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Partnership is a special gift of God

Mark Thompson / Principal

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IS NOT A SOLO ACTIVITY. WE WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHERS TO SEE THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED AND LIVED OUT, THE LOST FOUND AND BELIEVERS BUILT UP INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.

In the New Testament the young congregations planted by Paul in the Eastern Mediterranean worked in partnership with the apostle in meeting the need of the poor in Jerusalem (2 Cor 8:1-5) and Paul's own needs on the mission field (Phil 4:15). They shared with each other the ministry which was exercised among them (Col 4:16).

Partnership in ministry is an important biblical concept. We cannot do everything alone. It has also been a feature of the gospel mission throughout its long history. Today it is just as important as ever and Moore College is committed to serving and working together with others who want to make Jesus Christ known in all the world.

Our most significant partnership is with the churches who send us students to train and who call our students to serve with them once they have finished their studies. It is God who raises up workers for his harvest (Matt 9:38), but he chooses to use the churches, and the College in partnership with the churches, to prepare people for that work. We are very grateful to God for the opportunity to serve and work with the churches in this way—churches in Sydney and churches further away, churches in the Anglican fellowship and churches from other groups and denominations.

Another important partnership is with the other Christian organisations who encourage men and women to study at Moore and who employ our graduates at the other end. Anglicare, AFES, Christian schools, and global mission agencies all work together with us so that many more people outside of the

churches might hear the gospel and be given faith. Through such organisations many who would have no natural connection with a Christian church are reached and saved.

We particularly treasure our partnership with mission agencies such as CMS. While every ministry in this time and place is necessarily a cross-cultural ministry, our God has placed in the hearts of some a concern to reach those who have not heard, wherever they might be. It is thrilling to see this partnership bear fruit as high percentages of those who offer every year for missionary service come from Moore College. We have graduates serving on every continent on earth except Antarctica!

We have partnerships with other theological colleges around the world too. Moore graduates are Principals or Deans of nine theological colleges worldwide and another ten colleges have Moore graduates on their faculty. We have helped train faculty for other colleges, provided technical advice, taught intensive courses and referred students to them. They in turn have helped us to grow a genuinely global vision and enriched our fellowship by their own unique insights which challenge our cultural captivity. The spread of this mutual influence is amazing. The colleges I am speaking about are found in Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America.

One particularly important partnership is with those who pray regularly for the College, either by coming to our women's Prayer Support Group or the Men's Prayer Breakfasts, or by receiving and using our quarterly prayer bulletins (or the monthly electronic version). This partnership in prayer is critical to the life and wellbeing of the College. God has promised to answer the prayers of his faithful people (Matt 18:19; James 5:13-18) and we are acutely aware of our dependence upon his goodness.

Another is the partnership we have with those who generously support the College through their financial gifts. The College began through the gospel generosity



of Thomas Moore, a carpenter, shipwright, pastoralist and magistrate who set up the College through a bequest in 1840 (though the College first started taking students in 1856). Since then thousands of faithful Christian men and women, aware of the strategic importance of strong biblical training and theological education for the health of the churches and the spread of the gospel, have supported the work of the College financially. We would not have the resources we do have, nor would we be able to do what the Lord has given us to do, without those gifts.

This network of partners, each with their own contribution to the College and each enabling the College to contribute to their welfare and that of others, is a special gift of God to us at Moore College. We do not take any one of you for granted but instead are extraordinarily grateful that you are willing to partner with us in this immensely important work.

Our world is in great need. That is more obvious every day. People are lost without Christ and they do not even realise it. A culture that is moving at breakneck speed away from its gospel heritage is unravelling and doing immense but unrecognised harm. We need more men and women who are deeply immersed in the Scriptures, whose lives and teaching consistently reflect God's truth and his gracious, loving character, and who are gifted and thoroughly prepared for the joys and challenges of this moment and the moments to come. We cannot afford to

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take shortcuts in preparing people for a lifetime of word ministry in the world and among God's people. There is too much at stake, and Christian leadership in this form is under constant assault from the evil one.

Without our partners we could not be effective in playing our part in meeting this need. We cannot do it alone. So as you read through this edition of Moore Matters and see the variety of partners and partnerships we are engaged in right now, will you join us in asking God to provide even more? Our great desire is to see more men, women and children converted, more Christian congregations growing in size and maturity, more glory and honour being given to our Saviour. And we will continue to give thanks to God for you—as Paul did for the Philippians—‘making our prayer with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now’ (Phil 1:3–5).

