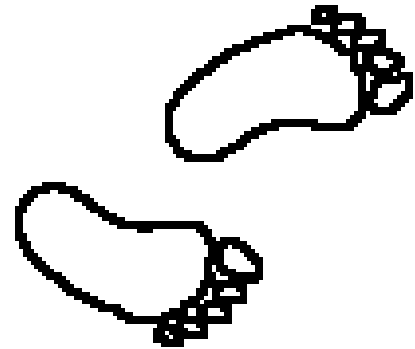


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The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

Lots of Steps

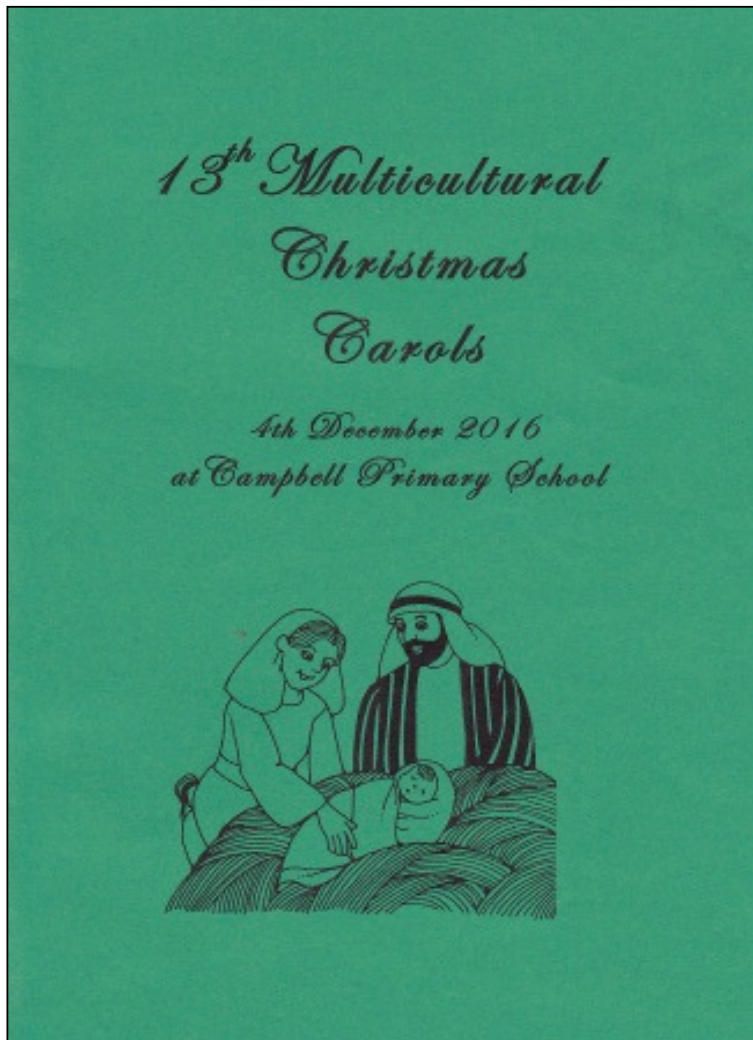
You may have noticed a lack of new issues of *The Next Step* over the last few months.

Perhaps you thought that not much has been happening so there was not much to report on.

While we continue to take that next step forward in faith, there have actually been quite a few steps we have taken since the last issue of *The Next Step*. In the next few pages I will try to bring you up to date on many of them.

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13th Multicultural Carols



This year a number of choirs that have joined us in previous years were unable to attend.

As a result overall numbers were down, however we still enjoyed coming together to remember Jesus' birth and to offer our praises to God.



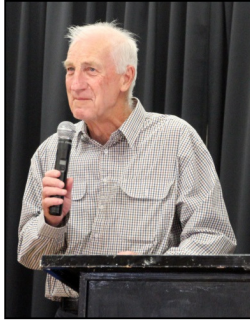
Welcome



"O come, all ye faithful"



Prayer
Rev. Peter Nelson



Greetings from the Aboriginal Church
Mr. Barry Ingram



Combined Chinese Methodist and Aboriginal Church choir



"Away in a manger" with the children





**Bible Reading
Rev. Janne Pekkarinen
Finnish Lutheran Church**

"The first nowell"



Indonesian Christian Fellowship choir



"Silent night, holy night"





Message: Rev. Abraham Tang



Reid Korean
Uniting Church
choir



"Hark! the herald angels sing"



Christmas blessing
Rev. Peter Nelson

Our musicians



Howard Bradbury was instrumental in the formation of our fellowship and very active in it's life and worship.
This is a modified version of a mini-biography originally printed in *The Next Step* no. 82

