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Global Partnerships

Mark Thompson / Principal



MOORE COLLEGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF THE DIOCESE OF SYDNEY. THAT IS WHY IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1856 AND IT REMAINS TRUE TODAY.

Yet over the more than a century and a half of its life, the College has developed a genuinely global vision. After all, Jesus’ great commission extends to all nations and to the end of the age (Matt 28:18–20). In keeping with that mission, we want to see men and women equipped for gospel ministry all over the world.

In recent decades, the Lord has opened a myriad of doors for working in partnership with churches and other Christian organisations in Asia, the subcontinent, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Students have come and continue to come to us from all these places.

Yet the cost of coming to Australia to study, and the preparation needed in order to qualify for enrolment in the College’s full-time programs of study, means few can come. Increasingly, though, opportunities have arisen for us to provide help in other ways.

In many places in the world there has been no history of serious theological preparation for ministry. Keen converted people have been commissioned to plant churches and pastor existing churches with very little knowledge of the Bible and very little ministry training. They have been faithful with what they have, and God has used them to save people and build churches, but they long to be better equipped. Decades ago now, requests began to be received for some way to help boost the biblical and theological literacy of those who were leading God’s people in these places.

Our PTC (Preliminary Theological Certificate) course has been one means by which we have been able to help.



It is flexible and relatively affordable. The material is of a very high standard. For years now people from Sydney have gone to places like India, Malaysia, Madagascar and Mauritius to teach the 'Introduction to the Bible' unit. It revolutionises the way people understand and use the Bible. Because of restrictions on Australian education institutions teaching and administering courses in other places without the same resources available to students there as are available in Australia, we have released the content of the PTC to be used and administered by partner organisations like MOCLAM in Latin America and Spain, African Enterprise, India Gospel League and others. Here has been a tangible way we can help train the next generation of Christian leaders in under-resourced places.

Our partnership with CMS has meant training cross-cultural missionaries and helping to equip them with the resources to undertake church leadership training in places as diverse as Chile, Egypt, Fiji, Cambodia, Indonesia, Germany, Namibia, and the Middle East (and many other places as well). Every year a large percentage of those heading first to St Andrews Hall in Melbourne, but then out onto the mission field, are graduates of our College.

Our Centre for Global Mission fosters these partnerships and seeks out new opportunities. Bishop Malcolm Richards and Dr Simon Gillham continue to ensure that our eyes are kept on the world and not just on our own patch. The biggest issue they face is that the demand is far greater than our capacity to meet it.

Members of our faculty have risen to the challenge and sought out ways they can participate in the College's global vision. Dr George Athas has for many years now taught Hebrew and Old Testament at George Whitefield College in South Africa during our summer vacation. Members of the faculty, including some of our Emeritus Faculty, have taught courses at the Alexandrian School of Theology in Egypt. Dr Peter Orr has run courses for Theology Ireland in Belfast during January over the last couple of years.

Our College has also been involved in supporting and resourcing the GAFCON movement since its inception.

A number of our faculty have attended the conferences in Jerusalem (2008), Nairobi (2013) and Jerusalem (2018). I have been personally involved in GAFCON's Theological Commission and with the Statement Group for all three conferences. Seminars have been run by Jane Tooher and others for GAFCON women.

In the last few years an informal network of theological college principals from around the world have sought to encourage one another in the task of training another generation of biblically faithful gospel workers. Telephone hook-ups and Zoom meetings with the heads of colleges in the UK, South Africa, and Egypt have enabled us to pray together and share the joys and challenges of the work the Lord has entrusted to us. The Gospel Coalition Australia has initiated an annual conference of Australian evangelical theological college principals which provides another avenue for encouragement and support.

The range of opportunities before us is staggering. God has richly blessed us in this part of the world with resources we are keen to share as far and wide as we are able. The kingdom of God is bigger than what we are able to see. But lifting our eyes in order to see is an important first step. A friend of mine said recently, 'Sydney Anglicans are at their best when their eyes are off themselves and on the kingdom of God'. He was entirely right. Our churches are healthier, and our College is healthier, when we remember that we are committed to something that is bigger than ourselves.

The vision that heads our new strategic plan is 'to see God glorified by men and women living for and proclaiming Jesus Christ, growing healthy churches and reaching the lost'. We look to that day when the multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language gather around the throne of God and the Lamb (Rev 7:9-12). It is a cause of great joy to see our churches captivated too by that great purpose of God. In partnership with them, may the College keep its global vision until the Lord Jesus returns.

