

# AUSTRALASIAN GOOD TIDINGS

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## SA Spiritual Conference

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### **The Secret of True Reformation**

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”  
Colossians 1:27

It was a cool and grey day when members and friends of our church came together in a little Baptist Campground snug in the middle of the Adelaide Hills just out of a small township called Mylor.

People had flown or drove from places all over the country—from Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and of course, South Australia—for our yearly SA/ VIC Conference-Camp Meeting. We also welcomed some visitors from the USA.

All up we had 118 people attend the camp; 100 staying on as full attendees, the rest as day visitors.

Everyone arrived in bright, cheerful and happy spirits. However, as time went on, we experienced a few trials which threatened to dampen our spirits. Thankfully, in the overall scheme of things, our spirits remained high, for which we praise the Lord!

The highlight of the camp was the beautiful spiritual food, provided by a number of younger and older church workers who, without knowing what the others were presenting, ended up touching on the very same things—it was as if we were at the ‘Pentecost’ outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

The theme of the camp was introduced by Br Gerson Robles, who explained right from the start the importance of not just having a ‘surface’ reform—merely a list of do’s and don’ts to tack onto our lives—BUT to have our hearts truly ‘converted’. If so, the life we now live would be one of continuous, joyful connection with heaven. As brought out in many of the other sermons, lectures, and worships, such a life will be the offspring or reformation of a life already ‘sparked off by the “REVIVAL” experience started through the born again experience. He also highlighted our need to be ‘daily’ born again, in order to maintain that revival spirit!

This theme was continued in various ways and manners through-out the camp time. The highlight for many, I found from discussing with others, was the Sermon preached by Br Alasdair Pow. His message stressed the need for true revival and the waking up from our Laodicean condition—from the leadership to the lay persons—either recognizing our urgent need, or being by-passed for others and finally ‘spewed out.’ We need for thorough revival in order for true reformation to take place; to accept Christ’s wedding robe, rather than to try and wear our own!

Putting this into practice on Sunday at the Cornerstone College, we presented a gospel music concert. Trials continued to buffer us in the form of unfamiliar sound equipment and sound co-ordination. Despite these challenges, the many singers and musicians—including violinists, acoustic guitarists, soloists and vocal groups—combined together to the best of their ability in Christ to present a beautiful concert. All rejoiced in the end result, along with about 20 visitors from the public.

As a beautiful, relaxing and refreshing addition to our spiritual program, a trip to Victor Harbour took place on Monday. All who attended enjoyed each other’s company walking across to ‘Granite Island’ and enjoying a tasty packed lunch!

Though the weather was somewhat cold at times, the spirit of encouragement, the realization of our spiritual needs, using our talents for our loving Saviour and memories of the precious words spoken to over the weekend helped make this SA/VIC camp a wonderful success.

We pray that the messages will be applied very strongly this year in each of our lives.

Please read Ezra 9:3-9, Acts 20:32, 2 Peter 3:18 along with Revelation 3:18-20, Isaiah. 58, Matthew 25:31-45. But most of all Colossians 1:27: “To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”

*Gary Southwell*

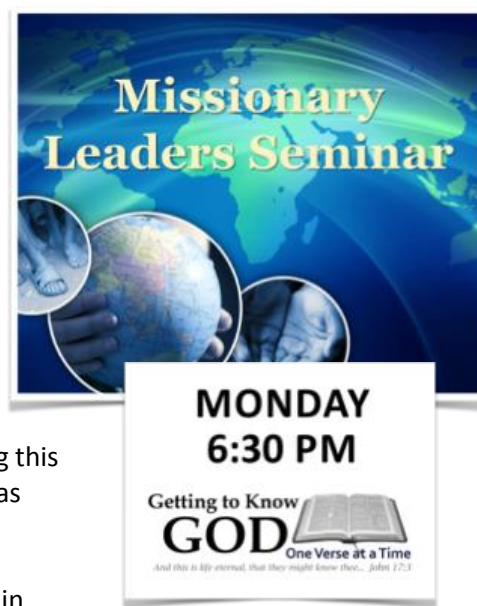
## AUC Missionary Leader's Weekend

During 2013 the AUC missionary department invited all missionary leaders from Australia and New Zealand to attend a 3-day training seminar held from 1st to the 3rd of March. This seminar was designed especially for missionary leaders and those desiring to learn more about becoming a successful missionary. After a few transport problems, we began the event at 3pm on Friday the 1st of March. In total we had 14 people attend the seminar from different parts of Australia and also New Zealand.

