



## Opportunities that arise out of God's blessing...

by Michael Hill (Acting Principal)

There is no doubt that in recent years God has been blessing the College. He has provided us with increasing numbers of students. Moreover, the calibre of student applying to College is extremely high. The men and women are intelligent, godly and talented. All of this augurs well for the future. To see increased numbers of men and women going into gospel ministry is greatly encouraging. God is continuing to build his kingdom.

**Yet God's blessing brings with it a number of challenges.** The rapid growth of student numbers over the last few years will necessitate a rethink about the nature and structure of the college. The present way of doing things simply will not work in the future. This can be illustrated at a number of points: Growth in numbers

has meant that we are no longer able to fit into the college chapel. Meeting in the auditorium for chapel services means that we have to pack up and set out furniture each time we meet. All this takes time and effort and disrupts our program. Next year some of our lecture rooms will not be adequate for the numbers moving into them. Increased numbers have put additional pressure on the Registrar's staff and on the Faculty. For example, Faculty have the same time for marking but can have up to 50% more essays to mark than they used to have. New Faculty members may be the answer to this problem but people with the qualifications to be Faculty members are not easy to find. The rapid growth in student numbers has also put a strain on our financial resources.



**The steady growth in academic excellence over the years** has culminated in the Higher Education Unit recognising our own college degrees. The College now has the right to offer our own BTh, BD, MA(Theol) and MTh. We need to develop new syllabuses that really reflect our theological understanding and orientation for gospel ministry.

Some people might see these challenges as problems but we ought to see them as opportunities that arise out of God's blessing. **Please pray that the College will be able to meet these challenges and take up the opportunities that God has offered us.**

### **Prayer Support Dinner**

*Come & bring your friends, be informed about all that is happening at College. We need you...*

**WHEN:** Wednesday 11 September 2002 at 7pm

**WHERE:** Moore College Dining Room

**COST:** \$20.00

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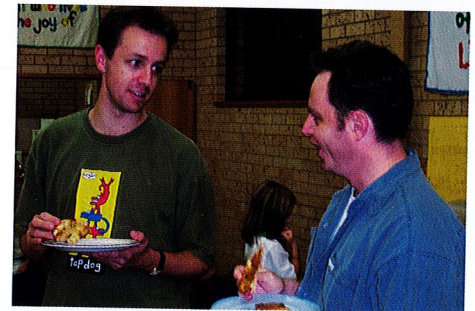


Over the autumn break the students were involved in over twelve Missions in Sydney, NSW country and in Queensland. All the congregations were enthusiastic and had organized a large number of events, which varied enormously in their creativity. A bonfire and cracker night, a 'pampering' night for women and a men's shed night! There was music for every taste: classical, jazz or rock. Scripture classes were taught and many church services held; one team member estimates that he preached the gospel to 1500 students during the week! Moore students gave testimonies and preached the gospel clearly and persuasively at all events. People of all ages wanted to hear the gospel and this greatly encouraged the students and church staff. The members of the various churches must now do the really hard work, as they continue to share Christ with their friends and disciple new believers. Please pray for them in this great task.

### Kiama & Minamurra

'See Change with Christ in your Life' proclaimed banners down the main street of Kiama. There had not been a Moore College mission in Kiama for many years, so the congregations were enthusiastic and had plenty organised. There were opportunities with school students - lunch-time puppet shows in primary schools and kid's clubs, high school Scripture seminars and youth fellowship activities. Older age groups held evangelistic meetings and one off events. The events were well attended and people heard the gospel and serious questions were asked and answered. The chance to explore things further through Christianity Explained courses was offered. Families came to church on the Sunday because of contacts made with children, and the evangelistic enthusiasm of the locals was renewed and given focus. The college team was greatly encouraged by the local congregations and we pray that the Lord will bring in a great harvest there.

