



Australasian News Update

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

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Philippines Singles Camp at Tres Hermanos Lodge, Malaybay, Bukidnon. Read about it on page 13. *Photo: Janice Gonzales*

Greetings from Clarendon

Dear Brethren,

This issue of the ANU is jammed full of exciting articles, updates and memories of many wonderful activities held in God's work in the Asia Pacific Region. It is a pleasure to share these with you!

King Solomon reminds us that life is like a vapour [thanks Mr Solomon] and yet, how many of us make plans, start projects, resolve to do more Bible study and prayer...or perhaps we are determined to visit or call our brethren, only to find the weeks and months evaporate before our eyes.

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The Apostle Paul lovingly instructs us to “redeem the time, for the days are evil” (Eph 5:16).

Paul was exhorting us to consider that if we’re not careful, we could be swallowed up with the cares and busyness of this world. Perhaps you worked to exhaustion during the week and then were unable to attend Sabbath services because of extreme tiredness. We need to have the right perspective and also make sure our priorities are right. Isn’t the greatest work on this earth by far, the work God is doing in each of His begotten children – the work of developing Holy Righteous Character, His Character, in each of us? Clearly, this is no small feat, especially in these Laodicean and evil days we find ourselves in.

Recently, I heard about a gentleman who was once affiliated with our former association, yet after many years in the wilderness, reconnected with the church. He set himself the goal of reading all the Tomorrow’s World magazine issues since they first began in 1999, that’s a total of 155 magazines to be exact. You can still access every issue from the website, <https://www.tomorrowworld.org>.

He expressed how happy he was to be able to catch up on all that he missed over the years. This is just one example of redeeming the time - perhaps you might do the same, or even set a goal to read or reread all the church-published booklets. Whatever you decide, why not start now and “redeem the time”?

As I’m sure you’re aware, the Holy Days are quickly approaching – and perhaps have already arrived by the time you receive this issue of the ANU. The Feast of Trumpets - picturing the Return of our Lord, Saviour and King. The Day of Atonement - when we will finally see Satan bound and unable to influence mankind. The Feast of Tabernacles - 1000 years with Jesus Christ and the Saints governing this earth according to God’s laws and teaching His perfect way of life. And then finally, the Last Great Day – wow! Imagine all who have ever lived, resurrected to physical life and given a first genuine introduction

to God and having the Book of Life opened up to them. God’s Holy Days give such hope, don’t they? Let’s make sure we properly plan for these days both physically and spiritually.

This year, we will be holding 18 individual Feast sites in the Asia Pacific Region. There will be a few ministerial festival travel assignments which you may be interested to know. Mr and Mrs Edwards will travel to Malaysia, Mr Hemphill will be in Papua New Guinea, Mr and Mrs Taylor as well as my wife and I will be in Nadi, Fiji. We will also have the privilege of some international ministerial visitors. Mr and Mrs Hugh Stewart (Victor Harbor/Forster), Mr and Mrs Garrett Steagall (Forster), Mr Ron Poole (Malaysia/Forster), Mr and Mrs Marshall Moluf (New Zealand) and Mr and Mrs Brent Mitchell (Philippines). Each year, it becomes increasingly difficult to find suitable festival venues due to availability and price increases. The cost of accommodation as well as travel and food inflation is also a challenge for brethren. For others, simply having the physical health to travel to their nearest Feast site is problematic. For these reasons, we may need to consider holding smaller sites in more locations to help ease some of those burdens in 2026.

Brethren, wherever you are reading this ANU, from the office staff here in Adelaide, I wanted to extend to you all our love and festival greetings. I know I can speak for everyone in the Regional and local church offices that it has been our great pleasure to serve you all over the past year. We will keep you in our prayers as I hope you will keep us in your prayers too!

Have an inspiring Holy Day season, be safe as you journey to the Feast of Tabernacles and never take for granted our awesome calling and the privilege we have been given to know the Truth.

