in North Sydney, where Chase was previously on the ministry team. He joined the faculty in 2016 to lecture in Christian Thought and Ministry. His doctoral research was on the Ecclesiology of Donald Robinson and D. Broughton Knox. Chase and his family enjoy listening to music, sitting for coffee, going to the beach, and eating meals together.



## ANDREW LESLIE

Andrew is married to Felicity with two children, William (7) and Tessa (3) and another due in early November. He lectures in Christian Doctrine, having returned from postgraduate studies in the UK three years ago. He is interested in the early development of Reformed theology as well as its retrieval for the task of rightly understanding the biblical teaching about God within a contemporary context. Besides the joy of teaching about God and his work in the world, Andrew likes to spend time with his wife, family, and dear friends, alongside music, reading, (a minimal amount of) exercise, and rest. On Sundays he and his family attend All Saints' Petersham.

**ED LOANE**

*Ed started on faculty in 2014. He enjoys teaching doctrine and church history at college and researching in those areas. He is married to Joc and this year they (and Jemima, Sophie, Ben and Sam) welcomed Abby into their family. They are members of St Peter's Anglican Church, Cook's River. Ed and Joc enjoy long sleep ins ... but Abby normally has other plans!*

**PETER ORR**

*Peter is married to Emma and they have four sons, Ben, Ollie, Jonny and Daniel. They enjoy church at All Saints Petersham together. Peter is originally from Northern Ireland and understood God's grace for the first time as a teenager through reading Jesus' words to the thief on the cross in Luke 23. He joined the faculty in 2014 to teach Greek, New Testament and Biblical Theology. His main area of research is on what the NT teaches about the current work and location of Jesus. Peter loves spending free time with the family and watching and playing (badly!) cricket.*

**ARCHIE POULOS**

*Archie is married to Ainsley and they have three children: Georgia (19), Zoe (16) and Archie (12). Archie heads the Ministry Department and enjoys spending time thinking about how best to prepare students for the privilege of a life of ministry. His current research is in improving clergy capability. His hobbies include church planting and exploring supervision and resilience of clergy.*

**ANDREW SHEAD**

*Andrew has been on faculty at Moore College since 1992. Between teaching — which he never tires of — he spends time with his students, preaches, and writes on the Old Testament. His major research interest is the book of Jeremiah, but he also pursues interests in the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament), Psalms, Hebrew poetry and church music. He is excited about the richness of the Old Testament as a source for Christian theology. Andrew is married to Jean and they have three teenaged children who fill their lives with excellent conversation.*

**TARA STENHOUSE**

*Tara serves in the Ministry Department, team teaching in various areas of ministry and missions. She also teaches church history to our Diploma students. Tara is the Dean of Women, overseeing the pastoral care of the female students (alongside 13 fantastic part-time chaplains), two women's chapels and the Carillon House residential community. She and Ian love being part of the Randwick Presbyterian Church family, where Ian serves as the senior minister, as well as relaxing down south at the stunning Jervis Bay.*

**WILL TIMMINS**

*Will joined the Faculty in June 2014 and teaches in the New Testament department. Originally from the UK, he has spent time both as a pastor and lecturer. His academic research has been focused in Paul's letter to the Romans, and last year he completed a PhD on Romans 7. He is married to Lizzy and enjoys music, rugby (watching), cricket (also mainly watching nowadays!), good food and the natural world.*

**JANE TOOHER**

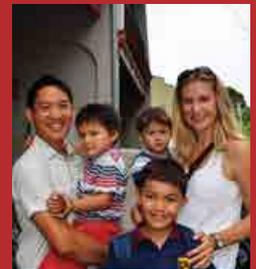
*Jane joined the faculty in August 2009 after working in parish ministry in Sydney and London. She primarily teaches in Ministry and New Testament and is the Director of The Priscilla and Aquila Centre.*

**PAUL WILLIAMSON**

*Paul is married to Karen, and has served as an OT lecturer on the faculty since 2001. Paul and Karen have two adult sons, Matthew and Andrew. Both are currently studying at Uni — Matthew in Sydney and Andrew in Vancouver. Paul and Karen are members of Newtown Baptist church, and in their spare time enjoy relaxing walks and basketball.*

**LIONEL WINDSOR**

*Lionel is married to Bronwyn and they have three children: Adelaide (14), Harry (12) and Ellie (9). Lionel started full-time on the faculty in 2015 after working in parish ministry in Wollongong and Sydney. He teaches in New Testament and biblical languages (Greek and Hebrew). His doctoral research explored the relationship between Paul's apostolic ministry and his Jewish identity. Lionel loves seeing people grow in joy and confidence in understanding God's word and speaking it others.*

