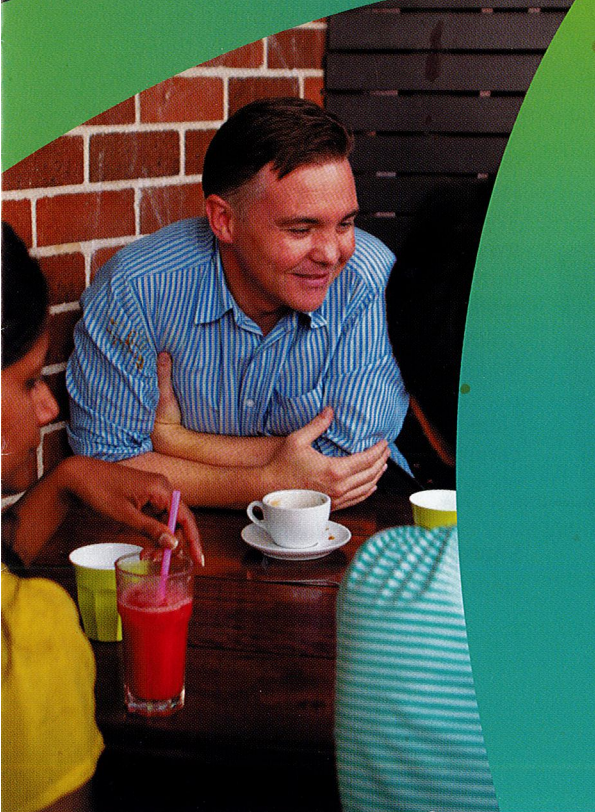
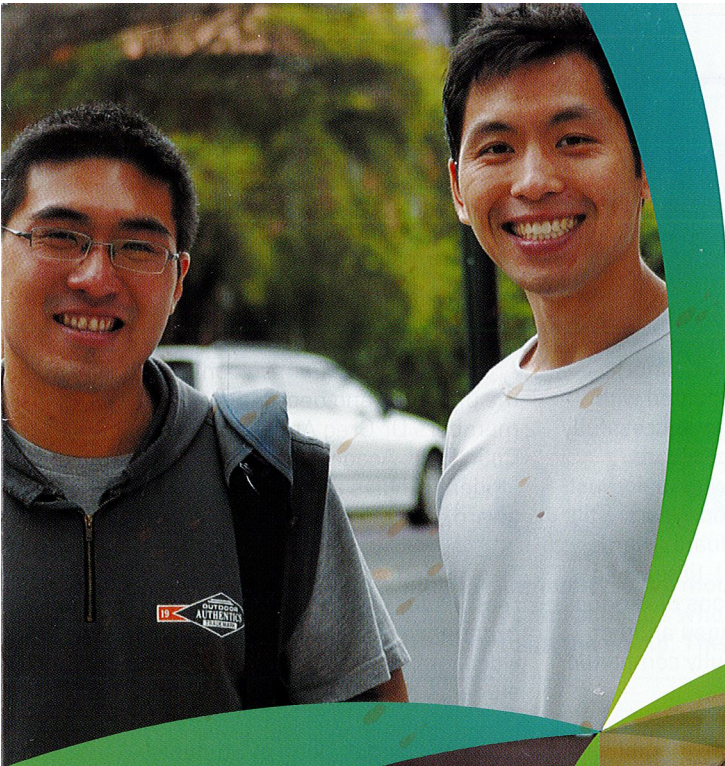


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# GRADUATION

Students > Graduands > Graduates < 'A bird's eye view'

**In my musings about our most recently graduated students, I have thought maybe an analogy would be the metamorphosis of the insect world - though of a much higher order!**

Each year I see the students arrive at College; follow them from a distance through some of their struggles and successes; and then have the privilege of seeing them emerge, having achieved the goal - qualifying to become God's humble servants going out into all parts of the world in his Name. Our God can do great things in his people when we are open and obedient to his call on our lives.

On Thursday evening, 17th March 2011, at the City Recital Hall, ninety-nine men and women graduated with diplomas and degrees after successfully completing their studies at Moore College. Some had been with us for just a year, others three and four years. Still others took out post-graduate awards, after studying with us part-time while working in ministry positions of various kinds. We also acknowledged another four people who successfully completed PhD studies.

The students entered to the magnificent processional hymn of 'All Creatures of Our God and King'. Acting Principal, Dr Bill Salier, welcomed a huge gathering

of friends and family of the graduands. Archbishop Peter Jensen conferred the diplomas and degrees, and faculty members Dr Greg Anderson and Dr Colin Bale, Academic Dean, read the student profiles as each received their award.

Two students spoke about their reasons for coming to College and their experience of studying at Moore, and video interviews from other graduating students punctuated the evening.

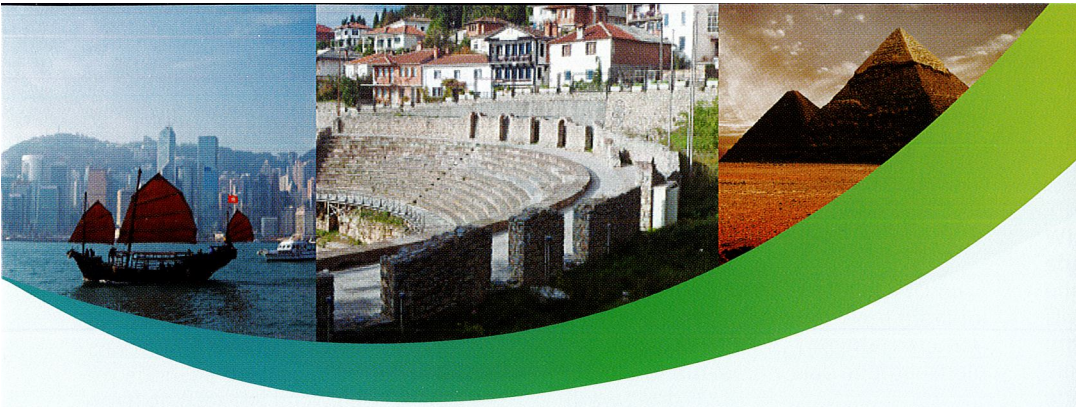
Dr Keith Condie, Dean of Students, gave a riveting address based on John 8:31-36. Keith showed us why these graduates had given up their professions or interrupted their careers to come and study at Moore College: essentially, as disciples of Christ they have been called to set people free from sin. Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free' - quite a commission, not just for these graduates, but a challenge to us all as God's people.

