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Priscilla & Aquila Conference 2013



Dr Mark Thompson appointed new Principal of Moore Theological College



*Mark and Kathryn Thompson with their daughters
left to right Anna, Mary, Rachel and Elizabeth*

On November 30, 2012 the College's Governing Board announced the appointment of Dr Mark Thompson to succeed Dr John Woodhouse as Principal of Moore Theological College.

President of the Governing Board, Archbishop of Sydney Dr Peter Jensen, said "I greet the appointment of Dr Mark Thompson as the next Principal with great enthusiasm. Mark is thoroughly committed to Christ as Lord, and is a fine teacher and a caring pastor."

The Archbishop said "His gifts as a speaker, theological educator, author and theologian have been recognised internationally as well as locally. His clear and strong affirmation of the gospel and his capacity as a leader are going to be significant gifts he brings to the College."

The Archbishop described the College as "well positioned to meet the challenges of change. The campus requires development and a new building is planned. The educational opportunities are new and they offer the possibilities of extending the teaching

of the College and attracting even more students. With the help of the faculty and staff of the College, Mark is well equipped both to maintain the theological stance of the College and to oversee the developments we need to best serve Christ and his people."

Mark Thompson studied at Moore College in the 1980s, for two years under the principalship of Broughton Knox and two years under that of Peter Jensen. After leaving College in 1986 and being ordained in early 1987, he served in churches at Pymble and Dapto, before returning to the College to teach Christian doctrine in 1991. At the end of his first year on the faculty he married Kathryn and they moved into the first of the Queen Street townhouses purchased by the College that year. He also completed a Masters thesis on personal assurance in Romans 8. Then, in 1994, Mark and Kathryn left for three years in the United Kingdom, during which Mark completed a DPhil at Oxford University on Martin Luther's doctrine of Scripture. Returning in mid-1997, Mark served the College for the next twelve years as Academic Dean and then as Head of the Department of Theology, Philosophy and Ethics.

During that time Mark and Kathryn were blessed with four daughters—Elizabeth (13), Anna (12), Rachel (10) and Mary (7).

Throughout Mark's time at College he has been heavily involved in the life of the Sydney Diocese and in Christian ministry overseas. In Sydney, he has served in the Synod and on its Standing Committee and is currently the Chairman of the Sydney Diocesan Doctrine Commission. For seven years he was the President of the Anglican Church League. In terms of the College's global mission, Mark helped to pioneer the partnership between Moore College's External Studies program and the India Gospel League, travelling to Chennai and Salem in Tamil Nadu in 2000. He co-led a mission to Sabah in Malaysia, helped to establish the College's links with the Alexandria School of Theology in Egypt and subsequently taught in the College's MA program there, attended GAFCON in 2008 and served on its Theological Resource Group (now the FCA Theological Commission). He has also taught courses at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford and Oak Hill College in London.

Dr Woodhouse retires as Principal in May 2013.



Dan Wu

Lectures in Old Testament and Biblical Languages

Who's in your family?

I'm married to Chrissie, who I met when I was doing ministry training at St Paul's Anglican in Carlingford (now Crossway Anglican). We were married shortly after I started Moore College in 2003. We have two fun and energetic boys, Liam (5) and Archie (18 months).

Tell me something about you that not many people know.

In 2nd grade I successfully fought off a 3rd grade bully, with a training regime consisting only of watching Chinese kung fu movies for two weeks. I believe I used the 'Palm of the Drunken Tiger' on him. He didn't bother me again...

If you had 30 minutes of free time, how would you spend it?

I'd call up a friend, we'd go fishing and come back 4 hours later!

How and when did you become a Christian?

I became a Christian largely through the ministry of my family, especially my mum. From the earliest age she taught me from the Bible that God was God, that Jesus loved me, and that we should love and serve God as best we could. From as far back as I can remember, I've always believed that to be true, and my Christian life has been a matter of growing in and confirming those convictions. On the other hand, my parents were also very clear in affirming that the choice was ultimately mine, not theirs, to

make. I am so thankful for parents who taught me the truth about God so clearly, and yet gave me the freedom to own my faith!

Who is the most influential person in your life?

Besides my family, there are two people who stand out as really influential in my life, and in helping me grow as a Christian and in ministry. My year 10 youth group leader's passion for the Bible was infectious; he would come into our small group, put his Bible on the table and say, 'OK...what do you want to know?' We would





ask him all sorts of questions, but whatever the topic, he knew where to go in the Bible to help us think it through and see things from God's perspective. For a 'churched' kid, this was really exciting; it really made me want to know God better through his word, and to be able to help others do the same.

