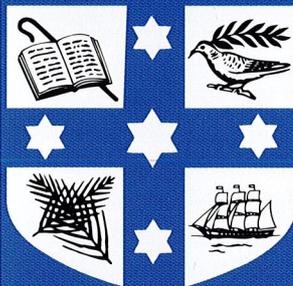


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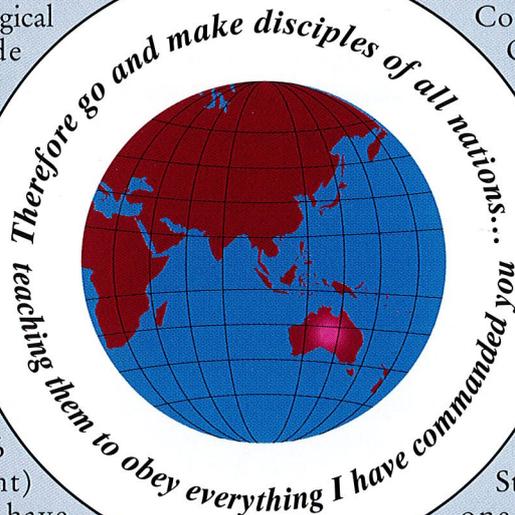
98 graduate Xavier Lukins and wife, Libby (nee O'Brien) prepare for CMS service in Paris in 1999, with Zac and Max



Graduate Karen Darda in her sixth year working for CMS with university students in Nagoya, Japan

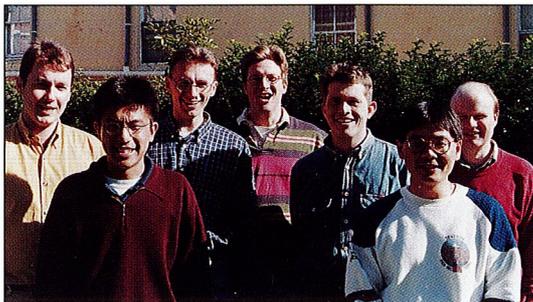
God is using Moore College strategically to spread the gospel throughout the world. Over 80 graduates currently serve on mission fields overseas - 23 in South-East Asia, nine in the Middle East, 15 in Africa, 24 in Europe, eight in North and two in South America, and five in the Pacific Region. Six graduates are Principals of theological colleges worldwide while others serve on the faculty of such colleges. At home close to 300 graduates are

engaged in full or part-time ministry beyond the Sydney Diocese. Amongst 54 (excluding postgraduates) who graduated in March 1998 were 23 heading directly into ministries outside Sydney - seven overseas and 16 to other parts of Australia. Moore also takes the gospel to the world through its Correspondence Course. Of almost 3,000 who enrol each year, over 400 live outside Australia representing some thirty different countries.



An all-time record enrolment of 203 full-time students at Moore College in 1998 includes 16 students (8 percent) from overseas who have chosen to leave their own countries to train for Christian ministry at Moore. Of these, seven have come from the United Kingdom, many encouraged by Dick Lucas in his role as Rector of St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate in London. Dick says, "the training available at Moore is increasingly a

magnet for young people over here". Three of the remainder have come from the United States of America, and one each from Chile, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and Tonga. Principal Peter Jensen says "the overseas students who train here are able to share a diversity of ministry experience with their fellow students. They enrich the cultural understanding of the whole college community, to the benefit of us all".



From UK (L-R) Danny Rurlander, David Ng, Stephen Parker, Orlando Saer, Paul Rees, Kon Lee & James Hely-Hutchinson



Some other overseas students (L-R) Lye Ping Lim, Geoff Ziegler, César Guzman, Ma'afu Palu & Karen Swanepoel

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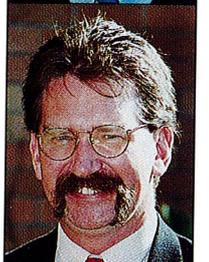


Who are faculty?

Faculty members at Moore are pastors whose role involves more than the classroom, central though the **teaching** function is. Each member is **chaplain** to a group of students, meeting with them for regular prayer and support plus on an individual needs basis. Additional time must be given to **marking** and **constructive feedback**, and to **tutoring** any who struggle. Living with their families on campus, faculty also **witness** the godly lifestyle expected of Christian leaders and have opportunity to assess students' suitability for parish ministry.

