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EDITORIAL

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul writes, 'You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Jesus Christ. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.' (2 Timothy 2:1-2) In this edition, we present to you some such reliable people – the recently exited students of the Presbyterian Theological College. As you read their stories I hope you'll be encouraged in your own service of our God. Please be in prayer, for 'unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.' (Psalm 127:1)

Courteney Maxwell, Editor of Fellow Workers

MINISTRY MOVES

Presbytery of North-West Victoria

South East Bendigo (Reforming) Presbyterian Church has appointed Rory Weightman as their part-time Assistant Minister.

Bendigo (St John's) Presbyterian Church has appointed Rev Keith Bell as their part-time Assistant Minister.

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EXIT STUDENTS



Nick + Joy Arundell

I GREW UP IN GEELONG, attended Geelong High School, then went to Deakin University to study primary-school teaching. By God's grace I became a Christian when I was 19 years of age. Ever since God brought me to life, I have belonged to Him. Soon after my conversion I realised that my life no longer belonged to me but to the One who loved me and gave Himself for me. So thoughts about ministry began quite soon after I was converted. It wasn't so much 'Will I serve in full-time ministry?', but rather 'How does God want me to serve?' Every person whom God saves He also enlists, so we are all a part of God's mission. However, God made it clear that I should enter full-time paid ministry. So here I am.

Joy grew up in Adelaide and has lived in Melbourne for 11 years. She studied at the Presbyterian Theological College and has enjoyed serving in different ministry opportunities in the Presbyterian Church, both here and overseas. Most recently, she worked with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students at Deakin University's Burwood campus before having our first child, Annabelle.

After graduating, I taught grades 3 and 4 at Lara Lake Primary School for two years. After that I returned to Deakin University to do a ministry apprenticeship with AFES. After that it was time to do some more study, so I moved to Box Hill to enrol at the PTC. Learning the original biblical languages has

been one of the most helpful things I've learned there. Being able to write sermons directly from Greek and Hebrew sources is invaluable. Another benefit of studying at the PTC is getting to know the men and women with whom I will be serving in the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. In years to come we will be able to help and encourage one another as we draw on the friendships we formed at college.

From my ministry experience the biggest thing I've learnt is that it is God who builds the church. He is sovereign over everything, and anything good that happens is His doing, and it is He who deserves the glory. In my limited ministry experience I've learnt that, apart from God, I can do nothing. "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain" (Psalm 127:1). This, of course, highlights the necessity of prayer. It is God's job to build the house, while mine is to be faithful and to seek to be fruitful.

I am excited to be starting at Chalmers Presbyterian Church in Hawthorn East (also known to some as Auburn) this year. So far, the people there have been incredible. Their thoughtfulness and generosity have been extraordinary. We are keen to begin ministry at Chalmers, and look forward to getting to know the people better.

As I begin, I admit I have mixed feelings. After six years of study, training and practice, I feel confident about some aspects of ministry. However, I often wonder, with the Apostle Paul, 'Who is sufficient for these things?' The unknown challenges that lie ahead are sometimes scary, but it is always comforting to remember that Jesus is on the throne and not me. Please pray for me!

At Chalmers we inaugurated a 5pm evening service earlier this year. It would be great if people who are free on Sunday evenings could drop in and worship with us. It would be an encouragement to us, and it will help you to know how you can pray for us.

Nick Arundell exited to Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Hawthorn East.



Lam and Rebecca Gak

I WAS BORN IN MALAKAL, South Sudan, the capital city of the Greater Upper Nile region where my father was a primary school teacher. When I lived in South Sudan I attended a local primary school. Then I moved to North Sudan where I completed high school. Through a government scholarship, I went to Egypt to train as a secondary school teacher. I obtained a bachelor of education and science, majoring in physics and chemistry. From 1989 to the end of 2000, I lived in Egypt and worked as a teacher in various private schools and educational centres.

Rebecca was born in Northern Sudan where her father worked as a training officer at the National Army Academy. She has always lived in the North and only ever spent two days in South Sudan when she visited the border-town of Renk in 2009 with Daniel and me for two days.

Rebecca was educated in Northern Sudan, where she completed high school. However, things become very difficult for the South Sudanese there. Arriving in Australia in May 2006, she gained work experience in the hospitality sector.

During my childhood in Sudan, I attended Sunday schools in the Presbyterian Church. Although I didn't yet understand what it meant to be a Christian, I enjoyed church and sang in the choir. During high school I became less involved in the church, given the fact that I was in a boarding school in a predominately Muslim town where there was not a single church. I only read my Bible occasionally. During my time at university, I became more interested in philosophy, literature and poetry,

only to find these made me unhappy. I still had faith in Christ, but with a tendency to rebel. I guess the hand of God was upon me. The breakthrough came only when I started to attend a discipleship group and read my Bible. Not long afterwards my life gradually began to change. I realised that the Holy Spirit had begun to cleanse me from all my sins.

