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### Brett and Rebekah Cummins

Sent to the Wangaratta Parish (Wangaratta, Yarrawonga and Myrtleford congregations)

Born in New Zealand, Brett grew up in Shepparton. After high school, Brett attended university in Ballarat where he completed a Bachelor of Computing, which led to a job in computing at IBM in Ballarat; providentially as this is where he met Beck! Brett was challenged by Beck's commitment to her faith and began investigating the claims of the Bible for himself and by the grace of God, was brought to faith in Christ in 2003.

Rebekah was born in country Victoria, and lived in Ballarat for over twenty-six years where her father was Pastor of Ballarat South Presbyterian followed by the Grace Presbyterian Churches. Rebekah also attended University of

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### Daniel and Melissa Dixon

Sent to Williamstown

I grew up in Mooroolbark, in Melbourne's outer east. After finishing school, I studied Accounting at RMIT University where I met Melissa in my classes. I then worked as an Accountant for a sports insurance company, before starting a ministry apprenticeship (METRO) at the RMIT Christian Union and my local church.

Melissa also grew up in Melbourne, living in Oakleigh. She studied for a degree in Financial Planning and then worked in superannuation and investment administration. She also undertook a ministry apprenticeship and is mum to our children, Noah (2 years old) and Josiah (born last year).

I became a Christian at Uni while attending a Bible study group at the RMIT Christian Union. It was there I was struck by the evidence for Christianity, had the gospel explained to me,

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### Stephen and Sarah McDonald

Sent to the Benalla Parish (Benalla, Balmattum & Thoona Congregations)

I was born on New Zealand's South Island, but I grew up in regional New South Wales and Victoria, where my father, Neil, was the minister of several Presbyterian Churches. During high school, we moved to Wodonga in North East Victoria.

My two brothers, my sister and I grew up being taught about the Lord Jesus coming to die for the sins of those who believe in Him. One night when I was in my early primary years, I realised that my knowing Jesus had died for sins was useless unless I knew He had died for mine. So, I thanked Him for doing so. That 'childish' faith has grown and matured since then, but I'd say that's when I became a

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# New believers at Summer Camp



The 2015-16 PYV Summer Camp has been a wonderful and successful event. Over five nights and six days we gathered at Rawson Village in Gippsland for times of worship, study, fun, and food. Our speaker for this camp was Rev Andrew Vines. 'Vinesy' is certainly no stranger to PYV, having been involved with us for many years. So we were confident that his talks would be good. But they were so much better than good.

The topic for the camp was 'Practical Christianity' and Andrew used the book of James to bring a practical edge to our faith. With talk titles like 'Rearrange your values' and 'Deal with your desires', you can see that the youth of our church have been challenged to see Christianity as a faith that affects how we live. These talks are now available at [www.pyvorg.au](http://www.pyvorg.au).

In past years, our studies would follow the talks and look at the same passages. However, in a stroke of pastoral genius, Andrew put together a set of studies that complemented the topics of the talks but came from different parts of the Bible. This meant that we could see the practical side of our faith is not a theme exclusive to James alone. Instead, it runs right through the Bible.

While these talks and studies form the backbone of what we do at our camps, there is no doubt that teenagers need to be able to get outside and use the energy that God has given them. And we had plenty of space and activities for that to happen. The theme for the camp was 'Fairy Tales' and the activity team worked hard to keep that theme running through

the activities. So we were working in teams trying to find the new name of Rumpelstiltskin, or working through clues to locate the pen that had been stolen from Fairy-tale world by an evil team looking to re-write the fairy-tales to make the bad guys victorious.

This theme, as always, culminated in a dress-up dinner on New Year's Eve. It is always fun to see the effort that some people put into the costumes they create for this.

Our workshops were well received by the campers and leaders. This year the topics were 'Science and Christianity', 'Should Christians Date?', 'A gracious response to homosexuality', 'Depression and our friends', 'Teenagers and Mission', and 'How do I know I'm a Christian?' These workshops all had excellent presenters, and we thank them for their time.

Of course, our greatest hope and intent at these camps is that teenagers would come to know Jesus as Saviour, and would be affirmed in their faith. Praise God, he has answered the prayers of many. This year, we have eight young people who now see themselves as trusting fully in Jesus for the first time. Hallelujah! I will be writing to the ministers of these churches to ensure these new followers of Christ receive the encouragement and discipling they need. Please join with me in thanking God for what he has been doing among our teenagers.

As has been the case for a number of years now, while Summer Camp

was happening on one part of the site, YouthMETRO trainees were meeting on another part of the site. They began their traineeship with an intensive week of lectures and evangelism training. It was largely through practicing what they had been taught about evangelism that many of these conversions happened over camp. We also acknowledged the huge impact of Rev Nello Barbieri with YouthMETRO over six years. Many of our current leaders have been trained by him in some way over that time.

I want to thank our convener, Kirsten Bryant (Drouin), for her hard work. She pulled together a terrific core team of leaders who worked together planning the camp for many months through 2015. All our leaders

have done well, and, I believe, have represented Jesus faithfully.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the Social Services Committee for their consistent and generous support.

A good number of campers have been able to attend camp because of the funding received from this committee. We thank the members of this committee for continuing to support the youth of our churches in this way.

If you would like to know more about Summer Camp 2015-16, you can read my blog at

<http://ministryandyouth.blogspot.com.au/>





# Christmas Family Event Heathmont



The nativity scene was created by our Sunday school children—with help from their teachers! Right: Children enjoyed having their faces painted as angels and animals that may (or may not) have been in the stable where Jesus was born!

On 5 December 2015 the Heathmont congregation held its first free Christmas Family Event to spread the message of Christmas to our community.