Some of the topics covered over the three days included Roles and Responsibilities, Growth, Inspiring Others, and Leading by Example. On Sunday we were very excited to launch a new project called GTKG (Getting To Know God). We have been piloting this project in Victoria since June 2012. I am pleased to say that God has blessed this project in a great way.

GTKG is about empowering local members with tools and training in order to reach out to their communities with the Gospel Message. This is done by holding Bible study classes in your home or church, where people from your neighbourhood will call you up asking to come along to the GTKG study group. If you are interested in this project or would like to know more you can visit [www.gtkg.com.au](http://www.gtkg.com.au), or you can also obtain a set of DVDs on "What is GTKG." These DVDs will be available from May 1st 2013. Thank you for your time in reading this article and please remember to pray for your missionary leader.

*Luke Kneebone*  
*AUC Missionary Department*



## London Project Update

Dear Brethren,

Just to give you an update regarding the London Project for which we need you to be continually praying (not to mention the practical assistance during the 1st Sabbath in May). We have 40 applications confirmed for canvassing, 6 for various other assistance, and 6 applications are still being processed. The applicants are coming from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, France, Guadeloupe, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Moldova, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Surinam, USA (California, North Carolina, Tennessee), and Zambia. The average age of the canvassers is 21 and they are almost evenly split with 21 men and 19 women. In addition to this group, some who are professional musicians are planning to come just for the "Meltdown Into Eternity" evangelism series at the beginning of August. We are seriously thinking of holding a special concert to attract the attention of the people at the beginning of those meetings. So we need your continued prayers for the success of this project.

*Peter D Lausevic,*  
*London Project 2013 Coordinator*



## Baptism in New Zealand

On Sabbath afternoon on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, we all rejoiced to gather at the water's edge to witness Corrin Te Kahika's baptism. Corrin has come from a non-Christian background and after coming to church for a while requested to have Bible studies. During this time we have seen changes in her, and we have seen her love for the Lord and watched her desire to follow the truth grow. This has been a real joy to each member to witness. We pray her experience will strengthen and that her joy in the Lord will continue until His soon coming.



*NZ Field Correspondent*

## NZ Field Spiritual Conference

Over the Easter weekend we held our Field Spiritual Conference entitled “Revival and Reformation.” We came to realize that many of us are like the dry bones from Ezekiel’s vision—that the Lord wants to revive us through His Holy Spirit and bring us back to walking in His ways of righteousness. This way becomes the pathway of reformation—God’s perfect plan to restore all those things which He originally instituted for us and for us to start living life anew, with Him working within us to accomplish this. Our conference concluded with the appreciation that when this experience happens, the true love of God will be possessed by the believer and true love to one another will be manifest.

The highlight of the conference was the baptism of Alyssia Thiel on Sabbath afternoon. We had a large number of friends and visitors to witness her profession of faith and baptism. We praise God for her testimony as a youth to commit her life to the Lord and we pray that God’s blessing will be upon her as she continues her journey with the Lord in this world.

We had a good number of members and visitors attend the conference, some travelling from Australia and distant parts of New Zealand. All were blessed by the meetings which served to encourage us to strengthen our relationship with our Lord and be ready, clothed with His righteousness, when He comes.





## Ordination in Fiji

### Ordain elders in every city

Sabbath 19 January 2013 was a special day for the brethren attending Kornivia Church Fiji. Realising the importance of the command found in Titus 1:5 to “ordain elders in every city” Br Tevita Batiwalie was ordained as a church elder. Realising the solemn responsibility being placed on him, he shared his testimony and asked for the prayers and support of the members to work as a team in God’s cause. Together with his young family he shared the beautiful words of the song *“My God Loves Me and All the Wonders I See”* We pray that as the rainbow of God’s promise was given at the flood—that even so the promise of God’s power will be given to this brother, his family and the area where he works.