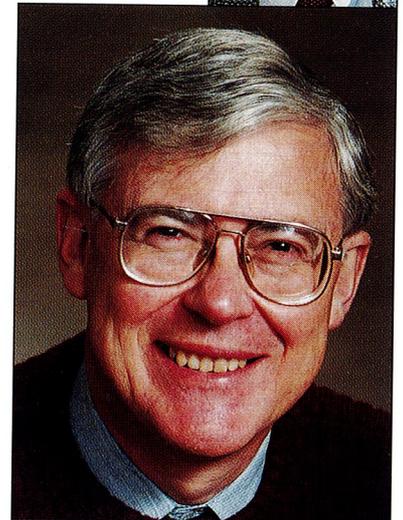
Members of faculty **write** and **teach** most of the college's External Studies courses. Additionally, many are sought after **speakers** and **authors** whose contributions to the wider Christian community worldwide are considerable. Time for **preparation** and **research** must be allowed in the busy schedule.

Faculty members clockwise from top right - Peter O'Brien (Vice Principal), Peter Bolt, Keith Condie, Peter Jensen (Principal), Robert Doyle, Graeme Goldsworthy, Michael Hill, Keith Mascord, Michael Ovey, Michael Raiter, Bill Salier, Mark Thompson, Barry Webb and Perry Wiles



"I believe that the single most important feature of a good theological college is its faculty. They must first and foremost be pastors faithful to the Word of God, whose lives reflect the servant-like love of Christ."

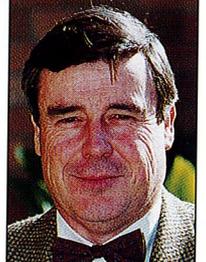
"As Principal, I give thanks to God for the support of the godly and committed faculty team we have at Moore. I am concerned however for the workload currently being borne by all members as we endeavour to maintain the highest standards of training for the record student numbers God has sent to us. An additional appointment is urgently needed to relieve this pressure".



Who can help them?

An appeal launched in 1997 seeks to raise faculty support to \$100,000 pa to fund two appointments - the one made in January 1997 and a further appointment urgently needed. The 1997 income of \$60,000 covered the former but did not provide for a new appointment. The college appeals to all churches who benefit from the ministry of its graduates to consider regular support for the faculty in their missionary budgets. **As an individual church member, you can help by encouraging your church to support Moore College, or by giving personally if tax deductibility is not an issue.**

farewell Mike, welcome Philip - Mike Ovey, with wife Heather plus Charlie, Harry and Anastasia, returns to the UK in July after 3 years at Moore to join the faculty of Oak Hill College where David Peterson (ex Moore faculty) is now Principal. They leave with the love and prayers of the whole college community. Mike will be replaced by Philip Kern who comes from 3 years on faculty at Emmaeus Bible College, Epping. He trained at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School USA then gained a PhD from Sheffield University for a thesis on Pauline theology. A warm welcome to Philip, his wife Amy and their two children, Alexandra and Philip.

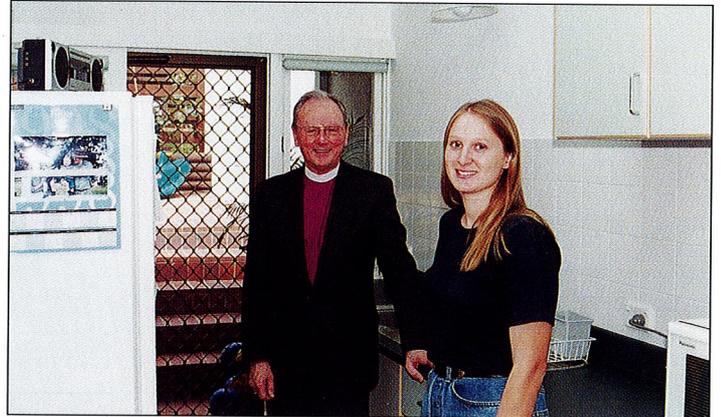


Renovated student houses

Extensive renovation work on two college houses at 115 and 117 Campbell Street is now complete. The renovations were financed by a grant from the Sydney Synod. Previously in appalling condition, these terrace houses now provide attractive and functional accommodation for students with young families. They represent the standard aspired to for future student housing. Particularly appreciated are the modern kitchen and bathroom facilities. On 2nd April 1998 Archbishop Harry Goodhew inspected the houses with Peter Jensen, by way of an informal launch. He saw and heard first hand how much the McGregor and Radloff families are enjoying their new homes.