A nativity scene in a barn (read 'converted shed') accompanied by dress-ups allowed children to have their picture taken with Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Other activities included an Animal Farm, face painting and craft. The live music, professionally provided by 'Born Yesterday' playing a vast range of carols, added to the ambience with many people joining in the singing. A 'sausage' sizzle (there were

sausages but also veggie patties and dim sims amongst other delights) and cool drinks were gratefully received by those who attended. Show bags were handed out to all who attended which included a colouring book, popcorn, fun things for kids and a Christmas tract. It was a great opportunity to engage with some of the families who attend our weekly playgroup (as well as many relatives of the congregation), and we are hoping that we can draw others from the local area in the future to reacquaint them with the 'Reason for the Season', our Lord and Saviour, Jesus.

A week after the event, the whole congregation reviewed what we did, and this time frame allowed time for reflecting without forgetting! This very helpful discussion will assist us as we plan for this years' event which was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed to be held again on the first Saturday in December. We give thanks for the interactions we had with those who came, and ask you to pray with us that our next one will do an even better job at engaging our community with the saving message of the Gospel.

*Rev Dean Carroll  
Heathmont Presbyterian Church*

## News from Malawi Prison Ministry

Greetings to you, fellow people of God.

Here we are fine indeed and the rains have started but not as expected. This means that many crops have withered and we don't expect anything good from the gardens. Prison ministry is going on very well indeed and we had holy communion and baptisms in three prisons: Chichiri, Domasi and Makande. We have been distributing additional sleeping mats and blankets to many prisons. Because of the good work we are doing, the Prison Chief asked my office if it's possible to extend the exercise to other prisons in the Central Region.

I am very thankful for the good the PCC (Canada) and PCA (Australia) are doing to my prison ministry. Thanks so much for everything and

may the good Lord bless you people of God: you are not doing this to me **but to Jesus Christ our Lord.**

On a sad note, be informed that the current situation in the prisons is very bad in regards to food scarcity. Sometimes there are no meals as the government is not funding the department fully. The challenge is basically being felt by the aged and the sick inmates who are also on ARV treatment.

It becomes very difficult sometimes to preach to them when they have empty stomachs. Their hunger complaints also affect us, of course.

Greetings and God bless you all my dear brethren in the Lord.

*Rev Stanley Chimesya  
Prison Chaplain, Malawi  
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian*



Rev Stanley Chimesya with the Head Warden at Mwanza Prison, and inmates accepting food supplies donated by Victorian churches. (Jan 2015)

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Ballarat, completing a double degree in Computing and Commerce (Accounting), after which she also started working in computing.

We lived in Ballarat for a few years after being married, then we left in 2010 to move to Altona Meadows for Brett's work at a new company, where we joined South Yarra Presbyterian Church. From there we moved to Templestowe Lower to be closer to the PTC (Presbyterian Theological College), and lived there for the duration of Brett's degree.

Early in his life as a believer, Brett attended a short course on preparing a Bible talk at the PTC and was encouraged to write and preach a sermon as part of that study. More opportunities for preaching presented themselves and great encouragement was received for Brett to pursue further study with a view to entering college as a candidate, which he did in 2012.

Brett has found the most encouraging aspect of theological study has been the level of academic expertise of the lecturers, their commitment to teach the truth of God's infallible word, and their practical approach to pastoral matters. Brett has also particularly appreciated the yearly mission trips and the exposure and ability to help out the churches that he has visited on these occasions.

Brett is very excited about being in Wangaratta, having grown up in Shepparton (just an hour away). Brett and Rebekah have a heart for country Victoria and a desire to see the gospel go forth in these areas. Brett is convinced that his primary concern is to preach the word of God well, to pray for the people in the church and to shepherd them well. Alongside her primary role as wife and mother, Rebekah is looking forward to building relationships with the members of the congregations and with the families we connect with through school and kinder. Once settled, Brett is also keen to get involved in the local community and will explore options for serving within the region.

We have three children: Susanna (6), our little reader who has just started grade 1 with—praise be to God—a fellow 'PK' (preacher's kid) with whom she has formed a fast bond;



Elizabeth (4) who is soon to start 4 year-old Kindergarten and has an avid love of puzzles; and Jonathan (1) who is on the brink of walking independently and is a great source of joy and amusement to us all!

Wangaratta is only minutes off the Hume freeway, so whenever you are travelling to or from Sydney, or even holidaying in Bright, please drop in for a cuppa!

*Mrs Rebekah Cummins*

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Sent to Williamstown

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and began to trust in Christ for my salvation.

After that I had the privilege of some older Christians discipling me and I continued to grow in my faith. Over time I found that although I enjoyed my accounting job, I had a growing desire to share the gospel full-time. This led me to begin my ministry apprenticeship (METRO) to help equip me for future ministry. It was over these two years, as I met with students and watched them grow and begin sharing the gospel, that I realised I couldn't imagine doing anything else with my life. At the end of my apprenticeship my trainers recommended that I go to college to continue training for full-time ministry.

The training I received in my ap-

prenticeship helped me to grow in my love and knowledge of God and gave me much needed ministry experience before starting at college. Since then my theological studies at PTC have given me a better knowledge of the truth and have helped to prepare me to serve as a pastor. During this time I also received great training in church ministry under Rev Clinton Le Page at Donvale, as well as Revs Chris Siriweera and John Huynh at Surrey Hills.

We are thankful to God to be able to serve Him at Williamstown and are looking forward to getting to know the congregation there. My plan is to work hard at doing the main things well, especially preaching the gospel, praying, and loving people in our church and area.

*Daniel Dixon*

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Christian.

Through my teenage years I'd talked to Dad about feeling the call to the ministry. It seemed prudent to learn a trade, bide some time and seek confirmation of the external call. After school, I studied broadcasting at Wodonga TAFE and became the founding Station Manager of Albury-Wodonga's Christian radio station, 98.5 The Light. That involved training announcers, selling sponsorship, picking the music and Bible teaching programs. Wodonga TAFE asked me to do some teaching with them, so I've had some experience working in a small Christian ministry and in a major secular institution. It's all been great preparation for the ministry.

