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NSW Spiritual Conference

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Elim Heights was a busy hive of activity on Friday afternoon June 10 as preparations were underway for the opening of the 2011 NSW Spiritual Conference. Many hands make light work, so while sound and recording equipment was being set up in the church hall, the kitchen was also full of helpers preparing the evening meal. Soon we were welcoming visitors from across New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia—it was wonderful to have so many attending this special event. The chosen theme for the weekend was *“The Gift of Eternal Life,”* presenting the united work of the Godhead in the salvation of mankind. The opening of Sabbath meeting, taken by Br Geoff McCutcheon was entitled *“Perfect Rest in the Truth”*. After the meeting we all gathered in the dining hall to enjoy a delicious dinner.

Before each meeting, time was allocated for a short song and praise service. These were full of favourite hymns and uplifting testimonies. Sister Lana Ilic and other young people took us through these segments of the program. Brother Peter Lausevic welcomed each one present and officially opened the Conference. The evening service, entitled *“The Supreme Sacrifice”*, was taken by Br Alasdair Pow. During this meeting we were reminded that the plan of salvation was prepared before the foundation of the world and we were made to appreciate that it cost all of



Heaven in order for us fallen mortals to be saved.

The Sabbath morning program started with morning worship entitled “The Divine Promise” by Br Alasdair Pow. The Sabbath School program started earlier than normal with song service beginning at 9:00am and the Sabbath School at 9:15am, this gave more time for the lesson study. The review was entitled “The Day of Atonement” and the lesson for the day was “The Vision of the Prophet Daniel”.

The mid-morning services started with a song and thanks service at 10:45am followed by the Divine Service. The message, entitled “The Gift of Eternal Life”, was taken by Br Peter Lausevic.

Lunch was next on the program and then at 2:30pm the youth meeting was taken by Sisters Amy Voncina and Lana Ilic. The theme of this meeting was “Jesus as a Youth”. Beautiful items of praise were shared, together with readings from the inspired pen of Sister E G White and the congregation was quizzed from the Bible.

Once again all were able to participate in the song and thanks service prior to the closing of the Sabbath. The close of Sabbath meeting, entitled “God So Loved That He Gave”, was taken by Br Peter Lausevic. After a scrumptious evening meal all were able to spend some time relaxing and socializing.

The Sunday morning worship service was entitled “The Gifts of the Spirit” and this was taken by Br Luke Kneebone. Mid-morning two more presentations were shared—“The Incarnation” by Br Peter Lausevic and “The Father’s Love” by Br Alasdair Pow. While these meetings took place in the church hall, a separate children’s program was conducted by Br Garry Kraus in the children’s new building. The children learned to knead and shape bread dough which was baked and tasted later by the enthusiastic young bakers!

Following lunch, Br Alasdair shared one more presentation entitled “The Personality of the Holy Spirit” while the youth joined in a special program prepared for them. They had a choice of three workshops:

1. Making a Billy-Cart – Br Rolf Hauptmann assisted by Br Benny Gules
2. Sewing cushions – Sister Lidia Voncina assisted by Ethel Stoyko and Tabitha Hauptmann
3. Cake decorating: icing and sugar craft – Sister Faith Pow assisted by Sisters Lilly Sas and Josie Allen

All partook of the evening meal and then due to many having very muddy feet from the rainy weather it was decided that the final meeting should be held in the dining hall. Brother Geoff McCutcheon took the evening worship entitled “Reception of the Holy Spirit” and Br Peter Lausevic closed the conference and Br A C Sas pronounced the benediction.

Everyone’s spirits were kept high even though it was an extremely cold and wet weekend. Our hearts were warmed by the messages we heard, the fellowship we had with one another and by the lovely fireplaces that were alight. May the experiences made and the wonderful messages heard during this camp keep our hearts burning with zeal for Jesus as each one returns back home.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this conference a success and a very pleasant experience for all.

—by Lidia Voncina & Tabitha Hauptmann

PS: Video recordings are being prepared, and will be available soon!

Invitation to QLD Mission Field Camp Meeting



Official Invitations for the upcoming QLD Mission Field Camp Meeting to be held 5th – 7th August, 2011 will be coming out shortly.

Location: Ewen Maddock Recreation Centre, Landsborough, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia.

The theme entitled, “Living Well”, will be dedicated to topics covering the health and well-being of Body, Mind and Soul.

Guest Speaker: Br Alasdair Pow, Minister and Naturopath.