I became interested in sharing my new-found joy with those around me, and that was the beginning of a journey of faith and ministry. At that point I saw a big difference between attending church and actually knowing that the life and the death of Christ bring salvation and consequently, holy living. God was so gracious to me in providing me with Christian pastors and theologians as my mentors. As an avid reader, I started to study systematic theology, learning first about Christ, who He is, His titles and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Having been engaged in what I later called evangelism, I became aware of the necessity being laid on my heart to share the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever I went and at every opportunity. In early 1997 it became clearer to me that I was going to spend the rest of my life in gospel ministry. Migrating to Australia was when I commenced my theological training.

The most important thing I have gained from my theological studies is the ability to read the word of God in the original languages. Also, I have had the opportunity to develop an interest in many of the areas of study, such as theology, the books of the Old and New Testaments, church history, evangelism and mission. More importantly, I have learned to preach different biblical genres.

My ministry experiences have broadened in terms of the different tasks I have undertaken, such as preaching in nursing homes; applying pastoral skills in visiting church members with particular needs, be they in hospitals or their homes; and, particularly, visiting those at the end of their life on earth to bring them the scriptures and to pray for their comfort.

I have been a member of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Clayton, since 2002 and a member of the session since 2008, so the transition is likely to be smooth. However, the challenge for me is what difference I can bring in my new role since I have been already involved in the ministries of preaching and pastoral care.

Rebecca and I will be praying that the Lord opens fresh opportunities with people we have yet to meet or encounter. In addition, we will be trying to connect with our neighbours and communities around Clayton, as this suburb has become a melting pot of cultures and languages, and to trust in the Lord of the church to build his church.

Lam Gak exited as an assistant minister to St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Clayton.



Jesse + Bec Walz

BOTH MY WIFE BEC AND I GREW up in Geelong. I originally studied commerce at Deakin University's Geelong campus (2006-2009), after which I spent some time in administration in a building company, also in Geelong (2010-2011). I then undertook a ministry apprenticeship with the Christian Union at Geelong (2012-2013), followed by studies at the Presbyterian Theological College (2014-2017).

Bec began studying occupational therapy at Charles Sturt University in Albury, then came to Deakin in 2008 to finish her degree (which is when we met). However, she decided not to complete the degree in favour of doing a ministry apprenticeship with the Geelong Christian Union (2010-2011).

I'm blessed to have grown up knowing Christ as Lord. My story

of conversion includes changing from being Charismatic Baptist to Presbyterian, which occurred during my time at university; hearing clear Bible teaching which went sequentially through books of the Bible; and being discipled. As the Bible was taught clearly, I was able to see where various theological positions I had grown up with were in conflict. I am thankful that my Charismatic Baptist church instilled in me that the Bible is God's Word and is to be believed and trusted, so that when I was taught well at university I could accept it reasonably easily.

Ministry was always a possibility for me since high school. However, it wasn't until university that the desire burst into flame as I was taught the Reformed faith, and as I began to experience teaching, preaching and evangelism. Being discipled by, and under the ministry of Dave Martin at university was key for me in ministering the gospel. At the Presbyterian Theological College I gained a deeper understanding that I am weak, sinful and helpless, but that our God is glorious, using even unworthy sinners like me to proclaim His gospel which brings about new creation. There is always something else to explore in the Bible, always more to learn about people, always new weaknesses and sin to battle against; but God will always achieve His purposes.

Bec grew up with an Anglican mother and Catholic father, attending both an Anglican church and a Catholic school, which made her quite confused. She became a Christian in her late teens, primarily deciding to follow the teaching in her mother's Anglican church, because the people there actually lived what they proclaimed. She grew in her faith exponentially through the teachings at Campus Bible Study (in Albury) and Christian Union (in Geelong). As her knowledge of the Bible – and of the God who authored it – grew, so did her passion for serving Christ and telling others about Him.

Bec and I are really excited to be at Eaglehawk Presbyterian Church (near Bendigo). Initially, I intend to get to know the people, understand

the congregation, and try to make some contacts with other people in the community. In the first term I'll be preaching through John, chapters 1 to 3, in order to lift our vision to the glorious reality of who Jesus is. I will be praying for God to soften hearts in this place that so desperately needs the gospel.

Jesse Walz exited to Eaglehawk Presbyterian Church, near Bendigo.



