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From the 11th – 31st of March, 2011 Elim Missionary College conducted an Evening Missionary Training Seminar in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. The seminar was led by Br Peter D. Lausevic and its purpose, according to the invitation, was to “teach members and visitors how to give Bible studies as well as address doctrinal questions”. The seminar took place in Schofields and Wentworthville during weeknights and over each of 3 weekends. Nine students enrolled in the seminar and, though they had some nervous tension especially in regards to the public presentations that they would be required to do, they were quite excited to be attending.

The program was organised so that the doctrinal studies were held on Friday evening, Sabbath and Sunday morning. These studies were open to all who wanted to attend, and not only to the students. Topics covered over the three weekends were ‘Till Death Do Us Part’, ‘The Word Was Made Flesh’, ‘The Sealing Message’, ‘The Parable of the Wheat and Tares’ and ‘Closed Communion’. All enjoyed these doctrinal lectures, and were greatly encouraged by them. Most of the lectures were held at Schofields Church, but on the first two Sabbaths we were all privileged to be able to go to Wentworthville Church where the studies continued. It was wonderful to see that the small church was so full of people, that on the 3rd Sabbath it was decided to have it combined at Schofields Church. The lectures were a blessing to all that attended.

In the second part of the program, each student was assigned a topic (one from each of the nine Fruits of the Spirit) to research and prepare a Bible study on. On the first Sunday and then each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening Br Peter would explain the steps in preparing Bible studies, and help us with our research and any other questions we might come across. Not only did we learn about religious topics, but we were greatly blessed to learn much about computers, how to use the electronic version of Ellen G White Writings, and also Microsoft Word. Some already

knew more about computers than others, but they helped those of us who only knew the basics.

The presentations took place on Tuesday 29th to Thursday 31st March at Schofields. All were invited to attend to listen to the presentations. After each presentation a short critique was given to help students in future studies. It was encouraging to hear everyone's presentations, and we thank the Lord even those of us who were shy were able to present our topic to His honour and glory. Many church and family members came along to support and listen to the students.

We had a wonderful experience and I sure felt blessed by the knowledge gained from the seminar. Some of the students are continuing to put to good use the information learnt and are continuing to put Bible studies together. There will be upcoming seminars in the future and I encourage all to consider taking part, as we truly received a blessing by being there. Special thanks to Br Peter for all his hard work.

--- Jade Kneebone with GT

Baptism Queensland – Jessica Brown



We praise God that on Sabbath 2nd of April, 2011 Sr Jessica Brown made her covenant with the Lord through baptism at Woodgate Beach, QLD (near Childers).

Family, friends and church members came from as far south as Sydney and as far north as Mackay to witness the event. Sabbath services were held at Childers, followed by a fellowship lunch. As the Profession of Faith meeting commenced word came through that strong rain had begun falling at the planned baptismal site. We completed the meeting and made our way down to Woodgate Beach. In answer to our prayers, the rain stopped in time for the baptism to go ahead. Though the sky was grey and overcast, we noted a distinct bright glow of sunlight appear through a break in the cloud cover. We could not help but think of that day 2000 years ago when the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon our Saviour Jesus.

It was a lovely day and one Sr Jessica will always remember as having a special blessing. Not only did she make her covenant with the Lord on that day, it was also her birthday. Our prayers are with her as she commences her new life in Jesus Christ.

Bible Research Seminar – Perth, Western Australia

GUILDFORD CHURCH, Perth, Western Australia, April 8 – Members and friends of Guildford church are currently attending a Bible Research seminar entitled, 'Living By Every Word'.

Gerson Robles (the speaker for the seminar) explained the purpose of the meetings, "We want all our members and friends of the church to know how to research the Bible not only to become well versed in

the truth, but to know how to listen to the voice of God through His Word in a very practical and applicable way.”

The seminar is based on Matthew 4:4 which says, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Two simple methods of Bible research are being taught, the ‘Keyword/Miller’ method and the ‘Questions/Journal’ method.

The Keyword/Miller method is named after the man who made it famous – William Miller. In 1884, Ellen White wrote about the use of this method when she commented how Bible students in her day used it: “Those who are engaged in proclaiming the third angel’s message are searching the Scriptures upon the same plan that Father Miller adopted.” RH, November 25, 1884 par. 23. After outlining the rules to governing this method, Sr White wrote, “The above is a portion of these rules; and in our study of the Bible we shall all do well to heed the principles set forth.” RH, November 25, 1884 par. 25.

In the June edition of “Good Tidings Magazine” Vol 64 #2 (Colour Print edition) we will outline both these methods further. If you haven’t already, subscribe now to the “Good Tidings Magazine” (Print Edition) See your local Literature Secretary or email RLPA (rlpa@sdarm.org.au) for subscription pricing.

The, ‘Questions & Journal’ method is suited more for personal devotion. The aim of this method is to take any portion of Scripture and by asking simple questions, the meaning of the text becomes applicable to one’s life in a very personal and practical way.

This method is based on 2 Timothy 3:16, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” Each one of these highlighted areas gives meaning to the text considered. Questions are then asked based on these four areas. The questions asked are personal and as practical as possible. The purpose of this method is to aid in meditating upon the Word of God and to take the meaning of the text and apply it to one’s real life experience. These findings can then be written in a journal.

If you would like more information about this seminar email Gerson Robles: gerson@sdarm.org.au

May 2011 First Sabbath Offering – Allocation Update

Bro Peter D Lausevic writes to us on behalf of the General Conference Missionary Department:

Dear Brethren of the Sabbath School,

We trust that all is well with each of you as we all work together to hasten our Lord’s second coming. Greetings to you with these words from Acts 16:9: “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.” From all parts of the world we are constantly hearing this Macedonia cry.