I look forward to next year's graduation ceremony, as a new group of graduates go out 'into all the world'.

**Sharon Ringrose**

Undergraduate Academic Administrator





# FACULTY OUTREACH

**An essential element of learning in community is the modelling of Christian life and ministry by the godly pastors, teachers and scholars who make up the faculty of the College. Part of this involves going into all the world. This year sees several faculty members engaged in such modelling.**

Robert Doyle is spending the first half of the year teaching at George Whitfield College (GWC) in Cape Town, South Africa. This continues a pattern for Rob. Over the years he has spent time in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Egypt and the Philippines in response to various invitations. At GWC he is teaching doctrine in the BTh program and Patristic Trinitarian Thought to Honours and MA students. Earlier in the year George Athas spent time, also at GWC, teaching Old Testament to masters students.

Richard Gibson led the team of students whose College mission week took them to Hong Kong. There they served through St Andrews church Nathan Rd, where the pastor is College graduate John Menear, former General Secretary of CMS.

In late April and early May Michael Jensen visits Macedonia where he has been invited to preach at a number of evangelical churches, lecture at the university, participate in a public forum, make a TV appearance and speak to the students from Egzodus (the local IFES-affiliate).

In May Bill Salier spends a week in Alexandria, Egypt teaching a master's class in the Gospel of John. The visit has been delayed owing to recent events in that country. However, Bishop Mouneer Anis, who leads Anglican Christians in that country, is satisfied that a visit at this time is entirely appropriate.

Please pray that in each case their teaching will bear fruit for eternity in the lives of those involved.

**Alan N Hohne**

Dean of Quality & Planning

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**It has been a joy and encouragement to be part of College life.**

# FIRST YEAR STUDENTS' COMMENTS

## KIRSTIE ROSS

### **What were you doing before coming to Moore?**

I graduated from the University of Nottingham with a BA in Modern Languages and took up a position with Cadbury Schweppes in England. Four years later I qualified as a Chartered Management Accountant and joined Johnson and Johnson who sponsored me to come to Sydney. I became a Christian 18 months after arriving in Sydney.

### **What made you decide to take time out from your busy career to study at Moore?**

I did the PTC 'Intro to the Bible' course, really loved it and wanted to learn more about the Bible so looked online at the courses Moore College offered. The one year diploma course 'designed for men and women who desire a biblical foundation to return to the workforce as better equipped Christians' caught my attention. Realising this meant turning down great career opportunities, I went through a bit of a battle. Then one night in church when singing 'Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as You would choose', I realized that I wasn't singing those words from my

heart and felt a strong rebuke from God. I felt He wanted me to come to College and I was trying to hold onto my career and effectively run from Him. Knowing this was futile, I continued in the words of the song 'Take my Life' and prayed for Him to 'Take my will and make it Thine' and within a matter of days I asked my boss if I could take a year off work to study full-time for the Diploma of Bible and Missions at College. She agreed, and here I am!

### **How are you finding your first term here?**

I love it. I love living at Carillon House and having friends/sisters around to spend time with. I love sharing meals with fellow students and the conversations we have. I love going to chapel with great teaching and awesome music. I love how much we pray for one another and encourage one another in our Christian walk. I love the subjects I'm studying and how my being here has been great for initiating gospel conversations with many of my non-Christian family, friends and colleagues.

### **What ministry are you hoping to be involved in once you've completed your studies?**

I'm hoping to return to the workforce a better equipped Christian. There's a need

for Christians to be out in the workforce, building relationships and talking to their colleagues about Jesus. I'd like to continue co-leading a lunchtime Bible Study group and to be involved with the City Bible Forum. However, I'm aware that God may have different ideas so I'm trying to keep an open mind – perhaps to stay on for further study, going overseas – I'm just trusting and praying that God will help me discern His will for my life.

## HANK LEE

### **What are you studying at Moore College?**

I'm a full time student enrolled in the four-year BD course.

### **What were you doing before coming to Moore?**

I've had the privilege of serving in gospel ministry at St Andrew's, Strathfield and the Korean Bible Study as a Ministry apprentice. Before that I studied at the University of NSW and worked in finance.

### **How do you hope to use your studies for ministry?**

John Woodhouse spoke at the 1st year Welcome BBQ and said that what we are here to do is to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord, Christ Jesus.

So, through my studies and time at Moore, I hope to do this and use all that I learn to love and serve others so that they may also grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

**What impressions have you gained from your time at Moore?**

I've witnessed that Moore College is a community of people who have deeply experienced the love of God. There is a great zeal for the knowledge of God, a demonstration of faith and hope in Christ in loving service to one another and a great passion for the spread of the gospel seen clearly in people's prayerfulness. It's also a fun place where we share God's many gifts in meals, sports and even gardening! It's a place where the grace of God abounds each day.

**Where did you go on Mission Week and what did you learn from the experience?**

I went to the North Sydney/Northbridge Mission. We were involved in sharing the gospel through walk-up street evangelism in the heart of North Sydney, Bible reading with non-Christian workmates, Scripture classes at primary and high schools and wedding evangelism. I was encouraged, because God is faithful so I learned once again to trust him and to share his Word with boldness and courage.