Paul + Abigail Jang

I GREW UP IN DIFFERENT CITIES in South Korea as a minister's kid. I studied for a bachelor of law degree, then went to the Philippines for short-term missionary work for seven months. Afterwards, Abigail and I got married and we went to New Zealand to start a new journey of faith. I was involved in ministry for Maori people until I came to Australia. I have lived in Melbourne for the last seven years. Abigail grew up in Seoul, South Korea. She studied marketing at university, then worked at LG Australia. Even though I had grown up as a minister's kid, as a young man I enjoyed drinking, smoking and pursuing the pleasures of the world. But Jesus came to me and changed my heart. He led me to decide to follow the law of heaven rather than the law of this world. It wasn't an easy decision, as an international student, to study for the ministry in Australia. But God had already led me to Australia

to study for the ministry through various events in my life. From my studies at the Presbyterian Theological College, I learnt that the Bible is not an old book unrelated to the contemporary world, but is the living Word of God for us today. It helps me to think clearly and evangelically and to apply the gospel practically to our life. During my studies, I started a ministry to homeless people called Salt & Light Mission. It was the toughest ministry I have experienced in my life so far. But it helped me to embrace the truth that everyone needs the gospel, and we need to embrace and love undeserving people because of Jesus, who loved us first, even when we were still sinners. The gospel is real and we have the responsibility to preach the gospel to everyone. I feel happy to take up my appointment at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Melbourne this year. I never expected to be a senior pastor to a Korean migrant church in Australia. But I trust God, who has led me up to this point in my life. God has filled me with joy and hope. I plan to love the congregation as God loves me. I will sacrifice for them as Jesus did for me. I will pray for wisdom, and He will give me strength and guide me well.

The Presbyterian Church of Victoria started sending missionaries to South Korea 128 years ago. They sacrificed themselves to plant the seed of the gospel for that country, and God gave the growth. Now God has brought many Koreans to Australia, including myself, and He planted a Korean Presbyterian Church of Melbourne 30 years ago. We would like to preach the gospel not only to Koreans but also to everyone in Melbourne, be they homeless or rich, educated or not, Asian or white. We remember the Australian missionaries' sacrifices, and we in turn would like to sacrifice ourselves for gospel ministry for Australia. Please re-

member our church and pray for our future ministry journey.

Paul Jang exited to the Korean Presbyterian Church of Melbourne, in North Balwyn.



Luke + Joanna McSeveny

I GREW UP IN SYDNEY'S WESTERN suburbs, and studied mechatronic engineering at Sydney University, following which I moved to Geelong to work for Ford. Joanna grew up near Nhill in north-western Victoria, and studied agronomy. She went on to work in that field in Geelong, where we met. We have four children aged between one and six: Levi, Joshua, Daniel and Hannah.

I became a Christian at the age of 14 through devotional times with my parents. Later, at the Sydney University Evangelical Union, I was challenged to consider a life of full-time ministry. My time at Victoria's Presbyterian Theological College has been incredibly formative for my knowledge and appreciation of God. I've grown in my ability to preach and hope for much more growth. I wish to thank all those across our denomination who contributed to my formation over these past years. So many congregations are excited and pleased to support the candidates.

We're so excited to return to our home church where I've been an elder for some time. Because of my ongoing connection to Geelong West and the rebuilding project after the fire, the season calls for a swifter start than normal. A new building will be exciting, but what's more important is how we can most fruitfully use it for kingdom purposes.

Luke McSeveny exited to Geelong West Presbyterian Church.

BIG BUSINESS OR BIG GOVERNMENT – WHICH IS WORSE?

By Peirce Baehr

This is a question tailor-made to provoke a pitched battle between uni students on Societies Day. Stick the booth for Socialist Alternative next to Young Entrepreneurs, and the war is on.

“Big Business is evil. Take take take. Pollution, sweat shops, greed!”

“Been to North Korea? Big Business can’t run a police state.”

“That’s a dodge! There’s no accountability for Big Business.”

“Every trip to the shops is a vote.

When’d you last vote for government?”

Big business vs big government – which is the real danger?

Last month I wandered down to my local, vintage, organic, homespun, family-run secondhand bookshop. I knew exactly the book I needed to buy: A dusty two-volume work by a Mr Adam Smith, *Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*.

If by some oversight you know neither the book nor the man, put down your iPhone for a second and let me get you up to speed. Smith, a Scottish moral philosopher and lifelong bachelor, has been called the grandfather of economics. His five-part book is the classic in the field – and almost the most important thing published in 1776.

I picked up Book I of Smith’s magnum opus to review his answer to our big question. My wife will tell you I’m a huge advocate for reading original sources. Most of us cheat, however. Instead of reading originals we “educate” ourselves from commentaries and textbooks. Or, if we’re honest, we form our opinions of the great books from sampling a quote here or a (Fellow Workers) article there.

But, in doing so, we lose out on how rewarding and applicable these classics can be. For a Christian seeking to understand and speak into God’s world, this is a huge mistake.

That’s not to say Smith’s classic is plain sailing. If you take up and read *The Wealth of Nations*, you’ll find him very much a man of his time in his tendency to write over-detailed prose. Do we really need

quite so many pages of historical price comparisons (in pounds, shillings and pence) to see Smith’s point? I doubt it.

But, there’s far more to benefit the reader.

