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## **Born for A Purpose! - QLD Camp Meeting 2013**

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The SDARM Queensland Conference's annual Camp Meeting was held over the weekend of 16-18 August, 2013 in the beautiful surrounds of Ewen Maddock Dam and Recreation Centre, Landsborough.

The theme, "Born for A Purpose!" focused on the reality that "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary." (The Desire of Ages, p . 195.)

Br Anton Klemens led out in the opening of the Sabbath with a presentation on "Stewards of Grace". As recipients of God's grace, we are called to reveal God's grace to others as we have opportunity. The spirit of hospitality, our means and our time are three key areas that we may use to minister to the needs of those around us.

"The Reluctant Missionary", presented by Br Paul Chapman, touched on the experience of Jonah. Instead of responding to God's call to "Go to Nineveh" with God's message, Jonah went in the opposite direction. While he claimed to be a follower of the LORD, his heart was not in tune with

God's heart. God has given us a message of warning and grace to deliver to the world around us. How often instead of responding to the call to go, we find ourselves running the other way. Jonah had a lesson to learn about God's character and His grace. It is only when we experience the work of grace in our own life that we are prepared to give the message to others. The foundation for all missionary work is the love of Christ "that constrains us" to reach out for souls, no matter how unpromising they may appear.

On Sabbath morning, Br Jordan Chapman broke the bread of life to us with a presentation on "The Highways and Byways." A short video clip on current church statistics highlighted the fact that Christianity in the western world is on the decline. To arrest this decline, we need to make an effort to reach out especially to those in the "highways", the great thoroughfares of life, in the towns and cities, as well as in the more remote places of the earth.



For the Sabbath Worship Service, Br Ben Thiel delivered the keynote presentation, "Born for a Purpose!" All of us, as Christians, have been created in Christ for a purposeful life of good works that God has ordained for us. Are we living that life? Br Thiel considered various Biblical characters in view of their life's purpose, and how some were successful, and some were not. Balaam was an example of someone who made the pursuit of riches his life's purpose, and ended in failure. In contrast Esther was a person who had been prepared for and fulfilled her place in God's great plan for each of us. Often

we make the mistake of pursuing our own goals instead of learning what God's purpose is for us. It is only when we surrender our lives fully to God that we can discern and by His grace fulfil the divine purpose He has for us in this life.

"An Army of Youth" was the theme of the Young People's meeting. Br John Araya, as Youth Leader, shared some encouraging thoughts on the grand purpose God has for young people. If all would fully consecrate themselves to His cause, they would constitute such a powerful army of youth for Christ. We were also inspired by the praise offered by the youth in song and music.

The Sabbath closed with a presentation entitled, "Equipped for Christ". Br Juan Ricardo Amaya brought to our attention the fact that no matter who we are, God has given talents to each of us. These talents are divided to us according to our ability to use them. The purpose of these talents is to do service for Christ in winning souls to the kingdom.

After the evening meal, a group activity was conducted by Sr Diana Amaya, which reminded us that we are all members of the body of Christ. We all have need of each other in order to effectively carry out the purpose God has for us as a church. No member is unnecessary. The object lesson was reinforced by a task assigned to each of two teams that required them all to work together to achieve the goal. It was a very enjoyable meeting.

Sunday morning Br Jamie Squires shared a message based on "A Call to Go!" Before we can go, however, we must first prepare. That preparation consists in responding to the call of Christ, "Follow me". To follow Christ requires the sacrifice of our selves daily.





After breakfast, Br Jacob De Souza spoke on “Gifts for A Purpose”, based on Ephesians 4:8-13 highlighted the need for unity in the body of Christ. It is through the unity of the Church that God’s people bear witness to the power of the gospel. The presentation emphasised that while we are all individuals, yet we are all part of one great family—in heaven and in earth—the family of God. It is Christ that unites us to the family of God. The only reason we experience division in our churches is because of separation from Christ. The closer we come to Christ the closer we will be to each other. Thus we will fulfil the prayer of Christ for unity.