**MIKE TURNER**

**What were you doing before coming to college?**

After completing a BA in Ancient History at Macquarie University, I did an Internship at St Paul's, Castle Hill. While there I was able to get a taste of numerous ministries (kids, youth, young adults etc.). At the same time I worked in the area of discipleship, training small group leaders, teaching PTC, preaching etc.

**What made you choose Moore College?**

My Internship at St Paul's exposed that I had only begun to understand who God is and what it means to follow him. Therefore it made sense to take time out to be equipped for ministry. I chose Moore because the people who were most influential in my Christian life had studied here and were thankful and positive about it. The international calibre of the faculty was another major draw card.

**What ministry do you hope to be involved in and how will your time at Moore help?**

At College we are presented with a wide range of ministry opportunities – through talking to other students, with the Mission and Ministry hour every Monday afternoon, visits from ministers outside Sydney sharing opportunities further afield. However, as an Anglican candidate my wife and I have committed to working in the Sydney Diocese for three years after College – after that, who knows where God will lead us?

**How was your first Mission Week?**

My first Mission was brilliant. We spent most of our time door knocking, chatting to people in shops and cafes about their beliefs and what Christianity is about. We met many people who were passionate about their beliefs. We spoke with a convert to Christianity and heard about the challenges he and his family are facing. The Mission was a great lesson in humility. The area we went to is a hardened place to the gospel and progress at times seems glacial. The team was constantly reminded that it is only God who can open hard hearts.

**IAN SCARFE**

**What were you doing before coming to Moore?**

I was retired for 11 years after a career as an Electrical Engineer. In retirement I shared my time between

serving at Lugarno Anglican Church, working around home, seeing grandchildren, having coffee with friends, travel and other such hard work!

**What made you decide to return to study?**

I decided to come to Moore to study the Diploma of Bible and Ministry as a half-time student after our Senior Minister, James Rogers, encouraged me to think and pray about it. I thought I was too old yet felt a strong need to be better able to 'make the most of every opportunity and to give the reason for the hope that I have'. I hope that my time here will equip me to serve my church at Lugarno in discipling, evangelism and teaching.

**How are you enjoying being part of college community?**

It has been a joy and encouragement to be part of College life. Chatting regularly with fellow students and lecturers is really great.

**Did you go on college Mission? If so, where did you go and what was the experience like?**

Yes, I went on Mission to Christ Church, Blacktown. It was a very enriching experience to partner with the saints there and to share in taking the gospel to Blacktown. To share with the Sudanese congregation was a particular joy.



# A FOUNDATION FOR CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION

**I'm grateful to God for having had direct dealings with Moore College every year for the last 50. First it was as a student, then as a leader of a group studying the Certificate in Theology by correspondence, and for the last 16 years as a member of staff. Inevitably one is asked to reflect on changes over such a period.**

Thankfully the things that really matter haven't changed at all! As it was in the 1960s (and for decades before), so it continues and I pray will go on for many years into the future: the focus of the community of learners and teachers which is the College is knowing God through his word.

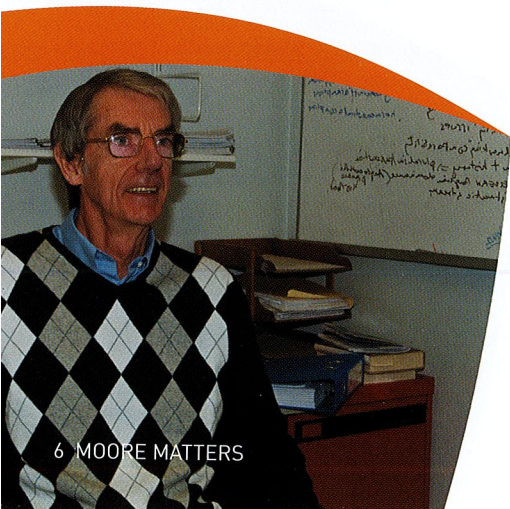
Through this focus successive groups of students have been equipped to make him known in all the world. In other words what hasn't changed

for a very long time is that cross-cultural mission has been at the heart of Moore College. What has changed, and one trusts will continue to change, is the way this focus has worked out. In the mid-twentieth century scores of men and women prepared to serve in a wide variety of settings through standard courses. They went to North Australia or African, Asian and Latin American countries or to the Australian suburbs where newcomers from overseas made their homes. In the late 1970s came the (unaccredited) Diploma of Bible and Missions (B&M).

In 1997 the Department of Missions was established. In 2006 the B&M was formally accredited. Meanwhile the variety of cultures in which graduates serve, both within Sydney and around the world, has mushroomed. In recent years around 30% of graduates have 'gone' beyond Sydney. Now every student encounters cross-cultural thinking in their course. Now a mission team goes outside NSW every year. Now most of the faculty have had at least some cross-cultural mission experience.

For as long as I've known Moore College it has been providing students with a foundation for a lifetime of ministry in any culture. Under God, may that long continue!

**Alan N Hohne,**  
Dean of Quality and Planning



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## Student Mission Blogs

**These are comments from a few of the teams – for more information google... 'Moore College Mission 2011'**

### HONG KONG

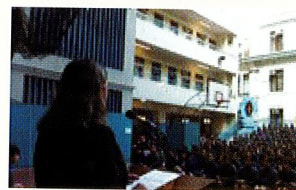
Today we joined the Hong Kong Mission to Seafarers. We boarded the boat and spent 5 hours on the harbour visiting ships, armed with Bibles, newspapers, and DVDs of last week's football games. The crews spend 4 to 6 months on-board with no TV and sporadic internet access, so are happy to have people to talk to.