In Christian love,

Robert Tyler
Regional Director



What Is The Feast Of Tabernacles?

Thanks to God’s Holy Days, we can see that there is great hope for the future. He instituted the Feast of Tabernacles so you and I could understand just how profoundly rewarding His way of life is. It’s not just a historical or theoretical issue—it’s about obeying God, observing His Holy Days, and experiencing the way of life He intends for all mankind.

(What Is The Feast of Tabernacles?, Rod McNair, Tomorrow’s World, Sep-Oct 2025)



MELBOURNE: Fellowship Weekend



The Melbourne congregation once again had the opportunity of hosting the Fellowship Weekend for 2025. Around 25 interstate brethren, along with New Zealand Regional Pastor Mr Paul Kearns were in attendance over the King's Birthday long weekend, from June 6 to June 9. The theme of this year's Fellowship Weekend was "Feed My Sheep". The weekend commenced with a soup night, and a side of equally wonderful fellowship and conversation among the brethren. The dinner was then followed by a Bible Study which was given by Melbourne Pastor, Mr Adam Jennings.

Sabbath services were held the following day where the theme of "Feed My Sheep" was explored. The sermonette, given by Adelaide Deacon Mr Brian McKenzie, was titled "Nurtured by God's word", where he explained that we need to feed on God's word daily. The sermon given by Mr Kearns was titled "Preparing Disciples: Ready for the Kingdom of God", where he spoke about how we need to prepare ourselves to help others. After enjoying the wonderful spit-roast dinner and hearty fellowship, we enjoyed a fun drawing activity.

The following day, we were once again fed spiritually



with two lectures. One given by Melbourne Elder, Mr Zig Svalbe and the other given by Mr Kearns. Following these lectures brethren headed out to their chosen activities. Some participated in a game of mini golf, while others tested their technique and precision on the driving range. Those looking for a relaxing afternoon chose a calming stroll through the Dandenong Ranges Botanical Garden.

Brethren arrived back at the hall that evening for a delectable roast chicken dinner, which was followed by a fun games night. We split up into teams to play a game of Play-Doh Pictionary, with a bonus round of completing a jigsaw puzzle as a team.

On the final day there was a farewell lunch that was held at The Boatbuilders Yard, a waterfront bar and café that is located at South Wharf in the city. The brethren were able to share a final meal together as the Fellowship Weekend came to an end.

-Jeremiah Susi

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ADELAIDE: Men's Activity



Twelve men from the Adelaide congregation gathered for lunch and fellowship at Keg & Barrel Steak House in Port Noarlunga on Sunday afternoon, July 27.

After finishing a delightful meal the group moved on to an exciting pool competition. A mini tournament was organised with a live scoreboard and perpetual trophy adding an extra level of excitement and anticipation.

Before the first break a short explanation was given to explain the rules of the knockout tournament.

With cheers, encouragement and plenty of friendly competition, the room was filled with camaraderie and enthusiasm.

It was a truly enjoyable and memorable afternoon and we are already looking forward to the next pool tournament! -Dexter Javate

ADELAIDE: Ladies' Luncheon

On Sunday, July 27, the Adelaide ladies attended a luncheon that was more than merely a midday meal. It was an occasion where friendships were nurtured and laughter was shared among kindred spirits.

A well-laid table, adorned with fresh flowers, lemons and beautiful napkins awaited. Gentle and unobtrusive background music played creating a mood of warmth and fun.

Food may have been the anchor, but conversation was the lifeblood. The ladies each brought a plate to share, while a selection of teas, sparkling water, and chilled rosé rounded out the offering. The food, while exquisite, was only half the story—the joy was in the sharing.

At its core, the ladies luncheon was an affirmation of connection: a reminder that even amidst busy lives, there is value in pausing, gathering and sharing precious time together. -Nicole Tyler



ADELAIDE: Leadership Development Program



The Leadership Development Program has served as a unique opportunity for the Adelaide congregation to learn God's perspective on leadership and to understand the importance of developing leadership skills.

