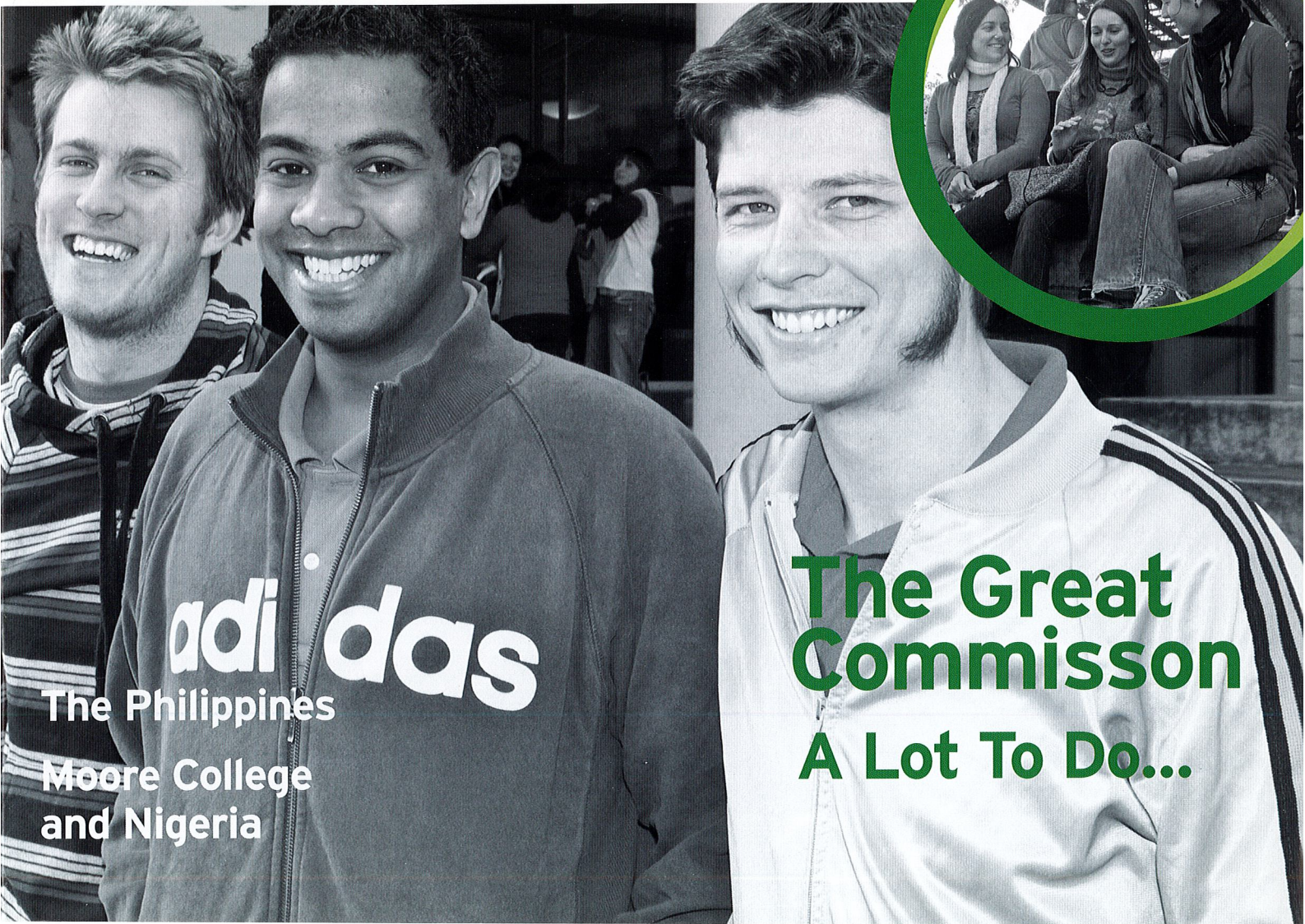


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# POWER AND *goodness*

**'Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.' So said Lord Acton, one of the great thinkers of the nineteenth century. His words ring so true to experience and observation that they have become proverbial.**

Lord Acton was speaking specifically of political power - the power of rulers over their subjects. The context of his famous words is illuminating: 'The danger is not that a particular class is unfit to govern. Every class is unfit to govern. ... Power tends to corrupt ...' While it is true that history and our own experience provide examples of power being used to do good and for overcoming evil, it is equally clear that greater power over others in the hands of an individual or group tends to be dangerous. Absolute power becomes tyranny. We cannot trust anyone with that kind of power.

The Bible accounts for the corrupting power of power, responsible for so much human misery. In short, the sinfulness of human beings means that power in human hands will tend to be used for evil purposes. It is not that power itself is so terrible. In theory power could be

used to do nothing but good. The reality is, however, that sinful people use power for sinful ends. Power in human hands provides the opportunity and the means to do greater evil.

It is easy to think of the many corrupt dictators of world history - past and present. It is far more difficult to think of a person with similar power who used their power only for good.

That is why (at least it is one reason why) the news about Jesus is so astonishing. 'He went about doing good' (Acts 10:38). His power and authority amazed all who encountered him. Yet he consistently did 'good'. Indeed his refusal to use his power selfishly led to his suffering at the hands of those whose power was in reality far less than his. As they ill-treated him, 'he committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly' (1 Pet 2:22, 23).

This Jesus is the one to whom all authority in heaven and on earth has now been given (Matt 28:18), whom God has so exalted that ultimately every knee will bow at his name (Phil 2:9, 10). Our gospel

is the news of one with absolute power. Jesus is Lord! And yet the one with this power is utterly good. That he is Lord is the best news there is.

