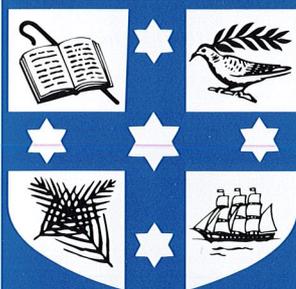


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Residential Why?

Equipping a pastor involves more than the classroom. Moore College is firmly committed to its residential status because it believes that pastors can only be properly prepared in the context of community. As Principal Peter Jensen wrote in his article *Preparing Pastors* (Moore News Nov 95),

“teaching without any personal relationship or care for God’s people is not enough.....Moore College gives itself to the training of pastors and not mere communicators.”

So what is the **residential status in 1997**? Currently 77% of the full-time student body are married, some to each other. They represent 130 married student units. The college has only 61 married student houses to offer - 50 in Newtown and 11 at the But-Har-Gra campus, Croydon Park. In this situation, despite an overwhelming commitment to its residential nature, Moore is only able to provide married students accommodation for two of their up to four years in training. All single students can be offered accommodation but the space and facilities of their quarters can only be upgraded as funds permit.



The eight remaining 19th century residences on the western side of Little Queen Street which comprise numbers 6 to 20, showing the walled off end where 2 & 4 previously joined the row

The future ? The strategic plan produced by the College Council aims to have 100 married student houses by 2006, Moore’s sesquicentenary year. This means the purchase or building (with land to build on) of 39 additional houses in just under nine years, an average increase of over four houses per year. Quite separately, but as an essential component in the employment of the new faculty members needed, plans are underway for two new faculty townhouses adjoining the existing four which front Carillon Avenue.

The next step in addressing student housing seems to be the building of two new townhouses on the “hole-in-the-ground” where 2 & 4 Little Queen Street once stood (photograph above). These were condemned as unsafe and demolished several years ago. This project is estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$200,000 and is dependent on private funding being available over and above current **«140 PLUS»** 1997 targets (refer page 5). **Ten people with \$20,000 each for such an investment in eternity ? Or twenty with \$10,000 ? Or forty with \$5,000 ?** These townhouses would serve as prototypes for future development and would represent a significant step forward. Please consider. Please pray. The addressing of Moore’s residential needs requires a dramatic increase in funding.

Let us love our future pastors with the love we would have them show us.

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Chris Edwards from Adelaide

"Adelaide is known as the City of Churches," writes Chris Edwards (Moore College 1990-93) who is Assistant Pastor at Holy Trinity Church on Adelaide's North Terrace. *"But"* Chris continues, *"is Adelaide really famous for its churches - or is it famous for its church buildings? One such building ceased to be viable as a 'church' so it was sold off to become a profitable nightclub. Most of Adelaide's 'churches' are fairly empty. But there is one church building that is pretty well full each week. Holy Trinity not only has the oldest building in South Australia but is also the biggest Anglican church in the state. It is unashamedly evangelical (as all evangelicals should be!) and despite being over a thousand kilometres from the Harbour City it has been staffed (and still is) by some names that would be familiar in Moore College circles."*

Chris points out that *"a large part of the evangelical ministry in Adelaide is being done by people who studied at Moore College. Whether they are now lecturing at the Bible College of South Australia, involved in school chaplaincies, with AFES or simply working away in Adelaide churches, the Moore College education has proven to be a wonderful provision - not only for its evangelical emphasis but also for its Biblical Theology."*

On ministry in Adelaide Chris reflects, *"The challenge we all face is to take the gospel to a city which is constantly being told it is a 'Church City'. So many people think all is OK!"*



Chris Edwards greets parishioner outside Holy Trinity

Ray Arthur from Perth

Ray Arthur (Moore College 1985-87) is Associate Priest at Shenton Park in Perth. Emphasising the great opportunities for the gospel in WA he says, *"There are many people here who have not really understood God's grace - from those who have belonged to 'the church' for many years to those who have been taught that the Bible is insignificant. But like us all, people in the West can be parochial so committing oneself to WA and a long-term ministry is important."*