While the LDP was primarily targeting the men (17 and over), attendance was left open for the women to attend these programs as well. Since its inception in March 2024, these monthly programs have been eagerly anticipated and very well attended.

Each LDP is broken into three parts - a Table Topics session, a 30-minute session where we work our way through the Living Leadership Course and conclude with a Doctrinal Review Session.

Brethren have the opportunity to be challenged, stimulated and better equipped to lead and to serve in the Church, as well as build greater bonds of friendship and genuine love for each other. -Warren Burnett

Pastor Emeritus Recognition

On July 12, Mr Robert Tyler and Mr Martin Montgomery travelled to Canberra to present Mr Michael Gill with a Pastor Emeritus plaque in recognition of his service as a faithful Minister of Jesus Christ. Then, on August 23, Mr Tyler travelled to Brisbane to present Mr Dayrell Tanner with the same honour.

Mr Tyler expressed his heartfelt thanks to the men and their wives for their years of service, dedication, and the meaningful impact they have made on their congregations.



Mr and Mrs Gill

After looking into how to best honour each man, it was decided that “Pastor Emeritus” was the most fitting designation for the situation in the Living Church of God.

Using the title “retired” or “inactive” does not give the proper recognition as to

how a pastor has faithfully served over the years. The essence of the Latin term “emeritus” refers to “completing one’s service” or to a “veteran soldier.”

There are no Biblical guidelines for naming someone Pastor Emeritus. It is, however, right and fitting for the Church to recognize the faithful ministry of those who shepherd and serve them with dignity, integrity and dedication.

The apostle Paul urged, “Dear brothers and sisters, honour those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual



L-R: Mr Mew, Mr Tanner, Mrs Tanner, Mr Tyler

guidance” (1 Thessalonians 5:12). He wrote to Timothy, “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17). The Greek word Paul used in both passages, translated as “work hard” and “labour,” emphasizes intense energy and toiling to the point of extreme fatigue.

Work as a pastor requires handling both mental and physical responsibilities that come with serving a local congregation. As each man is able, they will continue to counsel based on their knowledge and experience, lead prayers, perform anointings and read announcements.

Time and circumstances may necessitate changes to their tasks, but one thing that remains constant is the blessing of their continued service as pillars in each congregation. -*Editorial Staff*

ADELAIDE: Soup and Games Night

On June 14, a little over 40 brethren stayed after Sabbath Services to enjoy a wonderful night of fellowship. The cool winter’s evening was offset by some truly delicious homemade soups which caused quite the conundrum of which one to taste first!

During the evening the brethren also participated in some lively team games which resulted in much laughter from all involved. Both young and not so young, were able to take part and contribute to the joyous church-family fun. The evening concluded with a hot cuppa and more sweet homemade slices while watching a Tomorrow’s World Viewpoint, to which a series of questions were asked to test our listening and observation skills.

Thank you to all who provided their tasty dishes and also for helping with the serving and clean-up at the end of the evening. -*Warren Burnett*





We asked brethren around the region: What is your favourite holy day and why?



Lindell Ngaluafe, Brisbane

The Day of Atonement, because the core of this world's problems and our own personal problems and issues is Satan the Devil. I look forward to the time when Satan will be put away and mankind can be set free from his broadcasting system and we can be at one with God.



Jan Paxon, Adelaide

The Feast of Tabernacles is very special. The Millennial reign of Jesus Christ is the exciting time when we, as the resurrected saints, together with our elder brother, will have the opportunity to use the skills we have been given, to teach God's way of life to all mankind. A time to obey and serve God, a time of peace and joy to be experienced by all humanity.



Greg Fearnley, Canberra

The Feast of Trumpets, because it symbolises the return of Jesus Christ, which I really want! Despite the other trumpet blasts, which I'm not looking forward to, the return of Christ will make it all worthwhile.