As we serve our Lord Jesus Christ we trust in his power. This means that we will profoundly distrust the many forms of human power. We will understand that his power works through human weakness. We want all human power to be kept in check and accountable. The power that matters is the power of the Lord Jesus, the power of his Spirit at work through the word of the cross. The most powerful things we do will therefore almost always appear weak: prayer and proclaiming the 'weak and foolish' message of the cross (1 Cor 1:25).

This year we send more graduates than ever before from Moore College into all the world to pray and proclaim. Few, if any, of them will wield impressive human power. We are praying that all of them will be humble and faithful servants of the one who is all-powerful and entirely good.

**John Woodhouse, Principal**



# THE GREAT COMMISSION: 'A WAKEUP CALL'

Alfred Olwa - Postgraduate Student (Extract from a sermon)

## UGANDA AND EVANGELISM

One of the great gifts of the church in Uganda is evangelism. The church is growing. In a population of 32 million Ugandans, there are 9 million Anglicans. Only the Nigerian Anglican Church is larger with 17 million in a population of 150 million.

The growth of the church is because of the deliberate evangelistic activities that have the minister at the fore front. They work tirelessly to encourage lay evangelists to share their faith with non-believers. The roots of this activity can be traced to the minister's theological and practical training. The ministers whose churches are growing have passion and zeal to evangelize during training and in vacation. The teachers do the training practically and by example.

The ministers whose churches are struggling spend time in other activities; they have less passion for the gospel. Why? They are not having an intimate personal relationship with the Lord. They do not listen and obey his command to 'go out and make disciples'. They model a ministry that is focused on other things and not evangelism. Their congregations ask: 'what has the church done for me?' They are self and not Christ focused! We receive the gospel and we must pass it on.

As Dean of the Bishop Tucker School of Divinity and Theology at Uganda Christian University, what is my role, what is the role of my students and the other staff in the great commission? It is plain: to obey our Lord and follow his command.

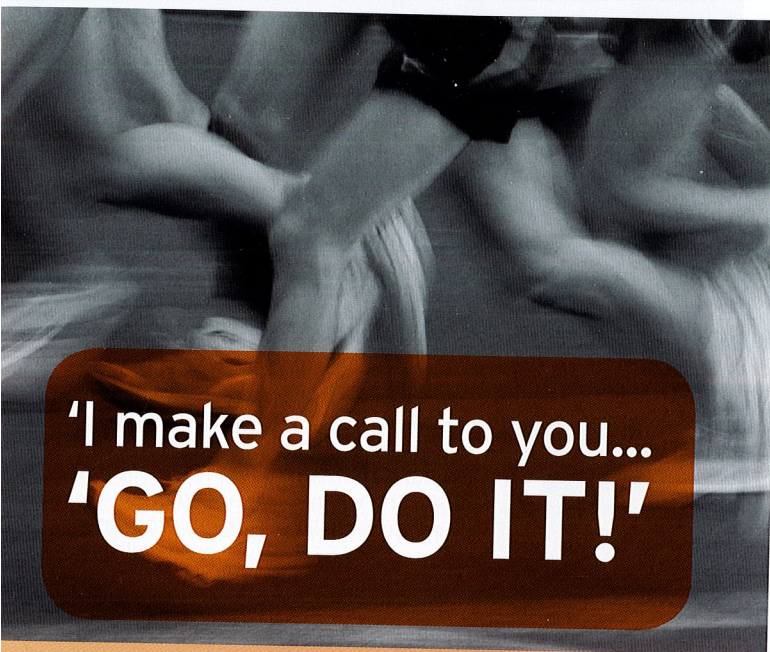
As faculty, we find time to do evangelism, not just with our students but with non-Christians. It is not easy for faculty with all that university demands; yet, Christ demands that we evangelize! We are doing it and our students copy us.

I hope that after you read this that you will wake up and move beyond talking and strategizing about evangelism. I sense in my mind and spirit that Australians do more talking than doing. 'Get your hands dirty', go out and tell non-Christians about Jesus! I bring a wakeup call! I know that it is not an easy thing to do, but, it must be done without any fear that you are 'politically correct'; that you will lose your friends; that your culture does not preach 'that way'; etc. It is NOT a question of one's culture. It is a question of KNOWING your Father /Lord/ Master and being OBEDIENT to his Word!

## MATTHEW 28:16-20

Jesus is God with us: Emmanuel. After his resurrection Jesus commissioned the disciples to 'go out' and he promised to be with them. What more did they need? Should they need worry about security, or transport, or food or coffee? No! Did they need to worry about money? No!





'I make a call to you...  
'GO, DO IT!'

So, why is there seemingly 'cold feet' to practical evangelism today? To those who are involved, I say 'Keep going!' To those who are dragging their feet 'I say wake up and get going now! Remember the Lord said, 'Go', he does not say, will you consider going? No, the word is 'Go'.

A model of a faithful disciple who evangelized is Paul. Romans 15: 17-19, says 2 things:

- Evangelize through the word of God. Do you have the living word of God? If you have share it!
- Evangelize with action. The word of God opens you to acts of love for the people of God and so you can then preach the word with action.

**I make a call to you. Make a fresh start; rededicate yourself to the great commission. Repent to the Lord for being slow at times to be actively involved in evangelism and then 'Go, do it!'**

# THE COWPERS AND MOORE COLLEGE

Peter Bolt

When Moore College opened its doors on Saturday, 1 March 1856, that day had been anticipated for about 30 years. William Cowper was involved in 'the dream' that resulted in the College, and, as the dream became a reality, his son William Macquarie Cowper was its first teacher and acting principal and later one of its trustees.