As we see the day of Jesus’ soon coming approaching, we realise there is a great need of consecrated leaders in God’s cause. As churches we are to look for such people to be set aside or ordained to lead out. There should not be just one here or there but one in each church! Sometimes we look far and wide for people to bear burdens in the church. But where should we look to find people to set aside, or to be ordained or to take other offices in the church?



“Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.” Acts 6:3

While we need to be careful to heed the warning to “Lay hands suddenly on no man” (1 Timothy 5:22) and to look for leaders who fulfil the criteria set out in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1:6, let our churches look and be ready by God’s grace to bear the burdens and responsibilities God in His love has given for the good of His church.

It is by God’s grace and God’s grace alone that any of us are able to bear any office. Looking at the experience of Moses we realise that it is when we feel we are ready that we are not, and that when we feel

our utter helplessness it is then God calls and promises us His strength and wisdom. Let us all be ready to help in whatever way we can and remember God's many reassurances to Joshua are a promise to us today.

May God bless Br Batiwalie and the work of each elder and each local church!

*Benjamin Thiel*  
*AUC President*

### **Bible Promises to Leaders**

Joshua 1:5 "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Joshua 1:17 "According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses."

Joshua 3:7 "And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee."

## **Welfare Department News**

**Samoa Fly N Build** is going forward with the building project to be performed in two phases.

Due to several constraints the project building has only been ordered recently and the engineering documents and plans have now been given to us. With this in hand we can move forward. Part of the delay has been to meet the requirements of the Samoa Works Department and cyclone ratings for buildings.

With the design and engineering documents in hand we are in the process of forwarding them to Samoa where they should be processed shortly.

Once the building permits are paid and issued we will be in possession of full approval for the building project which will then be completed in two phases. Phase 1 will be directed by Br. Luke Kneebone and will require a team of able volunteers. If you have a wish to go during the month of June or early July 2013 please contact the Welfare Department to place your name on the list. Phase 1 will consist of earthworks, underground electrical and concrete slab pouring. Manpower and womanpower is needed for a period of two weeks. Phase 2 involves the completion of the building works and will be performed around the month of May, 2014. If you think that you may be willing and able to go for the church-raising phase in May to June of next year please contact us for further details.

Additional funding assistance is needed to make the completion of Phase 2 a reality and any financial donations will be greatly appreciated. We have several needs at this time—to cover the costs of electrical fittings, wall cladding, ceiling cladding and exterior siding. If you feel God's blessings in your life and wish to give towards this great cause with any amount, then please contact the Welfare Department for a list of the project's needs or just write "Samoa Church" on your donation envelope.

All funds donated towards this project are used for building material purchases. We encourage all to give freely as they are able from that which the Lord has blessed them with.

*John Lausevic*  
*Welfare Department*



# In Loving Memory – Mara Bosanac

## Life sketch of Marija Bosanac

**3 November 1933 – 22 December 2012**

Marija Ivaštinović / Bosanac – known as ‘Mara’, was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1933 in Boravac, Yugoslavia to Ana and Josip Ivaštinović. She was the third of four children: Nicola, Terezija and Slavko her siblings. Mara grew up with the farm life, working from approximately 10 years old, contributing like the others in the field and caring for the cattle.

In 1954, when Mara was 21 years old, the family moved to Borovo, where she secured a job in the Borovo Bata Shoe Factory, making shoes. She met Miloš Bosanac and the two were united in marriage in 1959 in Borovo. The young married couple began sharing their life together in Obradovci. In 1961 their first child, Branko was born, followed by their second child Ljliana in 1962. Both passed away in infancy. A third child, Velimir ‘Wally’, cheered their life after the loss of the previously born children. Mirijana, the fourth child, was born in 1966, but sadly passed away like the two eldest. The fifth child, Miloš ‘Micky’, was added to the family unit in 1967—a great joy to the parents. As the little family was growing, plans were made to immigrate to Australia. This plan was realised in 1969 via a boat journey.