While I was working in radio, a couple of retired ministers encouraged me to consider training for the ministry. I had opportunities to preach around the North East, and people affirmed my calling. Along the way, there was a licencing service at Benalla, where Prof. Allan Harman preached on Matthew 9:35-38 'Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His



# A walk in the park

On Friday 20 November six followers of Jesus and their family gathered for a fellowship meal at Halls Gap, in the Grampians.

The outing was organised by members of the Ballarat Presbytery to provide an opportunity to relax, enjoy God's Creation and to celebrate the Father's abundant goodness. The Brambuk Cultural Centre provided an ideal place to meet and to enjoy wattle seed damper, smoked emu salad, fish and chips. A deeper bond was formed

as lives were shared; the younger members of the octet overcame their fear of the forest and enjoyed walking amongst the placid kangaroos. A little rain did not dampen the enthusiasm and joy of the day, nor did it diminish the delight of the ice cream shop that concluded the hike. We praised God for his every blessing and agreed to 'do it all again'.... at a time to be appointed.

Ian Smith



Sandra Waterhouse, Amy Isham, Evangeline Isham, Jan Smith, Rev Luke Isham, Solomon Isham, Ian Smith and Rev Rod Waterhouse interrupt their walk for a photo opportunity.

## Safe Church Refresher course on YouTube



The Safe Church Refresher Course has been launched on the PCV Safe Church YouTube Channel, in the form of a 7 minute video presentation. Go to [youtube.com/watch?v=7u907OrFLAY](https://youtube.com/watch?v=7u907OrFLAY) to view the video.

The Refresher Course is to be viewed yearly by all people mandated to complete training, in between completing the Basic Training and the

Advanced Training.

Go to [safechurchpcv.org.au/training](https://safechurchpcv.org.au/training) for information about which roles are mandated.

Congregations also now have the option to hold in-house Basic Training using the PCV Safe Church YouTube Channel and a kit available from the SCU. People commencing a leadership, pastoral care or child-related role in the PCV for the first time must

complete Basic Training within the first 12 months of taking on that role.

The Safe Church Facilitator will be available to attend your church/presbytery to give the training in person—as a minimum of 20 people is required, local congregations or presbyteries may choose to hold a combined event.

Fiona Bligh  
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harvest field'. He warned the congregation that this is a dangerous prayer to pray. How right he was!

When my father was called to Hobart in late 2010, I informed Rev. Paul Seiler (Interim Moderator of Wodonga) of my intention to train for the ministry – sometime. Before I knew it, the Session had sent a letter to the Presbytery asking them to interview me. The Presbytery committee wanted me to go at the end of the year, but I wasn't sure. Eventually, I was able to resign from the radio station and the TAFE, and I was sent to PTC with the strong support of the Wodonga congregation and the Presbytery of Benalla.

College has taught me to read carefully, to think theologically (in relation to God), to write precisely, to pray constantly, and to preach with conviction. Along the way, I've visited nursing homes, taught Sunday School, ESL and Simple English Bible Studies, and been involved in university ministry. I've preached to congregations with international students and others with multi-generational farming families. But the most wonderful experience has been seeing the Holy Spirit use His Word to bring people conviction of sin, repent-

ance, faith and new life.

An unanticipated benefit of theological study was meeting my wife, Sarah! When I moved to Melbourne, I started attending Hawthorn Presbyterian Church, where she was also going to church. We were engaged by the end



of June and married in December. In Greek, a stephanon is a crown, and Sarah certainly is mine (Proverbs 12:4a). Sarah grew up in New Zealand outside Wellington, before moving to Palmerston North, where she studied a Bachelor of Science majoring in Physiology. After working for several years in aged care, she studied nursing at Melbourne University and worked at the Peter MacCallum Can-

cer Centre. Our daughter Alexandra is two years old, and we are expecting our second child in August.

We're very glad to be returning to the North East to minister in the Benalla Parish. I'm privileged to be following directly on from Rev Ken Martin without a moment's vacancy and to be working under the supervision of the Interim Moderator, Rev Kevin Maxwell. The Parish has twelve elders, several of whom preach, which will be a great help. I'm encouraged by the hard work everyone has put in to have an exit student appointed and the warm welcome we've received.

My plan is to devote myself to prayer, preaching, and teaching and to encourage the congregations to be devoted to God's word and prayer themselves. As believers, we need to be shown and reminded how the gift of righteousness from Jesus is central to the new lives we live in Him as God's adopted children. Our families, friends and communities are in desperate need of the Gospel, the powerful good news of salvation from God in Jesus Christ. Our hope is in nothing else.

Stephen McDonald



# THE SUPERLOVE OF JESUS SUMMER 2016 ROCK MISSION

The Summer Gospel ROCK Mission was held in Clayton, from 4-10 January. The ROCK Team, under authority of the Presbyterian Church, Clayton, consisting of sixty-six members (many teenagers), presented their annual summer ROCK gospel outreach to children (and adults) at beautiful Namatjira park, Clayton. Team members came from several Melbourne churches.

ROCK, which stands for 'Reaching Out to Clayton Kids (and beyond)', brought the gospel of Jesus to Clayton children with the 'superlove' mission theme.

Thanks are expressed to Kingston Council for making the spacious grounds and facilities of Namatjira park readily available for the mission. Also, thanks are extended to the Clayton North Primary School for providing facilities for the ROCK evening outreach to early teens and for the weekend programs. ROCK was supported in prayer by the local churches. Praise God, fine weather prevailed for the entire mission. Temperatures were moderate at the park, but higher at the school at the weekend.