Chapter I, on the division of labour, is pure gold, including a brilliant passage on how even a simple woollen coat employs a workforce of hundreds. A discussion in chapter 8 on abortion in China is still eerily relevant. Chapter 10 has everything: Advice on where to set up your next Airbnb (London), rantings against TAFE apprenticeships, grumbles about the flood of rubbish issuing from new media, and an explanation of skilled flight to the suburbs (he even uses the word “suburb”). It also includes a very pertinent discussion on the free flow of migrants through open borders. Not giving people freedom to migrate, Smith argues passionately, “is an evident violation of natural liberty and justice”.

In this way, Smith may surprise you. The father of free-market thinking doesn’t play politics the way we might. For example, a prominent theme of his in Book I is that both big business and big government can spell danger. He frequently rails against corporations and governments for limiting or interfering with the free market.

And his worst enemy is the love-child of the two – crony capitalism, when big business and big government sidle up to each other to create monopoly and squash the little guy. Smith ends Book I on this very note:

“The proposal of any new law or regulation of commerce which comes from this order [‘those who live by profit’], ought always to be listened to with great precaution, and ought never to be adopted till after having been long and carefully examined, not only with the most scrupulous, but with the most suspicious attention. It comes from an order of men, whose interest is never exactly the same with that of the public, who have generally an interest to deceive and even to oppress the public, and who accordingly have, on many occasions, both deceived and oppressed it.”

Smith, on Societies Day, would have had a word with both the Socialist Alternative and the Young Entrepreneurs. For the Grandfather of Economics, the wealth and well-being of a nation depend on liberty: on a truly free flow of goods (“stock”) and people (“labour”), with minimal intervention. In so far as government and corporations tend to work against this liberty, they are both oppressors.

As Christians, this should not surprise us. The heart of man is desperately wicked. We need freedom in order to flourish. But Smith is right that our liberty cannot come from those in power, either in business or government. Greed and oppression are the natural fruit of our wicked hearts.

Yet Smith, by some accounts a Deist, misses in Book I the true source of our liberty. To be free from slavery, both to each other and to our own wicked hearts — free to trade, free to act, free to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it — we must be slaves to God. An individual, a family, a community, a nation only has true freedom when constrained under God.

Which is where the greater work published 1776 goes one better than Adam Smith. It fills in the

keystone he missed, which we must remember if we wish to build a healthy society:

“All men are created equal... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Mr Smith, the secret to liberty and the well-being of nations is submission under God.

Peirce Baehr lives in Huonville, Tasmania, and is the founder of Pilgrim Hill, an evangelistic ministry to travellers and fruit-pickers in the Huon Valley.

BOOK REVIEW

WHEN OUR PATIENCE AND FAITH ARE TESTED

Seasons of Waiting: Walking by Faith When Dreams Are Delayed

By Betsy Childs Howard

*(Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2016). Paperback: 128 pages.
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Reviewed by Lucy Owen

What does your heart long for? This is how Betsy Childs Howard begins her book, which explores the desires of the human heart, and gives us practical ways to live this side of glory, whether our longings are fulfilled or not.

Howard probes deep into the human condition of discontentment, and our constant desire for what is out of reach. Whether we yearn for a husband, a child, healing or a home, Howard gives helpful ways to view our period of waiting as a parable of God's story.

Every story in human history is about Jesus, whether we see it or not. Many accounts in the Old Testament may seem disconnected from the life of Jesus. However, the more we delve into the scriptures, the more clearly we see how every story points to the Messiah. Howard draws helpful parallels between these stories of waiting with our own experiences, which, while often discouraging, can be reframed as parables which tell of God's goodness.

While this book gives specific and helpful advice to many common seasons of waiting in women's lives, it is designed to be read as a whole. The open-

ing chapters and conclusion provide a sound framework for waiting, giving a much needed perspective which reminds us that, whether we wait for a year or a lifetime, all seasons will come to their end at the return of Christ.

Howard writes with a solid grounding in theological truths. However, the book does not compromise on readability thanks to the inclusion of many personal stories and experiences. The first footnote clarifies that all stories mentioned are of women whom Howard knows personally, giving great comfort and credibility.

Many of our desires are good, something which Howard is careful not to undermine. She writes with great compassion toward those who deeply desire these good things, yet who struggle to understand why God is making them wait. She thoroughly convinces us of God's goodness no matter what our personal circumstances, and challenges us to be an example of faith to others in our suffering.

I would highly recommend this book to any man or woman seeking comfort or clarity in their own season of waiting, or anyone who wants to learn how to encourage those in their lives with unfulfilled desires of the heart.

While we may wait for different things in this life — some of us for a time and some until the end — Howard always points us back to Jesus. When He returns, all our deepest hopes and desires will be met in Him.

Lucy Owen is the administration officer at the Presbyterian Theological College, Melbourne.



ON TRACK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN INLAND MISSION

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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS IN
AUSTRALIA'S HARD-TO-GET-TO PLACES.

LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY JESUS' LOVE — THANKS TO FRIENDS LIKE YOU

Dave* lives in the old and remote goldmining town of Mt Magnet, WA, where many people struggle with substance abuse, community dysfunction, and physical and mental health challenges.

There must be more to life, Dave thought – so he started looking for answers to his deep questions about life and the Bible.

He asked the local Freemasons, but they couldn't answer his questions – however, by God's grace, they pointed him next door to see Surendra Wesley at Mt Magnet Presbyterian Church.

For more than a year now, Dave and Surendra have been sitting down together to read God's Word every Wednesday morning. During this time, Dave's life has begun to change. In fact, the changes in his behaviour have been so noticeable that people in the community have started to ask: *What's happened to him?*



The Sunday School program in Mt Magnet is ready for expansion.

As an Aboriginal man, Dave has been involved in many government programs to help him. But he'll tell you the thing that's truly made a difference to him is the Gospel of Jesus. Dave has many life challenges, but as Surendra has lovingly, diligently and clearly read the

Word with him, Dave has grasped the Good News and his life is being transformed.

In Mt Magnet, and other places where Presbyterian Inland Mission works, people like Dave face many difficulties. Only the Gospel can bring real and lasting ...

... change.

The opportunity to share the Gospel as Surendra has with Dave, is a great example of the model of evangelism that focuses on *building relationships*.

That's why, with your help, PIM is seeking to expand the Sunday School program in Mt

Magnet – to build relationships with local children and help them come to know Jesus while they're still young.

It's the changes in people like Dave that shows why this spiritual rescue mission is so important. It's why we drive all the miles and live and work in isolated places.

Together, by expanding the Sunday School program in Mt Magnet and driving miles to reach people like Dave, we'll see the love of Jesus change more lives forever.

"Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full." Luke 14:23 (NIV)

**Name changed for privacy reasons.*

YOU'RE HELPING TO BUILD LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS – and that's our new focus for more effective evangelism!

The key to reaching more people for Christ through the mission work we do together is three-fold: *prayer plus the Bible*, plus *building deeper relationships*.

During an Evangelism Workshop at PIM's recent staff conference, we examined biblical strategies to reach people in remote areas for Christ. And as a result PIM has reshaped our priorities to focus on evangelism.

In an effort to be more intentional about evangelism, PIM Ministry Teams now cover less ground, but aim to build deeper relationships with the people God's called us to reach for Him.

Our Evangelism Workshop speaker, Rev. Bill Medley from Victoria, reminded us how vital prayer is for evangelism, and that a serious commitment to praying for those whom we are actively trying to reach for the Gospel is our key focus.

Bill also explained how to better use Scripture as our primary evangelism tool. Knowing



We're excited to be on this new journey with you – to see God move in even greater ways.

Scripture well, and committing a range of passages to memory, helps us to lovingly answer people's questions directly from God's Word.

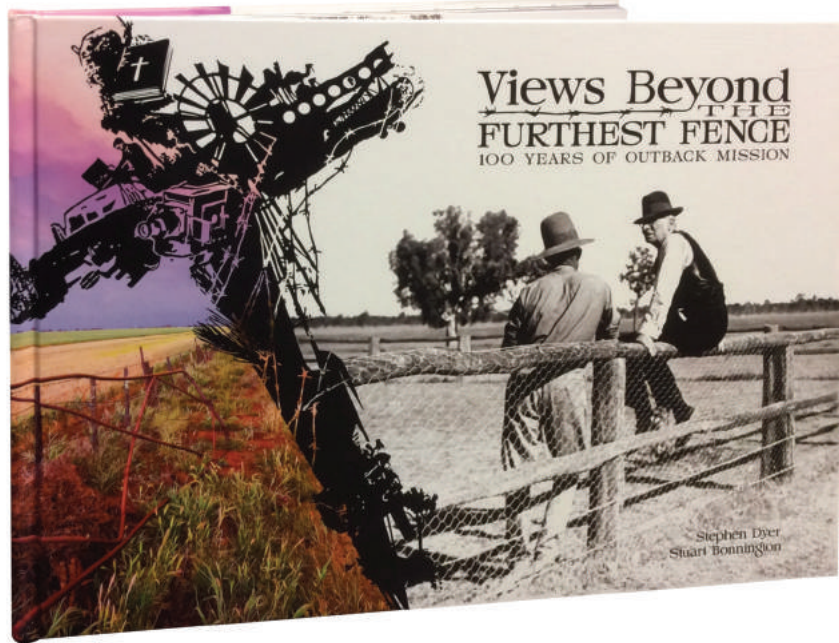
In addition, he gave useful tips on how to keep conversations going, turn a conversation towards the Gospel, and answer common objections from Scripture.

The Team also spent time learning how to help people grow as disciples of Jesus through studying His Word.

We're excited to be on this new journey with you – to see God move in even greater ways as we pray and work together to build these deeper, life-changing relationships!