Dr Mark D Thompson,
Principal

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Challenges and opportunities in rural NSW

Mark Calder / Bishop of Bathurst



I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN THANKFUL FOR MY TIME AT MOORE COLLEGE. THERE WERE CHALLENGES: I HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY STUDIED AT DEGREE LEVEL AND HAD BEEN OUT OF SCHOOL SIX YEARS, SO ESTABLISHING STUDY HABITS AND LEARNING TO WRITE ESSAYS AGAIN STRETCHED ME.

I had lived in my own flat for four years with my best mate, so adjusting to life in the single quarters had its moments. Watching many friends find a life partner and marry was both delightful and hard at the same time, as was being one of only two single men remaining by fourth year. There were times of great loneliness. However, I so appreciated the training, the fellowship and the example of older students and faculty. The degree and associate diploma have proven to be a great foundation both for ministry and further theological reflection as the years have passed.

Following college (1982-1987), I had the privilege of learning from and ministering alongside the Rev Simon Manchester, both at Lalor Park and at North Sydney, before my appointment as rector of St Andrew's Roseville in late 1991. Simon modelled expositional preaching which was both searching and encouraging, and ministry which was firmly grounded in Bible teaching. Together, Simon and Kathy taught me (initially) and then Susan and me together, the value of gracious hospitality and genuine humility in ministry.

The Roseville years were good in so many ways—mainly because I was blessed with so many able assistants—Chris Hanger, Gordon Killow (now in Perth), David Smith (who went to Adelaide, now back in Sydney), Pete Smith (also Perth), Ben Shaw (UK), John Dickson (Sydney and the world), Pete Stedman and Matt Stedman. So, by the grace of God, I have worked with so many Moore College graduates, whose ministry has had a reach beyond Sydney. After around sixteen or

seventeen years at Roseville, I knew it was time to seek God's will for a new chapter. I always had a heart for the wider Anglican Church of Australia, and so began exploring options outside Sydney Diocese.

By the grace of God, I was appointed rector of Noosa on the Sunshine Coast in the Diocese of Brisbane in November 2009. Immediately, the teaching for which I had been so well equipped, began to make an impact. The congregation became clearer about the grace of God towards us in Christ Jesus. I well remember parishioner comments in my early years such as, "do you mean to tell me, Mark, that Jesus Christ was a real person?" and "the penny dropped for me last week when you referred to the Kingdom of God not as something we must achieve, but something we receive". On another occasion, during my 'Jesus Explained' course, one man who had





been in and out of church all his life, began to grasp the grace of God and how we are forgiven and reconciled not on the basis of what we have done, but what Jesus has done for us. He commented “why hasn’t anyone told me this before?” It was exhilarating seeing a congregation become clear and passionate about the gospel and the Bible.

And now I am surprised and delighted and sometimes terrified to find myself in a new role in the Diocese of Bathurst. It is an extraordinary privilege. Having been here a year (on 23rd November)—and a very unique and challenging year at that—I know that I am only just beginning.

My oft repeated line, when asked how things are going, has been “the challenges are great, but so too are the opportunities”. So let me tell you a little about both.

The challenges

Certain financial decisions over the past 10-20 years mean that the Diocese has little to no finances in reserve. We are entirely dependent upon, and very grateful for, the gift of the Sydney Diocese just to have a bishop and a registrar (\$250,000 a year for six years). Only 6 of 30 parishes are currently managing to pay their own way. Only 6 are able to fund a full-time minister. As well, 60% of those who attend church are over 70. Out of a pre-COVID

average Sunday total attendance across the Diocese of 1,500, only 66 are between 17 and 30, and only 100 in their 30s and 40s. We are missing entire generations. Only half of our parishes run Bible studies. Just 5 of 30 parishes ran a course introducing people to the Christian faith in 2019. We currently need ministers in 13 of 30 parishes. We have currently paid out over \$4M for redress for those sexually abused, with another \$2M expected in the coming months. We have only one way of funding these payments: the sale of property. These, along with other challenges, mean that we need your prayer. Prayer that the Lord of the harvest would send more workers, and prayer that in his mercy, God would draw men and women, girls and boys to himself in repentance and trust.

The opportunities

Despite these challenges, I am convinced the opportunities are great. I have loved meeting people across the Diocese. They are hungry for the word of God, and simply want to be taught and loved and shepherded as they follow Jesus. In many country towns, there is still opportunity for the local minister to be well known and loved in the community and that opens up all sorts of possibilities to build trust and rapport and see doors open for the gospel.

Due to COVID, I have been

producing services for each week in two styles—both traditional and contemporary—and these have been so well received. Although many have not been used to expository preaching, they have welcomed such teaching. Even with the return of church in many towns, people report that they still watch my services on YouTube. Offering a more contemporary, yet definitely Anglican, service has shown people new possibilities. Some report that though they have been traditionalists all their life, they are actually preferring the contemporary service. COVID-19 has given me the opportunity to preach right across the Diocese. Others have expressed delight that ‘we only used to see the bishop once a year, now we see him every week’.

