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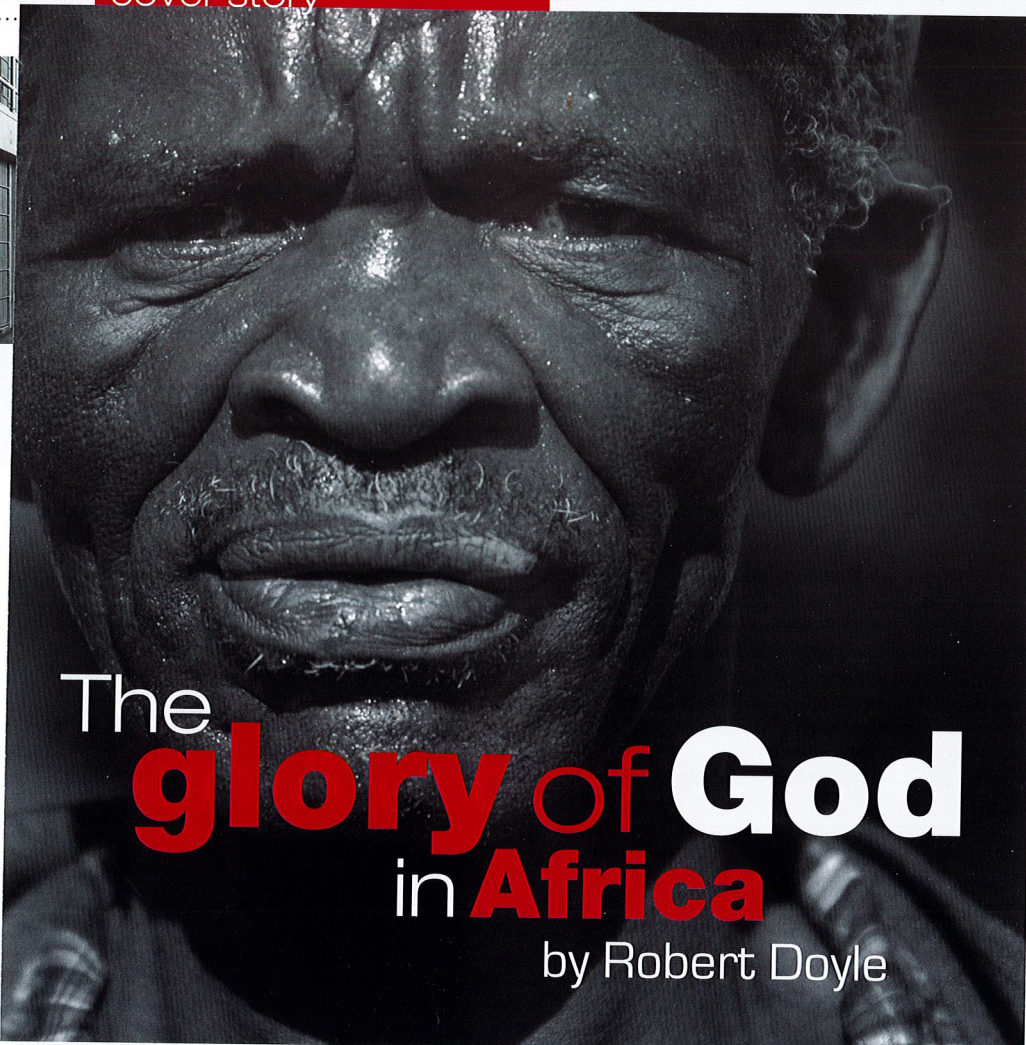
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The **glory** of God in **Africa**

by Robert Doyle

I have just returned from six months study leave taken at George Whitefield College (GWC), Cape Town, South Africa, and taught a postgraduate subject through their first semester.

I was also a member of a multi-racial church plant. At GWC, observations and conclusions that have been growing into personal convictions over the last several years were further developed and strengthened.

I witnessed both the tragedy and glory of South Africa, and as a microcosm, Africa more widely. Cape Town is as violent as Washington DC. While there, a young woman of our congregation was gratuitously shot in the abdomen after being robbed. She survives. As you know from media reports, xenophobic riots and murder spread across the country from the settlements of Johannesburg to Cape Town. Such is the tragedy. Others have spoken more eloquently of this. I refer you to President Thabo Mbeki's address on Africa Day concerning the violence [<http://www.anc.org.za/ancdocs/history/mbeki/2008/tm0525.html>]. The

solidarity of response at all levels of the South African leadership, and the commitment to resolve this conflict, is indicative of the dedication I had already witnessed as leaders addressed the many other problems besetting that nation.

If in the national leadership I saw the glory of God but refracted (Romans 13:1-7), I was privileged to see it directly among Christians. About half of our congregation consisted of Africans from elsewhere on the continent, including Zimbabweans, a group who were a

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particular target for the mobs. With tears in their eyes, our Pastor and his wife, Brian and Mina Koela, apologized. One man stood up and quietly invited anyone, or anyone they knew, who was affected by the riots to approach him for accommodation and other assistance. He was the husband of the gunshot victim. Without fuss and publicity, church halls and unused sections of other Christian institutions filled with refugees; food, clothing and other basic facilities serving human decency were all provided. Over the semester I regularly saw students moving among those of our suburb who were socially isolated by poverty or addiction or both, giving practical assistance and praying with them. Only one student voiced an ambition to migrate out of trouble to Australia or America. Most spoke and acted according to what seemed to them to be a clear and obvious moral imperative, to stay and serve. This shining of the glory of God is the glory of Africa.

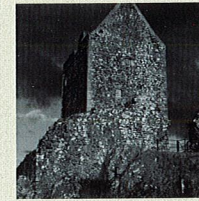
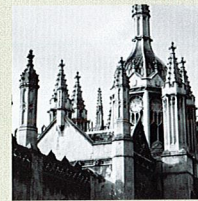
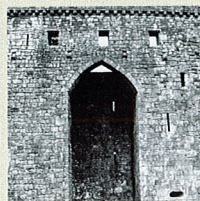
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and evangelical theology. **Why theological educators?** Two reasons, which in the interests of brevity, I will exemplify just from Africa. First, the level of attendance in Christian churches right up through to below the Sahara will never be better - in many places 85%. That statistic can only head in one direction. The need of the hour is better trained pastors. Most have only a certificate or diploma. Through in-field training, theological educators are needed to lift the level of biblical and theological literacy and skills of the present generation of ministers. The next generation needs training too. If you have, or aspire to a good BTh (Hons 2 preferred), an MA (Theol), or the MTh and PhD by research, you can contribute to securing the Christian and evangelical future of Africa for the glory of God. Moore College has considerable experience in preparing people for missionary service. That now includes PhD programs in conjunction with Sydney University and the University of Western Sydney.

But why do I target you, dear reader? I come to my second reason: the law of the nearest neighbour (for which see the parable of the Good Samaritan). Your beloved College (and therefore you) exists in a loose network of about 12 Anglican evangelical institutions: Ridley College, Melbourne; Wycliffe College, Toronto; Trinity College, Pittsburgh; Centro de Estudios Pastorales (CEP), Chile; Wycliffe, Oxford; Oak Hill, London; George Whitefield College, Cape Town; Alexandria School of Theology, Egypt; Anglican University of Tanzania; Anglican University of Uganda; Carlisle College, Kabare College, St Paul's Limuru, all in Kenya; and institutions in Nigeria.