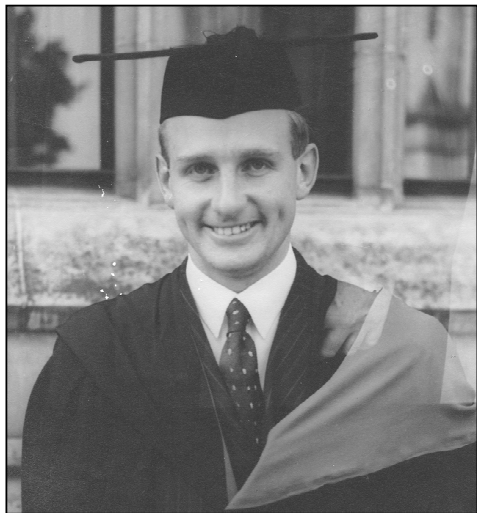
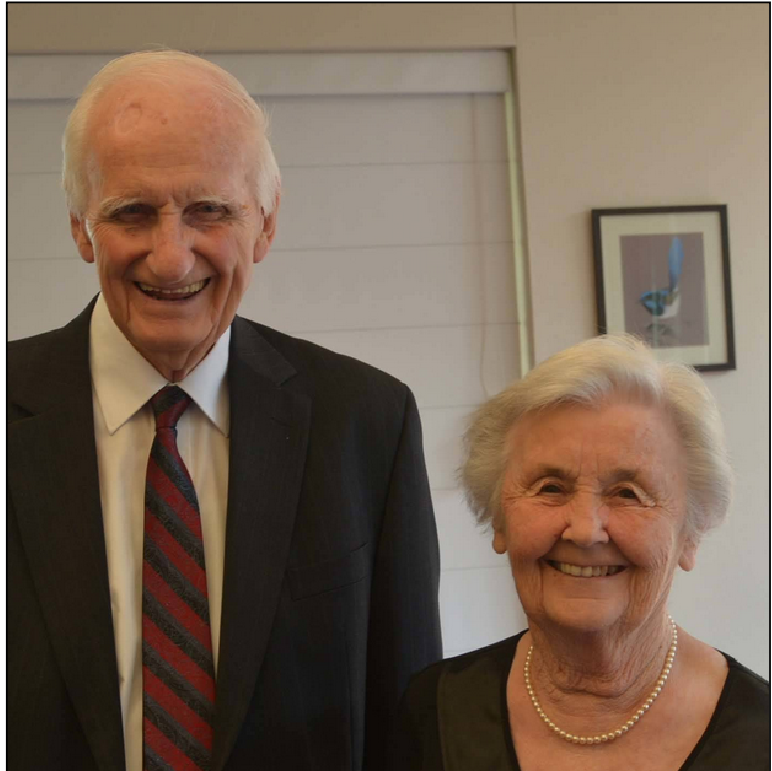
James HOWARD BRADBURY AM 7 September 1927 - 28 November 2016

At the time he was born, Howard's family lived at Kangaroo Flat, a small bush community just out of Bendigo.

Howard's father had been chief chemist at Mt. Lyell mines in Tasmania but had become a science teacher at Bendigo Junior Technical College. Later promotions meant the family moved home to Wangaratta and later Essendon as Howard grew up. On his mother's side Howard inherited some famous blood as, Admiral of the Fleet at Quebec, Sir Charles Saunders is an ancestor. Family stories also claim a relationship with Captain James Cook but the actual connection is unclear.

Howard's family were strong Methodists, his parents having met at Golden Square Methodist Church where his paternal grandfather was the minister.

The youngest of 3 boys and 1 girl, Howard tended to do things with his sister Ruth who was closest to his age. His interest in gardening began in those early days with a vege patch to look after and he enjoyed time in the bush and the wildflowers he found there



Schooling was a mixed bag. Camp Hill Primary was a long walk, bus and tram trip from home only to endure stern teachers and up to 60 tough kids in a class. Wangaratta State School was smaller and much more enjoyable. Howard did well with his studies and progressed through Essendon Tech., Melbourne Tech. (now RMIT University) (where he held a scholarship), and Melbourne University where he gained a Chemistry degree followed by a Masters degree having become interested in chemistry through his father's influence.

Away from study, Howard became closely involved in the life of North Essendon Methodist Church. Besides teaching Sunday School and the spiritual aspect, he played in the church cricket team (he claimed to have been hopeless but enjoyed it), played Aussie Rules football (a good mark, but poor kick) until he broke his wrist and also played a lot of tennis.

The CSIRO recognised the scientific talent Howard possessed and provided him with an overseas studentship to complete a PhD (with the requirement he work for CSIRO for at least 3 years on completion). Howard set off for Birmingham University in England by ship to take up the scholarship.

On board the ship Howard met a young nurse, Ruth, travelling to England for a working holiday. On reaching England they kept in touch. Howard enjoyed visits to London where he was

able to stay with relatives and see Ruth who was living in the nurses' home. After some time Howard popped the question and was thrilled when the answer came back "Yes".

Sandon Road Methodist Church, Birmingham, was the venue for a small wedding after a year of English life.

The couple stayed on in Birmingham for another year before boarding ship for a very rough crossing to Canada, then took a train to Cambridge in Boston, Massachusetts where Harvard University is located. A Post Doctoral Fellowship kept Howard employed there for a year researching protein structures.

A holiday driving across the USA enabled the couple to see much of the country then 3 months later they took the train to San Francisco from where they boarded ship for a 3 week voyage back to Australia.

Once back in Australia, Howard commenced work with CSIRO in Geelong looking into the structure of wool. Understanding why woollen garments shrink and how to prevent that happening was one outcome of his research.

A move to Canberra came in 1961 when Howard was appointed a Senior Lecturer at the Australian National University where he taught chemistry and continued with research.

A 15 month stint at Cornell University in the USA as a visiting Professor came in 1964.

