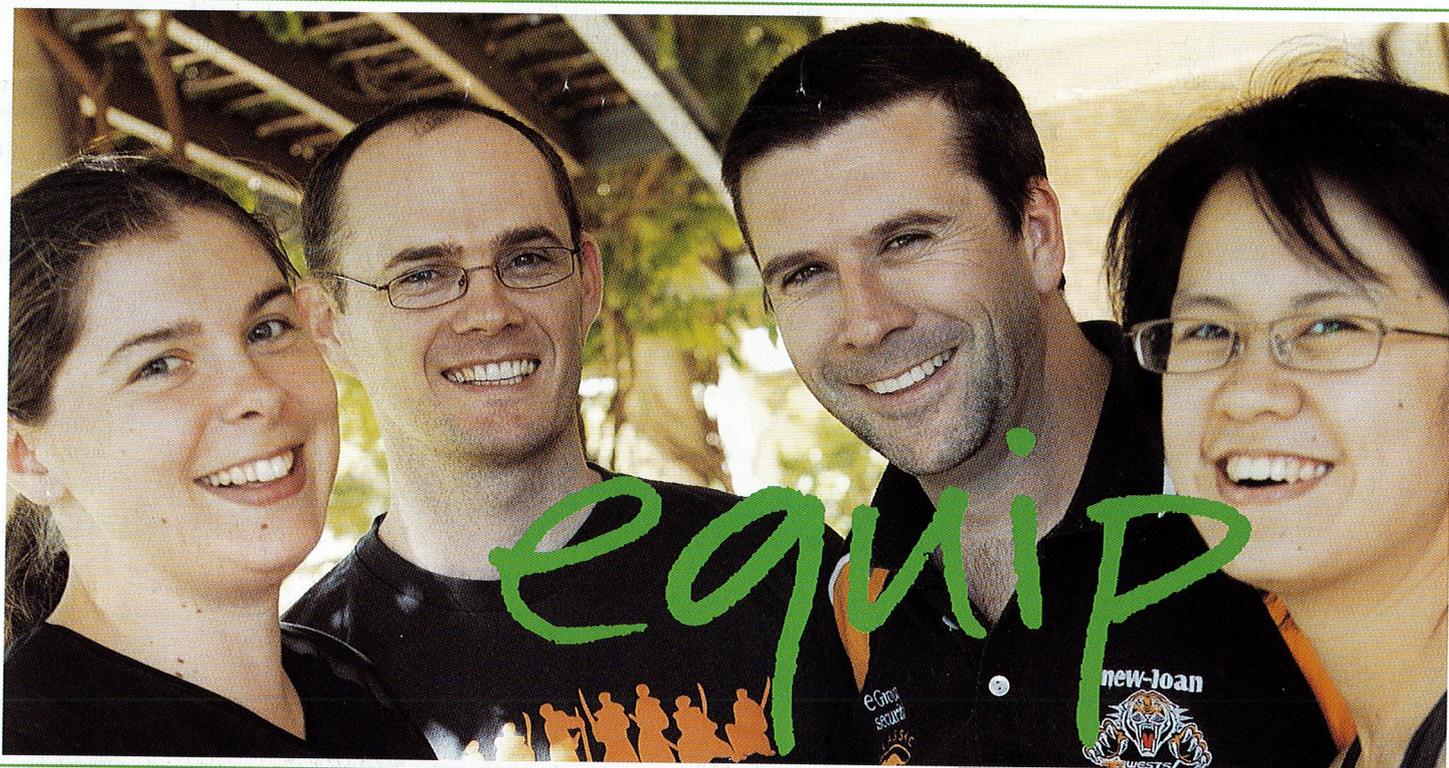


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Ancestral Worship to Christianity

Keng Yi Lee

I grew up in a traditional Chinese family in Singapore that practised ancestral worship and was influenced by Buddhism and Taoism. By God's grace, I became a Christian at university in London. My deep concern now is for my family and friends to come to know Christ. I have spent the past five years working for the central bank/monetary authority. My home church is Adam Road Presbyterian (ARPC) and through ARPC I came to know about Moore College. Over time I became convinced that pursuing an MBA was not a wise way of spending my time and money. In mid 2003, I was challenged at a ministry conference

(which I did not plan to attend!) under 'Project Timothy' to consider taking a year out for theological training, which led me to Moore College.

God graciously worked in my parents' hearts and opened doors for me.

I feel immensely privileged and thankful to have been able to deepen my knowledge and love of God at college and to be in fellowship with so many faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Through college, I have been challenged to think through various issues and have learned to put academic pressures of studying in the right perspective of godly living and relationships.

GROWTH BRINGS CHANGE



Vice Principal
- Michael Hill

Jesus said 'And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins.' (Mark 2:22)

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GROWTH BRINGS CHANGE

Vice Principal – Michael Hill

Jesus uttered these words in response to the question about why his disciples were not fasting. John's disciples and the Pharisees practised fasting and people wondered why Jesus' disciples did not. The point of Jesus' answer is that God was doing something wonderfully new in the person of Jesus and that this new activity of God could not be contained by the old structures and practices.

In one sense, and only in one sense, this is true of Moore College in its 150th year. God is doing things at Moore College and his activity cannot be contained by the old structures. This is true in a number of ways. First, it is true about the campus of Newtown. Already the library cannot contain all the books and journals we possess. Students struggle to find a place to study in the library. It is also true of the way the student body is growing. There is a record intake of 136 students into first year. In a year or two our classrooms will not be able to accommodate our students.