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You'll enjoy the beautiful photos and inspiring stories in this coffee-table book that celebrates 100 years of outback ministry by the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

You'll discover more about John Flynn (pictured here as

a young man) who's featured on the \$20 note.

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FROM ANDREW TO YOU

Dear Friend,

It's time to change gears on this journey to reach the most isolated and often most forgotten Australians for Jesus!

Many people like Dave on page 1 are living in remote places where social problems, substance abuse and disadvantage are rampant.

Without your help, their opportunity to hear the Gospel, to fellowship with other Christians, to be discipled, and to access good Christian resources is very limited, and in some places virtually non-existent.

So, together we need to kick our mission into high gear... because you and I know that

only Jesus transforms people's lives for the long haul.

That's why, with your help, we're refocusing on evangelism, as you'll see on page 2.

As we look to the future together, I'd like to thank and farewell our Office Manager, Mike Timmins who, after many years of faithful service with PIM, is moving back to New Zealand with his wife, Heather. We know God will continue to use them.

Most of all, I'd like to thank you for your support. You make it possible to reach people like Dave, the Sunday School children in Mt Magnet, and many others for Christ.

I'm looking forward to what

God will do on this next stage of our journey together!

Grateful for you,



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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.

Could Your \$10 Change a Life?

In 2013 civil war broke out in South Sudan between the two major tribes — the Dinka and the Nuer. It is estimated that this has led to 300,000 deaths.

Many South Sudanese fled to surrounding countries with little more than the clothes they were wearing. In the neighbouring country of Ethiopia, the refugee camps house approximately 385,000 people. About 100,000 of them belong to our sister church, the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan.

What do our brothers and sisters ask for? Bibles in their mother tongue — the Nuer language. In 2017 APWM sent 3,000 Nuer Bibles but what are these among so many? APWM would like to purchase 33,000 Nuer Bibles plus 'Talking Bibles' for those who are blind and illiterate — as well as some audio recordings of Scripture for soldiers in the conflict.

Late last year I visited these refugee camps. As I heard the request for Bibles I thought, "If one Bible could change a life, imagine what 33,000 can do!"

It is estimated that each Bible will cost

\$10. If each member of our church gave \$10 then we could easily meet this need.

To watch or download a video on this project please go to APWM's Vimeo page:
vimeo.com/user16292236

Please consider assisting our brothers and sisters in these refugee camps.

Kevin Murray

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APWM National Office: New Postal Address

The APWM National Office has a new postal address: 1 Clarence Street, Burwood NSW 2134. The old address still works, the new one is more convenient.



THREE OF THE 70 PASTORS SERVING THE 90 CONGREGATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SOUTH SUDAN IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

“ 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

Christ College in Sydney recently welcomed two APWM visitors.

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER KOUHA

Pastor Christopher Kouha, the Vice Principal of the Talua Theological Training Institute, Vanuatu, was in Sydney attending a week of intensive lectures on systematic theology delivered by John McClean, Vice Principal of Christ College. We are very grateful for Christ College's partnership in assisting the development of the Talua staff.



TWO VICE PRINCIPALS: PASTOR CHRISTOPHER KOUHA, VICE PRINCIPAL OF TALUA AND THE REV DR JOHN MCCLEAN, VICE PRINCIPAL OF CHRIST COLLEGE.

MOTOR YAT

Motor recently spoke at the Christ College Global Missions Week. The week sought to raise the students' awareness of the opportunities and challenges faced by churches around the world. Motor serves the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan in the refugee camps in Ethiopia where he is seeing a great hunger for the Word of God. Motor is in Australia until late October and will be engaging in deputation and taking long service leave.



MOTOR YAT AT CHRIST COLLEGE

REACHING THE SAMBURU

APWM Associate Missionary, Mick Alley, serves among the Samburu people in Northern Kenya. Mick's main ministry takes place at the Ministry Training School where a small number receive full time training together with Bible studies and regular seminars for up to 100 people.

At the moment all this takes place outdoors where there are no facilities to protect people from rain or dust storms which can put a halt to a day's teaching program.

APWM (NSW) would like to be able to assist Mick with more permanent buildings and also help the development of the ministry.

How to Help

Direct Deposit to:
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Donations are not tax deductible.

Please mention Samburu Ministry and your own name as reference.

Cheques made payable to Presbyterian Church Funds Account No.1.

Post to PO
Box 2196 Strawberry Hills NSW 1212.

Please attach a note to indicate that it is for the APWM-Samburu Ministry.



MICK ALLEY WITH A STUDENT

WORKPARTNERS 2018

For many years, APWM has sent Workparties to serve at the Talua Bible College in Vanuatu. We plan to send another team from Saturday 17th November to Sunday 2nd December, 2018. Please note that the visit will occur between these dates and that at the time of going to print the precise travel dates have not yet been finalised. If you are interested in joining the 2018 team then please contact Sheryl Sarkoezy in the APWM National Office (02) 8073 7492 or national@apwm.org.au

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

Matthew & Kate Vinicombe (Bundoora, Vic, CMS, Australia) have recently been accepted as Partner Agency missionaries with the Church Missionary Society. They will be serving with a local church on Groote Island in the Northern Territory.



