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# The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship  
(in the Methodist Tradition)

## Missed Steps ?

It is possible that you may have noticed a distinct lack of “The Next Step” issues this year up until now. It is true – “The Next Step” has been conspicuous by its absence, but that doesn’t mean our fellowship has ceased stepping forward. In fact quite a bit has been happening and at last “The Next Step” is catching up.

## Website

THIS is the Welcome page for the website we have developed.

The site is complete and all that remains is to have it hosted somewhere so internet users anywhere can access it.

Hosting arrangements are currently being investigated, so soon we hope to tell you all our web address so you can find out what is going on in our fellowship just by checking on your computer.

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## Women's Group – Visit to “Flinders Island Fleece” Products

A very enjoyable outing was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March when a group of us travelled to Theodore to see the display of wools and products from Flinders Island Fleece.

We were all amazed at the quality, colours and variety of the wools and knitted garments and several of us bought woollen jumpers or jackets which you will see displayed in the coming winter!

Lesley Cummins, the owner of the business was very friendly and welcoming and gave us a delicious morning tea.

It was a very successful outing and we all decided to have social outings on a regular basis.

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Details of future activities can be obtained from Ruth Bradbury.



**Left to Right:** Dummy model, Ruth, Marie, June, Shirley, ?, Maurine and Valda with some of the woollen products.

## Music Licence

As reported last year, the Canberra Christian Fellowship has obtained a licence to allow us to legally use Christian music not found in our Hymn Books. To comply with the licence we must periodically report on what music we have used.

It is a small job but one that must be done. We would welcome a volunteer to take on this task so that it doesn't fall to someone who is already busy with other fellowship duties.

## FIJIAN 5TH ANNIVERSARY

We were invited to the 5th anniversary of the Canberra Fijian Methodist Church on the evening of Saturday 24th February and eleven of us were able to attend this special celebration. The evening was held in Reid Uniting Hall and began with a short church service followed by a concert with Fijian singing and traditional dances which were greatly enjoyed by us all. This was followed by a wonderful feast, all cooked Fijian style. It was a very happy and friendly evening and we felt privileged to be able to share this special time with our Fijian friends.

RB



## KOREAN CHURCH FAREWELL AND INDUCTION

At the invitation from the Korean Church about 12 of us attended a special service of farewell to Rev. Cheonil Lim and his wife Mrs Aerin Lim and an induction service for Rev. Kevin Kim and Mrs Kay Kim on Saturday 10th March 2007. The service was held at 11am in Reid Uniting Church and was attended by representatives from other Korean Churches in both Canberra and Sydney. During the service a musical item was rendered by Mrs Aerin Lim accompanied on the violin by Mrs Kay Kim. Following the service we were all given a souvenir of a digital clock and invited to join with our Korean friends for a special Korean meal held in the church hall. We appreciated being invited to join with the Korean congregation for this very special occasion. RB



Howard and Ruth Bradbury with Aerin and Cheonil Lim after the farewell service at Reid. Kevin Kim who was inducted at the same service is pictured on page 6.

A priest is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very short and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the priest moves closer to the boy's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiles benevolently and asks,

'And now what, my little man?'

To which the boy replies, 'Now we run!'

From *A Box of Delights*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books, p 80.

## EASTER SERVICES

Our Good Friday Service was held at 9.30am with almost 40 people present. The Pastor, Li Fang, and some members of the Chinese Methodist Church joined us in the service and shared a morning tea of hot cross buns with us after the service. Rev. Ray Hughes conducted the service which centred on a series of readings focussing on the betrayal of Jesus by Judas and Peter's denial of his Master.



**A Good Friday lunch shared by some of our fellowship and some of the Chinese Methodist people.**

Easter Sunday Service was held at the usual time of 5pm and again we had almost 40 people present. We were joined by some members of the Fijian Methodist Church and a group of their men sang for us and some took part in our service. Rev. Ray Hughes again led the service which was a time of celebration of the resurrection followed by a communion service. Our Fijian friends joined us for refreshments after the service.

RB

The conductor Sir Thomas Beecham was attending a prestigious reception, and was in conversation with someone he recognised but whose name he could not recall. He began the conversation, desperate to find a clue to the person's identity.

"So are you well?"

"Yes, thank you."

"And the family?"

"Yes, they are fine."

"And your husband, is he well?"

"Yes, very well, thank you."

"And is he still in the same line of business?"

"Yes, he's still king."

From *A Bundle of Laughs*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books, p 130.



