
MOORE NEWS

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PURSuing THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Moore College offers Correspondence and Evening Courses through its Department of External Studies for all who yearn to know God better, as he reveals himself in his Word. These courses are designed to help lay Christians

- understand what God has to say
- be equipped to lead Sunday School or Bible Study
- gain confidence in the knowledge of God
- witness more effectively

The Correspondence Course notes are written by members of the College faculty and other specifically selected experts. Content is continually being upgraded and improved. Of several thousand students who enrol in this course each year, many are from interstate and overseas. International recognition is such that in the last 2 years students have enrolled from 31 other countries representing Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America and the Pacific.



Denise Lake & Don Lamb from St John's Asquith were supported by Julie & Ross Lamb plus Rector Gordon & Dianna Lincoln when they received their Certificates in Theology, Graduation 1994



External Studies team (l to r) - Andrew Shead (Course Secretary), Elizabeth Smith (Office Manager), Jenny Bray, Mary Power and Robert Doyle (Director)

The Evening Lectures are likewise taught by members of the College faculty or other expert teachers, at five centres throughout Sydney.

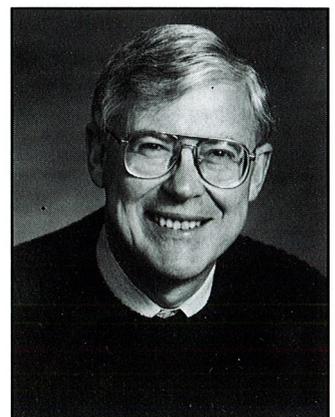
Interested in enrolling/encouraging others to do so? (Course details overleaf)

Message from the Principal

At Moore we recognise that study of the Bible is not an end in itself. Our Correspondence and Evening Courses are designed so that students may search their own lives against the teachings of scripture and, as they grow in their knowledge of God, be better equipped to serve him.

I commend these courses particularly to all engaged in lay ministry, whether as home group leaders, youth workers, Sunday School teachers or evangelists.


Principal



Moore Correspondence Course

- no prior educational requirements
- 4 terms of 10 weeks followed by a 2 week exam period
- exams optional
- study 1 or 2 subjects per term
- 9 subjects for Preliminary Certificate (PTC)
- 18 subjects for Certificate in Theology (ThC)
- \$35 per subject (special rates for pensioners, couples and missionaries - please enquire)

Moore College Evening Lectures

- no prior educational requirements
- in 5 Sydney locations
- one evening per week
- 4 terms of 7 weeks
- optional exam in 8th week
- one subject per term at each location
- 8 core and 8 optional subjects
- 10 subjects for Diploma in Biblical Studies
- 16 subjects for Honours level
- \$57 per subject

How to enrol?

For more details or to enrol in either of the above courses please contact Mary, Jenny or Elizabeth - Department of External Studies Moore Theological College 1 King Street, Newtown 2042 Tel: (02) 519 2188 or Freecall 1800 806 612 (out of Sydney)

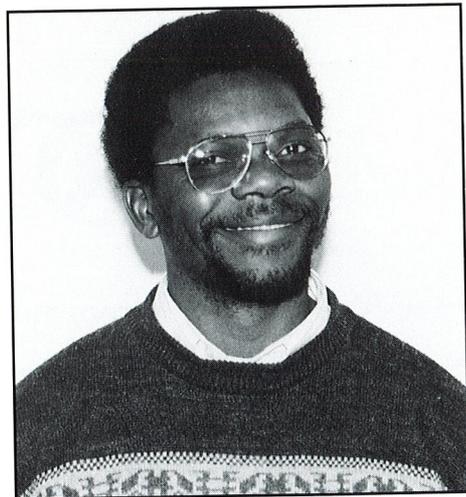


Colleen Hamwood receiving her PTC in May

From Zaire via Croatia to Moore

How marvellously our Lord provides! Neither distance, nor lack of funds, nor language barrier can stop the unfolding of his perfect plan for us - so long as we humble ourselves before him and prayerfully seek his will.