MATTHEW & KATE VINICOMBE

Heather Barr (Cowra, NSW, APWM Associate) For some time Heather has been attempting to serve in Africa but the way has not been open for her to serve. Both APWM and Heather have concluded that such service is not possible and so her service with APWM has ended. We thank Heather for her patience during this difficult time.

MISSIONARIES RAISING SUPPORT

Adi & Jennifer Grocott (Burwood, NSW, ECM, preparing to serve in Romania)

Ruth Davies (Mount Stuart Church, Tasmania, SIM, preparing to serve in Thailand)

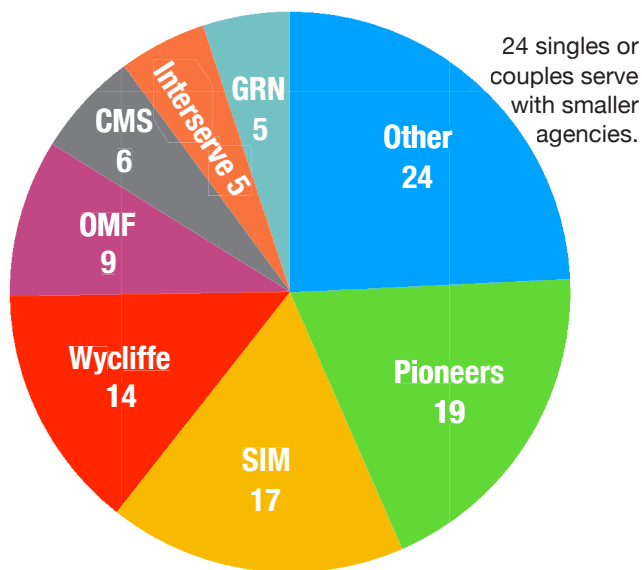
C & N (St John's, Bendigo, Victoria, Interserve, preparing to serve in South East Asia)

Please contact the APWM office for details.