## Visit to Brindabella Christian College of the Children's Choir from Sekolah Pelita Harapan (Indonesian)



On 4<sup>th</sup> April we were invited to attend a performance of the choir from Sekolah Pelita Harapan at Brindabella Christian College in Lyneham. Sekolah Pelita Harapan is a Christian School situated about 30 kilometres from Jakarta, Indonesia, and Jillian Purdey, the granddaughter of Ruth and Howard, has been a teacher of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade primary students there for almost two years.



Just over 40 children from grade 3 upwards were in the choir or playing traditional instruments which included very large xylophone type of instruments and bamboo chimes. We greatly enjoyed the singing by the children and the demonstration of their instruments including some of the Brindabella children being shown how to play on the bamboo rods by vibration!

Following the performance we were all invited to join with the Indonesian children and teachers for lunch. It was an interesting and enjoyable time for us all and we were invited to return to Brindabella school at some later date and be taken on a tour of the school. Our thanks to Brindabella College for their invitation and making us so welcome.

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## News from Dominica, Vince and Antoinette in the UK

Several emails have been received from the Lorimers telling us of their travels and some extracts are listed here:

*When the plane touched down in Aberdeen we had to then think about how we would travel up north. We checked out the flights to Orkney – however they were just too expensive, so we opted for the 'scenic' option by first getting a bus to Inverness, then another bus the following day to the top of Scotland. It was so cold that it was snowing quite heavily, which of course thrilled Antoinette no end. We then hoped to bus it to Scrabster and catch the ferry to Orkney – but the conditions were too harsh, so we were forced to spend a night in Thurso, before getting a ferry to Orkney.*

*On Easter Monday we will be heading south. ... We start by boarding a ferry from Kirkwall (Orkney) at 11.30pm on Monday evening – docking in Aberdeen at 7am, from there we pick up a car and drive to the Roman Army Museum near Greenhead (England). We will then visit a Roman fort at Houseteads, before driving on to Hexham ... then will drive from Hexham to York before heading on to Oxford. We should be staying at a B&B only 5 minutes walk from the colleges (although Vince has said that in fact it will be a 15 minute walk to Pembroke College). There we will be staying for 4 nights – each day going off to see different sites. ... When we finally leave Oxford (on the Saturday morning) we will drive to Keswick Lake District ... then head from Keswick to Oban, where we shall cross over to Mull, and then on to Iona. ... Wednesday morning, work our way back to Oban (which takes a while), then we will head over to Inveraray. It is here that Vince has instructed me not to mention if we support the Campbells or McDonalds! On the Thursday we will be staying at a farm near Loch Ness (as a bit of a surprise for Antoinette – although she doesn't know about it yet). Then eventually we will drive up to Thurso (yes – another long drive) and stay there on the Friday night, before boarding a ferry to take us back to Orkney on the Saturday. ...*

*We wish everyone at Campbell a wonderful Easter and we shall be in touch soon.*

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## Love Your Aliens

### 25 March 2007 – Rev. Kevin Kim



Rev. Kevin Kim of the Canberra Korean Uniting Church spoke and the Korean Choir sang during the service. Rev. Kim spoke on "Love Your Aliens", reminding us of the opportunities for mission among the many people from overseas in our own community. He also sang a solo "How Great Thou Art".

We were happy to have our Korean friends again joining with us and sharing a meal with us after the service. RB



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## Cassava / Cyanide

We were pleased to learn Howard Bradbury had been recognised, for his work in measuring the concentration of cyanide in the staple food cassava, with the bestowing of Membership of the Order of Australia.

In order to support him in this important work, our fellowship was pleased to make a contribution towards the care of those who had developed Konzo (an irreversible paralysis of the legs that results from eating cassava with too much cyanide). ID

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## Bible Society Report

The Bible Society afternoon held at Hughes Baptist Church was a very informative afternoon. The presentation by the Bible Society CEO, Daniel Willis, showed us in detail where the work throughout the world is being carried out. The main work from Australia is to our nearest neighbours such as the Philippines etc.. Probably the most exciting work at the moment is being done in Cambodia with the new ZVOX solar powered audio players for rural communities where literacy rates are low. The ZVOX is a device with 500 hours of practical health and hygiene advice as well as the Bible and Bible lessons stored on it. In doing this it provides physical and spiritual aid to victims of war, poverty, natural disasters and disease. When new translations of the Bible come through in countries such as Cambodia with the same problems, the Bible Society, working with other organisations, will be able to use this method so very successfully. The ZVOX can be given to 1 or 2 village leaders who can reach many others with this 'vocal' machine – whereas with traditional Bibles being so few for so many it is so difficult for all to have access. Many times the Bible Society would witness 2 Elders walking miles just to copy 1 page from the Bible to take back to their villages.