The last part of the spiritual program consisted in a missionary workshop, “Service with a Purpose”, which was presented by Sr Monica Balarezo. The workshop considered the various practical tools that are available to us for missionary work, and all had an opportunity to contribute their thoughts and ideas on how to use and improve the tools at our disposal.

After the lunch, adults, youth and children united in an afternoon of wholesome recreational activity. The team activities prepared by Br John Araya proved an enjoyable physical and personal challenge for those who participated.

We thank the LORD for the encouraging time, for the messages we heard, for the lessons we learned and for the fellowship we enjoyed together. It was a truly blessed weekend and one that has inspired all who attended to greater zeal in missionary work.



## Medical Missionary Course 2012 - 2013

Sometime ago the Union health department decided to offer a 1 year Medical Missionary Course via distance education and intensive week-block seminars. After 12 months the Medical missionary course finally came to an end on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2013. Of the nine original students to enrol 3 students (Br Nathan Tyler, Sam Wiseman, Craig Cunningham) managed to complete the whole course in the duration set aside. The intensity and time required to complete the course surprised a few and unfortunately three students

withdrew from the course during the term due to personal reasons and the other three students failed to complete their coursework on time although they continue to study their theory subjects hoping to finish by the end of the year.

The course was intellectually demanding as well as requiring high levels of self-discipline and time management to successfully complete all the components of the course. All three successful students completed their 3 main modules on Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition and Herbal Medicine along with their 4 week-block practical training seminars, and a final exam on Health and the Gospel. Throughout the course all students were practically instructed in various fields of medical missionary work from remedial massage, hydrotherapy, herbal medicine preparations, medical missionary evangelistic programs, and running a professional health clinic.

The Union Health Department wishes to thank all those who were involved both within the running of the course and behind the scenes for their contribution in making this course happen. I personally would like to thank Sisters Danica Tyler, Tanya Clements, Catherine Robles, and Susan Lausevic and Br Neville Brittain for their dedication, contribution and support to the course. I also like to thank Br Geoff McCutcheon, Sr Lidia and Br Joe Voncina in the office for their contributions in running the weekly block seminars.

It is hoped that some of the students enrolled will continue with their health studies and become professionally qualified to practice natural medicine in the future and become fully fledged medical missionaries walking in the footsteps of our Master, Jesus Christ.

—*Alasdair Pow*, AUC Health Director

## **Samoa Fly-N-Build - Stage Two Update**

We praise God that stage two of the Samoan fly-build has now commenced. Brother Luke Kneebone went back to Samoa on Sunday 11th August to organize the laying of blocks for the church building. A crew of twelve men were hired to lay the blocks; once they commenced, they were laying at over 200 blocks per hour and, at that pace, were expected to be up to the window sill by the end of the 3rd day. Praise God for the way in which the work has been progressing.

However, we are sad to report that Br Kneebone, who had been carrying a lingering illness, became worse while in Samoa. He was hospitalised in Samoa and due to the seriousness of his condition, had to make his way home to Australia early. However, we have received reports that the building crew on hand were able to complete the block work this week.

Plans are that during September, volunteers will assist in completing the building including putting up roof trusses, iron sheeting, painting and electrical work.

Once again if there is any one that would like to join the volunteers by giving time, energy or finances, please feel free to contact Brother Joe Voncina at the Australasian Union Office for further information.

For the full completion of the church building, we need to raise another AUS\$10,000. Any donations towards this shortfall will be very much appreciated, thank you.

—*Submitted by Lidia Voncina*





## London Project 2013 Update



*Further to our last report on the London Evangelism Project, we shared the news that Br Alasdair Pow travelled to London for the Health Outreach side of the program. He returned on the 2nd of August and sent the following to us:*

The London project has now concluded. On the weekend of July 27-28, the London project begun its health public outreach weekend. Six health related seminars were conducted in the area of north London in an endeavour to educating the public in health matters as well as generating new contacts for the mission. The young canvassers and colporteurs had spent the previous weeks in distributing around 70,000 flyers advertising the health program. The program commenced on Friday evening at a community hall hired specifically for the event. Br Alasdair Pow presented the dangers and causes of heart disease along with demonstrating the benefits of adopting a healthy vegetarian lifestyle in reducing the risk of acquiring heart disease. Around 50 people were in attendance from the public and were all very eager to learn about the vegetarian way of living.