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By the grace of God, I will ordain three new people in December, who will take up ministry in the Diocese. Two have studied at SMBC and one at Moore. I had the privilege of preaching in the Moore College chapel in August, following which some 20 people came to hear a little more about ministry opportunities in the Diocese.

My synod address finished with a call to become a diocese obedient to the great commission to ‘go and make disciples’ by prayer, clear Bible teaching, and giving people an assurance of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Our hope is that God’s word will inspire an excitement about the power of the gospel to change lives, and in turn each will be equipped to give a reason for the hope that they have!

If you are up for a challenge, but also have a heart to take up unique and exciting gospel opportunities, I’d love to speak with you! And may Moore College ever continue to have a reach beyond Sydney!

Moore Theological College and Bush Church Aid

Ted Brush / Bush Church Aid



YOU MIGHT ASK, HOW DID A 101-YEAR PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MOORE COLLEGE AND BUSH CHURCH AID (BCA) BEGIN? WELL IT ALL BEGAN WITH A BOY FROM BENDIGO.

Born in Bendigo in 1879, Sydney James Kirkby was sent by his Bishop to study at Moore College. However Syd Kirkby's connection with the College did not end with his student days. After ordination in the Diocese of Bendigo, parish ministry and then further study in England, Kirkby returned to Australia and, while serving at St Alban's Darlington, was appointed as Acting Principal of Moore College for the year 1911.

In 1913 he was appointed Rector of St Anne's Ryde, where he served until 1919. On 26 May 1919, at a meeting in the Chapter House of St Andrew's Cathedral, The Bush Church Aid Society was formed. Five months later, the Rev Sydney James Kirkby became BCA's first Organising

Missioner,¹ beginning a 101-year partnership with Moore College that has seen the gospel of Jesus taken to the most remote parts of our nation.

BCA's mission is simple—we take the gospel of Jesus to rural, regional, and remote Australia, with a particular focus on those places where vocational ministry is not otherwise available. All of our Field Staff, as we now call them, have two things in common. They are where they are, under God, to make disciples of Jesus. And they are only able to be where they are because of the generosity of others.

Kirkby was the first Moore College graduate to serve with BCA,

and during the past 101 years many more of those who have studied at Moore College have gone on to serve with BCA in all sorts of places, and in many ways.

In February 1938, Moore College graduate Leon Morris was made a Deacon and went to serve as Curate at Campsie. Two years later, Morris applied to BCA to become a Missioner, and was eventually appointed to the parish of Minnipa, a small town in a farming district of the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia.

In the foreword to his book 'The Bush Parson',² Morris reflected:

"...always at the back of my mind I have treasured up the memory of my one pastoral charge, that of being the minister to a congregation scattered over thousands of square miles in a remote part of South Australia during the 1940's."

New Testament Scholar, author and ultimately Principal of Ridley College, this Moore College graduate was, in part at least, shaped in his ability to prepare others for pastoral ministry by his time with BCA.

At the beginning of July 1963, another Moore College graduate, The Rev Harry and Mrs Pam Goodhew and their three young children joined BCA in Ceduna. After several years serving at our mission in Ceduna, the September 1966 edition of our magazine 'The Real Australian' records:

"The Rev Harry Goodhew has accepted nomination to the Parish of Carlingford, Sydney, and will have left

¹ This is a term used by BCA from its earliest years, it of course is the same as the term 'missionary'

² Acorn Press, Sydney, 1995 and 2019. Available through BCA's office.



Ceduna by the time this issue reaches you. Harry and Pam, together with their family, have won a warm place in the hearts of the parishioners of Ceduna and many will be sorry at their going."

As many of you would be aware, Harry went on to serve as Bishop of Wollongong and eventually Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of NSW, where his concern for ministry in the bush, and support of BCA, continued.

Many more Moore College graduates have gone on to serve with BCA. To name a few, our current National Director, the Rev Canon Greg Harris, and former National Directors, the Right Rev Dr Mark Short (now Bishop of Canberra Goulburn), the Rev Brian Roberts and the Ven Ernie Carnaby



(who served as a BCA Field Staff in the 1960s).

Other Moore graduates serving in BCA staff roles today include the Revs Rob Healy, John Warner, Ted Brush and Emma Little. Right now, twelve of our current Field Staff are Moore graduates, in places as far afield as Kununurra (Daniel and Bec Faricy), Newman (Roger and Amanda Kyngdon), Exmouth (Simon and Alison Roberts), Roxby Downs (Glen and Beth McDonald), and Moranbah in Central Queensland (Luke and Julia Collings).