**DAN WU**

*Dan is married to Chrissie and they have three sons, Liam (8), Archie (4) and Harry (2). He has been on the faculty since 2013, and teaches in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. His doctoral research explored the relationship of honour, shame and guilt in the book of Ezekiel. Dan also loves fishing, all forms of footy, fishing, basketball, and fishing.*

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# Chaplaincy at Moore

Chaplaincy groups help to set a vision for gospel ministry and foster fellowship, theological reflection, group skills, prayer, personal support, mission and accountability. All students are linked to a College chaplain and Year Advisor. Each chaplaincy group has a female and a male chaplain.



**JULIETTE ANTOON**

*Until recently I was working as a women's minister and involved in pastoral care, teaching the bible to women, training leaders and facilitating the ministry of all believers at a church in the Illawarra. I grew up in South Sydney and heard the gospel at a young age, had the blessing of good bible teaching at church and university (UNSW) and grew in my Christian faith. I've had a background of serving in beach missions, children's and student ministries. After finishing long service leave I am doing some part time study, praying for wisdom and trusting God to direct my future path.*



**ALISON BLAKE**

*Alison has been serving in local church ministry in Sydney for the last 30 years, with her husband Michael. We're currently part of Harbour Church at Shellharbour and live in Wollongong, while Michael completes his MA, through Moore. I'm involved in local church ministries (SRE and Bible Study), in Diocesan ministries (MT&D Wives program) and in the community (tennis). Pray that I would see opportunities for making and growing disciples of Christ through 1:1 Bible reading and prayer with saved and unsaved friends, family and women in our local church. Pray for wisdom, creativity and prayerful trust for us and our church, as we look to better help our community engage with the saving message of Christ.*



**KATE BRADFORD**

*Kate Bradford ministers as an Anglican within the Sydney Children's Hospital Network and teaches chaplaincy for Anglicare. Prior to chaplaincy, Kate and her husband Steve worked at remote rural hospital and Bible College in Tanzania for 10 years as CMS missionaries. Kate and Steve attend Darling St Anglican Church, Balmain with their family.*



**DEBORAH EARNSHAW**

*Deborah enjoys being a chaplain on Wednesdays with George Athas. She is deeply encouraged by the girls in their chaplaincy group as she meets to pray and chat and hopes that it's equally encouraging for them! During the rest of the week she works at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church particularly with women and kids. When she's not working she loves being in or near water. Please pray for many opportunities to share with people around her about Jesus and the courage to take up those opportunities.*



**JOSEPH AND NANCY FUNG**

*Joseph and Nancy have worked in a variety of ministries since studying at Moore in the 1980s and 90s. They are thankful for the opportunity to return to Moore as Cross Cultural Chaplains. We are trying to make friends with students, mentoring, encouraging them in their studies and seeking God's guidance in their future ministry directions. If you considered you are a cross-cultural student, or considering serving in a Chinese church, we would like very much to meet you. We are at Moore every Friday lunch and are happy to meet or mentor you outside this time.*



**ANNA HU**

*Anna is enjoying being part of the Moore College community again. Please pray that as she meets with the women from her chaplaincy group, there will be much thanksgiving, sharing of life and challenges, but most of all, mutual encouragement to live gospel shaped lives. Please also pray that Anna will grow in graciousness and wisdom as she serves and loves her husband, children and her church family at UNSW FOCUS Mandarin Church.*



**ISOBEL LIN**

*Being a chaplain has given Isobel the opportunity to reconnect with a place that shaped her when she was a student – and continues to challenge her now. She enjoys getting to know and meeting up with the women students. And although it might sound cliché, she really looks forward to Friday Chapel. Isobel is married to Peter has three teenage daughters. Home is Sydney’s southwest where Peter is the minister at St Barnabas Fairfield with Bossley Park. She also serves with some of her best friends in the ministries of EQUIP women. Pray that she’ll continue to love and serve Jesus is every season of life.*



**MARGARET POWELL**

*When not at Moore, Margaret works in south-west Sydney among people of other faiths and cultures. She loves the diversity, the opportunities to learn new things daily, the way many people are enthralled by Jesus as they are told stories of him from the Bible - and the food! The challenges are similar - the diversity, the constant surprises, the resistance in engaging with the Bible and the daily needs that make life a struggle for so many. The possibilities to serve are endless. She wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.*