"I want to share a wider vision - the vision that there should be a Bible-based church in every suburb and country town, regardless of denomination, in the whole of Australia"

Peter Jensen, speaking at the Prayer & Support Group Dinner in September 1996

He tells of 'Days of Encouragement' organised through the Perth Centre of Applied Christian Studies, an evangelical Bible College under the principalship of Moore graduate, Allan Chapple. On such days interstate or overseas visitors lead pastors and other Christian workers through a Bible study. *"The aim,"* Ray says, *"is to encourage and stimulate evangelicals as they minister in a different environment."*

And of his time at Moore, *"It was the most stimulating and enriching time in my life. Moore taught me the importance of Scripture and how to share God's Word with integrity by being faithful to it and explaining its relevance to modern society."*

Alan Moore from Brisbane

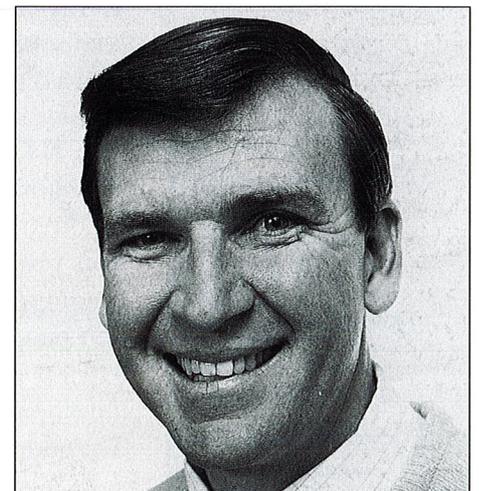
Alan Moore (Moore College 1977-80) is Rector at St Andrew's, South Brisbane which is the first suburban parish south of the CBD, next to the South Bank development (the old Expo 88 site).



Alan Moore

Alan writes, *"The challenge before me is to communicate faithfully the Bible's message to the members of the congregations so that they are enabled to share the gospel of Jesus with our community and our society."*

I am more than ever convinced of the need for biblically faithful ministry in all parts of the Anglican Church, therefore I am extremely thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to study the Scriptures at Moore College. The foundation laid at college has enabled me to respond helpfully to the 'other theologies' I have encountered in Brisbane."



Ray Arthur

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Narrabeen

Denis Oliver reports from Narrabeen mission, "The best way to summarise the week is 'full-on' - dialogue meetings, high school seminars, sermons, dramas, dinners, youth nights, testimonies, interviews, cold turkey evangelism, and most importantly fellowship. We worked like a body - people specialised and built each other up through Gods's spirit."

Perry Wiles and team worked at Cromer and Narrabeen High Schools and with retired war veterans of Cutler Village.

Denis summarises, "We praise God for the privilege of assisting and learning from the people, both staff and lay, at St Faith's."



Ma'afu Palu and Nicki Stanis with children at St Faith's Narrabeen

Hurstville Grove

From the mission led by Peter Bolt, Chris Jolliffe tells of partnership with a church active in evangelism - "At every level the church was there with us - in door-knocking, in visits to elderly people, in hosting Q & A nights, in Scripture teaching, in organising key evangelistic dinners, in facilitating university evangelism (including a 'Donahue' style forum) and in inviting friends to evangelistic services."

Chris says, "Every college student was stretched...it was exciting to work in partnership in the work of the gospel, to see some committing their lives to Christ, some pushed one step closer and others growing up in their faith."



Student Leigh Hatcher (from Channel 7) addresses over 120 at dinner, after which a number committed lives to Christ

Bluff Point, NW Australia

"From the beginning this was a mission with a difference" reports Richard Gibson, "a gun confiscated at Sydney airport (cap gun for Superspy - Ed), a sniffer dog drawn to a team member's bag in Adelaide, then before we arrived in Perth, a fellow passenger had heard the gospel and accepted a Christian boot."