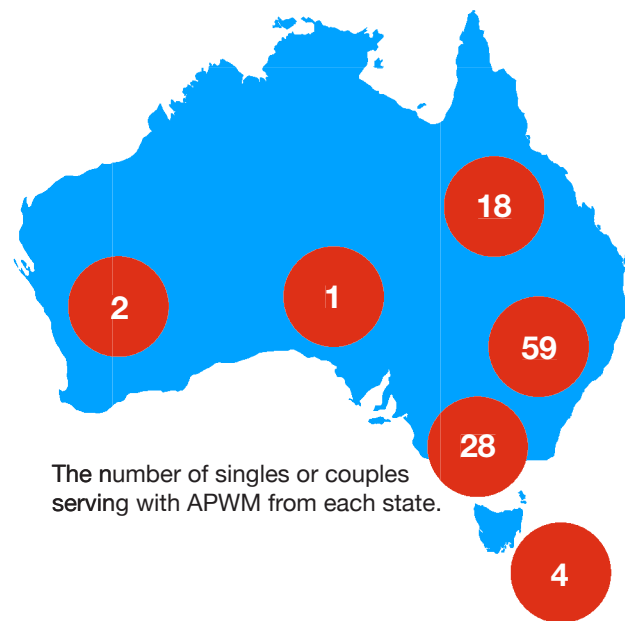


TWO WORKPARTNERS TEAM MEMBERS

APWM at a Glance



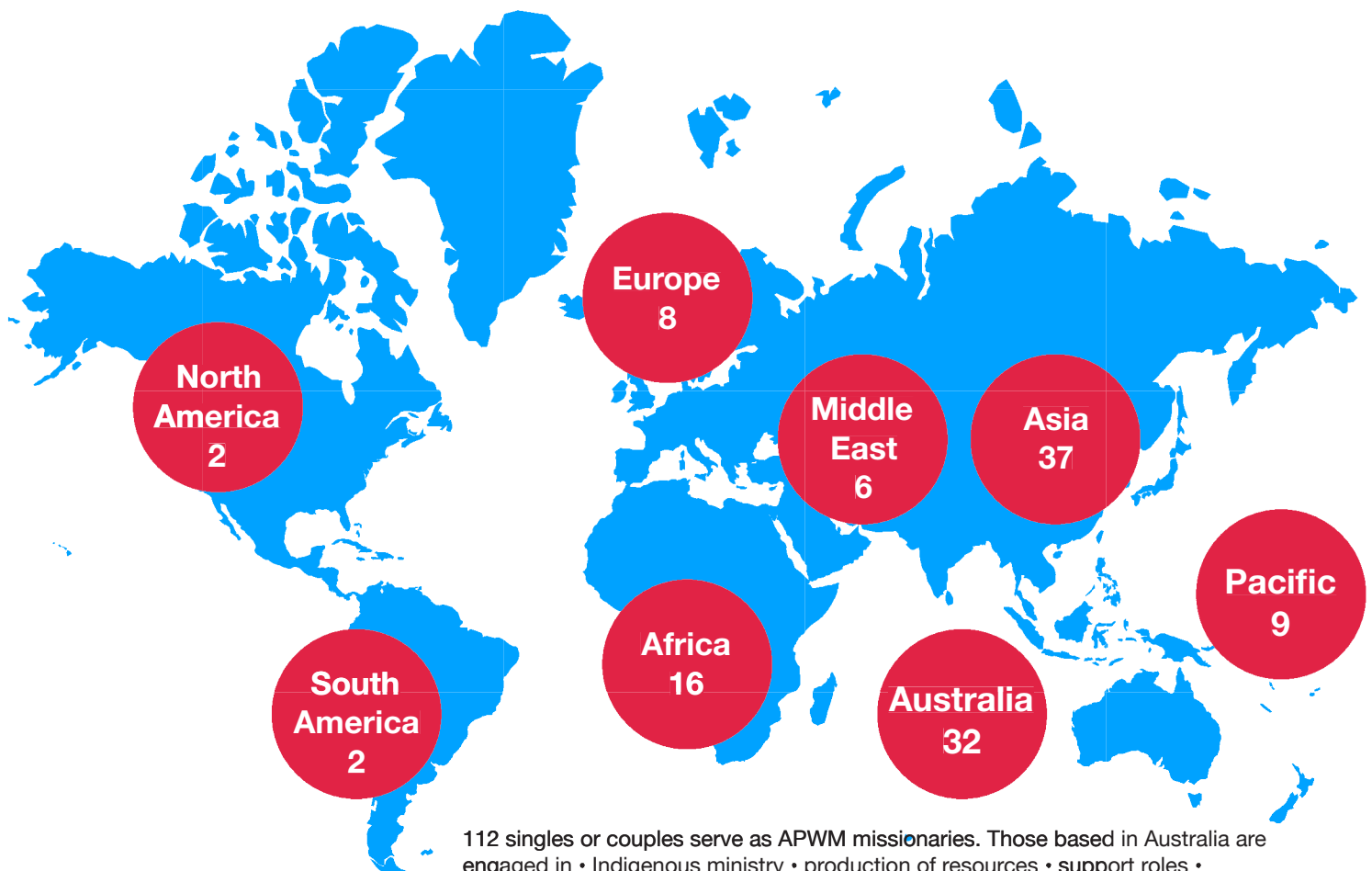
The number of singles or couples serving with a partner agency.



The number of singles or couples serving with APWM from each state.

7 Partner Church Missionaries serving with some of our Partner Churches in • Ethiopia • India • Japan • Malawi • Myanmar • South Sudan • Timor Leste • Vanuatu.

6 Associate Missionaries serving in other countries.



112 singles or couples serve as APWM missionaries. Those based in Australia are engaged in • Indigenous ministry • production of resources • support roles • mission leadership • commuting overseas from Australia • refugee ministry

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Please indicate how regular your payment will be:

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Lauren Crase: Returning to Australia

Lauren Crase will finish serving with APWM in late December 2108. Lauren writes

"As of the 14th May, I have officially been in Timor Leste for two years, and thus the official end of my appointed time in Timor Leste.

After much prayer, discussions with my church and APWM, a decision has been reached that I will be not renewing for a second term in Timor Leste. However, given the crucial point at which my work with Maluk Timor and the nursing & midwifery program is at, I will be extending this current term until December this year. During these additional 6 months, I will be working full time with Maluk Timor in supporting the nursing & midwifery team to successfully implement the various training modules, and train up a successor before I leave.

The schedule unfortunately will not lend time to continue the pastoral care work I have been doing with Mana Julite; however, I plan to continue to support Mana Sandra and Febia with the Sunday School. This decision was a very difficult one, and one not made rashly.

Whilst there was no one large defining reason to not continue onto a second term, there are multiple smaller reasons, the largest of these being maintaining my Australian nursing registration, family back home and my health.

I want to say a huge thank you to all those you have stood beside me in prayer on this issue; and for you all in general for your prayers, support, encouraging emails and coffee/dinner catch-ups, generous donations, gifts and for following me on this journey."



A CLINIC WITH LAUREN IN THE BACKGROUND

How far would you go for internet access in PNG?

Robyn Davies serves with Wycliffe in Papua New Guinea. She writes "How do we get emails and connect to the internet here at the New Ireland Translation Institute (NITI) at the moment? We all jump in the NITI vehicle and drive either 7 km down the road to where there is coverage, or drive the other direction to Namatanai, the closest town. We try to do this a few times a week, but if there's a need we can make a special run."



ROBYN DAVIES AND A COLLEAGUE DOING WHAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED.

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