The camp will commence Friday evening on the 5th of August and conclude Sunday lunch time on the 7th of August. Following lunch, a Sunday afternoon program, “Adventures in Nature”, will also be held for families, children and young people.

Costs: Dormitory Accommodation - \$65 per adult; \$35 per child (4-14yrs) for the weekend. (Whether staying one or two nights the price is the same.) An offering will be collected to cover food costs.

For further information please contact: Paul Chapman on 0414 495 838 (+61414495838) or email pchapman@sdarm.org.au

Stay tuned for the official invite.

Fly and Build Project – Vanuatu (Update)



As you read this, work will already have commenced on the first of two fly-and-build projects in the Vanuatu Mission Field taking place from the 16th of June to the 15th of July, 2011.

Eager and dedicated volunteers have arrived in Vanuatu to help out. We look forward to receiving reports of their success. I am reminded of the following testimony:

“My soul is stirred within me as the Macedonian cry comes from every direction, from the cities and villages of our own land, from across the Atlantic and the broad Pacific, and from the islands of the sea, “Come over and help us.” Brethren and sisters, will you answer the cry? saying: “We will do our best, both

in sending you missionaries and money. We will deny ourselves in the embellishment of our houses, in the adornment of our persons, and in the gratification of appetite. We will give the means entrusted to us into the cause of God, and we will devote ourselves also unreservedly to His work." The wants of the cause are laid before us; the empty treasuries appeal to us most pathetically for help. One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten dollars will be at some future period.

"Work, brethren, work while you have the opportunity, while the day lasts. Work, for "the night cometh, when no man can work." How soon that night may come, it is impossible for you to tell. Now is your opportunity; improve it. If there are some who cannot give personal effort in missionary work, let them live economically, and give of their earnings."--5T 732, 733

Please keep these projects in your prayers.



Coleambally NSW Outreach Meetings

The Following Report was received from one of our young people, Sam Wiseman, two weeks ago:

“Bro Alasdair Pow has just started a Prophecy Seminar here in Coleambally. In the first meeting, entitled *The Time is Fulfilled*, we had one new lady come plus the majority of our local church members which was great. In this meeting Bro Alasdair proved from the Bible and non-Biblical history the year, month, day and hour that Jesus Christ, as the Messiah, came. The meeting was recorded on video by the church’s video camera, which I have been operating lately. So by midnight I had a master copy of the meeting. The next morning Bro Luke Kneebone, Bro Alasdair Pow, Bro Jonathan Lang, and myself all met at Uranquinty to start burning copies of the first meeting to send out to all the community of Coleambally. Bro Luke had come across from Sydney and had brought the mass DVD copier which does 11 DVDs in 7 minutes. At first it would not work, but after a few phone calls to Sis Tabitha at the Sydney office, Bro Luke was able to get it working. With help from two of Bro Alasdair’s computers and Bro Jonathan’s two burners as well as my computer we had all the burning done by 5:00 pm. The printing took an extra 1 ½ hrs, so by the end of the day, by the grace of God, we had accomplished something that would have taken three days and a lot of money if we had taken it to a technology business. The next day my mum took the DVDs to the post office and the whole 450 of them were posted that day. By the grace of God, His work will be moved forward by the use of these DVDs. Many thanks to all who helped in this endeavour.” *Sam Wiseman*



Left to Right: Brethren Jonathan Lang, Alasdair Pow, Luke Kneebone, and Sam Wiseman

Editor’s Note: There are two more nights to go at time of preparing this edition of GT E-News. Four visitors have attended the meetings and at the moment there is one soul who has been attending every meeting. The brethren pray that more souls will respond to the request to order the full set of DVD recordings of the meetings. The next outreach of our Uranquinty church community is planned for Narrandera, NSW. Please keep these outreach projects in your prayers.

Coming Events Calendar

- 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
+61 8 9731 6037
- 21 – 25 July, 2011** **Rockhampton Youth Campout (Qld)**
Isla Gorge National Park
<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/isla-gorge/index.html>
For further information go to the Facebook Events page
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=228230907202333>
Or contact Br Laszlo Honti: laszlohonti83@bigpond.com
- 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
- 18-21 August 2011** **General Conference Spiritual Meetings
Sibiu, Romania.**
Website for the location of the public meetings:
<http://www.salatransilvania.ro>
For location, access to Sibiu, hotels, contacts, etc.:
<http://www.azsmr.ro/gcsession>
- Oct/Nov 2011** **Evangelistic Seminar – Rockhampton, Queensland**
9 Nights of Bible Prophecy Lectures for the General Public
For further information contact pchapman@sdarm.org.au

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