Adam Lamb and Tim Baxter enjoying the Superspy children's outreach program in the church hall at Bluff Point

Crestwood

"The people of St An... Crestwood were extremely welcoming and hospitable. The team worked very well together in partnership with them," Keith Condie. A large range of activities for youth included cream nights, a youth breakfast, a mystery night (how to murder). The team took scripture classes at Crestwood High and held a seminar "Acceptance" for Year 7 program at two primary schools. "Jesus is the King" involved puppetry, games, singing and... A novel home restaurant was one night and the men's Saturday breakfast attracted a number who do not regularly attend church.

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Jonathon Thorpe & Julie Nixon go to great heights on milk crates to get the gospel message across

Richard highlights three features of the mission to St George's, Bluff Point. Firstly he stresses the overwhelming hospitality of God's people there - "careful planning and enthusiastic support meant that nearly all the meetings were well attended." He tells of the Superspy children's outreach, a teenage mini-olympics, coffee and question meetings, dinner and dessert nights plus Sunday services, all providing "numerous opportunities to strengthen Christians and to proclaim Jesus to non-Christians."

Richard says, "the team were privileged to experience and reflect on God's ministry throughout the North-West" and acknowledges "RC...

towards 2000 - will we be ready?

Will Sydney be ready for the 2000 Olympics? Will there be sufficient well-trained workers for his harvest field as we enter the third millennium? **Two questions of great significance - one a matter of national pride, the other of life and death.**

The challenges facing God's people at the close of the 20th century are great. Australians are not immune. Multiculturalism has come to us, as have increased anger and crime, greed and materialism, loneliness and depression. Christians bear a responsibility to address these challenges boldly. To deny them is to deny Christ.

What can the ordinary gospel-believing Christian do? We can all

- ◆ **S**upport gospel work sacrificially
- ◆ **E**ngage in some form of ministry ourselves
- ◆ **E**ncourage others in, or to train for, ministry
- ◆ **K**eep praying faithfully

No doubt Sydney will stage the 27th Olympiad come the year 2000 - more or less efficiently, economically, safely and environment-sensitively than Atlanta did the 26th.

Can we be as sure that the gospel will go forth from this place as speedily, as boldly and as effectively as its life and death message warrants?

Only if we, as gospel believers, are prepared to support financially, engage and encourage others in, and pray for that work which furthers his Kingdom.

Right at the core is the equipping of workers, be they called to full or part-time ministry, to "tent-making" evangelism, scripture teaching or pastoral care positions. Moore College is engaged in this equipping task and it needs your support, engagement in discerning and encouragement of those gifted for ministry, and most of all your prayers.

Will you **SEEK** for Moore, for his sake?

To help financially or to receive regular prayer points, please complete the details below and return this slip to me at the address indicated. You might also like to consider one of the means of planned giving overleaf. I will be happy to supply further details.



Development Officer

In support of **Building Fund** for residential requirements **General Fund** for faculty appointments
(Donations over \$2.00 to this fund are tax deductible)

I/We wish to make a **donation** of \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 Other \$.....
as a **one-off contribution** **OR** **pledge** everymonths/year for.....months/years

Cheque enclosed **OR** Please charge Bankcard Mastercard Visa

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Signature:Expiry Date:.....

Please forward bi-monthly **Prayer Bulletins** **Moore Deferred Giving Planner**

Name: (Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss/)
(First Name) (Surname)

Address:..... **Postcode:**.....

Telephone: (Home).....(Work).....Church Attended.....

Please return to Mrs Heather Jones Development Officer 1 King Street Newtown 2042

Graduation 1997

Another moving Moore College Graduation ceremony was held on 10th March in the Great Hall of Sydney University. The College Council President, Archbishop Harry Goodhew chaired the occasion and presented awards, while Dr Barry Newman gave a stirring address. As Barry spoke of the absolute atrocity of sin and the need for forgiveness one could have heard the proverbial pin drop in the packed hall.