As you are well aware, the first Sabbath offering for May 2011 was scheduled for the missionary endeavor in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. However, due to organizational difficulties, the brethren have decided that the plans for this city were premature for this year and that it will need to be postponed. Although other places were proposed, there was insufficient time to organize a new location in time for this year.

There is another city outside of North America that has been considered in the past and preliminary steps are being made to prepare for 2012. However, due to the fact that a new administration will be organized later this year on the General Conference level, final plans will need to take place in September after the session.

We may state that London, UK is on the short list and if we select this city, it is one of the most expensive in the world and we will need plenty of funds for such a project in a country that has long been neglected in the history of the Reform Movement. Although it is premature to announce the exact location, we are asking you to open your hearts with your financial assistance for this project during this year's 1st Sabbath offering for May 2011.

By the time this offering is collected and received at the GC headquarters, we will be well on our way for this project and will be in need of those funds for immediate use.

We thank you in advance for your understanding of this change and your willingness to help.

Baptism Queensland – Sr Suzi Penehio-Crawley

On the Sunday afternoon of 10th of April, 2011 the Lord blessed us with lovely weather during the baptism of Sr Suzi Penehio-Crawley, originally from New Zealand. Sr Suzi recently arrived in the Queensland Field from New South Wales. She had come into contact with the message of Reformation while in her native New Zealand many years ago. Bible Workers and ministers who studied with her both in New Zealand and Australia recognised a sincere searcher for truth.

Five years ago she heard the voice of Providence speaking when she suffered debilitating health problems. She then decided to devote her life unreservedly to Christ.

Church members gathered in Pimpama, Gold Coast, Queensland, to witness the occasion as she made her covenant with the Lord. It was a beautiful afternoon of Christian fellowship and a day we will all remember.



We keep Sr Suzi in our prayers particularly in view of her ongoing health issues and praise God another soul has been won back to the Lord's kingdom.

Special Prayers for Pakistan Brethren

“We are asking Reformers around the world to keep the brethren in Pakistan in their special prayers. A second domestic missionary in Pakistan has been charged by the dreaded blasphemy law known as 295-C. This Sabbath we are asking for special prayers for Brethren Shamir and Pervez. They are currently in prison [as of April 8] awaiting judgment and both could face execution if found guilty.” -- SDARM GC Stewardship Blog.

Obituaries – Bruce Gordon



We have been saddened in recent weeks with the death of three of our beloved brethren: Sis. Esther Southwell, Sis. Maria Korchynsky and Bro. Bruce Gordon.

They were all dearly loved by their families and friends. While we will miss them greatly, we take comfort in the promise that they now rest in Christ awaiting the blessed hope of the resurrection. Last issue we reflected on the life of Sis. Maria Korchynsky. This issue we remember Br Bruce Gordon as told by his family.

“Francis Bruce Gordon passed away suddenly on 2nd March 2011 at his home at Busselton, Western Australia. Known to all as Bruce, he was born on 4th July 1932 in Milton, NSW, and lived his early life in the Lochiel area. His mother having passed away when he was only 10 days old, and his father when he was 9 years of age, he was brought up by his grandmother and uncle. He worked on the family dairy farm and it was there that he met his wife-to-be, Lillian McMahon. They were married on 30th June 1954, Bruce having been baptised at Botany Bay at the 1954 Easter Conference, along with Esther McMahon (later Southwell), and two others. Br. C.P. Haynes officiated at the wedding.

“The early years of marriage were marked with various house and job changes, often due to unfortunate circumstances beyond their control. Eventually they built a home on a small farm at Lochiel, and finished raising their family of five children there. All five children were baptised and remain faithful Church members.

“Bruce and Lillian finally decided to move over to Western Australia in early 1989, where they were to enjoy many happy years of retirement together. With some of the children still over east, and others living in the west, much of their time was spent travelling back and forth, visiting numerous relatives, friends and Church members as they went. Besides travelling, Bruce’s hobbies included renovating his three old Ford trucks, wood crafting, and growing vegetables. He also put in many hours maintaining the Stratham church.

“Bruce was a very quiet, considerate, and dependable husband, father, friend and neighbour. A truly meek man, he was always happy to work quietly in the background and would often go unnoticed by people. But those who took the time or trouble to get to know him would discover that he was a man of deep convictions and strong opinions. His greatest pleasure was in watching his family grow up and extend as each of the 14 grandchildren came along. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and many friends, but we can rejoice in the hope that we will be re-united at the time of the glorious resurrection.”

Coming Events Calendar

22-24 April 2011

South Australian Spiritual Conference

VENUE: Mt Gambier Golf Club

For additional information, contact cmatyas@sdarm.org.au. Alternatively, see this webpage for details: <http://www.sdarm.org.au/events/sa/> or download the invitation brochure in PDF format at <http://www.sdarm.org.au/events/sa/SA-Camp-Invite-2011-Web.pdf>

22-25 April 2011

New Zealand Spiritual Conference

For details please contact nzfield@sdarm.org.au

10-13 June 2011

New South Wales Spiritual Conference

VENUE: Elim Heights Youth Camp

Official invitation brochure in PDF format can be downloaded here: http://www.sdarm.org.au/files/2011-NSW-Camp%20Invite_WEB.pdf

For further information contact nsw@sdarm.org.au

16 June – 15 July 2011

Mission Projects Oceania: Fly & Build – Vanuatu

Malekula Island, Vanuatu: 16-29 June 2011

Port Vila, Vanuatu: 3 – 15 July 2011

For additional details contact Br John Lausevic welfare@sdarm.org.au

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5-7 August 2011

Queensland Spiritual Conference

VENUE: Ewen Maddock Dam Recreation Centre – Sunshine Coast

Additional details will be available on the website soon; for further information contact pchapman@sdarm.org.au

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