The two restored terraces alongside other student houses in original condition



Niki Radloff shares her delight in her new kitchen with Archbishop Goodhew

Making a *real* difference

The media bombards us with the world's view of what makes a difference - everything from how long Shane Warne's shoulder recovery will take, to life without *Seinfeld*. Of course a Christian's primary focus is on things eternal, on **making a difference for the Kingdom**. The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation in May this year granted \$98,860 to the Moore College Library to upgrade computer facilities with the latest technology. Faculty, students and members of the wider Christian community will benefit from vastly improved access to the increasing wealth of worldwide data available on pastoral concerns and theology. We give thanks to God for the Foundation's generosity. This gift will make a *real* difference!

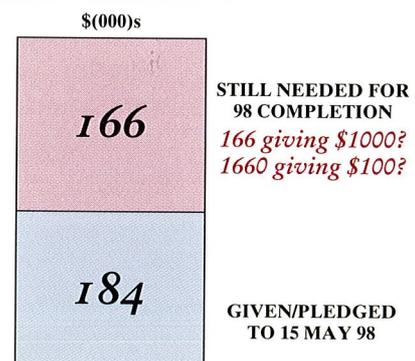
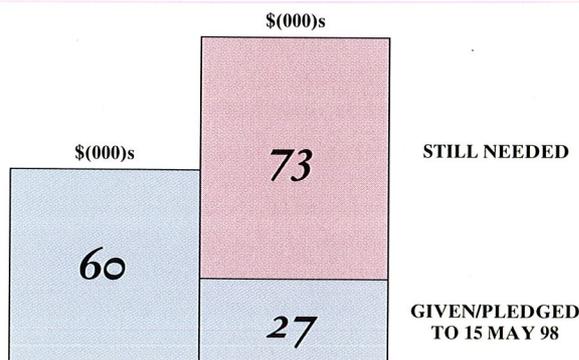
You too can make a *real* difference. Support for Moore towards student residences, faculty employment or other needs directly assists the college equip those who will take the gospel of Jesus Christ to a world in desperate need of a Saviour. Your gift - be it \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000 - will make a *real* difference, one of *eternal* significance. And wouldn't it be a marvellous bequest to **endow a chair on the faculty?**

That would make a *real* difference - enduring beyond your lifetime!

Heather Jones

Development Officer

funding faculty appointments Little Queen Street Project

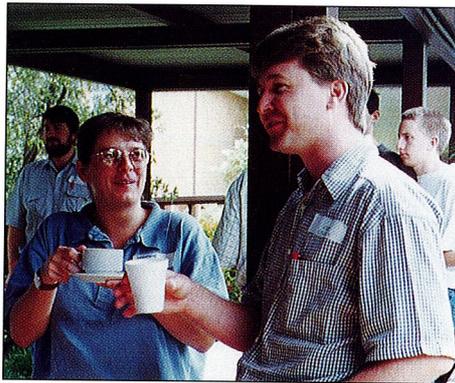


Please use the reply slip overleaf to make a *real* difference

Opening God's Word in Brisbane

On 17 - 19 April, Peter Jensen with Peter Bolt and Elizabeth Smith (Office Manager External Studies) headed north for the inaugural **Brisbane Regional Conference**, designed as an adjunct to the Moore College Correspondence Course. Several hundred course students from Southern Queensland and Northern NSW were invited, plus other interested people. About fifty people each session eagerly learnt from God's Word, filling the Grace College venue, University of Queensland. Included were studies in Romans, plus introductions to Biblical Theology, the Gospels and Doctrine. Current students were glad of the extra input before exams while others had their appetites whetted. On Friday evening the two Peters held a *conversation* entitled "Approaching Theological Education", interacting with the audience on the need to be educated from God's Word in a variety of settings. Chris Lindsay, PTC graduate working full-time with AFES in Brisbane says, "As a couple considering the move to Moore in 1999, Megan and I found the Friday night session especially helpful". Many indicated they would attend the next Brisbane conference in September.

Chris Lindsay takes a coffee break at the conference with Lorraine Rowbottom (a current PTC student)



Moore Training Day

Saturday 29 August, from 9am

If you are considering how service and ministry fit into your life priorities, **this day is for you**. Take the opportunity in the morning seminars to examine the *nuts & bolts* of training at Moore, whether it be for full-time ministry or simply to become a better-equipped Christian. Meet college students plus members of faculty and join them for lunch followed by tours of the campus. For catering please RSVP to college office (02) 9577 9999 by 24 August.