My Uni staff worker, although he probably doesn't realise it, was and still is the person who shaped my convictions and approach to Christian life and ministry more than any other. His modelling of godly, faithful, humble servant leadership had a profound influence on me, and the way the gospel of Jesus shaped both his life and doctrine helped me mature in my own faith, and begin to take real, concrete steps towards full time ministry.

What is the best book you've ever read and why?

The best book I've ever read is Jonathan Edwards' *The End for Which God Created the World*. It's a bit of hard work at points, and gets pretty technical, but it's well worth the effort. I think Edwards is spot on when he says that the Bible tells us that the ultimate purpose for which God made everything was his own glory. Edwards does a great job of showing how a proper appreciation of God's glory puts everything in the Bible and in our lives in their proper place and context. Most importantly, he shows how living for God's glory is not only the right way to live, but also the best and most joyful for us.

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Do you have a favourite Bible verse and why is it a favourite?

I have lots of favourite verses, but I really love Eph 2:6-7: '*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus*'. I love it because it gives us the wonderful answer to what we will be doing in eternity. I used to think that eternal life would probably get boring after a while, and worry that it just wouldn't be as good as it was cracked up to be. But these verses tell us that, as mind-blowing as it is when you understand who Jesus is and what he has done for us on the cross here and now, it is just a drop in the ocean of the wonder of the cross. The love of Christ is so wide and long and high and deep that we will need eternity just to begin to grasp it! What's more, these verses also tell us that in eternity God will continue to lavish on us the same soul-satisfying kindness that led Jesus to lay down his life for us. For me, this means that the new creation isn't something to worry or be hesitant about, but something to yearn for totally, because it won't be the end of created, earthly joys but, with Jesus at the centre of it, their fulfillment!



Moore Library

On Christmas Day, 1814, Rev. Samuel Marsden preached a sermon on Luke 2:10 on a beach in the Bay of Islands. After long being delayed, this sermon marked the beginnings of the Church Missionary Society taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the New Zealanders.

As a lead-up to the bicentenary of this event in 2014, the **Moore College Library Day 2013** will look at the commencement of Marsden's mission from the New South Wales perspective. David Pettett, Malcolm Prentis, Peter Bolt, Greg Anderson, Meredith Lake, Malcolm Falloon, Craig Schwarze, Michael Gladwin and others will join us for '**Launching Marsden's Mission**', considering such questions as: Richard Johnson and Samuel Marsden as Australia's first missionaries; What ministry to New Zealanders had already commenced in NSW? What was Marsden's attitude to the indigenous people of Australia and New Zealand? What did Marsden actually preach on Christmas Day?

Some of the relevant treasures from the Moore College Library collections will be displayed, including our collection of Marsden's original sermon manuscripts; an 1837 Maori translation of the New Testament printed on the mission press in the Bay of Islands; and Lancelot Threlkeld's Awabakal translation and grammar including his comparison of this aboriginal language with the Polynesian.

Library Day will be held at Moore College on Saturday, July 27 from 10am.

In other news:

- Moore Books bookshop will relocate to Level 1 of the Library in April 2013. We will continue to offer a comprehensive selection of quality commentaries and textbooks for sale over the website (www.moorebooks.com.au) as well as onsite.
- The Library has relocated items in our two storage locations into one offsite storage facility. Titles listed in the catalogue with the location OFFSITE requested by 11am on a working day will be available for collection during the next working day.

For details of Library services and Library Day 2013, please visit the website (www.library.moore.edu.au) or telephone 02 9577 9897.

Julie Olston, Library Manager

External Studies goes viral

The demand for Moore College's teaching has grown exponentially in recent years. It has reached the point where some might say it has *gone viral*. In response, the College has decided to further develop its distance education offerings. There remains a significant demand in Australia for the College's distance courses and meeting this demand globally continues to be challenging.

Moore College's Governing Board has approved a significant increase in resources to support distance education over the next five years. We are excited to be meeting the challenges that this development provides. The College will explore ways to maximise student support in order to provide people worldwide with increased access, flexibility, interaction and affordability to achieve results.

We have researched our students' needs and the opportunities that new technologies bring us. For example, our students have told us they don't want the Certificate in Theology to be 'dumbed down', but they do want more flexibility and better assessment feedback. The online strategy is being developed on the concept that not everyone studies or learns in the same way. We are also responding to the fact that people are time poor and may need the flexibility to study on their mobile device when out and about.