When you take into account our networking with institutions other than Anglican, the list is of course longer. In a hostile world, and too often in the context of deeply unfaithful Christian denominations, we need to support each other. Several of these colleges have our graduates on faculty; many others have a history of contact, support and service. The abundant gifts and resources that God has blessed us with at Moore and amongst our constituency, and the law of the nearest neighbour, make it imperative that as far as God continues to give us opportunity, we need to produce more theological educators, and work outside our comfort zones.

Please pray and think much on this matter. **mm**



A kingdom that cannot be shaken

As we move towards the end of the first decade of the 21st century, we may well imagine that whatever has survived the terrors of last century will last forever.

After all that happened through the 20th century, democracy, for example, has survived. Indeed there are parts of the world that we would never have expected to turn to democratic principles, where some forms of democratic process are emerging. Can you imagine the world ever again without expressions of democracy? Democracy has taken on the illusion of permanence.

Again, in the latter years of the 20th century socialism of various kinds crumbled, and free markets triumphed. Can you imagine the world ever again without any free market economies? The free market has taken on an illusion of permanence (despite the instabilities of recent months).

However, if we are not able to imagine the world ever again without democracy, or without free markets, that only shows our lack of imagination as well as our lack of understanding of the real instability of democracy and the fragility of free markets.

Strange to say, if I were to ask you to imagine a world without Christianity, without the knowledge of Jesus Christ, without the gospel of Jesus being made known, I suspect that many of us would find that it is quite easy to imagine such a world. Indeed in 2008, at least in the West, Christianity does not look all that solid, does it? Churches

are abandoning the Word of God. People are abandoning churches. In Australia the Anglican Church is in 5% decline per annum and that on a pretty small base! It is easy to imagine a world without the historic Churches. But that is not exactly what I am asking. My question is: Can you imagine a world without Christianity, without Jesus

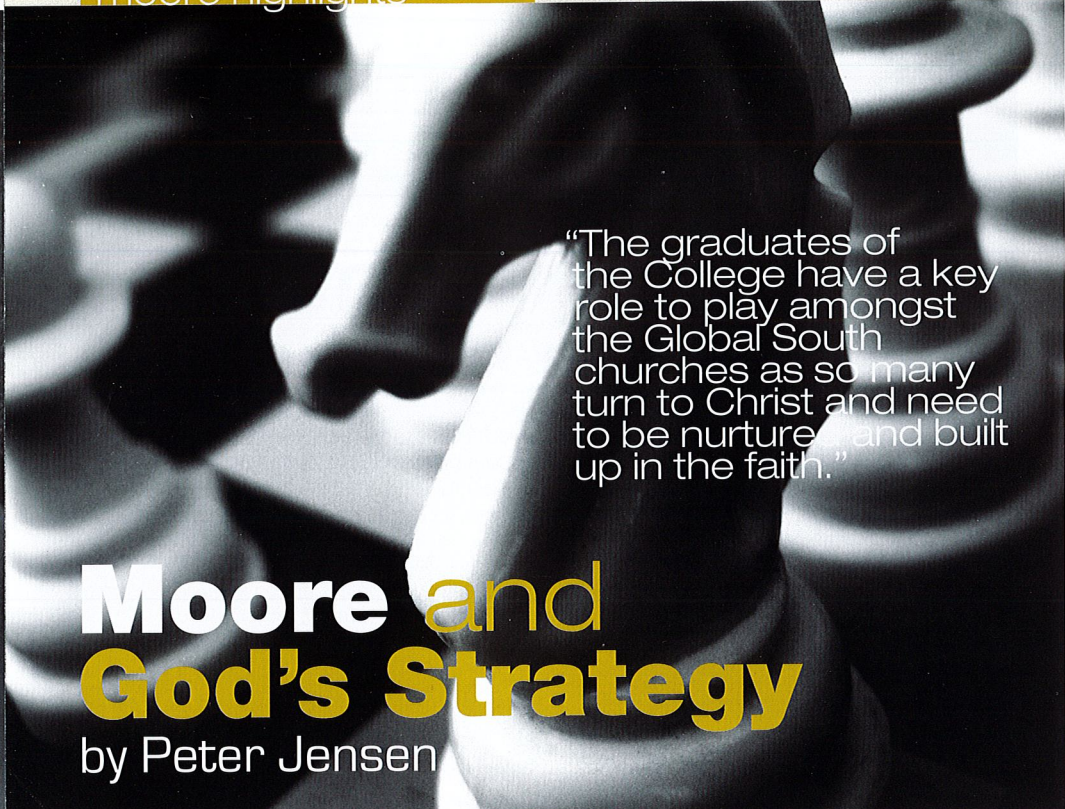
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Christ? The interesting thing is, I think, that a lot of us find it much easier to imagine a world in the future without Christianity, than a future world without democracy, or without free markets.

According to the Bible we are simply wrong: We who have come to Jesus Christ are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Graduates from Moore College go into all the world to serve the King and his kingdom. There are many uncertainties, insecurities and even dangers. They go, however, with thankful confidence in this promise of God: we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

John Woodhouse
Principal



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Moore and God's Strategy

by Peter Jensen

The grand strategy of God is to win people to allegiance to his Son the Lord Jesus through the preaching of his word and the power of his Spirit.

Our College is a classic case of the sort of fellowship which the Lord has raised up in order to further this great work. By supporting it you are helping advance the cause of Christ in this world.

At this moment in history we are well poised to spread the knowledge of Christ through the new means of communication which have developed. But even so, the fundamental means remains people who share the news about Jesus with their friends. Attracting and equipping those who are gifted for this task is the job we have set ourselves. We need the help of those who have been trained in the word of God and can address the world in which we live with the gospel.

The graduates of the College have a key role to play amongst the Global South churches as so many turn to Christ and need to be nurtured and built up in the faith. I judge that we underestimate the impact we are already having and the impact that we can have. Naturally I support other Christian causes, but if I was forced to choose only one cause to support, it would unhesitatingly be the College because of its alignment to the Lord's big strategy.

Preparing people for ministry involves fellowship. That is why Moore remains residential and why we try to create the opportunity for community. The buildings we do this in need a very significant up-grade. Here is an opportunity for us all to help build for the long-term future. Will you join us in the task of building so that we can continue the great work the College is doing and make sure that it continues into the next generations? **mm**

The integration of the training of women into Moore Theological College in 2008 is a significant development in the theological education of women in the Diocese of Sydney.

In a fresh and exciting way the Biblical understanding of the complementary partnership between men and women is being explored. Men and women together are being equipped to serve God and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To facilitate this, several changes have been implemented at a structural level. All meals are now served in the College Dining Room and include men and women. Chaplaincy groups include both men and women and are pastored by a male faculty member with

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a female visiting chaplain. This year there have been five visiting chaplains and next year the aim is to have a full complement for each of the sixteen or so chaplaincy groups. Men and women meet together for chapel twice a week and separately in split chapel once a week. Women's chapel continues to provide an opportunity for women to gain experience in teaching the Bible and may now be supervised by men and women faculty. Residential accommodation for women is still provided at 28 Carillon Avenue with a greater degree of individual responsibility expected.