The dream began in the 1820s, but Cowper became involved in 1830, when the church and school lands corporation laid out plans for Australia's first tertiary college. Thomas Moore left his money to the cause in 1840, but, for various reasons, the College didn't open for another 15 years. After heated debates about education took place in the colony it was a very different scene from 1830, or even 1840, when Bishop Barker arrived in May 1855. Although the University of Sydney would now cater for other professions, the need for an institution to train clergy locally – and in an evangelical mould – had become even more intense. With Barker's arrival, Cowper rejoiced at the answer to his prayers for a 'godly bishop' who was a staunch evangelical. Within

weeks, Barker had met with the trustees of Moore's estate and declared his intentions to open a theological college, under the provision of Moore's will, at Liverpool.

Meanwhile, William Macquarie Cowper had been faithfully labouring on in his ministry at Stroud for twenty years. At the end of 1854, the death of his wife Margaret had caused him to think of returning to Sydney. When asked to return to Sydney as the acting principal of the new Moore College, William Macquarie came to Liverpool – bringing three of his own pupils at Stroud to become the first students. He was acting principal from March to September 1856, when William Hodgson arrived as the first Principal.

In 1877, then Dean of Sydney, William Macquarie Cowper became a trustee of the estate of the late Thomas Moore – the group which provided oversight of the College. During his time as trustee, the College moved from Liverpool to re-open at Newtown in 1891, and he remained a trustee until his death in 1902. As one of his last acts, he gave permission for the Broughton chapel to be removed from Liverpool to Newtown.



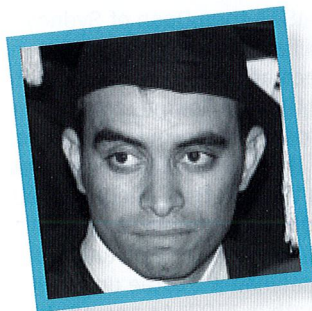
# Alexandria, EGYPT



In August-September, Biblical Theology was the first Moore College MA Unit to be taught in the Alexandria School of Theology, located in the heart of the crowded and bustling city of Alexandria, Egypt.

Dr Peter Bolt taught four students, three of whom (Lily Zareef, George Demian and Sherif Atef) were from the first graduating class of AST and now teach part-time on its faculty. The fourth, Atef Ibrahim, was already familiar with some of Moore's teaching, through being engaged to translate some of our external studies units into Arabic. The lively discussions and stimulating student seminars were also enriched by several others who sat in from time to time, including Roger Revell, an American theological student at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, who audited the course, and Principal Emad Mikhail and his wife and fellow-lecturer at AST, Michelle. Three other Moore faculty members will travel to Alexandria to offer further MA Units across 2010. It is an enormous privilege for Moore to be in partnership with AST in this way, especially with these first students who will have an important role in educating others in the future.

## AST Graduates, June 2009



Sherif Atef is 29 years old. He studied electrical engineering at university and worked as a network engineer. He was appointed AST Branch Administrator in Alexandria in 2005 and Administrator of AST in June 2009. He is now a student on the Moore Theological College Masters program offered at AST and will teach on the BTh Program at AST.



Lily Zareef is 31 years old. She has been working in Community and Development for six years, and most recently for a Humanitarian Relief and Rehabilitation NGO. She will now be a student in the Moore College Masters program offered at AST. She will assist with the BTh program by teaching the units on Poverty and on Greek, and by helping with translation.



George Demian is 31 years old. He worked for several years with Campus Crusade. In 2006 he began editing the Arabic translation of one of the AST courses. In 2007 he began working full-time for AST helping to write a commentary on Romans and a book on Covenant Theology. In 2008 he began helping to grade student assignments and research papers on subjects

taught by the Principal. He is now a student in the AST Masters program offered in cooperation with Moore. He will also assist in teaching some BTh courses and with translation.



Rev. Luka Bulus is 41 years old. He was a pastor in Kadugli diocese, Episcopal Church in Sudan, before coming to study at AST. During this time he was the pastor of the Sudanese congregation in the Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Egypt. He has now returned to Sudan to assist the Bishop of the Diocese of Kadugli.



# Jo Wong

## 1st year student - an interview

### What were you doing before you came to College?

I spent the last five and half years of my life in China, sharing the gospel with university students, building into the lives of Christian students and training local Christians for ministry. A typical day looked something like this: language class in the morning, then lunch with the masses in the campus canteen where great conversations would happen across the table with either a new friend or a disciple. I would often go for a prayer walk after lunch, either with a teammate or a Christian student, followed by walk-up evangelism around the campus. Some afternoons were spent planning and training with my team or a woman from my team. Evening Bible Study groups were always a highlight of each day.

### Why did you leave such a great ministry position to come to Moore?

The short answer is that God told me to. But the decision meandered through various possibilities. I could have stayed in China, serving alongside the Chinese students and staff that are still very dear to me. It was tempting sometimes to think that I was indispensable in the ministry. But that is simply not true. It was a huge privilege for me to see God raise up in the space of five and a half years a team of local full-time staff to lead the ministry at the campus. So in a sense, it was a good time to go. But other options came up: frontier ministry in a Muslim town, training ministry in house churches, training new local full-time staff—all of which are things that I would love to be a part of. I guess sometimes pride would distort my vision and make ministry opportunities take on the shape of mountains to be conquered.



Yet in the process of talking with God, it became clear that He was asking me to remain at the 'base camp' for several years to be equipped for the road ahead. The decision was not easy

since I think part of my identity is still tied up with what I do for God rather than what He reckons me to be. Well, there's always more room for growing up!

