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# Editorial



*In this issue, we've explored themes associated with the college motto, "Into All the World"*

ON THE MOORE COLLEGE EMBLEM (LEFT), ARE FOUR PICTURES: A BIBLE AND CROOK; A DOVE HOLDING AN OLIVE BRANCH; TWO PALM BRANCHES; AND, IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT, A SHIP. WHILE THE ORIGINS OF THE EMBLEM HAVE BEEN LOST, THE SHIP PROBABLY OWES ITS PLACE TO THE COLLEGE'S INITIAL BENEFACTOR, THOMAS MOORE. A BOATBUILDER, MOORE BUILT ONE OF THE FIRST VESSELS IN THE COLONY OF NSW. I LIKE TO THINK THE SHIP ON THE EMBLEM REPRESENTS THE JOURNEY OF STUDENTS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TO PLACES FAR FROM SYDNEY.

In this issue, we've explored themes associated with the college motto, "Into All the World". We've aimed to encourage all our readers to think and pray about our small role in God's mission of reaching the nations.

To that end, you will see articles from those who have - or are hoping to - serve overseas, and by those serving closer to home. In many parts of Australia, the world has come to be a part of this country, challenging the ways we do church.

There is also the issue of how people move, whether as refugees or soldiers sent to fight far away. In each case, there are ethical issues that we, as Christians, should be considering, and encouraging others to consider.

In all of this, we want to remember that God is the one who is reaching the world. It is the message of his Son that goes out and his Spirit who prompts hearers to respond. That is why we want to encourage all our readers to pray. Pray for God's mission to the world. Pray for the college as it plays its role in preparing men and women to go into all the world. Pray for those who haven't yet responded to God's message of reconciliation - locally and internationally. Pray they come back to their maker and saviour.

David McIntyre  
Editor, *Societas* 2014





# ***The Changing Face of Mission***

**MICHAEL ALLISON**

AS YOU APPROACH JOHN CHAPMAN HOUSE, THE SINGLE MEN'S ACCOMMODATION AT MOORE COLLEGE, YOU ARE GREETED BY AN OLD GREY DOUBLE DOOR. THE DOOR IS SET BACK INTO A LARGE YELLOW ARCH ADORNED WITH ART DECO ZIG ZAGS AND RESTING ON FOUR DECORATIVE COLONNADES. IN FRONT OF THESE SIT TWO GREAT ORNAMENTAL POTS, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE DOOR. ANOTHER STUDENT ONCE DESCRIBED IT AS 'THE LORD OF THE RINGS DOOR'. ON STEPPING UP TO THIS SEEMINGLY ANCIENT GATEWAY, A PLASTIC CARD IS WAVED, THE DOOR CLICKS, AND YOU ENTER.

On entering, there is a wall of stained glass to your right, fixed in a dark wood frame, and on your left is a drably painted light blue wall fastened with three broad plaques. The plaques commemorate Moore College Principals, long forgotten by the students, who walk by without a glance. The Rev. B.A. Schleicher, the Venerable David John Davies and the last plaque which reads, 'to the glory of God, and in loving memory of, the Reverend Nathaniel Jones'.

A quick Google search reveals a brief biography. Nathaniel Jones was a Welshman, a fervent Evangelical, and a committed Anglican minister who moved to Australia in the late nineteenth century to assist with his health. During his time as Principal (1897-1911), he supported the Keswick movement, imbued his students with the intellectual resources to challenge

liberalism and supported missionary work among labourers from the South Sea Islands.

Since those days, over a hundred years have passed and the twentieth century college of Nathaniel Jones has given way to the twenty-first century college of today. So too the colonial culture of Sydney has given way to the fast moving cosmopolitan culture of the present city. In this environment, mission is no longer something done to foreigners, and liberalism is no longer something battled primarily in the confines of church. But as the new Principal of Moore College, Mark Thompson, argues, mission 'is now everyone's concern' because of the multicultural nature of Australia and as the nation's culture moves away from beliefs based on the Bible.

"The world has come to Sydney and almost every church in the city, if it is to reach the community surrounding it, must be committed to cross-cultural mission," he says. "Secondly, the gulf between the world-view and community life of the churches and that of most Australians has widened enormously. We have to cross cultures just to speak to Anglo Australians..."

Mark says that Christians now need to see all ministry as mission, and themselves as missionaries in a strange land. Christians need to ask the hard questions about how they can reach the Australian people group with the gospel and make disciples who will in turn make disciples.

“We have to go out with the confidence that God’s word addresses men and women in every culture and really does work, calling them to repentance and faith and life in the Lord Jesus Christ,” Mark says.

Just beyond John Chapman House runs King Street. Long since the College moved to Newtown, the traffic has grown, so that every day thousands of cars, trucks, and motorbikes pass by the old college pushing and shoving their way into the increasingly crowded city centre. At the same time, hundreds of university students from almost every nation pass to and fro along the narrow foot path. On some days the push and shove of the road can become so loud that it sounds like an animal, growling and whining.

Adjacent to John Chapman House across Carillon Avenue is a large nondescript red brick building, formerly home to College administration and the library. The construction is probably later than Nathaniel Jones and yet, its time has also come. Great boxes of books have been bustled out of the building and hurried up the road to make ready for the demolition and modernisation of the College’s facilities. But like the old art deco door there is still one crucial thing that Nathaniel Jones would recognise.

When Nathaniel Jones came to Moore College he was committed to upholding two things. First, he was concerned to maintain an evangelical ministry that was shaped by personal piety and that could resist the encroachment of liberal churchmanship. Second, he was concerned to raise the educational standards of the College to meet those of Wycliffe Hall, an evangelical training college within the University of Oxford. For Mark Thompson this twin emphasis on the gospel and thinking remains at the heart of Moore College.

“The word we have to speak into every culture is the word of the cross,” Mark says. “So our course must remain focussed on understanding the Bible and its teaching and how this fits together around the wonder of the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Because the gospel is shared in a context of genuine personal relationships of love, so study of the gospel needs to be done in the same context — a community of love shaped by the gospel, Mark says.

“College has never been about the mere sharing of information but the building of Christian character and the shaping of biblical convictions and this is always best done as we live and learn together as fellow-disciples.”

Before the boxes of books were bustled up the road to be hidden in some forgotten nook or cranny of the College’s property, the Moore College library also housed the

College’s academic bookshop. On entering the building you found yourself in a sparse if somewhat small 1960s lobby. Doors went off to the left and the right and a set of stairs took you to the next level. Ascending two flights of stairs brought you, somewhat surprisingly, into a book store.

Past the wall of commentaries and weighty theological tomes there was a shelf of ministry books, reflecting the popular flavours of the month. There were popular authors: Keller, Chester, and Stiles, and popular topics: church practice, leadership, worship, and, of course, cross-cultural ministry. At the moment it feels like anyone who is anyone in the evangelical world has furnished the community with their view of what cross-cultural ministry looks like.

Mark wants his students to focus on three things: “the word, the world and communicating one to the other in a faithful, thoughtful, and engaging manner.”

First, understanding the Bible so that the gospel worker knows the Christian message, why it’s in the shape it is and the difference it makes to individual men and women and to society more generally.

“Without this, the gospel worker will not know what they have to share with a confused world which has no understanding of what is really true and what really matters,” Mark says.

The second thing is to understand the world into which gospel workers speak the gospel. The things that have shaped our contemporary world; the history that led to our present situation; whether the questions people ask today have been asked before; and how our culture’s world-view diverges from the Bible’s. Without understanding our world, including its multi-cultural nature, the gospel worker won’t be able to address the gospel effectively to the people in the world, Mark says.

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The third thing is knowing how to communicate the teaching of the Bible effectively in a variety of situations, which require the skills of clear thinking and persuasive communication. Mark says preaching is only one part of the larger task of teaching the Bible in order to make and grow disciples, which can occur in a range of different settings.

He says teaching is a gift from God but is something that is developed and shaped by practice, instruction and interaction with others. “Without the capacity to teach ... the word and the world will remain unconnected,” Mark says.

Up and through the art deco archway, the stained glass to your back, the three plaques in front, you can see three words that are more or less in common, ‘In loving memory’. In some ways the phrase is a little kitsch, the sort of message we are inclined to write more as an example of how we think we should feel rather than how we do. But in this case I’m inclined to think that the words were written with a little more heart.

The personal ascription below Nathaniel Jones’ plaque reads, ‘A gifted teacher, an inspiring preacher, and a quiet holy man of God’. And although he had his eccentricities, something history shows in all of us, his plaque continues to stand as an example of what it means to be an evangelical on mission in every age. He had students to teach, so he taught; he had a word to preach to them, so he proclaimed; all the while living his life before them in quiet dependence on God.

It is this truth that Mark is desirous for his students to always remember. That God is doing the work both in us and through us. He says that too often, we treat ministry training in a worldly way, as a sort of self-improvement course, to develop skills to be more effective.

“We need to understand deeply the truth that the Christian life is not all about me but about him and about being as passionate as he is about saving the lost,” Mark says.

That means learning to love the people among whom God has placed us, learning to pray and to give ourselves in service, and learning to leave behind comfort and convenience for the sake of something

infinitely more important, which is to see men and women turn from darkness then walk in the light until the Lord Jesus returns, Mark says.

“That’s the best preparation for ministry before, during and after College.”



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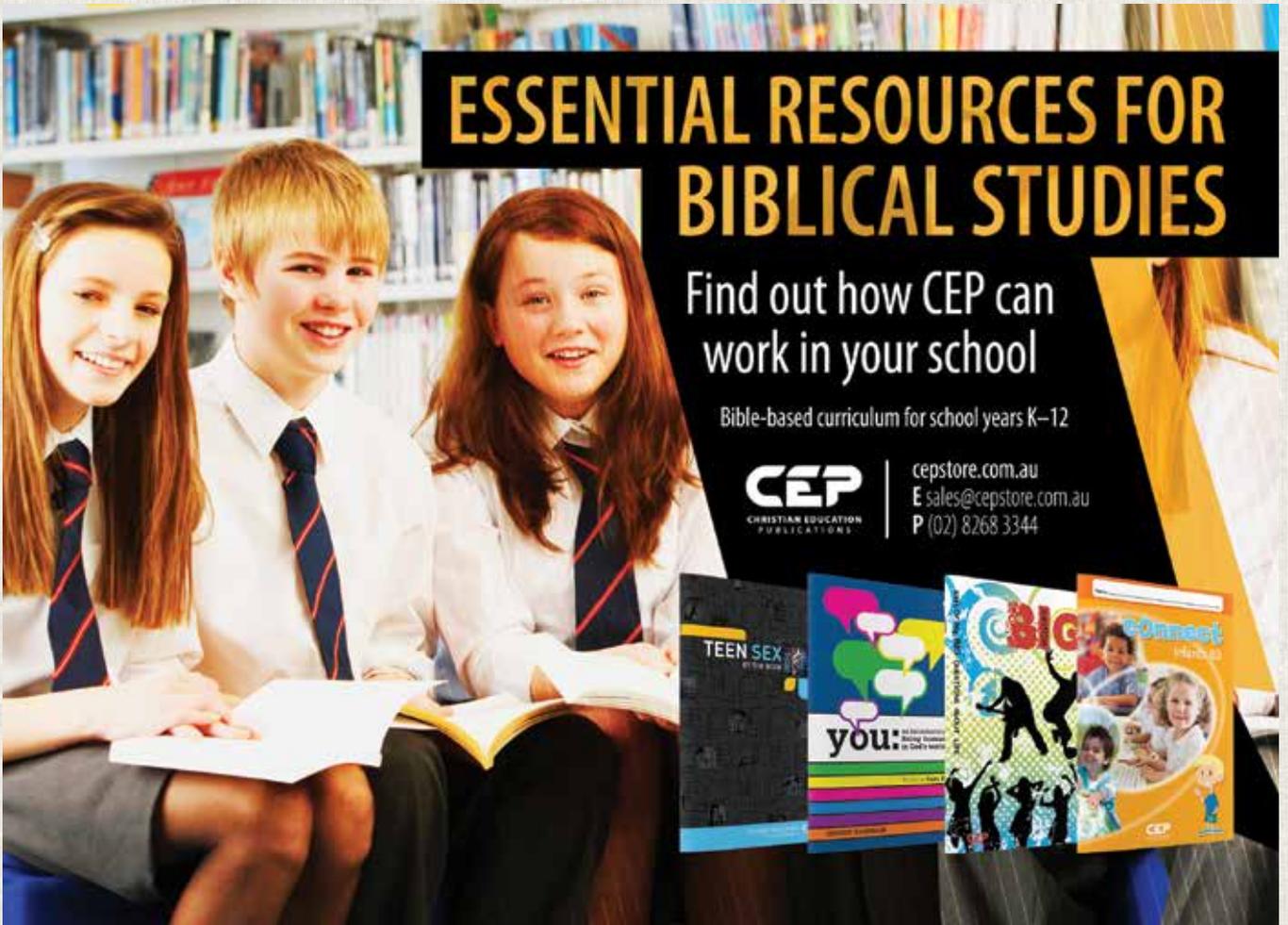
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# Praying for Moore

**Mark D Thompson, Principal,  
Moore Theological College**

In God's great kindness, he put it in the heart of Thomas Moore, a pastoralist on the outskirts of Sydney, to set aside money on his death towards the founding of a College "for the education of ... youths of the Protestant persuasion in the principles of Christian knowledge". Since its opening some one hundred and sixty years ago, God has provided for Moore College at every point in its life. He has given it a succession of godly, learned and skilled teachers, from the single tutor with which it began to the twenty full-time faculty of today. He has brought thousands of students to the College — generations of men and women have studied for a life-time of discipleship and disciple-making at Moore College. He has provided generous friends, wise administrators and a diligent, dedicated staff. All that we at the College have enjoyed over the past century and a half has been the kind gift of our loving heavenly Father.

We must never lose our sense of dependence upon God and his grace towards us. Without his sustaining and guiding providence Moore College would go the way of many others before it — drifting from the word of God, blending into the world of the secular academy, losing touch with the gospel mission that alone justifies its existence. Our need and our vulnerability are well-known to God. We must be aware of them too. That, as much as anything else, is a stimulus to prayer. Only God can keep us anchored in his word and focussed on going out to the world with the message of Jesus crucified, risen and reigning. Only God can provide our concrete needs of today and those of tomorrow that we can't possibly anticipate yet. Only God can enable us to grow in our knowledge of him and in humility and service towards others at the same time.

I am reminded to pray for Moore College when I see its students crossing the street for breakfast or gathering in small groups to discuss what they've been learning and praying for each other. I am reminded to pray when I see and hear the legacy of those who have gone before — the teachers, the students and all who supported them. I am reminded to pray when I get on a bus to go down to the city and realise that despite all outward appearances, most of these men, women and children are lost and a great many of them know nothing at all about Jesus and the salvation he came to bring them. It was when Jesus saw the crowds that he urged his disciples "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest". This prayer, though, was never meant as an end in itself. Its answer makes all the difference: men and women dropping everything else and taking the message of Jesus to the world.

**Mark D Thompson**  
Principal

# Natania Han

## FIRST YEAR



NATANIA HAN WAS BORN IN SINGAPORE BUT MOVED TO AUSTRALIA TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. DURING UNIVERSITY HER LOVE GREW FOR EQUIPPING OTHERS TO KNOW GOD'S WORD BETTER AND SHE IS NOW STUDYING THE DIPLOMA OF BIBLE AND MISSIONS.

I was born in Singapore and grew up in a Christian home. When I was fifteen years old, I recognized that my identity was in Christ and not in anything else but I continued to struggle with my Christian identity. Consequently, I went through two years of depression and only started to recover when I saw my life hidden in Christ and not in my circumstances. I moved here to study at the University of Sydney and I joined OCF (Overseas Christian Fellowship — a student-led group comprising mainly of Singaporeans and Malaysians) at University which really helped me know God's Word better to love and serve Him.

I became heavily involved in ministry as a student and the idea of proclaiming the gospel full time excited me. I grew up in a Christian culture where vocational ministry required having a "spiritual calling" often defined by signs. But in Sydney, I went to various conferences which helped me think through this Biblically and I was really struck by the freedom in Christ to give up (or not give up) things for the sake of the gospel. So I thought it would be good to get a feel for what Christian ministry would be like as a vocation. After Uni, I became a 'Howie' (a ministry trainee under the Howard Guinness Project) at Sydney University's Evangelical Union. The idea that I had freedom to be a worker in God's harvest field (Luke 10:2) was a huge factor in helping me to decide on becoming a Howie.

This got me thinking about studying the Bible in more depth and I enrolled in the Diploma of Bible and Missions part-time. I intentionally opted to study part-time because the last few years of my life have been very chaotic and I needed to slow things down a bit. As well as studying I'm also serving as a student minister at St Barnabas' Broadway. My husband Tim and I got married in 2012 and we enjoy running a grower's market stall selling handmade jam!

One of the reasons I decided to study at Moore was because I saw that there was a real gospel need throughout the world. This was something I recognized early on while serving at OCF; in particular the necessity for gospel workers. I read Art History and Gender Studies at University and near the end of the course I thought that perhaps there was a greater need for me to do the work of the gospel rather than spending years chasing after experience as a museum curator (most museums want to employ art curators only after 10-12 years of work experience!).

My passion is to bring the gospel to international students and I think that there is a great and unique gospel opportunity with this particular group. They are very open because they are in a different country and I have found that they often have misconceptions about Jesus. These misconceptions are often culture specific — for example, in Singapore religious freedom is emphasised as tolerance, so Jesus is simply an option that is "not for them". It's a very consumerist society where people pick and choose a religion that benefits themselves. So in the future I would love to work with them in some capacity and pray that under God many would come to know Him.

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# FIRST YEAR





**Michael Allison**

*I'm 26. I like reading, writing, and history. But I'm passionate about serving God, His people, and others. Grew up in the Mountains, one of four siblings, And I'm currently serving as student minister at the 'Hut Church' in Fairfield.*



**Erin Arthur**

*Applying social work with people from all walks to sitting under God's Word each day has been both challenging and mind blowing. Long-term I would love to serve cross-culturally wherever God wants me.*



**Joel Atputharaj**

*Born in Sri Lanka, grew up in Western Sydney, churching at St Andrew's Cathedral. Engaged to Renusha. Floored by God's grace towards me. Looking forward to getting to know Jesus through his word this year!*



**Zoe Avis**

*I grew up in Canberra and have moved to Sydney with my husband Paul to study at Moore College. I love encouraging women with God's word and seeing them grow. I also love anything creative, especially painting.*



**Alex Backler**

*Country Lad. South Australian. Bachelor of Industrial Design. Holy Trinity Adelaide. Team Sports. St Stephen's Newtown [CiG]. Imagination. Seeking Depth > Head + Heart. Music&Dance. Student Minister @ Erko. Art&Design. Chappo Boarder. Lost But Now Found!*



**Michelle Barker**

*My husband Brian and I live in Wollongong where we attend St Michael's Anglican Church. Brian is doing MTS at Wollongong Uni and I'm studying full-time for six months before we have our first baby in July!*



**Tim Baron**

*My wife is Kate and my two and a bit year old daughter is Ellen. We currently go to Abbotsford Presbyterian Church and have a heart for the country where we hope to minister in the future, God willing.*



**Tom Barrett**

*Husband of Vanessa, dad of Nathan and newborn Talitha. Background in IT and music, now enjoying learning lots of juicy stuff at College. Student minister at St James Croydon. Exploring potential future in parish ministry. Fan of short sentences.*



**Dave Binggeli**

*At one time an exercise physiologist, Dave now loves learning more and more how God's grace renews and transforms people, communities and even societies. Dave and his wife, Eirian, attend St John's Ashfield, and are both looking forward to discovering in more detail how God will use them in the future.*



**Selina Bishop**

*I feel incredibly blessed to be part of two faithful and loving communities — Moore College & St Matt's Botany - where I am being challenged, encouraged and shaped by God's word. As a bonus I get to share it all with my husband, Ian Leung (4th year)!*



**Hayley Boag**

*Originally from Tamworth, came to Moore College via the great ministry of UNSW Unichurch and Campus Bible Study. Currently working as a student minister at Nareburn/Cammeray Anglican. Studying the BTh with the view of going overseas in the future.*



**Karl Bonner**

*Karl is a member of a church named Soma which currently meets in Marsfield. He enjoys working with his hands to relax; painting, brewing, cooking and crafting of all sorts. Karl is married and lives with his wife Lani in Monavale.*



**Murray Border**

*Married to Sarah with three beautiful children, Malakai and new twins Emma and Lucy. We live in Rouse Hill with Sarah's family (house of 10), and I am excited about growing in the understanding of our awesome God's love for me as well as being better able to tell others about his love for them.*



**Michelle Brackenbury**

*Enjoying college community and the riches of God's word.*

**And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.**

Mark 13:10



**Sarah Cameron**

*After teaching for 3 years I'm really looking forward to studying the Diploma of Bible and Ministry this year and being part of LIFE Church Fairfield with my husband Gus who is in 4th year.*