A new initiative this year is the inclusion of women as members of faculty appointed by and accountable to the Principal of Moore College. Women members of faculty may be married or single and are entitled to the full range of benefits for faculty. There has been one appointment this year, with the prospect of further appointments in the future.

The specialized vocational training and pastoral care of women training for ministry is the responsibility of the Dean of Women.

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equipped together

by Wendy Colquhoun

This new position has been created with the support of the Anglican Deaconess Institution of Sydney. Tara Thornley will take up her appointment to this position in 2009. This year it has been my great honor and privilege to act in this position and to be appointed to the faculty.

Moore Women Chaplains

Louisa Pfitzner:

It has been great to be part of the college this year, as we seek to pastorally care for the students. Although, of course in one way, this may be the most theologically rigorous part of the course since we seek to help the students apply what they've learnt to their own lives and ministry. It has also been exciting to see how we can do this all in together rather than being segregated along gender lines.

Terry Blowes:

It is a great privilege to be permitted to be a part of the lives of such a dedicated, God-centred group of people as the Moore College students. We hope to do what we can to help them make the most of their time in college, especially as they wrestle to integrate academic learning with day to day living. The challenge of discovering and living out biblical manhood and womanhood in the context of Christian ministry is a great one, and it is exciting to grow together with the students, the faculty and the other visiting chaplains as we share week by week, and pray day by day for each other.

Lesley Ramsay:

It has been a wonderful experience being a visiting chaplain this year. We've considered theology and ministry with all students; prayed over life's joys and difficulties; been able to model complementarian ministry. We know that we are

part of something new and exciting.

Marg Hudson:

Being at College this year has shown me that God is raising up a wonderful new generation of Christian leaders and pastors. It has been a privilege getting to know many students and sharing some time, prayer, and experience with them as they prepare for ministry.

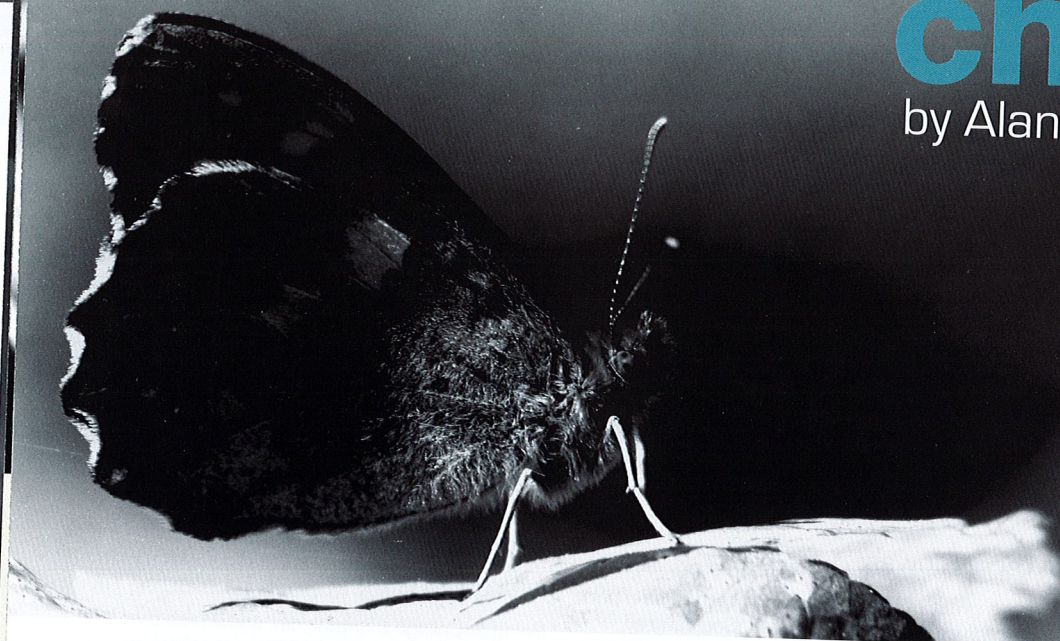
Allison Street:

It's been a great joy to re-connect with people I served alongside when they were teenagers in Youth groups, and young adults in churches, who have matured into godly men and women seeking to be better equipped to take Jesus to the next generation.

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The **only** constant **is** **change**

by Alan Hohne



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We serve a Saviour who 'is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow' (Hebrews 13:8) amidst a world of which some say that the only constant is change. While the changes in the College over the past 13 years have been many, among the constants has been the goodness of the Lord to the College.

God in his kindness has brought a great increase in the number undertaking full-time preparation for long-term ministry. He has continued to provide the College with the godly pastors,

teachers and scholars needed for faculty. And he has provided the funds to grow the library and other vital resources needed to equip students for ever-widening spheres of service.

It was my privilege to be appointed the first full-time registrar of the College in 1995. It was the year in which the first group of graduates completed the College's own Bachelor of Divinity (BD). It was the year after the opening of the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre, housing the College's first purpose-built learning spaces. 182 full-time students were enrolled. Now, 13 years later, 325 students are enrolled full-time. Another 206, mostly graduates enrolled in the MA(Theology), are enrolled for part-time study. Then, none of the faculty were using email

and no one had access to the internet. Now, thanks to a campus-wide network, faculty and students have access, equal to anywhere in the world, to any research resource connected to the internet. Then, only the BD was accredited in the College's name. Now it, our own BTh, Diploma of Bible and Missions, Diploma of Bible & Ministry, Diploma of Youth Ministry, MA(Theology) and MTh are all accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training. As well, PhDs are offered in collaboration with two different universities. Then students had to save for years to cover tuition fees. Now nearly 90% of students use FEE-HELP for tuition fees.

Amidst these many changes graduates of the College continue to go into all the world. Over the

13 years graduates have gone to all states of Australia, including two serving Aboriginal people in Arnhem Land. Others have gone to Cambodia, Namibia, Chile, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Indonesia, China, Tartastan, Kenya, DR Congo, Spain, Slovenia, Tanzania, Malta, Argentina, Italy, France, Jordan, Hong Kong, Mexico and many more. Along with this visitors from an ever-widening variety of countries have spent time at the College – DR Congo, Uganda, India, Nigeria, New Zealand, Chile, Turkey, France, Kenya, USA, England, Tanzania, Egypt and others. In that

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time nearly half the faculty have at least tasted ministry in a non-Western country. Overseas students have included those from Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand, Tonga, Uganda, the Sudan, USA, England, Scotland, Ireland, Iran and Chile to name just some. With this wonderful diversity of contacts and, since 1997, a full-time head of missions within the College, has come an ever deepening awareness of both the vastness of the opportunities and needs for Bible teaching around the world and the richness with which God has blessed us. It is therefore no wonder that in recent years just on 30% of graduates have gone to ministries outside the Diocese of Sydney.