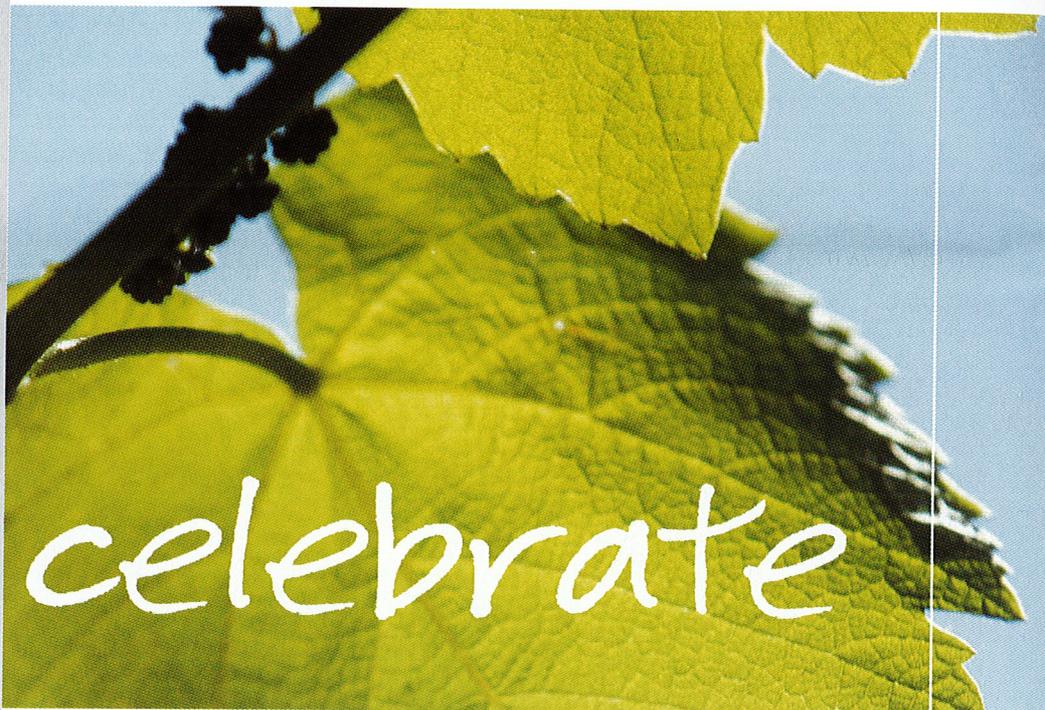
It is also true in relation to our educational practices and policies. Some years ago a two-year Licentiate of Theology was the basic course for people pursuing ordination. Now a four-year Bachelor of Divinity degree is the standard. As community educational standards rise so the standard of training for those who will lead our churches needs to increase. Already this is happening. We now have approximately 140 part-time postgraduate students, the majority of whom are doing the MA in Theology. The MA in Theology is a course designed as in-service training for those in full-time ministry. Many clergy do a number of units on books of the Bible and use the units as a basis for preaching in their parishes. In this way the course not only continues to develop students' knowledge of God's Word but also helps them practically with their ministry in the parish.

Growth brings change. Sometimes we just have to change our structures and practices. In this case, I think, we can see these changes as a blessing from God.

Moore College 150th Anniversary

This year is a very special year for the College as we both look back and praise the Lord for his goodness and look forward to the blessings he has in store.

We look forward to sharing this very special celebration with you and would love you to come to the events we have planned—bring a friend or bring your church group. The events include...



Thomas Cranmer

DIED FOR HIS FAITH 450 YEARS AGO – SATURDAY 1 APRIL

Dr Ashley Null, a world-renowned scholar on Cranmer, will join us from Germany as our main speaker. He will shed light on the remarkable life of Thomas Cranmer who lived during the reigns of three monarchs. Andrew Shead is a Moore College lecturer and he will share music from the period.

The talks will be held in St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter House from 10am to lunch. Lunch will be provided. A service from the 1552 Book of Common Prayer will be held in the Cathedral at 2pm.

Lectures and Lunch – cost \$25; Moore College students – \$12.50

This will be a day to remember. Bookings are a must. Please contact Vicki for further information 02 9577 9798 or Victoria.King@moore.edu.au



Library celebrations

– SATURDAY 1 JULY

The Moore College Library has played an integral part in the teaching and research activities of the College over the past one hundred and fifty years. From its humble beginnings in 1856, the collection has grown to some two hundred and ten thousand volumes housed in two locations. The main collection of largely undergraduate material is located on the second floor of the Library, while the Australiana and archive collections are housed with other research material in a closed stack building.

Seven library staff provide high quality information services to students, faculty, visiting scholars and the general public, in addition to acquiring and processing material. In 2006 we will develop our information literacy programme.

Registered users of the Library can access the ATLA and Religion and Philosophy Collection electronic databases twenty-four hours a day, which provide relevant citations and some full text journal articles. Certain material on student reading lists is available from the catalogue as part of an electronic reserve service. Details of how to register as a community borrower may be found at: <http://www.moore.edu.au/library/LWSborrowing.htm>.

The Library is well used and highly regarded by biblical scholars and historians of other institutions and by those undertaking private research.

Enquiries regarding the Library and its collections and services may be directed to Ms Julie Olston, Library Manager, or Mr Kim Robinson, Senior Librarian, Acquisitions on 02 9577 9899.



Lunch to thank our supporters

– THURSDAY 27 APRIL

This will be a wonderful day of fellowship and joy in sharing what the Lord has done and is doing in our midst. The Principal, Rev Dr John Woodhouse, will talk about what the Lord is doing at College.

Rev Dr. Peter Bolt will explore the legacy of Thomas Moore's amazing life. Moore was a Christian man who made a lasting impact on the early colony in the areas of commerce and law as well as Christian organizations that continue to shape our society.

Moore College Dining Room
12 for 12:30pm

Carillon Avenue, Newtown

Cost – a donation

For bookings and information
contact Vicki – 02 9577 9798
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www.moore.edu.au



Anger? Obsession? Despair? Anxiety? Pain?

Do these things play a part in your life
or in the life of someone you know?

A few years ago Alain de Botton published a best-selling book *The Consolations of Philosophy* on the ways philosophy can bring comfort and help for the problems of everyday life. It covered six common problems from the viewpoint of a famous philosopher's life and thought: Seneca on frustration, Nietzsche on difficulties, etc.

In September 2006 the Moore College School of Theology will take as its subject 'The Consolations of Theology'. The conference will be practical and edifying, as well as offering a fascinating tour of the history of theology. After all, the consolations of theology are the consolations of God!