Dr Mark D Thompson,
Principal

Mark D. Thompson



Different paths, one purpose

Trevor Cairney / Head of Foundation

A new academic year has just commenced and 72 new students have entered full-time and part-time study on campus in the BTh, BD, MA, MTh, PhD and AdvDBMM courses. Once again, God has given us a wonderful cohort of new students. They are gifted in diverse ways, and keen followers of Jesus. They enter the College to be equipped and then sent into the World. In this piece I want to look at two current students and one former student still serving the Lord in Australia and overseas. The latter, Rev Tom Halls, illustrates how our graduates continue in ministry for all of their lives!

1. Veronika Zhavoronok

Veronika was born and raised in Belarus in a post-communist environment. No one from her family was Christian. As a child, she attended a Russian Orthodox Church (the national church in Belarus) with her grandmother. From a young age, she had an idea about God but in her words, “it was a very general one, as the Gospel wasn’t presented clearly”. As she grew up, she came across a variety of different philosophies and

teachings, so her “understanding of the one living God became completely vague and obscure”.

By God’s grace, she had the

opportunity to study Business Management overseas at a Christian university. She attended some Bible classes and remembers “reading about Jesus but still

being skeptical about everything the Bible was saying”. But in her last year of

university things changed.

“I found myself in a dark season of my life where I seemed to lose meaning and purpose. That’s when I turned to Jesus, this time with a softened heart. The

Bible didn’t seem to be just a regular book anymore but God’s living word about Jesus who, first and foremost, helped me to realize that I’m a sinner and I need a Saviour. From that moment onwards I believed in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Redeemer.”

In 2016, she was to become part of a small IFES student ministry in her home country. The team was inexperienced and had many challenges. She explains that the nation was in “a post-communist spiritual vacuum. But despite persecution, the Gospel was impacting the lives of students and many young people were searching for hope, relationship and meaning, which can only be found in the Gospel of Jesus.”

In 2017, Veronika heard about an AFES Apprenticeship. She felt God was stirring her heart “to help Belarus, and gain helpful tools and ideas to be more effective through this training”. God opened the door for her to come to Australia and be involved in campus ministry, with AFES providing the training. Two years on, she has come to Moore College as a first year student to study the Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry. She is thankful for this opportunity:

“I am excited to have this valuable opportunity to study at Moore College to grow and be equipped with knowledge so I can serve people, particularly students in Belarus, where I hope to return after I finish college. I hope to see many Belarusians come to know Jesus!”

2. Dan and Belinda Tooma

Dan grew up in a Christian home and attended church religiously every Sunday with his parents. In his words, “this was mainly due to being forced by my parents. In fact, my parents were quite strict, and made us read the Scriptures daily.” Dan shared that while this led to a great deal of head knowledge, he wouldn’t have said he was genuinely saved. As a teenager, he tried to avoid church at all costs and in high school and early adulthood he further rebelled against God and his parents.

In his post school years, he did a Bachelor of Accounting degree and completed his CPA (Certified Practising Accountant) course. During this time, he read a book on the topic of God’s grace and sovereignty in salvation, and in his words “I came to understand my wickedness, God’s holiness, and God’s mercy and grace



Veronika Zhavoronok



Dan & Belinda Tooma

toward me through Christ". At the age of 20 he began attending Multicultural Bible Ministry (MBM) at Rooty Hill after an invitation from his sister Hiba. This was a time of spiritual growth.

While at MBM, Dan served in various ministries, including men's breakfast ministry, kids' church, leading growth groups, holiday clubs, and church setup/packup. It was at this point in his life that he was encouraged by Ray Galea and a number of others to consider full-time ministry and study at Moore Theological College.

Dan has been married to Belinda for almost 9 years. They have two daughters, Scarlett and Abigail, and are expecting their third child in March. He shared that attending Moore College would never have been possible except for a small group of faithful families who have financially and prayerfully supported them. They are thankful for this support and shared that "we've been humbled beyond measure and eternally thankful for their generosity and grace toward us and their commitment to the advancement of the gospel".

Dan concluded when sharing about College life that "I have been stretched and rebuked as I've discussed things over coffee, lunch, after class, etc. with students and faculty. Small groups (that are part of the Moore fellowship), have been particularly helpful as we have met weekly to encourage and hold each other accountable, share life together, enjoy fellowship and pray for one another." Dan and Belinda have a heart for the Western Suburbs of Sydney and would like to continue ministry there as they come out of college in 2021. However, they're entirely open to other possibilities if God so wills.

3. Tom Halls

Tom was at College from 1966 to 1969 and lived on campus as a single man, as was required. At that time boarders needed to fulfil many basic tasks on rosters to keep the College operating. There was much to enjoy in community life. He shared that one area he particularly enjoyed "was the challenging debates among my peers, as we tried to ensure a right understanding of the Scriptures. Friendships forged in those years, have endured to the present."