Thinking within the College community now requires a ‘global’ orientation driven by the cultural diversity of the ministry contexts of both the graduates who ‘go into all the world’ and those who stay and minister in Sydney. The demands of preparing students for such challenges are perhaps as never before. We need, therefore, to pray as never before. Pray for the Lord to raise up increasing numbers of labourers for his harvest. And, pray for the Principal, Faculty, staff and Governing Board as together they address the major challenges of helping such a diverse range of laborers to know and serve our unchanging Lord and to make him known in an increasingly diverse and changing world. **mm**

Trading in your old television

by Andrew Shead

“A good English translation is like a good TV set: it transmits the picture truly and well. But Hebrew is High Definition.”

What can be more frustrating than to have a preacher throw Greek and Hebrew at you from the pulpit, as if you and your English Bible were second-class citizens, cut off from true knowledge of God!

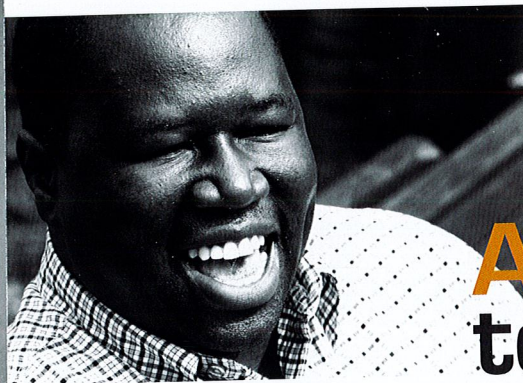
And it's worse than frustrating—for the gospel of Jesus Christ is not a Greek or a Hebrew gospel, but a message of salvation for every tribe and tongue. Today it brings true knowledge of God in English just as surely as it once did in ancient languages.

Yet there is something special, even unique, about the biblical story in its original languages, and I am utterly convinced of the importance of learning these languages for anyone who aspires to a lifetime of teaching and preaching the Scriptures. It is not just a matter of being able to sift through the controversies that surround difficult texts; it is the possibility

of seeing every text afresh. A good English translation is like a good TV set: it transmits the picture truly and well. But Hebrew is High Definition. To hear the cadences of poetry, to be caught up in the techniques of the story teller, to sense echoes from distant contexts, to taste times and places, is to be taken on a rich journey.

To preach after having travelled this journey may or may not alter the contents of a sermon: what's more important is the sense of discovery and excitement, the desire to take others on that journey that can keep a teacher fresh for life.

I'll tell you what's more frustrating than Hebrew from the pulpit—a preacher who feels he has nothing new to say from the Old Testament, who is just going through the motions. My job (and passion) at College is to give students eyes to see and hearts to marvel at the splendour and richness of the word of God. **mm**



"In his role as Dean of Theology he spends at least six weeks each year visiting students during their time of placement in churches all over Uganda."

Alfred Olwa returns to the College

The return of Alfred Olwa to the College in August brought to 10 those who have enrolled since 2002 in our PhD program conducted in collaboration with both Sydney University and the University of Western Sydney.

Alfred's research will be supervised by Peter Bolt. It will concentrate on Bible exposition with a study of the preaching of Festo Kivengere (1919 to 1988) – whom the entry in the Dictionary of African Christian Biography calls 'the Billy Graham of Africa'. Alfred's study is supported by CMS, Langham Partnership and by funds set aside by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney for overseas ministry.

Alfred is Dean of Theology at Uganda Christian University (UCU) and is seeking to better equip himself to train pastor-teachers for the [Anglican] Church of Uganda. Christians in Uganda make up 90% of the population of a little over 32 million. Of these the 31 Anglican dioceses account for nearly 10 million. Most of these have Bible schools in need of teachers.

Alfred, with his wife Susan, previously spent three months study leave with us in 2006. In 2002 he gained a Master of Theology through the London School of Theology. He holds a BD from Bishop Tucker Theological College which grew into UCU. In his role as Dean of Theology

he spends at least six weeks each year visiting students during their time of placement in churches all over Uganda. He seeks to mentor them, and the pastors under whom they serve, in parish ministry. Alfred's burden is to see the Bible more faithfully and effectively taught in churches. Susan has elected to continue living at UCU to enable their three teenage children to remain in Ugandan schools and so that she can continue her work among the women in the villages of Northern Uganda. Alfred plans to return home for two months each Christmas. Please pray for Alfred and his family as he spends this time preparing for future gospel service.

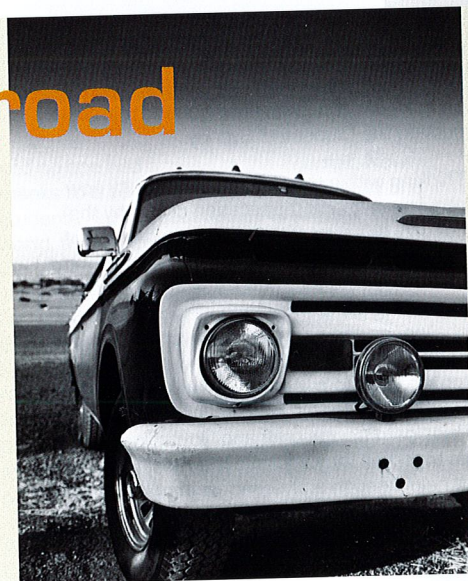
Moore College on the road

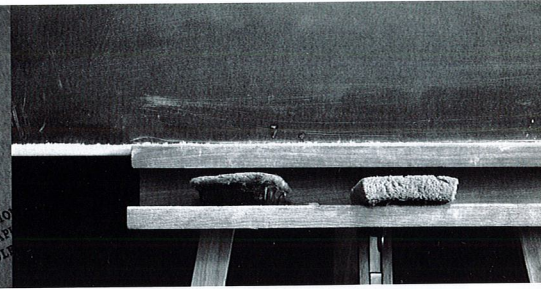
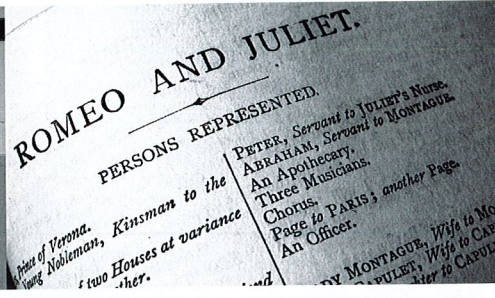
It's official! Moore College is to remain at Newtown. This is good news for some, but less so for those who feel distance makes it difficult to remain connected to the College. Our solution? Take Moore College out to the community.

To launch this new initiative, St Peter's Campbelltown hosted a group of 50 people for a delicious lunch prepared by Maree Stavert and her team. Speakers included Bill Salier, Assistant Principal, and Amir Mesrinejad a 1st Year student with an amazing testimony of his conversion to Christianity while detained as a refugee in Villawood. The invitation was extended

to people in the Wollongong Region, and all who attended enjoyed spending time together and were encouraged to hear the amazing things God is doing to extend his kingdom.