**Vincent Chan**

*Married to Mei, attend Unichurch at UNSW, we love watching crime shows (as long as not too scary) and would love to one day head overseas to serve the Lord if possible.*



**Michael Chin**

*I am married to Mercie and we enjoy contemporary art and the Ikea food court . I became a Christian in my first year of university and enjoy ministry amongst students. Please pray that God will help us decide where our long term future might be.*



**Martin Chung**

*Married to Pearl with two children (Nathan 6yo and Jemima 2yo). We're now based in Croydon Park (formerly from Melbourne) and currently serving St Andrew's Cathedral. I'm a Korean-Canadian-Australian but am willing to serve Him in other places as well!*



**Sam Chrisp**

*Good teaching saved me, so I'm getting equipped to teach the truth to others. I'm studying for a BD, serving as a student minister at Yagoona Anglican, married to Shan-Shan, & thinking about heading home to serve in NZ long-term.*

**Shan-Shan Chrisp**

*I became a Christian and did MTS through CBS FOCUS@UNSW. Currently studying the Diploma of Bible&Missions and student minister at Yagoona Anglican Church. Married Sam Chrisp, also first year, in July 2014 and considering overseas student and Mandarin ministry in the future.*



**Ross Collins**

*Hi, I am currently studying a BD and have been married to my beautiful wife, Kristie for just over a year. We currently attend Sylvania Anglican Church. Our prayer is that God will continue to shape us for a lifetime of ministry.*



**Benjamin Connelly**

*I am married to Alissa, we have no kids and serve God's people at St Philip's Eastwood. After college, God willing, we would love to take his gospel to Europe and serve his church in England or France.*



**Tristan Dallas**

*I've come to college after two years working as a ministry apprentice in Lismore. I'm married to Anthea. We're both enjoying our new church of St Barnabas, Broadway. After college, I'm hoping to work with university students overseas.*



**Vanessa de Sauty**

*Hey There! I'm a student minister at Vine Church and am really enjoying the opportunity to gain a solid understanding of the Bible at College. I'm also reveling in Moore's close proximity to Campos coffee and cronuts.*



**Jared Dunn**

*I am married to Ruth. I am currently enjoying learning Greek and Hebrew, and I like playing handball. One thing to pray for me is that I will know how to balance my time between work and play whilst studying at College.*

**Ruth Dunn**

*Married to Jared and is enrolled in the Diploma of Bible & Missions. A teacher by trade. Likes reading, handball and lasagne. She is pumped about coming to college, meeting new people, living at But-Har-Gra and being able to spend time learning lots about God and his Word.*



**Lish Fluit**

*I've taken a year out of work as a rehab physio in Newcastle and am greatly enjoying the Diploma of Ministry. Hoping to grow in my love for God and to learn greater care for people's spiritual health. I'm loving life on campus: friends, sports, food, music and fun!*



**Helen Fuller**

*Grew up in a wonderful Christian family in Sydney. Before College, I did MTS at St Andrew's Wahroonga, after School Counselling in Western Sydney. Please pray that God would grow and equip me for ministry to women and children.*



**Ben George**

*Currently at St Andrew's Cathedral, I hope my time at Moore will help me to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, delve deeper into the Word and develop my skills in preparation for future ministry.*



**Michelle Gerungan**

*Currently churching at St Andrew's Indonesian Presbyterian, Randwick. Always learning how to love and serve Jesus more. I enjoy baking and analogue photography. Send me photos of cats anytime! Please pray as I consider future ministry outside of Sydney and/or in church planting.*



**Richard Glover**

*Married to the lovely Alison, who is a social worker. Gathered with the saints at Cottage Church, a congregation of St Stephen's Anglican, Newtown. Working towards one of three things: parish ministry; further theological study; university ministry; or a combination of those things overseas.*



**Scott Gorman**

*Christian since 2003. Husband to Miriam since 2012. Student minister at Wentworthville Anglican. Lover of moleskines, rugby league, Jerry Seinfeld and Lleyton Hewitt, in that order. I plan to keep serving Jesus in Western Sydney.*



**Fi Henderson**

*Hi everybody, I love Disney, Taylor Swift and doing kids ministry at my church, Soma at Marsfield. At eight weeks into college, I am still planning on doing four years even with Greek and Hebrew. Fare thee well!*



**Keith Hill**

*My wife Kate and I moved with our son Ethan to study at Moore after finishing a ministry apprenticeship with AFES in Wagga. We're currently serving at St Matthew's in Botany, and loving College life.*



**Jess Jonas**

*This year I have enjoyed leave from work as I study alongside Hugh. It's been great studying God's word in community. Please pray for us as life will change again in 2015.*



**Talar Khatchoyan**

*I'm passionate about seeing people understand the gospel and be changed by it. Please pray I will study hard and constantly be challenged by the truth of God's word.*



**Sheri Kim**

*I'm studying the Diploma of Bible and Missions with the view of going back to postgraduate study in psychology. I'm excited about spending the year studying God's word and thinking about what it means to be a Christian researcher/psychologist.*



**Brad Konemann**

*I'm married to Katherine and we have a beautiful little girl, Eva (1). We're part of Anchor Church Sydney, a church plant that started in 2014. I love soccer, interesting conversations and exploring new places.*



**Ben Lattimore**

*I moved up from Canberra with my wife Bethany and daughter Evie at the start of this year. We're a part of Point Church Anglican in Breakfast Point and are living in Granville.*



**Natasha Leong**

*I'm living in Carillon and am enjoying community life, delving into God's word and discussing the Bible with the youth of Pennant Hills Baptist. Please pray for humility, patience and that God would keep shaping my heart (not just my head!).*



**Josh Lewis**

*Son. Christian. Brother. Student*



**Lauren Mahaffey**

*I am at church in Carlingford and study part-time. I love reading the Bible with women and hope to spend my life doing this, as well as exploring avenues for sharing the gospel through written media.*



**Katherine Marriott**

*Joining the college community has been a great joy. It has been great to have my mind stretched by God's word. My college family has been a blessing, specifically as I get used to the ministry of being a wife.*



**Bek Marshall**

*I'm married to Luke who has started MTS at UNSW this year. Please pray for us as we both adjust to these changes (college and MTS) that we'll continue to be patient and loving to each other and those around us.*



**Keith McPherson**

*Keith and Emma have been married since 2008 and live in Penrith with their baby daughter, Evie. They attend St Clair & Erskine Park Anglican Church.*



**Jeremy Morris**

*Married to Mim, student minister at St Andrew's Roseville. I love the beach, the golf course and the sports section of the paper. I've been struck by the love in this community, and am looking forward to getting stuck in!*



**Sam Ngai**

*I am married to Kathryn (second year). I currently work full time, study part time, serve as a deacon at a Chinese church, and lead a bible study group with Kathryn. After college we hope to serve in one of Australia's capital cities.*



**Sarah Palmer**

*I recently moved from Canberra. I am involved in children's ministry at Summer Hill Church. I am excited to be at College and look forward to seeing how God will use me now and into the future. I enjoy hanging out with friends, making things and being active.*



**Candy Pang**

*Likes books, movies, the beach, but mostly Jesus. Pray for a God-honouring 2014, full of trust in Jesus, growth into His likeness, comfort in His love, and an eagerness for his glory.*



**Sue Park**

*It is a rich blessing to study & fellowship in His Word at Moore and pray at the Healing Service this year. Doing Dip. Mission and praying towards ESL ministry. I love Moore College!*



**Cameron Pittendrigh**

*I'm enrolled in the 1 year Diploma of Bible and Missions. I hope this year will better equip me to serve at Church and share my faith in the workplace. I lead a bible study at Christ Church St. Ives and enjoy watching and playing sport.*



**Tom Pountain**

*Travelled the well-trodden path from the UK to Sydney with my wife Hannah and daughter Ellie. Hope to spend the next few years preparing for a lifetime of serving God and His people, and resisting the urge to go native.*



**Phil Roberts**

*I took a year out from a busy career to engage in a busier year at Moore! Studying for the Diploma in Bible & Ministry in order to know God better and to be better equipped to share Him with others.*



**Martin Robinson**

*Married to Emma. Serve at North Ryde Anglican. Enjoy basketball, cycling, eating food and watching conspiracy theory documentaries.*



**Tim Rowe**

*Sarah and I live in Newtown and go to church at Newport. We are both excited to learn about our great God and how to serve His people. Please pray we would use this time of training well, and for us as our first child was born in September!*



**Paul Searle**

*Living and serving in Manly with wife Marcella and kids Byron, Eloise and Holly. Praying that God will reveal his will for my post-college ministry and that I would declare the mystery of the gospel "fearlessly as I should".*



**Paul Seville**

*Paul loves his wife Bethany and toddler Cadence. He is currently a student minister at St Matts Manly and is serving in the youth and young adult ministries. He should really cut down on the iced coffees with cream.*



**Elizabeth Shehata**

*After working for a few years in business and doing MTS at my church, I'm so excited to be at College studying God's word in greater depth. I'm learning so much and loving the people. My prayer is that I would continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God through His word.*



**Jimmy Shepherd**

*Jimmy, I love God, love friends and family, love surfing. Working at St Pauls Castle Hill as student minister.*



**Luke Shooter**

*Hi my name is Luke. I am passionate about seeing everyone come to know Jesus better. Please join with me in praying for God to pour out His Spirit in revival and to send us out as skilled gospel workers.*



**Aiden Sibrava**

*Aiden completed MTS in Canberra with Central Church. He lives at MooreWest with his wife Jessica. He likes Jesus, scale soldiers, power tools and longboard skateboarding. He and Jess would like to explore FIEC ministry in NSW, VIC, TAS or NZ.*



**Luke Sinclair**

*I am a citizen of New Zealand, Australia, and Heaven. I've come from Christchurch to train as a pastor here in Sydney, intending to return back home to point people towards the only citizenship that will last!*

**For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.**

1 Peter 4:6



**Debbie Stanley**

*Student minister at Glenmore Park Anglican Church attending three services, leading a Ladies Connect Group and doing some pastoral care. Enjoy teaching and being creative. Prayer is to grow in faith, share the gospel and see people mature in Christ.*



**Eddie Stocks**

*After finishing my Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney and working I have come to Moore to complete a BTh. I currently attend St Matthew's, West Pennant Hills and am largely involved in leading the senior Youth Group. My hobbies include reading, watching TV series and watching the NFL.*



**Sam Terry**

*I am a man of one wife, the lovely Marinka, and we have two children: Theodore (2yo) and Freya (5 mths). Please pray that I can involve my family in the blessings of college life and studying God's word.*



**Tim Thambyrajah**

*I'm Tim, married (by the time you read this) to Hollie. We're now attending Wild St Anglican in Maroubra, and absolutely loving it. I've just started my Bachelor of Divinity and I can't wait to get stuck into life at Moore as we delve into the Bible together this year.*



**Judy Tse**

*I am really excited to have the privilege of studying at Moore College. I am learning a lot about God and his world, look forward to growing in my relationship with Him, and getting to know my brothers and sisters at College!*



**Jono Ward**

*My wife Carina and I moved from Shellharbour to come to College. I've really enjoyed starting student ministry at a new church (St James Croydon) and learning more about how much God has done for us.*



**Jonathan Watts**

*From Queensland and an IT background, I'm hoping that study at Moore College will open up ministry opportunities that I haven't had in the past. At this stage I am planning on one year of full time study (Bible and Ministry Diploma).*



**Scott Westwood**

*Pip and I just moved to Sydney from Newcastle. Pip is working with families and children in southwest Sydney. We're going to St Andrew's Cathedral where I'm getting involved in a Friday afternoon youth group.*



**Glenn Wilmington**

*Grateful for the family Jesus has given me around the world, and at Soul Revival Church. Keenly aware nowhere in this world is home, but amazed by the Good Shepherd who brings the lost home. Pray I will be found joyfully carrying out His work when He returns.*



**Jack Wong**

*I'm really thankful to God for saving and recreating me during my Christian formative years at uni and MTS with the Campus Bible Study family, and giving me the privilege to know Him deeper at Moore this year with a lovely bunch of brothers and sisters. Currently serving in the Cantonese ministry at FOCUS UNSW and looking forward to getting married.*



**Siew Mun Nicholls**

*Growing up in Malaysia, I became a Christian through FOCUS UNSW. I'm happily married to Tim Nicholls (4th year) and we're looking forward to returning to Malaysia to serve the gospel next year. We are currently having a blast serving at FOCUS UNSW!*



**Greg Wong**

*Happily married to Aileen with our 1 year old Zachariah and another due in March. We've loved living at But-Har-Gra. Doing the BD to be better equipped before returning to Melbourne and encourage people to know Jesus back there. Serving at FOCUS UNSW this year.*



**Mark Woodhouse**

*I'm married to Lucy, and we're back in the city after 2 years in Wagga. We're thankful for a great place to live, a job for Lucy at RPA, and enjoying the often colourful St John's Darlinghurst.*

**Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Psalm 96:2-3



**Jonathan Wu**

*I am from Singapore, and will be returning back to work at my home church, where I hope to be training up small-group leaders. I have been experiencing withdrawal symptoms from a lack of Singaporean food, but am greatly consoled by the superior standard of coffee at Newtown.*



**Harrison Xu**

*I'm Harrison and everyone in my family supports my study at Moore: wife Carol, two sons Andrew and Daniel. It is a big challenge for me as English is my second language. But my sisters and brothers at St John's Parramatta have encouraged me and I trust in the Lord's guidance to start this extraordinary Journey.*

# Part-time Studies

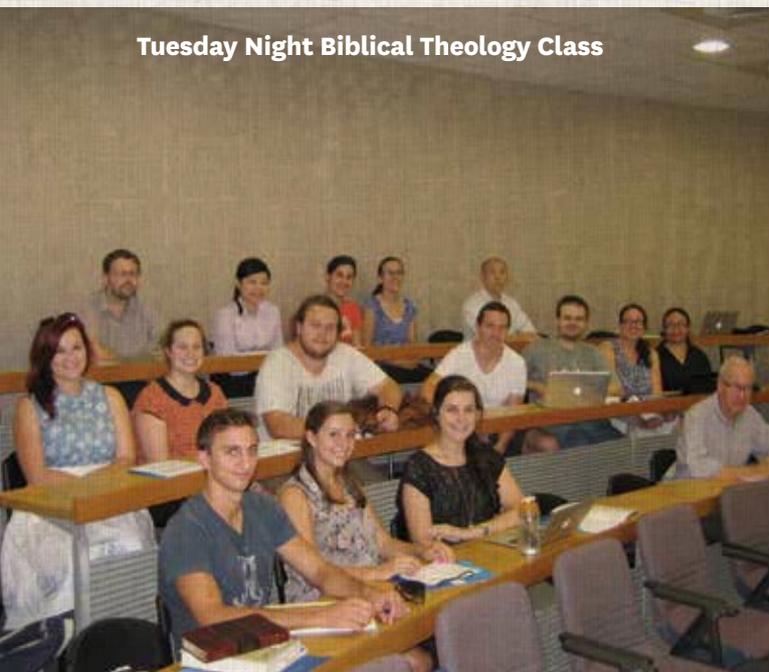
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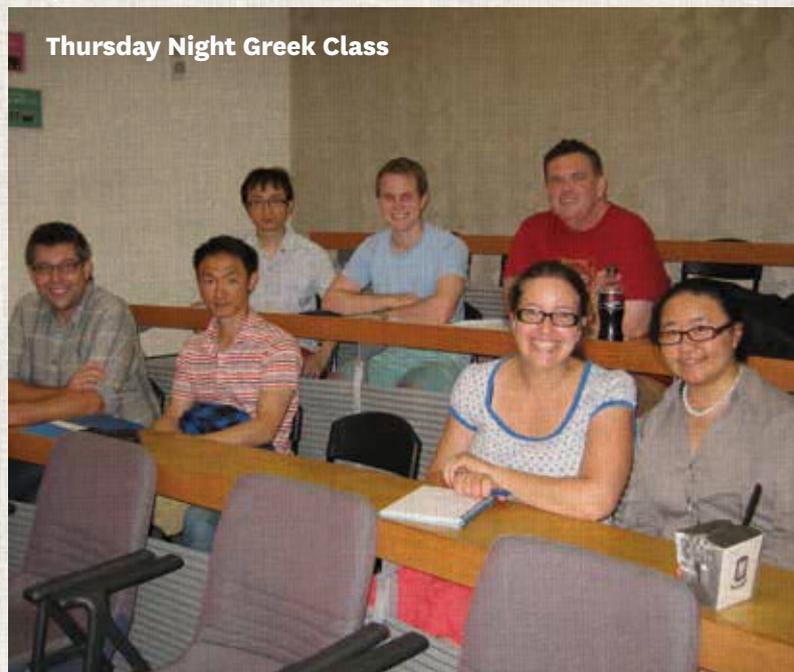
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# Dying to Live

BY TESS HOLGATE



This (not so little) article is designed to give you a framework for thinking about asylum seekers. We are all tired and bored of people slapping us around the head with the proverbial wet fish. This is not that. I pray it guides you. I pray it comforts you. I pray it helps you.

The Abbott Government, elected in September last year, has effectively stemmed the flow of boats arriving on our Northern shores. The policy is one of deterrence, meaning the Government has done everything in its power to dissuade people from making the dangerous boat journey to Australia. The elements of this policy include: mandatory detention in an offshore processing facility for any person who arrives by boat; a promise that individuals will never be resettled in Australia even if they are found to be true refugees; towing boats en route to Australia back to their point of departure; and most recently, returning asylum seekers to the very country and government they were fleeing.

## **The question is, has the cost of 'stopping the boats' been too high?**

Under almost any definition of success, these policies have been successful. The boats have been stopped. The borders are stronger. The Australian Government is now known in the international community as the purveyor of harsh immigration policies.

Our question, as Christians, is if we should and how we should engage with this issue? It is an issue that has many levels (personal, political, and communal), which only complicates things further. This is a real question, and there are many amongst us who feel a keen sense of injustice in the face of these policy decisions. A 'Christian response' is far from clear, and different people come up with wildly different conclusions about appropriate engagement.

## ASYLUM SEEKERS...

IS ANYONE STILL READING? IT'S SUCH A COMPLICATED ISSUE; I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO READ THIS. THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS I'M AFRAID. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO FEEL OVERWHELMED BY THE WHOLE ISSUE, TAKE HEART. THIS ARTICLE IS FOR YOU. I TOO FEEL OVERWHELMED. THERE ARE DAYS WHEN ALL I CAN DO IS WEEP. THIS IS A GOOD AND GODLY RESPONSE.

There is also the uncomfortable reality that we all need to engage with political decisions. Many claim that this is not so. They're just wrong. This is God's world. All of it. Insofar as we cannot physically remove ourselves from this world, we cannot pretend that involvement in the world is a choice we make. Political engagement is not an optional extra for the Christian. To say so is both a shallow definition of engagement, and a shallow definition of Christianity.

Political engagement is much more than writing a letter, attending a protest, or even entering politics as a Member of Parliament. You may never do any of these things. But you do not have the luxury of not thinking. To engage in the political debate is to be thoughtful about the policies that the Government is implementing in your name. You may not have voted for the Liberal Party, but as a nation, we voted them in. That means they represent you. Why would you not want to be informed about what they are doing?

With all the media attention and political rhetoric, we need a starting point. In some ways, the quantity of information out there on the Internet makes engagement a much harder task than back in the days of one news bulletin, and a couple of national newspapers. These days, there are too many opinions, and too much to read. With that in mind, I want to suggest four steps to thoughtful political engagement on the issue of asylum seekers.

## **Step 1: Think**

Christianity invites you to question the presuppositions that sit behind decisions. This is true for more than Government policy. We are not robots who naively believe what someone else tells us (though I understand that sometimes that would feel MUCH easier). The Bible and the Gospel are able to withstand even the most rigorous questioning. The same is not true for any Government. Try these questions on for size:

- Why would the Government want to dissuade asylum seekers from coming here, specifically by boat? Could that outcome have been achieved through a different policy?
- Are we meeting our commitments under international law? Does it matter? Do we have an obligation to other human beings regardless of various laws?
- Does the policy reflect the views of most Australians? Should it?
- Is Australia a racist nation? How does/should that influence the policy decisions of the Australian Government?
- Is this policy influenced by fear on any level? Should it be?

Good questions are ones that reach into the core of the issue. If you get this far, you've done really well. None of these questions are easy.

## **Step 2: Marshall the Biblical Data**

There are stacks of articles out there on this issue, but can I suggest the Bible as the first thing you read to grow your understanding. You will find hope and comfort in the face of an often highly distressing argument that is going on about people's lives. You will find commands that show you ways to move forward in loving God and loving people.