Noel Avila, Philippines

For me my favourite is the Feast of Trumpets, because God will become our Father forever and we, His children. As we experience change from mortal to spirit-glorified beings, we will be able to assist Jesus Christ rule the world for 1,000 years and beyond. The Feast of Trumpets authenticates the moment that we finally make it into God's Kingdom.



Susan Church, Rotorua

The Last Great Day is the culmination of God's plan and it's reassuring to know that Satan and his demons will now be gone forever. It foretells the completion of God's plan and of the many reunions that mankind will be able to celebrate at the second resurrection.



Dah Bleh Laybeh, Thailand

Passover is my favourite Feast. Without the sacrifice of the body and blood of the Son of God, our lives are meaningless and futile and we would be nothing more than dust that would finally end up in eternal death. I always look forward to another year of commitment to God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

AUCKLAND: Leadership Night

A productive and unifying leadership event was held at the New Zealand office for men from the Auckland congregation on Sunday, June 22. A leadership lecture was given by Auckland Pastor, Mr Graeme Hemphill, followed by a barbecue meal and fellowship. There were 16 men in attendance. The one-hour lecture given by Mr Hemphill covered leadership topics that included different types of leadership styles, focusing in on Godly leadership and moral and ethical integrity. The lecture was interactive, with questions posed by Mr Hemphill and thoughtful answers given by the men who were in attendance. The men greatly enjoyed the opportunity to grow and develop as leaders within God's Church. This leadership event was indeed a great success and more are planned for the near future. -Tony Leman



AUCKLAND: Winter Garden Activity



On a cold and overcast day, 21 members of the Auckland congregation gathered at the Auckland Domain Wintergardens on Sunday, July 13. The social committee had organised a visit to the garden to view the winter plant display. The plants were truly magnificent and a great testimony of God's desire for diversity throughout His creation. After a relaxed tour of the gardens, we retired to the onsite café for lunch and continued the fellowship. Interestingly, while the activity itself was greatly appreciated, it was enhanced by the wonderful fellowship opportunity for us as well. A truly wonderful day was had by all. -Graeme Hemphill

WELLINGTON: Zoo Visit

God's creation was on show when brethren gathered for a Church activity at Wellington Zoo on Sunday, March 16. For a relatively small zoo the range of different animals was incredible! They ranged from lions to red pandas, wallabies to meerkats and even snow leopards, which were incredibly majestic to behold. Members of the Wellington congregation were able to admire the beauty of the animal kingdom God created and, at the same time, enjoy some much-needed fellowship with each other. -Paul Kearns



YOUTH PAGE



Adam Jennings

When I was growing up in the church, I remember looking to the minister as someone of Godly authority, who was well respected within the congregation, and a man who followed Biblical instructions. These men were not perfect, but my parents taught us to have respect towards God's ministers, and to listen to what they would teach us each week at Sabbath services. Being able to get to know God's ministers was a special thing; after all, they were representatives of God and Jesus Christ, and had been put in that role for a reason.

An article from the visualcapitalist.com states that there are over 4,000 different religions today! It says, "According to some estimates, there are over 4,000 religions, faiths groups, and denominations that exist around the world today. Researchers and academics generally categorize the world's religions into five major groups: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judaism."

What is hard to imagine is that in these religions, there are thousands of adherents who would believe that THEIR minister, teacher, or sheikh is a true minister of God or a true leader within their religious system. All would profess to be "men of God," or men of whatever god they worship.

But how can you recognise a man of God in this day and age? To answer this question, our source has to be the Bible.

Satan has confused and deceived this whole world (Rev 12:9). Many today openly give their perspective on religion, beliefs, values, and philosophy. It might seem so confusing, but it really isn't, and here is why.

When Timothy stayed in Ephesus to help God's people he came face to face with men who wanted to be teachers and spiritual leaders in the church. Paul commended those who wanted to lead, but he also said there were things to be aware of (1 Tim 1:3-7). Also, Hebrews 5:4 tells us that a man must be chosen and appointed by God for a particular role and responsibility.