Continuing his research, Howard became involved in the then new field of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy to proteins. A number of overseas trips resulted, including several to Oxford University, as Howard was given the opportunity to go and use the superior equipment available internationally. Howard also visited Oxford for longer periods, taking his family to live at Stonesfield just out of Oxford during his sabbaticals.

A visit to Bombay, India, was significant for Howard. There he saw real poverty and a lot of it. 'What could a chemist do for the poor?'. An answer became apparent as Howard began to analyse rice and increase understanding of its nutrient composition and value. Analysing root crops and determining their food value became Howard's work focus. As part of this work he began the Asia Pacific Food Analysis Network which he headed for 10 years.

In December 1988 Howard retired, but in his case all that meant was a move from the Chemistry department to Botany and no pay. The work continued.



One crop that caught his attention was cassava as it was a major food source but contained the poison cyanide. In 1992 he met a medical doctor who knew a lot about the problems associated with cassava consumption. It became apparent that a **simple** method of measuring the cyanide content of cassava flour was needed. Howard developed such a method. It was a step forward but a way to reduce cyanide levels was needed. Promoting safe cassava varieties would be a step in the right direction, however agriculturalists seemed intent on producing bigger yields rather than low cyanide levels. Howard in his investigations discovered a very simple way that people with few resources could process their flour and make it safe. Currently work is being undertaken to make the process widely known and adopted. Konzo, a permanent paralysis of the legs which can result from eating too much poorly processed cassava now need not be a worry for the African poor who depend almost solely on cassava for their food. Howard described his

discovery of the 'wetting method' as a gift from God.

Over the years Howard accumulated many awards for his achievements. They include a Fulbright Fellowship and the honour of being made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2006.

Family has been a top priority to Howard and Ruth and the closeness of the several generations of family bear testament to the love invested in each member. There are 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren (the most recent grand-child being born this year).

Both Howard and Ruth were interested in people and determined to make their home a welcoming one. Many students, particularly from overseas and others they have met, perhaps new to Canberra or church, have been invited home for a meal and friendly chat.

Howard through his university teaching also worked closely with and befriended many students who have gone on to senior, responsible, important and leadership jobs.

Every so often someone has come up to Howard or Ruth and mentioned a visit to their home 20 to 30 years ago. A quick check of old visitors books has unearthed memories of those visits.

Howard found relaxation in the garden and had all sorts of trees, shrubs and flowers plus crops of vegetables to show for his efforts. His work that has been mentioned previously could also be categorised as an interest or passion to which he devoted much personal time.

No summary of Howard's life would be complete without mention of his commitment to God and the Church.

Howard grew up in a family of active faith, as did Ruth, and he developed that family faith into his own personal faith.

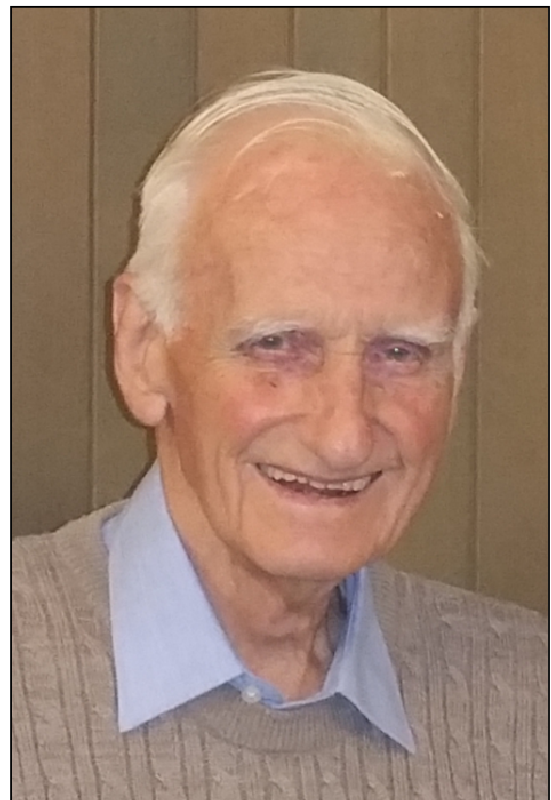
In Canberra Howard and Ruth worshipped for a time at O'Connor Methodist Church before moving to Reid Methodist (which later became Reid Uniting). On leaving Reid after 38 years they were instrumental in setting up the Canberra Christian Fellowship.

For 25 years at Reid they ran the Young Adult Group which they modelled on a Harvard Epworth group they had once been part of.

Howard was a lay preacher for around 70 years.

Howard was an accomplished scientist and a committed Christian who found a way to use his scientific skills for the benefit of humanity. His faith was not just academic but central to the way he lived his life.

He will be missed but his influence will live on in the lives of family, friends, colleagues and others whose lives he has touched, not to mention the many who will benefit from the konzo prevention work to which he has made such a significant contribution.



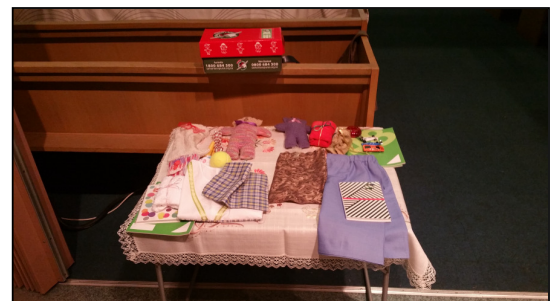
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Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes from our fellowship were dedicated on Sunday 25th September.