Chinese Ministry

As this newsletter is despatched **Dr Choong Chee Pang** on 1-5 June gives a series of lectures to students on Christian identity, mission and education in Asia. Members of the Chinese Christian community in Sydney have been invited to his special evening lecture in Mandarin and Cantonese on 3 June. This occasion marks the launch of the *Romans* text of Moore's Correspondence Course in Chinese. The college continues to develop initiatives in Chinese ministry.

Graduation 1998

Following dinner for graduands and their families in the college Dining Hall, the Graduation 1998 ceremony in the Great Hall of Sydney University on 9 March saw sixty-nine accept a diploma or degree. Of these, fourteen received the Diploma of Bible & Missions, twenty-three a Bachelor of Theology and another seventeen, Bachelor of Divinity. The postgraduate awards included thirteen receiving Master of Arts in Theology and two, Master of Theology.

In what has become a highlight of recent ceremonies, Vice-Principal Peter O'Brien interviewed two graduates - Leigh Hatcher, who spoke of his opportunities for evangelism as a Channel 7 announcer after a year off for Bible & Missions, and Stephen Cree, who told of the challenges facing him in church planting for the Presbyterian Church at Lismore in North East NSW.

Dr Kim Hawtrey gave a powerful address expounding the scandal of sin, the nature of grace, and challenging those graduating to remember always to "*preach the gospel, the whole gospel and nothing but the gospel*".

give thanks

- for all who came to Christ during missions and for students' growing confidence in evangelism
- for the safe arrival of so many new babies to the college community in recent months
- for Mike & Heather Ovey's great contribution to Moore
- for the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation's grant to the library
- for numbers worldwide reached by Moore's External Studies

Moore Prayer

"let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith"

Hebrews 10:22

and pray

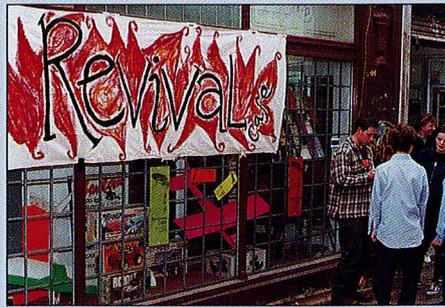
- for continuing opportunities for graduates to share the gospel throughout Australia and overseas
- that students, faculty and staff enjoy good health and application during the rigours of winter term
- that God bless all faculty members engaged in writing, and give their families patience
- that God continues to supply our needs, especially the means to employ another faculty member soon
- for God to provide good numbers and the right people to apply for 1999



Stephen Cree enthusiastic about his church planting opportunity in Lismore, with Peter O'Brien

Revival café in Kew

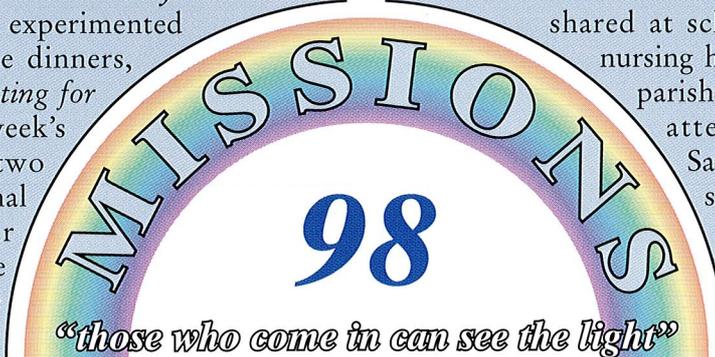
A coffee shop, *The Revival Café* manned by St Hilary's, Kew and the mission team members was just one of a variety of outreach activities, reports Bill Salier. He says *"the mission was marked by a real sense of partnership with a church that is actively and imaginatively reaching out into the local community"*. Two *Pub Church* events were experimented with; there were dialogue dinners, youth groups and a *Parenting for Adolescence* night. The week's activities built towards two large meetings on the final Sunday at which clear gospel messages on the theme of *Hope* were delivered.



Northmead Expo



"Thorough and thoughtful preparation in advance by the members of Northmead Anglican facilitated the team's contact with the local community", says Michael Hill. The first Sunday saw the street closed for an Expo, with stalls set up and hundreds of the local community fed and entertained. During the week the gospel was shared at schools, retirement villages, nursing homes, youth groups and in parishioners' homes, plus to 350 attending a *Bush Dance* on Saturday night. All the while students sported the bright blue *Good News Week* t-shirts and black caps provided by the local church.