*"See Change  
with Christ in  
Your Life."*



### Narrabri - Wee Waa

May is cotton pickin' season in Narrabri and Wee Waa, and this year a mission team went to the area to harvest for the kingdom of God. Team members spoke to the young and the old. We've just heard that one six-year old girl accepted the Lord Jesus through a Scripture class and has persuaded her family to come to church with her. The team also joined with the senior citizens at a morning tea at the Aged Care Centre. Meals provide good opportunities for sharing the gospel and team members spoke at breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Four team members formed an impromptu band, and performed and shared the gospel at a couple of local pubs. A highlight was a bonfire and cracker night where a 100 people gathered to watch the fireworks and be challenged by the parable of the rich fool.

### Campbelltown

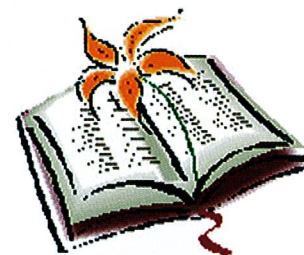
*St. Peter's Campbelltown (and its branch churches)...*

Fifty or so scripture lessons together with school assemblies and chapel services, daytime ministries including kids plus, KYB, lawn mowing ministry and others, then there was lots of door knocking, inviting people to come to events - this all made for quite a week! It was a great time for both the church and the mission team. Many people from the church brought their non-Christian friends and family to the evening events. These included a women's supper and talks on reconciliation, a men's dinner with a talk on 'Rebelling from Great Expectations' and a band night for youth. At each event there was a strong gospel message and many people were challenged in conversation to turn to Jesus as Lord and rethink his death and resurrection. Overall it was a very encouraging week, with many gospel conversations and now the church is following up several contacts.



*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

*- Philippians 4:6*



### **Praise God for:**

- ~ 146 years of faithful teaching at Moore College.
- ~ Several thousand graduates during that time.
- ~ Our new Principal John Woodhouse.
- ~ The Moore College Missions and for many people who came to the Lord.
- ~ A successful Graduation.
- ~ Good attendance at External Studies Day in Wollongong
- ~ The large numbers of students who entered college this year.
- ~ The students who are presently applying for 2003.
- ~ Bishop Zavala's visit and the increased interest of students to work in Chile.

### **Ask God for:**

- ~ A smooth introduction and wisdom for John Woodhouse as he begins.
- ~ Michael Hill as he finishes his time as Acting Principal.
- ~ The necessary work to be completed on the Principal's house.
- ~ The Year 3 Sydney Candidates Retreat 24-25 June.
- ~ People who were introduced to the gospel and who are still seeking.
- ~ Student families here from overseas.
- ~ The church in Slovenia, Chile & Sudan.
- ~ Faculty as they teach and pastor increasing numbers of students.
- ~ Comfort for Barbara Bolt (Peter) and Sarah Raiter (Michael) who have both lost their father in the past month.
- ~ A refreshing long service leave for Peter & Mary O'Brien and Robert & Ros Doyle.
- ~ Andrew Shead & Colin Bale preparing to head off on study leave in 2nd Semester.

## **- Evening Courses - Equipping God's People**

Evening lectures are offered in six centres around Sydney. The lectures are designed to equip God's people with a deeper knowledge of His Word thus enabling them to serve His people in a more effective way. Our pray is that the lectures stimulate and excite students as they grow in their personal relationship with God.

The lectures are held at Chatswood, Liverpool, Miranda, Newtown, Parramatta and Pennant Hills.

**For more information phone  
Jenny on (02) 9577 9911 or  
Freecall: 1800 806 612**

## **- Conference - Queensland**

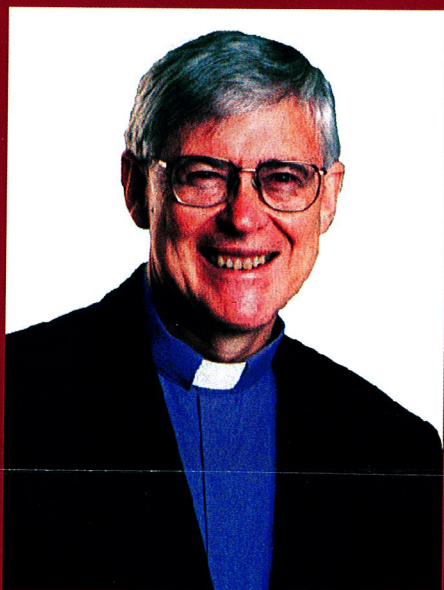
Queensland Conference MQC (Moore Queensland Conference) will be held on the weekend of the 8th-10th June at Grace College University of Queensland.