Bibles, newspapers and DVDs for the crew  
On-board an oil tanker

### GIRL'S SCHOOL IN HK

Amanda, Chenny and I went with the church youth worker to the Diocesan Girl's School. DGS is one of Hong Kong's top girl's public high schools and the Head, Mrs Lau, is a committed Christian. We gave a talk and that went well. We were very impressed with girl's singing and the school's vision for the girls.



## HONG KONG FINAL SUNDAY



Rev Dr Richard Gibson preaching

## ASHBURY – WHO'S YOUR NEIGHBOUR?

We approached members of the community around Ashbury, and ask them if they would have their photo taken with our sign, reading: 'I'm your neighbour'. We explained that we were from the local Anglican Church and we wanted to show a slideshow of the photos this Sunday. We hoped to chat to people about the church and what they thought about Jesus. The team had some great conversations. We talked to a hairdresser who was keen to learn more about Jesus. Others chatted with a Lebanese woman who had migrated recently. She wanted to talk! We gave her a copy of The Essential Jesus and she asked for people from the church to come and visit.



## HELPING SOW THE SEEDS (LITERALLY).

A lot of the mission at Ashbury has been pre-evangelism, trying to get the name of the church out there and letting people know where they can go to find out more about Jesus. It's been about showing people in the community what Christians are like, friendly and willing to lend a hand.



Giving a helping hand



We got together with parents from Ashbury Public School to build a community garden. It was great digging holes, concreting fence posts, moving a (small) mountain of dirt and grass, and setting up a garden bed. Students and Keith Condie got stuck into the work! It was great to know that we played a part in creating something that hundreds of school kids will use. Hopefully the seeds of goodwill will bear fruit in the relationship with the church.



## NORTH SYDNEY/NORTHBRIDGE

First, Scripture at North Sydney Girl's High, with 200 students, and at Northbridge Primary School with 60, followed by some walk-up street evangelism; later, an overview of St Thomas' wedding ministry. Its purpose is evangelistic and it utilises the beautiful church. Couples are required to attend a wedding preparation course and Christianity Explained. This ministry reaches about 8000 people each year.

Bible Study with some older members of St Thomas' was really enjoyable. The study was great, and everyone was interested in finding out about Moore College. The St Mark's team chatted to parents of the pre-schoolers and helped forge ties for the church with the

community. Other great events were a Men's Dinner with Dr John Best speaking and second dinner, at which Rev Dr John Dixon spoke.

## HURSTVILLE

Some of us spent time with the great youth group and good leaders; others went to a patchwork day; a few of the team prepared for Church in the Park. Many of the team have been involved with a Community Helping Hands Program; this was helping with household chores that people are unable to do themselves – gutter clearing, gardening, washing curtains etc. Zoe, a team member, spent her time making dinners for the community.



## WOMEN + 1 KID + P. KERN = SUCCESS!

We (Jacque, Zoe, Stef, Elise and Jo) went to a Women's Bible Study. We were encouraged by their love of the Lord as they shared questions and situations that they had encountered in their efforts to share Jesus. Our discussion was greatly helped by Philip Kern who played quietly on the floor with one of the children. Thanks for your kind and humble service, brother.

## OAK FLATS

The whole team was involved in Scripture lessons, fun was had and the gospel shared. Then we joined the senior saints of Oak Flats and some of their friends for lunch. It was great fun just like having lunch with a heap of grandparents! On Saturday, heaps of kids came to Fun Day and the Rock Concert. The day included a puppet show, Minute

# Student Mission Blogs

to Win It, face painting, kite making and a jumping castle. There were many great conversations. A barbeque followed with a Rock Concert that had a talk and a testimony from team members. We also went to train stations to hand out leaflets asking people to come to church; we helped out at the mother's group; went door knocking; went to a Men's Dinner in Shellharbour and gave a talk on having 'The Good Life' to 64 guys. It was a great night.

## NEWTOWN / ERSKINEVILLE

Neighbour Day was ace! There was coffee, a barbecue, a jumping castle, helium balloons and face painting. On Saturday morning Erskineville Church Hall is rented out to a number of groups. I had a chat with Vanessa and gave her The Essential Jesus.

What do you get if you mix jazz with crêpes and coffee? Jazz in the Graveyard! People brought rugs and sat amongst the tombstones chilling to the laid-back tunes. One lady said, 'You guys do community events so well'. Please pray that she may come to church and hear the great news of Jesus.

St Stephen's Newtown launched a Community Garden, as they have seen a desire by people to connect with creation. This is good as there are so few backyards! I find myself filled with thankfulness for the insight of this church into the needs of the community. We visited a Women's Bible Study yesterday. We saw women who are walking alongside each other, pointing one another to Christ. We were so encouraged by them!

## SPRINGWOOD/WINMALEE

The views



'What's life kinda all about?' This is what R answered when we knocked on her door with the question, 'What one question would you ask God if he had shown up at the door?' A conversation about Jesus ensued. The Springwood church team encouraged us to get the local people talking first, so we could have a better understanding as to what is on their hearts and minds. 'What are their questions about God?' Our mission then was to suggest to them that they should check out Jesus. It's been an interesting and rewarding process.

No team member was prepared for the flood of children who turned up for the Kids Outreach Event – it seemed like thousands. There were magic shows, many crafts, a jumping castle and quality coffee for the adult visitors. Heaps of non-Christian families stepped into the church and they were made to feel welcome and comfortable. Thank God for the church members who invested a lot to make this event run so well!

Foundation Day is special for every Springwood resident. There are hundreds of stalls, the streets are closed, thousands of people around – which is convenient for mission! On Saturday night there was the Epic Youth Event with air gyms and computer consoles.