While working as licensed clergy in their various dioceses, all these Field Staff are supported financially and pastorally by BCA.

The Rev Daniel Faricy, Senior Minister in Kununurra, sums up BCA support in this way:

"Kununurra is miles away from anywhere, but BCA have helped us close the distance by supporting us with a prayer network, link churches, fellowship with other BCA ministry families, and the very practical help of flights back home to see family. We are thankful that BCA is going the distance for Christ and we get to partner with them in the task of spreading the news of Jesus."

All of our Field Staff can tell of the amazing privilege it is to serve Jesus in rural, regional, and remote Australia. However, our

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partnership with Moore College is not limited to appointing graduates. As a missionary organisation, BCA is keen to see people offer themselves for training with a view to vocational ministry. On Sunday mornings all over Australia, BCA's Senior Officers are regularly challenging people to consider training for ministry. Moore College is a frequent topic in the conversations that follow.

We are also willing to support students who are headed for ministry in the bush. The Rev Nathaniel Naden was supported during his time as a Moore student, and, in 2018, as a part of Moore's Mission Week, the Rev Ted Brush and Rev Rob Healy accompanied small Moore College Mission Teams to Newman and Geraldton, where they were able to participate in a variety of ministries. BCA's support made it possible for this to happen.

While we could say much more, neither BCA nor our ministry in rural, regional and remote Australia would be the same without the wonderful way so many of us have been equipped and shaped by Moore College as Bible teachers and pastors.



The privilege of prayer

Ben P George / Recruitment and Marketing Manager



IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT PRAYER IS OUR LIFEBLOOD AT MOORE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Our College community soaks itself in prayer at every opportunity—during chapel, prayer groups, chaplaincy groups, prayer support groups, at the beginning and end of each class, before and after community lunch, and so much more. And prayer is so important because of our great God, whose sovereign hand is on all that we plan and do. And as we seek to emulate our Lord Jesus in loving what he loves and desiring what he desires, we have prayed as much for all our needs as we have for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ outside of the College. Yes,

we pray for the needs of our College, but we also count it a great joy and privilege to pray that the glory of the Lord might be known in every part of the world. We also pray fervently that the Lord would make his glory known in all the world and continue to raise up workers to that end, and all because of the powerful gospel communicated to us in Scripture.

Knowing this joyful news of salvation and the assurance that comes with following Christ, we are delighted to speak of it and ask our Lord to spread it. The gospel has been at the bedrock of Moore College since its humble beginnings in 1856. For 164 years, the work of the College has been to prepare men and women for a lifetime of Christian ministry, by faithful Bible teaching in the context of biblically loving relationships. And

not only is our College community shaped by the gospel of salvation and assurance in Christ, but we are dependent on the Lord quickening the hearts of many men and women, and raising them up for faithful ministry, so that we might continue to equip many to go to the ends of the earth.

This is the cycle of replicating ministry which continues to push the vision of the College beyond Sydney. God has used the College to continue to equip many, and as they are sent out and proclaim the gospel that has gripped them, God uses them to raise up others who come in turn to be trained to go out all over the world. But what is even more exciting is that, as John records from his vision on Patmos, heaven will be filled with a multitude from everywhere: “After



this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9).

And so, it is only right that as we pray for our city of Sydney and the millions who do not know Jesus, we also pray for every nook and cranny beyond Sydney too. We pray fervently that our Lord would keep raising up workers for this ripe harvest field. We keep praying that the name of Jesus will spread all over the earth. We pray that his name might be proclaimed beyond Sydney, beyond NSW, and beyond Australia. We pray that the name of Jesus might permeate every echelon of every tribe, language and culture, in every place, so that more and more might know of our loving Lord Jesus, who came to save his people from their sins.

The reason for the spread of the gospel and the call for the fervent prayers of the saints is given clearly to us in the letter of Jude. Jude writes this short letter to Christians who have been facing severe pressure from every angle, just as we face pressures to compromise Jesus’ gospel in our day. And he reminds his readers of the only way to survive—to rely on God and to trust wholeheartedly that he will achieve his purposes. How else could we continue to stand for the faith in a world constantly pushing against the grain? How else could we contend for the faith amongst the ungodliness of this world? And so, it is entirely appropriate that Jude ends this shortest of letters with one of the most famous and oft-quoted doxologies in the pages of the New Testament:

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.” (Jude 1:24-25)

Jude’s doxology provides encouragement and perspective to pray big prayers. The gospel is what turns our fear and uncertainty, in a world that loves the darkness, to confidence, which gives us strength and resolve. The gospel is God’s power for salvation. And it is God, in this gospel, who nurtures and sustains our faith, so that we can stand without fault and be presented blameless in his sight. And if it is God, and God alone, who can keep you from falling and give you great joy because through him you can escape the judgement you deserve and be in heaven, we must surely pray big prayers! We must pray for God’s Kingdom to come and his will to be done. We must pray that more will know the name of Jesus and move from darkness to light. And we must pray that God would raise up more workers to keep spreading this life-giving message, for:

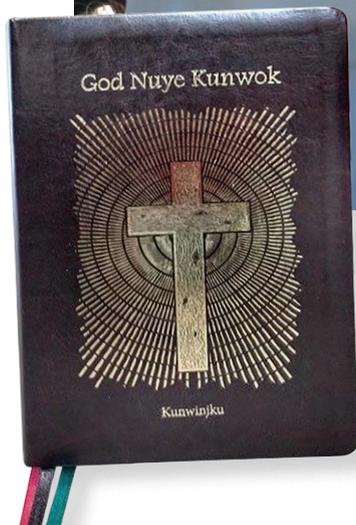
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“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”” (Romans 10:14-15)

We thank God for the privilege of being a small part in the Lord’s unstoppable work of winning and establishing many for Jesus, until that glorious day when he returns. How could we not, when the gospel of our crucified Christ changes everything? And that is what we pray, in obedience to our Lord, in dependence on our Lord, and as we follow the example of our Lord. Would you pray along with us?

From Sydney to Gunbalanya

Peter Carroll/ Moore College Alumni Member



I studied at Moore College with the intention of serving as an ordained minister. However, God had other plans. At College, I did well in Greek and Hebrew, and experienced God's enabling and a call to the ministry of Bible Translation. In the intensive period of final exams, I was encouraged by a public comment from the Archbishop of Sydney, "God does not call a person to a task without providing the strength and ability to do the task". With that challenge, I was encouraged to complement my theological studies with post graduate degrees in linguistics. I surprised CMS officials when I inquired in 1965 about Indigenous language work in the Northern

Territory (NT). As it happened, this was shortly after they had decided to look for a linguist for the NT. Previously, language learning was not a priority for missionaries in the NT, with the Government putting greater emphasis on Education, Training and Community Development.

CMS sent me to live and work in the NT, where Thelma and I lived from 1967 to 2006. I was the first missionary sent specifically as a Linguist and Bible Translator. Later, as a translation consultant, I became a member of the team that would produce the Kriol Bible, which when finished in 2007 was the first complete Bible in any Australian Indigenous language.

I started at Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), where I learnt to speak Kunwinjku as the first stage in my ministry of Bible Translation. Language ability later provided a basis for me to reach out and assist other organisations, and to work with different Aboriginal groups.

During the 1960s the Bible

Society had a policy for translators to work first on Bible selections. They were easier to translate than passages in the epistles, and also easier for newly literate readers. The first publication was a Christmas booklet, "Kuhni Bu Najesus Christ Danging" or, "What happened when Jesus was born". The second came with an Easter Theme, "Kayoloyolme Bu Jesus Christ Doweng" or "It tells us what happened when Jesus died". As part of this process there were several publications in a comic strip format:

- "Ngalkeng" or "Found". The Lost Parables from Luke 15.
- "Jesus Yolyolmi Dja Kurruyimi Nungan" or "Jesus Stories". Seven incidents from Jesus' Ministry.
- "Jesus Kundulkarre Nuyek: Kunwararl Kunmak Benbidyikarmi" or "The Power of Jesus: the Holy Spirit helps us". Four incidents from the Acts of the Apostles.
- "Abraham: Djawirna Nuyeni God" or "Abraham - A Servant of God".

As a contribution to community life, I assisted the Kunwinjku artists in the marketing of their bark paintings. This benefitted the language work, because there were stories relating to the paintings, which I recorded and translated. This work helped in language learning and also provided a resource to better understand word meanings, so important in translation. I was to complete my PhD based on these stories, and showed that the stories have an important role in the transmission of Kunwinjku cultural knowledge. This role is reflected in the phrase “*daborralok kandimameyolyolmeng*” or “the old people told us stories”, which was found in most of the stories. A feature of this tradition was that “the old people used to tell stories” to teach the next generation. The Kunwinjku artists were illustrating their inherited tradition.

After my initial period in the Northern Territory with CMS as a translator, I moved to Darwin in 1979 as Principal Research Officer in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. This was to advise the Minister on the Social Impact of uranium mining. After that I became a Senior Officer in the NT Public Service in relation to Land Rights and other Indigenous issues. In Darwin I attended the Anglican Church at Nightcliff, serving as a home group leader and occasional preacher. I was also a member of the NT Anglican Synod and the Bishop’s Election Committee.