Such has been the experience of David Tshimanga, son of a Presbyterian evangelist from Kinshasa, Zaire. Initially planning a career in medicine, David recalls how his way was blocked and how, in prayer, he felt a burden for ministry. He knew then that God was calling him to help people to heal spiritually rather than physically.



David Tshimanga

An offer was received for a scholarship to an evangelical Bible College in Osijek, in (then) Yugoslavia. Classes would be in English which he didn't speak, the country was communist and there was no money for the airfare, but David felt God's call *"to humble myself as a little child, to trust him to move the mountains in the way."* And so David accepted the offer and mountains were moved.

During the 4 years obtaining his BTh David tells of much hard work and of being actively involved in ministry in the local community. He discovered that foreigners were less strictly controlled by the communist regime and so more able to share the gospel. *"The colour of my skin was an advantage"*, he says. *"People were interested in talking to a foreigner, especially one who was black."*

His fiancé Pauline joined him from Zaire, they married and then war broke out! Could these new dangers be part of God's plan? David again sought the Lord's guidance and found an ever-deepening trust in him. The College was forced to move to Slovenia for a time, a son (Jean Francois) was born, and David found he was able to bring a real message of reconciliation to local churches in a country being split along ethnic lines.

After completing his degree in early 1993, David spent a further 7 months at the College assisting the Rector, counselling students and organising groups for outreach evangelism in the refugee camps.

Where next? David had started his training with a vision for a teaching ministry in Zaire and believed he needed at least a Masters Degree *"to help me handle the Word of God and translate it into my own cultural setting."*

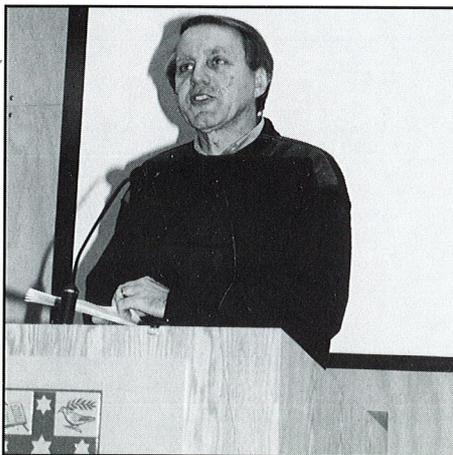
After prayer for the next door to open the Tshimangas came to Australia in November 1993. An initial disappointment found them in a new country with no money. Totally dependent on God's guidance, they first found accommodation and support from Bexley Presbyterian church, and then through a helpful introduction were led to Moore College. Although keen to accept David as a post-graduate student Moore had no scholarship to offer and David commenced his MA studies in 1994 with real financial burdens. However, in yet another demonstration of God's guiding hand, a paper David wrote in May on, *"only the gospel having the redemptive power my country needs"*, attracted help from Germany. An ecumenical foundation in Münster which supports students from third world countries has provided a scholarship to cover his 2 years at Moore.

David, Pauline and Jean-Francois (now 2) expect to return to Zaire in 1996. David says *"The development of Zaire is a moral problem. I believe that a massive and genuine conversion to Christ will bring about positive changes in people which are sine qua non to the development of the country."*

Annual Lectures

The 17th Annual Moore College Lectures, on *Sanctification and Holiness*, were delivered by David Peterson, Head of the Department of Ministry at Moore, in the 2nd and 3rd weeks of August. These 5 lectures, in the new Broughton Knox Lecture Theatre, were open to clergy and interested lay people as well as students, and over 350 attended each of the 2 evening sessions.

Study of the Bible had led David to the view that sanctification is a decisive event of cleansing and consecration to God at the beginning of the Christian life. It is then worked out through godly obedience in daily life, to be fulfilled in God's coming kingdom. David questioned the view that sanctification is essentially growth in holiness arising from justification. Those present were stimulated and challenged by David's clear presentation and fresh insight.



David Peterson shares his insight

Demolition of 2 & 4 Little Queen Street

A recent engineering inspection revealed that two of our Little Queen Street houses had become structurally unsound and their immediate demolition was required. We thank God that this work proceeded with safety and that the student families involved were able to be rehoused - in one of the new townhouses in Queen Street and in a local house with rent subsidized by the College.