So, what is it you should recognise in a true man of God?

1. Will He Teach What the Bible Says?

A true minister of Jesus Christ teaches what the Bible says. He will not teach human philosophies, traditions, or opinions. Titus 2:1 says, "But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine." The word "sound" means healthy or wholesome and implies that sound doctrine is spiritually nourishing, correct, and beneficial for growth in faith and godliness. A true minister of God will teach, not based on human ideas, but what can be traced back to God's word.

2. Will He Exemplify Christ-Like Character?

Matthew 7:20 says, "by their fruits you will know them." That is, we can understand someone by their actions. This can be done by how they interact with others, communicate, or how they present themselves.



Although he will not be perfect, a true minister of God will live by what the Bible teaches, and how Jesus Christ lived. He will live his life trying to exemplify the fruit of God's Spirit, in the same way Jesus Christ did. In His life, Jesus Christ served, gave and helped in any way He could and so should a man of God. You would recognise him, because he tries to mimic Christ himself, exemplifying the fruit that is mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23.

3. Will You See Him Being Obedient to God?

If a man of God is not observing all of God's commandments, then that is a big RED FLAG! You would recognise a man of God because his life is submissive to God's will and he is obedient to His Ten Commandments. 1 John 2:3-4 states, "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." Many leaders, teachers, and religious men will only keep SOME of the Ten Commandments and some will keep none! Yet this is not what the scripture says. Furthermore, in Revelation 22:14 we read, "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the

gates into the city." This is picturing a time in the future-the Kingdom of God! In recognising a man of God, you will witness him being obedient to God, endeavouring to keep all of God's laws, holy days, statutes, and oracles.

Although it's not our job to critique our pastor or the ministry, it is important to identify who are God's ministers and who are not. We can avoid the confusion of this world by considering the above-mentioned points, by looking through the Biblical lens of what constitutes a man of God. We must not be deceived. Notice these straightforward principals and consider them next time you are trying recognise a man of God.

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BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who is the Presiding Evangelist of the Living Church of God?
2. According to the article, roughly how many different religions are there today?
3. Where in the Bible would you find the verse "... Satan, who deceives the whole world"?
4. How many fruits of the Spirit are there? (Galatians 5:22-23)
5. Where are the 2 places in the Bible you can find the 10 Commandments written in full?
6. Who was the leader of the headquarters Church at the time of the Jerusalem Conference? (Acts 15:13-19)

ANSWERS

1. Mr Gerald Weston 2. 4000 3. Revelation 12:9 4. Nine 5. Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 6. James

Q&A With An LCG Minister: Mr Felipe Casing



On what date were you baptised into the Church Of God?

I was baptised in March, 1956 by the Church of God 7th Day. I asked to be baptised again on October 4, 1968 by WCG in Don Carlos, Bukidnon, Mindanao, Philippines.

On what date were you ordained? Who ordained you?

I was ordained by Mr Colin Adair in 1981 as a deacon in WCG and then as an elder by Mr Herbert W Armstrong in Manila in 1982. I was ordained as a preaching elder in 1985 by Mr Dean Blackwell. In Living Church of God Mr Carl McNair and Mr Rod McNair ordained me as a pastor.

Where do you currently serve?

In the Davao, Philippines congregation.

How did you first come to hear about the Church of God?

I was born and grew up in the Church of God 7th Day. My father was a pastor since I was born, but I felt like I started to have a better understanding of Church teachings from about nine years old.

Can you explain how you navigated through the Worldwide Church of God apostasy and eventually ended up in LCG?

Mr Joseph Tkach came to Davao in about 1988 promoting new doctrines. After not agreeing with the changes, I was disfellowshipped. I still visited and connected with brethren who wanted to stick to the truth. I was handed the address of Dr Roderick C Meredith and had contact with Mr Colin Adair and Mr Rod McNair. Mr McNair asked me to get involved in the Work.