### Are you planning on going back to China after you finish Moore?

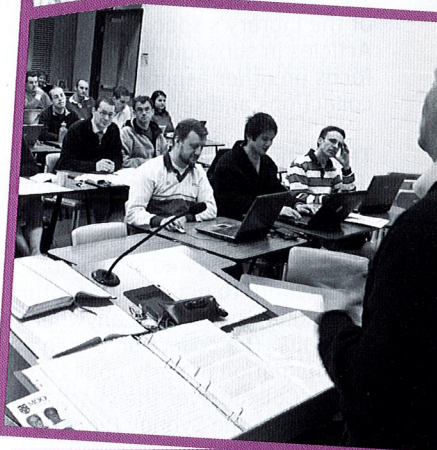
There are no plans yet (and I'm open to suggestions). One option is to go back to China, perhaps to the Muslim regions, or even further west, to Central Asia. It will take time for these desires to be tested and tried. But who knows what He has in store? I can't wait to find out!

### What particular skills do you think the degree at Moore will bring to someone thinking of starting up mission work in an overseas country?

I recall many instances from my time in China when I wished I could think more theologically through life and ministry decisions. I guess Moore is a bit like a theological gym where we learn good routines to train and build up our theological muscles to serve the people of God. It is a huge responsibility to handle the Word of our great God! I don't want to take this task on lightly, whether it's overseas or here at home. So I'm here to get better at it. From another perspective, Moore trains us to be hungrier. The more our minds and hearts are opened up to God and His glory through the study of His Word, the hungrier we get. In a way, this hunger is a key 'skill' that we will develop for overseas mission work and ministry at home.

### What can we be praying for as you study at Moore?

Just one thing: 'Let me seek Thee (God) in longing; let me long for Thee in seeking; let me find Thee in love; and love Thee in finding' (St Anselm).





# Library News

Julie Olston - Library Manager

Moore College Library began with the opening of the College in 1856 and today consists of some two hundred and thirty thousand print volumes in the library collection, a growing number of eresources, and the Samuel Marsden Archives which contain college and collected archives. The Library's goal is to "to maintain and develop a world class theological resource for learning, scholarship and research to serve students, faculty and the wider community."

This brief article concentrates on certain of the Library's special collections. Articles in subsequent Moore Matters will focus on other aspects of the Library's collections and services.

The Bishop Broughton Memorial Library (Rare Books) houses four thousand works published from the sixteenth century to 1840 and as such is one of the most interesting and substantial groups of sixteenth to nineteenth century books on religion to be found anywhere in Australia. The collection began as an amalgamation of early books given to Moore College over the years, including books from the Sydney Diocesan Library. 'The Associates of Dr Bray', was a group formed in 1723 by Thomas Bray, one of the founders in 1698 of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. A collection of books donated by the Associates and known as the Bray Collection arrived in Australia in 1810 with Samuel Marsden. These formed part of a library open to clergy and possibly others. About seventy of these volumes became part of the Sydney Diocesan

Library established by Bishop Broughton and eventually became part of the Moore College Library.

The collection includes two incunabula, that is, works published before 1501. One is Saint Augustine, *De Civitate Dei*, printed on the Gutenberg Press at Mainz in 1473 by Peter Schoeffer. The other is Saint Jerome, *Liber Epistolarum Sancti Hieronymi*, printed in Basel in 1497 by Nicolaus Kesler. The collection strengths are in Protestant Reformation, with a significant collection of various editions of The Book of Common Prayer. Specific funding from the Richard Johnson Fund enables purchase of texts relevant to the English Reformation published before 1701.

The Margaretta Mary Woodriff Memorial Library consists of some twenty two thousand titles, of which some are rare or pre-1900 Australian imprints. This extensive collection of Sydney Diocesan, historical, geographic and early religious material provides critical research and background material for the study of Australian church history and contemporary Australian church issues. This applies also to our collection of some twenty thousand pamphlets.

To find out more about the Moore College Library, please visit our website at [www.library.moore.edu.au](http://www.library.moore.edu.au). To be on the mailing list to hear more about Library activities, please email [library@moore.edu.au](mailto:library@moore.edu.au)

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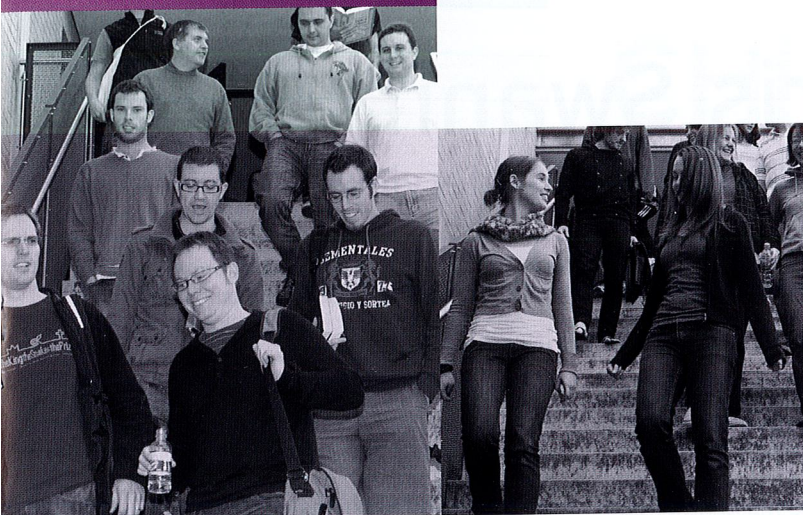
Colin Bale - Lecturer



We welcomed three overseas speakers to the recent School of Theology, which celebrated the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth.