The planned lectures are:

1. Lactantius on Anger
– by Richard Gibson
2. Augustine on Obsession
– by Andrew Cameron
3. Luther on Despair
– by Mark Thompson
4. Kierkegaard on Anxiety
– by Peter Bolt
5. Bonhoeffer on Disappointment
– by Brian Rosner
6. C.S. Lewis on Pain
– by Robert Banks

There will also be a guest lecture on 'The Consolations of Theology in the Middle Ages,' by Boston church historian Dr. Gwenfair Walters Adams. We plan to publish a volume of the conference lectures.

For further information and bookings
phone Elizabeth 9577 9918.

Graduation 06

Bachelor of Divinity – 4 Years



JULIETTE ANTOON

College has been one of the toughest periods in my life and yet one of the most rewarding. I have formed some fantastic friendships and have been stretched in multiple areas that I trust will help me to see this world through the lens of God's word.



GEORGE ATHAS

Studying at Moore has been an enriching time of getting to know God better, thinking deeply about the faith and forming solid friendships with others. Moore has fostered in me a zeal for teaching others about the magnitude of God and his love. This year I have joined the faculty of Moore College, teaching in the Old Testament Department and Church History, pastoring students and looking for ways to encourage more ethnic and overseas students to come and study at Moore.



ANDREW BAIN

After coming to college from Queensland, I have been grateful for new friends (most notably my wife, Robyn, whom I met through the course!). The past four years have helped me to treasure Christ crucified all the more. I am now serving at St Paul's, Kincumber and working towards starting another congregation at St David's Avoca Beach.



AARON BRETT

The apologetics and philosophy courses at Moore have helped me understand how better to evangelise in our 21st century world. This year we are working with the Tuggeranong Christian Missionary Alliance in Canberra focusing on preaching and training Bible study leaders and eventually, we hope to train church leaders in Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos.



ANDREW DANIELS

I came to college with my wife, Sarah (BTh 2004), to do the one-year Bible and Missions course. We enjoyed it so much we stayed for more. College has been a valuable time of learning as well as a wonderful place to make friends with people from all over the world. We are enormously grateful to family and friends who have supported us and I now look forward to working as an Assistant Minister at St Alban's Frenchs Forest.



ANTHONY DOUGLAS

Jude and I will be serving at Quakers Hill Anglican Church, where we will be looking after an evening congregation, supporting the leadership of the youth group and looking to develop the ministry to young adults.



NICHOLAS DUKE

Study and college missions have given us confidence and a passion to take the gospel to the nations and we have appreciated the way Moore community has prepared us for future opportunities. Our long-term interest in New Zealand has opened up an opportunity for ministry at Canterbury University, Christchurch where I will work as an associate staff worker with TSCF (affiliated with IFES) and also on staff at St John's Anglican Church, Latimer Square with responsibility for university students.



TIMOTHY EARNSHAW

I have really appreciated my time at college. It's made me stop and hear the Bible afresh and I am thankful to God for the faithfulness of the lecturers and their robust defence of the faith. Katrina and I are going to Townsville to work at James Cook University with AFES.



DAN EVERS

Skye and I thank God for his faithfulness to us throughout our time at college where we have made many friends and wonderful memories. Full time ministry begins for us at Sylvania Anglican where I will pastor the evening congregation. We look forward to seeing God's kingdom bear fruit as a result of this work.



RODERICK FARRAWAY

I praise God for the experience of studying at Moore College and for the support of friends, which made it possible. My time at college has given me a deeper faith, a clearer hope and a surer love as well as equipping me for serving Christ. I look forward to taking the things I have learned into Cranbrook School where I will work as Assistant Chaplain endeavouring to make Christ's lordship known.



LINDEN FOOKS

I've loved college and am sad to leave it. It may be a cliché to say that 'you've grown from all the time you spend in God's word', but it's true. I've benefited not only from the study but have been shaped by the community of God's people. In 2006, I begin work as an assistant to the minister at Drummoyne Presbyterian. After a time of training there and at the Presbyterian College, we will return to Presbyterian ministry in Queensland and perhaps future work overseas.



CRAIG FOSTER

'Come Lord Jesus come!' Until then we plan to continue to get ourselves and others ready for that great and glorious day when Jesus will appear for all to see. These past four years of study have been an incredible privilege and we have enjoyed growing in our knowledge and love of God in a friendly, stimulating and challenging environment. We are excited about serving the people at Naremburn/Cammeray Anglican Church.



STEPHEN FREDERICK

Day to day contact with fellow brothers and sisters and discussing things we were reading will be my most missed aspect of College. In the year ahead I will be working as Assistant Minister at St Barnabas' Church, Fairfield.

Bachelor of Divinity – 4 Years



ROBIN GAN

The curriculum of Moore College reflects engagement with rather than retreat from the world. A life of preaching and proclaiming the gospel for the sake of Christ will be our contribution to the Christian community in West Malaysia.



BENJAMIN GOOLEY

College was better with every year. Sue and I are thankful for the chance to make life-long friends and learn from godly teachers at Moore. 2006 sees us serving at the University Churches, an Anglican church located at the University of New South Wales.



MICHAEL GREENWOOD

Moore College has been a fantastic model of a loving Christian community where we shared our lives with like-minded Christian friends while learning more about God and growing in Christlikeness. I am now working as an Assistant Minister at Dapto Anglican Church with particular responsibility for the new church plant in Horsley.



PETER GREENWOOD

I have been appointed to the position of Assistant Minister at Caringbah.



THOMAS HARGREAVES

We have made many close friends during our time at college and feel blessed to have been able to study God's word under such able and faithful teachers. We leave with mixed emotions—sadness that we finish our time at college and great excitement to be joining God's people at St Clement's Mosman where we will work alongside the 7pm congregation.



DAVID HANN

David is working as AFES staff worker at UTS Broadway.



SCOTT HEDLEY

As expected our time at college has been rewarding, challenging and sometimes painful. We leave better equipped to serve God's people and with a firm trust in God's plan for us and his world. 2006 will see us working at Glenmore Park Anglican Church.