On Sabbath morning Br Peter Lausevic presented vegetarianism from a biblical prospective. Using the Bible alone, he presented how God's original plan for man was a healthy diet and lifestyle and how sin has eroded away that plan during the history of God's people. Again around 50 people came from the public from all walks of life and differing faiths to hear the Bible message. It was very encouraging to see such an interest in what the Bible had to say about being a vegetarian. After this meeting all were invited to stay and enjoy a vegetarian buffet meal which had been provided by the local sisters. The sisters as usual did a great work in providing an array of healthy vegetarian food for the visitors to sample. Everyone enjoyed the food very much with many commenting positively on the variety of foods provided and with some requesting cooking demonstrations on how to make such dishes.

Br Alasdair Pow continued to present two lectures in the afternoon on the dangers of obesity and diabetes and how adopting a healthy vegetarian lifestyle can reduce the risk of contracting both conditions. In the beginning of each presentation the young missionaries offered some special musical items which were very much appreciated by all.

On Sunday evening Br Alasdair Pow presented the final two lectures of the health mission. The first presentation was directed at raising healthy children through following the eight laws of health and the concluding seminar was directed in revealing the super foods available in fighting cancer. Again these presentations were well attended with some of the people coming for the whole weekend's program and were thoroughly appreciative of the information offered.

After the presentations the young missionaries conducted a book review of some of the books they had been selling during their canvassing time and discussing why certain books were their favourites. This



testimony time was very well received by the public and it was good to see an interest in spiritual health as well as physical health. The health mission was mixed with science, the Bible, prayers and spiritual items and the combination had an attractive affect upon the visitors to the seminars. Many of the young missionaries were engaged in spiritual discussions with the visitors as they mingled with the people attending the meetings. Br Alasdair was very busy after each health presentation answering questions from the visitors who had individual health concerns and many desired to access more information concerning living a healthy vegetarian lifestyle.

The young people, under the direction of Br Peter Lausevic and Br Rolly Dumaguit, continued their canvassing and colporteur work the very next morning in preparation of the next part of the mission, a Bible prophecy seminar.

*The final update on the London Project 2013 will appear in the next edition of "Good Tidings E-News".*

## Ten Years of Tebakor College - Vanuatu

Tebakor College in Port Vila, Vanuatu was founded by NSW members of SDA Reform Movement Br Glenn and Sr Rosemarie Clements. It remains true to its motto "helping others" by helping youth to gain an education and teaching Christian principals. Establishing and running the college has had its many heartaches and hurdles which faced and overcome by God's grace have made it the successful institution it is today. Many of the local church members have been employed by or given their support to the building and running of the college. The College



has also been a strong support to God's work in Vanuatu by providing accommodation for the church until a church building was raised in 2012, financial support to the cause and opportunities to reach souls with the truth. On the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 the College saw over eight hundred students, parents and staff gather together to share their praise, thanksgiving and experiences on the tenth anniversary of this institution.

And this is the story of how it all started . . . as related by Br Glenn Clements on the anniversary day.

"In 2003 I took a visit to Port Vila, Vanuatu along with two other church members of the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement of which I am a member. I thoroughly enjoyed the two weeks in Port Vila taking in the beautiful sights and meeting new friends.

"During the course of my visitation I became aware of the fact that there were an inadequate number of secondary schools in the country. This prompted me to have the urge and anxiety to help many ni-Vanuatu students gain a better education and provide employment opportunities for a number of ni- Vans.

"On my return to Australia, I discussed the idea with my wife and other members of my immediate family and after much prayer and planning; we decided that we should go ahead with a project of building a secondary school in the heart of Vanuatu.

“The construction of the double storey complex building began in August 2003 and completed in January 2004. It was officially opened after being constructed by church members and helpers who were in the building trade. In addition to regular class and staff rooms facilities included science lab, vegetarian canteen, and a generous library which includes a good supply of Christian literature. (Christian book donations to the college are still always welcome.)



