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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

ACW News

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

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY JUNE, 1992

The months are flying by! My main agenda this month has been a review of Ana's progress, health and aims with Ana and Betty, our WKS convenor.

I have also had discussion with the WKS Trustees on the implementation of the award for an aboriginal woman with money put aside for that purpose at the last Conference.

Speaking of money put aside for special purposes, do you remember the money for Burma that was unused in 1986/7 when Stella Min was unable to take up her scholarship? This is to be used by the Myanmar Council of Churches to train forty women in a ten day Basic Leadership Training program. We are supplying \$5000 and World Christian Action is making up the extra \$1500 needed. Its aim is to help women become leaders in home, church and community. We hope you approve of this decision.

We have not as yet approached any of our past Winifred Kiek Scholars to visit on WK Fellowships. We will proceed with this soon. I would expect these visits would be of 2 to 4 weeks duration, and visiting all state units if possible.

We hope God will use these ideas for His purposes, and ask His help in all our efforts.



God bless till next time,

Lorraine Davis - National President

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR

Ana Manu Taumoepeau (pronounced Anna Towmopeeow) has now settled in very well to life in Australia. ACW have been very grateful to the Uniting Church people in Launceston.

Ana has spent three months at the Tasmanian Synod Office where she gained a basic knowledge of computers, she was also part of the team planning and participating in 'Kids Camp Out'.

Since arriving in Tasmania and with the assistance of Mrs Jess Peck Ana has gained a wider knowledge of English, both written and spoken.

Ana has boarded with Jess and through that contact has been active in the Invermay U.C.A. and the congregation have taken her into their hearts.

It has now been established that Ana needs to undertake an extensive computer course. This has now been arranged and will be undertaken in Burnie.

All Units will be notified when visits are to take place, for cost reasons the order will be: Queensland, N.S.W. Sth. Australia and Victoria.

May the Lord be with you and bless you.

Betty Brown - WKS Convenor

FROM THE DIARY OF JUANITA MILLER FLC
March 16, 1992



In March this year I had a phone call from a very phone weary Customs Officer in Hobart about 200 kilometres away.

He didn't expect me to be the person he had been searching for on and off over the past fortnight or so and he asked me if I knew a Mrs Juanita Miller, the Australian Church Woman and FLC Convenor.

I was delighted to inform him he was speaking to the correct person despite the incorrect and very inadequate address New York had put on two very heavy parcels of Circle of Prayer books.

The fact that the books were in Hobart, and with only two days grace in which to survive, (after three weeks goods unclaimed are either sold or destroyed) meant some quick managing.

The wonderful part about the verbal exchange was that the young man was very curious about FLC so at the expense of his call I told him the story and he was greatly impressed.

He had the boxes flown to Launceston Customs at no further expense. At my local Customs the attending officer asked me once more what was FLC? After doing his paper work he listened to me. Not only did he listen, but also two of the office girls, and they were visually impressed.

So praise the Lord for the birth of FLC.

Recently I spoke with Anne Green, the Queensland

FLC Convenor.

I feel a wave of enthusiasm and great warmth for this ambassador in her state. I had the pleasure of meeting and being acquainted with Anne at the Conference in September 1991 at the Collaroy Centre. I immediately realised her ambition was to take the FLC news throughout Queensland.

The night I spoke with her she had just arrived back from Maryborough - a trip of about 300 kilometres and she told me that the women there were greatly receptive to FLC news. Dozens of spoons were sold. Enquiries were made about anything that would help remind them of their strong commitment to FLC.

Keep up the good work Anne and may God bless you and those with whom you come in contact.

Talking of contact, I would love to hear from anyone, anywhere, who is spreading the FLC story so that we may all share with you.

God bless you all.
Juanita Miller - National FLC

**FOR WITH GOD
ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE**



ANTI RELIGIOUS ACTION by THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT
The Chinese News-paper dated 17 March 1992 has recommended measures for Government officials to take to 'cool down religious activities' in the country.