As a Translation Consultant I provided support to translation programs in Arnhem Land and attended Bible Society Translation workshops in Mexico, Spain, Thailand and Brazil. As well, I was a part-time Lecturer in Linguistics at the Charles Darwin University and presented papers at linguistic conferences in England, Portugal, Brisbane, Melbourne and Darwin. I also prepared reports on the need for an Aboriginal Language Interpreter Service and Cross-Cultural Awareness Programs

in the NT Public Service. As well, I contributed to National Inquiries on Land Rights and Uranium mining, and to the NT Inquiry on Statehood.

In addition to two university theses—“Kunwinjku: A Language of Western Arnhem Land” MA (ANU) and “The Old People Told Us: Verbal Art in Western Arnhem Land” PhD (Queensland)—I published 2 books based on my experience: “One Land, One Saviour: Seeing Aboriginal Lives Transformed by Christ” (2008), and “Bark Art from Western Arnhem Land” (2010). I was also the major contributor to the book “Oenpelli Bark Painting”, which was published by the Aboriginal Arts Board in 1979.

When I revisited Gunbalanya in retirement, a community leader commented that “our living in the community as a family was a powerful form of identification with his people”. Our children were part of this, and the Kunwinjku people always had a strong concern for their well-being. While in Darwin they completed High School, with Greg and David moving south for University Studies and Jennifer and Alison studying at the Charles Darwin University.

At Gunbalanya, as well as caring for our 4 children, Thelma did the Station Accounts, and worked in the shop and the Commonwealth Bank Agency. During the mining boom of the 1970s there were frequent visits from Company and Government officials. Thelma on many occasions, sometimes at very short notice, provided meals for visitors, as there were no food outlets in the community. Before joining CMS, Thelma was a Speech Therapist, so was able to assist my language work. In Darwin she was a Home Liaison Officer supporting Aboriginal



children in their adjustment to School. She also trained as a Social Worker and worked with Anglicare as a Counsellor and Family Mediator.

We visited Gunbalanya for the launch of the Kunwinjku New Testament in 2018, which was received with great celebration. The people were very welcoming and asked after our children.

In my 40 years in the NT there were 12 years as Linguist and Translator with CMS, 16 years in Government Service, and 12 years as a Linguistic Consultant, including 10 years with the Bible Society. Through many diverse situations in these years, I experienced the truth of various Biblical passages, serving the indigenous people and enjoying rich Christian fellowship. At times it was challenging, but God’s word always provided encouragement. Paul’s words to the church in Corinth had personal significance:

“God will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out”
(1 Corinthians 10:13).

Responding to God’s call and experiencing his empowering and enabling are well summarised in wise words from Ecclesiastes: “Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)



Being sent beyond Sydney

Michael Sadler / Alumni & Fundraising Officer

IN THIS ISSUE WITH THE THEME 'BEYOND SYDNEY', WE DECIDED TO ASK SOME CURRENT MOORE COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM AREAS IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA TO TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT THEMSELVES.

All are preparing to serve the Lord Jesus wherever he sends them. As you read, please pray for them and other College students as they prayerfully consider their future ministries.

Sarah Rootes

Sarah was born in Parkes, NSW. She lived there for 7 years with her family before they moved to Dubbo. After completing high school in Dubbo, she moved to Canberra to study at the University of Canberra. However, she told me that when she started working, she “felt the tension between the time required for the job and the time I wanted to put into ministries at church”. So, she began an MTS apprenticeship with Crossroads Christian Church Canberra at Australian National University. After that, she worked at Stromlo Christian Church in Canberra, and then came to College, where she’s now a third year BD student.

During her time at Moore, Sarah has continued to be supported in prayer by friends in Dubbo, Canberra and Sydney. She’s also been particularly thankful for her MTS trainer, Kerryn Rudder. She shared that Kerryn’s “continued prayers, advice and friendship helped me think through the questions that I’ve encountered in my studies or my student ministry roles. I appreciate having



Sarah Rootes



someone with both college and ministry experience share with me and give perspective when needed.”

Sarah has formed particularly strong friendships with College housemates. She’s confident that these relationships will continue after they leave College, and that they’ll keep supporting each other in their future ministries.

Speaking of her future, Sarah shared that “after College, I am hoping to find work with a local church with a focus on ministering to children. Coming from outside of Sydney, I am eager to return to a rural or more regional area where I can share the fruit of my training. Possibly returning to Canberra or even Queensland, where the need is great. I’m prayerful that the Lord will guide my decision making in the future.”

Ed Hannah

Ed was born in St George, a small town in Southern Queensland, and lived there with his family on a small property called “Someplace Green”. When he was 7, his family bought a block south of Katherine in the Northern Territory, where they turned a shed into a house and called it “Elsewhere”.