## YAGOONA

Q&A Night was a great time, chatting over some difficult questions about the Christian faith. Door-knocking was another highlight and there was great feedback. Some of the team were invited

into the home of a woman and her son, who listened to a half-hour presentation of the gospel and responded by admitting their alienation from God and desire to follow Christ.

The nursing home visit was a special treat, Greg Anderson played a piano accordion for the singing and Grant gave a short talk. Grant also saved the day when he encountered an elderly man who had fallen on the footpath and was bleeding. It's been a dramatic mission in many ways, as we've been faced with the needs of people, both spiritual and physical.



The Yagoona team

## NORTH EPPING

The team ran a service at the local primary school. Michael Jensen debated Dr Russell Blackford at Macquarie University about whether it's 'Time to Leave God Behind'. There was a great turnout and the team got to speak to non-believers about Jesus.

## BLACKTOWN

What do you get when you combine 80 hungry men, some antipasto platters, decadent desserts, a top-notch chef and a large hunk of meat? You get a fantastic opportunity to share the gospel!

Parishioner Ian is a chef and after antipasto he enthralled the audience by taking apart a side of lamb. Then it was time for tasting an incredible lamb roast baked earlier. Zac from the Moore College Team shared, but that wasn't the end of the night, as Blacktown also has a resident pastry chef, Lawrence, who had made up some amazing double-chocolate brownies and coffee.

# Alfred Olwa reflects on his Post-graduate Study at Moore College

**We came from Uganda in 2007. Peter Tasker and Alan Hohne met us at the airport and their friendship and love touched us deeply. At College we were warmly welcomed by 'two brothers in Christ', the Principal, John Woodhouse and the Academic Dean, Mark Thompson. My wife, Susan, and I will never forget this memorable day in our life away from Africa. During our visit I attended Peter Bolt's chaplaincy group and MA Biblical Theology classes. These whetted my appetite to do a PhD at Moore College and it was arranged that I come back in 2008 to study under the supervision of Peter Bolt and Colin Bale.**

**Peter Tasker and Alan Hohne met us at the airport and their friendship and love touched us deeply.**

In Uganda, I had been lecturing for six years and was Dean at the Bishop Tucker School of Divinity and Theology, Uganda Christian University (UCU), Mukono (near Kampala). Prior to joining the faculty I served in the Anglican Diocese of Lango (northern Uganda) for twelve years in different pastoral and administrative roles. I enjoyed parish ministry, preaching the Word of God. I loved preaching which starts in the Bible, goes with the fire of biblical truth all over the real world of my parishioners – visiting them in the hospital, prison, schools and right into the student dormitories and classrooms, to the wells, millet fields, funerals, camp fires, weekly village markets, hunting rabbits, looking after shorthorn cattle, fishing – people often lonely and broken-hearted because of atrocities and HIV/AIDS. In short, God's word reaching in to the real world, to real people, using real language!

The result is the challenge of providing good discipleship, which leads to church planting. In the many churches planted in Uganda we urgently need good preachers who can proclaim a clear message to God's people.

My doctoral study at Moore College is intended to address that situation, besides equipping me for my ministry within Uganda Christian University. It has been a matchless privilege to study with new friends who have since become my family. They have been a very mature 'mob' of brothers and sisters! The facilities for study are excellent. In the midst of all this there has not been a single day that I have not missed my family, not least my extended family in Uganda.

The study has been a real sacrifice, a sacrifice that both the family and I have dedicated to God so that I may be better equipped for my ministry in Uganda. I am humbled at the revolution that the study has caused in my way of thinking and trust that I will put it to good use in the Uganda Christian University. I pray that it will reap fruit to the glory of God!

Please note the whole of Alfred's article is found on the Moore College website: <http://moore.edu.au/about/news-and-events/>. Hear Alfred Olwa speak at the MTC Fundraising Dinner at Bishops court 9th June. Cost \$50. Bookings 9577 9797



Peter Tasker and Alfred Olwa



# Alumni news

**Paul Dale** – Senior Pastor,  
Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli

I am deeply thankful for the men and women that God has blessed us with here at Church by the Bridge, many of whom have been trained by Moore College. God has indeed been very kind to us over the past six years, growing our church plant of 42 people to our current six congregations with around 500 people. And with growth, I've had the privilege of appointing new staff, all of whom have modelled the following attributes:

- the combination of theological rigour and a pastoral heart;
- the commitment not just to the careful handling of God's word, but also to careful and pointed application, relevant for the people God has placed under our care here in Kirribilli;
- the ability to 'equip the saints for works of service', empowering people to use the gifts God has given them to selflessly serve Him, and encouraging them to own different ministries;
- the creativity to initiate new ministries and think 'outside the box';
- a deep heart for the lost, the desire to proclaim the gospel of Christ in both word and deed, with the confidence that only the gospel has the power to change lives;
- a commitment to the maturity of God's people through one-to-one discipleship and prayer;
- the passion to see God's people worship Him in Spirit and in truth;

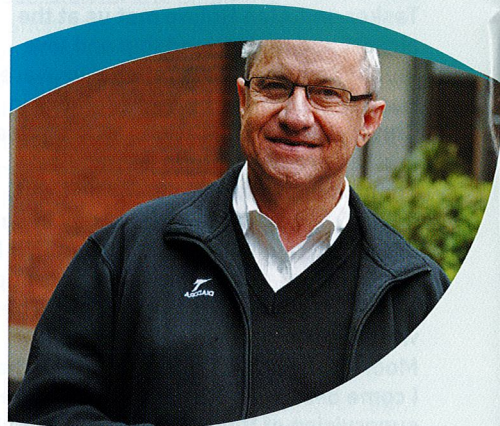
- a compassion for our local community, seeing them through the eyes of Jesus, as 'like sheep without a shepherd', and thinking of creative ways of engaging with them;
- a genuine concern for people of all demographics – from the housing commission to the very wealthy;
- a commitment to regular church planting (almost annual!), often sending 'the most able people', as we seek to reach new people for Jesus;
- a kingdom mindset (not just empire building), where we encourage people to serve Christ not just in Kirribilli but beyond;
- a genuine humility that points people to Christ as Saviour and Lord, not being concerned for personal reputation or selfish ambition;
- loyalty and integrity in our staff team, offering words of mutual encouragement and care (instead of competitiveness and suspicion);
- wholeheartedly endorsing our mission statement 'living for Jesus, loving like Jesus'.