After College he served briefly as an assistant at Carlingford and at Peakhurst/Lugarno, then took responsibility for McCallums Hill and Cooks River. Both parishes had fallen on hard times. He recalls that "expository preaching, loving care and missionary focus were used by God to produce another generation of ministers, missionaries and Biblical Lay leaders". After brief service with CMS in Sabah in East Malaysia, invitations came to teach and demonstrate expository preaching in various countries. At first, Cooks River Parish programmed 6-8 weeks annually for this to happen, but Tom decided to resign in 2006 to take up more opportunities. The Dean of Sydney at the time, Philip Jensen, invited him onto the staff of the Cathedral, where he remained until 2019.

Since resigning from the Cathedral staff he has had more time to prepare for overseas ministry. He now makes 4-5 trips annually in places as diverse as India, Sri Lanka, Asia, Canada, Europe and the UK. He now also has more time for writing. His most recent book "Real Men Do Cry" [an exposition of Nehemiah] is being translated into the Indian language Telugu and should also be available in Tamil and Hindu. With his wife Clare, they are now part of the Carlton congregation in the St George North Parish.



Tom Halls

God's Kindness and Providence

The above three stories are individually remarkable, and collectively offer an insight into the diverse students who God sends to Moore. All came to College by different paths, but to one purpose: to be equipped and sent for lifetimes of gospel ministry and mission. Praise God for the College, and pray for the new students who have come to us in 2020 and the many graduates serving our God around the world.



Where gospel partnerships matter

Peter F. Jensen / *Former Principal & Archbishop of Sydney*

AS A SIXTEEN-YEAR OLD FROM AN ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE SYDNEY, I WAS INVITED TO ATTEND MY FIRST BEACH MISSION. IT WAS TO HELP AT PALM BEACH—WHICH AT LEAST WAS CLOSE AT HAND.

There were many good elements to that adventure. But one which stays in my memory, was the way in which people of different churches and denominations worked alongside each other in the cause of the gospel.

Of course, there was no surprise in this. Just the year before we had the extraordinary experience of the Billy Graham Crusade. This could not have worked if it were not for gospel partnerships across the denominations.

As my experience broadened, I saw the same phenomenon at work in the Evangelical Union, in the ISCF, in the Crusader Movement, the Katoomba Conventions and in many other ways as well.

In Paul's words, we shared in the "defence and confirmation of the gospel" (Phil 1:7). They were gospel partnerships.

Several features of these gospel partnerships are worth noting.

First, they occurred between people who were prepared to identify as evangelical first and denominational second. This was so obvious to us that it came as a surprise to notice that many people would not have accepted this order. Even amongst evangelicals there were those who regarded their first loyalty as to the denomination.

Second, even though there was a willingness to notice differences between denominations and even talk about them, they were not

allowed to interfere with the gospel work which was being done. Issues such as baptism of infants and church governance fell into this category.

On the other hand, the partnerships were not theologically weak. There were boundaries—especially to do with the authority and sole supremacy of scripture—which had to be observed carefully. The freedom we enjoyed arose from the commitment we observed.

I entered Moore College as an Anglican ordinand. It was not long before I discovered that fellow students were not necessarily planning ordination. Some of them became missionaries. Some continued their lay ministry in the

churches. Some came from other dioceses and were planning to return and seek ordination.

Others were from different denominations. This group felt the need for an evangelical theological education which they could not get in the colleges of their own denomination. Difficult though the choice was—and you can imagine that other denominations did not exactly applaud it—this is what they put first.

Interestingly, not everyone connected to Moore approved the presence of such other people. They saw the College as an ordination training College for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney and wanted the student body to reflect that only.

Looking back, I can understand their point of view. But I am so glad that it did not prevail.

The non-Anglican students enriched life at the College. But, as well, they represented then, and





now, an extraordinary opportunity for the gospel.

Let me illustrate.

When you think evangelical first, you have commitment to mission which may not be the same as your denomination or church. Thus, if you think of rural NSW, there are many places where the denominational churches are really struggling. They rely on what you may call cultural Christianity—the loyalty to denominations which may have made sense decades ago, but is fast dying out.

What is needed in every suburb of the cities and in every country town as well, is at least one gospel focused church, Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, Uniting or Independent.

Of course, I favour a strong Anglican church—I am Anglican by conviction not just by accident. But I favour most of all a gospel church, where the Bible is taught, and people sing together, pray together and grow together.

This is where gospel partnerships matter.

Moore College is indisputably Anglican. For this I am grateful.

I am grateful, first because the Prayer Book and the Articles of Religion give us a deep theological identity which guards and promotes the gospel of Jesus.