Mara worked as an industrial machinist, sewing trousers. She worked hard, long hours to provide for her family— she wanted the best for them. A friendly, happy, warm personality, Mara’s home was always open to visitors. Especially as the boys were growing up, young people filled the house often times. Being a very hospitable person, many happy meals were shared in her home. From childhood, she could eat lemons as though they were apples. Broccoli was a great favourite also. And did she love singing! In the car she would sing along to hymns and reminisce about her choir days. Her farm upbringing instilled a love for growing her vegies. This she did whenever it was possible. Most definitely she loved roses. Many a photo was taken close by a rose bush.

The loss of her son Wally in 1990 greatly saddened her life. But life kept on going and Mara kept giving her best as before. Her health was declining. A long awaited joy entered her life in 2004 with the birth of her only grandchild, Dario. With the loss of her husband in 2005, Mara’s life now focused more than ever on serving her God and caring for her small family unit.

With untold joy, little anecdotes were repeated as Dario grew, guiding his little life in the way of the Lord, just as she did many years earlier when a young mother. Often time her heart was greatly warmed when relating how Dario would say to her, ‘Baka, I’ve got something to tell you’. Her reply was – ‘what is it, milo (dear)?’ Then Dario would say, ‘Do you know, that I love you very much?’

With her health further deteriorating, her footsteps became markedly slower. So much so, that one morning whilst walking Dario to school, Dario saw a four wheeled ‘quad bike’. He excitedly remarked that they should buy one so it would be easier for her to take Dario to school and make a quicker return trip home for her. Dario’s care for her was so touching as he would make sure they walked where the pathway was even so she did not fall. Dario knew that in his Baka, he had someone that he could trust and confide in—a grandmother with unreserved love.

A mild heart attack in October 2012 saw Mara hospitalised. She was scheduled for heart surgery 14 January 2013.

On Sabbath, 22 December 2012, she went to church and took part in her last Holy Communion Service; chatted with friends over lunch; had Dario snuggling up to her in the car on the homeward journey and telephoned her sister after sunset. The sisters happily chatted for about half an hour. It was quite possibly the last phone call she ever made.

God knows how much we can bear—He calls to rest when He sees that it is best. Mara had the hope of the special resurrection morning, of meeting her Saviour and loved ones, with her three little children most definitely included.

A Mother, sister, grandmother and aunt will be greatly missed.

## AUC Health Department News

The third Medical Missionary Seminar was conducted for the Medical missionary Students at Elim Heights on March 4th to 8th. The students have already completed their modules in Anatomy & Physiology and Nutrition. They have now begun the final module on Herbal Medicine where they will be examined on 98 herbs including their active ingredients, harvest methods, typical uses, contraindications and appropriate dosages. During the last seminar the students were instructed on how to prepare herbal infusions, decoctions and tinctures. They were instructed how to set appropriate dosages according to body weight, age and overall health condition. They also received instruction on hydrotherapy along with instruction from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy on medical missionary work. It is hoped the students will continue to use the knowledge they have acquired in sharing it with others.

*Alasdair Pow,  
AUC Health Department Director*

## Depression Recovery Program Reunion

Attendees of the Depression Recovery Program, held at Keilor Park Church in Victoria last year, recently gathered for a 20-week reunion to share experiences and encouragement.

Developed by Dr Neil Nedley, the Depression Recovery Program utilises the latest in research on health and the brain and cognitive behaviour therapy, with a spiritual emphasis. Many people around the world have been helped by the program, not only for depression and anxiety, but milder depression symptoms or simply helped to better mental performance through the comprehensive plan outlined. Our own attendees responded positively and the first 8-week session last year in Keilor Park was deemed a success.

Plans are underway to hold a second 8-week session this year, with a view to hosting at least one per year in Keilor Park, with other locations being added over time.

SDARM churches are uniquely positioned to offer this program as part of a wide-reaching community health education emphasis. It forms a perfect complement to our healthy cooking demonstration programs and health lectures held in many areas around Australasia.

If your local church is interested in hosting a Depression Recovery Program series, you may contact the Victoria-Tasmania Conference for ideas and support.