It's been a joy and privilege to serve our Saviour with these people and I'm thankful to Moore College for the training and encouragement from which I and others have benefited.

For His glory and in His grace, Paul.

## RETIREMENT OF BARRY WEBB

Thirty-six years on...



### Retirement is a strange experience.

It's good, but disorienting. I think of Simon and Garfunkel's song about two old friends sitting on a park bench, and one saying to the other, 'How very strange to be seventy.' I'm not seventy yet, but am beginning to feel it in some ways. I expect to retire on May 6, after 36 years. I arrived at Moore College as a student in 1975, with Alison and no children. I remember the culture shock: from Townsville to Newtown, and from Queensland Brethren to Sydney Anglicanism. I valued, and still do, the kind of evangelical piety I inherited from my upbringing, but now had to begin the process of integrating what was good in it with the equally good but different knowledge and Christian piety that Moore had to give me. It was the beginning of a journey that has continued to the present day. I came to Moore because I needed

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something I knew the Brethren of those days couldn't give me: an understanding the great movements that had shaped the evangelical faith of which my Brethrenism was one tiny part. I needed to be taught the great doctrines of the Christian faith and their implications for personal and social ethics. In short, I needed to learn how to think Christianly, and use my intellect in the service of Christ. Moore College has served me well in this and many other ways. It has provided an environment in which I have been able to contribute to gospel ministry throughout the world as fully as possible, given my particular gifts and limitations. It has been a privilege beyond price to teach Old Testament in a place from which gospel ministers have gone out to the ends of the earth, and to publish material that has been translated into the languages of central and eastern Europe, South America, and the far East. God willing, I hope to continue this and other forms of ministry in retirement, as well as teaching part-time at Moore College and elsewhere. Thanks for your prayers for Alison and me as we face the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

**Barry Webb**

# TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE?

**'PTC is a course which I believe can help every Christian biblically and logically to know what they believe and why they believe it. Studying PTC enabled me to clearly explain the Bible to others, and also gave me a real hunger for God and his Word so that I could continue growing, serving and glorifying God.'** Libby.

Moore College External Studies courses offer a means to train for the future. As students such as Libby experience biblically sound courses they are not only encouraged in their own personal growth, but enabled to serve with a clear gospel centre to all that they think, say and do. So is your church making use of these courses to train up gospel servants for the future?

One simple method of training leaders is a 'three pronged' approach – Bible, gospel and skills. Develop a program that covers a year (perhaps called St Blog's certificate in ministry) that helps promote an atmosphere of training as the norm – training for leaders that will enhance the church's confidence in ministry programs.

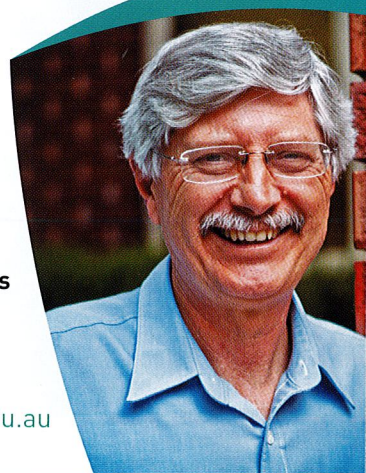
The Bible strand could be one or two units from stage 1 of the Certificate in Theology course (PTC for short). The gospel strand a training course in understanding and sharing the gospel; while the skills strand is aimed at developing particular expertise in ministries such as children and youth leadership, Bible study leadership, pastoral ministry etc.

The PTC is a great way to equip people with a biblical understanding of their faith, which will hopefully lead to a greater desire to serve Christ in a variety of creative ways. If you would like to speak further about use of PTC for training then please contact Gary Nelson at Moore College who will be happy to help. [gary.nelson@moore.edu.au](mailto:gary.nelson@moore.edu.au)

Just a further note about our 'online learning environment' (OLE). For PTC students who provide an email address with their enrolment they obtain password entry to OLE. This resource provides the opportunity for extra learning aids such as, a discussion forum, set readings via our library, interactive maps and quizzes to check your understanding of the notes. We are continually seeking to improve this resource so that it may be as helpful as possible for students. If you lead a group in your church then it is now possible to gain access to the OLE as a group leader – we are hoping to establish a discussion forum so that leaders can encourage and share with one another.

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**Gary Nelson**  
– Director of  
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# TWO RECENT MOORE COLLEGE INITIATIVES

## THE PRISCILLA AND AQUILA CENTRE

The launch of The Priscilla and Aquila Centre on February 7 saw over 250 men and women come to Moore to encourage women in a range of ministries, and to consider more seriously and creatively how men and women can serve Jesus Christ together. Many people testified to how positive the day was.

At college this year we'll continue to experiment with some male-female team lecturing, and we'll also trial women doing appropriate teaching in chapel. Please pray for these ventures, as wisdom would be much appreciated. Our website continues to be regularly updated with resources such as articles and talks, and information about conferences and post-graduate study

([paa.moore.edu.au](http://paa.moore.edu.au)). You can also sign up to become a prayer or financial partner, or to hear about future events.