Norma is with some of the boxes as Joyce dedicates them.



The contents of a box were displayed after the service.

Greetings and information we have received

This is just some of the information received from these and other organisations.



Dear CBM Friends,
It is that beautiful time of year again when we rejoice in the birth of Jesus and give thanks for you, our wonderful supporters in 2016. You have helped provide healthcare, education, employment and social opportunities to over 7 million people with disabilities in the poorest countries. This is an amazing achievement, thank you! But we won't stop there! With your help, we will continue our mission to break the cycle of poverty and disability for many more people in 2017. I wish you and your family a Christmas and New Year filled with new hope, new joy and new beginnings.
With peace and thanks,

Jane Edge
Chief Executive Officer
CBM Australia

Dear Friends at Canberra Christian Fellowship

Greetings from David, Janenne and Rachel. Welcome to our November newsletter. This month is the first anniversary of our arrival in South Africa. Sometimes it seems like only last week that we were leaving, and sometimes it feels like we have always been here.

... September and October were very busy months, but we have had time away on a holiday during November. The break away from the village gave us time to relax and be refreshed, but it was hard to be away from the children we have grown to love.

During September and October we had fourteen residential volunteers arrive at iKhetelo. ... In our roles as Volunteer Coordinators, we are involved in an induction program with each volunteer, overseeing their day-to-day activities and providing pastoral care. On top of our other responsibilities, it kept us very busy.

Over the last few months there have been incidents with some of the children which have really brought home to us just how vulnerable our children are. The attempted suicide by one of the girls we are especially close to was very difficult for us to deal with emotionally. Because many of our teenagers are very well spoken, it is not always obvious that they are less emotionally mature and resilient than you might think.

When we arrived in South Africa, a priority for us was to start learning isiZulu, the Zulu language. This is something we have struggled with. ... We did not understand the grammar and what our Zulu friends understood instinctively they could not explain to us. In October we were given the opportunity to attend an intensive isiZulu course, the first part of which ran for three hours a day over five days. The course explained what was missing as we tried to learn the language. Now that we are learning the isiZulu grammar we are realising we can understand what we are hearing so much better, and are much better at constructing sentences.

... David will now be making a short 10 day trip back to Australia to attend to some family matters, so we will complete the course at a later date. ...

Last month we had our second visitor from Australia: David Campbell, minister at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Forrest. David spent five days with us. We were greatly blessed and encouraged by his visit. If any of our partners is interested in coming to iKhetelo for a visit, please contact us - you would be most welcome.

We will soon be celebrating our second Christmas in South Africa. This will be our last newsletter for 2016, so we will take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and blessed Christmas. May you experience much joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus our saviour.

Please don't forget we love to hear from you! Please keep in touch and share what is happening in your life, your family and how we can pray for you.

With our love David, Janenne & Rachel



You'll be amazed what you did in 2016
And astonished at what you'll do in 2017

Bible Society Australia isn't about any one person. From the very start we've been a Society. Bible Society is the thousands of supporters and volunteers like you. And it's through your generosity this year we've been able to:

- Train **30 literacy teachers** in **South Sudan** under Professor Twong Yolong – so thousands of Collo people, traumatised by war, can read and write.
- **Provide the scriptures** to the Tay, Nung and Muong people in **Vietnam** – so they can hear God say he loves them in their heart language.

- **Strengthen the faith** of hundreds of **High School leaders**, from Hobart to Perth, thanks to **Biblical Confidence and Leadership Masterclasses**.
- Launch the **Book of Daniel** for the Pitjantjatjara people, **Mark's Gospel in Maung** for people of Goulburn Island, the **Kunwinjku Shorter Bible** for people in West Arnhem Land and the **Arrante Shorter Bible** for Indigenous people outside Alice Springs.

Merry Christmas everyone!
Greg Clarke
CEO Bible Society Australia

Dear Ian/Howard

Thank you for inviting me and giving me the opportunity to share something of our work.

Ian, I do appreciate you arriving early and setting up the equipment.

The church was again very generous in the support given to our work. Two people in the congregation also added to the money given to me.

Again many thanks, it does make a difference.

In Christ

Nick Cole Donor Care Representative

BIBLE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

MINI UPDATE FROM UGANDA Dec. 2016

News from the sister ministries: School of Biblical Studies (SBS) and the Church-based Training in Biblical studies (CTBS)

PRAISE GOD FOR A GREAT YEAR OF CTBS

Dan Muwanguzi, Director of the C-TBS reports on the Schools' graduations and prospects:

The 2016 Bible classes were very successful, most encouraging and motivating. These classes have also gained more momentum as Pastors and church leaders have received reports from those that have attended the course this year. *(Note: Uganda students value this training highly and, as seen in this photo, they really celebrate their graduations to the extent that most hire mortar boards and gowns for this occasion).*



At God's centre of blessings, (Bweyogerere), we passed out 52 students from 13 different churches. We had a very colourful occasion that was attended by many church leaders within that area. As a result, we at the same time, received a good number of church ministers that would love to do this course next year. We will be running the Old and New Testament classes next year and the lectures will be on different days. There is even a possibility that we might have to run two NT classes and then one OT class which will mean running 3 C-TBS schools next year but we are still looking into that.

The 2016 school attracted very key people within the communities, like University lecturers, Lawyers, Pastors and other Church Ministers and the combination was so encouraging and motivating.