It is in the Bible that you will see that all people, including asylum seekers, are made in the image of God. It is Jesus as the incarnate Son of God who teaches us more about what it means to be made in the image of God than the limited amount of information on hand in Genesis 1-2. As a human being, Jesus teaches humans how to live in full and proper relationships with God and with one another. It is in a conversation between Jesus and a lawyer that we learn the whole of the Old Testament Law can be summed up thus: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27). The call to love is deep and personal; it's costly and risky. To love like this opens up the possibility of failure and violent rejection, and honestly, that scares me. But the call to love is more important than our own fears about what may or may not happen in the future. Love is not an optional extra for the person who knows the risen Lord Jesus.

Of course, this opens up a massive can of worms about the nature of love. I've heard people ask, "isn't it loving to stop people drowning at sea?" Yes, of course it is. But, is it loving to lock them up indefinitely? Well, no. This is the conversation that we can be having with one another, always asking ourselves why we believe this or that. What does it mean to show the love of God in this situation? How can we call on our Government to show love and compassion to asylum seekers? Love means action at multiple levels. It means providing practical help and the gift of relationship to the person in front of you. Or even, providing these things to the person locked up in detention in the next suburb, because they are your neighbours too. And it also means thoughtful interaction with the Government on issues like this one.

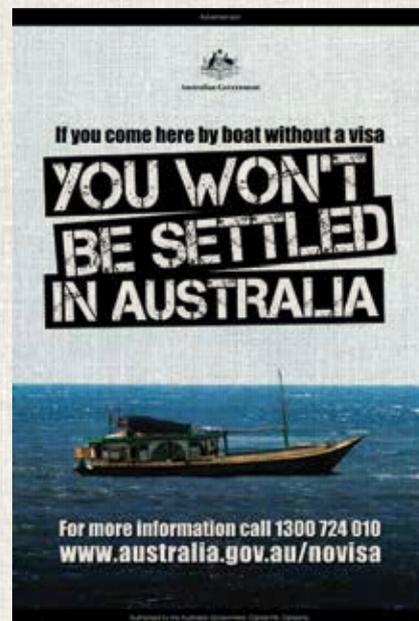
## **It's worth having a quick look at Romans 13 here.**

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment (Rom 13:1-2).

This is one of those arguments that can be insidious because in essence it's correct, but can be manipulated so that it ends up advocating the total abandonment of political engagement. Yes, the Government was instituted by God. Yes, there are ways of resisting that will get you in trouble. Yes, inasmuch as I am able, I ought to obey them. However, God institutes authorities for good (Rom 13:4). This takes us right to the centre of the issue: what is good? What is right? Is what the Australian Government doing to asylum seekers wrong? Well, yes and no. It's right to stop people drowning at sea. It's right to try and stop people smugglers preying on the weakness of desperate people. But it's wrong to return someone to the very government they are fleeing if it turns out they really were being persecuted. It's wrong to keep people indefinitely in detention centres where their physical and mental health is in danger. There are many complexities here, but that doesn't mean we have to abandon the most obvious markers of what is good.

## **Step 3: Find Your Voice**

Are you feeling confused yet? We need to recognise that there's no way to stay up to date and informed on every aspect of this issue. My advice: pick a couple of things that resonate with you and try to keep up with them. Ask yourself questions of the policy. Ask yourself questions of the Government. Try to answer them. You don't need to be able to answer all of them, but a thoughtful person tries to see how someone came to a conclusion even while disagreeing with almost every step along the way.



Finding your voice can be as simple as beginning to have conversations with your friends and family about this issue. You won't need to go far to find someone who disagrees with you. Try to learn from that. The thoughtful Christian person is always open to being corrected where they are wrong. But, don't be too quick to assume you're in the wrong when someone disagrees with you; even a respected Christian leader. Prejudice and fear of outsiders runs very deep in our country, and even in our Christian community.

## **Step 4: Remember Jesus**

We believe in Jesus Christ. Following Jesus is a radical decision. I know that I'm guilty of forgetting just how radical that decision can be. Are you?

In the gospel we have a new way of living in relation to God, and a new way of living in society. Are you willing to work towards discovering, and then attempting to implement, a gospel-shaped immigration policy? That has to be worth fighting for.



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# Jess Cowell

## SECOND YEAR

JESS IS MARRIED TO SIMON IN THIRD YEAR AND IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING HER SECOND YEAR OF FULL-TIME THEOLOGICAL STUDY. SHE GREW UP IN THE NSW COUNTRY TOWN OF MOREE AND PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS A LAWYER IN SYDNEY. JESS AND SIMON ARE HOPING TO WORK IN UNIVERSITY MINISTRY IN ITALY AFTER COLLEGE.

Serving God as a missionary abroad has been a desire of Jess' for many years.

"I remember going to a CMS Summer School when I was ten," Jess says. "There, I was moved by the passion and work of missionaries and said to Mum that I, too, wanted to be a missionary. She said that I'd need to be a Sunday school teacher first!"

Jess and Simon know the Lubbock family serving in university ministry in Florence with CMS, and they have been supporting and praying for them for a number of years. The Lubbocks' encouragement, Simon's Italian language background from school and university and both Jess and Simon's desire to proclaim Christ overseas have been influential factors in leading them to consider ministry in Italy.

In preparation for their service abroad, Jess and Simon have been learning more about proclaiming the gospel to Roman Catholics through 'Evangelism and New Churches', led by Mark Gilbert at College. They have also been involved in a Europe Suss group that meets monthly.

"We're meeting and praying with others who are considering and/or praying for ministry in continental Europe... Simon and I are also praying for the people of Italy," says Jess. "I'm thankful to be at College, preparing for cross-cultural ministry as I grow in wisdom and understanding of God's word and what it says to different situations."

When asked about the possible trials of a move from 'pies' to 'pizza', Jess responds that her minimal Italian may be a barrier to relationships at first.

"Negotiating new medical and school systems will also be a challenge as we are expecting our first child in December this year."

Jess is also trying to prepare for the challenge of living abroad and the unknowns in cross-cultural ministry.

"Overall though, CMS seems very committed to making sure that we receive good language training and support, and we're most excited about potentially having the opportunity to proclaim Christ in Italy."

Jess and Simon intend to formally commence their CMS application at the end of this year, before Simon begins his fourth and final year at Moore. They would appreciate your prayers for this process, including a smooth acquisition of visas in what appears to be a complex system. Please also rejoice with them in the life that God is growing in Jess's womb, and ask Him to sustain that child's health and spirit. Pray with them for a spiritual revival in Italy as the Holy Spirit reveals God's saving work in Christ. Please pray also for the Cowells' future ministry, support, cultural transition and God honouring service.

***"I'm thankful to be at College, preparing for cross-cultural ministry as I grow in wisdom and understanding of God's word and what it says to different situations."***

# **SECOND YEAR**





**Ben Allen**

Jess, Sophie (4), Amelia (2), Zachariah (born Jan.), and I serve together at St John's Parramatta and live at MooreWest. Please pray for our relationships in these places, and with our families. We would love to be more humble and loving in these situations, for Jesus' sake.



**Greg Atkin**

Lucky to be married to my long suffering wife Suzie and have 3 wonderful children Mia (10), Ava (8) and Tom (6). After spending 23 years in the finance industry, I want to spend my remaining days serving Him who saved me, proclaiming the gospel and saving as many who will listen. Currently Student Minister at St Albans Lindfield.



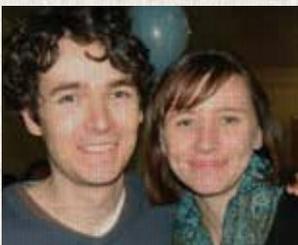
**Sam Atwood**

Sam is married to Kirby and has been adjusting to life with twin boys this year - Oliver and Linden. He works part-time with the AFES group at UTS, enjoys excellent coffee and the odd canyoning adventure when he finds time.



**Alan Au**

I love serving at North Side Chinese Alliance Church, don't read enough, 'procrasti-bake' way too often, have a super supportive family, am currently perplexed by my studies, exploring different opportunities and loved by The Lord.



**Paul Avis**

Tamworth-raised, Canberra-trained media/multimedia enthusiast keen on Uni ministry. Married to Zoe, loving living in Parramatta.



**Susanna Baldwin**

Brit, but not a good one: I rarely drink tea, and I've still not watched the BBC version of Pride & Prejudice. Captivated by the art and science of language. God willing, I will put my word-nerdery to more profitable use than correcting spelling errors in public signage, and serve in Bible translation.



**Tom Batty**

Madeline and I serve at Harbour Church in Shellharbour. We love spending time outside with our 2 young daughters Zali and Indiana. I love evangelism and hope to keep working with kids and youth beyond college.



**Steve Beattie**

Hi, people call me Steve. I'm in second year at College and I attend Newtown Anglican where I'm involved in music and youth group. After college I hope to minister in Melbourne or Far North Queensland.



**Col Bernays**

Colin is now a student minister at St John's Parramatta and his main involvement is with the 8am congregation. Lyndell juggles caring for 2 year old James with studying the diploma part time. We are expecting another baby in early December.



**Luke Bird**

Married to the much smarter and prettier Gemma (who teaches at primary school). We live with a cat called Max and enjoy books, movies and meals out. We serve at Wild Street Anglican and are praying about student ministry after college.



**Mark Bolas**

Had an invaluable first year so switched to the degree course. Enjoying partnering in ministry at St Andrew's Cathedral. Prayerfully excited for all God will teach me and all the ways he is preparing me for his service this year.



**Christopher Booth**

I am a pug loving husband to Laura, and father to Daniel who is passionate about seeing Jesus' name proclaimed in South-West Sydney and the Army.



**Grant Borg**

*I am married to Clare, and we are committed as ministry trainees at Marrickville Anglican church this year. We have a particular passion for reaching Europeans with the truth about Jesus, and hope to do this long term.*



**David Brackenbury**

*Enjoying college community and the riches of God's word.*



**Jenny Bradshaw**

*I grew up in Grafton but have lived in various parts of NSW and hope to serve beyond Sydney after college. I'm enjoying the greater depth in study and relationships of second year and I'm currently part of Drummoyne Presbyterian. I've also joined a knitting group to meet non-Christians.*



**Dale Brown**

*Hailing from the Central Coast, Dale "D-Rat" Brown has moved into Newtown (the big smoke) and is now serving at Vine Church as kids Pastor. He's hoping and praying to see many city kids saved and growing in Christ. Peace out.*



**Michael Burgess**

*Living in Newtown. Developing my committed relationship with Pad Kee Mao. Serving with the saints at Resolved Church, Newtown. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Dr Seuss*



**Lauren Burn**

*I go to St James in Turramurra, which is where I serve on a regular basis. I help lead our young people at Elevate to a further knowledge and love for our Lord. This year I hope to grow further in my adoration of Jesus and so please pray for this.*



**Brendan Carpenter**

*Pictured here with his beautiful wife, Kathryn, Townsy enjoys fellowship with other Christians, the challenge of sharing and living out his faith, surfing, soccer and making up nicknames. Currently serving at St. Luke's, Miranda.*



**David Chang**

*Born in Taiwan, raised in Sydney; married to Annie, loves Jesus. Previously served a Mandarin congregation in Lidcombe; currently a student minister at St. Mark's Granville. Privileged to study the Bible at Moore, look forward to proclaiming Christ for the glory of God.*



**Thomas Chen**

*Learning the word of God is a great honor, and preaching it is the greatest privilege for every Christian. May God use me and my wife Cindy to glorify His holy Name wherever we go.*



**Thom Conyers**

*I'm a Wagga boy, currently working as a student minister at St Johns Asquith. I love living at Chappo house, and I'm planning to head overseas after college, to somewhere needier than Australia.*



**Jessica Cowell**

*Simon (in 3rd year) and I continue to benefit from this time at College to prepare, God willing, for ministry to university students in Italy. We currently serve at St Andrew's Cathedral and now live in Newtown!*



**Peter Crowther**

*I attend Menai Anglican Church with my wife Sally, and two children, Isla and Coen. We are passionate about making and growing disciples of Christ, who walk fully in the freedom that He brings. Our vision for ministry post-college, at this stage, is still developing. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you!*



**Kylie Davidson**

*Loving church at Christ Church Gladesville. Continuing involvement in kids ministry and getting to know many faithful men, women and children. Loving the challenge of 2nd year. Love relaxing by watching dvds, eating sushi and chilling with family and friends.*



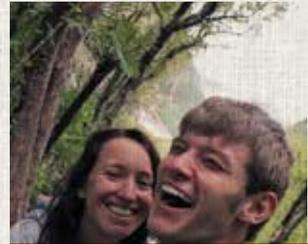
**Emma Davies**

*I have loved studying full-time with my husband Peter who is currently in fourth year. While we have enjoyed our time in Sydney, next year we are looking forward to returning to our home state of Queensland, where we both hope to be involved in parish ministry.*



**Daz Diener**

*Dazz, Lissa, Isaac = fellowship @ St James Turramurra | Student minister = St James and Warrawee Anglican | Praise God = seeing many saints grow and deepen in their love for God | Prayer = trust.strength.endurance | Thanks = coffee.music.cycling.family.*



**Seth Fellows**

*Seth has burst into his second year of college, passionately devouring his studies and whatever ice cream Kate will allow him. Meanwhile, Kate serves with AFES at UWS Bankstown and both serve at St. Andrew's Cathedral Town Hall.*



**Timothy Flint**

*I'm married to Tiana and we are blessed with two lovely daughters, Grace and Laila. Being from the bush, moving into But-Har-Gra has been a real treat for us. Please pray that God would use us for his glory; wherever, whenever, however.*



**James Foley**

*Loving studying, particularly with my wife Rachelle. Loving church at Burwood Baps. As a Baptist from Adelaide at an Anglican College in Sydney, pray that when I differ from others, the conversation would be mutually enriching.*

**Rachelle Foley**

*I loved studying at College last year so much that I'm back for more! I'm enjoying going into greater depth this year, and continuing to study with James. I'm also serving at church through music, leading and kid's ministry.*



**Lindsay Foster**

*My wife Merryn and I are serving with the saints at Randwick Presbyterian this year. We're blessed by our first child Isabelle, born in early April. We're hoping to serve God somewhere in Queensland or overseas after we're finished at college.*



**Caroline Freitag**

*Wife of Rob. Mother of Levi (22/12/13). Studying part-time while Levi is still young. Please pray that I would be a faithful and godly wife/mother whilst I complete Greek this year. Thank God for new ministry opportunities that motherhood has brought.*



**James Galea**

*Married to Charlotte. Father of Audrey. Student minister at Healing Service, St Andrews Cath. Lover of instant coffee and garlic. Westie by birth. Maltese by origin. Passionate about seeing lives transformed through Christ.*



**Laura Graham**

*Living at college, churching at St Luke's Clovelly and feeling very blessed by this season of life. Would love prayer for eyes that are ever fixed on Jesus, in the daily excitement and challenge of life and learning.*



**Topher Hallyburton**

*I'm enjoying second year, Loreto and Daniel love sharing in the college community at MooreWest. We ask for your prayers regarding our future in Chile and wisdom to make the right decisions while we are in Australia.*



**John Hanlen**

*Ally and I live on the Central Coast and go to EV Church. Ally's a full time preschool teacher and brings home all my bacon. We're both youth leaders, and I'm also involved in welcoming ministry for our night congregation.*



**Stephanie Hawkins**

*I'm thankful for another year of time to grow with brothers and sisters in loving God and preparing to serve Him, maybe overseas with uni students. Currently churching at Heathcote Engadine Baptist, where I'm learning lots about helping kids come to know Jesus!*



**Kate Henderson**

*Kate became a Christian as a teenager in Wahroonga and is loving living and studying at College. 2014 marks her second year as a student minister serving in women's ministry at St John's Parramatta.*



**Mitchell Herps**

*Still an avid enjoyer of Jesus, the ocean, surfing, sunshine and the idea of sand.*



**Chris Holding**

*The father of one son and the husband of one wife. After a number of years serving in Youth Ministry I'm back studying. What drives me? A passion for young people to know, love and live the gospel of Jesus Christ.*



**Richard Holman**

*I retired to come to College to know my Lord better and share him with those I meet. Hope to work with seniors when my degree (part time) is complete. Married to Rhonda with son, Mark.*



**Kitty Holt**

*I'm at College to grow in my own knowledge, understanding and love of God. I hope to use the skills I develop here to assist women, and their families, as they run the race prepared for them (Heb 12).*



**Liz Hooper**

*Liz was converted and trained through youth ministry at Jannali Anglican. She did MTS at St Andrew's Cathedral, where she remains as a student minister. Trained as a history teacher, Liz taught Biblical Studies at St Catherine's School. She hopes to continue doing evangelism in a high school or prison context.*



**Paul Huynh**

*I'm married to Zoe and have two kids, Raphael and Cosette. I barrack for Hawthorn even though I grew up in the inner western suburbs of Melbourne and God willing after college, we will head back there to serve.*



**Stephanie Judd**

*College has been an enriching place for me to grow in my knowledge and love of God. My husband, Andrew, is working as an Assistant Minister at St Barnabas Church, Broadway. I am serving there also as a Student Minister.*



**Konyew Kwek**

*2014: First baby born. Second year at MTC and St Andrew's Cathedral. Third country of residence (Singapore is home). Fourth year of marriage to Ashley. Learning how to handle God's word correctly and seeking to grow in godliness.*



**Daniel Kong**

*Daniel is married to Jess. We are both studying in 2nd year and serving at St Faiths' in Narrabeen. We'd love you to keep praying for us to keep growing in godliness as we grow in the knowledge of God.*

**Jessica Kong**

*I'm married to Daniel Kong, also in second year. Please give thanks for the opportunity to grow in godliness as we study God's word, and for the blessing of friendship with many godly people who we learn and live with.*



**Bronwyn Kyngdon**

*I moved into Newtown this year and am thankful to God for a shorter commute to College, having meals cooked for me and lots of opportunities to build better relationships with the resos. I am looking forward to learning more about God and myself this year as I study.*



**Andrew Kyrios**

*Married to Sally, a physiotherapist. Began serving at St Anne's Strathfield this year. Looking forward to the many challenges but also joys this year both at college and church.*



**Ez Lau**

*Hi, I'm Ez. I'm married to Winnie, and we're part of St Barnabas Anglican Church Bossley Park. I love procrastinating with my wife, playing video games and reading Habakkuk. We plan to go back to our hometown of Brisbane!*

**Winnie Lau**

*Ez and I moved from Brisbane in 2011 to begin training for ministry. I love helping others see the riches of God's Word. I'm also very thankful for God's sovereignty over ministry and the grace He continually gives us. I enjoy cooking & watching TV.*



**Jason Law**

*I'm married to Sylvia as of June. Originally from Cabramatta, currently serving at St George North Anglican Church. Please pray for reliance on God through the many changes that will be happening this year.*



**Jen Lum**

*Thankful to study God's Word in community. Please pray for: Growth in Christian maturity; Diligence in studying and knowing God's Word; Boldness in sharing the Gospel; Discernment of God's will; Perseverance following God's ways; Deeper loving relationships with God and others; Wisdom in managing time as student, wife, mother, daughter, parishioner and worker.*



**James Mackenzie**

*G'day I'm Jamie and I'm still passionate about youth ministry.*



**Liz Maher**

*After becoming a Christian at uni, I'm excited about the great opportunities that student ministry provides. I'm thankful for my time at college being immersed in God's word, and being equipped further to serve his people. This year I've started at St Aidan's Hurstville Grove, please pray for me as I build relationships and minister there.*



**John Mahoney**

*Last year John and his wife Laura studied at Moore together. This year John must struggle on alone (Laura having graduated). Please pray for him as he braves the horrors of essays and exams alone... With the rest of the college.*



**Jason Marriott**

*I have the joy of studying at college with my wife Katherine. Our new family has already been blessed by college and look forward to blessing others as we grow in our love and reverence of our Lord God.*



**Joshua Maule**

*I've always believed in God but at university the gospel renovated me. I'm serving at Marrickville Road Church and would like to use my life to get the message of Jesus out. Please pray for direction about how and where.*



**Jonathan McConchie**

*My family and I (Rachel (wife), Ben 9, Poppy 7 and Jacob 5) moved from Melbourne for college. We are hoping to head back to Victoria for student ministry or pastoral work.*



**Heidi Miles**

*I came to College to grow in my knowledge and understanding of God through His word and by His Spirit. It's all about Jesus! In Him is life, grace, salvation, purpose and so much more. Jesus is better. He is worth laying down your life for because of who He is and what He has done.*



**Naomi Mills**

*This is the story of a country girl who dreamed of making it in the big city. She had a mission: to save the world from Comic Sans. But along the way she discovered a more noble cause, found within a book that would change the lives of many children.*



**Stuart Morgan**

*I'm from England, married to Chew-Chern from Singapore, and we are heading back to that little island (Singapore, not UK) in the future. This year we are at FOCUS Church, enjoying meeting lots of students, and loving Kingsford's culinary delights!*