We now have a logo that represents two men and two women together studying God's word - the foundation of any of the ministries that the Centre is involved in. If you have any suggestions of projects that the Centre should be involved in, please contact Jane Tooher ([jane.tooher@moore.edu.au](mailto:jane.tooher@moore.edu.au)).

## CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

– Andrew Cameron & Rebecca Belzer

The Centre for Christian Living (CCL) launched at Moore College in February 2011. CCL is a new initiative that aims to develop a community of people who learn how to better follow Jesus in all areas of life – home, work and relationships – the lot! The Centre will examine ethical and moral issues from the perspective of Christian theology, helping people to discern more when making decisions in life.

One regular event run at the Centre are Open Nights. Open Nights are monthly events on a Monday, where CCL digs deep into an issue, considering it from different perspectives, and trying to work out how to respond to it as Christians. CCL has now had two successful Open Nights in February and March with over

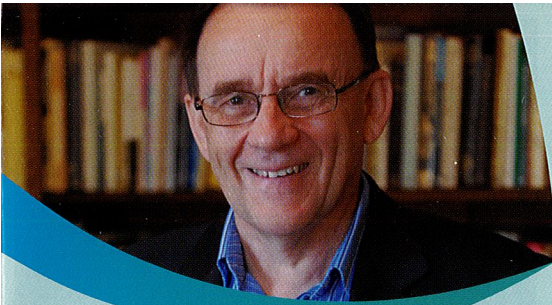
85 people attending each. Upcoming Open Nights will consider issues such as singleness and marriage, world need and fair trade, and how to respond to post-Christian culture.

The Centre also hosts a monthly Read Club, where members review recent books dealing with some life issue. Over time, these member reviews will become available on the CCL website for the wider Christian community.

The Director of the Centre, Andrew Cameron, lectures in Philosophy, Ethics and Social Ethics at Moore, and is the author of *Joined-Up Life: A Christian Account of How Ethics Works* (IVP, 2011). Andrew has described CCL as a new way for the Christian community to 'cross-pollinate', sharing wisdom and knowledge together. 'CCL is another forum to share ideas for following Jesus Christ in a complicated world ... it's hard for pastors to cover all the issues. With the help of Moore College, we can offer scaffolding to assist people to think about different ideas and what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life.'

For more information about the Centre, visit [www.ccl.moore.edu.au](http://www.ccl.moore.edu.au).





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## PUTTING GRIEF INTO WORDS

**Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!  
In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles;  
they were stronger than lions.** (2 Samuel 1:23)

I have been reflecting on David's remarkable lament over the deaths of Saul and Jonathan in 2 Samuel 1:17-27. David had suffered much at Saul's hands, as 1 Samuel 18-31 recounts in some detail. Saul had descended into mad and violent jealousy over David's successes and popularity. And yet when David put his response to Saul's death into words, there was no hint of all this. He spoke only of the good that there had been in Saul's and Jonathan's lives – the good that had now been lost. What are we to make of this? Was it honest to disregard Saul's many great faults, and to speak only of the good? Was it hypocritical to say nothing about his very public wickedness?

This has led me to think about the nature of grief and putting grief into appropriate words. David understood Saul's death as a time to appreciate what had been lost. The pain of grief is caused by our sense of what we have lost. When we attempt to express our grief in words (whether formally, perhaps in the eulogy at a funeral, or informally, in our talking about the one who has died with friends and family) it is entirely proper that we speak about the good that has been lost. Of course a eulogy should not pretend that the person concerned was something they were not, but neither should we expect in this context a 'balanced' picture of the person and their life. Words that express our grief will speak predominantly of the good that we have lost. That is why we are grieving. Such words are appropriate, and should be understood for what they are, not criticized because they overlook weaknesses, flaws, and failures. Putting our grief into words helps us to understand our sadness by helping us to see its cause: the good we have lost – and to thank God for the goodness, because it was his gift to us.

**John Woodhouse – Principal**

## Preaching In the Sydney Diocese

Cornhill Preaching Course has begun in Sydney. It is modelled on the Cornhill Training Course in London and is directed by a committee under the leadership of David Peterson and Simon Manchester. Archie Poulos and Con Campbell, from Moore College faculty, are assisting in the developing of preaching amongst the students. David Peterson (retired Moore College lecturer) says, 'Cornhill is structured to produce better preachers. It is for preachers in apprenticeship training before they go to Moore College, but also for graduates who want to work on their preaching.' Cornhill has already conducted a training workshop with David Jackman for Moore College graduates.

For Archie Poulos this is a wonderful opportunity to sharpen preaching skills. 'There are very few places where ten students can spend eight hours per week with four of the best preachers in Sydney.'


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# PRAYER POINTS

- > Please read the Student Mission Blog article as that has many points of prayer in it.
- > Please praise the Lord for Graduation, and over 100 graduates going into all parts of the world. External Studies Graduation is coming up, with many more graduating from that section of the College.
- > Our General Manager Grant Millard is moving to become CEO of Anglicare and we congratulate him on this appointment. Moore College will miss his wisdom and guidance very much. Please pray for a replacement for him.
- > Please pray for the current students. Ask God to give them servant hearts and willing ways and to be mindful to put others before themselves.
- > Please pray for God to prepare the hearts of men and women everywhere to come and be trained in 2012. Now more than ever before we need to have an explanation of the faith that is within us, so we can wisely answer the unbelievers and those of other faiths.
- > Please pray for the new Centres – The Priscilla and Aquila Centre and The Centre for Christian Living, as well as the various conferences being held this year: Ministry to other Faiths, 2 July; the Library Lecture on the 400th Anniversary of the King James Version, 7 July; the Moore College Lectures, 11-19 August; the School of Theology 14-15 September.