The Mukono Deliverance church school graduated 12 students from five different churches.

And as a team, we are so thankful to the Lord for such encouraging results. We also are very grateful for the prayers and financial support from the supporters. Having a team of four teachers has made



a huge difference and impact on what we are doing here. Our supporting team in Australia is playing a very significant role in this training which is creating a lot of impact on the Church in Uganda and the Nation at large. As a team, we Pray that God will bless you much more during Christmas and in the coming year. God bless.

(Note: You will recall that "the team" now consists of Dan Muwanguzi as Director who has been assisted by Andrew Kiwanuka, Director of the School of Biblical Studies and two teachers Edward Kato and Peter Sekatawa who joined the team in 2014. The expanded work program in 2016 could only be achieved by the committed services of these four men and your continued prayers and financial support).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT FOR THESE MINISTRIES IN 2016.

Dan and Andrew, on behalf of their families and ministry teams, send their sincere greetings to all supporters for a blessed Christmas and best wishes for a prosperous New Year in 2017, in the Lord.

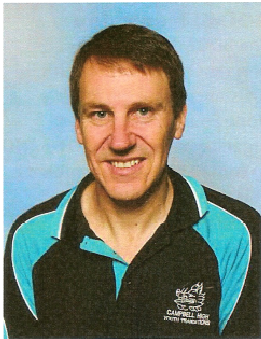


Dear Friends at the Canberra Christian Fellowship,
 Thankyou for allowing me to share with you last Sunday.
 Thankyou for your gifts of \$650 which will enable people with disability in Turlock to experience healing and hope through being involved in their communities.
 This is so appreciated.
 Together in mission.
 Pam Lake

Pam Lake
 Leprosy Mission

Chaplaincy Service News

CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL November • 2016



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What's been happening?

It's hard to believe that we're nearly at the end of another school year. Where did it go? Schools are busy places and keeping pace can sometimes prove to be stretching and stressful.

Providing support to our Campbell High community is a privilege and, as chaplain, extremely rewarding. This is why I enjoy working at, what I consider to be the best high school in Canberra.

What do I do as Chaplain?

Everything I do fits into one of the six areas shown in the *Chaplaincy Model of Care* diagram.

My two chaplaincy days (normally Thursday & Friday) are spent:

- running breakfast programs,
- participating in various classes,
- organising mental health awareness programs
- coordinating community volunteering opportunities for students
- arranging mentoring programs
- facilitating grief and loss programs
- offering grief and loss support,
- providing social, emotional and spiritual support for students, parents, and staff,
- doing hospital visits (where requested),
- supporting immigrant families,
- attending class excursions,
- occasionally driving the school bus, and helping to maintain it.

Our school Chaplaincy Service continues to develop and is guided by the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP), the needs of the school and the overarching chaplaincy focus; to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, staff, and their families.

Each term our Chaplaincy Support Team (CST) meets to discuss the activities of our Chaplaincy Service. The CST comprises our Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Student Wellbeing, a school parent, a student representative, and representatives from local community organisations.

Program highlights

CanTeen National Bandana Day

Cancer affects a portion of our school community and to display some solidarity for those whose families are affected, we supported the CanTeen National Bandana Day. This raises money to support young people experiencing cancer. A big Thank-you goes to Nakira and Stuart for giving up their lunchtimes to sell bandanas and to the students and staff who generously bought bandanas.



Breakfast program

Our breakfast program runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20 to 8:50am. We are very appreciative of the generous support from Brumby's Bakery at Ainslie Shops, IGA Ainslie, Supabarn and Kelloggs, who enable us to provide free cereal and toast for students and some staff. Students help to cook toast and serve cereal each week. Each year we provide around 8000 serves of breakfast!



St. John's Community Luncheon Volunteering

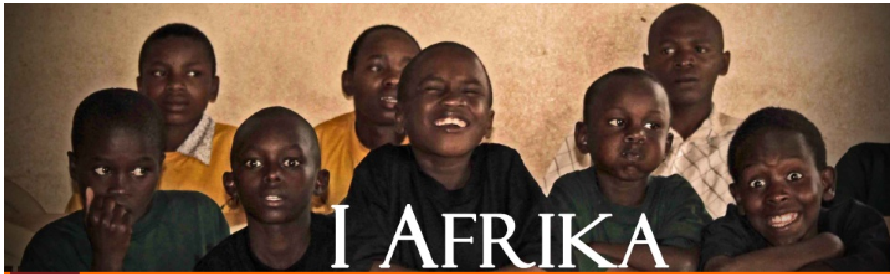
This year more than 20 students have again volunteered to help at the monthly St. John's Care Community Luncheon. This provides a 3-course meal for those experiencing disadvantage. Students help to serve meals, wait on tables, chat with those who attend, and then assist with cleaning up. They do an amazing job, have a great time and give something back to the community.



chaplaincy MODEL of care



BRINGING hope to A young GENERATION



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Providing rehabilitation and a future to Nairobi's street boys

I Afrika is a grassroots organisation which provides holistic care for boys who had been left to fend for themselves on the harsh, unforgiving streets of Nairobi. Directed by Peter Nduati, the centre is a registered Kenyan charity and works in close collaboration with the Kenyan Children's Office, the Kenya police force and numerous other children's centres.



What is the problem?