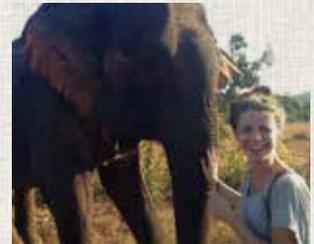
**Simon Nagel**

*(L-R) Simon + Evelyn + Jo: interests include (in no particular order) anime, Jesus, board games, the outdoors, egg tarts, eating people's fingers, learning Cantonese, God's word, and one another. Serving at Hurstville Chinese Baptist Church.*



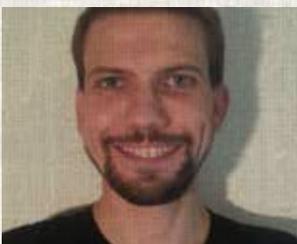
**Kathryn Ngai**

*I'm married to Sam (part-time first year) and we serve together at our home church. We're involved in bible study leading and discipleship. After college we hope to minister in a church context somewhere in Australia.*



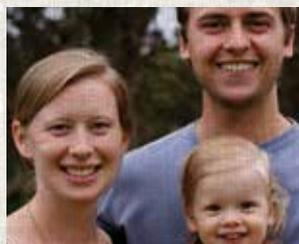
**Tashi Nicholas**

*I am a student minister at St Mark's Darling Point doing youth ministry there. If you are praying, please pray for many teenagers in the Eastern Suburbs to understand the love that God has for them.*



**Cameron Noakes**

*I enjoy few things more than a bike ride or run! But of greater importance than physical training is training in godliness and deepening my understanding of God and his Word that I might faithfully serve him wherever I am.*



**Matthew Pearson**

*Some things have changed: we're living on Little Queen Street and our family is growing. Some things haven't: we're still at St. Cuthberts down in south Carlton, and we want to see people saved from hell.*



**Simon Pei**

*I'm the only student in second year with a mainland Chinese background, and have just started as a student minister at the Chinese congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Kogarah. Thank God for the love and support from my wife Lilian and our four children Enoch, Samantha, Amelia and Janelle.*



**Alexandra Phillips**

*Hi! I'm in Second year studying a Bachelor of Theology. Originally from Newcastle, but currently living in Surry Hills with 7 fantastic housemates. After college I hope to go into Bible Translation, to give others the blessing and opportunity to read God's word in their own language.*



**Phil Rademaker**

*I'm married to Laura and we live in Newtown. We came to college from Canberra via Darwin and hope to head back north sometime after college. I'm currently a student minister at St Augustine's Neutral Bay.*



**Rachel Routh**

*This is my second year of: studying at college, serving at Emu Plains Anglican, living in Newtown. This year I'm enjoying: continually being challenged by God's word, studying the Bible with youth and women, playing tennis at USYD. I am thankful for: servant hearted lecturers, my church family, good friends.*



**Beth Russell**

*I am at St Thomas' North Sydney, and this year I am thinking about wise ministry decisions for the future. I love a good question, biographies/poetry, rock climbing and Autumn.*



**Ian Scarborough**

*I am married to Lisa. We go to Menai Anglican Church, where I'm a Student Minister overseeing the Young Adults ministry. This year I joined the 2nd year class after completing 1st year part-time through the night classes at St Andrews.*



**Joel Seric**

*I originally come from Queensland and moved down for college. I have a beautiful wife, Jamie. I look forward to seeing how God will use us both in the future.*



**Jackson Stace**

*Jackson just wants to know God better, and make Him known to others. He doesn't always do a great job of either, but God is gracious when Jackson fails.*



**Ben Staunton**

*Another year at college! Sharing the real Jesus with young people remains the greatest privilege and joy I have. Having come from Armidale, second year is a much smoother transition than first, but still lots to keep track of. Prayers appreciated.*



**Martin Symons**

*I am married to Fiona and have 2 children, Zachary 5, Adeline 3. We attend Heathcote/Engadine Anglican Church. I am a student minister, working with young families and men's ministry.*



**Mike Taylor**

*Best tip Pip and I got going into college was keep Evangelism as the priority. We are blessed by taking this on board and continuing to share the gospel with others. Things I love: Reformed theology, tennis, evangelism/discipleship, family time, and our church Narremburn/Cammeray Anglican.*



**Tamara Taylor**

*Seeing young people live for Jesus brings me great joy, as do writing, coffee and running. I am currently serving at St Peter's, Hornsby in youth & children's ministry, and at Newtown Mission's drop-in cafe one night a week.*



**Richard Thamm**

*I am a student minister at Resolved in Newtown leading a bible study and running the website. I am hoping to do university student work after finishing at Moore.*



**Sarah Thorburn**

*Second year, such fun! Greek and Hebrew are made sweeter with tea and friends, baking is a pastime I can't live without, and the Pre-school and Kindy kids at St Mark's Pennant Hills put my maths teaching skills to good theological use. Perhaps after all this I'll be well prepared for university ministry.*



**Anton Triyanto**

*I'm learning more about Jesus so I can tell more about Him to others, especially International Students at UTS (Credo FOCUS) this year.*



**Meredith Tweddell**

*I'm in second year of college and have come to college from Qld via 6 years in Canberra. Currently I'm serving at St Luke's Church in Clovelly and love working with their youth group. I hope to serve as a missionary overseas after college.*



**Jeanette Waddell**

*Second year is quite refreshing! Digging deeper into God's word is always a win, and hanging out with people is pretty nice, too. The Japanese congregation at Cammeray Anglican brighten my joy of Revelation 7, while my Yr 2-3 Class remind me why I'm a student again.*



**Steven Walker**

*My wife Liz and I are at College to prepare to go to Queensland to take up ministry among University students. Please pray that God would make clear where we will go and how we might get there.*



**Michael Weeks**

*I studied Audio Engineering before College, but realised my heart was for ministry. I love digging into God's word at Moore. I am currently serving at Dundas Telopea Anglican. I want to serve outside of Sydney after college.*



**Paul White**

*Married to Lauren, still celebrating the birth of our 15 month old son Joel. At College because of some powerful preaching at Engage 2008. God used Carson and Driscoll in tandem to change my life forever. Looking for a great church? Why not come visit us at Seaforth Anglican? [www.seaforthanglican.org.au](http://www.seaforthanglican.org.au)*



**Iggy Wong**

*Loving the fellowship at MTC, serving at the Cathedral and watching my little girl Natasha grow up ridiculously fast. I'm married to the lovely Li Qing and we are aiming to take as many of you Sydney-siders as we can with us to serve in Brisbane after college!*



**Ed Yorston**

*Bridget, Tommy (4), George (2) and I live in Ryde and attend Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli. I have been a Christian 15 years, serving in Christian ministry for 8 years, and desire to serve God in an evangelism ministry in a church, school or university context.*



**Andy Yip**

*I am married to Kylie and we have a newborn daughter. I am currently a student minister at St Martin's Kensington and St Stephen's Eastlake. Please pray for godliness and energy as a new father, understanding of Biblical Greek and Hebrew, and balance between study, family and work.*

**Kylie Yip**

*I am thankful this year to be studying part time with Andy and getting to know little Kara full time. Please pray that "doctrine would lead to doxology" - wherever God leads us to serve in the future, a strong and deep love for him will be the vital qualification!*

**For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.**

John 3:16

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# Into all the World

## GRADUATE REFLECTIONS



### **NATHAN LOVELL in South Africa**

I finished my time at Moore College in 2009, and went with CMS to Cape Town, where I teach Old Testament at George Whitefield College. One of the great things about being there is the cultural diversity within the college community. There are students from all over Africa studying with us, and some from even further afield. This year we have students from 21 different countries, from Nigeria to South Africa, Ghana to Tanzania, and everywhere in between. In a place like GWC, you learn very quickly just how big God's plans are: for every tribe, tongue, people and nation.

Reflecting on my time at Moore College, I realise just how profoundly I have been shaped and prepared for the life that God has in store for me. It's not that Moore College taught me everything that I needed to know — how could it have? But more than ever I realise that Moore College put the emphasis right where it needed to be: a program that focussed on knowledge of God through his word above everything else. It doesn't take long after you leave college to realise that there will always be people around who can tell you when you make cultural mistakes. Someone will always be there to let you know that you've preached a boring sermon (trust me, I know!). Finances, leadership skills, and administration are important, but you learn pretty quickly how to cope. But rightly handling the word of truth as you work in people's lives? That's the most important thing. And, unless you're very lucky, when you leave college, it's all on you.

I can count on one hand the number of times I've been challenged on my own exegesis since I left College, and even fewer the number of times someone has contested my theology. I never realised how much of a sanctuary lecturers provide for their students. College is, among many other things, full of people who will tell you when you are beginning to tread on treacherous territory.

But not so the wider world! The world is full of people who **don't** know. People look to **you** to ensure that they find sure footing. It will be **your** job to shepherd them, by patiently teaching, rebuking and correcting them, by applying the word of God to their lives and by focussing on the Bible. That's what Moore College prepares you for.

In Africa the pastoral challenges are enormous. One problem is that the church has grown so rapidly for such a long time that it

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has been impossible to meet the demand for educated leadership. Preachers and teachers are sometimes woefully underprepared. We're way beyond church planting here. In Africa we talk about strategies for Bible college planting! Another problem is how the ever expanding Christian church will deal with Islam, which is often looking to expand into the same areas. Should Christians arm themselves against militant Islam? The issue comes up every time I teach Deuteronomy 7.

The list goes on. How does the gospel address poverty, systemic corruption, the prosperity gospel, African Traditional Religions, apartheid and social justice, spiritism and animism? Would it have been good to study specifically these things during my time at College? Sure. (And if you come to Africa, you must!) Did I? Not a lot. But without a solid grounding in the Bible, I would have been tossed to and fro, never quite sure what to think. Moore College gave me the framework by which I assess everything else.

That's the value of Moore's program. It's a safe-harbour while you study. But afterwards it's even more valuable. What you learn is an anchor against shifting tides. And there are many. It's a big world out there, full of people who desperately need to hear the gospel. Go and tell them! You're ready.

## **“I thought: ‘I really should think about this whole overseas thing.’”**



### **KELLIE NICHOLAS in Japan**

When I was a university student I remember being challenged to think about mission but it wasn't until I went to Japan as an exchange student that my eyes were really opened to the enormous needs for gospel ministry around the world. I was confronted by how hard it is to be a Christian in Japan, how few resources there are and how little support Christians receive. I came back from that year, convicted that God willing, I would go back to help.

Following three years of ministry training and work with international students, I arrived at Moore College. I was keen to think through some of the theological issues that I had come across during my apprenticeship while also being equipped for, what I hoped would be, long-term missionary service in Japan. I realised that it was important for me to gain a clear and solid Biblical foundation as I wasn't sure what opportunities I would have for that kind of learning in the future.

There are so many things that I am thankful for in regards to my time at College. The one that I reflect on most often is the privilege it was to be able to spend three years full-time grappling with the Word of God and thinking theologically about many areas of doctrine and ethics. In the six years that I have been in Japan, opportunities for that level of thinking are very rare. You see, when you work in your second language in a foreign country, having the mental energy to think critically about things can often be a real struggle.

I also really appreciated the Bible and Mission subjects and thinking through ideas of cross-cultural communication and missiology. I did always think that that would have been great if everyone at College got to learn about those things. Of course, there wasn't time at College to go as deeply into those things as I would have liked to. Luckily for me, CMS is also committed to training missionaries for cross-cultural service and my time at St Andrews Hall (CMS's six month missionary training course) supplemented my college education really well. During those six months, I was able to take what I had learned at Moore and think through the implications for a cross-cultural context, in my case Japan.

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### **DAN in East Asia**

Dan is one of those students who walks around College with another part of the world in his sights. For him, it is a mountainous region of East Asia, where he served with Pioneers for 12 months, between his first and second years at Moore. When he graduates at the end of this year, Dan hopes to return there.

His interest in that part of the world began at university. But his desire to share the Good News started when he was converted in late high school. Dan had noticed a change of heart in his brother, who was a Christian. At first, it bothered him. Then, as he read John's gospel, he realised Jesus could change a person's identity through his love. He committed his life to God and quickly became, as he describes, an “overzealous evangelist”. He told his school friends about Jesus to the extent that some were freaked out.

At Sydney University, he studied Liberal Studies, including an Asian language. While at university, a seminar run by the Evangelical Union about a recent mission trip awakened him to gospel needs outside Australia. “I thought: ‘I really should think about this whole overseas thing,’” he says.

At the end of the seminar, the next short mission was announced. Dan signed up, to go to East Asia. His experiences during the trip revealed a stark contrast. “I saw Sydney as a massive mountain of people, resources, billboards, websites, Bible stores, everything,” he says. The country he was in - and many others like it, he supposed - “seemed like a flat plain with almost no churches”.

When Dan graduated, he took up a two-year ministry apprenticeship with the EU at Sydney University. In 2010, as he was preparing to begin at Moore College, he came into contact with James, who was working with Pioneers in East Asia. James invited Dan to join him and his wife in mission, to a group of mountain people. Before boarding a plane to team up with James and other missionaries working to share the gospel with Buddhists, Dan completed the one-year Diploma of Bible and Missions at Moore.

Dan began visiting a remote area, three hours from sealed roads. Electricity had only been hooked up 15 years ago. The people had never encountered Christians. During his time in this region, Dan discovered that gospel fruit was notoriously scarce. **Societas** can't publish the peoples' name or Dan's exact location, as it could jeopardise the gospel work being done there. Looking at **Operation World's** list of unreached peoples, East Asia is home to a seemingly endless list of tribes who do not have access to the gospel.

Dan experienced some openings, though. He once gave away an mp3 player full of Christian music to a young woman. When he returned, he heard her singing one of the songs which went, “The greatest blessing in this life is to know Jesus/The greatest blessing in this life is to trust Jesus.” It led to a conversation about Jesus.

Another inspiring moment occurred the day Dan was leaving. A man named Billy - who had hung around when Dan told Bible stories, occasionally asking a question - came to see Dan's team. He told them he was now a believer, had written some Christian songs, and had taken the gospel back to his people. Last Dan heard, seven people had repented through Billy's preaching.

While Dan thanks God for the beginnings of the gospel work in East Asia, the image of the spiritual “flat plain” will take him back - to do grassroots mission work among some of the least reached people groups in the world.



**TIM GRANT planted Grace Christian Community in Melbourne's east after he completed his studies**

Tim is a Melbourne boy who became a Christian through the AFES ministry at RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology). He went on to have a go at different ministries. Those around him encouraged him to keep going in that direction. Eventually, this led Tim to give up being a town planner, to do MTS at RMIT.

"I can't speak highly enough of ministry apprenticeships because it gives you skills for ministry," he says.

While in Melbourne, Tim and his wife Belinda met Moore graduates. These were the sort of people they wanted to emulate, so they chose to come to Sydney for college.

Tim studied four years, to graduate in 2011. Belinda completed one year. They then headed back to Melbourne, due to the tremendous need for Bible-based churches. Together, in 2012, they planted Grace Christian Community in Melbourne's Box Hill.

The first six months of the plant, explains Tim, focused upon gathering a team together and showing them a vision of reaching new people. For this task, the Grace team was trained and equipped.

Recently, the church celebrated its second anniversary, with 85 people attending. Tim says a typical Sunday will see 50 to 60 people attending. Five Bible study groups meet, during the week.

The church is also trying to connect with the migrant community in its suburb. In Box Hill, 43 per cent of people were born outside of Australia. The church does things such as run English courses as they seek to reach people from non-English speaking backgrounds. However, no matter what they do, the Bible remains at the centre of what they do at Grace Christian Community. Moore College gave Tim tremendous confidence in the power of the Scriptures. Moore also gave him the tools to read and teach the Bible.

"That was probably the biggest thing I took away," Tim says. "Those tools meant I could go back to the books in the Bible and really grapple with them."

It has also enabled him to grow in his own faith, even though it's much harder to read Christian books now because of the pressures of leading a church plant. Tim says the Advanced Pastoral Ministry subject was invaluable. It taught him how to help people deal with grief, with dying and with listening.

Still, once they planted the church, Tim was thrust into a role where there were many things he had no idea about. How do you plan a budget? How do you do administration? How do you write an employment contract?

**"It was a very steep learning curve alongside all the ministry stuff."**

For instance, Tim says that preaching every week has been a real shock to the system. He gets up to preach some weeks and wishes he could have spent another four hours on preparation. However, he knows he needed that time for other things.

Going into the role of being a leader was also hard because of the heavy burden of responsibility, he says. But Tim believes he's grown into the role and that he's been able to learn a lot of things on the job, including administration and entrepreneurship.



**STEPHEN GARDNER serves as assistant minister at St Matthew's West Pymble in Sydney's North Shore region.**

Over the last two and a half years I've had the great privilege of serving the saints at St Matthew's West Pymble. Being a part of the family at St Matthew's has been an immense blessing for my wife (Claire) and our two boys (Sam and Reuben).

I could not be more thankful to God for the church he has brought us to, and the opportunities we've had to serve his people here.

Like every church, there are daily challenges. Yet, the excellent ministry of Moore Theological College has been invaluable in shaping me (a work very much in progress by the way) for the challenges and privileges of parish work. There are two particular ways this has happened for me.

Firstly, thinking theologically about the complexities of parish ministry. I really believe I was blessed with first rate theological resources at Moore College. In particular, the faculty, the library, and the community of students have left a lasting impact on me. A highlight for me, where those things all came into play, was working on my 4<sup>th</sup> year project. I spent the best part of a year trying to work through the dynamics of Paul's understanding of reconciliation. That time was very precious, because it's proven to be something that I constantly come back to in my ministry.

The second way in which the College shaped me was in equipping me with skills for pastoral care. This happened, again, in three obvious ways; through the pastoral ministry of some incredibly gifted faculty members, through the 4<sup>th</sup> year elective Advanced Pastoral Ministry (highly recommended for any 4<sup>th</sup> year student choosing electives) and by the input and training provided by one of my rectors through my student ministry placement.

One of the particular challenges we face at St Matthew's is how to keep helping people connect with the Lord Jesus Christ and each other when the church is in a period of significant growth. It's a good problem to have, but it has been, and will continue to be, a challenge.

It might be stating the obvious, but West Pymble, located in the heart of 'the leafy North Shore', is not the most ethnically diverse suburb in Sydney! However, there is not a single area of this city that hasn't become more ethnically diverse in recent years, and this is just as true of West Pymble. Over the last four weeks we've had visitors from China, Korea, Denmark, Afghanistan, India, Sri Lanka, and South Africa.

Knowing, believing, and expressing that our unity is in the Lord Jesus Christ is crucially important, but the mechanics of what that looks like is a real challenge for us as we focus on connecting these newcomers into the life of our church.

If there's one thing I didn't quite grasp until leaving College and being involved in parish ministry it was that leadership can't be learnt in a classroom. It's hard work leading God's people, prayerfully guiding them to grow up into Christ and reaching out into the community in which God has placed them while at the same time being present for people in the midst of real struggles; be that grieving the loss of a loved one, battling addictions to sin, or pursuing reconciliation with another.

I thank God for those who have ministered to me in the past, and continue to minister to me, who faithfully strive to get that balance right. I've learnt more about leadership in the parish from them, and from the many mistakes I've made, than I could have from a book, or a lecture.



**MARCELLE RODGERS was a missionary in Indonesia for a decade before returning to Australia with husband Peter. She is now serving as one of the female chaplains at Moore College.**

Marcelle Rodgers believes her journey to Moore College in the 1980s was unusual.

Her university degree, marriage and children all came after her time at College. She left school at 15, completed a hairdressing apprenticeship and her HSC at night through TAFE and entered Moore as a fresh 22 year old. Having travelled in her teens to Indonesia, it was her desire to serve the Lord as a single missionary that led her to Moore.

"Don't fret if your child wants to drop out of school," she tells her friends. "There are so many different paths and options for their futures."

At the beginning of the Bible and Missions course, a mutual friend introduced her to Peter in 3rd year. He also had an interest in Indonesia. They married, started a family in Australia, and following their CMS training, spent a decade serving at the Theological College of Eastern Indonesia. It was a liberal college and Marcelle looks back on their studies at Moore as critical in helping them navigate their way through this time.

"To have a solid grounding in the Bible so that when you work with liberals you are confident and you can answer questions — there's no other preparation you can have when you are working with students coming from other religions, or nominal, or liberal backgrounds."

***"I think it's exciting to encourage students to be able to draw on this fabulous heritage they've had in evangelical Sydney churches and see how much they have to offer."***

Marcelle says the solid grounding in Biblical theology and interpretation gave her and Peter the tools, not only to survive, but thrive in a difficult context. "Those things allow you to function and be a productive Bible teacher; otherwise you're floundering."

Marcelle now serves Moore as one of the women's chaplains. Like all the women's chaplains, she meets once a week with her chaplaincy group alongside a male member of the faculty. She also makes an effort to catch up with the women in her group one to one. She appreciates the opportunity to be a spokesperson for overseas mission at the College.

