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# The Next Step

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(in the Methodist Tradition)



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## ENCOURAGEMENT

Isn't it nice if you are feeling alone and isolated when someone gets in touch and reminds you that you are not forgotten even when circumstances keep you apart.



Recently I received a phone call from MAF asking after our Fellowship and assuring us of their prayers for us!

### Mission Aviation Fellowship

### Compassion

from Daniel Pennington

How are you going; how's everything at Canberra Christian Fellowship with this 'lockdown' at the moment? Crazy times, eh?



I wanted to reach out to you as a partnering church with Compassion that I'll be unlikely to visit before the end of this year- and offer a personalized update video to you that you can 'slot into' your online service during this time.

Understanding how significant it is for all of us as Jesus-followers to lift our eyes and keep our focus on Him, connecting, hearing, and walking with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world is so powerful and impactful!

Is this something you like me to do? How long would you like this video to be, or is there anything specific you would like me to 'speak' to or share?

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!  
Blessings



Hey Ian and the CCF community!

I've set it up that the link on the video should work from NEXT SUNDAY (Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>) and will stay 'active' right through Sunday, Oct 3, so you can use this video at any time as many times as you'd like in between that time; is there a Sunday you were planning on showing this video?

The video link is here

[https://compassionau-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/dpennington\\_compassion\\_com\\_au/EWUcUlwcaFBPm7FI\\_XadjJMB-SF5qKKB4GolxfFck4ioMA?e=dVvZjx](https://compassionau-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/dpennington_compassion_com_au/EWUcUlwcaFBPm7FI_XadjJMB-SF5qKKB4GolxfFck4ioMA?e=dVvZjx)

As well, the digital link to sponsorship through your church is here-  
<http://cmprsn.co/2109canberrachristianfellowship>

Let me know how you go! And I'm looking forward to this lockdown being over and being able to connect and meet people again ·

Bless ya

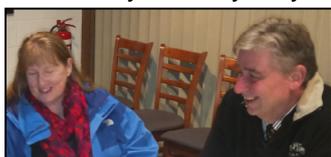
**Daniel Pennington**

RELATIONSHIP MANAGER

### Fair Dinkum Life

Greetings!

Thank you kindly for your ongoing emails and Next Step. We hope you are keeping well.



We have been thinking of you and wondering how things are going for both you and the Church particularly now that the ACT is in lockdown. Hopefully and prayerfully it won't be too long and the disease can be controlled. The situation in NSW is certainly difficult.

Some of our regional contacts, particularly in NSW and Victoria, continue to be locked down, which has obviously and unfortunately restricted our interstate travels. However, we have been active in South Australia where we have spent much time this year. This has included a month on Yorke Peninsula involving an

“interim” with four rural UCA churches preaching, teaching, and pastoral in the Ardrossan region, and the past couple of months serving at Port Augusta Uniting Church and Port Augusta Gospel Chapel (Aboriginal Church). We have also been active helping at the local Christian College whilst in Port Augusta.

Further, we have been able to adjust to undertake some *online* help (and videoing) over the past year or so eg preaching and even a week’s teaching for a Bible College in NSW. Next week, we are presenting on line at the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches (FECA) annual conference. This was to be held in person in suburban Melbourne; however, this had to be transferred to online given the ongoing lockdown situation in Victoria.

If you would like us to do anything on line (or can supply USB stick) for the Canberra Christian Fellowship and/or the Canberra Aboriginal Church then please let us know.

We are on Eyre Peninsula later this week where we are helping five rural churches again in an interim style capacity with preaching, Bible study, youth group, and pastoral over six weeks.

We look forward to seeing you in due course once border closures end and reopening occurs.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Blessings,  
Peter and Desleigh Wright  
Fair Dinkum LIFE

### Chaplains

**Rev. Phil Anderson - Australian Federal Police chaplaincy**  
**Mr. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy**  
**Rev. Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy**  
**Rev. Paul Tabulutu - N.S.W. / A.C.T. Fijian churches**

Please remember Phil, Owen, Bob, Paul and their work in your prayers.



**We do not currently know when our services will resume. Once lockdown has finished we will be better able to decide when to startup again.**

Devotional material



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Bible Reading



Fellowship by Phone



Prayer

### People

Please continue to remember Alec's family in your prayers. While still adjusting to Alec's passing, his daughter-in-law and son-in-law currently have health concerns of their own.

John M. can use your prayers in relation to his health.

Joan is seeing more clearly after her most recent eye operation.

Kelly is busy with exams.

Ruth C's parents have just left Australia to return to Cambodia and their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We had arranged for them to visit our Fellowship to speak about their work, however a family bereavement then the COVID lockdown unfortunately prevented that.

Pre-internet chat room using an old version of WINDOWS



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel  
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel  
A REALIST sees a freight train  
The TRAIN driver sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.

**Synonym**

(noun)

A word used in place of the one you can't spell.