Given the success of this day, we will be heading off to other regions in the coming months. Until then, we're always delighted to host groups of visitors here at Newtown. Please call Sue Bennett on 02 9577 9797 if you would like to bring a group from your church to see the College and meet some of the students and perhaps join us for lunch. Or if you would like us to organize a reunion for your year we would be most happy to do that for you.





Do you believe in hell?

David Tyndall, Hospital Chaplain

'Do you believe in hell?' The very proper, very, very organised, dying gentleman asked me as I walked into his hospital room.

'Yes' I replied. 'Why?' he persisted. 'Because Jesus did, and that's good enough for me', I answered.

The elderly man then said, 'Well I don't want to go there then, you had better tell me how to get to heaven'. (Not that I hadn't told him a number of times over the two months he had been a patient at Greenwich Hospital).

And so I told him how to get to heaven, prayed a prayer of commitment with him and eventually took his funeral.

Why am I a chaplain? There have been two BIG 'S's' in my life. When I was twenty my mother became a paraplegic in a car accident and my father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. So pastoring and evangelising those who are touched by suffering is very important to me.

The second 'S' is sport. Having played and refereed First grade rugby I was aware that few sports people ever hear about the claims that Christ has on their life. So in 1984 I became a foundation member of SLM (now Sports Chaplaincy Australia). There are now approximately 120 chaplains ministering through sport and to sports people around Australia. I have had the privilege of being involved in some way in their placement with clubs or their training as chaplains. Sports chaplains bring the Gospel and its implications to people who would not normally come in contact with Christians.

Faithful to Shakespeare's olde worlde...

Antony Barraclough, Minister

When in 1996 Baz Lurhmann released his film version of 'Romeo and Juliet' I was in second year of college. This film made two lasting impressions. The first was that it unlocked the secrets of Shakespeare. I had studied the book for the HSC yet even with crib notes it was a mystery to me. I failed English and resorted to Engineering (no engineer jokes please). However when I saw the film, faithful to Shakespeare's olde worlde English but with swords and guns, I was suddenly interested and the story made sense for the first time. The second impression was the realisation that what Baz Lurhmann had done for Shakespeare we needed to do in the church (minus the swords and guns), which is to keep church the same and simultaneously make it completely different. Or, to put it another way, the challenge is to be faithful to the gospel handed down to us whilst presenting it to the world in a way all can understand. What a joy it was then (in the midst of all the hardships and difficulties of ministry) to receive this in our feedback cards at church recently: 'I am a visitor today, here for X's christening. I'm not a churchgoer but found the service most enjoyable. Church certainly is different to what it was like when I used to go 40 years ago. Church now seems to be a lively, fun place to go as well as to learn.'

Of course the job of gospeling this person is only just (re)begun, and the task of being faithful in accessible ways is far from complete. So my prayer is twofold: that this lady's pleasant connection will inspire a return visit to learn Christ, and that we will be ever faithful to the word and deed.

The cut and thrust of the classroom

Greg Webster, School Chaplain

I have spent most of my post-graduate life at Trinity Grammar School, where I am regularly thankful for the foundations laid at Moore College.

There is nothing like the cut and thrust of the classroom to strip you back to what you really believe, so that you can articulate it in a way that tries to 'persuade men' (2 Corinthians 5:11). Then there is the persistent challenge of trying to 'think theologically' about the pastoral and academic issues that come up in a school. Once again, I'm thankful to Moore for setting me out on this path.

The Trinity community is around 2000 students and a few hundred staff. When you throw in parents, friends and the vast network of old boys – it is a massive opportunity. It is great fun – and a great challenge – labouring to bring the Bible to bear on the lives of people who are largely unfamiliar with it or uncommitted to it. Yet at the same time, there is a 'thirst' to hear from God.

It's also a roller coaster of highs and lows. One Friday night earlier this year I sang in 'Battle of the Bands'. Exactly a week later I took the funeral of a boy who had died suddenly at school. When we say goodbye to our students, they are still works in progress. It's good to hear of progress made with Christ after school and sometimes to hear of students coming to Christ the long-way-round – after being a long way away for a long time. We even sometimes find them turning up at Moore College – which is heartening.

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"We musn't think that College is a place free from pain, suffering and grief."

Spotlight: Rick Mason

3rd year student

Last year, just among the second year students, there were couples that had miscarriages, two babies who died late in the pregnancy and other couples who were dealing with not being able to get pregnant.

Our college is sometimes seen as something of a baby factory, I've heard a number of times the old joke 'there must be something in the water'. The joke reflects a truth because most students are at college during their baby-having stage of life, yet at the same time - I'd guess in the same percentage as the rest of society - there are students for whom having kids isn't simple. There's a lot of pain, a lot of grief, a lot of questions. Our own experience was that after a complication-free pregnancy, our first child died in the week we were expecting him. Instead of coming home from hospital after four days with our new baby, we came home on the first night leaving our baby in the hospital freezer - on day four we cremated him.

The night we found out Cameron had died Rhonda asked me, 'How does God comfort people?' My quick (practiced? thought-out?) answer was 'Through his promises and through his people.' Now with more than twelve months reflection and experience I think I was right, but that comfort certainly hasn't been as simple a process as I might have previously thought.

We have been incredibly comforted by fellow Christians who, instinctively or deliberately, understand and live Romans 12:15 ('Weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice.'). People being sad with us and listening to us are far more comforting than people who quickly reel off 'comforting' words



of hope, expecting such words to make us feel better. In fact we've decided the whole 'feel better', 'move on', 'think positive' or 'get over it' ideas are rubbish. We have a valid reason to feel great grief and we've learned we can trust God and grieve at the same time.

The community aspect of our college has been good and bad. Being at college has put us in contact with many understanding people, students, faculty and staff, for which we thank God. Yet we've also been hurt and frustrated when people who we'd assumed would be pastorally sensitive, weren't. It was also hard moving to Newtown and meeting people but not have them acknowledge Cameron's death. 'Do they not know?', 'Do they not care?' I was surprised that we could still enjoy seeing other people's kids - I suspect it's because we miss our son Cameron instead of 'children' in general - yet watching families playing on the college lawn regularly brought us to tears.

The Easter before Cameron died we'd been at Katoomba Easter Convention. The topic: Suffering. Before Cameron died we knew that God works all things for the good of those who love him. After Cameron died, we just had to and still do keep trusting his promises. It doesn't stop us wishing that God had arranged things differently; it doesn't take the pain away, but it does somehow bring comfort.

We musn't think that College is a place free from pain, suffering and grief; in fact being at College can intensify some pain. College is made up of people and God doesn't spare his people from such things. But he does promise to work for our good and we need to trust him in our grief.

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Dani Treweek

4th year student

Well, I have just three months left....

Just three months before I hand in my last essay, and before I put the pen down on my last exam. It really has been a great privilege to devote so much of my time over the last four years to thinking hard (and hard is the operative word in this sentence), about who God is, and what he has so graciously done for us through his Son.

Just three months to sit under the teaching of Moore College's fantastic faculty. My classmates and I have been truly blessed to learn from such wise and godly men and women. A highlight for me has also been coming to know many of the faculty on a personal level. It's been great hearing about their own Christian lives from both the lectern and the pulpit, as well as over the lunch table.