"I think it's exciting to encourage students to be able to draw on this fabulous heritage they've had in evangelical Sydney churches and see how much they have to offer." Her husband, Peter, is now the Federal Secretary of CMS Australia. As Marcelle sometimes travels to locations around the world with him, her eyes are opened to needs and opportunities to serve the global church. She says that Sydney's strengths are in the student ministry experience and Bible teaching; key ministries that those trained here can take overseas. "People with our level of bible knowledge and training are sought after around the world," she says. "That's the gold we have to share."

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# JUSTICE

## Spoken, Prayed, Embodied: Engaging Political Leaders as Christians

**RICHARD R. GLOVER**

HOW ARE CHRISTIANS TO ENGAGE WITH OUR SECULAR POLITICAL LEADERS? SHOULD WE WRITE LETTERS? ARE WE TO ESTABLISH LOBBY GROUPS? DO WE PARTICIPATE IN PROTEST AND ACTS OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE? CAN WE SEEK TO BE ELECTED TO POLITICAL OFFICE?

None of these activities, of course, represent a distinctively or definitively Christian way to engage with our political representatives.

What, then, might a deliberately Christian form of political engagement look like? How can we engage with our political representatives in a way that is clearly Christian in character? There are several Biblical principles that help us to act as Christians in our political engagement.

### 1. A voice for the voiceless

The Scriptures press us to develop a deep concern for justice and truth. Especially for the most disadvantaged and dispossessed. The classic formulation in the Old Testament is a concern for the widow, the orphan, and the alien (e.g. Exodus 22:21-22), taken up in the New Testament by James (1:27). A refrain of the prophets is God's people have forgotten to practise justice and, therefore, failed to offer true sacrifices to God (Isaiah 58). But God's people are called to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" (Proverbs 31:8-9). God wants such characteristics to be embodied, because they mirror his: "The Lord, the Lord, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in loving kindness and truth" (Exodus 34:6).

This same call is made in the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles. Concerns for the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized are constantly put forward by Jesus – from concern for "the least of these" (Matthew 25), to the radical compassion of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). Jesus says the kingdom he is bringing is for those who mourn, are gentle and merciful, and are peacemakers (Matthew 5). This same concern is seen in the Apostles' teaching and the practice of the early church, from the appointment of deacons to care for widows (Acts 6) to James's admonishing of his readers for showing favouritism to the rich (James 2). Advocacy, concern, compassion, and care for those on society's margins is a major

emphasis of the Christian scriptures. The various kinds of action to which Christians are thus called may be summed up in Paul's abiding concern to "remember the poor" (Galatians 2:10). Whatever form Christian engagement takes in the political realm, it must display an abiding concern not for the wealthy and powerful, but for the needy and neglected; for, as James reminds us, referring to God's people Israel, "has God not chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith?" (James 2:5).

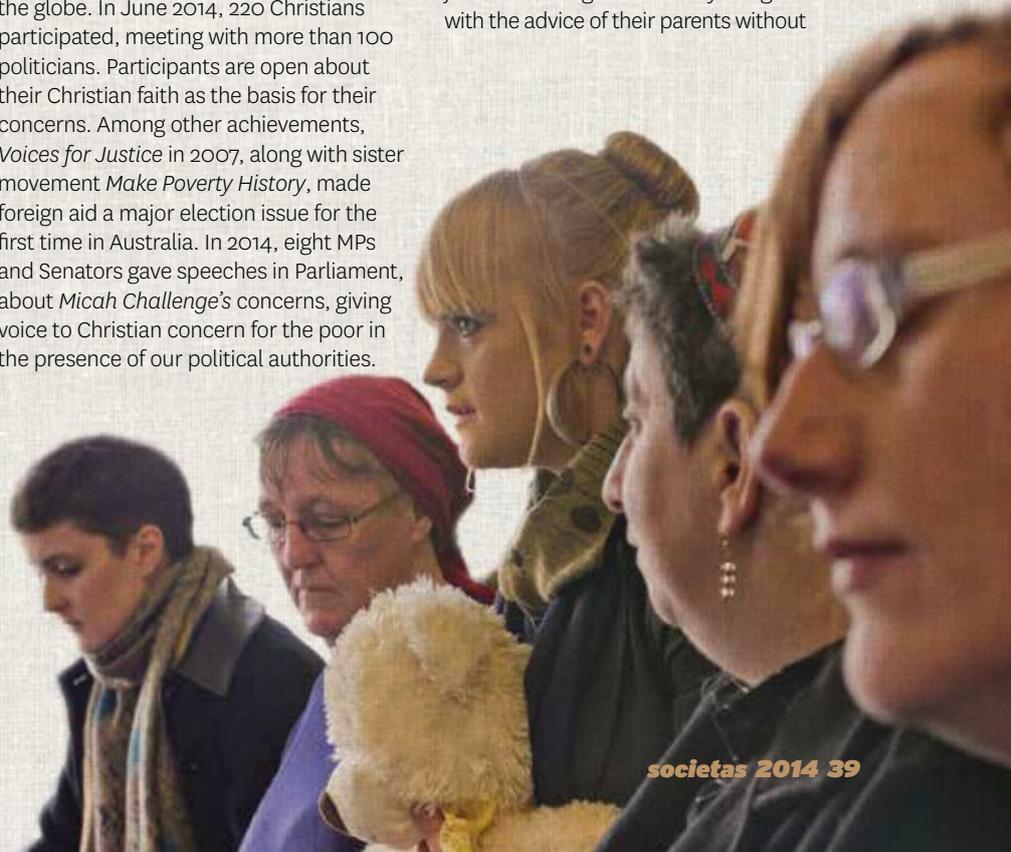
Speaking up for those on the margins of our national and international political communities is the goal of *Voices for Justice*, an event run by Christian advocacy group *Micah Challenge Australia*. Since 2006, *Voices for Justice* has gathered Christians from across Australia to visit Parliament House in Canberra and meet with MPs and Senators to argue for greater generosity towards the poor across the globe. In June 2014, 220 Christians participated, meeting with more than 100 politicians. Participants are open about their Christian faith as the basis for their concerns. Among other achievements, *Voices for Justice* in 2007, along with sister movement *Make Poverty History*, made foreign aid a major election issue for the first time in Australia. In 2014, eight MPs and Senators gave speeches in Parliament, about *Micah Challenge's* concerns, giving voice to Christian concern for the poor in the presence of our political authorities.

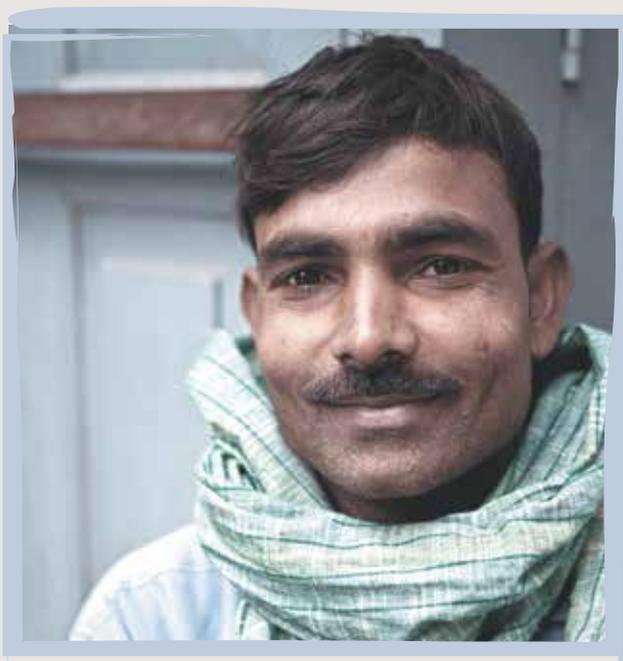


### 2. Honour the emperor

A second Christian emphasis in political engagement must be respect for the political authorities. The New Testament teaches that God has established political authorities for the sake of the very justice that God calls his people to be concerned about. "Government is God's servant for your good," Paul says, "a terror not to good conduct, but to bad" (Romans 13:4). Peter adds that such authorities are established "to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good" (1 Peter 2:14). They are thus to be respected and honoured.

Of course, such authorities do not always behave as they ought, or display concern for the justice and peace of God. Christians, then, will not always agree with and approve of the actions of the authorities God has established. Honouring the emperor is not the same as slavishly doing their bidding, just as maturing children may disagree with the advice of their parents without





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ceasing to respect them. But because God has established authorities and calls us to honour them, how our disagreements are expressed matters. For this reason (among others), Christians are not called to violent revolution. Instead, especially in Australia's twenty-first century liberal democracy, in which opportunities to disagree with our political authorities are vastly different to the conditions under which the New Testament was written, Christians must maintain respect, even when disagreeing; and we also are to maintain thankfulness.

In a culture where bashing politicians is an almost universally enjoyed pastime, a Christian difference should be willingness to speak respectfully with and about those with whom we share deep divisions. We must respectfully call our politicians to pursue justice and peace by articulating God's vision for the common good of his creation. An example of this is the respectful but pointed press statement issued in April by the Archbishops of the Anglican Church of Australia, expressing "profound disquiet" about children being held in immigration detention. It called upon Australia's political leaders to seek justice for asylum seekers and refugees.

### 3. Prayer

Perhaps the greatest honour Christians can give to our political leaders is obedience to the Bible's call to pray for them. Even in exile, Israel was called to pray for the city's welfare (Jeremiah 29:7). Paul urges his readers: "petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Timothy 2:2). Prayer for those in authority is good for us, because they are given to us for our good by God. We should pray they will faithfully execute their responsibilities - and when they stray from it, that they would return.

Prayer is the most important aspect of the *Love Makes A Way* movement that has made national headlines in 2014. This movement has seen Christians from various traditions participate in sit-ins at the offices of the Immigration Minister, the Prime Minister, and Opposition Leader (among others). These actions have called on our politicians to commit to a timetabled plan for releasing children being held in immigration detention. This non-violent civil disobedience has been grounded in prayer. Rather than chanting, sloganeering, or violence, *Love Makes A Way* has enacted peaceful, prayerful protest. Such a form of engagement has the benefit of being deliberately and clearly Christian. Indeed, several magistrates who have dismissed charges of trespass against sit-in participants, commended the peaceful, and prayerful nature of the protests.<sup>1</sup>

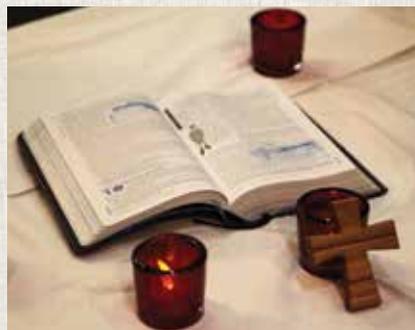


One magistrate said: "Anything I can say seems trite after hearing what you've had to say. You are a credit to your faith and an inspiration ... I've no hesitation about letting you go without conviction or penalty."<sup>2</sup>

### 4. Politics embodied

However, God's people are never called simply to speak for justice, but to embody justice and peace in their own lives. On this basis, Christians can seek and encourage justice from those who wield political authority. In the context of honouring political authorities, Peter urges his readers to "conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles" so that they may "glorify God" by "observing their good works" (1 Peter 2:12). After urging Christians to honour human institutions, Peter instructs his readers to "always be ready to give a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). The honourable conduct of Christians provides an opportunity for non-believers to glorify God and to seek to understand Christian behaviour and belief. Likewise, Paul's instructions to submit to political authorities (Romans 13) are closely linked to the life and behaviour of the body of Christ. The "good conduct" that God has established political authorities to uphold (Romans 13:3) is understood in the context of the life God calls for in the body of Christ. A communal life that embodies mutual honour, diligence, service, hope, hospitality, love for enemies, sharing in joys and in sufferings, association with the humble, and peace (Romans 12:9-18).

The communal life of God's people, founded on and centred in the proclamation of the gospel of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus, flows out in relationships of embodied peace and justice. Rather, the reality proclaimed in the gospel forms the basis of a coherent vision for the common good of God's creation, a vision that political authorities may or may



1. <http://www.biblesociety.org.au/news/charges-christians-held-prayer-vigil-asylum-seekers-dismissed>  
 2. <http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/sa-court-releases-religious-protester-amy-bradshaw-without-conviction-but-asks-she-keep-her-detention-objections-brief/story-fni6u01m-1227031910978>

not live up to. Nevertheless, the primary concern of the church is not to call authorities to account, but to be a community that proclaims God's good news and embodies it. Throughout the New Testament, this communal life of love is the basis of Christian engagement with political authorities. The Christian community is marked by a radical care for others' needs, a factor in the explosive growth of the early church (Acts 2:41-47). This recalls Jesus' own words to his disciples: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

A consciously Christian engagement with political authorities must be based on an attempt to address the issues in our own communities first. Christians cannot call on our leaders to change our nation's approach to asylum seekers and refugees, if we are not actively seeking to care for them ourselves. Christians cannot call on our leaders to address access to abortion if we are not willing to actively care for mothers who are caring for children born from unexpected pregnancies. Christians cannot call on our leaders to do more for the unemployed if we are not actively searching out employment opportunities for those out of work. Paul begins his vision for a community of justice and peace with the words: "Love must be without hypocrisy" (Romans 12:9). If this is to be the case, Christian political engagement must be founded on the community of love that we are striving to embody in the body of Christ.

One example of churches seeking to embody justice is *Simple Love*, an initiative through which churches can donate food, clothing, and other items to agencies caring for refugees and asylum seekers in Sydney. *Simple Love* is a way of not only speaking to our leaders on behalf of asylum seekers and refugees, but of actively seeking to do, in some small way, what we are asking our leaders to do.

## 5. Politics at Moore College

One of the ways in which Moore College prepares its students for this kind of engagement is through the third year Ethics course. In these classes, students explore how Christian theology and practice shapes a distinctively Christian outlook that gives shape to Christian approaches to social and political issues. The College thus prepares students to articulate a Christian vision for the common good, grounded in the justice and peace that God calls his people to pursue. There are also more practical opportunities for students to prepare

for political engagement while at College. Recently, several students organized a letter-writing workshop to communicate with local political representatives on issues of asylum seeker and refugee policy. Another student is investigating the possibility of creating an internet-based network of Christians interested in opening their homes to refugees, for short-term accommodation. One of the College's student committees serves each week at the Newtown Mission church's drop-in centre. At Jordan Cafe, they are able to share food and friendship with locals suffering hardships. Such experiences will hopefully equip graduates to engage thoughtfully and powerfully with political issues and leaders, perhaps establishing relationships with local leaders in which they can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves".

## 6. Getting involved

These kinds of actions are ones that churches can get involved with on a regular basis, and indeed many churches are doing so. In addition to *Simple Love*, opportunity for churches to embody justice are available through *Hope for Sydney*, a ministry that creates links between church volunteers and Christian organisations seeking to serve the poor and marginalized. Opportunities to speak for justice are available through *Voices for Justice* and *Love Makes A Way*.

These examples should serve to encourage us to be salt and light in the world through our engagement with political authorities in prayer, advocacy, and embodying the justice of God. As we seek to bring about change for those on the margins, and meet practical needs in the Christian community and beyond, we are expressing a characteristically Christian political engagement that encourages and stirs God's established authorities to be faithful to his calling.

For more information on the organisations mentioned, see the following links.

Micah Challenge: <http://www.micahchallenge.org.au/>

Love Makes A Way: <https://www.facebook.com/LoveMakesAWayForAsylumSeekers>

Simple Love: <http://www.simplelove.com.au/>

Newtown Mission's Jordan Café: <http://www.newtownmission.org.au/CommunityCareCentre>

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# Tim Purser

## THIRD YEAR

I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CANBERRA. AFTER FINISHING SCHOOL I SPENT A YEAR COACHING CRICKET IN ENGLAND. ON RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA I MOVED TO ARMIDALE, NSW, TO STUDY COMMERCE/LAW.

I had grown up in a Christian family but wasn't living as a Christian. Grog, girls and godlessness was my mantra for the first two years of university... but God had other plans. In my third year I got chatting to a guy called Lloyd in a local pub. This chance meeting drastically changed the direction of my life. Lloyd was a Christian. After enduring all my curly questions he offered to meet up and read the bible with me. We started in Romans.

God's word smashed me. For the first time in my life, the word of God leapt off the page, convicting me of sin - while filling me with great joy, because the cross revealed how much I was loved. Life did a massive U-turn and, though it's been a bumpy ride, God keeps drawing me to himself.

I worked as a solicitor in Armidale, before studying at Moore. I chose to study at Moore because all the ministers that had been influential in my Christian life had studied here. I wanted to be as best equipped as I could be for a life time of ministry... and it was in Newtown.

I'm enrolled in the four-year Bachelor of Divinity. Outside studying and assignments, I've had many opportunities to share the gospel — in walk-up, door knocking, Scripture in Schools, and mercy ministries. Additionally, simply being a theological student opens up opportunities to talk about Jesus. Strangers at social events, sporting team mates, old uni friends, hair dressers and cab drivers all get to hear the gospel.

Before coming to College, I was keen to stay in Australia. Work in a parish or do university ministry. However, God has a way of changing your plans. A recent trip to India and Malaysia has opened my eyes to the need for the gospel in other parts of the world. These experiences have led me to be more open to God's leading in the future.

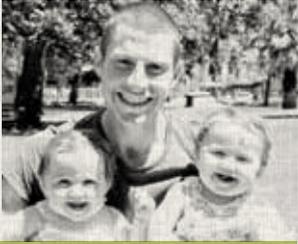
Studying with people from other countries also has been fantastic for me. They've helped deepen my understanding of the gospel, by exposing my idols while revealing gospel insights and nuances that I've culturally missed. I've also seen the need to contextualise the gospel to these different cultures, rather than exporting a certain style of gospel. However, most significantly, it has opened my eyes to see how blessed we are in Sydney to have such great bible teaching and training. This has really challenged me to think and pray about going overseas to train locals to share the gospel in their own context.