Do you have any special memories that stand out since being in the Church?

My special memories have been my attendance at ministerial conferences, visiting the office of Dr Meredith and my first time being in Charlotte watching a live recording of a Mr Rod King telecast.

What do you feel are the greatest spiritual challenges in the end time?

Lukewarmness and the rise of false prophets that start their own group. The love of many shall wax cold. We need to suffer long and remain faithful despite anxiety or uncertainty. We need to endure and hold on to the faith once delivered.

What is your favourite scripture? Why?

Being a frail boy growing up with several health problems, I wondered if there would be a deliverance from my trials. Upon opening my new Bible my father bought for me at age 9, I turned to this verse: "Consider my affliction and deliver me, For I do not forget your law" (Psalm 119:153).

What are you looking forward to in the Millennium?

I look forward to God's plan being implemented for the benefit of all mankind. But personally, if afforded by God, I would love to be asked to serve the people where I was born.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I walk almost daily as exercise. I enjoy reading history books, church magazines and sometimes just being at the beach meditating and admiring God's creation.

MELBOURNE: Bike Ride Activity



Nine enthusiastic cyclists from the Melbourne congregation gathered for a scenic bike ride at Wombat Bend Park on Sunday, March 9. The weather on the day was amazing with clear skies, warm sunshine and a cool breeze that made it enjoyable for a bike ride and picnic afterwards. There was a warm sense of fellowship as more brethren joined for the picnic. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalms 133:1). -*Joseph Napoli*



PERTH: Soup and Quiz Night

Soup Night is one of the Perth congregation's favourite activities in winter. After Sabbath Services on July 5, many brethren stayed on to enjoy a selection of six delicious soups accompanied by warm bread rolls and garlic bread. After numerous helpings we then participated in a fun quiz organised by Mr and Mrs Pressler. A good night was had by all. -*Jenny Edwards*

CANBERRA: Social Evening

After Sabbath Services on 23 August, the Canberra Congregation enjoyed a social evening together at a nearby Turkish restaurant called Caspian Cuisine. Our hostess at the restaurant looked after us marvellously as did her staff. We had about an hour of pre-dinner fellowship with some complimentary entrée breads in an area with lounges and a very comfortable atmosphere. There was a piano which a couple of our own brethren played. We eventually moved to a private room where we sampled culinary delights in the style of Turkey and Azerbaijan cuisine. No one hurried to depart and it was a very pleasant and uplifting occasion. -*Martin Montgomery*



THAILAND: Living Education

Two Living Education students became Volunteer Teachers on a trip of a lifetime in Mae Sot, Thailand.

Rachel Price and Dakota Nichols, both first year Living Education graduates, spent their summer break of June and July teaching English in Mae Sot's largest high school, which has about



Far left: LE Volunteer Teachers Rachel Price and Dakota Nichols.

3000 students. I had the privilege of accompanying Regional Director Mr Robert Tyler and Thailand Pastor Mr Htoowah Laybeh, to assist with integrating Dakota and Rachel into their English-teaching program. Although not trained teachers, Dakota and Rachel did an excellent job of helping Thai students with their English grammar, spelling and pronunciation. Both Dakota and Rachel expressed how quickly the time in Thailand had gone and how grateful they were for such an incredible experience. *-Troy Kearns*

The Living Education Thai Foundation provides a valuable opportunity for Church youth and the Mae Sot community. To donate, please visit www.lcgasiapacific.org/thai-foundation/

MALAYSIA: Pentecost



The entire Malaysian congregation gathered for the Feast of Pentecost at Bayu Beach, Port Dickson on June 1, 2025. The hotel was ideally situated adjacent to a picturesque beach and the weather was exceptionally pleasant.