## NOTES

- > Note from IS Department – William Hood. To subscribe to the new Moore College e-News, all you need to do is send an email to [distribute@moore.edu.au](mailto:distribute@moore.edu.au) with the word 'Subscribe' (and nothing else) in the Subject of your message. The e-News will be short and keep you up to date with activities at Moore College. We anticipate it will come out about three times a semester.
- > Join the faculty online at the **Faculty Blog – Thinktank** - [www.moore.edu.au/resources/thinktank](http://www.moore.edu.au/resources/thinktank)
- >  Join us on: **Facebook** **Moore Theological College** – your comments are most welcome.

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## KEY DATES

### Key Dates for the Diary

- > **27 May** – External Studies Graduation
- > **9 June** – Fundraising Dinner at Bishops court
- > **2 July** – Ministry to other Faiths
- > **7 July** – Library Lecture: 400th Anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible
- > **7 August** – Moore College Sunday
- > **11, 12, 16, 18, 19 August** – Moore College Lectures
- > **13-14 September** – School of Theology;
- > **24 September** – Open Day
- > **10- 14 October** – College Week of Prayer

*Simplicity and Integrity: the King James Version of the Bible in the church and the world*

## A CONFERENCE TO CELEBRATE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

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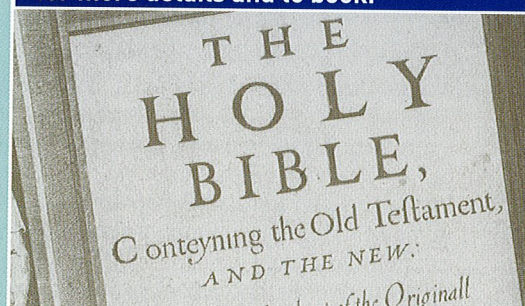
### Speakers:

- **PROF MARK STRAUSS** – Bethel Seminary San Diego, Committee on Bible Translation
- **PROF DIANE SPEED** – Sydney College of Divinity
- **DR GREG CLARKE** – Bible Society
- **DR MICHAEL JENSEN** – Moore College
- **DR GREG ANDERSON** – Moore College

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**2011 LIBRARY LECTURE**

# Comments from Mavis Hudson – a life-time supporter of Moore College

**'I support Moore College because I've seen how important it is for ministers to be thoroughly and biblically trained, and that's not available everywhere!'**

I've been supporting Moore for over 50 years. My first contact with the College was in the mid-1950s when my mother volunteered my services to 'Granny Loane' who was organising celebrations for the Centenary and she wanted a large painted college crest. From what I can remember it was about a metre square on Masonite which my father primed and I painted. Later, I started doing what was then called the SPTC (Preliminary Theological Certificate). Our notes were posted every couple of weeks; they were on foolscap paper printed by those dirty, messy Gestetner

machines!

The College's strengths are the fact that it keeps reassessing ministry needs and seeks to meet them within a sound biblical framework. It has changed with the times but kept the basics. I've certainly benefited from Moore College's training over those years. I've been in various parishes with good evangelical traditions built up by a series of Moore men. I've also benefited from the PTC, which took me years to complete, but I did eventually get there!

At the Central Coast Evangelical Church we have a large number of young people who have come up through kids and the youth groups. Many of them have a desire to be involved in ministry and I strongly believe that anyone engaging in Christian teaching needs to be well

trained. Personally, I think the full-time, live-in model is the best, but it's not suitable for everyone. Our church encourages folk to do the Moore correspondence courses, which I think are very beneficial for any Christian to do. The fact that some of Moore's courses have been translated into other languages and are taught overseas is another reason I would support their work. However, I'd like to see more people from church trained in the longer courses.

I believe praying is important. I pray for the College, (staff and students) just about every day and I support the College financially. I'm encouraging you, dear reader, and others you know, to financially support Moore College also.'

## LIBRARY CONFERENCE – CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF THE KJV

**In 1603 James I sponsored the Hampton Court Conference, which resolved that there would be a translation of the whole Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into English. This translation was intended to be the sole Bible for use in the public worship services of the Church of England.**

The Bishops' Bible was used as a basis with the translations of Tyndale, Coverdale, Matthew, Whitchurch and Geneva available as additional aids.

In 1611 the King James Version was issued in folio and in black-letter by printer Robert Baker. Moore College Library holds a first edition King James Version (KJV). To view images, visit the Moore College Library website [www.library.moore.edu.au](http://www.library.moore.edu.au)

After four centuries the KJV version remains precious to millions who value it for its simple and elegant presentation of the biblical text.

The College will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the KJV with a day conference at the College on July 7, 2011, entitled 'Simplicity and Integrity'. You are very warmly invited to join us to hear a feast of great speakers and to view some treasures from the Library's collection.

**For more information and to register, go to [www.library.moore.edu.au](http://www.library.moore.edu.au) or ring 02 9577 9897.**

Dear Reader,

At this time the College needs more people like Mavis Hudson (p.15). Are you able to help? We face many challenges, and are now even more reliant on people who value the work of Moore College, to partner us in prayer and financial support.

We strive to continue to serve the Lord in providing the best possible training, so people can be equipped for a lifetime of ministry telling others about Jesus and serving them. But there are enormous infrastructure costs involved, including the provision of a well-credentialed faculty, support staff, a well-resourced library, the provision of external courses in many languages, as well as residential and academic buildings.

To help finance our work, we invite you to make a tax-deductible donation, regularly if possible, to either of the following funds:

1. General Fund which supports the whole work of Moore College including faculty appointments, building maintenance, library acquisitions, the work of External Studies and other general infrastructure expenses.

2. Overseas Students' Fund which assists any of our international students who are facing financial difficulties while studying in Australia.

Please give to the work of Moore College. Your donation will be tax deductible and it will help College to finance its work of equipping men and women for life long Christian ministry.

*Sue Bennett*

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

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