“During its first academic year, the college enrolled approximately 200 students and employed 19 staff. Since then the enrolment has continued to increase every year to the present number of over 600 students, 20 full time and 10 part time teachers and other support staff.

“Tebakor College is an entirely privately owned institution with the primary purpose of providing quality university standard education in years 12 and 13. The college is classified by the Ministry of Education in Vanuatu as a ‘Non Government Assist’ even though the school is registered as an education provider in the country. The general running of the college since 2004 and the overheads are covered by the school fees paid by the students.

“My wife and I give all credits to God as we believed it was He who impressed upon us to carry out this project. Credits also go our committed staff and all those who have given their free time to make this institution a success and shining light to the people of Vanuatu.

“With Gods continuing support I believe the future for this college is one of Vanuatu’s great assets, giving children a better education and a bright future for the betterment of this country and beyond.

“Kind regards,



*“Glenn and Rosemarie Clements”*

“We must continue to stand together to enable this mother of love called Tebakor Colledge to survive and to keep excelling in fulfilling her special role in educating, training and developing our young generation for Vanautu’s development tomorrow.” —*Naomi Bolenga - Student Support services, University South Pacific Emalas*

“True education is the preparation of the physical, mental, and moral powers for the performance of every duty; it is the training of body, mind, and soul for divine service. This is the education that will endure unto eternal life.” —*Christ Object Lessons, p. 330.*

## Keeping Pure in an Age of Moral Decay

There is legend of an animal that inhabits the forests of Northern Europe and Asia. This animal is known as the ermine or short-tailed weasel. The thing he is most famous for is his beautiful, snow-white winter fur. During the middle ages, prominent people in society, such as judges or royals lined their coats with the ermine’s white fur – the white being an emblem of purity and honour.

It is said that the ermine has a special regard for his lovely fur. At all costs, he will protect it from anything that would spoil it. Some fur hunters have taken cruel advantage of the ermine’s preoccupation with keeping his coat clean. They do not set a trap to catch him by surprise, but instead find his home, a cleft in the rock or the hollow of a decaying tree, and daub the entrance and interior with filth.



The hunters conceal themselves and lay in wait for the ermine to wander by. Upon seeing him, they let their hunting dogs loose and the ermine, alarmed, flees toward his home; his only place of refuge. He finds it stained with uncleanness, but he will not spoil his pure white coat. Rather than remain in the unclean place, he crawls back out and faces the barking, maddened dogs. He will preserve the purity of his fur – even at the price of his life. It is better that he be stained with his own blood than be spoiled by the filth of his surroundings.<sup>1</sup>

This story of the ermine teaches a searching lesson to Christians living in this age of crime and sexual boldness. How much do we value our purity? Are we willing to die rather than defile the soul and body with sin?

### Purity is not a Perfume

In Joshua Harris’ introduction to the video series called ‘I Kissed Dating Goodbye’ there is street scene where a number of people are asked, ‘what is purity?’ Each person interviewed explained their concept of purity, but one question that stood out was by a teenager who asked, ‘Is that a perfume?’ As I watched, I couldn’t help thinking that this response was but a faint reflection of a society with forgotten morals.

The Collins English Dictionary defines the word pure as: “free from tainting or polluting matter; clean; wholesome: pure water.” Biblical purity encompasses our whole being, focusing on the motives, thoughts and intents of the heart. It is a moral quality – to be free from sin. This is the work of Jesus for His people, “That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”<sup>2</sup>

### The Only Source

Contrary to popular philosophy, the Bible teaches us to look outside of and above ourselves for anything good. In fact, it says that any good whatsoever can only come from One Being – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”<sup>3</sup> It is no different with purity.

Some months ago, a friend of mine took me to a market known especially for selling organic produce. As I walked past the stalls, I noticed a table on my right where a small white sign with bold black letters stood. The words read, 'WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS INSIDE YOU'. I looked at the man sitting behind the table, he seemed eager to hear my enquiry. 'What do you mean by this sign?' I asked. He said with enthusiasm, 'what people are looking for is joy, love and peace and they would simply find it by looking inward, deep inside themselves.'