At the present time there are insufficient funds to rebuild the demolished houses.

Moore College Jersey

The College now has its own very smart jersey in navy, maroon, pale blue and white. The jersey is available for purchase in a range of adult sizes for \$48 but enterprising Catherine Bowers has made a special junior size one for young Peter (16 months).



Terry Bowers (2nd Year) with Catherine and Peter in their new jerseys

Societas 1994

This impressive publication produced by the Moore College Students' Union is available for \$5.00 from the College Office or your local church catechist. Its purchase supports students.

School of Theology

Archbishop Harry Goodhew joins members of faculty in presenting papers on *Evangelical Perspectives on Christian Living* at the annual School of Theology on 21st September in the Broughton Knox Lecture Theatre.

This is a day of Bible studies, papers and discussions and registration is open to clergy, full-time Christian workers, their spouses and other graduates in theology. Enquiries tel (02) 519 2188.

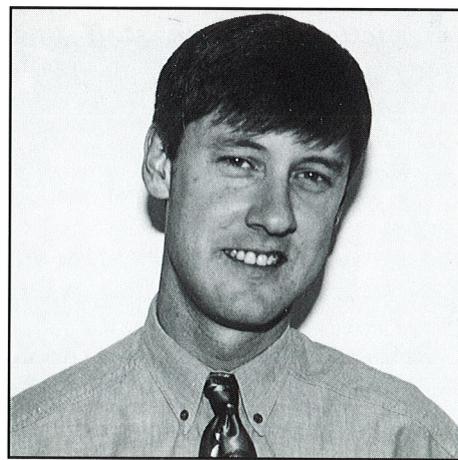
The 5 papers presented will be published as the 9th volume of *Explorations* and should be available for purchase mid-1995 from Impact Books, 21 King Street, Newtown (Tel [02] 550 2266). *Explorations* 8, which records the 1993 School of Theology papers on *Theological and Pastoral Responses to Homosexuality*, is currently available for \$12.95.

Faculty News

Leaving - Mark Thompson leaves the College in September to undertake doctoral studies at the University of Oxford for 3 years. He will be supervised by Dr Alistair McGrath. Mark has lectured in Doctrine and Church History at Moore since 1991. He and his wife Kathryn will be greatly missed by the College community and we wish them Christ's blessings during their absence.

Joining - In addition to the Rev Dr Graeme Goldsworthy (see last issue), the Rev Perry Wiles is to join the College faculty in 1995. Perry graduated from Moore with first class honours in the BTh (1992) and in the Diploma of Arts (1993). He is currently the Assistant Minister at Christ Church Springwood.

We praise God that these two gifted teachers are able to join the faculty and extend a warm welcome to Graeme and Miriam, Perry and Janice.



Perry Wiles

Prestigious Award for New Centre

On 30th June the NSW Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects announced that the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre had been awarded a 1994 Merit Award "in recognition of an architectural work of outstanding merit." Congratulations and thanks to our architects, Glynn Evans and team from Allen Jack + Cottier.

Praise God for fulfilment of the Principal's vision "that we should have a building which was not only functional, but interesting and elegant".

Moore Past Student News

At the beginning of 1994 Di Nicolios was appointed Archdeacon Responsible for Women's Ministry in the Sydney Diocese. Having just spent two years on staff at Deaconess House assisting in the training of women for ministry, preceded by 8 years in parish ministry, Di is in an ideal position to encourage the ministry of women in our diocese.

Di graduated with a B.Th. from Moore College in 1983. She attributes her continuing love of parish-based ministry to her initial experience as a catechist in a small parish, where opportunities abounded to reach out into the local community with gospel proclamation, as well as to encourage Christians in their faith.

"It was so exciting to see all the possibilities in parish life and ministry, working as part of a team in evangelism, discipleship, teaching and worship. I enjoyed learning from and teaching others, and that two-way interaction between staff and congregation was an important part of my ministry experience. I really did find that when you serve God obediently, you get back so much more than you ever give."