Eighteen students graduated with Diploma of Bible & Missions and a further twenty with Bachelor of Theology. Chris Ekins received his BTh in Youth Ministry, the first to graduate in this new strand of the course. In culmination of four years at Moore, twenty-three were conferred with the college's Bachelor of Divinity. Another seven graduated Master of Arts in Theology.

A highlight of the occasion was the special presentation of Bachelor of Divinity to Khoon Yeow Khor. As reported in Moore News Nov 96, Khoon Yeow suffered a cerebral haemorrhage on 14th September just prior to completing his 4th year. After three weeks in a coma he gradually regained consciousness and began a slow rehabilitation process under the loving care of his wife Kim and their four sons. They remain in their college house but much prayer is needed for the family's future.



In a display of remarkable love and courage, a beaming Khoon Yeow Khor received Bachelor of Divinity from Archbishop Harry Goodhew to the standing ovation of other graduates and much of the audience

« 140 PLUS » Appeal Update

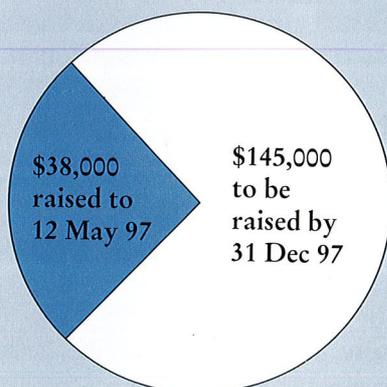
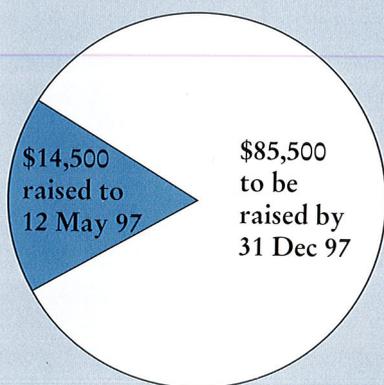
In God's goodness the « 140 PLUS » Birthday Appeal target of \$64,000 for faculty support in the seven months June to December 1996 was exceeded by just \$1,000. The Building Fund fared less well, with giving for residential needs \$2,000 below the 1995 level and thus \$25,000 short of target. Overall however, 1996 fundraising was up 35% on the previous year. Special thanks to all our supporters who contributed to this result.

But much remains to be done! The residential needs are urgent (see front page) and the giving levels for faculty support must be sustained for a second much-needed appointment to be made as soon as possible.

The « 140 PLUS » 1997 Appeal status is:

General Fund - faculty support

Building Fund - residential needs
(tax deductible)



Please pray that our church family will respond generously in the coming months so that these targets may be met.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving is the term used for giving which is deferred for a period of years. Future giving can often be refined in a way which benefits both the donor and recipient organisation. The simplest types of planned giving are **bequests** (gifts through wills) and **gifts of life insurance**.

Steer Inc offers a missionary program based on New Testament partnership principles. Interest from an income-producing asset can be distributed tax free to the college with no administrative charges.

Insured bequests are an attractive new option. Privacy from the insurer is maintained, there are no questionnaires or medicals, and donated premiums are for five years only. As the bequest payments are from income they are tax deductible, not subject to Capital Gains Tax and outside the donor's estate.