Faculty members Peter O'Brien and Mark Thompson will be speaking at MQC. Peter will present sessions on 'God's Magnificent Plan' studies in Ephesians and 'A call to commitment' the message of Hebrews. Mark's sessions will be on 'The Cross'. We will be running workshops in the afternoons which relate to the Correspondence course.

**For more details contact Jenny (see above).**



# "Help!" says Archbishop



*"We need the support of  
God's people at once  
if we are to cope with the  
abundance that the Lord  
is sending TODAY."*

We are not always sure what good cause merits our financial and prayer support. There are always so many good works to do. But I am saying to all who love the gospel and who are reading these words, that this is a cause and this is a time when you need not hesitate.

**I ask you to commit yourselves wholeheartedly, knowing that God is clearly at work, knowing that the work is absolutely vital, and knowing that the need is as great as any of you will have placed before you. I am without embarrassment, therefore, in asking you to give generously, frequently and consistently to the cause of the college, and to begin by doing so at once.**

# YES!

*I'd like to contribute to Moore College...*

*I/We wish to donate...*

☐ \$50    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$500    ☐ \$1,000    ☐ Other \$ .....

Name: (Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss/.....) .....  
(First Name) (Surname)

Address: ..... Postcode: .....

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*To support...*

☐ **Building Fund** (tax deductible) with the preference\* that it be applied to student and faculty housing needs

☐ **General Fund** with the preference\* that it be applied to support faculty appointments

(\*If you wish to impose a legal requirement as to the specific application of your gift it may attract GST)

☐ Cheque enclosed    or    Please charge    ☐ Bankcard    ☐ Mastercard    ☐ Visa

Account No.           Signature: ..... Expiry Date: .....

Please forward ☐ Bi-monthly Prayer Bulletin    ☐ Bequest Brochure    Other info: .....



## Carlton

*Zac Veron, the Senior Minister at St James Carlton writes...*

I see two main benefits of Moore College teams coming:

1. People become Christians when the gospel is preached. There are hundreds of thousands of lost souls within a driving radius of our church. The more people we have joining us in our mission to reach those lost people, the larger the number of people who will hear the great news of rescue through Jesus and be saved from hell.
2. Student Ministers receive valuable experiences and ministry principles. The sixth paragraph of our church's Vision Statement states, 'We dream of planting and equipping churches ... we dream of being a teaching church to help other churches and their leaders as they too serve Christ.' One of the highlights of the week for me was to be able to spend time with the Moore students. Together with my colleagues on the St. James staff and David Mansfield who joined us for the week, we fielded their questions on ministry and modeled how to lead a thriving, loving church community in a multicultural, predominantly blue collar, non-Bible belt area of Sydney. Every Sunday is a great day to bring someone along to our church and this was especially so during 'Mission Week'! We had a huge number of activities during the week that reached out to all ages. We were thrown out of a room we had booked for the TAFE seminar, but this did not stop the gospel being preached as we came together on a nearby patch of lawn! Over 100 adults are interested in hearing more about the gospel message. We are currently following these people up. It was a terrific week.



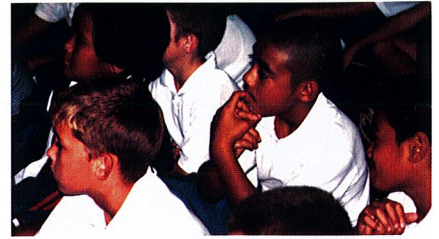
## Unichurch University of Queensland

Brisbane was wet and dull but the Mission was vibrant and alive. We worked alongside the Unichurch, and the Christian groups at the University. There were many things to praise God for, the walk-up evangelism at the universities, resulting in a number of non-Christians agreeing to meet up and read the bible; and five girls became Christians at a chapel service. Most mornings found the team out talking and leafleting on campus, generating awareness of the daily talks and panels, and meeting up with contacts made on the previous days. In the evenings there was intense discussion at a number of dialog meetings at the residential colleges, causing most of them to run happily over-time. A healthy list of new contacts was handed over for follow-up to the unichurch and to the Christian groups. God granted us great fellowship with mutual learning and encouragement with the Christians at church and the University.