MICHAEL HEPTONSTALL

This year I begin as an Assistant Minister at St Faith's Anglican Church and as an Assistant Chaplain at the RSL Veterans Retirement Village Narrabeen. Living and studying at Moore has been a great blessing and invaluable preparation for teaching, pastoring and proclaiming Christ in the world.



GLENN HOHNBERG

Studying at Moore has been a great experience. We have been encouraged and challenged by those studying with us as God worked to form godly, faithful, loving and humble people for himself. I will work for AFES in 2006 at the University of Queensland teaching God's word to students who we hope will win people for Christ. Moore College has equipped me for this great task.



ZOE HOLLOWAY

Zoe's plans for 2006 are unknown.



ANTHONY JENNER

Four years ago I came to college feeling depleted—MTS made me realize I needed more training. Four years later I leave absolutely bloated! I have been taught, stretched, challenged and encouraged for the years of ministry ahead. I'm now at Charles Darwin University (NT) working with AFES where I am the first full-time, trained staff worker. Our hope is to teach and encourage the Christian students and reach out to those Territorians who do not yet know the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



LEWIS JONES

Raised near Boston, USA, studied Physics and Astrophysics in Carolina and came to work in astronomy research at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). At university, I completed a ministry apprenticeship before coming to study at Moore College. I'm employed by AFES to minister among postgraduate students and staff at UNSW while building a network of Christians in academia around Australia.



MATTHEW KELLER

The Kellers have begun ministry in Dundas/Teloopa, focusing primarily on children and youth.



DANIEL KING

Helen and I are very thankful to God for our time at Moore College, particularly the humility of our lecturers, the privilege of studying God's work in depth, the challenge to live out what we know of Christ and the friendships formed. Although sad that our college years are over, I am excited to be a staffworker with AFES at Monash University, Melbourne, serving overseas students. We pray for the growth of God's kingdom in Asia through the salvation of these international students.



ROBIN KINSTED

'It was the best of times and it was the worst of times.' So begins Charles Dickens' Tale of Two Cities and so ends my Moore College career. Never in my life have I been so profoundly shaped and stretched. I have been shaped by shared reflections on the depth of the love of Christ, by the fellowship of my co-workers in the gospel and by my wife of noble character, Sarah, whom God has provided for me during my time here. Most amazingly, I have been stretched as an Englishman learning English Grammar for the first time during a Greek language class in Australia taught by an American! Sarah and I will be working with the generous and faithful team at Christchurch St Ives.

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Bachelor of Divinity – 4 Years



DONNY KWAN

College has been a wonderful place for learning more about our relationship with Jesus and

the college community has greatly supported us in our training. Vicki and I will use what we have learnt to serve our brothers and sisters at Macquarie Anglican, looking after the 7pm congregation and youth ministry. We look forward to meeting and serving the people as we join them in spreading the gospel.



ANDREW LESLIE

It was thrilling to spend four year immersed in challenging study. I am grateful for the firm

foundation it has laid for a life-time of serving God's people and proclaiming the news of the Kingdom. This year promises many joys and opportunities to grow in skills and humility as with God's help I seek to love the people at St Thomas' North Sydney.



JAMES LEWIS

During my time at college I have been challenged and equipped in many ways,

especially in thinking theologically about life. Doing this in relationship with other students and faculty has been an enormous blessing. In 2006, Jane and I will continue at Northmead Anglican where I have been a student minister for the past two years. As an Assistant Minister, I will work with young adults and assist the Senior Minister at the 9.30 am and 6pm congregations, building on relationships already begun.



NICK LOI

Nick is working as a minister at St Peter's Anglican Church, Ipoh, Malaysia.



ALEXANDER MCCOY

I have been stretched by the studies at Moore, and encouraged by the witness

of my peers and faculty. The education and experiences of college will provide a great foundation for me as I seek to proclaim Christ in chaplaincy work at Barker College.



DAVID MORGAN

College has been at times like medicine, i.e., it doesn't taste too good at the time (academic

rigour) but you know it's good for you. In 2006 we will be serving at St Marks Chapel, University of New England, Armidale.



PETER NOVAK

Lidija and I came from Slovenia 4 years ago with a view to being better equipped to

serve God's church there. We had a very challenging time both in study and getting to know the Australian culture but it was tremendously beneficial. We return home to take up a pastoral role in the Reformed Evangelical Church in Ljubljana.



PAUL O'BRIEN

Nellie, Will, Noni, Jim, Ned and I praise God for his incredible graciousness to us over the

past four years, particularly for my opportunity to study. We are excited (and a bit terrified) embarking on this new phase of being in his service as we head to Albion Park Anglican Church. We look forward to working with God's people there to make Christ known.



MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Michael will work as Assistant Minister, Holy Trinity Kingsford while preparing for ministry in the Defence Force from 2007.



MICHELLE PHILP

It is amazing to be able to set aside four years to immerse yourself in God's word; to be

taught by men whose love for the Lord is evident not only in their lectures and chapel sermons but in all their lives; to meet and study alongside brothers and sisters who challenge and help you to grow; and to live in a community that has two things in common—a love for our Lord Jesus and a desire to share that love with others. I'm looking forward to sharing the fruits of this time with the women at Christ Church Gladesville and continuing to grow with them.



DAVID PHILPOTT

Four years at college have gone very quickly and have been a wonderful opportunity to

dedicate time to train for a life of ministry. I am thankful to God for all that I've learnt, for the faculty and their teaching, for the fellowship of friends and for the transformation that continues in my life. I am grateful to family and friends who have supported us through these years. I look forward to working as Assistant Minister at St Mark's Anglican Church West Wollongong, to loving and serving Christ and his church.



SCOTT POLENDER

Scott has returned to minister in the USA.



STEPHEN REIMER

We do indeed have an awesome God! It has been a privilege to spend so much

time these last four years in his word and with his people. My hope is that knowledge of the truth will correspond to a godly life and that I may faithfully serve those at Rouse Hill Anglican this year. I am excited and daunted by what lies ahead as the Gospel goes out and changes lives in Sydney's North West.