Growing up, Ed attended Anglican churches in St George and Katherine with his family. Both were liberal at the time, but there were some faithful gospel ministers there who ran the kids’ program. Another significant influence on his turning to trust and follow the Lord Jesus was his mother’s faithful witness to him. He told me that “during year 10 my Mum, who is Christian, started doing some online study for a diploma in theology. This led to an increase in God talk around the house, and particularly on drives home from town. On one afternoon drive mum and I were talking and I realised the guilt and shame I felt at my behaviour, falling short of my own standards and God’s, shouldn’t



Ed and Amelia Hannah



Matt Stones and family

be the driving factor in my life. In that car ride home, God brought me to see that He loved me despite my sin, and that he would free me from it. Coming down the gravel driveway home, driving my Mum's 1966 HR sedan with tears streaming down my face I prayed a prayer asking God to soften my hard heart and to forgive me in Jesus. Dangerous to drive on your Ls on a dirt road when you can't see properly, but that moment made me safe forever."

After high school in Katherine, Ed moved to Sydney for university, where he became involved in the Christian groups at New College, UNSW. He planned to finish his degree and return home, but he became convinced of the need for gospel proclamation. So, he completed his degree, worked for a couple of years, then did a ministry apprenticeship with Campus Bible Study, before coming to Moore, where he's in second year of the BD.

Speaking about his plans, Ed shared: "After college I wish to teach people about Jesus. I have always hoped to do this somewhere regional or rural, I love it out there! Though during my time at university, I began to consider heading overseas, thinking, 'where am I willing to go that others aren't?' Regardless of where I end up, the plan is to prayerfully proclaim the crucified Christ as Lord of All, and to raise others to proclaim Him also!"

Matt Stones

Matt was born and raised just outside Gunnedah, NSW. He describes his childhood in the country: "Most weekends were spent either working with dad doing farm work or fighting my brother with sticks in the forts we would build."

He's thankful for his faithful Christian parents and the strong evangelical church (Gunnedah Anglican) that encouraged him to become a firm follower of Christ. After high school, Matt stayed in Gunnedah to work as a draftsman, and completed an MTS Apprenticeship, before he came to College, where he's now in second year of the BTh.

He told me about the support that family, friends and the College community have shown to him and his family throughout his time at College, but



particularly through the COVID-19 shutdown this year: "Thankfully, we have a group of family and friends who have been happy to partner with us while we're here. This has been both through prayer and our finances. Living and studying in Sydney is something we are certainly only able to do through their generosity. We have also been encouraged in our time here by the generosity of other students and members of our church in many ways; even down to making meals for us when family situations are tough. The coronavirus pandemic hit our family fairly significantly this year. Thankfully though, with classes online, we were able to spend some time with our families and receive the support that got us through."

Speaking about what will happen after College, Matt shared: "Dee and I have both benefited through being a part of the Armidale Anglican Diocese growing up. We both have a passion for ministry in the country and, God willing, plan on heading back post-college to serve in pastoral ministry. Please keep us in your prayers as I study, and as God continues to shape and refine us to be better servants of His kingdom."

How wonderful to hear the stories from some of our current students sharing how they came to know and trust the Lord Jesus; how he placed the love of the lost and the proclamation of his gospel in their hearts; and how they're now seeking to answer the call to serve him. You can support gospel workers like these through prayer and financial giving at moore.edu.au/support-moore/.



A legacy of global ministry and leadership

Trevor Cairney / Head of Foundation



IF YOU'VE READ THIS EDITION OF *MOORE MATTERS* FROM FRONT TO BACK, YOU SHOULD HAVE GATHERED BY NOW THAT UNDER THE HAND OF GOD, MOORE COLLEGE HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT GLOBAL IMPACT OVER THE LAST 164 YEARS.

While the College might have been founded to equip men for full-time ministry within the Anglican Diocese of Sydney as its first focus, successive Principals have also had a global mission for men and women. This has led the College to fulfil an even bigger mission—the equipping of believers for ministry well beyond our borders. As the editor of *Moore Matters*, it has been a joy to read and reflect on the ways God has been at work in and through the lives of our graduates, not just in the Sydney Diocese, but to the ends of the earth. As our Principal writes in his opening article:

“Moore College has always been the theological college of the Diocese of Sydney... and it remains true today. Yet over the more than a century and a half of its life, the College has developed a genuinely global vision. After all, Jesus’ great commission extends to all nations and to the end of the age. (Matt 28:18–20)”

Dr Thompson’s article outlines many of the ways God has used the College to partner with key Christian organisations internationally. It has done this by equipping and sending Bible teachers, theologians, missionaries and evangelists into the world.