ROCK President, Angela Crawley and husband Nick Crawley (School Chaplain) provided inspirational leadership in presenting the 'superlove' gospel of Jesus to children (and adults). Nick Boys (vice President) and

Dave Jensen exercised their spiritual leadership gifts, as did the other members of the team.

Team members came from several churches around Melbourne. They all exercised their spiritual gifts of the

Holy Spirit in unity, zeal and love in promoting the 'superlove' gospel of Jesus at the park.

The children enjoyed bright gospel music, singing and skits. The team acted out Bible stories and plays each day. The Keenite group's craft activities for children from kinder age to grade 6 and older were organised daily in the spacious grounds of the park.

The average daily attendance of children in the Keenite groups was one hundred. The adult attendance, including other children, ranged from thirty-eight on Wednesday to seventy-seven on Friday, Café Day. Some passers-by

stopped to watch and listen, particularly during the drama episodes.

Wednesday to Friday evenings at Clayton North Primary School, ROCK presented specifically to teenagers (grades 7-9). Average teen attendance



The super hero drama

at the school numbered seventeen.

The Saturday evening family fun celebration was held at Clayton North Primary School, because the Presbyterian Church Clayton was undergoing general renovations work. On that occasion, 182 people attended (including children). The ROCK team organized games, contests and other activities on the school grounds. The first part of a film was shown in the school hall, followed by supper outside, and then the second part of the film was shown.

The concluding Sunday evening gathering was also held at the Clayton North Primary School. People attending numbered 187 (including children). This was a thanksgiving Gospel service where all the glory and praise for ROCK mission was given to God—a testimony to the inspiring work of the Holy Spirit of Jesus in the team.

God willing, ROCK is planning another gospel outreach at Clayton at Easter time (28-31 March 2016). Prayer is requested for Holy Spirit inspiration for that gospel outreach venture.

Dr Des Gaffney  
Rock Committee Member



Choosing the next gospel song.



# A warm welcome for Miles Fagan

The Presbytery of Maroondah, on Sunday 17 January, convened for a welcoming service for Rev Miles Fagan and his family at Mt Evelyn Presbyterian Church following his appointment to this vacant parish.

The church was full on this rather warm afternoon, with the Moderator of Maroondah Presbytery, Rev Brian Harvey, conducting the service and the occasional sermon being preached by Rev Peter Orchard from Hebrews 13. Present in the packed congregation were representatives of the local

council, the local member of Victorian Parliament and many friends of the Fagan family. The church resounded to enthusiastic singing and response by the congregation who are eager and happy to welcome the new 'church family' after a protracted vacancy. Miles is looking forward to this new suburban challenge, as his previous parishes were rural, and the family have settled into the manse, which the congregation have worked hard on in preparation for this occasion. Maroondah Presbytery welcomes the Fagan

family and pray that their ministry will be long and fruitful in this community. Following the service the local people served a splendid afternoon tea which was well appreciated by all present.

*Mr Douglas Fraser  
Presbytery Clerk*

## Kids club at Ararat



Ararat Presbyterian doesn't have any children in regular services, so we were greatly blessed to have thirty children attend a holiday

Kid's Club in January.

The children came from other churches interstate, inter-town and locally. Led by Sandra Waterhouse and a team of willing workers, we ran the 'Epic Explorers' event over four days. Much hard work went into the ministry, and although we didn't contact any new families, it built good relationships with believers in the community, and a few children from non-believing families joined in.

We can highly recommend the program—a Christianity Expored ministry, based around the gospel of Mark, which has been used in the PCV



elsewhere. Music, craft, creative bible storytelling and a very energetic theme song helped make for a great time of sharing the word. We thank

God for the blessing this brought and hope to build on it in future. Please pray for fruit in our outreach to local families.

*Rod Waterhouse*

## Book review

# Finding the lost years of Jesus

In his expository thoughts on Luke's account of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:41-52), J C Ryle wrote, 'they record the only fact which we know about our Lord Jesus Christ during the first thirty years of his life on earth, after his infancy. How many things a Christian would like to know about the events of those thirty years, and the daily history of the house at Nazareth! But we need not doubt that there is wisdom in the silence of Scripture on the subject. If it had been good for us to know more, more would have been revealed.'

How do we reconcile this stance and that of Daryn Graham in his book 'Finding the lost years of Jesus'?

Perhaps the answer lies in the principle which the framers of the Westminster Confession used when

they stated that 'the whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture...'

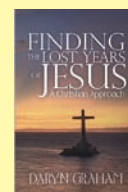
Mr Graham has no time for the multitude of extraordinary theories that have surfaced over the years which have no biblical warrant and he deals with the best known of these in Part Two (Modern Theories).

However, in the six chapters of Part One (The Ancient Evidence), he argues that there are numerous snippets of information in the gospel accounts that can be legitimately used to 'flesh out' the eighteen years of Jesus' life from age 12 to the beginning of his public ministry. Is it not legitimate, for example, to deduce that during those years, every Sabbath found Jesus in the synagogue? Can we not deduce

that Jesus was taught to be a carpenter? Is it not reasonable, if not necessary, to deduce that Jesus spent much time in the study of the Scriptures?

For this reviewer, the greatest value in Mr Graham's book is that he writes not only enthusiastically but also evangelistically, as he encourages his readers to go beyond just being interested in the lost years of Jesus to seeking to understand him and coming to know him through the Scriptures.