The morning and afternoon services featured a choir performance and inspiring sermons. A combined luncheon was then held, showcasing a

delightful array of dishes, including fried chicken, mutton curry, black pepper beef, two varieties of vegetables and Chinese-style egg. Members engaged in lively fellowship filled with joy and laughter, fostering a spirit of camaraderie. We are profoundly grateful to be counted among the firstfruits. *-Rajan Moses*

MALAYSIA: Picnic

Beneath the resplendent sun, about 30 brethren gathered for a delightful picnic at Port Dickson on March 16, 2025. The Kuala Lumpur congregation arrived at 8am and commenced the day with a lavish breakfast. We subsequently engaged in a variety of fun games including relay races, playful water balloon tosses and spirited volleyball matches.

To bring our hearts back to a relaxed rate, the adults enjoyed delightful camaraderie, sharing laughter and light-hearted banter. It was an exceptionally enjoyable picnic, leaving our hearts brimming with joy as we departed. *-Ronald Moses*



PHILIPPINES: Singles Trip

From June 12 to 14, a group of 16 singles and 3 staff members from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao gathered on the serene mountain slopes of Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Philippines, for a refreshing three-day singles trip.

Set against the tranquil backdrop of nature, the trip was filled with meaningful activities, including outdoor camping, river trekking, campfire cooking, engaging lectures, Bible studies and a spiritually enriching Sabbath.

Participants were guided through a series of lectures and Bible study sessions that encouraged a deeper understanding of faith and purpose as a single. A highlight of the Sabbath was the Q&A session on being single, Christian dating and courtship.

Throughout the camp, participants were taught how they could actively support God's Work—by offering their talents, resources, and Godly example—while forming lasting friendships deeply rooted in Jesus Christ. The lectures encouraged the singles to focus on the big picture and to factor it into their daily choices in life. They were encouraged to support the Work by adhering to Church teachings and policies, developing relationships with fellow singles, and cultivating a proper understanding and behavior regarding Christian dating, courtship, and the process one must undertake before considering engagement and marriage.

The Bible study explored the benefits of marrying within the same household of faith—highlighting how a shared foundation can build a strong marriage and serve as a source of strength and support in advancing the Work of God.

This singles' activity was more than just a scenic getaway — it was a time of joy, connection, and spiritual growth, aiming to develop lasting friendships, prepare for strong marriages and help usher in future generations of godly families. *-Joseph Gonzales*



PHILIPPINES: Sermonette Evening

A small group of enthusiastic men gathered for a “sermonette evening” after Sabbath services in Davao City on June 28, 2025. Our pastor Mr Felipe Casing facilitated the evening, while we were also privileged to have Philippines Regional Pastor Mr Joseph Gonzales in attendance. Each speaker strove to deliver his message with a specific purpose in mind, thereby encouraging the audience to apply the lessons into their own lives. At the conclusion of the evening, Mr Gonzales gave his appreciation to all who had given a message and Mr Casing expressed his thankfulness to all the men involved. *-Trinidad Ducayen*



NEW ZEALAND: Tomorrow's World Presentations



Two TWP series were held in New Zealand during the months of May and August. The first TWP series was conducted in Whangarei, which was held over a two-week period on May 4 and 11. I spoke on the subjects of, "Ukraine, Russia & the Rise of the Beast!" and "Who or What Is the Antichrist?" Eighteen guests attended in total. As a result of these presentations, we have some new people attending in Whangarei. The second TWP series was held in Tauranga on August 17 and 24. I gave a new presentation on August 17 titled, "Israel, Iran & the Return of the King!" A total of 48 guests

attended this series. The local brethren in both congregations did a wonderful job of hosting these events and were warm and welcoming to the guests. It's a real privilege to be able to serve others through the TWPs as we strive to let the light of Christ shine through us in getting the gospel preached to the world. -Paul Kearns

INDONESIA: Family Weekend

The Indonesian Family Weekend was held in Batu, East Java, Indonesia from June 26 to 28, 2025.