I am also grateful because, as my experience has taught me, many of the Anglican churches around the world represent gospel opportunities which are remarkable. In particular, as the liberalism of so much of western Christianity continues to weaken the faith, it is the Anglicans of PNG, Madagascar, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, South East Asia and Africa who stand for Jesus and the scriptures.

It is my experience that when they hear the Bible taught by western Christians in a way which honours the authority of God's word, they respond with joy and enthusiasm.

As one of their leaders said to

me, 'You westerners taught us the Bible and we obeyed it, changing our lives to match its teaching. Now you are saying that you do not have to obey the clear teaching of scripture. Which is it to be? Our people are being martyred for this gospel.'

I can testify that Moore College has a vital part to play in world Anglicanism and beyond. A new day has dawned, in which old churchmanship issues seem far less important than standing for the truth and being trained in the truth.

Already in various key places, the College is partnering with Churches

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and institutions in immensely fruitful ways.

In God's providence, he has raised up the College for such a time as this, and equipped it magnificently to have global influence. We can do more than we are doing now.

Please pray for gospel partnerships. Pray that they will be real partnerships from which both parties will benefit. Please pray that we will have the resources to pursue these partnerships and that the Diocese of Sydney will rejoice in these opportunities and support them. Please pray that the Lord will be honoured and glorified.

But remember this. Such partnerships must be based on the truth of the gospel. If the College were to falter theologically, the damage could be very significant.

Thank God for the College. Pray for the theological integrity of the College. Support the College.



Theology of partnership

Archie Poulos / Head of Department of Ministry

BECAUSE IT IS HIS BELOVED CHURCH THAT IS THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYE AND FOR WHOM JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE, MOORE COLLEGE HAS ALWAYS SEEN ITSELF AS THE SERVANT OF THE CHURCH, BOTH IN SYDNEY AND ACROSS THE WORLD. THIS SERVICE IS BEST EXPRESSED AS A PARTNERSHIP. IT IS A VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE ALL THE PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER WITH THE GOAL OF SEEING THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS GLORIFIED IN ALL THE WORLD.

Who partners?

There are many partners in this partnership. There is the local church that prays for, financially supports and sends its most gifted to be equipped at the College. There are the pastors of the church who have usually been equipped at Moore, who train its students and who benefit from ongoing input. The students of the College are partners as they take what they have learnt and disseminate it week by week in churches so as to be a blessing to the church, and as they graduate they continue in this service full-time. The congregation partners with the College through prayer, financial support and investing in its students and graduates. And there is partnership with the Diocese of Sydney that supports Moore College in so many ways.

The nature of the partnership

This partnership is a strange partnership. In the New Testament we often read of the partnership between churches, but the College is something different to the local church. In recent decades, it has become fashionable to

label institutions such as mission societies and theological colleges as 'parachurch'—institutions established to stand beside the church, but not themselves churches, to help the church in its task. While there is great value in seeing our theological college as a 'parachurch' institution, it is a stunted view of what the College is, and how it relates to our churches.

Moore College is our College, the churches of the Diocese of Sydney's College. Almost all rectors

are graduates of Moore, and this is unique in the world. But we label it as a 'parachurch' because it is not a local church, and so does not serve the local community. It has a membership that turns over every few years. It is independent of the local churches that it partners with, and it exists for a specific purpose: to train church leaders.

Moore College actually works with churches to fulfil their mission, as the mission of the College is that of the churches. The one area of difference is that churches have a continuity and breadth to what they do that is wider than the College's. The local church is much more like a family and the College

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much more like a partnership that people join to achieve an outcome. But the difference should not be over-estimated. Moore College is an activity of the church, undertaken jointly.

What does partnership look like?

So what should the partnership between Moore College and the churches who band together to enable its existence look like? The New Testament word for partnership (koinonia) occurs 36 times. It is never just a mental assent to an idea, or a recognition of the other party. It is real and expressed in practical sharing. For example, it is partnership in giving, and giving beyond our means (2 Cor 8:4). It is sharing in suffering (2 Cor 1:7, Phil 3:10, Heb 10:33, 1 Pet 4:13). This partnership of sharing is costly, but it's undertaken as we share the task of proclaiming Christ to see people mature and more people saved. This is bigger than our own setting.

Further, our practical, costly partnership between churches and Moore College can take many shapes. But both partners need to consider how we can share more.