*Rev Neil Harvey*



*'Finding the lost years of Jesus - a Christian approach', by Daryn Graham (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015), paperback; 156pp with End Notes and Index; ISBN: 1508481857*

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*The Australian Presbyterian World Mission exists to glorify God by facilitating the spread of the gospel to people overseas and Aborigines within Australia.*

## It's Still Not Goodbye Forever

*For six months Ian and Pat Hart, from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, served at the Talua Theological Institute in Vanuatu. They returned home via Sydney and APWM's Sheryl Sarkoezy took the opportunity to catch up with them.*

**Ian, what was something that surprised you about Talua?**

Well, I suppose we weren't really surprised by anything. We had been warned that lots of daily living would be quite difficult. No hot running water. Water needing to be boiled. Nearest shops a long way away, and a difficult road journey. Electricity three hours a day. Mosquitos and malaria. We were slightly worried about whether we would be able to cope with all this. However, we were pleasantly surprised to find that these various hurdles were not so hard to jump over as we had thought. We lacked many creature comforts. Some things took a lot longer to do. But it was quite "do-able".

**Pat, you thought you probably wouldn't be doing any medical work. Is that how things worked out?**

I wasn't registered as a doctor in Vanuatu so I couldn't do any direct clinical contact but I was able to teach, mentor and advise with a private health clinic. At Talua I taught English and enjoyed that very much. The students face the challenge of studying difficult subjects in English, which is not their mother tongue.

**Ian, what subjects were you teaching while you were there?**

I'm an Old Testament person so my main duties were teaching Old Testament. However the degree program is modular so that was done as an intensive month of teaching. This meant a very heavy workload, followed by the next month with a very light workload. So it fluctuated widely because of this modular approach. I was asked to deliver a week of lectures to the entire college with all the other

lectures shut down for that week. I spoke to everyone and enjoyed it. I also did a bit of church history and some New Testament. Kevin had said the essence of this assignment was to be flexible, and I tried to be that.

**What are some of the memories that you'll take back?**

**Ian:** Lovely, friendly people who laugh easily. The little Ferguson tractor towing a trailer with about ten students on the back of it, shouting and whooping and squealing with delight as they head off to do some work.. Beautiful countryside, lovely sea, lovely beaches, amazing tropical rainforest all around.

**Pat:** We've said to one another we think it's probably the most beautiful place we have ever lived. Even more beautiful than Ireland! We'll remember the roosters crowing anywhere between 2:30 and 5 o'clock in the morning. We'll remember people coming to our door - front door or back door, or sometimes both at once, often before 7:00am, to visit or get their phones charged or to ask for something. But I think most of all, I think the big thing is just the students, the friendliness.



IAN & PAT ENJOYING SYDNEY HARBOUR

**Ian:** We'll miss the lovely warm weather. The climate, we thought, was delightful.

**Pat:** I think we will miss being part of a focussed Christian community, where everyone's agenda was how to serve God better in their lives, how what they were doing that week or the next week or in the course they were studying would help them serve God in the future.

We will miss the people. We do hope to keep in touch. We have no idea whether we will ever be back. We would like to think that we might and that helps in the "saying goodbye" ... that it's not goodbye for ever and ever and ever. But if we don't get back, if that's God's plan ... it's still not goodbye. If we don't get back on this earth, it's still not goodbye forever.

## Wanted: Bible College Lecturer Vanuatu

Australian Presbyterian World Mission is looking for someone to serve as a full-time lecturer at the Talua Theological Institute, the Bible College of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu.

The ideal candidate will have

- a heart for training the next generation of pastors and leaders in gospel ministry in Vanuatu
- either a Bachelor or a Master's degree in theology
- pastoral experience in Australia or elsewhere

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“ AFTER THIS I LOOKED AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD COUNT, FROM EVERY NATION, TRIBE, PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND IN FRONT OF THE LAMB. (REVELATION 7:9) ”



# Updates



ABLUTION BLOCK, TALUA

## WORKPARTNERS VANUATU

Workpartners has just completed its latest project: a male ablution block at the Talua Theological Institute. In 2016 Workpartners will take a different form that will be determined by mid February. If you are interested in taking part in Workpartners in 2016, then please send an email to Sheryl Sarkoezy in the APWM office ([office@apwm.org.au](mailto:office@apwm.org.au)) and you will be placed on a mailing list to be informed about Workpartners in 2016. Alternatively you can visit our website for information after mid February [www.apwm.org.au/what-we-do/workpartners/](http://www.apwm.org.au/what-we-do/workpartners/)

## TRAINING NATIONALS

One of the most effective things that we can do in cross-cultural mission is train nationals to minister to their own people. APWM does this primarily through supporting theological education. Please consider sponsoring a student from one of the following countries.

### India

In India we support the Presbyterian Theological Seminary which is located in Dehradun in northern India. Scholarships in the Master of Divinity programme cost AUD \$1600 for a single student and AUD \$2000 for a married student.



STUDENTS FROM PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, INDIA

### Vanuatu

In Vanuatu we support the Talua Theological Institute, the Bible College of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, where the Dekkers serve. A Bachelor of Ministry scholarship costs \$3000.

If you would like to sponsor a student or contribute toward a scholarship then please use the form on page 4 or email [national@apwm.org.au](mailto:national@apwm.org.au) or contact APWM National on (02) 8073 7490.



VIJAI AND SUCHITRA TAGORE

### Vijai & Suchitra Tagore

A few years ago, APWM brought Vijai and Suchitra Tagore to Sydney so that Vijai could study for his Master of Theology degree and Suchitra could undertake the Ministry Training for Women programme at Christ College. APWM plans to bring them to Sydney from 2018-2020 so that Vijai can study for his PhD while Suchitra also does further study. This will cost approximately \$60,000 per year and APWM is currently setting aside money for this training. If you would like to assist with these costs then please contact Bruce Campbell [finance@apwm.org.au](mailto:finance@apwm.org.au) or use the form on the last page of this newsletter.