*Nathan Tyler*



## PNG School Project Update

During March of 2013 Paul Chapman, assistant to the AUC Education Department, along with Jason Kaufmann, Christian Light Education (CLE) Director for Australia, visited PNG to deliver a second session of teacher training to those selected to teach in the first three day schools established by our church in Papua New Guinea. The five day trip took them to Karkar Island, Markham Valley and Minj. Training was delivered and official school classes have now commenced.

Upon our arrival to the village just outside of Minj, they were welcomed by the entire village population. They spent the first half hour delivering speeches as part of the welcoming ceremony by the village. Being isolated from the local town, about 1 hour by four wheel drive, no access to mains power, the villagers expressed great happiness at the decision to open the Church school in their village. They said this school will be regarded as a small egg in their hands. They want to do everything in their power to ensure that it succeeds.

We thank the Lord for the progress thus far, however, this project is still in the infant stage. We are grateful for all your prayers and support thus far and would ask for your continued support and prayers.



*Teacher Training Minj*



*Students at Karkar Island*



*Local Village Welcome and Opening Ceremony for the first School in the Village*

## RLPA Bookshop News

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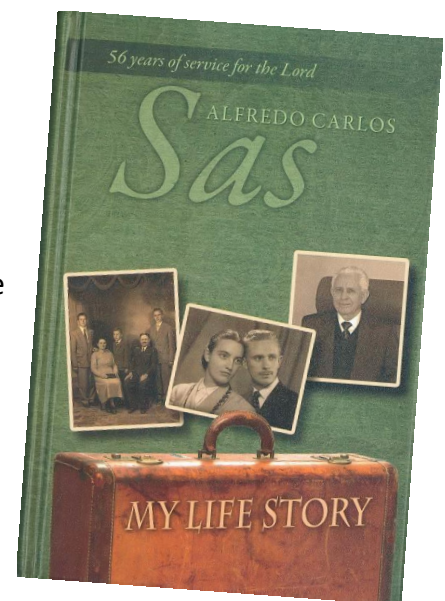
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1. How many books the monkey was able to read?
2. What it is like to spend five months and five days drifting in the sea?
3. How much was the price of buying a chair in heaven?
4. What message did a fish dressed in a suit bring to the dry land?
5. Where did the people walk for three hours to get drinking water?
6. What responsibility was given to the king who joined the Reform Movement?
7. How much must a boy pay as a dowry for his bride?
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## Coming Events Calendar

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| <b>26 – 28 April 2013</b>     | <b>Melbourne Sabbath School Seminar</b><br>For further information contact: <a href="mailto:pchapman@sdarm.org.au">pchapman@sdarm.org.au</a><br>Telephone: +61 (414) 495 838  |
| <b>7 – 10 June 2013</b>       | <b>NSW Youth Camp</b><br>Location: Dunns Swamp, Ganguddy Campground<br>Wollemi National Park NSW<br>For further information contact: <a href="mailto:lidia@sdarm.org.au">lidia@sdarm.org.au</a><br>Telephone: +61 (2) 9627 7553               |
| <b>16 – 18 August 2013</b>    | <b>QLD Spiritual Conference</b><br>Location: Ewan Maddock Dam Recreation Centre<br>Landsborough QLD 4550<br>For further information contact: <a href="mailto:qld@sdarm.org.au">qld@sdarm.org.au</a><br>Telephone: +61 (7) 3862 4803           |
| <b>19 – 22 September 2013</b> | <b>WA Spiritual Conference</b><br>For further information contact:<br><a href="mailto:gerson@sdarm.org.au">gerson@sdarm.org.au</a><br>Telephone: +61 (8) 8376 0163  |
| <b>4 – 7 October 2013</b>     | <b>NSW Spiritual Conference</b><br><b>"Jesus Paid It All"</b><br>Location: Elim Heights Youth Camp<br>For further information contact: <a href="mailto:nsw@sdarm.org.au">nsw@sdarm.org.au</a><br>Telephone: +61 (2) 9627 7553                 |
| <b>25 – 29 December 2013</b>  | <b>AUC Spiritual Conference</b><br>Location: Elim Heights Youth Camp<br>5760B-5760D Putty Road, Mellong NSW 2756<br>For further information contact: <a href="mailto:info@sdarm.org.au">info@sdarm.org.au</a><br>Telephone: +61 (2) 9627 7553 |



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