# Much Passion; More Training!



Many Sydney Christians don't appreciate the mountains of blessings we have been given. That is, until we lift our eyes and take a look at other places around the world.

There are quite a few people at Moore College from abroad this year. We spoke to some of them. Between them, three countries on the fringes of the world-stage are represented: *Slovenia, Sudan, and Chile*. Speaking to them, one common thread runs through: the greatest need for evangelical churches in these countries is training.



## Interested?

For further information on living in at Mary Andrews College (MAC) and studying at Moore, request a copy of this brochure from either the Moore Office or MAC.

**Phone: (02) 9577 9911 or  
Freecall: 1800 806 612**

### Slovenia

'In terms of evangelism, people in Slovenia are generally suspicious,' says Peter Novak. 'Churches are growing but many Christians are young and struggling with their faith.'

'We would like to see more training, more church planting, and more solid Bible teaching,' Peter continued. 'We hope that after our studies at Moore we can return, either to do student work or to plant a church.'

### Sudan

'In the last forty years of civil war there has been little peace,' says Bernard Suwa, who with his family arrived in Australia, from Sudan 18 months ago as refugees.

'I think the situation in Sudan may be even worse than in Afghanistan,' he shares. 'I have old school friends and colleagues in ministry who are here no more. A friend preaches with a broken jaw because the Muslim authorities had arrested and tortured him.'

'The greatest need for the churches in Sudan is discipleship and training,' he says. Today the churches are growing, but the leadership of the church has passed into the hands of men and women who have no formal education so the danger of heresy looms large.'

'So we really need people to go to the Sudan to train the pastors and teach the Bible. But, they have to be very courageous' he adds.

### Chile

Moore College is in partnership with the Anglican Church in Chile to start a Training College for Pastors. Currently, two students are studying at Moore College to feed directly into this new venture. Cesar Guzman is doing his M.A. in theology to take up the new role as Principal of the 'Centre for Pastoral Studies'; while Pato Oyarzun is in the first year of a B.Th. and plans to return to Chile to teach part time at the college in three years.

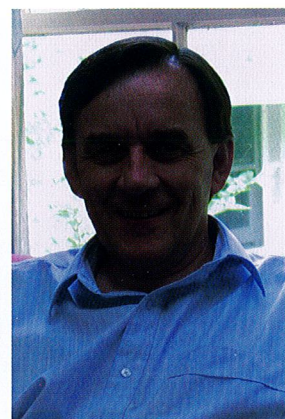
The Anglican Church is beginning to take root in Chile. 'We have 100 churches but only 33 ordained ministers,' says Bishop Zavala. 'This means that 67 are without a full-time pastor and are in lay hands.'

Pato adds, 'Most of the current people in ministry have been through a good diet of Moore College external courses but some haven't had much at all.'



## John Woodhouse

The faculty, staff and students are looking forward to (Dr) John Woodhouse taking up the role of Principal on 8th July. John has spent one day a week teaching at College over the last 10 years, while he was Rector of St Ives. He is well-known for his simple and clear teaching style. The sharp and incisive mind that is able to generate such clear teaching will be needed to address all the challenges that have come with the rapid growth in numbers at College. John and his wife, Moya, have been overseas on long service leave. The three month break will not only allow John and Moya the refreshment they need before taking up the challenges of College but has also provided opportunity for the Principal's residence to be refurbished.