TIMOTHY RILEY

We are grateful for the support networks we have established during our time at Moore. In

2006 we will return to TAFE ministry. We pray that we can build and support the current work at Nirimba Educational Precinct (Quakers Hill). Eventually, we hope to look towards Blacktown, Baulkham Hills and Mt Druitt TAFEs. Our partnership with local churches is crucial and in 2006 we will continue to run a congregation in partnership with Quakers Hill Anglican.



DAVID ROWBOTTOM

We leave college with great sadness and yet with great enthusiasm to begin our

ministry at Curtin Community Church in Perth where I will work as Senior Pastor.

Bachelor of Divinity – 4 Years



MICHAEL RUSSELL

I've loved being taught by godly teachers and learning with a fantastic bunch of fellow students. The training has equipped me with a breadth of resources to use in understanding and applying the Bible. I am working with university students in Adelaide, encouraging them to follow Jesus and equipping them for a life of service.



NEIL SCOTT

Neil is working as Youth Minister at All Saints Anglican Church, Albion Park.



OWEN SETO

Moore College has not only grounded me more firmly in God's Word, it has also provided a greater awareness of the challenges of 21st century Christianity and a readiness to face that challenge. I'm thankful for the godly and gifted lecturers as well as the great friends I have made. God has led me to work at Burwood Chinese Presbyterian Church, serving the English congregation where I look forward to seeing them grow in their passion for Christ, for the lost and for Christ's Church.



ROBERT SHARP

As a family we have appreciated the community at college and the opportunity to be trained for ministry. I now feel equipped to teach people the word of God and look forward to working with youth, young adults and young families in the parish at Narellan.



STEPHEN SHEARSBY

Stephen's plans for 2006 are unknown.



BADEN STAGE

Our time at Moore College has been such an amazing blessing in our lives. A particular highlight has been living in Newtown in college community and the wonderful friendships we have made. For Karin (B&M 2003) and I, learning about God through his word has been a time of great growth and has deepened our understanding of his love in Jesus. We are grateful to God for godly, capable lecturers. In 2006 I begin work with Evangelism Ministries, telling people about Jesus, learning about evangelism and training others in sharing the gospel.



CRAIG STADTMUELLER

Craig is expecting to work at Grace Community Church Mammoth Lakes, California.



STUART STARR

Four years at Moore College have been fun, hard work, full of friendship, theological interaction and late nights! These have equipped me to minister, preach and teach God's word. Carolyn and I are now at Figtree Anglican in Wollongong where I am working as an evangelist and providing pastoral care for the young adults.



THOMAS TOKURA

I am working with the 'cool folks' of Naremburn Asian Church and as an Assistant Minister with the Naremburn/Cammeray Anglican Church.



MICHAEL TURNER

Vanessa and I have joined the team at Fairy Meadow Anglican Church, Wollongong with responsibility for the pastoral care of the 10am congregation and other ministries, followed in 12 months by an evening church plant in either the local school or surf lifesaving club.



LILLIAN WARWAR

College has been a time of learning and being shaped by God's word. I have appreciated learning from gifted and understanding lecturers and from fellow brothers and sisters. After a period of working with second generation middle easterners in Australia I plan to work with Arabic speaking people in Western Europe or the Middle East.



RICHARD WENDEN

Juliet and I give thanks to God for the privilege of being able to spend these years at Moore being trained and equipped for a lifetime of ministry. In 2006 we will be ministering to the people at St Barnabas' Ingleburn where I will be working with the 7pm (young adults) congregation and training the Youth Leaders. I pray that God will use us as an effective tool for the growth of his people and kingdom.



LIONEL WINDSOR

Leonie and I will be serving God's people at St Michael's Anglican Cathedral in the Wollongong CBD where I will be employed as an Assistant Minister with particular responsibility for the evening congregation, which comprises predominantly young workers and university students. My main focus will be on leading the church through Bible teaching and prayer, helping the ministry team as they seek to develop a renewed emphasis on training and evangelism.

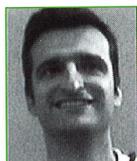


MALCOLM YORK

I have appreciated sitting under the great teaching of the lecturers at Moore College, living in community, especially at But Har Gra, and working with people who will be colleagues and friends for eternity. Training and living in community has helped me to keep focused on Christ and look out for the interests of others. My family and I are moving to Shellharbour City where, we pray, we will be a light to the community in Illawarra, shining the love of Jesus in both our words and actions.

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OMAR ANHELUK

My time at college has been a blessing. I have appreciated learning from older, wiser

Christians and sharing the good and the hard times with my family and friends. Living in community at But-Har-Gra as well as three years at college, has helped us to humbly walk with God and to share the gospel and our lives with our new church family at Campsie Anglican.



SIMON ARKAPAW

My time at Moore has been a rich and rewarding experience. The course has helped to deepen my understanding of

God's word and to equip me to share the truth about Jesus. I am now working in pastoral ministry with a Presbyterian church plant in Wentworthville.



STUART ATKINSON

Stuart is studying at Brisbane Presbyterian Theological Hall while working with Wilston Presbyterian Church in Brisbane.



PETER BLANCH

Sarah and I came to college in 2003 with a passion for country ministry and left at the end of 2005, heading for Wagga Wagga to work for AFES on campus at Charles Sturt University.



PHIL CASE

I have spent time focusing deeply on God's word and seeing some of the mysteries come to light. I have learned the value of asking what the text is saying and of wrestling with the hard issues. Doing this in an environment with other like-minded Christians has made it even more valuable. As comrades in arms, we have forged valuable and lasting friendships. In 2006 I will be continuing study at the Reformed College of Ministries in Brisbane to complete requirements for ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Queensland.



VIVIAN CHEUNG

The things I appreciate most about college are the solid teaching from godly lecturers and the college community. I'm completely amazed at how much I've learnt and grown in my knowledge of God over the past three years and I'm looking forward to using what I've learnt to teach the Bible to the women and the youth at St Paul's Kogarah.



JAIME DICKSON

Jaime is working as Assistant Minister Avalon/Palm Beach Anglican Church.