In her two years at Deaconess House, Di was able to bring insights from parish experience into her chaplaincy work with senior women students. She was chaplain to successive fourth year groups and found this ministry deeply satisfying.



Archdeacon Di Nicolios

"To work with young women who were deeply committed to Jesus and to ministry - competent in the various professions they had come from, theologically well-trained and skilled in the ministry of the gospel - was a great privilege. It is an even greater pleasure to be working with these young women again in my new role, as they are becoming established in their different ministries."

I would want to encourage other young women who are serious about serving God full-time to consider training for ministry and examining the options thoroughly. I am happy to talk to them at any time!"

Di is available through her office at St Andrew's House and welcomes the opportunity to meet with women (and men!) of our diocese, either there or in the parishes to which they belong.

A Graduate Remembered

The College recently learnt of the death in November, 1993 of Robert Sherlock of Swan Hill, Victoria.

Robert graduated from Moore in 1947 and served his curacy at St Jude's Randwick before leaving the Sydney Diocese to serve as a missionary at Glen Davis and then as the Rector of various parishes in country NSW and Victoria. He is survived by his wife Laurene and two brothers in ministry, Charles and John.



Robert and Laurene Sherlock

Moore Prayer Points

"... if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven,"

2 Chronicles 7:14

Give thanks -

- for good attendance at the Moore College Annual Lectures and for David Peterson's teaching
- for the number of committed and godly people applying to come to College in 1995
- for Wendy Hill's long and able service as Assistant Registrar and for the appointment of Anne Milton as her replacement
- for the appointments of Graeme Goldsworthy and Perry Wiles to the faculty in 1995
- for our External Studies faculty and staff, and for the thousands each year who grow in knowledge of God as a result of the courses offered

and pray -

- for our missionaries working amongst Rwandan refugees in Zaire & Tanzania, that they may have opportunities to share the hope that is found in Jesus with those who currently have no hope
- for those post-graduate students who have come from overseas and are often separated from their natural circle of family and friends
- for Di Nicolios in her work developing new areas of women's ministry, and for gifted women to feel encouraged to train for ministry
- for parishes willing to employ students in catechist positions in 1995, for those negotiating for a new position and for Michael Hill as he co-ordinates the catechist allocations
- for wisdom as the College Council continues to address the accommodation needs of our students

From the Development Office

How exciting it was to realise that enrolments in our Correspondence Course in the last 2 years have come from no less than 31 overseas countries!

Argentina, Canada, USA, England, Germany, Sweden, The Netherlands, Tanzania, Nepal, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Fiji... the list goes on.

In addition to its vital task of equipping men and women for full-time gospel ministry, Moore College has a unique role in helping lay Christians to know God better through the External Studies courses. And of course, knowing God better means being better equipped to share the saving gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

Yet again, I am struck by the importance of maintaining and ever-strengthening the work of Moore. Whilst there is urgent need, perhaps as never before, to support the homeless, the hungry, the sick and the suffering - at home and abroad - **may we never lose sight of the ongoing requirement to equip ministers of the gospel and lay workers.**

As I battle the traffic to and from Newtown each day I like to pray and to play tapes. Just recently I listened to Don Carson addressing this year's CMS Summer School on Revelation 12, as he weighed up the various options in our war against Satan. While acknowledging the need to build hospitals and organise for practical aid, he concluded,

"Unless you have the proclamation of the Word, unless you have the triumph of the Word of witness you have nothing. God has ordained by the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe."

How absolutely true! It is this truth which David Tshimanga is appreciating in relation to Zaire (see page 2). And when asking people for donations to Moore College is difficult, and the task seems daunting, I am encouraged by this same truth to press on, trusting in God to move the hearts of those whom he would support the College.

Let us praise him for the \$262,000 which has been raised so far in our appeal, and pray that he will continue to provide for the teaching, accommodation and running needs of this College.

If you are able to help you might like to use the appeal slip overleaf.



Development Officer

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