There are 125,000 street children in Kenya and 60,000 in Nairobi alone, and they are among the world's most vulnerable children. It is commonly held that life for street children in Kenya is "dirty, violent and short". Hungry, abused and alone, most quickly become addicted to drugs in order to help deal with the life they are leading. Often boys as young as 6 or 7 are conscripted into violent gangs who turn them into criminals for a dollar a day.



What do we do?

I Afrika aims to take street boys out of this hopeless situation, providing detox, shelter, food, clothing, schooling and Christian family. I Afrika gives street boys a second shot at a safe and productive life, with hope for the future. With more than eighty young men rescued since it started in 2008, the centre is currently home to boys between 5 and 18 years old.

I Afrika also works with those boys and men who are not able to leave the streets, giving them health education, counselling, and capital for small business.

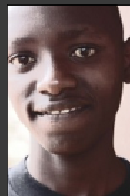


Q. Why are there so many street children in Nairobi?

A. There are over 60,000 street children in Nairobi (125,000 in Kenya). Many of the children on the streets are AIDS orphans, and several at the centre are orphans following Kenya's 2007/8 post election violence. Others come from homes too poor to feed them and pay for their school costs. Still others are abandoned to the streets because of abuse of family breakdown.

Q. What is life like for street children?

A. Children who live on the streets are exposed to all types of abuse and criminal activity. They are denied their basic rights to safety, healthcare and education. They are often condemned by their communities and are frequent victims of police brutality. They are at great risk of contracting and spreading HIV and other diseases through sexual abuse and drug use. In order to survive they generally turn to petty crime and quickly become addicted to drugs such as marijuana or glue in a desperate attempt to forget their suffering.



Q. How do children come to I Afrika?

A. Mostly through the outreach program, or referred from the Children's Office. Outreach workers get to know street boys and when there is space the workers know who might be a good candidate. Also sometimes relatives bring the boys or the boys come on their own.

Q. Do the boys ever go back to the streets?

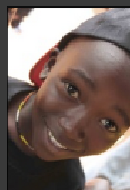
A. Yes, especially while they are struggling to quit drugs. But we believe in giving children more than one chance if they are genuinely committed to changing their lives.

Q. How many boys are at the center?

A. There are usually between 30 and 40 boys at the center.

Q. Are any of the boys HIV positive?

A. Yes. We provide them with a special diet to maintain their health and specialized health care when they need it. Providing a stigma free environment to HIV positive children is an important part of our service.

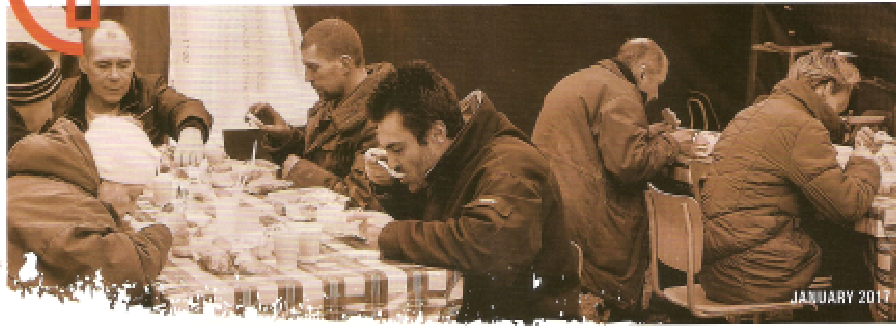


Q. How long do the boys stay at the center?

A. It depends. If they have able families we try and reintegrate them within one or two years. Those who don't have families generally stay with us until they have completed their schooling or vocational training and are self sufficient.



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Kindness is free - Helping the homeless find Jesus. Iolanda: "We don't just get food, we are nourished by the Bible"

"We cook a delicious and healthy meal and many are surprised they aren't given scraps! They are so used to eating out of garbage bins and are overwhelmed with our provisions. We want to change their hearts, and show them they are loved. Providing tasty food is a small way to build their trust." Yilesha

Homelessness includes children too.

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

Isaiah 58:10 (NRSV)



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Dear Canberra Christian Fellowship Family,
Thankyou so much for your love and support this year, and the incredible impact you are having in the lives of poor children around the world!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

with love from Compassion

I pray that you will be reminded of God's incredible love for you this Christmas, and that 2017 will see your ministry and impact grow even more in Canberra and across the world. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon! Much love from the Compassion Family



Dear Canberra Christian Fellowship,

SEASON'S greetings

Thankyou for your support of our work with MAF on Elcho Island this year.

Love Ian, Adele, Jimmy, Edward and Josiah Purdey

Sunday, 30th October – Rev. Peter Nelson – Five marks of true prayer



The Bible reading, James 5: 13-20, mentions prayer 7 times. It is important.

- We should come humbly into the presence of God. He is powerful, eternal, loving and so much more yet He has invited us to come with intimacy. He is our Father. We cannot pretend before Him. God knows us.
- We should pray in Spirit and in truth. The Holy Spirit is active in our praying. Never resist the urge to pray.
- Pray fervently, with passion. Pray wanting to see God's will done. Prayer is not 'for show'.
- Be persevering in prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5: 17 tells us clearly "*pray without ceasing*".
- Pray with faith. Trust in God's promises. We were invited to pray. God can provide answers.

Prayer is vital in the Christian life. It provides a means to commune with God.