It is wonderful work the Bible Society is doing – indeed as our Lord instructed – taking God's Word to every corner of the world. MA



God has truly blessed our fellowship with the quality of preaching and teaching brought to us by the many people who have filled our pulpit. I have felt this particularly this year as week after week God's Word has been presented to us so clearly. I am sorry that I cannot print summaries of all those sermons here because they all deserve a second round of attention.

Our thanks goes to:

Dr. H. Bradbury – **Praising and Thanking God** – 7 January

Mr. Vince Lorimer – **Sanctity of Human Life** – 14 January

Mrs. Joyce Hall – **Lead Us Heavenly Father, Lead Us** – 21 January

Rev. Ron Peters – **Spiritual Discernment** – 28 January

Dr. H. Bradbury – ? – 4 February

Rev. Ray Hughes - ? – 11 February

Rev. Ross Kingham – **Your Chosen People** – 18 February

Rev. Peter Nelson – **The Wholoe Gospel for the Whole Person for the Whole World** – 25 February

Mr. Bob Edwards – **No Ordinary Man** – 4 March

Rev. Ray Hughes - ? – 11 March

Dr. E. Dennis – **The Means of Grace** – 18 March

Rev. Kevin Kim - **Love Your Aliens** – 25 March

Rev. Warwick Brain - **The Coming Kingdom** – Palm Sunday 1 April

Rev Ray Hughes - ? – Good Friday 6 April

Rev Ray Hughes - ? – Easter Day 8 April

Rev. Paul Dudley - **A New Day, New Tasks** – 15 April



**The Edwards family enjoying icecreams after the service at which Bob preached**

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## A New Day, New Tasks

### 15 April 2007 – Rev. Paul Dudley – John 20: 1-16

There are times when we have a bad day. Sometimes things aren't right. After God created the world he saw that it was very good, but then in Genesis chapter 3 we read about the brokenness of man. In Romans chapter 8 Paul talks about the world groaning for a new day.

We think about the disciples at Easter. Great darkness came over them as Jesus died on the cross. Would tomorrow be any better?

On the first day of the week while it was still dark Mary arrived at the tomb and found that it was open. She ran and told the disciples. Peter and John ran to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was not there. They went away but Mary stayed and saw two angels inside the tomb. She spoke to someone who she thought was the gardener, but it was Jesus.

Jesus is alive! God's kingdom is breaking in. A new day!

1. It is all about life. Lazarus coming back to life pointed to the ultimate sign of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus has started the kingdom.
2. The new day is about the Spirit. God will pour out His Spirit. John 20: 22 looks forward to Pentecost.
3. Restoration of the temple. In John 2: 13 we read of Jesus cleansing the temple. Jesus said that He would build the temple again in three days. They thought that it referred to the temple in Jerusalem which took 46 years to build, but Jesus was referring to the temple of His body.

Jesus, the true God and the true man is the true temple. We are the new temple, God and us meeting together.

Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared to his disciples and he said that he would not believe. But Jesus appeared to them again with Thomas present and he believed and said "My Lord and my God." Are you a believer or a non-believer? We need to be believers. May we go out to tell others the good news. HB

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## Coming Up

### Bible Study

**Tuesdays at 2-00 pm** at the chapel, 17 Chauvel St., Campbell

All welcome - contact Joyce Hall (6241 2085) for more information

### Discussion Group

**Fridays at 2-15 pm** at the chapel, 17 Chauvel St., Campbell

All welcome - contact Ted Dennis (62593487) for more information

### Services

Sunday **22nd April** at 5pm - **Rev. Perry Smith**

Sunday **29th April** at 5pm - **Rev. Mark Warren**

Sunday **6th May** at 5pm - **Mr. Laurie Hockridge** + information on Operation Christmas Child

Sunday **13th May** at 5pm - **Rev. Ray Hughes**

Sunday **20th May** at 5pm - **Rev. Abraham Tang**

Sunday **27th May** at 5pm - **Rev. David McDonald**

Sunday **3rd June** at 5pm – **to be arranged**

Sunday **10th June** at 5pm - **Rev. Ray Hughes**

Sunday **17th June** at 5pm – **Zane Edwards** (from the Bible Society)

Sunday **24th June** at 5pm - **Rev. Ron Peters**

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