In some provinces it has been decided that no Communist Party member can remain a member and follow a religion. Prayer, worship or fasting are clearly disallowed.

An increasing number of people who attend Church services are being investigated, then 'educated' and disciplined. Any person found with material printed from overseas or found having met an overseas visitor who is a Christian is automatically arrested by the police.

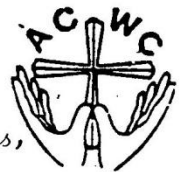
It is believed that the fall of Eastern Europe and the USSR was due to religious influences.

These limitations make it hard for the Church in China to maintain Biblical truth. The absence of foreign printed literature and not allowing visitors to come and teach them has resulted in a situation where there is a growing amount of false doctrine. A recent example of this is the outbreak of the belief that only through suffering is salvation received.

Anglican Church News

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FROM YOUR ACW REPRESENTATIVE



Indonesia, one of Australia's neighbours, has been in the news lately due to the visit there of our Prime Minister, The Hon Paul Keating.

But just how much do we know about Indonesia. I heard on the news recently that it is the fourth largest country (population wise) since the split up of the Soviet Union. Indonesia doesn't seem that big as it is made up of several islands - none of which is particularly large.

When we visited there in 1990 for the ACWC

Assembly, we stayed at a Christian Conference Centre about an hour from Jakarta surrounded by rice paddies and mountains, a truly lovely place.

On the Sunday, however, we saw a different face of Indonesia when we were taken to share in the worship at the local churches prior to having lunch with them.

The drive through Jakarta showed us the clutter of buildings and slums where people exit. The river was dirty and smelly and was choked with litter - cans, bottles, plastic bags, etc.

The General Committee Member, Rev Detje Tiwa-Rotinsulu, was part of a team of women and a man under the coordination of the Women's Desk of the Communion of Churches in Indonesia, who have prepared the ACWC Worship Service on the Theme: 'Work and Action - Mandated by God'.

Detje said "Because we are very much concerned about the problems of our women workers who receive very low wages in comparison with other Asian countries, they can be victimised. They are at the mercy of their employers. Other problems in our country because of poverty, force the young women to choose prostitution for their final destination. I hope and pray this Order and Worship Service as a voice of women in Indonesia, will be meaningful for the women in Asia."

Detje's prayer requests are:

1. Pray for the people living in poverty that there may be improvement in their standards of work and living.
2. Pray that the Government will be more concerned with the human rights of the people.
3. Pray that there will be opportunities for dialogue with other religions.

Margaret Napier - ACWC General Committee Member
We pray that Marjorie Scurlock has completely recovered from her illness.



CHINA ABLAZE

(cont. from last month)

From Hangzhou we flew to Beijing, where the secretaries of the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. were very

helpful; I was invited to visit a family whose daughter lives in Sydney. On Sunday a former Y.W.C.A. Secretary took us to the Chung Men Wen church, where a friend, Pastor Shi, is senior pastor. The Chairman of the Christian Council of Churches, Pastor Nien preached a sermon on Peace, using a number of portions of Scripture in his lively sermon; the church was packed out and more chairs had to be brought in. After the Service, Miss Gao Ying, who has recently returned from a theological college in Berkeley, California was introduced; she is a very gifted young lady who hopes to be ordained soon; she was the interpreter as the pastor and his wife shared experiences with us. Miss Gao was to have been with the delegation to WCC in Canberra but was unable to come because of work on her thesis. Her radiance and enthusiasm will advance the leadership of the church in the future.

God's Spirit is bringing about revival and renewal, which brought us home rejoicing in the great things God is doing in China. Continue to praise God and pray for His continued blessings on Christians in spite of pressures from without. God has used floods in China to strengthen the Church and many people have become Christians recently. They delight in prayer and Bible Study, have a zeal for evangelism and love for one another as God pours out His Spirit upon them; God is using the suffering and the preaching of the Cross to bring about the building of the Church which is characterised by joy.

Yours in Christian bonds,
Deaconess Mary M. Andrews