Don't just talk about prayer. DO IT!

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Ashley

Ashley has been playing the piano for us for close to a year but is now heading back to Korea for the birth of her baby. She plans to return in about 5 months.

We have appreciated her contribution to our fellowship and took the opportunity to thank her and wish her well at her last service with us for now on New Year's Day.



Ashley with Joyce and Ian

Bible Studies

Our Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, while currently in recess for the Christmas / New Year period, usually meets each week to look into and discuss God's Word. Joyce leads this study.

Unfortunately the Wednesday early evening study, that was running primarily for students, has finished. Howard, who led that group, was unable to continue as his health deteriorated.

A small group of men met on Fridays led by John M. but health issues have meant numbers have reduced. This group is no longer meeting due to insufficient numbers.

Indonesian Carols

Many of us have enjoyed fellowship with the Indonesian Christian Fellowship at their carols in the past and we had that opportunity again in 2016.



During the service, the Indonesian choir sang
children played traditional instruments
and sang for us

After the service we enjoyed a meal with our hosts.



Scripture Union A.C.T. Regeneration Dinner 2017

Wednesday, March 8th 2017,

Registrations open soon

Featuring Mark McCrindle and SCAT

The Regeneration Dinner is our annual fundraising night where we invite our supporters to host tables of their friends and church members.

It's a fantastic opportunity to hear about SU ACT's ministry and plans for the future. There's also top quality entertainment and food.

There is no charge to attend but it is a fundraising dinner, so you will be asked to make a donation at the end of the evening to support our important ministry.

The Dinner will be held at the Hellenic Club, 1 Matilda Street, Phillip, ACT. Please come along at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. The formal part of the evening will finish at 9:30pm.

About our speaker – Mark McCrindle

Mark is an award-winning social researcher, best-selling author, TedX speaker and influential thought leader. As comfortable on ABC News or The Project as giving strategic advice to Australia's leading organisations, Mark is an engaging and interesting presenter with evidence based insight into social trends.

His work with McCrindle Research covers a huge range of topics, including deep insight into generational trends, emerging technology and connecting with communities. As a Christian, he's also interested in the interplay between his faith and broader social trends.



About our band – SCAT

This 4 piece band does for jazz what bubbles do for soda-pop. Original tunes, tasty standards, clever arrangements, brilliant musicianship and serious humour is a package that audiences can't get enough of. SCAT's live show fronted by vocalist Craig Burnett is a unique blend of accessible sounds, instrumental mastery, lyric riffing, crowd interaction and off-beat humour. Craig believes their greatest and most frequent compliment says it all,



"I don't usually like jazz, but I love what you do!"

While Scat frequently stages their own sell-out shows, they have also supported some big music icons such as: James Morrison, The Whitlams, Delirious, Monica Trapaga, Steven Curtis-Chapman, Emma Pask and Grace Knight.

"Combining the ability to entertain with great musicianship is what it's all about -and SCAT do this every time I see them!" James Morrison

Sunday, 11th December – Mr. Phillip Ng – Christmas unwrapped



The Christmas story is quite familiar to us and sometimes we forget what an amazing story it is. We would be wise to look back on the events we celebrate with fresh eyes.

The Baby was born in Bethlehem, the city of David and was a descendent of King David as had been prophesied.

Baby Jesus was not born into luxury or privilege but placed in a feeding trough for animals, a manger for his bed.

His birth was announced. Angels appeared to lowly shepherds and told them of the birth of this special baby. It was an extraordinary declaration made before very ordinary people. The angel told them the baby was a saviour, the Christ.

What a moment! Jesus, the new born baby was God Himself come to live among us. Jesus was fully God, but at the same time fully human.

God had humbled Himself and become one of us.

We can never complain that God is remote and doesn't understand us. God has experienced human life with all it's 'messiness'.

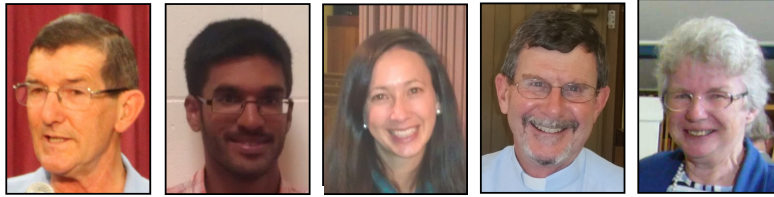
The shepherds' lives were transformed by the message they received. God's promise was fulfilled

The baby grew and lived the life prophesied of the Messiah. God had humbled Himself and come to live among us for a purpose. That purpose was to be life changing and life saving.

Jesus' life is not just history, but it effects our lives today.