KATRINA EARNSHAW

I came to college as a single Anglican Candidate, planning to work in a church in Sydney, and have left as the wife of an AFES staffworker at James Cook University in Townsville. Studying theology has given me grounding for the teaching we will be doing and being in community has helped me see how God uses people to achieve his plans. I'll miss being at college.



MATTHEW ELKAN

My favourite things about college include chicken legs at lunch, cricket at lunch—in fact lunch in general has been pretty good. Kath and I have also liked everyone we have met while we have been at college. In 2006 I plan to work half time as an architect and half time at Mona Vale church with youth and young adults.



SIMON ELLIOTT

I have loved getting to know so many people who love Jesus and getting to know the Bible better with wonderful lecturers and fellow students. Living at MooreWest has enabled us to be in close quarters with others, forcing us to examine our lives and doctrine closely. I will be ministering at Ryde, where I hope to see people grow in their understanding of the Bible. I pray that God will use me to grow his kingdom in number and godliness.



JOHN EVANS

We are now living in Brisbane while I complete a year's study in preparation for Presbyterian Ministry after which I hope to be in a full time pastoral position in Queensland.



MATTHEW HAM

Matthew is working as a Student Minister at Chatswood Presbyterian Church while completing studies at the Presbyterian Theological College.



CHARLES HEBBLEWHITE

Charles is expecting to work as an assistant to a Vicar in the Amidale Diocese.



JAMES KERR

David's plans for 2006 are unknown.



SETI LATU

Seti plans to continue working at St Peter's Cooks River and hopes to plant a church for young Tongans in the area.



PAUL LUCAS

I have appreciated the opportunity to closely study God's word from people who teach it well. In 2006 I will be working with young adults and young married couples at St Paul's, Menai as well as looking after the Saturday night congregation. In this ministry I hope to be able to build people up and encourage them in their walk.

Bachelor of Theology – 3 Years



DAVID SAUNDERS

David is working part time in pastoral work while studying for a Graduate Dip.Ed at Wollongong University.



JENNIFER SHADWICK

It has been great spending the first three years of married life studying alongside my husband. I have learnt so much and been continually challenged as I have sat under the word of God, being spurred on by lecturers and fellow students. This year I will be teaching the Bible to children in the Harrington Park area, training others so that more and more children can hear the saving message of the cross and supporting my husband as he completes 4th year.



PHILIP & GUINEVERE SWAN

We've really appreciated the warmth and generous care of staff and fellow students and the expertise of lecturers at Moore College. The chance to build deep relationships and to grow and learn alongside others who share a passion for Christ has been a real joy. We've certainly gained knowledge and skills we hope will equip us to contribute to the global task of Bible Translation in the future.



PETER THOMPSON

Peter is working as Assistant Minister, Southern Cross Presbyterian Church, Lismore.



LEE TURNBULL

I have appreciated the 'community of believers' that is Moore College, studying God's word in relationship with others and having God explode my generally small picture of him. As yet, I do not know where the Lord will use me, but I will carry with me the amazing truths of the Gospel that he has shown me over the last four years, which I pray I might be able to share with others.



STEPHEN WHITE

Learning from great teachers and building lasting relationships have been highlights of my time at college. I have gained confidence in handling God's word and have a better understanding of the importance of teamwork and relationships in ministry. Initially I will be working with the Presbyterian Church with a year at the Presbyterian Theological College and ultimately may work in Sydney, the country or overseas. Wherever we are I hope to inspire and encourage people to follow Jesus through the preaching and teaching of God's word.



PETER WOOD

The thing I have appreciated most about college has been the people who loved and cared for us through difficult times. Through training I now feel equipped to help others fix their thoughts on Jesus.

Diploma of Bible and Missions – 1 Year



MARK ADAMS

My year at Moore has been fantastic with some great challenges, lectures, friends and fellowship. The training is helping me to serve others in a rural church in the area my wife and I are now living and I'm looking forward to the challenge of using my newly acquired knowledge.



MIRIAM ANDREWS

I've really appreciated having this dedicated time to learn about God's word and ministry in general. I'm not sure what I'll be doing after college. I am confident, however, that what I've learnt in classes and from my relationships with other students and the faculty, will be very valuable—whether in secular work, paid ministry or as a lay church member.



KAREN BEILHARZ

I have appreciated learning more about God and the Bible and have benefited from the knowledge and wisdom of the lecturers at Moore College. I've also appreciated how the college cares for us and encourages us in godliness. Studying has helped me to clarify my thinking and hone my writing skills, which will be helpful as I take up an editing job at Matthias Media.



AMY CHAPLIN

It has been an amazing privilege to study the Bible full time, not academically, but as the living word of God, which teaches, rebukes and trains us to live godly and holy lives. This year I will be working and supporting my husband Simon as he continues his studies at Moore.



JEFFREY CHIU

Jeffrey has returned to minister in Singapore.



IAN DUNN

During my year at Moore College I made many great friends and found it awesome to learn more about God. The final chapel service of the year with over 300 people singing will be a lasting memory. My immediate plans are to return to the workforce, but life away from college will not be the same.



FIONA FREDERICK

I am thankful to God for my time at Moore. I learned much about our great God and loved the fellowship with my classmates. This year I look forward to working alongside Steve at St Barnabas' Fairfield, and to our baby's arrival in March.



ANITA GABBOTT

While my husband, Bernard, completes his final two years at college, I will be a full-time mum, continuing at St Andrew's Cronulla and looking forward to working in the Armidale Diocese after college.

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NICOLE HAMILTON

Nicole remains at college while her husband continues his studies.



JENNIFER HARRICKS

Jennifer remains at college while her husband continues his studies.



MARK JENNER

Mark is returning to Queensland to be a part time youth group leader and part time radiographer.



CAMERON JOHNSTON

One of the highlights of my year at Moore was our Mission to Thailand—witnessing the work of the gospel in a foreign country, meeting Thai Christian brothers and sisters and seeing the gospel opportunities created by the Tsunami. This year I will return to teaching Christian Studies at Shore School, looking forward to the privilege of being able to teach the students about Jesus.