Dr Ashley Null from Humboldt University in Berlin is well known to the College community from previous visits and for his 2009 Annual Moore College lectures. It was the first visit to Australia for Professor Paul Helm from Regent College, Vancouver, and Dr Oliver Crisp from Bristol University in England. Paul Helm is a widely published author and noted philosopher-theologian. His recent books include 'John Calvin's Ideas' (Oxford University Press) and Calvin at the Centre (Oxford University Press). Oliver Crisp has authored a number of books including *God Incarnate: 'Explorations in Christology'* (T&T Clark) and 'Jonathan Edwards and the Metaphysics of Sin' (Ashgate). Apart from delivering two stimulating presentations, they graciously agreed to be part of a discussion panel that fielded questions from the audience. Oliver also made another significant contribution to the conference, arising from his talent as a painter: he allowed Moore College to copy his portrait of John Calvin, which was used as the logo for the School. Joining the three overseas speakers were interstate contributors Dr Peter Adam and Rev Martin Foord. Other speakers at the School included the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Peter Jensen, Rev John McClean from the Presbyterian Training College, Burwood, and six members of the Moore College faculty. Over 170 people attended





## ALUMNI BADEN STACE

When you ask a Moore College graduate the value and importance of their time spent at College, the answer is always the same: it was enormous, crucial, life changing! After all, Moore College is a place where lasting friendships are formed, where theology is crystallised, and where the fires are lit and the tools fashioned for a lifetime in service of the gospel. And yet, as students graduate, as ministry life busies, and as the experience of College recedes, the once crucial links with the College can weaken. Tools of ministry (theology) can lose their edge. Eventually, graduates can grow to feel isolated in their ministries, left wondering where those once fervent and helpful support networks have gone. This is a drift that many graduates have voiced.

The Moore Partners Alumni is a body of people—graduates and supporters of the College—that seeks to reverse this drift. The aim of the Alumni is simple: to keep the bonds of fellowship and support alive between Moore College, its graduates and its supporters. This happens through a two-way partnership.

On one side, the Moore Partners Alumni encourage people to continue supporting the College. All of us who have studied at Moore, and those of us who benefit from its ministries, owe the College a huge debt. The evangelical legacy of the College is staggering. And its ongoing role in the training of the next generation of leaders and thinkers is vitally important. In light of this, the Moore Partners Alumni works to build an ongoing relationship of prayer support, financial support, and public support for the College in the congregations in which we serve, and within the Christian institutions in which we move. Essentially, we want people to continue to love the College because they recognise that its strength determines so much about the strength of evangelical ministry in our city, our nation, and even our world.

The other side of that partnership is about the continuing role of support and equipping that Moore College would like to play in the life of its graduates. After all, a graduate's learning has only just begun once they leave College. A foundation has been laid on which they must build for a lifetime. To this end, the Moore Partners Alumni work to keep alive the relationship between the College and its graduates and supporters. A big part of this is to promote the theological wealth available to them at Moore, via the Masters program, the Moore College lectures and the School of Theology. Just as important, however, is the Alumni's facilitation of forums for graduates to stay in contact with each other. So far this has been happening through our annual Alumni days. Great as they are, they are intermittent, so over the coming months we will be working to harness social networking technologies as a tool for helping graduates keep in touch with the College and each other in a meaningful way.

That in a nutshell is the work of the Moore Partners Alumni, a two-way partnership of support and fellowship. Please pray that the partnership would be effective and fruitful. But why not answer your own prayers by getting involved in this vital partnership, for the glory of Christ, and the growth of his kingdom throughout the world.

For more information on how to partner with Moore College in prayer or financial support, and for information about Alumni Days and networking with the College and its graduates, contact Sue Bennett or Vicki King in the Development Office, on 9577 9797. For information about External or Postgraduate Studies, contact Michelle Lee on 9577 9999. If you are a graduate of the College, stay tuned for new ways of networking with peers and colleagues, through the Moore College website.

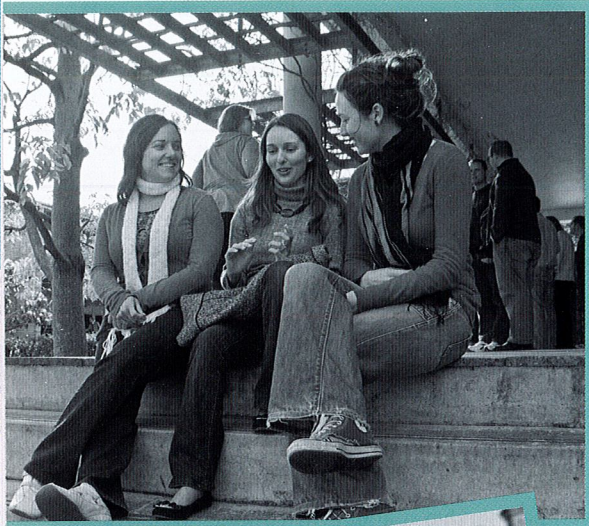


# Chris Swann

4th year student - an interview



Chris and Natalie Swann



**Moore College has as its main concern to help its students come to a deeper knowledge of God. How has your knowledge of God changed over the last three years?**

Deeper is definitely the word. On the one hand, I've come to relish the rich contribution made by past Christian great ones who hammered out things like the Creeds, the Book of Common Prayer and the other Protestant confessions of faith. For me, saying the Nicene Creed in church is a much more meaningful experience now than it was five or six years ago. On the other hand, I've really begun to take hold of and experience more vitally the new identity that God has graciously given us in Christ. It's awesome to know that I'm a dearly-loved child of the Father, that I'm pure and blameless in his sight because of the blood of Jesus. And that I'm swept up by the power of the Spirit in God's ultimate plans and purposes for everything! So, with my appetite whetted for the resurrection of the dead and the present blessing of being perfected in Christlike character by the Holy Spirit, I'm more and more excited at what good news it is we have to share with a world desperately in need of this hope and power.