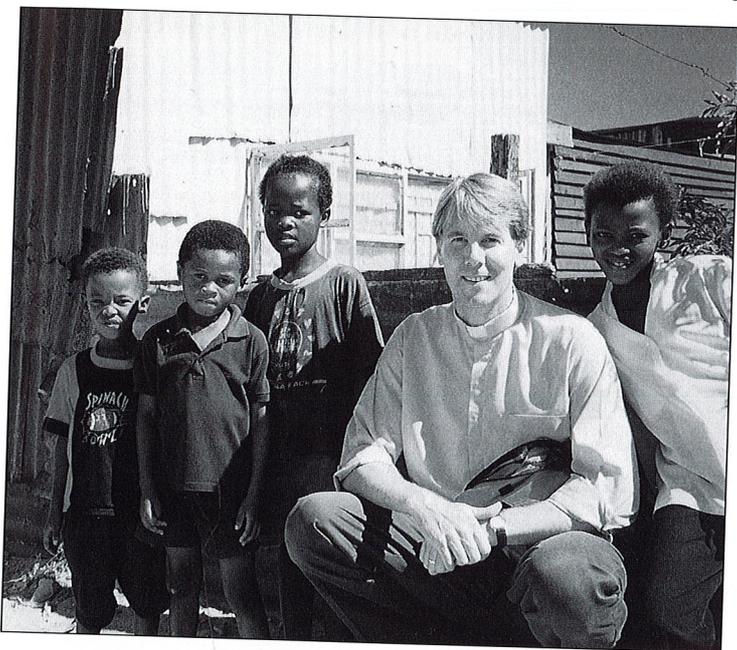
For more information or a copy of the **Moore Deferred Giving Planner** contact Heather Jones, Development Officer. You will need to consult your financial and/or legal advisors as to how the various options relate to your own business and tax situations.

Visits to South Africa - Group goodwill tour

After Easter, Department of Evangelism Director David Mansfield led a team of thirty-one people from the Diocese of Sydney on a goodwill tour of mutual support and encouragement to the Church of England in South Africa. Well over half the team were members of clergy, and all of these graduates of Moore.

Bishop Ray Smith reported, "We saw concrete evidence of the gospel bringing hope to people who live in the midst of poverty, violence, disease and death. It was apparent that the Church of England in South Africa is identifying with the total population, black and white, and is right on the cutting edge of mission."

Feedback from another team member, Simon Manchester who is Rector of St Thomas', North Sydney - "I was struck by the warmth of the South African leaders and their vision for outreach. At the same time those with a grasp of expository preaching have usually picked it up overseas - the George Whitefield College is filling a void." (Principal David Secombe is one of six Moore graduates currently serving as principals of theological colleges).



"The country is beautiful and we were able to see ministry to rich and poor. On top of all this the team fellowship was excellent!" added Simon.

Simon Manchester with children at the Khayalitsha Settlement near Capetown

Peter Jensen as guest speaker

Moore College Principal, Peter Jensen was engaged in a busy speaking tour of South Africa in the two weeks prior to the group's visit. An Easter convention at St James', Kenilworth attracted over 1000 people on three nights, and a young people's camp over the same weekend was also well attended.

Peter notes that, "there are great opportunities for biblical teaching as well as great social problems to be grappled with. George Whitefield College is strategically placed to offer biblical training to many African Christians so that churches may be built up and evangelism pursued. The college has flourished in the ten years since it was founded with Dr Knox as its first Principal."

He emphasises, "There are few works as significant as training people for the ministry of God's Word. The health of the churches depends on it. It is good to see the efforts being made in South Africa to give excellent training. It is a reminder of how important it is for us to do the same!"

Give thanks

- for the 12 missions in April - bringing many to Christ and encouraging students & parishes
- for 153 students graduating in External Studies courses, 30 May
- for the dedicated service of members of College Council and the visiting lecturers
- for the commitment, hard work and godly witness of the faculty
- for the Department of Mission made possible by one generous donor, and for the availability of Michael Raiter to lead it.

Moore Prayer

"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always"

1 Chronicles 16:11

and pray

- that new graduates and families will settle quickly into their ministries and be effective teachers of God's Word and pastors of his flock
- for God's guiding hand on Khoon Yeow Khor's further recovery and future
- for those suitably gifted to consider training for full-time ministry at Moore
- for required funds for residential needs & further faculty member
- that graduates interstate and overseas will feel supported and encouraged in their ministries, and that God will continue to bless the work of his church in South Africa

Societas 97

Copies of the students' magazine *Societas 97* will soon be available. Purchase a copy for \$5.00 from your catechist or send \$7.50 to "Societas" at address below for postage within Australia.