TERESA LEE

Bible and Missions has been a wonderful, eye-opening, brain-exhausting, spiritually-challenging year. We have appreciated being part of the Moore College community and I will miss learning and reflecting on how God's word applies to life. In 2006, as my husband starts ministry training I will begin work with Crusaders school's ministry—writing resource material and travelling to schools to present the gospel. My time at college has laid a great foundation for whatever (wherever) God has in store.



JOCELYN LOANE

I am really thankful to God for all the ways I have been challenged and stretched doing the Bible and Missions course. It has also been great to meet so many other godly brothers and sisters. In 2006 we are expecting our first child and I look forward to continuing to be involved in college life while my husband, Ed, goes into third year.



GRAHAM MOSS

I undertook the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) apprenticeship at Christ Church Gladesville and continued working there as a student minister while completing the Diploma of Bible and Missions. I am now employed as a Building Surveyor and hope to use my ministry experience in Canberra while working full time in the building industry.



STEPHANIE PHILPOTT

I have enjoyed taking a year to study God's word and build new relationships and now look forward to returning to casual teaching, being involved in Scripture teaching and joining my husband David in serving the people of St Mark's West Wollongong.



DARIN RUSSELL

Darin's plans for 2006 are unknown.



MIRANDA SHEPHEARD

Miranda remains at college while her husband completes his studies.



CATHERINE SMART

Studying Bible and Missions has been a great time of learning and encouragement. I have loved growing in my knowledge of our great God and it has been fun sharing this experience with so many encouraging Christians. Future ministry is uncertain at this stage—perhaps parish ministry in rural Australia—in the meantime, I will be kept busy with a new baby while my husband completes his third year at Moore.



KATIE TAYLOR

A year at Moore has expanded my picture of God and given me much to continue thinking about as I piece together this world from God's perspective. I look forward to continuing as part of the Moore community as Michael continues his studies, and making the most of the gospel opportunities that church at St John's Doonside and motherhood will bring.



ANDRE WHEELLEY

Andre is training people in evangelism.

FAITH WONG

Faith will continue part time work and part time ministry while her husband Ben Ho finishes his BD.

JOHN SANDEMAN

John writes for Anglican Media.



STUART TYE

Stuart will be working at The Kings School.

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MARK RAMSAY

Hitting the books again has been more challenging than I expected. Nevertheless, there have been many highlights including the chance to spend time with other people interested in exploring the great Gospel of Christ and its implications for our lives. It has whetted my appetite for more study when circumstances allow. In 2006 I will be ministering to the students of St Ives High School, supported by Christchurch St Ives. I am looking forward to sharing the joy of knowing God with the youth there.



DUNCAN WOODS

Laura and I have thoroughly enjoyed our year away from the UK studying and working in Sydney. The Diploma of Bible and Youth has challenged my preconceptions and helped me to grow in my knowledge and understanding of Scripture. I feel the Lord is leading me into Christian education and believe that time at college has helped me to think theologically about how we educate young people. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Correspondence Courses

BILL SALIER (LECTURER)

As we celebrate the achievements of our graduating students I would ask you to consider another group of students graduating from Moore College. In May they will graduate from our Correspondence Course – the Certificate in Theology (PTC) and the Evening Course – Diploma in Biblical Studies Course (DBS). There are 3,500 students in over 40 countries around the world studying the PTC, with significant numbers in Africa, South America, India and the UK. There were also 500 enrolments in the Evening Course, which is taught at six centres around the Sydney metropolitan area.

The External Studies graduation is very encouraging as we get to meet people who have persevered with part-time study, some over many years. How humbling it is to hear how people from all walks of life have been impacted by their study of the word of God. Many testify to the changes it has made to their relationship with God and their ability to minister in his name. We are so grateful that the Lord has graciously used these courses in achieving his purposes.

If you are graduating this year, why not consider how you can encourage those you minister to by introducing them to the External Studies courses? Perhaps you could start a study group using what you have learnt at College to assist others to grow in their love and knowledge of God. If you have not had the opportunity to study full-time, consider enrolling in either the PTC or DBS course. What an amazing way to grow in your love and knowledge of our gracious God.

We are constantly looking at ways of improving the course material and hope there will be some exciting new developments this year. Watch the External Studies space! In the meantime, please join with us as we praise God for the way he has allowed these courses to be created and used so effectively in his service.

For information contact Elizabeth 9577 9918.

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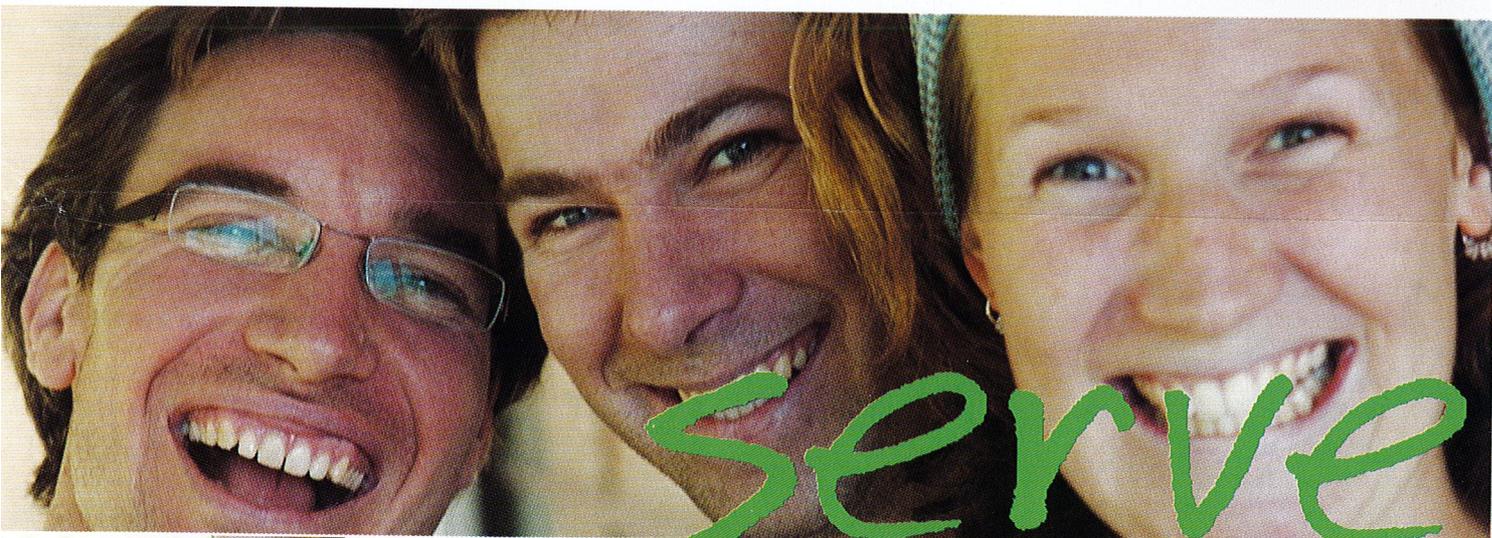
supporters' lunch