Just three months to spend each day with my classmates. I can honestly say that next year I will miss them all terribly - and not just them but the whole student body. Mixed year chaplaincy groups and our college missions together (this year to South Africa for me!) have provided countless opportunities to consider both the joys and challenges of ministry with other like-minded people.

With just three months left, I can't help but think that the last four years of my life has been a bit like riding a roller coaster - one with lots of loops and twists. There have been ups. There have been downs. Time has flown by. Time has crawled by. It's been exhilarating. It's been terrifying. I'm ready for it to end. I want it to keep on going.

Regardless of what God has planned next for me, I'm just so very grateful to him that I've had the opportunity to go along for the ride.



Anita Lovell

4th year student

Four years has almost come to an end! I'm so grateful to God for my time at Moore College. Here are some things I hope I'll never forget:

College lunches... the food... and the conversations!
The godly women I've met with each year to pray.
Every single lecture.

The privilege and adventure that it has been to study with Adrian (my husband), and the way it has benefited our marriage.

The joy of living in Little Queen Street.

Getting out of committee responsibilities in 1st and 2nd year, but making up for it as a senior student in 3rd and 4th year!

Being sore from laughing at the college revues.

Seeing fellow students 'in action' on college mission and seeing how God has generously gifted them to serve his people.

Chatting with my wonderful study group friends.

The importance of doctrine for the growth and protection of God's people.

Being regularly reminded in Chapel of what God is doing in gathering a people for himself, around his Word, worshipping his Son...

Revelation 7:9-10 '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 in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'



Joshua Kuswadi

4th year senior student

Why Jesus? What difference has he made in my life?

I've always been a Christian, so it's not so much about a before and after difference. I'm amazed that Jesus chose to give up heaven for earth and his life for mine. This inspires me to sacrifice my life that others may also know about his sacrifice.

How does serving Jesus affect the way I live in the family day by day?

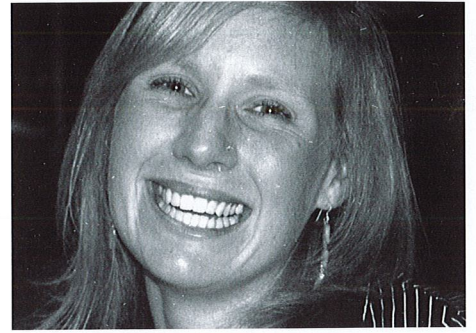
We trust he's got the big picture in mind. So, while we worry about our big decisions, like a ministry for 2009, we're confident he can use us.

As senior student of Moore, what are my hopes and dreams for the College?

I hope College continues to faithfully teach the Bible and the skills required to understand it and communicate it to others. I hope it continues not to compromise these things for the sake of size, academia or accreditation. I dream it will have a greater influence on other Bible colleges around the world.

How did our mission work in Cairo affect us?

We're aware of a worldwide need for evangelical Bible teachers. We're generally open-minded to many secondary issues. We have an ongoing concern for how Christians in Sydney can serve the rest of the world.



Natasha Small

3rd year student

Moore College, what can I say? Hard work but interesting! Challenging but worth it! Overwhelming but good! All consuming but fun!

I love college; seriously I think I should be used as a promoter of Moore College because I have a lot of positive things to say. In the beginning, in first year, I nearly quit. I had to come back from Easter holidays and tell my chaplain if I was staying or going. I decided to stay, and it has been worth it, because God has changed me as a person and I have learnt so much about Him and about myself. I think New Testament is my favourite subject, I mean I find the Greek hard, but most of the time when I come out of New Testament class I am excited about what I have learnt.

As a single girl living at college, I thank God for my sisters whom I live with and have grown with. Communal living is not all rosy, but there are positives. The support, care and friendship in the struggles of life and college amongst my friends I live with make college and community living rosy.



Trent Sutcliffe

3rd year student

The thrills of college are also its tensions. From the beauty of communal living with its chances to deepen friendships comes the trade-off of diminished privacy, especially when privacy is the very thing longed for. Community life at Croydon gives college wives and children a sense of participation in college life, which for our family has been immensely beneficial especially for my wife, fostering those deeper and long lasting relationships.

Lectures and coursework are incredibly rewarding, but there is a tension in relating to God's word in merely an academic way. My personal favourite is New Testament 3 and finally beginning to see a glimmer of exegetical fruit without having been told beforehand what fruit I was looking for. College work can be difficult on families due to the pressure students place on themselves, with almost endless amounts of reading we could subject ourselves to. College has allowed me great freedom to be with my family at times not afforded to 9-5 workers, but forced me to prioritise my time to best love God's people, my family, my studies and friends.



David & Kylie Huynh

3rd year students

Our time at college has been a great blessing. We started first year being reminded that the fundamental goal of our time at college is to know God better. Now in our third year, we have certainly grown in our knowledge of God through all the essays and exams we've completed. But our deeper knowledge of God has not just been the result of the college's academic curriculum. Studying together, being part of a chaplaincy group, personal conversations with lecturers and discussions over lunch with other students have all contributed to the way we now think and live. There is no doubt that our time at college will be some of the most formative years of our Christian lives. Other joys of College are the relationships that form and living in community. David has really enjoyed being part of a study group, and playing tennis and table tennis regularly with classmates. Kylie has enjoyed walks and going for coffee with other students. We are so thankful to God that some of our closest friends are now those we have made at college.

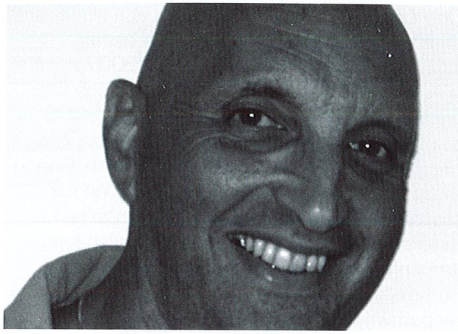


Julie Collins

2nd year student

Having been a high school teacher for five years, adjusting to being a student again has been a great challenge and a blessing. Sometimes I feel like someone is inside my brain and is pushing outwards as hard as they can! One of the things that I enjoy the most about lectures is the way that clear and biblical answers are given to the many questions that critical scholarship has thrown up over the years about the validity of biblical Christianity, and the fact that as I go about my life and ministry I find that the truth of these answers everywhere resonates with my experience. For me perhaps the greatest blessing of college has been relationships. Living in the college world, particularly in the MAC/Chappo community has provided me with rich and challenging friendships where I can talk and share with like-minded people about the things I am learning, and where I am constantly encouraged in godliness by the remarkable lives that I see those around me living. Relationships with others in my year have also brought me great joy and I have felt very loved as friends have allowed me to share in the joy of their children and families. I'd be lying if I didn't say that college was hard sometimes... after all, a gym workout is painful for your muscles and college is nothing if not a thorough workout for your brain! There is a lot to do and always another assignment waiting or vocabulary to learn, I don't think I've watched TV since I started! Living in community can be tough too, there's definitely a fish bowl element involved in living so closely together, and it means you share other people's heartbreak as well as their joy, just as they share yours. In the end, in spite of, or perhaps because of these challenges College has been a wonderful experience for me and I am so thankful to God for this amazing place and the privilege it is to be here and to learn more about Him.

students



Garry Dibley
2nd year student

College has pushed me theologically. The result is I have an increased confidence in the timeless truth in God's Word. It continues to be an enormous privilege to study with some great friends.