Eleven teams of college students led by members of faculty spent the last week of April gaining hands-on experience in evangelism and mission in the parishes of Bowral, Carlingford, Carlton, Centennial Park, Emu Plains (Presbyterian), Enfield, Gladesville, Northmead, Sans Souci and Springwood in the Sydney region, and at Kew in Victoria. All teams returned with glowing reports of valuable lessons learnt, of the warmth of the local reception, and of lives they saw transformed by the gospel of the living Lord.

Springwood snack 'n tape

A *drive-through church* was manned on the main street outside Christ Church, Springwood on three days of mission, with motorists encouraged to stop for refreshments and a *gospel talk* tape. Students engaged in dialogue meetings to which home groups invited non-Christian friends, Scripture teaching, talks to all age groups from young adults to nursing home residents, plus door-knocking. Major events were two dinners, Simon Manchester addressing the first on *The Value of your Soul* and Barry Newman the second on *The Need to Make a Decision for Christ*. Team member James Hely-Hutchinson reports *"the local church had worked hard on publicity... it was great to see so many involved in so many ways."* Door-knocking alone provided 26 follow-ups, and the team saw many come to Christ. *"We worked well as a team, receiving critical feedback and learning from each other"* says James.



Gladesville "Titanic"

"Passengers file past the lifeboat and mill around in black tie and evening wear. They're greeted by a uniformed captain, with string trio playing over the hubbub during dinner. The scene oozes opulence and class. Attention focusses on the 'discussion' of one rather noisy couple. 'He' is trying to convince 'her' of the vessel's safety, regaling her with facts and figures. But it is soon apparent that the unsinkable ship is sinking! The strings lead 'Nearer, my God, to thee'. A man reports despair, confusion and fear on deck, an official announces rescue arrangements. The scene is actually a hall in Hunters Hill and the players members of Moore College Mission and Christ Church, Gladesville. The rescue spoken of is not from a sinking ship but from the doom of a life without Christ. It was a fitting climax to a week of hard work, presenting school children, students, pedestrians, taxi-drivers, residents - whoever would hear! - with the offer of salvation from sin and of new life in Christ", reports Orlando Saer.



Four sons in just four days!

The first half of 1998 seems to have been especially blessed with new babies to members of the college community. Many were due, some actually born, while fathers were engaged on mission, bringing into play the full strength of community support at Moore. And in just four days, from 8 - 11 May, four sons were born to student wives at local King George V Memorial Hospital.



Catherine Little with Nabum, Ruth Sheath with Micah, Michelle Rogers with Nicholas and Libby Saer with Toby

for your diary

Annual Moore College Lectures 1998 - Five Festal Garments

Dr Barry Webb shares his Christian reflections on Israel's festival scrolls, on 4 & 6 August at 8pm and 7, 10 & 12 August at 11.15am in the Knox Theatre

Moore's 13th Annual School of Theology on Wednesday 16 September with Graeme Goldsworthy, Michael Hill, Peter Jensen, Keith Mascord and Bill Salier speaking on *A Sure and Certain Hope at the Edge of Time*

Prayer warriors for 25 years

Members of Moore's Prayer Support Group, under Christine Jensen's leadership, meet regularly to uphold the college in prayer. They frequently entertain student wives, listening to their concerns and offering encouragement. On one such occasion - morning tea in the Jensens' garden in November last year - Barbara Collins and Mary Rowland were presented with a cake in recognition of their 25 faithful years' membership.



L - R Cheryl O'Mara, Shirley Smith (wife of Bishop Ray), Barbara Collins and Mary Rowland (both of St Philip's Caringbah), Joseph O'Mara, Kathryn Pratt with Joshua and Janine Reed

Farewell Barry

On 27 March faculty and staff farewelled Barry Campbell, retiring after 18 years as the college handyman. At a morning tea in his honour, Bursar Doug Marr and Peter Jensen paid Barry moving tributes.

Barry undoubtedly knew more than anyone else at Moore about the difficulties associated with mid 19th century buildings. He has dealt in his time with caved-in roofs, unstable balconies, white ants, resident possums and evicting the odd squatter - you name it, Barry's "been there, done that". In fact one wonders about life without Barry, and without *Magnolia* paint. The former will be missed. Certainly his shoes will be hard to fill. However an announcement is imminent as this newsletter goes to press.

Thanks to Barry for a job well done! The whole college community wish him and Pat God's richest blessings in this new stage of their lives.



Barry with wife Pat at his farewell function

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