**How has College served you in equipping you for Christian ministry?**

My sense at the moment is that College has equipped me in three main ways. First, it's trained my instincts. When I come to read the Bible or respond to a question or attempt to make sense of my own experience as a Christian, I may not be able to remember every detail (or every item of Greek and Hebrew vocabulary!), but I've got much better trained 'muscles' for the task. College

has really opened up for me the deep connections between aspects of what God has mercifully disclosed of himself and his plans.

Second, the opportunity College has afforded me to rigorously work things through as I've prepared essays and assignments has instilled a solid confidence in me about what God has made known of himself in the Lord Jesus, 'clothed in his promises' in Scripture (as Calvin puts it). Taken together with the third way College has equipped me—namely, by instilling in me a greater sensitivity to the genuine concerns behind alternative views and challenges to my own—I believe I'm much better prepared to navigate the challenges of day-to-day life and service among God's people caught up in his mission in the world. In particular, I'm optimistic about how such a combination of confidence and sensitivity might prove valuable in encouraging inquirers as well as new (and old) believers to wrestle through their doubts and objections without feeling the need to pretend or hide them away.

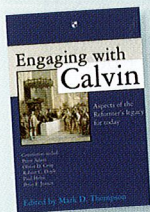
**What are you thinking of doing in 2010 when you graduate from Moore?**

2010 (and beyond) is all a bit up in the air at the moment. My wife Natalie is applying for scholarships to do postgraduate study in her discipline (Human Geography), which may well take us overseas. Since it's my turn to pay the bills, I'll be looking for whatever work's going. Some kind of pastoral/church work would be my preference. I'd love to work in an established team, where there's scope to play to my strengths as well as try new things.



## Conference

the School of Theology and the feedback from attendees was extremely positive. It was a special delight to see participants from New Zealand, Tasmania, Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria, as well as from New South Wales.



A book of the conference lectures was launched during the conference, and is available through Moore Books. Titled *Engaging with Calvin: Aspects of the Reformer's Legacy for Today* (Apollos, 2009), it is edited by Mark Thompson.

## FOR THE DIARY

2010 Moore College School of Theology  
1 Corinthians – The Glory of God in Every Place, 15 and 16 September

1 Corinthians has much to say to the modern world. No book in the New Testament, even Paul's letter to the Romans, does more to explain the grace of God, the lordship of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. The contribution of the letter to the practical knowledge of God is immense. Not only is its ethics searching and rigorous, its theology, especially of the cross, announces the end of the world as we know it.

As well as supplying concrete answers to many problems which have comparable manifestations today, on subjects as diverse as leadership, preaching, pluralism, sexuality and worship, 1 Corinthians models how to approach the complexity of Christian living with the resources of the Old Testament and the example and teaching of Jesus. Above all, it shows the importance of asking, how does the gospel of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which envelope the letter in chapters one and fifteen, teach us to live?

Join us for a fresh look at this challenging epistle which has so much to say to Christian life and ministry.

# CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING

By Geoffrey Ward – Graduate 1954

**In the days of crystal sets and valve radios, I grew up as an avid listener to short-wave radio. A strong signal came across the Pacific via HCJB—Heralding Christ Jesus Blessings—from Quito, Ecuador, in South America. This was my first introduction to missionary radio.**

After studying for the ministry at Moore College from 1951 to 1954, I was ordained by Archbishop H.W.K. Mowll and served both as a curate and a rector before being appointed to the ABC in Melbourne to produce radio and television religious programs in 1958. ABC Radio was about 26 years old and Television two years old. Some of the radio programs I produced were: With Heart and Voice—Hymns; Divine Service; Community Hymn Singing; Prelude; Plain Christianity; Epilogue; Facing the Week; Readings from the Bible; Pause a Moment—Story, Prayer and Hymn; Saturday Talk 10 (an early form of counselling long before talk-back was introduced).

Religious television programs that I produced included Divine Service; Sunday Special (for Children); and Contrast (a light entertainment show at 6.30 p.m. on Sundays with vocalists, instrumentalists, guest artists, panels and audience participation). Dialogue was a current affairs program on Tuesday nights introduced by a compere, with studio

interviews and filmed inserts. It was one of the earliest current affairs programs on ABC television. Profile was a serious one-to-one interview on a Sunday night after 10 p.m.

Other interests arising out of my ministerial work have been the production of a number of manuscripts, including The Book of Common Prayer with an Australian Supplement (1962) and Hymns Ancient and Modern (1967), both in modern English.

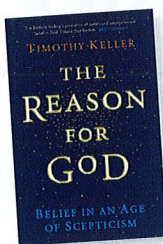
I live in Perth and I am kept busy developing websites. I have prepared five Christian Websites beginning with [www.jesusplanandprogram.info](http://www.jesusplanandprogram.info) with links to the other four. These are Study Guides aimed at introducing 'JESUS, the Man from Heaven for Everyone, Everywhere!'





## BOOK REVIEWS

**David Hohne - Lecturer**  
**THE REASON FOR GOD (TIM KELLER)**



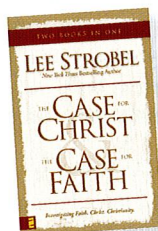
Tim Keller's book, *The Reason for God*, does just what the title says: it gives you a reason to believe the Christian message about the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, particularly in an age marked by skepticism towards religion in general and Christianity in particular.