These friendships developed over coffee, table tennis, study groups and our year houseparty. Though there are people here who are only a couple of years older than my eldest child, I've never felt there was much of an age gap, until I'm the only one who laughs at the lecturer's 'jokes' about something that happened in the 70's.

There have been some golden moments in lectures, involving such things as Biblical Theology, a small understanding of Greek, a Barry Webb classic quote or Doctrine 1. We often discuss between ourselves the quantum leap many of us have made since February last year!

It has definitely been a challenge for my family. While I'm learning from God's Word every day, my wife Gail has gone back to work after being a stay at home mum for 20 years. We no longer go to the same church as our three kids so that has its difficulties as well.

But I am confident in what the Scriptures says, What God starts, he will finish (my paraphrase).



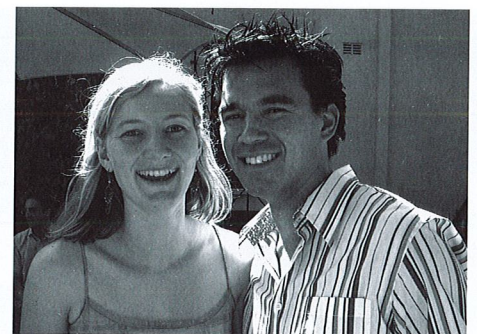
Tessa Rossington
1st year student

Starting College is like starting school. A new alphabet to learn, a feeling of being lost and not knowing where to go for class and hundreds of conversations that begin with 'Hi I'm Tessa, what's your name?' I must admit, I felt as overwhelmed as I did when I started kindergarten.

It takes time to adjust to being in a community where it is normal to discuss theology at lunch, to attend church services four or five times a week, to see people praying in groups everywhere you turn, to have lecturers who pray for you and genuinely care and the phenomenon of praying before a touch football game. On paper this sounds blissful, and there is certainly great encouragement to be found in these things. But it is also hard.

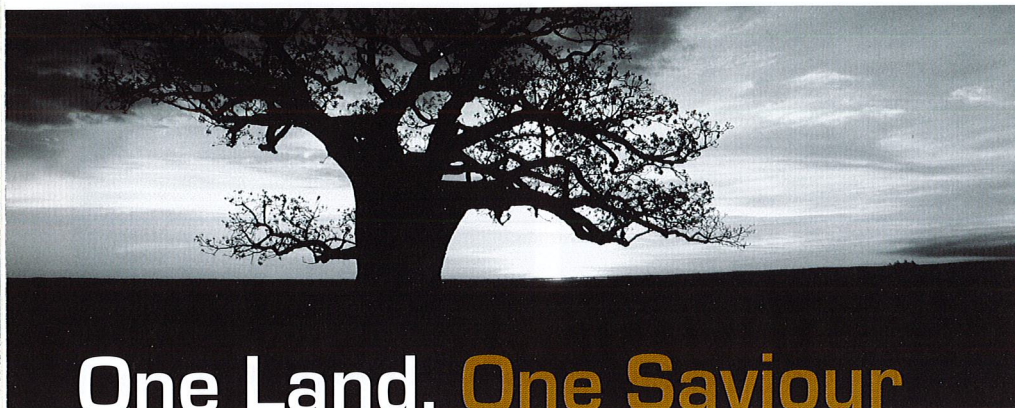
It is hard to remember that Christianity is a relationship with the God I love. A relationship I want to be in, not one I stay in simply because I'm enrolled in Bible College. It's hard to remember that the facts we discuss in lectures and cram before exams are amazing facts about this God. It's hard to read your Bible because you want to, not just because you have to. It's hard to remember that outside college there is a world that thinks the things we discuss are offensive or foolish untruths.

I asked a friend for wisdom. He said pray and trust in God. So I pray and ask that God would edify, encourage and equip all at college, that we would love him, love his people and love the lost. Please add your Amen to my prayer.



Anton Marque
1st year student

College for me has been like a fun run - lots of hard work but many around going along with you and free drinks along the way. The beginning of first year was relationally intense with over a hundred new people to meet in my year. However, God has blessed me with a supportive bunch of friends. We've been able to share our struggles and joys as well as study techniques. Touch footy has been helpful in getting to know people across all years and it acts as a counterbalance to the delicious lunches we get served. It's also been great to build friendships through my first year group and study groups. The lectures have been a positive experience for me. I have really enjoyed wrestling with great Christian truths in John Woodhouse's Doctrine lectures, and David Höhne's Philosophy course has entered the 21st Century with set readings on the internet and even podcast material! College has not been without moments of anxiety this year from assignments to relationships, church commitments and the ever-overhanging cloud of language learning. As we share in these moments together I'm challenged to keep bringing all these stresses to God. I'm looking forward to deepening my knowledge of God, deepening friendships and summer holidays as College continues.



August 2008 saw the release of a new book published by CMS and titled *One Land, One, Saviour: ... seeing Aboriginal lives transformed by Christ*. It is a collection of essays on ministry among and by Aboriginal people in Arnhem Land. The editors are two graduates of College, Peter Carroll and Steve Etherington. Peter completed the London BD in 1966 and Steve completed the Diploma of Bible and Missions in 1984. Two other graduates of the College, Rob Haynes and Greg Anderson (present Head of Missions Department) contributed essays. Gwen Tremlett with her

husband Lance also contributed an essay. Gwen is a graduate of Deaconess House (later Mary Andrews College).

These five and the other eight contributors between them have served Aboriginal people for over 300 years! Seven of them have been awarded doctorates mostly for research into Aboriginal language, culture, and history. They are thus uniquely qualified to reflect on lessons from the past and to share insights into Aboriginal churches and the enormous challenges they face moving into the future.

One Land, One Saviour appears at a significant time in the history of the Aboriginal people, and of Aboriginal churches. In May 2007 Kriol speakers celebrated the publication of the first complete Indigenous Bible, and August 2008 marks the 100th anniversary of the first CMS mission to Aboriginal people in the North. During that century government policy has gone full circle, from protection to assimilation to self-determination and – though no politician says it openly – back to assimilation. The remote communities of Arnhem Land, originally intended as pathways to mainstream Australian life, have turned into violent, dysfunctional prisons. The drift of Aboriginal people to urban settings is accelerating, and without employable skills more demeaning dependency is the prospect. Aboriginal Christians, witness and minister in a world of profound and bewildering change.

The essays in *One Land, One Saviour* are frank without being sensational. However, Steve Etherington believes Aboriginal churches are in crisis and that it is time for an 'intervention' – that of prayer! The aim of the editors is to challenge all Australian Christians to pray for Aboriginal people and for the Lord to raise up labourers for his harvest among them.

Go to: www.moorebooks.com.au or come in to the book shop, cost \$20.