## MINISTRY AT MOUNT MAGNET, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

*Surendra & May Wesley have now settled into the outback town of Mount Magnet in Western Australia with a population of 700. They serve there in a joint APWM/PIM Ministry. Surendra writes*

*"Our family is settling in very well by the grace of God. We like it here and we are enjoying all the wonderful blessings of God and we as a family feel honoured, privileged and blessed to serve our Living God. Thank you all who support for us not*

*just financially but in lifting us up in your personal and family prayers, through which God gives us strength and helps us to keep going.*

God has been so merciful and gracious to us in all aspects of these ministries he has entrusted into our care. Currently we have 10-12 adults attending the church. These numbers vary every Sunday. We have two young families with three kids each but one of them doesn't come very often. We

try to maintain our relationship with them. We have two couples with no kids and they are very faithful in attending the church. We have a couple who have a trucking business in Perth so they come whenever they are in Mount Magnet. Two gentlemen come regularly, one of whom is single older gentleman.

We also meet for prayer on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. We pray for the town and especially for the kids of the town.

The number attending the prayer meeting varies from 2-5 people.

I visit nearby stations 2-3 days a week. I am really enjoying the visitation ministry, meeting new people, building relationships, helping them anyway I can and asking them if I could pray for them and their families. Often I get a very good reception from station owners. They like to talk and sometimes I am invited for coffee or tea and sometimes for lunch.

I am a chaplain in the local district high school. Slowly but steadily we are building relationships with local people. At the school at 8 am we have a breakfast club in which I help serve the kids and help the ladies clean up at the end even though I am not required to do any of those things, but I have found that this is a effective use of the gift of service which God has given me."



SURENDRA WESLEY



# Malawi Partnership: A Ministry to Prisoners and Orphans

This year, John and Sue Steendam from the Eltham Presbyterian Church have again returned to Malawi for a 6-month mission with the Presbyterian (CCAP) Blantyre Synod. This Synod and the Presbyterian Church of Australia are partner churches.

## Ministry to Prisoners



JOHN & SUE STEENDAM AT THE PRISON CHAPEL

From donations given so generously by APWM, other Presbyterian churches, family and friends, Sue was able to assist the Synod Prison Chaplain Stanley Chimesya in distributing very urgently needed material goods to prisoners, such as straw sleeping mats, blankets, medications, food, Bibles, etc. She also conducted bible studies and devotions with the inmates during the 90 visits to around 17 prisons in the Southern region of Malawi.

The conditions under which the inmates exist in Malawi prisons are horrific. The donations received from Australia help these inmates by providing much needed relief. In most of the prisons the inmates sleep on the concrete floor on bits of

cardboard or some may have an old blanket. Many inmates are in prison on remand (no charge) with absolutely no hope of raising their bail money or money for a lawyer. Their families are often so poor they cannot even afford the mini-bus fare to visit their loved ones. These forgotten inmates lose all hope of release with many ending their days there.

Sue also offered Monday afternoon bible study for the women, teachers, police wives and village ladies at Orbus. In addition there were Friday afternoon crafts, exercises, cooking, English lessons etc. These were most successful and loads of fun with 30 to 40 ladies attending each time.

## Ministry to Orphans



ORBUS CHILDREN

John returned to work for Orbus Ministries - a CCAP ministry and Christian school for orphaned and vulnerable children, located on the outskirts of Blantyre. This ministry is of great importance to God's Kingdom work in providing schooling, Christian development and future employment for these children who, because of poverty, would otherwise have little hope of

obtaining an education. This year, a further two classrooms, teacher preparation room, storeroom and toilets were constructed. This now extends the Primary school to grade 6. Other activities included the construction of a further three chicken sheds to help Orbus' financial sustainability, maintenance work to the existing buildings and repair to the irrigation system to permit watering the vegetable gardens during the Malawi dry season.

Fundraising for this ministry is undertaken by Orbus Australia which provides the funds for further infrastructure development and provides part of the annual operational costs. Of further interest is that the Australian

Embassy visited Orbus during the year following a chance meeting with the Ambassador last year during the Malawi elections. He suggested at that time that the Embassy could possibly assist with some funding. Accordingly, an application was made for an amount of \$ 20,000 to assist in the construction of some teacher accommodation at Orbus. The grant has now been approved and construction of teacher housing is planned to start in early 2016.

Orbus Australia is also planning the timely construction and implementation of the secondary school to enable the ongoing education of the students attending the Orbus primary school.

If you would like to help this exciting ministry or find out more you can email John and Sue at [jssteendam@gmail.com](mailto:jssteendam@gmail.com) or go to the website [www.OrbusMinistries.org](http://www.OrbusMinistries.org)



SUE STEENDAM DISTRIBUTING MEDICATIONS AT THE PRISON CHAPEL



NEW ORBUS CLASSROOMS



# PRAYER AND FINANCE Response Form

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I would like to support the following:  
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Please indicate an amount

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Please indicate how regular your payment will be:

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Please write your name and the surname of the missionary you are supporting in the description box.

Please also email [finance@apwm.org.au](mailto:finance@apwm.org.au) telling us that you have made a deposit and provide the name of the missionary that you are supporting.

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# NEW APWM DIRECTORY 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 APWM is now available. This provides information on all our current APWM missionaries and is a great resource for prayer. The Directory has been sent out to congregations and more are available by contacting the APWM National Office. Please note that a digital version is not available because of security issues.



# EMAIL UPDATE

Every two months the APWM National Office produces 'Email Update'. This provides two months of prayer points for APWM missionaries all around the world. If you would like a copy sent by email then please send an email to Sheryl Sarkoezy

[national@apwm.org.au](mailto:national@apwm.org.au) or phone Sheryl on (02) 8073 7490. Please provide the name of your minister so that we can check that you attend a Presbyterian Church.

For security reasons we do not make this available on the internet.