In 2013 we will explore a more flexible model for our distance courses which will give students basic access to online content for a yearly fee. These changes support the College's vision to maintain and enhance its global leadership as a centre for theological teaching, ministry training and distance theological education. To be involved in future trials, please enter your details in the online form on our website at external.moore.edu.au (under News).

Mark Fairfull

The new Centre for Ministry Development means that Moore is providing even more

Moore College has launched a new centre to grow God's kingdom, helping churches and gospel workers strengthen their ministries by providing increased support for those at the 'coalface'.

The Moore College courses do a magnificent job in providing first rate Bible and Theological input. This input is best given in the College setting. But there are so many other ministry and personal mastery skills that are better developed when in the cut and thrust of ministry.

It is planned that The Centre for Ministry Development (CMD) will offer personalised development assistance that considers the skills the minister already has and also the setting in which they minister in order to be able to focus on specific areas of development. It is hoped that the Centre will be able to offer short courses on these issues as well as providing extended mentoring.

My hope for CMD is that it will be a 'one stop shop' for churches and ministers who want to keep getting better. I am delighted to be able to be involved in serving people in this way, while at the same time being daunted by what is involved. Your prayers and support are greatly valued as we undertake this ministry.

The modules that CMD offers will be developed in consultation with churches and pastors, but it is hoped that its coverage will be

broad, theologically rigorous and very practical; and that those who use it will be held accountable for their growth. I am excited to already have forged partnerships with groups who offer best practice courses in some important areas such as control of diary, working out what is important, and thinking through how to help members transition to greater maturity.

CMD hopes to be local, individual and based upon personal engagement. One way we can help is in improving the student minister experience—for the student, the staff and the parish. We often assume that the minister knows how to best train and deploy students, but sometimes they are merely copying what they experienced. We would like to offer training for ministers in how to nurture the next generation, and how they can benefit most from having students with them.

The first task of CMD is to gather experts in the field of assessment and training in order to develop a tool to audit strengths and development areas so that clergy know what areas to concentrate on first.

I am pleased that CMD is working in partnership with the 'Effective Ministries



under God' team. Tim Sims, EMUG's founder, said about this new initiative, "in my work with churches the need for this Centre has become clear, and I am happy to support, partner and supply the resources of the 'Effective Ministries under God' team to the Centre".

The CMD will seek to work with other great ministries in the Diocese. It will operate in a network of partnerships which I look forward to seeing grow. After developing the audit package, we will need to recruit and train auditors, develop a coaching package and recruit and train coaches/mentors to support those working 'in the trenches'. I thank you for your prayers as we undertake this endeavour under God.

*Archie Poulos
Head of Ministry Department
Lectures in Ministry*

Diploma of Bible and Ministry



Fiona Ackman (married to Geoff, going into Year 3)
Fiona will concentrate on supporting Geoff and being a mum



Matthew Beresford (married to Melanie)
Matthew has returned to graphic design work and lay ministry



Jonathan Marquet (married to Sarah)
Jonathan is working as a lawyer and serving in a local church on the far North Coast



Kathy Powell (married to Rob)
Kathy will be supporting family and waiting on God for direction on ways to serve Him



Ian Scarfe (married to Rona)
Ian is involved in lay ministry at Lugarno Anglican Church

Diploma of Bible and Youth Ministry



Cindy Partridge (married to Jason)
Cindy has returned to part-time study while continuing to support Jason in his ministry and caring for their baby boy



Tim Baker
Tim is teaching English as a second language in the City and has joined a church plant in Canterbury



Renee Brasier (engaged to James)
Renee has returned to Shore School as a teacher of Christian Studies and Geography to secondary school boys



Elysha Cole (Married to Jonathan)
Elysha partners with her husband Jonathan in ministry at St Peter's, Canberra as well as caring for their 1 year old son



Ellie Mantle (married to Mickey, going into Year 2)
Ellie is involved in student work at St Andrew's Cathedral



David Robinson (married to Trudy)
David is assisting the church in Northampton, in the Diocese of North West Australia

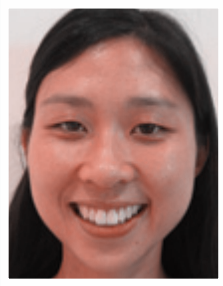


Elise Semenchuk
Elise has returned to University to study for a Diploma of Education and is involved in ministry at Dapto Anglican Church



Fiona Smartt (married to Ryan)
Fiona works as a Women's Pastoral Minister at Christ Church Inner West

Diploma of Bible and Missions



Amy Stepniewski
(married to Kevin, going into Year 4)



Rich Thompson (married to Nicky)
Rich is involved in media and communications with Mission Aviation Fellowship