**LESLEY RAMSAY**

*Lesley is very thankful for the privilege of sharing in the lives of the students at College as a chaplain! The rest of her week sees her travelling with her husband, Jim to encourage independent church-planting pastors and their wives, working in ministry at her church, EV on the Central Coast, and working on loving her far-flung family. Please pray that she and Jim would reflect God’s glory to their friends and neighbours, and that they would remain faithful to the end.*



**MARCELLE RODGERS**

*Marcelle will be joining her husband, Peter, on some of his CMS Pastoral visits to CMS missionaries in the Middle East and South America this year. Please pray this will be a time of great encouragement to those missionaries. Pray also that they can still be a significant blessing in their church, Marrickville Road Anglican, despite being away for multiple blocks of time. She hopes to bless God’s people as she completes her studies in pastoral care this year.*



**CATHY SMITH**

*Having worked in Japan as CMS missionaries for 18 years, Cathy and her husband Grahame continue to minister to the Japanese through the Sydney Japanese Evangelical Church at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Cathy enjoys meeting up with newcomers who often have never met a Christian before, welcoming new arrivals through English for Life, leading a Bible study with Japanese women, and encouraging a mission mindset in the wider church. She also loves spending time with her family of four adult children, especially as they engage in gospel ministry at Uni and church.*



**CAROLINE SPENCER**

*As the Women’s Program Manager and Trainer at City Bible Forum I would appreciate prayer for the new initiatives we are undertaking to help businesswomen hear of the difference following Jesus makes. Please pray for the businesswomen we know who are seriously considering the claims of Jesus. Give thanks for those who are making professions of faith. Please pray for our team (Grace, Sophia, Li-Shia and myself) for energy, creativity, integrity and faithfulness as we seek to reach these women.*



**WENDY SWANTON**

*Wendy Swanton has previously worked in parish and school ministries and is now working for Two Ways Ministries. Please pray for the work of TWM training students and young adults in evangelism through Bible exposition and teaching how to train others using the Two Ways to Live presentation. Please also pray that Wendy will prayerfully care for the women in her chaplaincy group this year. She and her husband Philip Swanton are involved at St Thomas’ North Sydney.*



**JULIA WILLIAMS**

*Malcolm and I have been married for 27 years and have accumulated 6 children and 1 son-in-law in that time. Our 23 years of ministry to the Visual Arts have been a great joy, along with the church plant that grew out of FEVA, Urban Grace. I’m also enthusiastic about women’s ministry, running church events and supporting Fair Trade. Your prayers would be well spent asking God for humble wisdom for me in my role as Chaplain and for all who work and study at College.*



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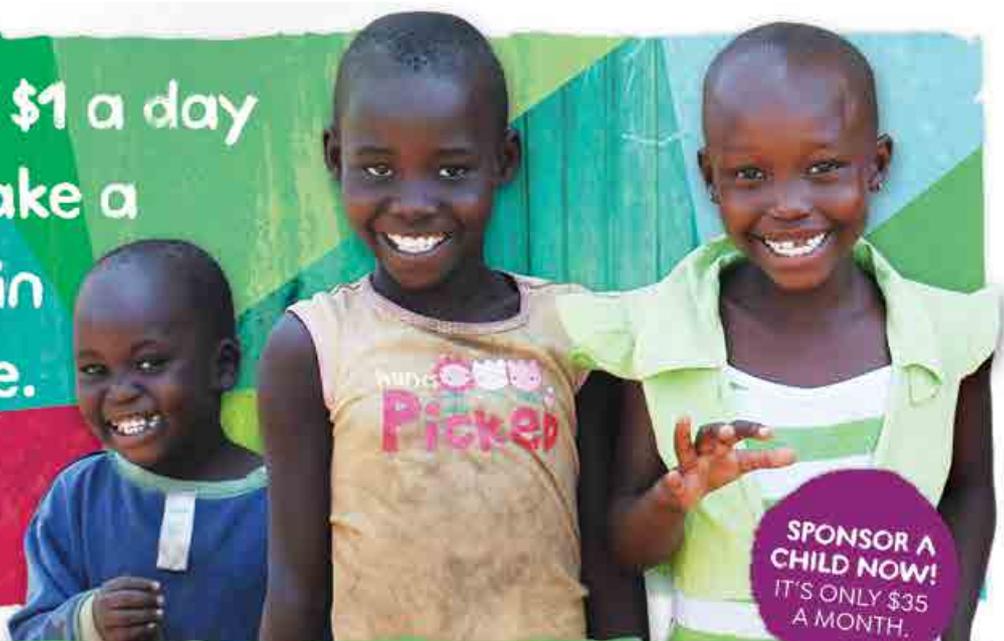
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