thursday 27th april

Dr. Peter Bolt will explore the legacy of Thomas Moore's amazing life. Moore was a Christian man who made a lasting impact on the early colony in areas of commerce and Christian organizations that continue to shape our society.

This will be a wonderful day of encouragement, sharing fellowship and joy in what the Lord has done and is doing in our midst.

For bookings and further information contact Vicki 9577 9798.



Remember the fundamentals...

MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY — KEITH CONDIE (LECTURER)

It is important for people in vocational Christian ministry to have good marriages. God has given instructions about how husbands and wives should relate to each other and to fail in this area is to fail in living the Christian life. Yes, these couples provide a model to others. Yes, the working of these marriages impacts the growth of God's kingdom (see later). But let's not overlook what is most important—how we relate in our marriages is basic to our calling to be Christ's people. We honour the Lord when we love and serve our spouse.

Many in ministry can testify to the enrichment and joy that flow from a solid marriage. Sadly, other ministry marriages are filled with bitterness and hurt and some of these relationships collapse altogether. What can prevent that from happening? It would be naïve to suggest that a short article like this could answer that question. But all of us who are married can benefit from returning to the fundamentals and examining our relationship in the light of them. We can be confident that God is at work in us through his Spirit, empowering us to live faithfully for him. Yet such a working of divine grace is never a reason to be complacent about our relationships. Rather, it should spur us on to living in a manner worthy of our calling. So, here are four foundations, four 'C's' (well, three anyway), that provide a solid base for a marriage that aligns with God's intentions.

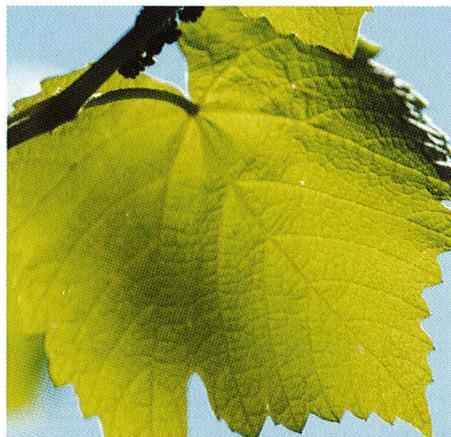
1. COMMITMENT

This is the very heart of a marriage. Remember those promises you made on your wedding day: 'for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health...'? This is the framework in which we operate. We are not going to give up because it is hard work or has not turned out to be the marriage we hoped for or expected. And when this truth is taken to heart it provides a wonderful freedom and security. Things can go wrong (as they always do!) without the sense that the relationship will fall apart. Central to God's character is his faithfulness—the fact that he keeps his promises. Thus staying in a marriage is about being like God.

2. CHARACTER

Making a marriage work involves much more than learning some good techniques that facilitate communication and help you to resolve conflict. You have to be a particular kind of person to put these techniques into practice. This is where Christian character becomes so significant. Many of the so-called personality or temperament issues that we think might make people seem incompatible (stubbornness, unreliability and dominance for example) are really character issues. These things damage relationships, whereas living in accord with the new self created in Christ enhances them. A good marriage involves living the Christian life properly. It is gospel centred, cross-centred living, characterised by humility, patience, self-control and the like. And when failure occurs, forbearance and forgiveness provide a source of fresh beginnings that can't be extinguished.

This principle has particular implications in the important matter of how couples speak to each other. Research suggests that, in a marriage, the way you begin a conversation usually reflects the way it will end. Conversations that begin with accusation, criticism or sarcasm generally will be destructive to your relationship. On the other hand, speech that is laden with gentleness and kindness and concern for the other's welfare will strengthen a marriage. There is nothing new to this finding—it reflects the ancient wisdom found in the Bible: 'A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger' (Proverbs 15:1). Changing patterns



of communication is not easy. But if you recognise that you have problems in this area, consciously making some changes can make an enormous difference to the quality of your marriage.

3. COMMUNITY

God designed marriage to meet many of our relational needs but to think that our spouse can meet all of them is unrealistic. God has made us social beings. He has placed us within a Christian family for mutual encouragement and support. Don't become isolated in your marriage. Wives need strong relationships with other women; husbands with other men, and couples with other couples.

4. KINGDOM

Christopher Ash (in his book, *Marriage: Sex in the Service of God*) has argued that the primary purpose of marriage is to further the work of God's kingdom. In the creation story, the woman was made to be a helper for the man (Genesis 2:18), but the question is, help to do what? Genesis 2:15 supplies the answer—to help him care for the garden. Ash argues that in the context of the broader themes of the Bible, this means that marriage serves the purpose of furthering God's work in the world. Your marriage will be stronger if you believe and live out this truth. It doesn't mean you constantly neglect each other because you are doing 'the Lord's work'. That denies the clear commands of God directed to husbands and wives. But it does mean not being selfish about your relationship. A totally inward looking relationship is a destructive relationship.

Here, then, are some principles that should shape our marriages. If there are difficulties in your relationship never forget that we serve a powerful and gracious God. From him comes the ability to keep loving and serving even when our partner does not do so in return.

When it comes to marriage, the grass is not greener on the other side—the grass is greener where you water it. Keep working at your marriage relationship.