Rachael Truscott
Rachel is working as a consultant and continues to serve at her church in Canberra



Jo Wattle
Jo plans to return to Speech Pathology this year and is praying for guidance in ways to serve the Lord

Three Year Bachelor of Theology



Kevin Chien (married to Kathleen)
Kevin is involved in UNSW student ministry



Jacqueline Collins (married to Greg)
Jacqueline works in a part-time ministry position in a local church as well as supporting Greg, who has begun full-time study



Sarah Cox
This year, Sarah is working for Community Development and Public Health with a view to working overseas from 2014



Marette Dean
Marette prays that God will use her for his glory in everything he has in store for her for the future



Danny Ford (married to Helena)
Following the public launch of The Joshua Tree, Danny is reaching out to those in Sydney's inner west who don't yet know Jesus



Dan Godde (married to Simone)
Dan is involved in church planting at Flooding Creek Community Church in Sale



Sihua (Joshua) Guo
(married to Faye)
Joshua is working as an Assistant Minister at Cabramatta Anglican Church



Matthew Kennedy (married to Anna)
Matthew is serving as the Pastoral Assistant for Youth at Chatswood Baptist Church while undertaking an MA Ministry at Morling College to gain accreditation for Baptist pastoral ministry

Three Year Bachelor of Theology



Ruth Lee

Ruth is continuing on with the people at Cornerstone Eastwood and working with RICE as their General Manager



Jeremiah Matson

Jeremiah has returned to the US and will continue his studies at Medical School. He prays that he will ultimately be involved in fruitful ministry combining his theological and his medical training



Hayley Neal

*(engaged to Steve Gibbins)
Hayley is working with The Geneva Push Church Planting Network*



Michael Nhieu

Michael is undertaking a Master's degree at Presbyterian Theological College in preparation to lead a church plant with Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. He also serves on the board of RICE



Zoe Paleologos

Zoe says that she was blessed by her time at college



Zeph Palmer



Kate Ramshaw (engaged to Brian, going into Year 3)
Kate is working as Assistant Chaplain at Barker College



Leanne Slade

Leanne is serving as a women's minister part-time at All Saints Anglican Church, Petersham



Beth Webb (married to Paul, exiting Year 3)

Beth is serving alongside her husband at St John's Parramatta as well as being a mum to her daughter and baby due in April



Paul Webb (married to Beth, exiting Year 3)

Paul has been appointed Assistant Minister at St John's Parramatta



Brendan Willis

Brendan is retraining in order to return to Physiotherapy while at the same time, continuing as part of the leadership team at his church, Sovereign Grace



Jasmine Yong (married to Richard)

Jasmine is ministering part-time at Naremburn Asian Australian Church and working part-time as a surgical assistant

Four Year Bachelor of Divinity



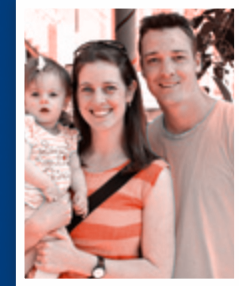
Duncan Andrews (Married to Miriam)
Duncan and his family have moved to Adelaide where he is in an associate position with Trinity Hills Anglican



Mark Baines (married to Jo)
Mark works as a Youth Minister and Northmead-Winston Hills Anglican Churches



Jon Blyth (married to Nicole)
Jon and Nicole have returned to the country, grateful to God for the many graces he has shown them



Steve Blyth (married to Laura)
Steve, Laura and Josie have moved to Bendigo, Victoria, where Steve will be working for AFES at La Trobe University



Stephen Bridge
Stephen is praying that he will serve God's people well through faithful teaching and pastoral care



Pete Cheng (married to Sonya)
Pete is serving on the staff team at The Lakes Evangelical Church (NSW Central Coast)



Lucy Chubb (married to Peter)
Lucy prays for faithfulness and patience as she tries to work out and faithfully do God's will



Andrew Clark (married to Nicole)
Andrew is serving at St John's Sutherland



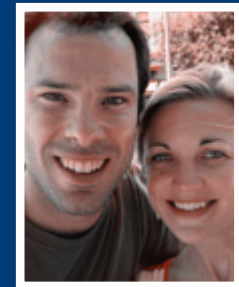
Jonathan Cole (married to Elysha)
Jonathan works as an Assistant Minister at St Peter's Anglican Church, Canberra



Mark Collins (married to Rachael)
Mark is ministering at St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, St Mary's



Prashanth Colombage (married to Emily)
Prashanth and Emily are involved at St James' Croydon and looking forward to devoting more time to ministry