***Please pray that I would continue to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus and live a life that brings Him glory.***



# THIRD YEAR





**Josh Ackland**

*Married to Nicola, three kids: Ollie (2) Eva and Lily (1). Life has been more manageable now they are all over 1! We currently attend Indonesian Presbyterian Church Kingsford with the hope that we will eventually be serving in Indonesia.*



**David Adams**

*My wife Jacqui and two kids Joel and Annalise attend 117 Church at Redfern. We finally feel settled in our new residence in Newtown after a difficult start. The plan is to move back to Canberra for university ministry after college.*



**Josh Allen**

*I'm married to Sarah and we have a little daughter Annie. We are serving at Auburn Anglican Church. We are planning to move to Melbourne to church plant in 2016.*



**Susan An**

*So far so good - made it to 3rd year! Serving at St Andrew's Strathfield. Grateful to God for family - parents, sister, brother-in-law, nephews and brother who sustain me, remind me to rest, and laugh at myself.*



**Sam Anderson**

*Paula and I have 4 children - James (5), Isobel (3), Edmund (2) and Allenby, born this year. We are from Christchurch, New Zealand. we love living in Sydney, but look forward to returning home at the end of next year, after four years of study.*



**Ash Ayling**

*I run Kid's Church and help lead the youth group at St Andrews Anglican Church, Abbotsford. I don't know at this point where God is leading me, but I continue to pray that He will use me for His glory.*



**Matt Bartlett**

*Youth & Children's Minister at Shellharbour City Centre Anglican. Married to Gemma with 2 kids, Georgia & Thomas. We are committed to long-term youth & children's ministry.*



**Meagan Bartlett**

*I'm from the Shire and really enjoy the experience of studying with my multicultural family! I am a student minister at St Toms Cranebrook and began serving there at the start of this year. I'm keen to grow in my love of God and share his love with others*



**Candice Bergamin**

*I'm so grateful for the opportunity to live and study at Moore. Whether it's in the classroom, in conversation, or at St Matt's in Botany, I'm being challenged and shaped to grow in my faith, godliness, and ability to serve.*



**Katie Bolton**

*So close to the finishing line I can see it! College has been really hard, but God has helped me to persevere thus far. Looking forward to working with Macquarie Anglican Church next year, with a focus on training and discipling young adults.*



**Naomi Bradshaw**

*Thoroughly enjoying my 3rd (and final) year studying God's word intensively. Thankful for the opportunity to think deeply on so many facets of Christian doctrine and life, and to see God strengthening and maturing my faith. Trusting God to provide for the future, and continue to see His kingdom gathered.*



**Ben Broadfoot**

*After college we're getting out of Sydney! Probably off to an FIEC church somewhere to get experience and decide if we want to head overseas to train pastors, or stay, or plant. Give thanks for our son Trevor, who was born in July, and pray that God would use him for His glory!*



**Andrew Bryan**

*I am passionate about preaching the Gospel for the rest of my life wherever the Lord desires.*



**Mick Bullen**

*I am married to Kathryn and I currently serve as a student minister at St Peter's Campbelltown Anglican church. We hope to be able to continue to serve God long term within Sydney's greater west.*

**Kathryn Bullen**

*Loving being married to Mick and thankful for the privilege of studying with him and other dear friends. We began serving at St Peter's Campbelltown this year. After college we are hoping to minister in a parish in Western or greater South-Western Sydney.*



**Kitty Chan**

*Having grown deeper in knowing God while at uni, I'm excited to head to Cumbo (uni campus) post-college. I'm thankful for those at college who have taught me by their words and life. Pray I'll continue to be transformed by God's word, and guard the good deposit entrusted to me.*



**Nathan Cheung**

*Lots to thank God for. Thank God for the new addition to our family (Joshua). Thank God for our new church family at Bossley Park. And thank God for the opportunity to know God and his kindnesses more every day.*

**Jen Cheung**

*what Nate said!...+ please pray for trust, humility, godliness and wisdom as we raise Joshua; for me juggling being a wife, mum and part-time studies; for fresh opportunities to proclaim Christ, edify his people and honour his name in our new stage of life and new church @ Barnies Bossley Park.*



**Jo Clark**

*After growing up on a cattle property in QLD, I worked in Speech Pathology and then as an MTS apprentice at Hunter Bible Church, Newcastle. I moved to Sydney to study at Moore College and have loved exploring all that Sydney has on offer. God willing, I will be serving in a full-time women's ministry position in a local church once I graduate.*



**Trav Cook**

*Apart from Jesus, I love my wife Meredith, and my new daughter Lucinda. I am passionate about communicating the gospel to everyone and discovering more about proclaiming Jesus' name effectively in Sydney. In my spare time I love to listen to folk music, play computer games, and watch movies.*



**Simon Cowell**

*Married to Jess (5 years), follows sports (pretty much all of them), hoping and praying that God will send us to Italy after college to do university student ministry. Currently serving at St Andrew's Cathedral, which is awesome.*



**Stuart Crawshaw**

*Married to Louise with two children, Ethan (15) and Elijah (9). Senior pastor of Soul Revival Church, an "all age, all stage" church meeting in Kirrawee. Previously youth pastor at Gymea Anglican for 20 years. Stu supports an English soccer team, Sheffield Wednesday, and enjoys the bush, beach and reading Australian Literature, history and popular culture.*



**Mark Delbridge**

*Almost three years in. I am still weak and God is still strong. Tennille and I remain keen to see the gospel proclaimed to all who will hear. Praise God for unpicking my assumptions and rebuilding them on His solid word!*



**Abe Dobbie**

*I'm currently employed at Abbotsford Anglican church, with a big focus on developing better preaching skills. I'm looking forward to being freed up to tell people about Jesus after college, but I'm still seeking direction for what this will look like.*



**Amanda Farrelly**

*I'm married to Stephen, and we have three kids: Caleb, Ethan and Kathleen. We attend Wentworthville Anglican Church. I'm thankful for the opportunity to study at College, to think hard about the Bible and to learn to communicate it better.*



**Matt Fong**

*With Bonnie. From Brisbane. In 3rd year. Out of four. After college - To Brisbane? With the gospel. By His Spirit. For the Kingdom. So that He is glorified. In Christ. Toward heaven. Until He returns.*



**Lachlan Grice**

*Jesus deserves to be famous and He has graciously given me the privilege of telling people in Bellevue Hill just how good He is! After college, I hope to translate the Scriptures for a people who don't yet have them.*



**Naomi Hall**

*Third year is what I call hard work! But I wouldn't want it expunged (there's a good word). For I'm convinced that it is making me a better handler of God's word, and that's got to be good, right?!*



**Mike Hanbury**

*I live with a great bunch of guys in Chappo. I serve at Newport Anglican, focusing on the building up of our music ministry. I have been given a large preaching load, and assist in the growth of our youth.*



**Blake Hatton**

*Blake, Sarah, Herbert (2.5) & Adelaide (1) just moved into Newtown and are enjoying being close to Coogee beach where we like to dig holes, splash and eat chips. Pray we'd be more and more keenly aware of God's love and presence in Jesus. We're serving with Shellharbour City Anglican.*



**Brett Hookham**

*The Hookhams - myself, Victoria and Micah (almost 2) - continue to serve at Petersham Baptist Church. Please be praying as we consider where we serve in the future. We have been incredibly thankful for our time and growth whilst at Moore. We ask God to guide us as we finish this year.*



**Hugh Jonas**

*My wife Jess is now studying first year and we've moved on to Little Queen - so it's an exciting new community experience for us. We've also moved to church in Auburn, which is providing new opportunities and lots to learn. I'm thankful to God for this time.*



**Gladwin Joseph**

*I am from Delhi, India and I am here to teach Aussies to play good cricket and cook better curries. Just kidding, all I am here for is to learn more about Jesus, in order to serve Him in India.*



**Dan K**

*My wife Mel (studying at SMBC) and I are loving married life since last year. We are now in our final year of preparation for service in East Asia, hoping to depart early next year. In the meantime, we are immersed in ministry to Asian people in Ashfield.*



**Michael Kinsey**

*I am married to Helen and we have a son named Phinehas. We are serving the saints at St Barnabas Fairfield/Bossley Park. Please pray that we can learn about ministering to people from other cultures, that we would have opportunities to serve and that we as a church can reach out to Fairfield.*



**Alan Lam**

*Called by Christ. Chinese. Cabramatta born and bred. Church at Engadine. Conversing with CMS. Alan, Glorya, Josiah and Carina would love prayers to be Cross shaped, Christ centred and new Creation focused.*



**Amy Lamont**

*I am really enjoying my time studying at College and being a student minister at Newtown Erskineville Anglican Church. This year I am also looking ahead to life after college and the opportunities God has for me to serve Him.*



**Yoke Lee**

*God has a deliciously wicked sense of humour & irony. Over the years, every single thing I've adamantly said never to do, I've ended up doing. Post-college, I hope He'll use my feeble efforts in reaching people who are from places with little access to the gospel.*



**Michael Leite**

*Thank God for my wife Emily and my two children Sebastian and Adelle. Please be praying that God would give us great energy as we seek to serve and glorify Him in the ministry He has given us to do. Pray that we would be good and faithful servants who seek to be disciple making disciples.*



**Scott Lucas**

*I am engaged to Emma and am loving my time at Moore. I am enjoying growing in my knowledge and love of Christ and look forward to serving God in whatever way he has in store for me in future.*



**Phil Lui**

*Becky and I are currently at church at Guildford Anglican. We love seeing the work of the Gospel in people's lives! Pray for a deepening love for God and His people and that I would sacrificially lead and love my wife. Pray too that my family would come to love Jesus.*

**Rebecca Lui**

*Hubby Phil and I are still hoping to do ministry in the South West of Sydney after college because proclaiming the Lord Jesus to those who've never heard is one of the most exciting and best things to do with this life. We also love food.*



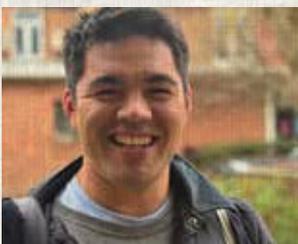
**Steve Mackenzie**

*I'm married to Julia and have been blessed by God with three lovely daughters. I'm in 3rd year of the BD and loving how everything I'm learning is coming together to help me read and understand God's word better. I'm looking forward to using this knowledge in full-time gospel ministry.*



**Sam Manchester**

*"Sam is powering through third year as a deft, vivacious, and persistently single young man. He is currently serving at a church plant in the area of Green Square, and has a room in Chappo. Please pray for clarity as he hurtles towards the future at an alarming rate."*



**Mickey Mantle**

*Mickey and Ellie welcomed the arrival of their son, Jono, in February. They are very grateful for their wonderful new church family (St Thomas', North Sydney) and for the extraordinary College community. Please pray that they would make the very most of the opportunity they have received to serve and grow at College, and church.*



**Ben McEachen**

*Final year at Moore. Thank God for three years of growth, challenge and assurance in Him and His beloved Son. My wife Amy and I are excited about 2015 bringing new opportunities for us to serve, wherever we are placed.*



**Dave McIntyre**

*My wife Beck and our three kids are hoping to serve Christ in Japan. We're not exactly sure what we'll be doing, but theological study, together with past experience, is laying the groundwork for whatever it is God has planned for us.*



**Jonathan McKeown**

*My wife Lyndal, my son Luka and myself all live on the Central Coast. We attend EV Church and for the 5 years prior to college, I was on staff there, heading up the EV Youth. In 2015, the plan is to return to that ministry and keep serving Jesus and his people on the Central Coast.*



**David Messieh**

*My wife Emily and I don't know all the details but we're excited and energised by our life with Jesus. What we do know is we'll be disclosing God's new future for the world in partnership with all kinds of communities.*



**Scott Millar**

*Married to Susie. Four kids. Love being part of the Moore community in Newtown. Currently serving at Parkside, a congregation of Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. So thankful for the training opportunities College provides, whether in lectures, on mission, or at church.*



**Craig Mills**

*I am in third year and am married to Sasha and we have four children: Claudia (10), Jonah (8), Juliette (5) and Micah (2). The year of 2014 has presented two new exciting changes: making a home for six in inner-city Newtown and serving the saints at Darling Street Anglican.*



**Matthew Moffitt**

*I'm married to Alison (first-year part-time), and we have much to be thankful for: our fellowship with the saints at Christ Church Inner West; the students who partner with Alison in her ministry at Sydney University; God's common grace in sending rain on our vegetable garden in Newtown; and God's saving grace in making us alive in Christ.*



**Lachlan Orr**

*Despite the business and stress that comes with college life, Lachlan is finding his time here learning more about God to be a pleasure and a joy. Lachlan is also enjoying serving with the saints at Drumroyne Anglican Church.*



**Timothy Purser**

*This is my third year with my family at Chappo. I serve my other family at Church By The Bridge. Please pray that I would grow in my love for Jesus.*



**Boon Quah**

*Jesus saved me and through his Spirit, led me to study at Moore. While I'm not always sure why, God is using me in ministry for his glory and he is there for you too.*



**Craig Reid**

*Craig is passionate about engaging and growing both youth and young adults through gospel-centred ministry. He enjoys studying the Bible, drinking coffee and hiking. He is also engaged to Anna-Lisse Wale.*



**Ruth Schroeter**

*I came to Sydney from London to study for a year and, 3 years later, haven't quite left. I serve at St Augustine's Neutral Bay. I teach ballet to teenagers and fellow students, and have been known to blog.*



**Dave Shannon**

*Dave is a husband to Em and dad to Malachi & Theodore. This year we've started at St. George North Anglican Church & moved to Newtown. Pray with us as we speak about Jesus to friends and family who don't trust him.*



**James Snare**

*My family — wife Fiona, Lily (4), Daniel (2) and Matthew (Not yet 1) - and I will be returning to Melbourne in 2016 to take part in church planting and, most likely, university ministry. Please pray for wisdom and finances for our future ministry.*



**James Sneddon**

*Amy, Harley and I are enjoying living in Newtown and serving at church in St Peters. We're open to all possibilities after College and we're excited about how God might use us in the future.*



**Laura Southam**

*I'm thankful to be able to serve God's people at Christ Church Inner West in Ashfield, and especially those who have recently finished school and are undertaking tertiary education and training. I love seeing God work to keep growing his people, as they face new opportunities and challenges during that stage of life.*



**Lily Strachan**

*I worship at Church by the Bridge. I've been enjoying learning how to preach more effectively this year through an Anglican Deaconess Ministries scholarship. Please pray as I continue to learn alongside a great year group in 4th year.*



**Nate Swift**

*I'm married to Tara and we have four kids: Charlie, Lucy, Tom, and Annabelle. We moved from Canberra to study here, and we intend to go back to our home church (Lanyon Valley Anglican) after graduating.*



**Luke Thomson**

*Married to Jennifer, welcomed our daughter Emily in June. Serving in church at Five Dock/Ashfield. I have a passion for ministry to kids, youth and families, and hope to serve in this important area of ministry long-term.*



**Hamish Toose**

*Steph and I are in our final year of college. Our time here has been full of rich growth and joy. I am planning to find secular work next year and I am keen to serve in a parish where we will be useful.*

**Stephanie Toose**

*I am married to Hamish and together we are finishing our third and final year of college. We love being a part of the church family at Christchurch St Ives, and will be sad to move on at the end of the year. But we look forward to all God has in store for us next year and in the years ahead!*



**David Traill**

*I'm married to Janelle, Bradley is our son and we serve at All Saints Oatley West. Trying to align and learn in godliness, ministry and theology all at once, living out and exhibiting what I learn. Thankful that I'm not in control but that our Redeemer is.*



**Matt Turner**

*My wife Jill and I are looking forward to another year of me studying at Moore, Jill working full time as a high school teacher, and both of us serving at Parkside Anglican in Willoughby East.*



**Gareth Tyndall**

*Praise God that my assurance of salvation has grown even deeper during my time at Moore. Heading towards school chaplaincy in Wagga, I remain convinced that schools are an essential means for the church to reach post-Christian Australia.*



**Matt Varcoe**

*By the time you read this I will be married. Please pray for my wife, Shell. She will need it being married to me. Shell is wonderful and we are looking forward to loving and serving Jesus together.*



**Steve Watt**

*Steve, Lauren and John Watt are currently gathering with the saints at Point Church Anglican in Concord North. They hope to return to Newcastle soon to speak of Jesus to anyone who will listen. Please pray that the Father would give them a deepening trust of Jesus.*



**Daniel Wilton**

*A country boy masquerading as a city kid, I love the Lord Jesus, and want to see others know the grace that I have been shown. It's such a joy to serve God and his people at Bossley Park this year. God willing, I'll be making disciples in a church or university outside Sydney post College. Please pray that God would continue growing me and working through my weaknesses for his glory!*



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# The Art of Outreach

by Ben McEachen

## WHY DID CON CAMPBELL HAVE TO WRITE OUTREACH AND THE ARTIST?

Aimed at sharing how to go about “sharing the gospel with the arts”, *Outreach And The Artist* is a rally cry to encourage evangelism with, through and to artists, of all persuasions.

In a world undeniably enveloped by multi-media and creative outlets, the need for such a missional tract should be unnecessary, right? We all know that arty types are a whole other people group. But hasn't the Christian church been making in-roads, when it comes to reaching the many and varied worlds of artistic sub-cultures? Changes to methods of Christian communication are easily exhibited, from using YouTube clips in sermons, to bombarding Facebook with topical salvos. And what about those hipster fonts, which church-planters snazzily deploy? Or a beat-box, or drum machine, being added to the church band? Repurposing the tools and creations of artistic sub-cultures is happening. Surely the arty types have been noticing.

*Outreach And The Artist* was released only last year - the same year Campbell moved from Moore College to join Trinity College's New Testament department. Aside from being a leading Greek scholar, Campbell is a professional jazz musician. For more than a decade, he has sought to combine artistic endeavour with Christian purpose. Great. But isn't it patronising or stating the obvious, for Campbell to suggest to 21st Century Christians they can do likewise?

Actually, Campbell's brief and largely anecdotal book was inspired by a lack of material on the topic. Why, in an era where infants develop websites, would there be such a scarcity?

### What do we do with art?

The underlying observation of *Outreach And The Artist* is that plenty of Christians (laity and clergy) remain unsure about the arts. How to view them, and what to do with them — as well as those creating artistic works.

This manifests in various ways. Like most vocations, the question of how artistic abilities can be appropriately used to serve God is not simply answered. From music to movies, sculpture to scriptwriting, the arts often serve anything but God. Christian artists exist in sub-cultures which can revere creators and their creations, rather than the Creator and His creation.

If individual or collective Christians attempt to apply artistic forms to evangelism, won't it just result in the medium devaluing the message? And even to be considered as gospel proclamation, does the artist have to represent explicitly the life, death and resurrection of Jesus? Can an abstract sculpture, or allegorical play, cut it as Ministry of the Word?

Such recurring questions are discussed in *Outreach And The Artist*. By using the structure of Campbell's book as a loose guide, what follows is a provocative reflection upon the kinds of mission work Campbell highlights. Because God might be wanting you or me to serve on the artistic frontline.

Like any other culture or country, have we considered that being sent out to the world might mean artists ministering to artists in our immediate community?

### Outreach with the arts

The theology of art and God's mission receives only two pages in *Outreach And The Artist's* introductory chapter. Campbell proceeds to focus upon practicalities, with creation, creativity, evangelism and God's sovereignty accepted as the backdrop for his outreach formula. Provided you don't see the arts as inherently conflicted with God's good purposes, Campbell's reflections and suggestions are easily ingested. Mulling over their application can be harder, though, due to a limitation Campbell concedes from the start.

That is, the bulk of his illustrations and analysis derive from his experience as a “jazzy” Christian. The first three chapters are particularly indebted to Campbell's own history (A Jazz Testimonial; Outreach With the Arts; What Works and Why). Hardly intending to be a definitive guidebook to Christian artistry, *Outreach And The Artist's* primary service is to promote the combination represented by Campbell's experiences.

While a greater variation in his examples would make the application more far reaching, many suggestions can be applied to other art-forms simply enough. Several testimonies help here, from other Christian artists (including a comedian, actress, painter and photographer).

It should be said that early on Campbell makes a number of fairly self-evident points. He tells us artists have unique gifts which allow them to minister differently. He warns artists to be careful not to treat their art as a false god. He challenges their motivations, ambitions and their egos. These seemed unnecessarily aimed at a reader approaching the issue without even a small degree of thoughtfulness.

Of most note in this early section is Campbell's commitment to professionalism. Believing there always is a way to proclaim the gospel through an art-form, Campbell doesn't condone doing an amateur job. Artists shouldn't be treated as hired help, or treated to events and resources which are shoddy, ill-conceived or lame. Without suggesting prima donna treatment, Campbell stresses the importance of quality control when using an artistic medium as a gospel trumpet.

### Outreach through the arts

Perhaps many Christians who are artists, have not considered using their gifts to directly serve God. But it seems more likely they have, while those not artistically inclined have had more trouble understanding what these creative sub-cultures have to offer. Campbell's book best serves those who lack such understanding, his examples and explanations for what the arts can offer being more advocacy than career counselling.

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# A Movie Testimonial

But those most likely to pick up *Outreach And The Artist* are probably artists. As such, artists reading Campbell will be met with succinct wisdom they probably already know. The tug-of-war between the medium and the message populates the “Outreach Through The Arts” chapter. Neatly distilled are benefits and pitfalls of prioritising medium, or message. While Christian artists would be aware of this struggle, they might be paralysed by indecision about how to proceed.

While unsurprisingly touting the message as most important, Campbell doesn't limit artistic Christian expression to overt displays or an evangelistic talk at the end of the night. He gives credence to creating art which is informed by Christianity's complexities, even if it lacks an explicit gospel announcement. This refreshing advice allows Christian artists to practice as artists, without demanding they be preachers too.

Such an approach can create work that reaches people outside church walls or Christian circles. However, the prospect of providing Christian perspective through a credible, valuable artwork contains inherent risks that Campbell well acknowledges. As with any other work discipline, putting the medium before the gospel message has great potential for the latter to be entirely lost. Or misconstrued. Artists need be mindful of this, but not so cautious they only produce art that has Jesus hugging a lamb.

## Outreach to the arts

Considering how Christians can serve God through art flows naturally into witnessing to their peers. Shockingly, Campbell doesn't suggest artists are a unique breed of Christian that need to do, say or act in ways vastly different to other Christians. Instead, he focuses upon the Christian artists' prime position for witnessing to the sub-culture they are part of.

Why do overseas missionaries do months, or years, of training specific to the nation they are going to serve? To ensure they are best situated to enter a foreign culture, as if they already were part of it. Artists can seem like foreigners to those outside their creative realm. But artists are people, too. People who need Jesus. And who better to bring Jesus into their midst, than a Christian already able to speak, sing, paint, edit or dance their language? Campbell doesn't limit artistic outreach only to those with artistic ability. People with no creative juice could minister to artists, but artists tend to respond to and respect someone with relevant knowledge, skills and interests.

## Implications

*Outreach And The Artist* can be read in an afternoon and is a valuable missional missive. Practical and forthright, Campbell's gathering of art and the gospel life makes a simple yet potent case which arms artists to live out the gospel. Encouraging them to remain within their artistic world - to bring salt, light and new creation - hardly is a prominent thrust of evangelical ministry. The push for artistic outreach events to be of such quality that they do justice to the message being proclaimed, is also a welcome emphasis. In a world populated by various artistic sub-cultures, and immersed in popular art-forms, gospel work should spread into such creative communities. Campbell aims at this, without suggesting his is the final word on the subject. It is an attempt to spark thinking and doing, when it comes to supporting Christian artists — and reaching artists with Christianity.