What's new

This has been a great year for books by Moore College faculty. January saw the launch of the selected works of Archbishop Donald Robinson. As well as the works there is also a volume of essays in appreciation of his work. Then in February, John Woodhouse's much anticipated commentary on 1 Samuel was released and has become a bestseller for Moore Books. It is published by Crossway as part of the 'Preaching the word' series.

In the months since, Con Campbell has had two releases. He has penned the second in the 'Bible Alive' series of Bible studies, looking at 2 Timothy. His second is a much more specialised volume dealing with New Testament Greek titled 'Verbal Aspects and Non Indicative Verbs'.

One book that encompasses the writings of several faculty members is the 'Consolations of Theology', an unofficial companion to Alain De Botton's 'Consolations of Philosophy'. Edited by Brian Rosner, it features Richard Gibson on anger, Andrew Cameron on obsession, Mark Thompson on despair, Peter Bolt on anxiety, Brian Rosner on disappointment and includes a chapter by Robert Banks on pain.

All these volumes are available from Moore Books or can be purchased online at www.moorebooks.com.au

Commentaries

For an up to date Commentary List go to www.moorebooks.com.au and press Commentaries

Bill Salier's recommended commentaries:

Paul Barnett's Commentary on John to Bible study leaders.

John: The Shepherd King, Aquila Press, 2005.

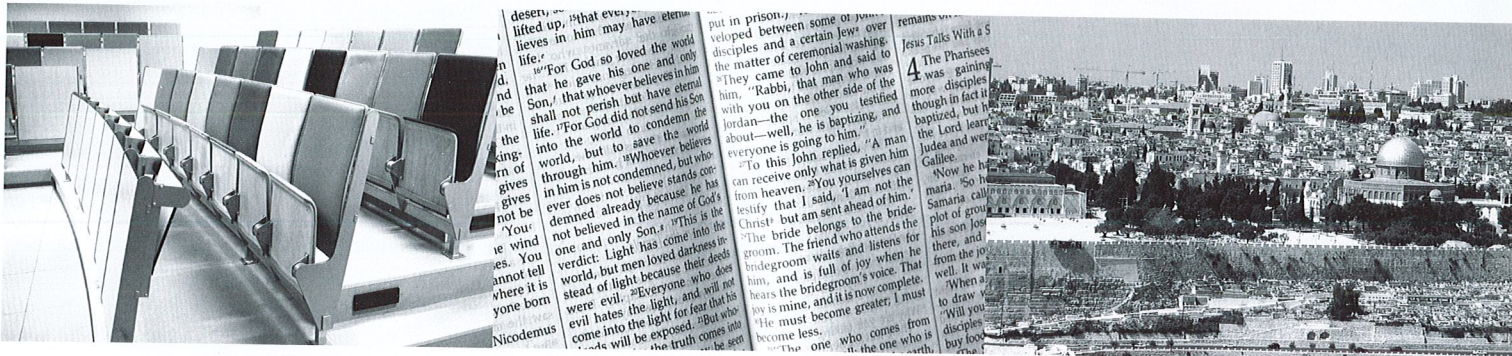
George Athas' recommended commentaries:

Exodus: *Peter Enns (NIV Application Commentary)*

Deuteronomy: *Gordon McConville (Apollos Commentary)*

1 Sam: *John Woodhouse*

Daniel: *Ernest Lucas (Apollos Commentary)* or *John Galdingay (Word)*



Moore Queensland Conference

Each year the External Studies Department holds a three day teaching conference at Grace College, Brisbane. This year Archie Poulos spoke on Ministry while Con Campbell took us through Colossians. Those who attend are very thankful for this conference and many travel quite a distance to join us over the weekend. During the weekend we also had a mini-graduation for students from Queensland who had completed the various stages of the course. These Brisbane talks are recorded and can be purchased by contacting the External Studies office. They would provide a good resource for a church library or small group meetings.

Christian Studies Teachers' Intensive

In the July school holidays a new venture began. The Anglican Education Commission and External Studies have developed a course designed to resource those who teach Christian Studies in church schools. The 10 subjects of this Diploma will be taught by intensive mode during the July and January school holidays. The first intensive covered Biblical Theology and the Synoptic gospels; in January we will teach Old Testament 1 and a new unit entitled Christian Studies Method. We were encouraged by the positive feedback from those who attended and hope that this program will provide an increasingly helpful resource for our Christian Studies teachers. For more information on the January intensive please contact our office or check our website [external.moore.edu.au]

GAFCON

Gary Nelson attended the Global Anglican Future Conference held in Jerusalem. It was an amazing experience for him to meet with people from over 25 countries. While there he was able to speak to many people about the work of our External Studies department. Gary was overwhelmed with the need for training and equipping of church leaders in developing countries. We have a great resource in the correspondence courses to help in meeting this training need, but a more strategic plan for the future has to be developed so that we can maximize our efforts. Please pray for this future planning as opportunities to assist overseas dioceses and churches keep presenting themselves and we need to be wise in our responses.

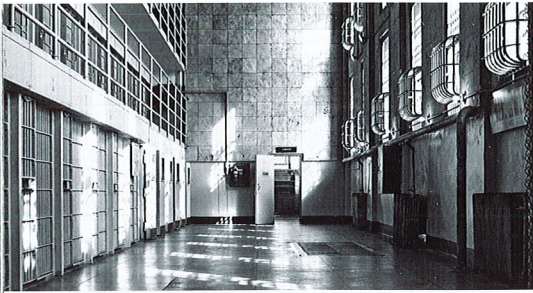
Moore College visitors this semester...

Gerald Bray has taught an MA unit 'Puritan Spirituality'.

Mike Ovey from Oak Hill Theological College in London delivered the Annual Moore College Lectures on the subject of 'Repentance'.

Emad Mikkail, Principal of the Alexandria School of Theology, visited us as a guest of the Diocese in order to progress our discussions about the offering of our MA in Egypt.





On remand

David Pettett, Prison Chaplain

A Remand Centre is where you go when you get arrested and don't make bail. Since the law changed in NSW from the presumption in favour of bail to presumption against bail, our remand population has increased from 700 to 2,000. This is a traumatic situation for a person who is locked up in a maximum security cell for a minimum of 18 hours a day wondering what the legal system is going to do with him or her. In a major case an inmate can be on remand for two years. If found not guilty at trial there is no compensation for the two years spent in maximum security. In the midst of this many inmates ask the question, "Why did I leave God out of my life?"

The Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre, where I have ministered for the past four years, has 940 male inmates. Of these 90 come to chapel each Sunday and a dozen to midweek Bible study. They come from all sorts of backgrounds and Christian denominations. Every day of the week I am engaged with someone in great gospel opportunities. One day a young man asked me about prayer. He had been praying and getting no answers. I told him from a Christian perspective it was about a personal relationship with Jesus. He lent forward and said, "I want that!" I baptised him a month later in the gaol chapel.

When I talk to Christian people outside the gaol, it's hard to get across but these sorts of conversations are my daily experience. The men I deal with are so spiritually hungry. One fellow said to me he became a Christian because it's the only religion that offers forgiveness. Conversations every day about the message of salvation in Jesus, what more could a minister of the gospel want?

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