Nick Colyer (married to Sarah)
Nick is working in parish ministry at Hoxton Park Anglican Church

Four Year Bachelor of Divinity



Marcus Druitt (married to Helen)
Marcus is excited to be involved in multi-cultural evangelism in Rockdale and Brighton Le Sands



Tim Escott (married to Naomi)
Tim works with youth and young adults at St David's Forestville



Daniel Faricy (married to Rebecca)
Daniel looks forward to serving Jesus in whatever ministry opportunities He presents



Stephen Farrar (married to Rachel)
Stephen is involved in lay ministry at a church in Berala



Roger Hokin (married to Nikki)
Roger has been appointed Assistant Minister at Dural District Churches (youth, young adults and evening service)



Katie Hooton
(engaged to Cameron)
Katie works at Toongabbie Anglican Church as their Women's Minister



Al James (married to Susie)
Al has been appointed Assistant Minister at St Martin's, Killara



Andrew Judd (married to Stephanie)
Andrew has joined the ministry team at St Barnabas, Broadway



Jon Kwan (married to Kirili)
Jon works as Maturity Pastor at Village Church, Annandale



Campbell Mackay
(married to Melanie)
Campbell is working as Assistant Minister at St Stephen's, Willoughby



Jo Mason
Jo has joined the AFES team at Melbourne's Deakin University



Steve McNabb (married to Lisa)
Steve is working as a Curate in the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand

Four Year Bachelor of Divinity



Dougal Michie (married to Rachel)
Dougal has been appointed Assistant Minister at All Saints' North Epping



Zac Miles (married to Amy)
Zac is working as a Connections Pastor at Menai Anglican Church



David Mitchell (married to Traci)
David has taken his family to Karratha, WA, where he serves in the Anglican Church in partnership with Bush Church Aid



Daniel Morris (married to Kate)
Daniel is training for missionary work with CMS



Gerard O'Brien (married to Briar)
Gerard is serving at St Thomas', North Sydney



Tim Omrod (married to Katie)
Tim is working for AFES at Griffith Uni (Gold Coast)



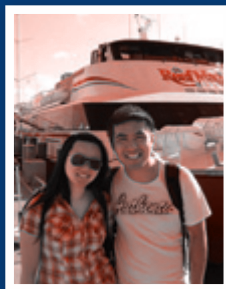
Andrew Robinson (married to Felicity)
Andrew is involved in Anglican Ministry in Canberra-Goulburn Diocese



Victor Shaw (married to Claire)
Victor and his family have moved to Tasmania where they have begun a two year curacy at St George's Battery Point in Hobart, working particularly with youth and children



Osea Taito
Osea hopes to work for St James' Anglican Church, Mount Druitt



Sui Thie (married to Grid)
Sui and Grid have returned to serve God in Jakarta, Indonesia



Simon Twist (married to Gillian)
Simon is working as Director of Training and Discipleship at Campbelltown Anglican Churches



Guan Un (married to Mary)
Guan hopes to serve God through a ministry of the written word

Four Year Bachelor of Divinity



Robin Vonk (married to Cathy)
Robin is serving at Roseville East Anglican Church and planting a new church in Castle Cove



Jo Wong
For Jo it's "Next stop: East Asia"



Mike Wong (married to Kara)
Mike, Kara and the boys have moved to Albury where Mike works as Assistant Pastor with the Presbyterian Church



Carson Wu (married to Grace)
Carson is serving in a Sydney Anglican Church and prays that the Holy Spirit will empower him to bring the gospel to the community, particularly those who can only speak Chinese

MA (Theology)

Mark Boyley
Stephen Cree
Shane Dirks
Anthony Douglas
Sam Hwang
Simon Manchester
David Mears
Alison Napier
Dominic O'Shea
Gavin Perkins
David Pratt
Nathan Walter
Malcolm York
David Yung

Acknowledging



Alfred Olwa PhD (UWS)

Please Pray

2013 is a year of *New Beginnings* for Moore College! We have a new Principal, new faculty member and new initiatives which we believe will better serve the wider Christian community.

In this edition of *Moore Matters*, we also acknowledge *new beginnings* for our graduates and our first year students. Those who have left College and those who are just arriving have all responded to God's call to train for Christian ministry. Each one has now begun a new journey in service of the Lord.

In welcoming our new students at the 2013 orientation day (Big Day In), Acting Principal, Bill Salier, reminded them that Moore is a place where we can learn to see even more clearly and truly as the Lord continues to open blind eyes and help them to see.