Here are some suggestions:

- » Students should be and are shaped by their time in church. I often remind churches that as they engage with students in their local setting, they are giving input to the gospel going into all the world. They are part of the export of godly wisdom and living to the world. Students give back to the churches, especially in modelling the life of faith to young people.
- » Those who come to Moore College are often the most capable in the church. It is a cost to give these beloved servants up. But in the church's generosity, we are promoting the glory of the Lord across the earth.
- » Partnership also involves praying. On Moore College Sunday it is a delight to know that our churches are praying for those in training and their teachers: that they will never lose the passion for Christ, nor drift from the true gospel.
- » It is also about giving. Community life is an expensive operation to fund. Support

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now will assist gospel growth into the future

- » It is shared in Mission. The College conducts missions each year to give some manpower to local churches as they tirelessly seek to proclaim Christ.

The fruit of partnership

The writer of Ecclesiastes urges us to 'cast our bread upon the waters'; to be generous without knowing how it will benefit us, but knowing that it will. So too, partnership together will do the same. Each parish is in danger of becoming a silo, a ministry that only cares about growing itself. This is a natural, but ungodly action. Partnership helps prevent this occurring. It is also a practical way of reminding everyone that we are together part of God's worldwide redemptive activity.

Thank you for your partnership with Moore College.



Bringing Biblical ethics to everyday issues

Chase Kuhn / Director, Centre for Christian Living



THESE DAYS, EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT EVERYTHING. WHAT ONCE BELONGED TO CLOSED-ROOM POLITICAL DEBATES AND ACADEMIC DISPUTES IN UNIVERSITIES HAS NOW BEEN DOMESTICATED THROUGH NEWS FEEDS AND SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE INFORMATION AGE. IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, HOWEVER, CHRISTIANS ARE FINDING THEMSELVES INCREASINGLY ON THE BACK FOOT, THEIR CONVICTIONS ABOUT LIFE IN THIS WORLD 'OUT OF FASHION' AND EVEN 'OFFENSIVE' TO MANY.



In this context, how can Christians have confidence and not capitulate to the spirit of the age? Many Christians in our churches often feel alone in their struggle with matters they encounter in the workplace, school or home. Although they attend church where they are exposed to faithful Bible teaching, they still have lingering questions about how to engage with the onslaught of the culture in which they live. To me, it seems there is an ever-growing urgency for Christians to be equipped for thoughtful engagement with the world.

Enter the Centre for Christian Living (CCL). CCL seeks to bring biblical ethics to everyday issues, ranging from the mundane to the newsworthy. We provide a

range of free online resources—from digestible digital reads, to thought-provoking videos, to podcast episodes for the commute. These can be accessed by Christians on the move, discipleship pairs, small groups or even church staff teams. We also host several events per year that talk about relevant issues facing Christians, with material from these events published on our website afterwards.

All these resources aim not to simply tell Christians *what* to think, but also *how* to think. We don't want Christians to cower in the face of challenges to their worldview. Instead, we want Christians to stand confident that this is God's world, and following his ways is what is best for humanity. We want to show people how a rich theology developed from careful engagement with the Bible affects practical living in the world. Furthermore, we want Christian people to realise that they are not alone: they stand in the company of many today and many throughout the ages who have held these convictions.

For the past five years, CCL has benefited from the thoughtful leadership of Tony Payne. This year, Tony has moved on from the Centre to take on a new role as ministry trainer and writer-in-residence at Campus Bible Study (UNSW). I am excited that this year I will be taking the mantle of leadership of the Centre, and Karen Beilharz will continue to assist me as Director, as will an engaging student team. Together, we will continue working to provide faithful resources for Christians all over the globe.

Plans are currently underway for 2020 events and publications. The Centre will carry on providing the highest quality resources through engagement with leading thinkers on critical matters for Christian discipleship. The podcast will continue to be broadcast with regular episodes. And the Centre will host some exciting events at Moore College starting in May of this year. For more information and to stay connected with the Centre online, visit ccl.moore.edu.au.



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Success through partnerships

Raj Gupta / Co-Director, Centre for Ministry Development

One of the exciting and tangible gospel partnerships that has arisen in recent years is the support and development of ministry facilitated by the Centre for Ministry Development (CMD). There are many different areas in which CMD seeks to contribute to the evangelisation of our city—from coaching of ministers, to church and ministry consulting, to offering training such as the Leading Staff workshops.

However, I want to focus on the partnerships happening within the Developing Rectors Program (DRP). As hard to believe as it may be, until three years ago, there was no formal training for people as they moved into the 'Rector' position (also known as Senior Minister or Lead Pastor). It is the most significant ministry transition that one can go through, and it is critical that people have appropriate training and support as they move into this role.

It was only three years ago that the first DRP group began, and today we seek to bring together several partnerships through this program. First, the program is *cohort* based—meaning that the small group of 7-10 new senior ministers in each two-year program meets together for two years to work through about 12 days of modules. A partnership is forged as they undergo learning and support together, share the joys and challenges of their new role, and go through the different stages of their development. This includes praying to God for wisdom. Behind this, each represented church is involved in supporting other churches, as new leadership settles in.