# MEAL FOR MISSION

Each year we encourage congregations to hold an annual 'Meal for Mission' as a way of raising awareness about overseas cross-cultural mission and as a means of providing financial support for APWM's overseas projects. We encourage you to choose a country from the list that can be found at [www.apwm.org.au/partner-churches/](http://www.apwm.org.au/partner-churches/)

There you can download information sheets about each of our Partner Churches. Please encourage those in the congregation to give the cost of one meal toward the work of overseas mission.



# INCLUDING APWM IN YOUR WILL

If you would like to include APWM in your will, then you may like to use these words as a guide:

"I give to the Presbyterian Church Property Trust for the National Committee of the Australian Presbyterian World Mission [here insert a description of the bequest

together with the amount of money or description of property or other gift] free of testamentary charges and duties for [here insert 'its general purpose' or the specific purpose you desire] and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary of the Trust shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors."

Please provide this wording to your Solicitor when seeking advice and assistance in drawing up your will.

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# ON TRACK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN INLAND MISSION

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PROCLAIMING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
BY WORD AND DEED

## HOLDING THE ROPE

In the 18th Century, Gospel opportunities in India were likened to a deep gold mine, needing someone to go down into it to explore. William Carey famously stated that he would go down the mine, but that someone would need to 'hold the rope.'

Whether it is sending a missionary couple to Vanuatu, or running a summer beach mission in Torquay, sharing the Gospel with people who do not normally hear it requires the work of a team. Some on the team climb down the rope and others hold the rope.

On the 'frontline' are those who will share the Gospel, through preaching, teaching, kids programs, one-on-one conversations, sharing in practical ministries and so on. But behind the scenes there are many people working in many ways to help these frontline ministries work effectively.

PIM Patrol teams take the Gospel to some of the hardest-to-get-to places on our continent, and to do that they need people who will faithfully 'hold the rope' for them.

When the wider church holds the rope for PIM teams, they know that no matter how hot or dusty it is, how rough the road is or how many miles from home they are, they are not alone in their work.

There are two main ways that you can help 'hold the rope' for the PIM teams:

Prayer is our biggest need. As with all ministry and mission, we are engaged in a spiritual battle for the souls of men, women and children. Prayer is our chief weapon in this battle. Specifically, this means praying for:

- Open doors and open hearts – please pray that God would go before each patrol, softening hearts to the Gospel and raising up a harvest for Himself in the remote areas of the nation.
- Genuine growing relationships – meaningful relationships take time to build. Pray that the Patrol Teams will be able to develop deep long-term relationships with people in their patrol areas.
- God's timing – sometimes an unexpected delay because of weather or vehicle issues frustrates the plans of a Patrol Team, but this often results in them being in just the right place at the right time, to minister to someone in need.
- Safety – even with good vehicles and satellite phones, a snakebite or a grass fire can slow down the Patrol Team and perhaps even jeopardize their lives. Please pray for safety for all the teams.

You can obtain specific and timely PIM prayer points by making direct contact with an individual PIM Team, by connecting with the PIM Facebook page or by visiting the PIM website.

Secondly, we also need financial support to keep our teams on the road. Any mission activity that tries to take the gospel to people in out of the way



*The ladies of the PWA in NSW have been holding the rope for PIM for many years, by raising funds for special projects through their annual Market Day in Sydney.*

places is going to be relatively expensive. The work of PIM is no different. Many of the people we minister to are way off the beaten track, many miles from towns along rough dirt roads. Each year the PIM teams burn thousands of litres of diesel, cut up tyres on jagged rocks and rattle the longevity out of vehicles and campers on harsh corrugated bush tracks. All for the sake of the Gospel.

Fuel, tyres, maintenance and eventual vehicle replacement all cost money, sometimes lots of it. But this is the cost of bush ministry.

You can help hold the rope by financially supporting a particular Patrol Team. You can also help by providing funds to help pay for vehicle operating costs, or by contributing to the special projects that come up from time-to-time.

Our CEO Andrew Letcher is available to speak at churches and small groups to share the ministry and vision of PIM. Many of our Patrol Teams also enjoy visiting churches and sharing their work.



## PHONE HOME

At just twelve years old, Alfred Traeger managed to build himself a working telephone using, among other things, a broken pitchfork, lids from some old tobacco tins and some crushed charcoal. He was able to use the telephone to make a call from the shed to the house on his family's farm. By the time he was in his thirties, he was an electrical engineer experimenting with all sorts of innovative electrical devices.

One of the things that made the work and ministry of John Flynn so significant and effective was that he surrounded himself with bright people and inspired them on to great achievements. Alfred Traeger was one such person. In the 1920's, Flynn was introduced to Traeger and soon recruited him to the cause of serving the people of the outback. Together they made great strides in the advancement of radio communication. Traeger's world-leading 'wireless' innovations resulted in radio communication that became progressively more affordable, easier to use and more reliable. Radio began to reduce the sense of isolation in the bush and made it possible to call for help when something went wrong; exactly what John Flynn was dreaming of.

Technology has marched on since those early days of the famous pedal radio, but the need for 'people to connect with people' is still the same. Most of us these days carry mobile phones that allow us to stay connected with family,



*Pushing back the isolation – Gae McDonald uses a Sat Phone to make a brief call to her Dad on Father's Day.*

friends and work colleagues. In an emergency, our mobile phones are usually within arm's reach.

However, there are vast tracts of the Australian outback where mobile phones don't work. The peace and solitude that comes when the mobile phone doesn't work, and the consequential inability to connect to the Internet and Social Media, can be a welcome break for some. But when things go wrong, the inability to communicate with the outside world can turn what might otherwise be a minor drama into a full-scale emergency. Indeed, rarely a year passes when someone does not perish in the Australia outback after they become lost or their vehicle gets bogged or breaks down.