As our graduates go out into the world having learned to see more clearly and truly through the lens of Scripture, *God's good word to us*, and as our new students join with our current student body in deepening their knowledge and love of God, will you pray for them? And



will you pray for the faculty and staff as we all, under God, embrace the challenges of our *new beginnings*?

Please join with Bill in praying that 'we all will see more clearly, see from above and not below, with eyes filled with light; and walk with confidence, delighted always to join in that anthem

of praise that *every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, on the sea and everything in them joins in ... Blessing and honour and glory and dominion to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!*

And with the four living creatures we reply ... Amen!'

Vicki King

Why we're studying at Moore

James and Rachelle Foley

First Year Students

Having arrived to a week of bleak skies and driving rain, we're glad it isn't a search for better climate that has brought us to Sydney! Rather, it's the opportunity to study at Moore College that has brought us from sunny Adelaide. We had both been looking toward theological study for the last few years, but found ourselves asking 'where?'

A few factors led us to choose Moore. Strong faculty, good reputation, and well-established programmes were all important, but two things stood out. Firstly, we're excited about the chance to live in a community of Christian students. We thought it worth moving interstate to have the opportunity to not just attend classes together, but to also share meals and everyday life with those on the same journey as us. Secondly, we have both been significantly shaped

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by Moore graduates. We've been taught, trained, cared for and counselled by Moore grads, who have shown themselves to be devoted followers of Christ, with rich knowledge of Scripture and thoughtful engagement with the world. To us, they were the best advertisement for the College, but more importantly were good ambassadors for Christ. We hope to follow in their footsteps.

Diving into first year

Jonathan McConchie

First Year Student

After years of thinking, praying and talking about full-time ministry, I'm diving into first year in 2013, with the hope of returning to Victoria for student ministry. As I was entering my 30's, God prompted me to take Him seriously in a new way. I could imagine turning 50 and regretting that I didn't do this earlier.

Why the trek from Melbourne to Moore (with wife and 3 kids no less!)? Being formed together in community under the Word, the creative, radical approach of Moore graduates to doing church and ministry, and our first-hand enjoyment of grads' ministry in Melbourne led us to this choice. If you're going to teach and love God's people full-time for the rest of your life, you want to be equipped the best you can.

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More Myth than Moore: Why Moore for Mission?



Graduates Daniel and Kate Morris, training for missionary work with CMS

I came to Moore College twelve months ago and have been encouraged and excited to learn from the inside what a great place it is. In the past I've come across some perceptions about Moore College that I have been pleased to discover were more myth than reality. In this article I'd like to address the question: Why Moore for Mission?

There are a number of reasons why Moore is an excellent choice for mission preparation.

I have learnt that Moore has a **world missions focus** with a dedicated Missions Department, a weekly Mission and Ministry hour with a guest speaker, and a dedicated Mission Awareness Week put on for students each year.

I have found that Moore College graduates have served or are serving **in cities and rural areas all around Australia and the world**, in missionary work, parish ministry, university ministry, theological education, schools ministry, Bible translation, evangelism, church planting, literature production, music ministry, various chaplaincies, and the list goes on.

I have learnt that Moore College has been blessed over a long time by having **students from many countries**, which is a great way for students to have direct contact with

God's work around the world.

I have seen that at Moore College students receive a solid foundation in being able to understand and teach the Bible, which is **the basis for all effective Christian mission**.

This includes knowledge of the original biblical languages, so that students are able to understand the biblical text at a deep level.

I have observed that students are **solidly grounded in biblical theology**, which equips them to deal with unusual, difficult and new situations they might come across in other cultures by providing a strong biblical basis for their listening, analysing, communication and behaviour.

I have been pleased to discover that all students are exposed to **principles of cross-cultural understanding**,

including describing and explaining other cultures and worldviews, and how to learn about them.

I have found that in addition to Moore's **specialist mission-focussed Diploma**, its **Bachelor degrees are the most in-depth preparation available for mission**.

The Diploma of Bible and Mission course includes subjects such as History of Christian Mission, Christian Communication in Mission, Understanding Buddhism and Islam, and Evangelistic Apologetics.

These provide **in-depth study of many issues in contemporary mission**.

I've seen the testimony of our graduates who tell us Moore College has trained them to **listen to different voices** and **think carefully about how that shapes and impacts** the

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way they understand God's Word.

Moore graduate Peter Sholl tells us: "working in a cross-cultural situation we are faced with all sorts of questions and issues that we have to deal with, and the education that I've got at Moore College through my BD and MA gave me the framework to think about those things in a gospel-focused, theological way. Moore College will give you the building blocks in theology that you need to serve in any sort of Christian ministry."