Second, each new senior



minister in the program is partnered with an experienced and appropriately trained minister as their mentor. The idea is that they meet together every month or so to pray and seek to apply the modules at a personal level, as well as in their churches. It is such a delight to see so many experienced ministers willing to commit to supporting and partnering with a new senior minister, to help them become established in service of the Lord. As well, some of these relationships continue beyond the two-year term.

Third, across the program, we have a smorgasbord of guests who come into various modules. Each is so willing to share their developed expertise and experience with new senior ministers. Sometimes the tips are from the perspective of learning

from mistakes. At other times, there is a research base. In all cases, it is such an encouragement to see so many people so willing to partner with Moore College's Centre for Ministry Development to see new senior ministers learn and grow in their roles.

There is a further dimension to these partnerships, with almost all churches being encouraged to take up the opportunity to invest in their new senior ministers with the DRP, as nominators and wardens themselves seek, under God, to partner with their new senior ministers and see them succeed.



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The hows and whys of CGM partnerships

Malcolm Richards / Director, Centre for Global Mission



MOORE COLLEGE IS HAVING AN IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH OUR GRADUATES AND THROUGH THE PROVISION OF BIBLE-CENTRED TRAINING RESOURCES.

Our great desire is to play our part in building strong and healthy churches where Jesus is both loved and served. We know that this is only possible when churches have access to good bible teaching and when ministries are shaped by the scriptures.

The particular task that CGM is given within the overall College strategy is to deliver sound bible teaching to churches in different parts of the world where such teaching is otherwise unavailable. We have no capacity to deliver training directly, but what we can do is to form gospel partnerships with churches that request our resources.

Partnerships like this are often initiated through the agency of Moore graduates who are either working cross culturally or have contact with particular ministries outside Australia. Alternatively, Moore College and its courses are known through church or mission networks such as GAFCON, CMS or other mission agencies. Currently, we have partnerships with churches and ministries in most parts of the world.

Once we form such a partnership, CGM delivers the course content together with whatever technical and IT support is required to enable the partner to deliver,

assess and administer the courses. We are continuing to develop our IT resources and soon we will be able to offer each CGM partner their own IT package, including an Educational Content Delivery Platform (based on open source education platform 'Moodle') and a Student Information System (SIS) based on a freely available simple database. Of course some of our partners do not want any of this technology and prefer to deliver paper based courses and assessments, which we can also provide. We want people to use our resources and we try to be as flexible as possible.

Some partnerships involve the translation of our material (usually the Preliminary Theological Certificate) into another language. Translation projects can either be organised and paid for by CGM, supported by our generous donors, or by the partners themselves. The translation of resources into other languages is time consuming and expensive but also presents us with exciting opportunities to be involved in equipping church leaders in places of great gospel need.

Let me tell you about one of our partners and the impact that access to good training material through CGM has made on their ministry.

The James O Fraser Centre (JOFC) in Chiang Dao, Thailand is a discipleship training centre which is focused on whole of life discipleship. Their aim is to teach God's word and disciple men and women, equipping them to reach different people groups with the gospel.

JOFC are using our IT tools to provide online access to theological education and have been able to set up their own award structure using the resources we have provided. Our main contacts at JOFC are Linda and Jim McIntosh (OMF workers).

Linda reports: "We have felt affirmed and encouraged in several meetings when we were given the freedom to use different subjects within the PTC material that best suited our training needs here. Living in a different culture with different needs, we appreciate the support and resources to train students in a contextually appropriate way. We have been able to structure our course at JOFC with the advice and help of the staff at CGM."



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Partnerships achieve purpose

Caroline Clark / Chaplain

WHAT A PROFOUND PRIVILEGE IT IS THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN TO PARTNER WITH US IN HIS WORK. EQUALLY AS PROFOUND IS THAT HE HAS CHOSEN TO PARTNER WITH US AS AN INTER-DEPENDENT COLLECTIVE, HIS CHURCH.

When my husband and I first met, we were both impressed by each other's love for Jesus, we were heading in the same direction (mission), and we grew to hope that we might do this together, possibly with a family. I am thankful to the Lord that in eighteen years, our marriage has included two Theological degrees (one each), a PhD, four children, nine schools, and ministry in Sydney, Germany, then back in Sydney, including three ministry start-ups. There's been sickness and health, we've been richer and poorer, better and worse, and it is only by God's grace that we are still serving him together.