At the risk of ripping off Con Campbell, here comes a personal confession of art and gospeleering. My aim is to encourage others to consider using art-forms as creative Christian conduits.

Before Moore College, I was a full-time film reviewer. Combining movies and God's work is something I keep trying to do. So do others - from pastors launching a sermon from a movie, to Christians blogging about new releases. While problematic and unusual, using cinema as a vehicle for professing Jesus is one way of targeting a specific artsy sub-culture.

This year, I was involved with a movie-themed series of talks and events with Sydney evangelism group City Bible Forum. The talks contrasted movie messages and meanings with Biblical truth. From revenge on screen, to questioning the subjective greatness of classic films, we professed Christian knowledge through the lens of motion pictures.

We also hosted a screening of blockbuster *Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes*. As soon as the credits rolled, I was joined by two other film reviewers - who also are Christian — to conduct a Q&A session. Involving audience questions and comments, we discussed what the latest Planet of the Apes flick presented about huge issues (including forgiveness, survival, leadership, family and hope). During the discussion, we subtly or not-so-subtly allowed our Christian perspective to inform responses to what the movie itself projected.

Most of the audience were Christians interested in discerning and discussing movies. But some, who didn't believe in Jesus' claims, were also there. Their participation in a 'normal' conversation about art, response and Christian belief was a fantastic opportunity to share Christianity in a credible, novel way.

After College, I intend to continue such forms of artistic ministry. While I am not an artist, and don't pretend to know how best to present the gospel through movies, such an approach could reach some who otherwise would press the off switch on Christianity. Perhaps your art-form-of-choice could reach people in the same way.

**Ben McEachen**

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# Tim Clemens

## FOURTH YEAR

I WAS BORN INTO A CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND WAS BLESSED TO HAVE A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW FROM THE TIME I WAS VERY YOUNG. I THINK I GOT CONVERTED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 AT CHRIST CHURCH ST IVES. OR AT LEAST THAT WAS WHEN I FIRST REALLY UNDERSTOOD THE GRACE OF GOD.

I met my wife Emma at Christ Church as well. So I suppose you could say that I am indebted to Christ Church for introducing me to my two all-consuming loves. We got married in December 2008.

I wasn't always interested in full time ministry. In fact, when I left school I enrolled in architecture at Sydney Uni. The only reason I didn't go straight into that was that I took a gap year and spent a few months in Ghana, West Africa.

My journey into ministry is a pretty cool story, actually. Just before I left for Africa, my brother Andy gave me a sermon series on the book of Romans, preached by John Woodhouse. I think it was his way of saying, "Keep on the straight and

narrow, buddy!" Anyway, while I was over there I listened to the sermon series and God used it to plant a seed in my heart. I knew right then and there that I wanted to spend the rest of my life serving God in pastoral ministry.

I actually wanted to go straight to Bible College, but in the end the wisdom of my parents won the day and I went to Sydney Uni. Quite rightly, my parents suggested that going to Uni would help me to "grow up" a little and mature, before going to College.

At Sydney Uni I studied Liberal Arts and was able to take classes in Greek, Hebrew and Biblical Studies. After Uni, I was employed by Christ Church St Ives to teach SRE full-time, in the local High School. This was an incredible experience. It was basically my job to walk into classrooms and talk to anything that moved about Jesus.

I started at Moore in 2011. I've loved it. It's given me tools for ministry that will help me to preach the gospel for the rest of my life. It's given me solid doctrinal foundations, good exegetical skills, and a framework to think theologically about important issues.

For example: we're planting Grace City Church in Waterloo next year. What is church? What's going on when we preach? What is our theology of congregational singing and why? I suspect Moore College has equipped me as a theologian more than I will ever realise.

I suppose there have also been a few areas where I've sought to compliment what College provides, with other kinds of training. For example, I've found the ministry of Geneva Push very helpful, and more recently, the ministry of City to City. Both organisations seek to train and equip people to plant churches. Without these guys, we wouldn't be in the place we are today.

Grace City Church will be a church plant in Sydney's Green Square area. Over the next 15 years, it is predicted to grow by a further 30,000 people. Our prayer is that as we proclaim the gospel, God will bring many people out of darkness and in to the Kingdom of the Son that he loves.

**God will bring many people out of darkness and in to the Kingdom of the Son that he loves.**



# FOURTH YEAR





**Geoff Ackman**

*I'm married to Fiona, with daughter Nicola. We're all eager to finish college and spend more of our weeks serving alongside God's people, hopefully by joining an FIEC Church somewhere in NSW.*



**Christopher Anstiss**

*I'm married to Alysia and we are currently both serving at St Paul's Warragamba and St Thomas' Mulgoa. I am a Sydney Anglican candidate hoping to enter into full time parish ministry next year.*



**Matt Aroney**

*Kathryn and I are thankful for our time at Moore. I feel especially blessed by the ways my thinking and vision have been stretched. Pray for us as we seek to serve the incredible city of Sydney within the Anglican Church.*



**Joel Atwood**

*Joel works with Credo, the AFES group at UTS, in evangelism and training. Tiff works as a graphic designer. We love the saints at Petersham Anglican, and are working towards a future in student ministry in the South Pacific.*



**Matt Baines**

*Larissa and I welcomed our first child Rachael in June 2014. In 2013 and 14 we served All Saints Petersham. In the long-term we hope to minister in the Sydney Diocese.*



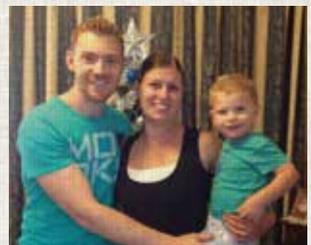
**Jon Baird**

*Jon, Morwenna, Samuel (3) and Lilka (1) thoroughly enjoy college community in our different ways. We've been spurred on by fellowship with St Michael's Wollongong, Cross-Culture Bible Church Arncliffe and Lugarno Anglican (current) along the way. We hope to serve the nations from Australia next year.*



**Matt Baker**

*Matt and Steph will be serving at Oatley Anglican, with a particular eye to reaching young adults and helping the congregation to grow in Christ-likeness. Liam will no doubt continue to explore the world by putting things in his mouth that aren't food.*



**James Barnett**

*James, Alisa, Isaac and Tamara love College and living out at MooreWest, and are currently serving at St Paul's Chatswood. Keeping James sane during college is family time, Kung Fu movies and fantasy novels.*



**Angus Cameron**

*My wife and I are both studying at Moore this year, and we are serving at a young church in Fairfield. Next year, God willing, I'm looking forward to pastoring God's people in Sydney or further afield.*



**Nathan Campbell**

*Before college, Nathan and Belle were teachers. Becoming students again coincided with the birth of Reuben (3 years). Since then, Jackson has joined the party. Currently at Toongabbie Anglican, they love the potential of taking the Word from Sydney to the world.*



**Kevin Chan**

*My wife Natalie and I serve at Cross-Culture Bible Church Arncliffe, sharing the message of Jesus across a wonderfully diverse community. We want to be equipped for multicultural ministry post College, and equip God's people to build His church.*



**Judy Chu**

*Greatly stretched by the word of God. Deeply amazed by the depth of the love of Christ; Lovingly cared for by the Moore Community; Joyfully equipped with a heart to serve the Lord before Christ returns!*



**Tim Clemens**

*Tim is married to Emma. Together they will lead a committed team of missionaries to plant a church in Waterloo in 2015. Pray that it renews the Saints and reaches the lost.*



**Murray Colville**

*Ellie, Finn, Annabel, and I - have enjoyed being part of Dapto Anglican - will miss being at College - are excited about ministry to families and kids next year (somewhere...).*



**Christopher Conyers**

*Chris is married to Susan, and they have three kids aged four and under. They attend Rouse Hill Anglican Church and after college they intend to work in pastoral ministry in an Anglican church somewhere.*



**Peter Davies**

*My wife Emma and I are currently ministering at Mona Vale Anglican where we have the privilege of running the youth ministry and serving at the evening service. God willing, next year we will return to our home state of Queensland to serve the saints there.*



**Lou Davies**

*This is my 4th and final year of college (God willing). Prior to college I was a youth worker for a church in Tamworth. I am a candidate for the Armidale diocese so, if there is a position, the plan is to return to the country and be a part of the ministry there.*



**Grant De Villiers**

*My wife Laura and I are really enjoying our first year as parents. Elijah was born September last year and he keeps us very amused. We have loved serving at Campsie this year as part of the easy-English service and we are hoping to serve in a similar way when I graduate.*



**James Delanty**

*I am delighted to be married to Hanri and we love serving the saints at Christ Church Northern Beaches. We enjoy having adventures throughout Newtown and Sydney and sharing our lives together. We are keenly looking forward to what God has in store for our futures as we seek to remain faithful to Him.*



**James Gowing**

*My loves are Jesus, my wife Renee, my family, and my wonderful friends. I have a love of being around people. I'm a lover of watching Aussie sports on TV, as well as crime drama. I'm serving at Northbridge Anglican at the moment, which I love.*



**Caitlin Hurley**

*What are your hopes, dreams, fears and aspirations? That girls at youth group in Redfern will love Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, finishing College well, breaking another limb playing College touch and serving faithfully somewhere in Sydney.*



**Kurt Langmead**

*Less change this year than last... Still married to Bec and loving our little girl June. Still living on Queen and churching at Guildford. But life beyond college fast approaches. Please pray that we finish well as we prepare for rural ministry somewhere (God willing) up Armidale way.*



**Hank Lee**

*Married to Sharon, and we have two beautiful daughters, Abby and Josie. Thankful for the gospel fellowship at MTC, which has deepened our love for God and His people. We feel privileged and excited about the ample gospel opportunities before us at St. Andrew's Strathfield & Enfield where we will serve.*



**Ian Leung**

*Selina and I love serving God and his people in Botany Bay, and are hoping to serve overseas. I am/will be a theologically trained engineer with a PhD — who knows what God will do with this mishmash...*



**John Lew**

*Working hard in this final year of College. Family (Grace, Irene: 11, Renee: 3) thoroughly enjoying St Andrew's Cathedral amongst encouraging folk there. God willing, planning to return to St Lucia Bible Church (nee Unichurch Queensland) in Brisbane next year, ministering to internationals.*



**Emma Little**

*Thankful to God, family and friends for sustaining and encouraging me through College! Loving serving as student minister at Guildford Anglican Church and looking forward to joining St Peter's South Tamworth next year. Part-time writer, full-time knitter and food lover.*



**Andrew Maskell**

*This year I am a student minister at Petersham Baptist Church. My wife Amy looks after our 2.5yo daughter Harriet and is currently studying two evening courses at college. We are expecting our second child mid-year and hoping at the end of the year to meet the gospel need outside of Sydney.*



**Trent McGrath**

*Trent and Alice have been richly blessed this year in welcoming Henry into the world. Born and raised on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, they would love to return there and serve Jesus with a focus on youth and young adults.*



**Kirsty McNamara**

*Please pray that God would help Martin and I as we adjust to marriage, continue to be trained for service in South Asia and seek to serve Him wherever we are; and that we would grow in Christ-likeness.*



**Lee Murray**

*Married to Cathra and have four children, Joshua, Grace, Sophia & Eva. Went to Youthworks College and have been a youth/young adults pastor for 6 years. Next year we are partnering with the Fellowship of Congregational Churches and Geneva Push to help establish a healthy and viable church/church planting platform.*



**Joel Nankervis**

*Lyn and I have been blessed with the recent arrival of our daughter Naomi. Originally from Menai, now serving at St John's Maroubra running the youth ministry. Love watching sport, will deeply miss MTC handball, but looking forward to a lifetime of serving the Lord Jesus.*



**Andy Ng**

*We are returning to Malaysia to work in parish ministry in KL. We have a heart for evangelical growth in Malaysia and we would love to talk to anyone who is vaguely interested in ministry in Malaysia.*



**Tim Nicholls**

*I recently married Siew Mun, who's now in first year! We're attending FOCUS International Church. Our passion is to see the gospel go to the nations & all people built up to maturity in him. Next year we're God-willing heading to Malaysia as missionaries!*



**Simon Nixey**

*Annabel and I have absolutely loved our time at Moore. We're also thankful for the privilege it has been to serve at Enfield & Strathfield Anglican. In 2015 we are looking forward to partnering with Crossroads Christian Church in Canberra!*

**Annabel Nixey**

*Same as Simon :) Deeply thankful to God for our year group, the faculty and the whole Moore community. True gift from God. Pray I'd live out the cross's wisdom particularly as we head to Canberra next year (very exciting!)*



**Vaughan Olliffe**

*Justine and I welcomed Rhys to our family in May. Still working at the Centre for Public Christianity and trying to figure out what next year will hold.*



**Ben Pakula**

*The Pakulas (Ben, Stacie, Eli and Micah) love college life and we'll be both sad and excited to leave. Hopefully we'll be used by God to bring more people into his kingdom in the years to come. God willing, we'll always be unashamed of the gospel; the power for the salvation of Jews and Gentiles.*



**Lesley Pidgeon**

*I'm looking forward to learning more about God, his Word and ministry at College this year; a good rugby session for the ACT Brumbies and heading back to Bathurst at the end of the year to continue working with AFES.*



**Mark Rainbow**

*God willing, Sarah and I will return to the North East of England in December after four brilliant years studying at Moore and being part of the church family at St Matthias Centennial Park.*



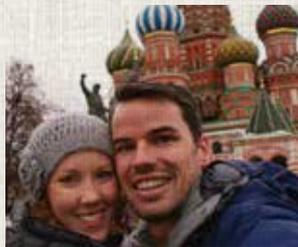
**Josh Russell**

*Kathryn and I got married at the end of 2013. We're currently enjoying fellowship with the saints in Enfield and Strathfield. I'm very thankful to God for my time at College. God willing we hope that next year Kathryn will be able to come to College too, and I will be able to serve full-time in a church.*



**Tim Stevens**

*Tim has been married to Kirsty since 2010 and they serve together at St Marks Anglican, Pennant Hills. Tim is in 4th year but has two years left at college. Tim is interested in working with youth after college.*



**Brian Snell**

*Brian & Kate met at Moore College in 2011, and were married in 2013. Brian grew up in Perth, Kate in Sydney. They will both be ministering in Hornsby next year, Kate at Barker College, and Brian at St Peter's.*



**Chenny Thie**

*4th year wasn't in my original plan, but I'm grateful to God for this opportunity. Currently at St Andrew's Cathedral helping with ESL Bible Study. Hoping to be sent by God to proclaim the Good News of His Son to people in East Asia.*



**Jono Thomas**

*I was raised in a Christian family but took on my faith for myself in high school. I'm passionate about youth ministry and equipping the saints for ministry. I love kayak fishing, coffee, reading and the outdoors.*



**Mike Turner**

*Mike is married to Maddy and they have 3 wonderful children: Isabella (7), Marcus (4) & Josephine (2). Mike is passionate about discipleship, delighting in the Cross and living with the return of Jesus in mind. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and dependence upon God as we seek to serve him next year.*

***Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

**Matthew 28.18-20**



**Luke Wagenaar**

*I'm really grateful for the ways God has grown me at College, the things I've learned and the friends I've made, but I'm also excited about doing something new. I have as much idea about what I'm doing next year as at any other time (none), but as long as I'm bearing witness to Jesus, that's ok with me.*



**Sarah Weber**

*When not in class or studying, I'm recruiting students for our Victoria Prayer Group or meeting up with AFES women or in Church ministry training seminars. Thankful for my supporters making this precious time at College possible. Pray I'd finish well.*



**Sammi Wong**

*We are finishing college and heading to Hong Kong at the end of this year.*



**Jacquie Woods**

*I'm so thankful for the amazing 4 years I've had at Moore. Thankful to our Heavenly Father who has grown me in my love, knowledge & understanding of him and his word! Please pray that he'll continue to do this daily. Excited to be returning back into the classroom next year to tell kids the good news of Jesus!*

**On that day the LORD will become King over all the earth — the LORD alone, and His name alone.**

Zechariah 14.9

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*Simon Gillham*

*Simon and Margie Gillham are serving in Namibia with CMS where Simon is the principal of NETS.*

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# EVERARD DIGGES LA TOUCHE

## Brilliant, passionate, but flawed man of God

EMMA LITTLE



EVERARD DIGGES LA TOUCHE WAS A MAN OF FIERY, SPARKLING INTELLECT WHO INSPIRED MANY THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS THROUGH HIS LECTURES WHILE RELISHING DEBATE, NEVER WILLING TO BACK DOWN FROM WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE RIGHT.

This unwavering conviction led Digges La Touche (his full surname) to leave everything behind in order to fight in World War I.

Digges La Touche was born and educated in Ireland, completing his Doctor of Letters in 1910 at Trinity College in Dublin at 27, the youngest at the time to attain the degree. He was anxious to come to Australia, not only for the benefit of his health but also in order to exercise his religious zeal, and arrived in 1911.

Prior to his move to Australia, Digges La Touche had been priested in 1908 and served as curate at St Mary's, Dublin and St John's, Bradford. During that time he married Eva King and had two sons. However, he travelled to Australia alone and would never again see his wife or two sons. It is not known why they remained in Ireland, nor whether he intended to return to them.

In his last year in Ireland, he was Donnellan Lecturer at Trinity and his lectures, "The Person of Christ in Modern Thought", became one of several works to be published during his lifetime.

Once in Australia, Digges La Touche became vicar of Emmaville in the Diocese of Armidale. After a short stint there, he was appointed Lecturer in Dogmatic Theology at Moore College. His vibrant personality and keen intellect made him popular with students and his gifts as a communicator commanded the attention of all those who heard him lecture.

Digges La Touche was not one to back away from a debate and relished the vigorous discussions he was able to have with those who crossed his path during his active Synod involvement and role as Sydney Diocesan Missioner from 1912-14.

However he resigned as lecturer at Moore following differences with Principal D.J. Davies, whom Digges La Touche felt held liberal theological views. One record has it that Digges La Touche resigned while speaking at an Anglican Church League dinner at St Andrew's Summer Hill while the Principal was in attendance.

He was serving as Diocesan Missioner when WWI broke out in August 1914, but was told when he applied to be a chaplain that a position was not available. He enlisted as a private instead. He did this believing that this was the best way to reach the other soldiers, saying "I could not tell a man to

Many of those who served with Digges La Touche spoke fondly of him and his ministry to his fellow soldiers aboard the ship to Egypt, recalling that he would sometimes preach or lead prayers. That he cared so much for those who served under him was a testament to his character. A godly man who shepherded those who had been placed in his care, he led by example in the way he sought to serve God and country.

The company landed at Gallipoli on the eve of the Lone Pine Battle and despite only just arriving from Egypt, Digges La Touche begged to be allowed to join the attack. At the first bend in a deep trench Digges La

***"I could not tell a man to face danger which I am not prepared to share."***

face danger which I am not prepared to share". He had to leave the army briefly in late 1914 because he had varicose veins, although he re-enlisted following a successful operation in December of the same year. During his training he was promoted to second lieutenant and served with the Second Battalion A.I.F.

Digges La Touche believed WWI to be a "holy war", the direct result of the liberal theology which had taken hold in Germany. Not all agreed with his reasoning and fervour, including Archbishop J. Wright who, while a great admirer of Digges La Touche and his gifts, did not support his decision to go to war.

Before leaving, Digges La Touche divided his impressive library amongst his fellow clergy, perhaps because of his expectation that he would not be returning. He had been heard to say before his departure that he expected to die for his country.

Touche and two other officers were mortally wounded. He had been shot in the intestines and lay in the trench some twenty hours. At this time others were reluctant to move him because of the risk of death from his injuries. However Digges La Touche demanded that he be moved out of the way for fear of compromising their position. He was moved and died shortly after.

Even though Archbishop Wright strongly disagreed with Digges La Touche's reasons for going to war, he spoke fondly of his intellectual and personal gifts as he addressed Synod following his death. "But above all with a transparent soul, white-hot with devotion to his Divine Master, for Whom he was ready to spend himself with almost a martyr's fire," Wright said.



Everard's younger brother Averell was also killed in action in September of the same year and they are both remembered with a plaque in St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. Everard's headstone in Lone Pine Cemetery is inscribed, "Faithful unto death - Quis Separabit (Who shall separate us)", the second part being the motto of the Order of Saint Patrick. He is also commemorated with a window at Holy Trinity Dulwich Hill where he frequently preached during his time in Sydney.

Digges La Touche was devoted to what he saw as right in serving God passionately, although some of his choices are difficult for us to understand. While he enlisted during WWI despite the opposition of many of his colleagues, his presence among the soldiers undoubtedly brought them great comfort in a time of fear and despair.