"My time at Moore College also was very significant in opening my eyes to the need for world mission. When we were there, the Department of Missions was just getting going, and Mike Raiter was there really encouraging us to think about our role as Christians in the world of global Christianity. His insight and his experience—and I know that carries on now—was an important part of the step in me moving from ministry in Sydney to ministry here in Latin America."

I encourage you to find out about Moore for yourself by visiting during Open Week or Open Night in May and August, or Open Day in September. Like me, **you might discover** that some of the things you may have heard about the College are **more myth than Moore**.

Mark Fairfull



Con Campbell

Lectures in Greek and New Testament



After the first semester of 2013, the Campbell family will be moving to the northern suburbs of Chicago, U.S.A. I will take up a post as Associate Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield. This is an exciting, but daunting, move for our family, as we settle into a new culture and a different theological institution, and as we leave behind our friends, family, and the Moore College community. I have loved the last seven years as a member of the Moore College faculty, and it has been a privilege to contribute to the training of hundreds of men

and women for gospel ministry. So... why would I leave? Am I crazy? Maybe!

The move to Trinity represents an opportunity to export a little piece of Moore College into an influential context for global Christianity. With students from 40 countries and 50 denominations, Trinity shapes hundreds of gospel ministers from around the world. I hope that God will use my work at Trinity to further the influence of our commitment to Biblical Theology, theological exegesis, and the integration of ministry and theology. And did I mention that I'm a quarter American, and a longstanding Americo-phile?

At Trinity, I will be teaching the Greek New Testament at various levels of the MDiv and ThM, and will supervise some PhD students. Trinity is keen to enable me to engage in church ministry through preaching and evangelism, and I will continue to research and write books.

I thank God for my time at Moore, and value your prayers for us as we move into this next phase of ministry.



There and back again... and there again: A Singaporean "Moorette's" tale

My first Moore journey was from 2006-2009 when, as a student, I attempted to scale the mountains of theology together with fun and godly brothers and sisters, under the guidance of amazing lecturers. At the end of four years, I thought that my journey in Australia was over for good, but headed home to Singapore with no regrets. Ministry in Singapore was what I trained for, and as I plunged into student ministry in the Singapore Management University, the conviction of the goodness of being in Singapore grew. In the past three years, there have been many opportunities to love, serve and help grow students hungry for the Word. My role was to disciple the women students, which meant lots of 1-to-1 Bible studies, inhaling heaps of Bible and good fellowship through the week. It was also exciting to be partnering in a wider team which was passionate to bring gospel-centered and solid teaching to all corners of Singapore. In fact, it was in the middle of helping start a new campus ministry that Stuart and I started something else new—working (dating) towards a new Morgan family unit!

So, after three years of ministry, an engagement and a wedding, my new Moore journey begins...but in a very different form! This time Stuart, my husband, is the one who has to learn Greek, and I have a completely new role as a student wife. It feels strange not to have my own pigeon-hole (amongst other, probably bigger, changes!). I had not expected this second journey to Moore (otherwise I would have kept my Aussie bank account!) but God in His sovereign planning must intend this for good. This new journey feels a little daunting, with new experiences to get through, and all the things we have left behind, but we know that the unchanging and faithful God stands behind it all. The new things He brings along our way are but according to his unchanging purpose to make us more like Christ. So yes, everything has changed and is new, and yet, nothing has changed at all.

Chew-Chern Morgan

Claire Smith



Rob and Claire Smith

In 2010 Claire Smith became the first woman to be awarded a PhD under the partnership arrangement between Moore College and UWS. Her PhD thesis, *Pauline Communities as 'Scholastic Communities': A Study of 'Teaching' in 1 Corinthians, 1 and 2 Timothy*

and Titus, has now been published in the WUNT series, which is well known to New Testament scholars.

The 2013 Priscilla and Aquila Centre conference had the privilege of hosting the launch of this book, and we were very pleased to do so, since it fits with two of our aims: "to (i) encourage and support women to pursue post-graduate theological study at Moore College; and to (ii) encourage and support Christian women to write and publish in the fields of Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Ethics, Ministry and Mission—at both a popular and academic level".

Claire's work explores the nature of some of the earliest Christian churches that were under the apostle Paul's care. She argues that these letters show that the early Christian communities were *learning* communities: places in which men, women and children were together learning from each other, in order to learn from God himself.