Ministry partnership in marriage takes some working out; Mike and I are very different people. I am a process-driven details person, whereas Mike is an artistic intuitive type. Sometimes, our partnership has involved suggesting ideas and possible processes. At other times, it has meant partnering with him and stepping back, trusting him and supporting him in prayer. Similarly, Mike has helped me to think bigger and take the long view, which I am especially thankful for in relation to parenting! The greatest joy in our ministry-partnership has been when we have loved the

same people, praying and caring for them together, primarily with our children as we teach and pray for them, but also with the various communities God has placed us in. In Germany, I helped train some of Mike's students and their wives at the Martin Bucer Seminary, and loved with all my heart the Afghan refugees in his Afghan church. We journey on together now at St Thomas' North Sydney, where we seek to love and serve a younger generation.

There have also been many other ministry opportunities where I have been able to contribute distinctively as a woman, and minister alongside my brothers in Christ. There was a season of leading Bible studies at church, and prayerfully reaching out to a large collection of school mums in partnership with the local church. As the kids became more independent, the Lord provided paid and volunteer work (both secular and ministry), where I have been able to continue my evangelistic efforts, draw on my previous training, and learn new skills. For example, in Germany I taught English as a second language one-to-one in a sports anti-doping firm, and was at liberty to read the Bible and evangelise as long as it was in English! Back in Sydney, I am primarily serving on ministry teams, including committees and working part-time as a Chaplain at Moore, where I'm teamed up in partnership with a male faculty member. It is a great joy and endlessly interesting to see God at work in these contexts, and to see the wisdom and goodness of God's purposes in creating us as women and men.

In our different ways, and in all these different contexts, my ministry, and the ministry of those around me, has been greatly enriched by our partnership in Christ as sisters and brothers, caring collectively for the same group of people, praying for the same outcomes, and seeking to serve them wisely with the various gifts God has given us.

Looking back, my experience resonates with what God tells us in his word, that by acknowledging who's in charge (Christ our head), and our need for one another (his body), we have each played a part in carrying out his wonderful purposes.



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60 years for Club Billy

Michael Sadler / Alumni Officer



Over 26 meetings in Sydney alone, the Billy Graham crusade of 1959 had over 980,000 attendees. Many had not been believers before but turned to Christ there at one of the events. Some already saw themselves as Christian, but the Billy Graham Crusade enthused them with zeal for the gospel and caused them to commit themselves to Christ in full time vocational ministry. A year later, some of them came to Moore College to be prepared for a lifetime of serving Jesus.

1960 was a big year for the College with a significantly larger intake than the years either side. 1959 saw 29 first years arrive and 1961 had 25 first years, but 1960 had 44! As that same group met recently 60 years later, in a building that was then 'the new dining hall', the stories they told made it clear that the Lord had kept that zeal for the Gospel active throughout their lifetimes.

Some came from interstate to be reunited with their brothers and sisters. Faculty members from their time, Rev Dr Bill Lawton and Bishop Donald Cameron, were

unable to attend, but sent well wishes that were shared with the group.

They held a service together in the Cash Chapel featuring a sermon from the Principal, who encouraged them with the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:5-14, particularly v.13 – "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one". They were taken on a tour of the College and the Library, viewing memorabilia from their time at College, and some original newspaper reports on the Billy Graham Crusades. They also enjoyed lunch together with the students, where they received a very warm welcome.

Over afternoon tea, the group spoke of the warmth, love and care they've shown each other since their time at College. One member reflecting that he'd "created lifelong friends at College" and had been praying for individuals from his year group every single Monday morning since then. Some of the group still meet annually (for lunch on the Thursday of CMS Summer School of course), and they've been able to encourage each other to stand firm for the gospel through many life stages and events over the years.

If you and fellow students from your year group would like to meet together, College is keen to host reunion events for year groups at five-year intervals. We can arrange morning/afternoon tea, lunch in the dining hall, tours of College, room use for story sharing, and so on. If you'd like to discuss this, please contact me on +61 (0)2 9577 9929 or alumni@moore.edu.au.



Partnership is vital

When I commenced my role as Head of Foundation just over two years ago, I was a little overwhelmed by the sense of responsibility entrusted to me. In part, this was because I was the only dedicated staff member for the work of the Foundation, which I first had to create! But over time I was to understand that there are many others just as dedicated to finding ways to support the purposes of the College and the emerging Foundation. In short, the Foundation is totally dependent on partnership with others.

As our Principal shared in his article in this issue:

“Christian ministry is not a solo activity. We work together with others to see the gospel proclaimed and lived out, the lost found and believers built up into the image of Christ.”