## Barry Webb

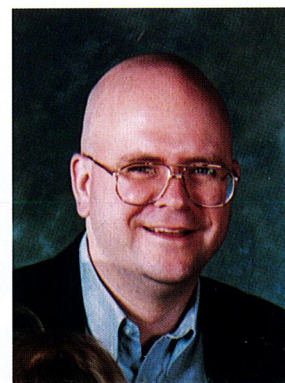
*News from Barry currently on study leave in the U.K.*

'I'm working on the BST commentary on Zechariah for IVP, making good progress and hoping to finish it before I return at the end of June. I've had good ministry opportunities here, including speaking at a minister's conference in London (organized by Proclamation Trust), and at a men's conference in Brussels, organised by Rod Morris, a graduate of Moore, now in student ministry there with his wife Karen. In June I expect to be speaking at an evangelical ministers' conference in Belfast. I've also had opportunities to preach in churches in Cambridge, Brussels, and Belfast.'



## Andrew Cameron

I have only been at Moore for five months, yet am already deeply satisfied. I like our students: stable, loving, kind, smart, enquiring, attached to Jesus, and willing to tell anyone anywhere about him. I like the staff: support staff who are focussed, committed, hardworking, positive, friendly helpful; and faculty who are wise, diligent, prophetic, curious, godly, well-read, and mighty smart. We've appreciated all the many kindnesses that have been given to us, by everyone, to help us settle in. But regularly, I giggle maniacally from time to time about all the wonderful ideas that others have about my time. We enjoyed our time in England, but it is so great to be back.



## Moore Training Day

Saturday August 24, 2002  
9.30am - 2.00pm

### **SPEAKERS:**

John Woodhouse &  
Narelle Jarrett

## Moore Women in Ministry

Wednesday June 5, 2002  
7.30pm

### **SPEAKERS:**

Narelle Jarrett &  
Michael Hill



# 10% of Australia's population lives in Sydney's west...

A recent local newspaper has stated that 10% of Australia's population lives in Sydney's west. The acquisition of an 18-unit complex at Parramatta is a timely expansion of the college. Those living in this 'Moore West' community have come to realise what the 'But-Har-Gra' and Newtown residents have known for years: the quality of a college community is very special.

Easily accessible by train, car, ferry or bus, the MooreWest community is situated adjacent to the beautiful grounds of All Saints North Parramatta and boasts a separate air-conditioned study hall and library, with plans for a children's playground and dreams of developing a lecturer's residence. MooreWest is ideally placed to meet the needs of an ever-expanding college.

## Heather Jones

Many of you will know Heather Jones who has been the Development Officer at the College for many years. She may have been out to your church, to a house party or missionary day; or you may have spoken to her on the phone.

Heather has decided to leave us and move to Perth to be closer to her family. We will miss her and the sterling work she has done for the college in establishing fundraising as a key area of work.

Sue Bennett has the difficult job of taking over from Heather, we welcome her and wish her well in this role.



# Alumni... 1957-58 Reunion

## Forty-five years on...

Forty-four or forty-five years are a long time in life. For most people it is a full working life. And so it was for many of those who met together in the Cash Chapel on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2002.

After nearly two years of planning, a gathering of one hundred or so college graduates who began their training in 1957 and 1958 joined with their Principal Archbishop Marcus Loane and Bishop Donald Robinson. Present and retired clergy, as well as lecturers from Moore College, deaconesses and missionaries attended, coming from various dioceses across Australia.

Archbishop Marcus Loane preached an inspiring sermon on the Lord's words

to Joshua, 'Certainly I will be with thee,' and Bishop Donald Robinson conducted the service. It was both memorable and uplifting.



(From left to right) Peter O'Brien, Bishop Donald & Mrs Marie Robinson, Sir Marcus & Lady Patricia Loane, & Rev. Len Abbott.

An enjoyable lunch with vibrant conversation followed, stories were shared of the Lord's provision through

the years. Archbishop Peter Jensen spoke and shared a little of the ongoing vision for the college.

Some years ago, after a successful 25th Anniversary of this group at Moore College, the then Principal, Peter Jensen, encouraged the gatherings of college graduates; this latest gathering was the most recent of a number of College reunions that has been held. It was a great time, one that will be remembered by all.

**Note:** Sue Bennett, the new Director of Development at the College, would like to hear from other alumni who would like to meet at college, she is happy to help facilitate the organisation, please contact her (02) 95779797.