Because PIM Patrol Teams spend so much of their time patrolling in some very remote areas, having a reliable form of emergency communication is vital. For

many years, PIM Patrol Teams have used vehicle-mounted HF Radios. As useful as these radios still are, they are expensive to buy and require some level of training and skill to use properly. They are also fixed to the vehicle. The development in Satellite Phone technology now means that we can equip PIM Patrol Teams with portable and easy-to-use communications equipment that can be carried wherever they go, and be used by almost anyone with very little instruction. In short, 'Sat Phones' are a significant step forward in providing reliable and fast communication in the bush; just what Flynn and Traeger were trying to achieve.

The ladies of the NSW PWA, through their Market Day efforts, have raised \$22,000 to fit out the PIM Patrol Teams with 'Sat Phones'. Thank you ladies for helping to keep the Patrol Teams safe and in contact!

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN PIM

A number of Patrol Areas across the continent are currently vacant. In many of these areas there is little or no Christian witness and very little opportunity for people to hear the Gospel. PIM is seeking expressions of interest from people who might be interested in joining our team.

If you love the Lord, have a desire to share the gospel with people and are available to live a somewhat nomadic lifestyle, then we'd love to have a chat.

We currently have patrol opportunities in NSW, WA, Central QLD, as well as

potential to help develop new patrol areas based out of the Darwin and Alice Springs Mission Churches.

To learn more, please visit our website, find us on Facebook or give our CEO Andrew Letcher a call on 0438 868 964.



*Taking the Word of God into the vast Australian outback.*



# NEWS AND UPDATES

APWM National Director, Kevin Murray, joined with Darrel Thatcher from the PC of WA and Andrew Letcher from PIM, to visit the work in Mt Magnet and Meekatharra. It was a great opportunity to spend time together seeing how APWM and PIM can continue to work together to take the Gospel to indigenous Australians..

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Much needed rain has begun to fall in some parts of Queensland after years of drought. Please pray that it falls in the right places, at the right time, and brings real relief to people.

*A spot of rain in North Queensland*



*APWM National Director Kevin Murray enjoys a visit to outback WA*



# WANDERING AROUND WITH ANDREW LETCHER

The Soviets had the Iron Curtain, China had the Bamboo Curtain and Australia apparently has the Sandstone Curtain. The term is used by some commentators to describe the



*Andrew Letcher*

disconnect between Australian cities and the bush. When you leave the Eastern Seaboard and cross the Sandstone Curtain, also known as the Great Dividing Range, you enter parts of our nation where many Australians rarely venture.

Those on the other side of the Sandstone Curtain at times feel forgotten and neglected by policy makers and city dwellers. Because such a significant portion of the Australian population live and work on the East coast, much government spending and community effort is naturally directed at serving those places. It is not hard for those in the outback to feel 'out of sight, out of mind.'

Fortunately, though, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is quite accustomed to crossing natural and man-made barriers. Both the Iron and Bamboo Curtains were repeatedly breached by the Gospel. And wherever the Gospel goes, lives get

transformed. The Word of God goes out and it does not return empty-handed. (Is. 55:11)

One of the jobs of PIM is to remind the wider church that there are people beyond the Sandstone Curtain who need grace. Though they may be hard to get to, though the distances are vast and the cost significant, they too must hear the Good News of Jesus. There are places on our continent that are so remote, so isolated, that they might reasonably be considered 'the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:8) We must continue to press on and take the message of Christ even to the people in those places.

As you read this edition of On Track, PIM Teams will be patrolling across out-of-the-way places, knocking on doors, sharing the Gospel with the lost, ministering to those in need and shining the light of the Jesus in dark corners. Pray for them.





# Australia's freshest face of clean comedy is here!

## Hannah Boland **The Best Medicine**

Back with more music, more poetry and more laughs in her highly anticipated new show, Christian Comedian Hannah Boland is set to make her mark during her Melbourne International Comedy Festival (MICF) debut with *The Best Medicine*.

This crazy-talented mother, musician, author and chronic pain & anxiety sufferer is once again leaving audiences guffawing with her signature style of wonderfully crafted story-telling, hysterical poetry, scintillating skits and hilarious songs in *The Best Medicine*.

Hannah has always been passionate about reminding audiences that comedy does not need to be crass to be funny, yet having recently suffered multiple tragedies in her life (among them, the loss of two full term babies), as well as her continued battles with a chronic pain condition, anxiety, motherhood, and caring for her ageing

parents, Hannah's comedy has also taken on additional direction: to bring laughter to hurting hearts who are trudging through the day to day quagmire of devastation known as life.

Outside of the realms of the official Comedy Festival Circuit, Hannah's comedy is also being recognised as a powerful ministry tool for churches to connect with their members and outsiders through humour, and allowing Hannah to share her own personal testimony of faith in a unique and natural way at such events. Excitingly, *Cross Culture Church of Christ* (city campus) is hosting Hannah for her final 2016 MICF performance, and is inviting church and ministry leaders across all denominations to come and see for themselves the potential of Hannah's ministry within their churches.

Hannah is a former professional musician and plays more than five

instruments to performance standard. Her performance diversity has audiences toe-tapping and cracking up with an assorted repertoire from classical to rock and everything in between as she combines her love of music, witty poetry and superb story-telling to create a miniature masterpiece of comicality, never losing sight of her ultimate aim: to bring laughter to those who need it. After all, it is *The Best Medicine*!

For Hannah's full Bio, visit her website [www.hannahboland.com.au](http://www.hannahboland.com.au)  
SHOW DATES

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*'Let us consider how we may  
spur one another on toward love  
and good deeds.'*  
Hebrews 10:24

 fellow workers

Encourage and inspire your fellow believers by sending your articles and pictures to [ed.fellowworkers@gmail.com](mailto:ed.fellowworkers@gmail.com).

The submission deadline for the June edition is Sunday 1 May. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry of encouragement. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*-Chiara Bilyj, Editor*