As we spoke, I asked him if he had ever read the Bible. When he told me he hadn't, I quoted a couple of verses saying that the human heart is, 'deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?' <sup>4</sup>, and that Paul an early Apostle wrote concerning his own human nature saying 'I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells.' <sup>5</sup> I then asked, 'if the human heart is deceitful above all things, and in it no good thing dwells – how can we ever find joy, peace and love by looking inside ourselves?'

Purity does not originate in man. Outside of God, man's concepts of purity are as varied as the colours of the rainbow and although we may appear pure in our own sight; our views are at best dim. Solomon stated this when he said, "There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness." <sup>6</sup>

Our only hope of becoming pure is by looking to Jesus, the embodiment of purity. The disciple John wrote, "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." <sup>7</sup> Unless we do this, we will become just as pure as our dim views of purity will take us – for "man will rise no higher than his conceptions of truth, purity, and holiness." <sup>8</sup>

## Carelessness a Crime

Christians are today living in times like no other. Jesus described the unhappy experience of many last day Christians when He said, '...because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.' <sup>9</sup> Familiarity with sin will chill the 'hottest' Christian.

Pornography and immorality are no longer confined to obscure locations in city districts, but are easily accessible to anyone with an internet connection or mobile phone. And this usually means young people. Many of them are wiser than their parents with technology. Sexual vice and immorality has certainly reared its ugly head – in the home of careless Christians.

Society is made up of families. Christian families are supposed to guard the purity and happiness of the race. But how can families guard the purity of society while the sacredness of their own home is pillaged with sexual filth? Children who have access to sensual or pornographic images on television, books, internet or other media will reap the fruit that parents have allowed to be sown in their sensitive and receptive minds. I say that have allowed it, because by not being vigilant – they have permitted it. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8

I have met parents who show no concern about what their children and teens are seeing on the internet, books or mobile phones. They place no great importance on strictly guarding the avenues to their hearts.

A child's life is composed of what enters through his senses. And approximately 80% of what he learns comes through eyesight. The things we hear, touch, taste and smell, but above all – the things we see mould our thoughts. Thoughts produce actions, repeated actions become habits and before we know it we are reaping the fruit of the seeds sown in our minds – whether good or bad.

We read with horror about the pagan cultures in Bible times who offered their children as burned sacrifices to Molech. But do parents today realize that by allowing their children to watch whatever they like on television or YouTube and to surf the internet unguardedly and with no purpose in view, you are throwing your children into a fire of sin that will arouse fiery passions within and consume them upon the altar of lust? Sensual thoughts will be aroused and passions enflamed, all leading to self abuse. If they are saved, they will have a hard battle with self to fight – and only by the grace of God can they win. Are your children being sacrificed to Molech?

## Purity of Heart

The physical heart pumps life giving blood and nutrients to all areas of our body. If the heart is sick – so is the body. Spiritually, the heart is the centre of our affections, emotions, motives and desires.

The heart is the core of our being. Solomon wrote, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”<sup>10</sup> Through sin, the heart of man has become corrupt. Jesus said, “from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”<sup>11</sup> Therefore; the Saviour’s chief concern is for the heart of man.

God’s invitation is, “My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.”<sup>12</sup> God alone can purify our hearts. After his sin of adultery David yearned for purity of heart. In deep repentance he cried, “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”<sup>13</sup>

The process of God in cleansing the heart from sin will be the study of the saved throughout eternity. It cannot be explained – far less in this short article. But this statement will shed more light, “The science of salvation cannot be explained; but it can be known by experience.”<sup>14</sup>

God has promised cleansing to all who will look to Him for purity, no matter what sin they may have committed. Listen to His promise, “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”<sup>15</sup>

How can we maintain purity in such a sinful age as this? The only way is to purpose in our heart, not to defile ourselves with sin, and to live in union with Christ’s divine power. His truth will be our shield and buckler.