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Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Rev. Phil Anderson **Mr. Revin Blanchard** **Mrs. Elizabeth Starr** **Rev. Patrick Cole** **Mrs. Joyce Hall**



Mr. Phil McMaster **Mrs. Pam Lake** **Rev. Jangwon Seo** **Rev. Paul Tabulutu** **Rev. Peter Nelson** **Mr. David Turner** **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan** **Mr. Nick Cole**



Pastor Steve Prior **Rev. Abraham Tang** **Mr. Phillip Ng** **Rev. Paul Tabulutu** **Mrs. Joyce Hall** **Mr. Roy Dallos**

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- Sunday **28th August** – **Rev. Phil Anderson** - Perception is reality
- Sunday **4th September** – **Mr. Revin Blanchard** - The importance of the Word of God
- Sunday **11th September** – **Mrs. Elizabeth Starr** - Compassion
- Sunday **18th September** – **Rev. Patrick Cole** - The Ethiopian eunuch
- Sunday **25th September** – **Mrs. Joyce Hall** (Hymns)
- Sunday **2nd October** – **Mr. Phil McMaster** - Visionary prayer
- Sunday **9th October** – **Mrs. Pam Lake** - Rights for people with disability - Timor Leste
- Sunday **16th October** – **Rev. Jangwon Seo** - Genuine faith and life
- Sunday **23rd October** – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu** - The reality of Jesus
- Sunday **30th October** – **Rev. Peter Nelson** - Five marks of true prayer
- Sunday **6th November** – **Mr. David Turner** - Mission without Borders
- Sunday **13th November** – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan** - Walls
- Sunday **20th November** – **Mr. Nick Cole** (Bible Society) - Well driven ministry
- Sunday **27th November** – **Pastor Steve Prior** - The Word of God living and active in me
- Sunday **4th December** – **Rev. Abraham Tang** - Remembering God's love and faithfulness (13th Multicultural Carols)
- Sunday **11th December** – **Mr. Phillip Ng** - Christmas unwrapped
- Sunday **18th December** – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu** - Let's focus on Jesus
- Sunday 25th December – No service of our own*

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- Sunday **1st January** – **Mrs. Joyce Hall** - God The Holy Spirit
- Sunday **8th January** – **Mr. Roy Dallos** - The Ten Words of God Part 3: Making Images of God

Chaplains

- Rev. Phil Anderson** - Army & A.C.T. Emergency Services chaplaincies
- Rev. Owen Chadwick** - Universities chaplaincy
- Rev. Steve Lindner** - Campbell High School chaplaincy
- Rev. David McDonald** - A.C.T. Brumbies Rugby Union team chaplaincy
- Rev. Peter Nelson** - Institute of Sport chaplaincy



Please remember Phil, Owen, Steve, Dave, Peter and their chaplaincy work in your prayers.

Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm. - In Christmas / New Year recess

All welcome - contact Joyce for more information
Studying John

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, usually at Marie's.
All welcome

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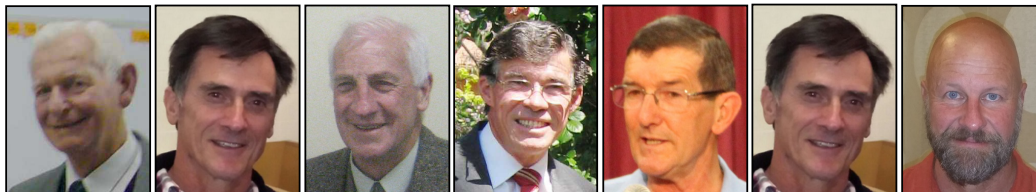
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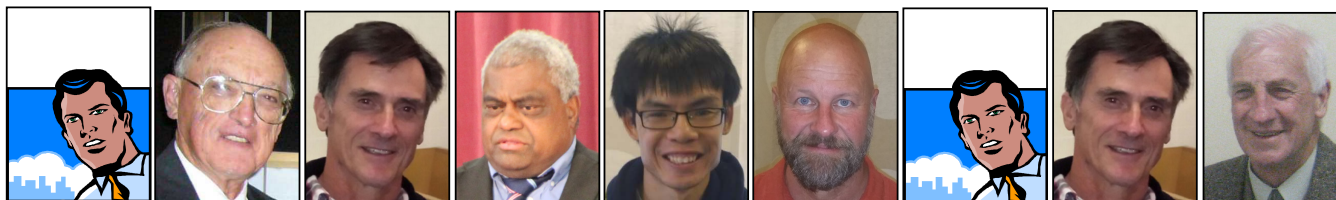
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Mr. Roy Dallos

Rev. Paul Tabulutu

Mr. George Huang

Rev. David McDonald

Mr. Roy Dallos

Rev. Peter Nelson

Sunday **15th January** at 5pm – **Mr. Laurie Hockridge**
Sunday **22nd January** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
Sunday **29th January** at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson**
Sunday **5th February** at 5pm – **Mr. Jeff Mason** (Scripture Union)
Sunday **12th February** at 5pm – **Rev. Phil Anderson**
Sunday **19th February** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
Sunday **26th February** at 5pm – **Rev. David McDonald**
Sunday **5th March** at 5pm – to be advised
Sunday **12th March** at 5pm – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan**
Sunday **19th March** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
Sunday **26th March** at 5pm – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu**
Sunday **2nd April** at 5pm – **Mr. George Huang**
Sunday **9th April** at 5pm – **Rev. David McDonald**
Sunday **16th April** at 5pm – to be advised (Easter)
Sunday **23rd April** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
Sunday **30th April** at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson**

Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 15th November we held our Annual General Meeting.

As we have done for previous meetings, we had a meal together prior to the meeting starting, however this time the meal and meeting were held at the church.

Office holders and committee members were elected and the business of our fellowship discussed.

- President: Ian
- Vice-president: John M.
- Secretary: Wendy
- Treasurer and Public Officer: Ailsa (Due to ill-health, Ailsa has since indicated she cannot continue)
- Committee members: Warren, Ruth, Joyce and Isobel.