In my role I was to learn that partnership was going to be vital if the Foundation was to be successful. For a start, there were the Staff and Faculty at Moore who I could see took an active interest in fundraising to support the ministry of the College. The Principal had been a key driver of the need for the Foundation and its purpose in supporting the ministry of the College and its students. So too, the Faculty who work in varied ways to support, teach and encourage our students and point them to the Foundation when they have financial needs. And of course, many fellow staff within the College offer active support, encouragement, ideas, and advice to prospective students and constantly direct them towards the Foundation.

The role of my many colleagues on the staff is critical. We depend on support and expertise from the departments of Marketing & Communication, Finance, Registrar's, Operations and IT, as well as our Centres. For example, Finance does much more than just process funds. They are front line staff taking enquiries and responding to varied needs. In fact, all staff take an active interest and give support. The appointment of Michael Sadler in mid-2018 as the Alumni Officer was also a critical next step. Michael partners with me in most of the activities of the Foundation and is much more than my right-hand man! He has brought deep knowledge

of the College and our churches, and wonderful complementary skills.

As well as the staff and faculty of the College, the Foundation is dependent on the support of the Foundation Board that guides and advises us, and the Scholarships Committee that makes recommendations on all applications for support.

Last, but certainly not least, we are also dependant on the many people who offer financial and prayer support to the College. There are literally thousands of supporters in our churches who give and pray for the College and its students, faculty and staff. For the Foundation, partnership is at the very core of our activities, as it is for any ministry or activity that supports gospel ministry.

Please pray for the latest intake of students this year. We have 72 new students on campus this semester. Would you pray with us that all settle in well and for the ministry of our faculty who teach, encourage and support them. Please pray also for the Moore College Foundation as we seek to raise funds to support this vital ministry in three key areas:

- » Scholarships
- » Building development as we plan for the replacement of our undergraduate residential accommodation
- » General purposes to support our ministry

As the Principal reminded us in this issue “...the College began through the gospel generosity of Thomas Moore, a carpenter, shipwright, pastoralist and magistrate who set up the College through a bequest in 1840”. I am thankful to God not just for Thomas Moore, but for every one of our many thousands of partners and their churches. I praise Him for you our donors, prayers, supporters and senders.



Trevor Cairney
Head
Moore College Foundation



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About Moore College

Moore College exists to train men and women to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Since 1856, more than 5,000 students have graduated from the College and have been sent out by God. Moore College has equipped men and women to serve in over 50 countries across the World. Today over 3,500 students are enrolled in our courses globally.

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JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOORE COLLEGE



**Tuesday
28 April –
Tuesday
2 June 2020**

PTC Lecture Series (The Former Prophets)

Time: 7-9pm, over 6 Tuesday evenings

Details: The PTC Lectures are an opportunity for Sydney students to learn from Moore College lecturers. These lectures are open to PTC students and interested others. These lectures with Dan Wu will focus on Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings.

moore.edu.au/events/ptc-lecture-series-old-testament-2/



**Thursday
7 May &
Thursday
28 May**

Centre for Ministry Development Workshop: Leading Staff

Time: 9am-4.30pm

Details: Staffing is one of the more difficult challenges for leaders. This 2 day workshop with Raj Gupta and Jill Fulcher will focus on some of the key requirements and behaviours to lead staff in a way that reinforces our desire to make disciples. moore.edu.au/events/cmd-ministry-development-workshop-leading-staff-2-2020/



**Monday
11 May**

Prayer Support Group

Time: 10am-11:45am

Details: The Prayer Support Group is a group of women from all over Sydney that meets together to pray for the needs of the College, its faculty, students and staff. We are always looking for new women to join us as we express our dependence on God for all things.

moore.edu.au/events/prayer-support-group/



**Monday 11 –
Friday 15 May**

Open Week

Time: 9am-2pm every day, 6-9pm Monday

Details: Come and visit our Newtown campus, experience a lecture and meet faculty and students. You can drop in for a day or part of any day during this week and attend regular classes, meet students and faculty, plus share in a morning tea and lunch. There's an Open Evening also.

moore.edu.au/open/



**Monday
18 May**

Evangelical Complementarianism: Listening to Criticisms and Learning From Mistakes

Time: 6.30-9pm

Details: A Priscilla & Aquila Centre evening lecture from Don Carson, with livestream available.

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**Friday
29 May**

Distance Graduation

Time: 7.15-9.30pm

Details: You are warmly invited to celebrate with those who have completed their distance studies with Moore. We would like to thank God that His servants have grown in their understanding of the Bible, and are using their studies to serve Him.

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**Saturday
6 June**

Men Praying for Moore

Time: 8.30-10am

Details: Join us for a free breakfast as we thank God for his work through the diocese and college as well as praying that he would continue to bless and uphold these ministries.

moore.edu.au/events/men-praying-for-moore-june-2020/

For more information or to book now, go to moore.edu.au/events.