Remember the ermine? That little creature knew how to keep his fur clean. He was willing to die rather than defile his pure coat with filth. In like manner, “death before dishonour or the transgression of God’s law”<sup>16</sup> will be our motto, if we wish to preserve the purity of our character. Like all the faithful that have lived before us, Christ enthroned within will be the means of keeping us from the corruptions of these days – and as we learn to love the Truth, Christ Jesus, we will see that it is worth infinitely more than all the short-lived sensuous pleasures of sin.

—By Gerson Robles.

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## Education Department - PNG School Project Update

Plans are progressing to commence the opening of our third Christian School in the Papua New Guinea Mission Field. This is will be located in Markham Valley, Morabe Province. Land has been donated for the school and the construction of temporary bush wood class rooms is almost complete.

In September 2013, CLE (Christian Light Education) will conduct a 5 day training seminar in Goroka, PNG, for new teachers commencing the 2014 year. Ten of our brothers and sisters in PNG will attend the course.

The Christian Educational work in the PNG Mission Field is still in its infancy and is in continued need of your prayers and support. We praise God for the progress of the work so far and look forward to the 2014 school year as final enrolments are confirmed.



## Appeal for Bore Hole - Zimbabwe, Africa

We have received a cry for help from our brethren in a local church in Zimbabwe. They are in desperate needs of funds to sink a bore hole.

Br Hesber from Zimbabwe writes, "we have started on farming project to help our poor [church] members and the needy souls we are working for in the surrounding community.

"I am at the moment using my one tonne van to draw water from nearby community boreholes into a bowser. This though is helpful for the time being but will not work out for us in the future as we are planning to farm the entire area. We also need to erect a wall round the church property so that the vegetables won't be stolen.

"I am writing to ask if you could kindly assist in this project."

"The estimated cost of sinking the borehole is \$ 4,000

"A wall around the premises will cost about \$ 2,000.

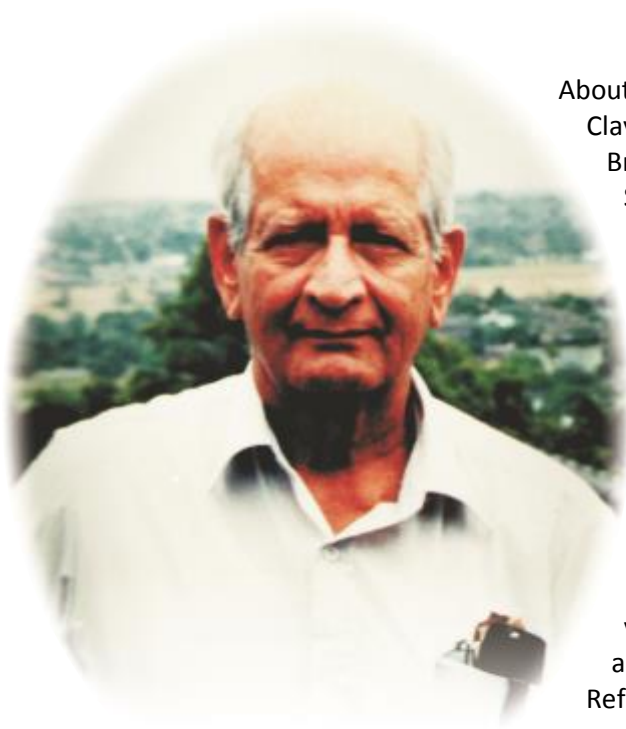
"We will be happy and appreciate any assistance from those who may be willing to help us."

"Yours in Christ's Love

"Hesber"

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## Obituary - David Vanderwall, Clayfield Church, QLD



About 9 years ago, 4 people came to our small church company in Clayfield, and loved the message presented. Of those 4, one was Br David Vanderwall. He was born Carol David Vanderwall in Sri Lanka on March 19, 1920. His family knew him as Uncle Carol and we knew him as Br David. We did not know much of his previous life before coming to Clayfield, as Br David was a man of few words. However, we do know that prior to his conversion he served in the Middle East as part of the Allied Defence Forces.

In 1970 Br David came to Australia with his wife Mearl. He secured a job as a librarian and settled in Gordon Park, Brisbane where he lived for the remainder of his life. Sadly his wife, passed away in 1992 from cancer. Br David first heard of the Advent message, through the video ministry of various speakers on prophecy and last day events, which he accepted. He later heard of the message of Revival and Reformation which he embraced fully and strongly.