The book is based on painstaking and thorough research. Claire examines every possible word that is related to teaching, seeking to understand the particular contribution of each word to the learning task—its meaning and nuances in the apostle Paul's letters, by comparison and contrast with its usage elsewhere. Those who have read her work testify to how great a resource it will be for those who teach God's word, and so we thank God for the gifting he has given Claire for the benefit of Christ's church.

Jane Tooher

Director of the Priscilla and Aquila Centre

You have made a difference

Old spiral staircase



2012 appeared to be shaping up as another year of uncertainty. The world was still in the grip of a financial crisis, job security remained a concern, and retirement incomes had been affected by diminishing superannuation investments. This was going to be a difficult year for so many. How could we possibly raise a significant amount of money in this environment? As the year progressed we witnessed firsthand God's faithfulness and the generosity of his people. He continued to raise up many supporters who gave so wonderfully to meet our needs. This was particularly evident when, towards the end of the year, we sent out an urgent appeal for an *additional* \$145,000 to provide an elevator to assist students with physical disabilities, a fire escape in the senior student study room and to improve the temperature in the single men's quarters where students have for decades baked in summer and shivered in winter. Your generosity ensured our target was met and these facilities and improvements were provided. We praise God for his goodness and we thank you for responding to his call and 'digging deep' to ensure these needs were met.

You have made a difference and your generosity will have an impact for generations to come. 2013 will be no less challenging, but under God, we still have work to do. In the previous pages of *Moore Matters* you have met this year's graduates who have now embarked on a lifetime of Christian ministry. We've introduced two of our new students who, along with almost 100 other first year students, have joined the rest of the student body to be equipped to teach God's word. You've read about new initiatives with our External Studies Department, Library and the Centre for Ministry Development—all designed to better serve the Christian community and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. This is our work and for over 156 years, Moore College has been deeply committed to serving God by making Christ known throughout the world.

We rejoice in your partnership with us at Moore College and look forward to this continuing. Could there be anything more important than preparing people for Christian ministry? Students leave

Moore College knowing God and His Word better. Students leave Moore College better equipped to tell others about salvation in Jesus. Students leave Moore College better equipped to help people grow to maturity under Christ's Lordship. Will you continue to pray for us and support us financially, as you are able, in this great work?

You can continue to make a difference.

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Moore College prepares men and women for a lifetime of ministry and mission through in-depth theological training. Today 600 students are enrolled in courses at Moore. Currently around 5000 people in over 50 countries are studying by distance education. The College has trained thousands of men and women for a great variety of Christian ministries locally, nationally and around the globe. Moore is world renowned for its faithfulness to the word of God, the excellence of the education it provides and the effectiveness of its graduates.

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Dates For Your Diary | Open Events

OPEN NIGHTS 2013

(come in, check out the College and have your questions answered)

When: Monday May 27 and
Monday August 26 – 7.45 to 9.15pm

Where: Broughton Knox Centre, 15 King Street Newtown

OPEN WEEKS 2013

(visit the Newtown campus, sample a lecture and meet faculty and students)

When: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Monday 26 August to Friday 30 August

Email: openweek@moore.edu.au

OPEN DAY 2013

(includes a sample lecture from one of our faculty, campus tour and opportunities for questions)

When: Saturday 28 September
9.30am to 2.30pm

Where: Broughton Knox Centre, 15 King Street Newtown

BBQ lunch will be provided at 12 noon.
Bookings essential: rsvp@moore.edu.au



Each year **Moore College Missions** are held in Sydney, regional NSW and overseas. College students and faculty partner with local churches to engage in mission and ministry to their communities.

Please pray for our mission teams that they may faithfully proclaim the good news of Jesus with the following participating churches:

St Thomas' Mulgoa	Upper Blue Mountains Anglican Churches
St Paul's Chatswood	St Anne's Merrylands
Glenmore Park Anglican Church	Crossway Anglican Churches Carlingford
Oak Flats Anglican Church	St Mark's Pennant Hills
St John's Parramatta	St John's Sutherland
One1seven Church Redfern	Holy Trinity Gateshead, England
St Barnabas' Broadway	

Advance Notice

MOORE COLLEGE LIBRARY DAY 2013

When: Saturday July 27 at 10am

Where: Broughton Knox Centre,
15 King Street, Newtown
More info: www.library.moore.edu.au

ANNUAL MOORE COLLEGE LECTURES 2013 'What in the World?'

When: Tuesday August 13 – Public Evening Lecture
Monday 19 to Friday 23 August – Morning Lectures

Speaker: Vice Principal, Rev Dr Bill Salier

This series of public lectures aims to survey the whole Bible's teaching on the 'world' as the context for God's people living lives filled with faith, hope and love.