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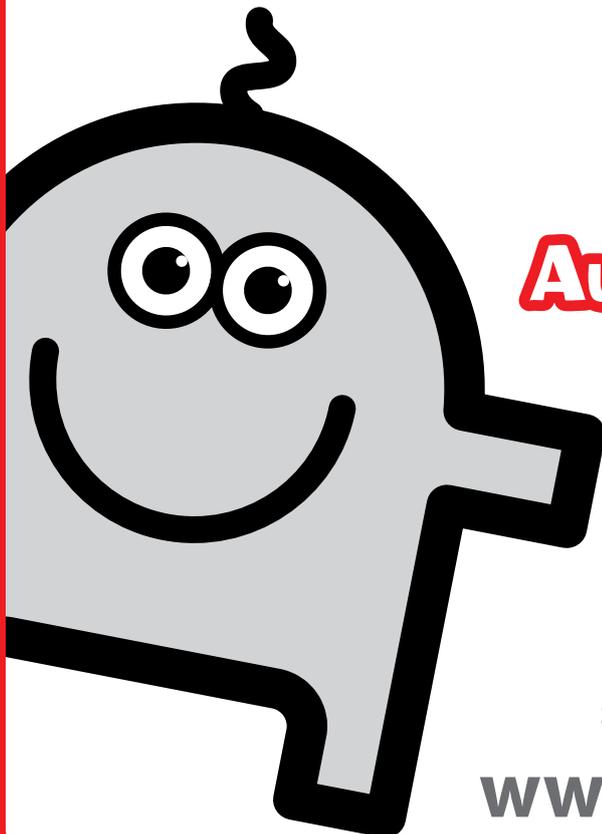
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# CHAPLAINS



## Cross-Cultural Chaplains

*Rev Joseph Fung and Dr Nancy Fung (Joseph and Nancy are the first chaplains dedicated to the care of students who do not have English as their first language. Joseph studied at Moore in the early 1980s and Nancy in the mid-1990s. Since then they have both been involved in pastoral ministry and have also worked part-time with the Chinese Theological College Australia.)*

*Chaplaincy groups or first year groups in year 1, help to set a vision for gospel ministry and foster fellowship, theological reflection, group skills, prayer, personal support, mission and accountability. All students are linked to a College chaplain and Year Advisor. In conjunction with a male member of faculty each chaplaincy group is co-led by a female chaplain.*



## Wednesday Women's Chaplains

*Jane Tooher; Kate Bradford (Former CMS missionary, part-time chaplain at Children's Hospital, Darling Street Anglican Church, Balmain); Cathy Smtih (Former CMS missionary, Sydney Japanese Evangelical Church at Cammeray); Deb Earnshaw (Women's and children's Minister, Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church); Caroline Spencer (Full-time women's evangelist and trainer at City Bible Forum, workshops at Drummyne Presbyterian Church); Alison Blake (involved in ministry at Narellan Anglican Church for the past 20 years). Absent: Celia Toose (Sydney University Evangelical Union Senior Staff Worker, worships at Newtown and Erskineville Anglican Church).*



## Thursday Women's Chaplains

*Isobel Lin (Assistant to the Dean of Women at Moore, Chair of EQUIP Womens' conference, St Barnabas Anglican Church at Fairfield and Bossley Park); Ros Thomas (Former School counsellor, St Andrew's Cathedral and Church by the Bridge, Lavender Bay); Juliette Antoon (Women's ministry, St Michael's Wollongong); Lesley Ramsay (Itinerant evangelist and Bible teacher, Central Coast Evangelical Church); Marcelle Rodgers (Former CMS missionary, CMS volunteer support: visiting and deputation training, Marrickville Anglican); Margaret Powell (Cross cultural worker, Greenacre/Lakemba Anglican Churches). Julia Williams (Senior Pastor's wife involved in leading women's bible study for many years).*

# THE TRIALS AND SURPRISING JOY OF A RELUCTANT CHRISTIAN SINGLE

THIS IS AN EDITED VERSION OF A TESTIMONY ONE SINGLE STUDENT WAS WILLING TO SHARE IN CLASS. WE ON THE **SOCIETAS** COMMITTEE FELT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR OTHERS TO READ IT AND THINK ABOUT SINGLENES AND MARRIAGE, AN AREA IN WHICH THE CHURCH OVERALL PROBABLY NEEDS TO DO BETTER. THE STUDENT ALLOWED FOR THE TESTIMONY TO BE PUBLISHED, AND ASKED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

I turned the big four-zero last year. It was in the midst of exams so it slipped by quietly. Anyway, I forget how old I am most of the time. So when my Ethics lecturer read out an article written by a disgruntled and bitterly disappointed woman who is also 40, single and Christian, it forced me to take stock of past experiences and conversations and to evaluate my current circumstance.

I will start off with a couple of incidents where Christians have done or said things that were really unhelpful...

A couple of months ago, I attended the wedding of a good friend. The occasion was dampened for me by well-meaning Christian friends who thought I needed comforting by saying "You're next!" The thing is, these are such empty words. Yes, I could well be next. But then again, as the years have attested, I have never been next. Like so many other times, I only thought of what to say afterwards. The next time somebody says that to me, I'm going to ask "Do you perceive something lacking in me that makes you think I need to be married next?"

When I was about to turn 35, I went to a friend's baby shower. She said to me, "You better get a move on. Your eggs are drying up." I almost punched her but instead muttered something like, "Oh yeah. Why don't I just go into a supermarket and pick up a guy there?"

Another time, I caught up with several married Christian friends. I had not seen them for quite a while, so I was really looking forward to it. But, when we met I immediately felt excluded as a huge chunk of the conversation revolved around the birthing process and their kids. Intentionally or unintentionally, they made me feel like I was somehow not a real woman because I didn't have this experience, nor am I likely to... not that I really want to anyway.

And these are from Christians.

A fatherly, affable non-Christian manager at work with whom I had enjoyed plenty of pleasant conversations once asked me, "Why is a girl like you still not married?" The conversation nose-dived after I told him why. "Stop being so stubborn and stop wasting your life. Why does he have to be a Christian? It doesn't matter if the guy is not a Christian so long as he treats you well." I was shocked to see how worked up and angry he was getting.

I have been single all this time because the Christian guys who I have liked did not like me back, while I was not interested in the ones who liked me. And please don't tell me that I am being choosy and superficial. The guys I have liked were people whose company I really enjoyed, not necessarily guys who were really good looking.

I once went on a date with a guy who a number of the older church folk thought was a great catch. Their excitement was palpable every time they saw us talking! If only I had shared their excitement! We didn't even share similar Christian convictions.

Just because someone is a Christian does not make them right for you. Isn't it hard enough to do life with someone you actually want to be with, let alone someone you have little interest in? Is singleness such an unwanted disease that one ought to do anything to get rid of it? Is it even fair to the other person? At least, I can still hold out the hope that there is somebody who is "right" for me who also thinks the same about me. Should that happen, I would then be free to be with him.

I do realise that I live in a highly privileged society with choices about marriage that our ancestors never had and which many elsewhere in the world today still do not have. However, the reality is that we do have these choices. So I hate it when others tell me how it used to be before the whole silly romantic notion took hold. It makes me want to ask the speakers, "So, did you settle for someone you aren't that excited about? Did you marry someone who doesn't share similar Christian convictions as you?" If singleness is really as honourable a state as marriage, and if by marrying, one is in reality exchanging one set of problems for another, then why are singles being advised to hastily shackle themselves to another for the bare minimum?

Over the years, I have seen a number of friends play with fire by going out with non-Christians and then compromise themselves by marrying them. I have then seen how they drop out of church altogether or just turn up sporadically. It is a very real temptation. I know because I could have gone the same way. I never did go out with non-Christians but I could well have.

One of them was a close family friend. I was in my early 30s then. We got on really well when he came to Sydney for a couple of weeks. I liked him, he liked me and our dads are best friends from way back. When he went home, we kept writing to each other. Almost immediately, he was making plans to move here. I thought to myself, "What am I doing? He's not a Christian, though he thinks he is." So I put a stop to it—but only after a few more weeks of unfairly leading him on.

***"Do you perceive something lacking in me that makes you think I need to be married next?"***

I used to kid myself that I did it immediately, but upon rereading our correspondence recently, I saw a great reluctance on my part to stop it. It was unbearable. The internal struggle and temptation was made worse by a Christian who asked me at the time whether I was making the right decision and that maybe God had put him in my path so that I could help him in his relationship with God.

I told her that was the lamest thing I had ever heard!

I could easily have convinced myself of this without someone else giving me validation to get together with this guy.

These are the kind of things that really have the potential to trip up the Christian single. I already silently wrestle with the question whether there is in fact something wrong with me, without voices from both inside and outside the church telling me that I am abnormal or suspect.

A further challenge arises as you see less and less of friends who get married and have children. Other people do not know what to do with you — they get all embarrassed, apologetic and awkward. I think they find my singleness more problematic than I do.

Being single can get harder as one gets older. However, it can also get easier. You still go through waves of sadness but it hits you less. You care less about what people say or think. Perseverance brings with it contentment and hope. Furthermore, I love the solitude and the freedom singleness brings. I do get more opportunity to travel and I often go on my own. I love walking holidays and meeting people from everywhere who share this same interest. It is usually a rare occurrence for me to meet another Christian in these groups, so as a bonus, walking with predominantly non-Christians everyday for a couple of weeks gives me lots of evangelistic opportunities. I also get to read large chunks of the bible with little interruption. That was how I used to get through the whole bible once, sometimes twice every year.

Our freedom and time are part of the gift of being single. As good as they are, I would like to sound a note of caution as to how we use them. I know that singles can sometimes feel like they have nothing to show in their lives, and can turn to travelling or sports or work to fill a gnawing emptiness. Sometimes too, we use those things as an excuse to justify our singleness to others, for more than anything, we hate to be pitied or to be looked upon as losers. While there is nothing wrong with these things per se, we have to be careful not to live for

these things, turn them into idols or use them as balms to compensate for feelings of inadequacy or despair. I feel like a hypocrite because I have been guilty of this at times. However, we need to be reminded to find our fulfillment in God. These are only temporary band-aids at best, not the real cure for our wounds.

Now, lift your eyes and look at the people around you. Many are facing the bleakest of prospects—that is, an eternity without Christ. That is infinitely a far worse state to be in than being a chaste single. Think about how you can use your unique God-given gifts, including your singleness, to befriend and share the gospel with those who need to hear. Purposely go out of your way to get to know non-Christians. They are not likely to walk into a church, but you can meet them where they are. Spend time with your non-Christian colleagues outside work hours. Join a social club of interest such as bushwalking, judo, cooking, tennis or any one of many that takes your fancy. Also, use your gifts to serve the body of Christ, be it in a formal or informal capacity, in leadership or background roles. Avail yourself of the many wonderful Christian resources and training available to you.

Do not squander your time and freedom. Rather, use them in ways that will have eternal impact.

Well, 40 might sound tragic, especially when you are not married with kids, but it really isn't if we have a broader perspective. 40 is less than half the Australian life expectancy. There is still a long way to go. Also, at least half of all who are married will have to face singleness again someday. Whether married or single, we have to learn contentment.

A couple of times I really wanted to throw in the towel. But I didn't because I know the stakes are too high. I don't want to start out well in my Christian walk and end up by the wayside. I am doing everything I can on my part to hang on and trust that God will enable me to run this race till the very end. I have already persevered thus far and to give up now for anything temporary is just not worth it. For you see, there is a big wedding at the end I wouldn't want to miss for anything!

# Faculty Profiles



## Mark Thompson

Mark has been teaching at Moore College since 1991. He serves as Principal, and head of the Theology, Philosophy & Ethics department. He teaches Christian Doctrine and is keen to see biblical and evangelical convictions shape our preaching and the way we live as disciples of Christ. He has written several books and numerous articles with a particular focus, to date, on the doctrine of Scripture. Mark is married to Kathryn. They have four daughters: Elizabeth (14), Anna (13), Rachel (11), Mary (8). On Sundays, they meet with God's people at St Andrew's Cathedral.



## Bill Salier

Bill lectures in New Testament with a special interest in the writings of John. He is married to Sue and they have three girls, Talitha, Anna and Bella. Sue works as an art educator at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The girls all enjoy reading and sport and the whole family loves watching a film together. Bill is currently looking at why the Bible teaches about the world of the 'world, flesh and devil'.



## Greg Anderson

Greg teaches mission subjects, after working with Aboriginal Christians for twelve years in Darwin with Annette and their four children. Greg and Annette love playing Killer Scrabble, and Greg also loves the gym, cycling, playing squash, opera and propagating African violets. He has recently been elected Bishop of the Northern Territory.



## George Athas

George is married to Koula and they have two daughters, Hosanna and Josephine. They live at the But-Har-Gra community, and attend Earlwood Anglican Church. George has been on the faculty since 2006, and lectures in the Old Testament department (and occasionally in Early Church History). He's also Dean of Research, overseeing the College's postgraduate research programs. George is a history and archaeology buff, a Formula One tragic, a Facebook enthusiast, loves good coffee, likes a wide range of music (especially jazz), and enjoys travelling.



## Colin Bale

Colin teaches church history and his current area of research is the influence of the Protestant Irish in Australia. Colin is married to Gillian and they have three children — Robert, Elizabeth and Edmund. The Bales live at But-Har-Gra in Croydon Park and are members of Croydon Anglican Church. Colin is a fan of road cycling, both riding and watching. Colin and Gillian enjoy spending time with their family, travelling, reading, film and theatre.



## Peter Bolt

Peter Bolt teaches New Testament and Biblical Theology, with a special research interest in Jesus and the Gospels. As a hobby, he has written a biography of two prominent Christians in the early Colony of NSW, Rev. William Cowper and Thomas Moore, the college benefactor. He has four adult daughters, and enjoys God's good gifts in creation, redemption, and human company.



## Keith Condie

Keith is married to Sarah and they are blessed with three adult children — Michael, Susannah and Jonathan. He lectures in ministry and church history and has pastoral oversight of the student body in his role as Dean of Students. His research interests include the history and theology of Puritanism, and theological and psychological perspectives on marriage. Keith enjoys spending time with Sarah (including walking and watching movies), cooking, and holidays on the beautiful NSW coast.



**David Hohne**

*The Hohnes have been part of the Moore College ministry for seven years now, attending Newtown Anglican Church. Prior to ministry at Moore we served in Anglican churches in the Shire, Canberra and Cambridge, UK (not on staff). Depending on which adult is in charge we like riding our bikes together or watching movies and playing video-games. David's main research projects are in the areas of Eschatology and Apologetics while Amelia also teaches students in the area of basic adult education.*



**Philip Kern**

*Philip and Amy were married in 1984, and have four children, Alexandra, Philip Stephen, Eliot and James. They attend Abbotsford Presbyterian Church. Philip came to Moore in 1998 to teach New Testament. His current research interests include Galatians, Christology, and the patriarchal narratives. During his spare time he likes to follow the NFL, ride long distances on his motorcycle, and watch his children play sports.*



**Andrew Leslie**

*Andrew is married to Felicity with two children, William (5) and Tessa (18m). He lectures in Christian Doctrine, having recently returned from Scotland upon the completion of postgraduate studies in early Reformed theology. His current project is a book on John Owen's understanding of scriptural authority and its relationship to the Christian life of faith. Besides the joy of teaching about God and his work in the world, Andrew likes to spend time with his wife, music, reading, and rest.*



**Ed Loane**

*Ed joined the faculty in second semester. He is married to Jocelyn and they have four children, Jemima, Sophie, Benjamin and Samuel. A graduate of Sydney University and Moore College, Ed has just submitted his PhD thesis to the University of Cambridge on the doctrine of the church in the writing of William Temple, a twentieth century Archbishop of Canterbury. He has served in Anglican churches in the dioceses of Sydney and Ely and has lectured in the Wales Evangelical School of Theology. Ed brings to the faculty a passion for church history and theology and a commitment to evangelical pastoral ministry.*



**Peter Orr**

*Peter is married to Emma and they have four sons, Ben (10), Ollie (8), Jonny (6) and Daniel (4). They attend All Saints Petersham. Peter is originally from Northern Ireland and became a Christian as a teenager through reading Jesus' words to the thief on the cross in Luke 23. He joined the faculty in January to teach Greek and New Testament. Peter loves spending time with Emma, drinking all forms of coffee (even instant!), playing cricket with students at lunch and watching any sport — which is a good thing given his sons play 3 different sports every Saturday morning.*



**Archie Poulos**

*Archie, Ainsley and their three children, Georgia (17), Zoe (14) and Archie (10) have been part of the faculty for over a decade. Archie teaches in the ministry department and directs the Centre for Ministry Development. Archie's research interest is how we may best reach our lost world with the life transforming message of Jesus, and his heart is in ethnic church planting.*



**Andrew Shead**

*Andrew has been on faculty at Moore College since 1992. Between teaching — which he never tires of — he spends time with his students, preaches, and writes on the Old Testament. His major research interest is the book of Jeremiah, but he also pursues interests in the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament), Psalms, Hebrew poetry and church music. He is excited about the richness of the Old Testament as a source for Christian theology. Andrew is married to Jean and they have three teenaged children who fill their lives with excellent conversation.*



**Tara Stenhouse**

*Tara serves in the Ministry Department, team teaching in various areas of ministry and missions. She is currently preparing church history classes for our Diploma of Bible and Ministry students, as well as studying Bowen Family Systems Theory as it applies to pastoral care. Tara is also the Dean of Women, overseeing the pastoral care of the female students (alongside 13 fantastic part-time chaplains), two women's chapels and the Carillon House residential community. She and Ian love being part of the Randwick Presbyterian Church family, where Ian serves as the senior minister, as well as relaxing down south at the stunning Jervis Bay.*



### **Will Timmins**

*Will joined the faculty in second semester, having recently married Lizzy. They are excited about beginning their new life, half-way around the world. Will is an Englishman with an honours degree in theology from the University of Cambridge. He has completed a PhD in New Testament at Cambridge, studying the identity of the 'I' in Romans 7. At Cambridge, he has taught Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Greek in the University and given occasional lectures in New Testament studies. Will's skills as an exegete and as a teacher of biblical languages are a welcome addition to the Moore College faculty.*



### **Jane Tooher**

*Jane joined the faculty in August 2009 after working in parish ministry in Sydney and London. She primarily teaches in Ministry and New Testament and is the Director of The Priscilla & Aquila Centre.*



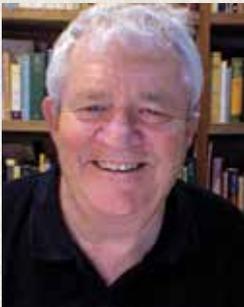
### **Paul Williamson**

*Paul Williamson is married to Karen, and they have two sons, Matthew (21) and Andrew (18). Paul has taught in the Old Testament Department at Moore College since 2001. Before that he and his family lived and worked in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The Williamsons are members in Newtown Baptist church, and in their spare time the whole family enjoys a game of basketball.*



### **Dan Wu**

*Dan is married to Chrissie and they have three sons, Liam (6), Archie (2) and Harry (8mths). He has been on the faculty since 2013, and teaches in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. His doctoral research explored the relationship of honour, shame and guilt in the book of Ezekiel. Dan also loves fishing, all forms of footy, fishing, basketball, and fishing.*



### **Paul Barnett**

*Paul is an Anglican bishop, ancient historian, and New Testament scholar. He was the Bishop of North Sydney from 1990 to 2001. He is a prominent historical writer on the rise of Christianity and the historical Jesus. As well as being an Emeritus Faculty member he is currently a fellow in ancient history at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia and a teaching fellow at Regent College, Vancouver, Canada. He is married to Anita.*



### **Peter Jensen**

*Married to Christine, Peter is well known as a leader among evangelical Anglican thinkers and churchmen. He is the author of *The Revelation of God* and numerous articles. He continues to serve as the General Secretary of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, which emerged from GAFCON in 2008. Until his retirement on 11 July 2013, Dr Jensen was the Archbishop of Sydney. Prior to his time as Archbishop, he was Principal of Moore College (1985-2001).*



### **Peter O'Brien**

*Peter is a previous Vice Principal of Moore College and is recognised as a leading New Testament scholar. With his wife Mary, Peter was a CMS Missionary in India, and continues to engage in cross-cultural ministry in Sydney. An accomplished author, he has extensive experience in pastoral and Bible teaching ministry in Australia, India, Singapore, England and the United States.*



### **David Peterson**

*David has served in church ministry in the Sydney Diocese, and was a member of the Moore College faculty, lecturing in New Testament, Christian Worship and Pastoral Studies. Between 1996 and 2007 David was Principal of Oak Hill Theological College, London. David and his wife Lesley participate in ministry at St David's Forestville.*



### **Barry Webb**

*Barry began teaching at Moore in 1978. He has always been grateful to God for the privilege of teaching and writing, mainly in the area of the Old Testament. He retired from the full-time faculty in 2011, and continues to teach part-time, while devoting more time to writing. He is currently working on two books, including a commentary on the book of Job. Barry and Alison attend Bundeena House Community Church, where they contribute mainly by preaching, leading Bible studies, and doing personal evangelism. They have been involved in gospel ministry to mainland Chinese people for many years.*



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