The College’s many partnerships can be found in Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, and North America. Students come to us from every part of the world, are equipped, and are then sent into every part of the world. The College also supports and partners with gospel-centred organisations across Australia and

globally. Organisations like the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) and GAFCON.

In this issue, we celebrate and illustrate just some of the many ways the College has had an impact 'beyond Sydney'. Starting with regional Australia, Ted Brush shares how Bush Church Aid (BCA) has been partnering with the College in gospel ministry for over 100 years across Australia.

The close ties to regional Australia include denominational leadership by graduates of the College, such as Bishop Mark Calder and his work in the Central West of NSW. Bishop Calder shares with us the challenges and opportunities for the gospel in the Diocese of Bathurst. He seeks others to join him who welcome a challenge, but also "have a heart to take up unique and exciting gospel opportunities" in rural NSW.

But it doesn't stop there. Peter Carroll's work and ministry over more than 40 years with Indigenous language translation and ministry in Northern Australia shows how graduates have been critical in helping to preserve Indigenous languages and present the Bible in their first languages.

Would you help us to continue to train and equip Christians to join us at Moore to be taught, and sent into the world? Our newly created 'Global Ministry Scholarship' will support students who seek overseas ministry.

The program was created due to a generous bequest from a woman who prayed earnestly for the College, as well as its graduates and their ministries. The gift from her estate has already provided support to the first Moore College student this year. We hope that this can be the first of many! The young woman who is the first recipient of the award has a passion for international gospel ministry, especially on university campuses, and is being supported from the 'Global Ministry' program.

With your help, I pray that we will be able to provide many more scholarships of this kind for men and women who might come from overseas or Australia to study with us, and then return home. Or in some cases, as Australian citizens, seeking to take the gospel of Christ to other nations. Graduates with a burden for a world without hope in Christ, and who have been equipped for gospel ministry. Please



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join us in growing this important Global Ministry Scholarship. And while all might not be able to give, all can pray.

Prayer is the very lifeblood of Moore College. As Ben George writes, the College community "soaks itself in prayer at every opportunity—during chapel, prayer groups, chaplaincy groups, prayer support groups, at the beginning and end of each class, before and after community lunch, and so much more. And prayer is so important because of our great God, whose sovereign hand is on all that we plan and do." Please pray with us that God will raise up many men and women to take the Gospel to a world in desperate need of the 'Good News'.

COULD I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GIVE TO SUPPORT THE 'GLOBAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP' FUND? OUR HOPE AND GOAL FOR THIS FUND IS TO GROW IT OVER TIME TO AT LEAST \$1,000,000, WHICH WITH CAREFUL STEWARDSHIP WOULD FUND MANY STUDENTS EACH YEAR TO BE EQUIPPED AND SENT TO MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL MAKE PROVISION FOR THIS IMPORTANT GLOBAL PROGRAMME.

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Moore College exists to train men and women to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Since 1856, more than 5,000 students have graduated from the College and have been sent out by God. Moore College has equipped men and women to serve in over 50 countries across the World. Today over 3,500 students are enrolled in our courses globally.

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People at Moore

In recent times there have been a few changes to staff and faculty



Rev Dr Simon Gillham is to become the new Vice-Principal in 2021.



Rev Dr Colin Bale will retire in mid-2021.



Caroline Clark has joined the College as Recruitment & Admissions Officer.



Emma Sargent has joined the College as Academic Administrator – Undergraduates & Admissions.



Rev Chris Conyers is to become a part-time faculty member in the New Testament department in 2021.

Dates for your diary 2021

FEBRUARY

Mon 1 Priscilla & Aquila Conference
Genesis Women

MARCH

Wed 4 Centre for Christian Living event
Can Christian Community Be Good for All?

Mon 15 Moore College graduation

MAY

Mon 1 Men Praying for Moore (online)

Mon 10 – Fri 14 Moore College Open Night and Week

Wed 19 Centre for Christian Living event
Dealing with Sin

Fri 28 Distance Graduation

JULY

Sat 24 Men Praying for Moore (online)

AUGUST

Sun 1 Moore College Sunday

Thurs 5 Annual Moore College Public Lectures
In Him All Things Hold Together

Mon 9 – Fri 13

Wed 25 Centre for Christian Living event
Learning to Forgive

Mon 30 – Tues 31 Moore College Open Night and Week

SEPTEMBER

Wed 1 – Fri 3 Moore College Open Week

Thurs 16 Priscilla & Aquila Seminar
God's Wisdom for Dating

Wed 29 – Thurs 30 School of Biblical Theology
Biblical Theology Re-examined

OCTOBER

Sat 16 Men Praying for Moore (on-campus)

Wed 20 Centre for Christian Living event
Raising the Next Generation

Sat 23 Moore College Open Day

For more information or to book now, go to moore.edu.au/events.