Keller's many years of pastoral experience in downtown New York shine through as he fields a number of common questions about or, objections to, Christian belief. In fact, this makes up the whole of the first half of the book. Here Keller thoughtfully outlines answers to major concerns that unbelievers and believers alike may have with the gospel and the Bible: 'How could a good God allow suffering?' 'How can a loving God send people to hell?' These and five other major issues are discussed with wisdom, wit and grace.

In the second half of the book the focus changes to show the amazing explanatory power that the gospel has for the human condition. Of course, it should be no surprise

that the truth about God and our relationship with him makes sense of life. Yet Keller manages to outline this for the post-modern skeptic in a way that is always direct and to the point, yet gracious in the process. In this section he deals with things like the problem of sin, the difference between religion and the gospel and the reality of the resurrection. Throughout all these subjects Keller not only talks about grace, he is gracious in the way that he describes it.

All in all this is a great book to give you confidence in talking to unbelievers, to share with them or just to encourage a group of Christians in a Bible study group.

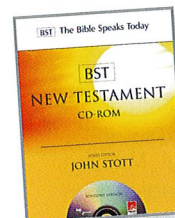


**Michael Jensen - Lecturer**  
**THE CASE FOR CHRIST, AND THE CASE FOR FAITH (Lee Strobel)**

I first read - and used - Lee Strobel's books back when I was a School Chaplain.

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## Moore College and Nigeria

**Bishop Nathan Inyom of the Anglican Diocese of Makurdi, Nigeria is seeking to establish a lay Bible College.** This project will be co-ordinated by Rev Godwin Tersoo Simon. The Makurdi Diocese is seen as a missionary diocese with an estimated population of 774,789. It is in an area with relatively few Christians and where the majority are animists. The Christian presence is very insignificant. The Bishop sees that a very strategic step in bringing the gospel to this area is to equip the lay members so that they can be actively involved in Mission and Evangelism based on sound theology.

The Bishop writes:

*'There are many Christians in Nigeria but many are shallow in their faith because of modern prosperity Gospel which has swept across the country in the recent times and rendered our people helpless'.*

'The vision of our primate and the entire Church of Nigeria is to get our people rooted in the Scriptures and the Biblical truth through Discipleship and personal Renewal and Revival that will bring us back to God. Suffice for me to say that your College, therefore, provides us this golden opportunity to fulfill our dream. Most lay people are not able to attend residential courses away from home - so your External Studies course will suit their training needs.' Nigeria has 100 people willing to begin their training through study of our PTC. The Bishop has assigned one of his clergy who is a graduate of JETS (Jos Evangelical Theological Seminary) to co-ordinate the course and act as tutor. What an opportunity to assist our Christian brothers and sisters in growing the Kingdom of God. The cost involved with just this group? Concession enrolment: \$50 per student per term or \$100 per year. \$300 per student to complete the course or \$30,000 for 100 students to complete the 6 subjects.



# The Philippines

Bill Salier - Vice Principal

One of the wonderful opportunities I have had in the past few years has been to visit the Philippines and speak at a number of conferences organised for pastors on the island of Mindanao.

I am able to do this due to the generosity of a friend who has a longstanding interest in evangelism in the area and saw the need for some more sustained Bible teaching to strengthen the pastoral and teaching ministry of the churches he saw there. The conferences occur in the towns of Butuan City and Cagayan de Oro on the northern tip of the island. There is much enthusiasm for evangelism and ministry amongst the many independent, often family based, churches in these places but often little knowledge of Scripture. This year I had the privilege of unfolding Paul's letter to the Romans in two days to a group of about 300 in Cagayan and about 150 in Butuan. This was quite a ride for both speaker and audience. One of the great privileges my friend and I had was to be invited to pray with and for the pastors and many of the prayer requests were for greater wisdom and knowledge of the word. Amen to that!

In a land where it appears that everyone believes in God, Protestants account for about 5% of the population. The rest is Roman Catholic. The chief issue in evangelism is salvation and how it may be obtained and maintained through grace

not works, and so the letter to the Romans spoke powerfully to pastors who had a grasp of this but whose understanding was deepened in the course of Paul's exposition. The good news is we have been invited back and are now considering how to continue this work with the many resources the Lord has blessed us with.

The Philippines has many problems, economic, political and social as well as spiritual. It is a place ripe for evangelism and a place where many churches stand in desperate need of quality Bible teaching. This said, it is also a challenging place. Time after time we met people conducting ministries with almost no resources and yet praising God for his goodness ('God is good'; 'All the time' is the chorus we constantly heard) in many surprising ways in the midst of abject poverty. It was great to be amongst brothers and sisters who love the Lord, know their utter dependence on him and seek in bold and innovative ways to proclaim the name of Jesus to the glory of God. Quality theological education is at a premium and, for a while at least, I am not taking what we have at Moore for granted. We even saw a Roman Catholic 'church plant' (of sorts) operating on Saturday evening in the midst of the shoppers in the heart of one of the huge shopping complexes in metro Manila. The missional church in action in a most surprising fashion!

Travel often helps you see your own context more clearly and for a brief moment I was able to see much to be thankful for as well as a number of attitudes that require adjusting. Pray for the growth of Filipino born-again believers. Pray also that we may find a way forward to continue to grow this small work using the great resources we have available here in Sydney and at Moore College.