He was baptised a short while after coming to Clayfield. He was a faithful member and loved coming to church. Every Sabbath School without fail, he would be the first to stand up and praise the Lord. His testimony was often the same as the previous week, but one that always was heartfelt and grateful for what God had done for him. He thanked the Lord for the good and the bad. He thanked the Lord for the rain when it came, for when all the dams were full, and prayed that the Lord would send the rain when they weren't. He thanked the Lord for saving his life twice from death and for Br Earnie who was instrumental in establishing him in the Advent message.

Br David suffered ill health for a few years, but no matter how sick, he would always love to come to church. Br David loved the singing, and one day we learnt a new song from him, which

It was called "Far Round the World". Originally a six verse Hymn written by Basil Matthews in 1916, Br David began shared the first verse, and adapted an old Sunday School vesper for the second verse. He sang it for us in his fine voice onto a tape. These were the words of the little song:

Far Round the world thy children sing their song

From east and west their voices sweetly blend

Praising the Lord in whom young lives are strong

Jesus our guide, our hero and our friend.

Smile on our work, our laughter and our play

Lift us at eve to slumber on thy breast

Smile on our school work and our Sabbath School

Jesus our guide our Saviour and our Friend

(The tune can be heard here: [MP3-FarRoundTheWorld-Parting-PipeLC-128-CAM.mp3](#))



*Br David Vanderwall (Seated 3rd from the left) together with members of our little company at Clayfield Church*

He would faithfully visit whenever he could, his sister-in-law who had to go into a nursing home about a year ago.

After a short illness Br David passed away in his sleep on June 30, 2013. Some of us were blessed to visit him on the Sabbath the day before and sing a couple of songs for him. He was ever grateful for a visit, and was still very clear in his mind. Upon his death we discovered a collection of poetry that he had written over many years. Some of it is quite beautiful, some of it is touching and some of it is very witty, and all of it helped us understand the depth of emotion and sense of humour that our dear Br David possessed.

He now rests in peace, awaiting the resurrection morn when, according to our Blessed Hope, Jesus will return to raise him to eternal life.

—Paul Chapman & Irene Wiseman



## Coming Events Calendar

### 19 – 22 September 2013 **WA Spiritual Conference**

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### 4 – 7 October 2013

#### **NSW Spiritual Conference**

***"Jesus Paid It All"***

*Location: Elim Heights Youth Camp*

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*Download Invitation here:*

<http://www.sdarm.org.au/sites/default/files/pages/Jesus Paid It All WEB2.pdf>

### 22 – 24 December 2013

#### **AUC Triennial Delegation Session**

*Location: Elim Heights Youth Camp*

### 1 November 2013

#### **Registrations Due for Elim Missionary College 2014 Course (2 Feb 2014 - 31 May 2014)**

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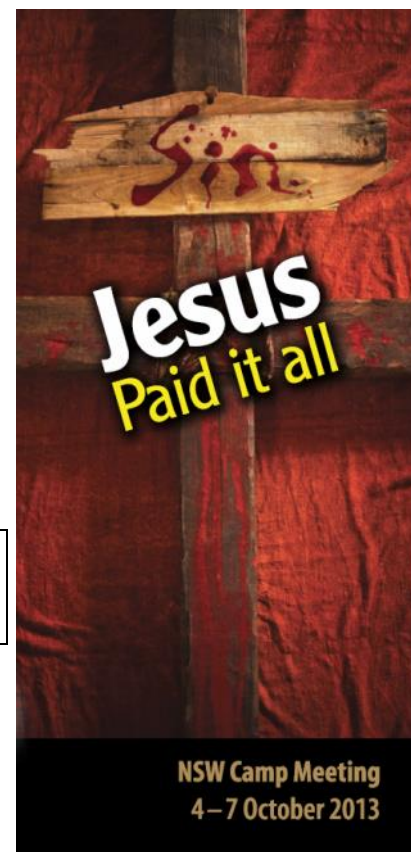
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