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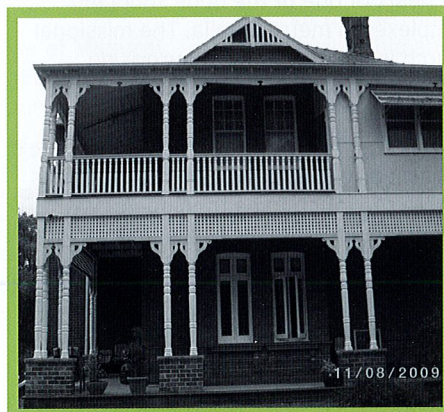
Above: Property team

The Property Department works tirelessly to keep the buildings at Moore College in good working order. At the end of 2009 with God's provision and financial donations from our supporters, the property department anticipates that the following projects will be finished.

**1.** 111 Campbell Street will become a structurally sound and completely renovated three-bedroom home, fit for a large student family or small faculty family to move into in 2010.

**2.** 28 Carillon Ave, which will remain heritage listed for the foreseeable future, has one newly renovated bathroom and a new second bathroom.

**3.** 18 Little Queen has been structurally repaired and completely renovated with easier access for the stairs. It is a small 2-bed terrace with internal bath and WC.



'But-Ha-Gra' student house at Croydon, painted

### EARLY 2010

**1.** 14 Little Queen, a small 2-bed terrace with internal bath and WC, is to be structurally repaired and completely renovated with easier access to stairs.

**2.** The single women's accommodation 28 Carillon Ave is to be structurally repaired with all major cracking completely fixed.

**3.** 124 Croydon Ave, Croydon is part of a block of 2-bedroom units. In this block study areas and a crèche will be developed.

**4.** 109 Campbell St will have first floor modifications and major repairs to the front façade.

**5.** 107 Campbell St is to be renovated.

**6.** 27b Little Queen St is to be renovated.

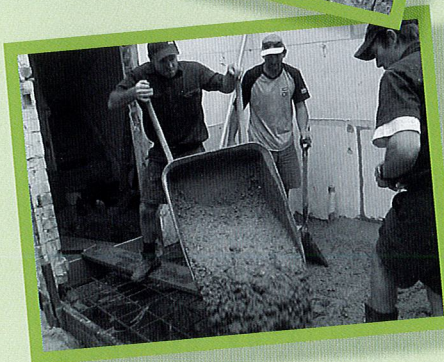
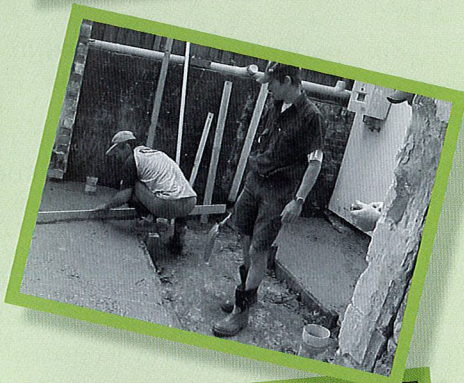
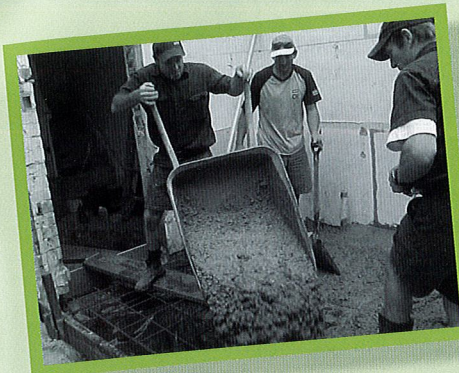
**7.** Properts, the old 'Roller Skating Rink' in King St, will have the shops refurbished for retail and will therefore be able to bring in rent.

**8.** Currently all even numbers in Little Queen St have external bathrooms and toilets. As students move out we aim to convert them to internal as well as making the stairs safer.

This is an ambitious programme for 2010. We are looking to the Lord to provide, hopefully with your help! If you would like to contribute towards any of these ventures please contact Sue Bennett on (02) 9577 9797 or email [sue.bennett@moore.edu.au](mailto:sue.bennett@moore.edu.au)



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## Thomas Moore - Painting

A painting by early colonial painter, William Griffith, of our benefactor, Thomas Moore, has been placed in the custodial care of the Samuel Marsden Archives, Moore College Library. The painting and frame are in need of extensive restoration work.

As a result of a recent campaign for funds, we are very thankful for the seven thousand dollars that has been raised so far. The painting is now with the conservator (David Stein & Co.) undergoing treatment to arrest active deterioration. The task of raising the remaining \$13,000 is before us and we welcome further donations to help us conserve this item of College and national significance.

William Griffith arrived in Sydney on January 7, 1840, and taught at the King's School, Parramatta, until 1842. He went on to establish a successful portrait practice in the studio room of the Australian Arms Inn.

Griffith entered four portraits into the first art exhibition of the Society

for the Promotion of the Fine Arts in Australia in Sydney in July, 1847, one of which was our portrait of the late Thomas Moore, Esq., of Liverpool. The State Library of NSW holds a number of Griffith's black & white crayon drawings. The Art Gallery of South Australia holds his Portrait of a young woman, 1849, in watercolour & pencil, on paper.

The oil painting of Thomas Moore in our care has a place in our national social heritage as an example of early colonial portraiture. The painting has an important place in the corporate memory of the College as it depicts our benefactor, a person whose generosity and faithfulness paved the way for gospel workers to be trained for centuries to come. If you would like to keep in touch with us regarding the provenance, fundraising and restoration of the painting, please contact Sue Bennett: email [sue.bennett@moore.edu.au](mailto:sue.bennett@moore.edu.au) or phone (02) 9577 9797.



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