The theme of the Family Weekend was "Let Your Light Shine" and messages from the ministry particularly focused on the spiritual growth of the youth in attendance. Activities included Bible study, Christian Living classes, games, exercise, discussions and Q&A sessions.

For the Sabbath, a total of 26 brethren gathered in Batu City for services, while two joined online.

The Family Weekend was a huge success. The teens who attended learned many valuable lessons and the parents were truly grateful to see their children being taught intensively by the ministry. -Firman Bramantyo



Graeme Hemphill and Evan Cobham

BAPTISMS

On Friday, May 30, **Mr Evan Cobham** from the Auckland, New Zealand congregation was baptised by Auckland Pastor Mr Graeme Hemphill at Maraetai Beach. Area Pastor Mr Paul Kearns and Mr Hemphill then performed the laying on of hands. The Cobham family were there to witness the baptism and were overjoyed to see Dad get baptised!

On the morning of Sunday, May 25, 2025, **Mrs Ziporah Mendoza Vicente** was baptised in the Mambukal Hot Springs, Koronadal, South Cotabato, Philippines by Pastor Mr Amancio Cuares Jr. Mrs Vicente is a second-generation Christian, as her parents were both members of the Worldwide Church of God. She attends the Columbio congregation, located on the southern Philippines island of Mindanao.



Amancio Cuares Jr and Zipora Mendoza Vicente

BIRTHS



Ared and Rebecca Woskanian (Rebecca, daughter of Bob Rodzaj) from the Brisbane, Australia, congregation are thrilled to announce the birth of their second child, **Alexander Robert Woskanian**. Alexander was born at 9:43am on July 7, 2025, weighing a healthy 3.1kg (6.8lbs). He is a brother to big sister Abigail, who was born in January last year.

The Canary family from Auckland, New Zealand are excited to announce the safe arrival of their fourth child, **Myka Louise Canary**, who was born at midday on Friday, August 29. She weighed 3.1 kgs. Both mum and daughter are well. Congratulations to parents, Jason and Kate and Myka's brother and sisters!



Michael and Elizabeth Sheffield from Hawera, New Zealand, are overjoyed to announce the safe arrival of twin daughters, **Eliora and Audrey**, who were born on Tuesday night, June 17 at Auckland Starship Hospital. Older siblings, Lawrence and Bethany, are elated to have two little sisters!



IN LOVING MEMORY



Mrs Ina Copeman of the Melbourne congregation died on Wednesday, September 3 after a battle with cancer. Mrs Copeman remained steadfast right up until the day she died. She eagerly looked forward to the resurrection at the sound of the last Trumpet. We look forward to seeing Mrs Copeman again very soon.

Only days prior to Mrs Copeman's death, Melbourne Spokesman Club members were joined by other members of the congregation at the Copeman's house for a gardening working bee. The occasion was an opportunity for brethren to come together in loving support for one another in a time of trial and need.

A long-time faithful member of the Kalaymyo, Myanmar congregation, **Mr Sang Hai**, died on July 31, 2025. He was born in 1938 and baptized in 1977. Mr Hai worked as a farmer and raised four children, but after being called and coming into the Church, Mr Hai's wife and children all left him. Although his family life became incredibly challenging and unsettled, Mr Hai loved the Truth and was a great example to other brethren of how to live a Christian life and by being faithful to the end. He always participated in Church activities and enjoyed being the chef on Feast days. -*Htoo Mya*



ORDINATION

On the Sabbath of August 30, while visiting Perth, Western Australia, I had the honour of performing an ordination. Assisted by Mr David Edwards and Mr Kinnear Penman, we ordained Mr Riaan Taylor to the ministerial rank of Local Elder. Mr Taylor will remain in Perth and serve in the local congregation under Mr Edwards. -Robert Tyler

Within the Australasian Region, there are men of the following ministerial rank:

Evangelists: 1

Pastors: 7

Pastor Emeritus: 2

Elders: 20



L-R: Mr Tyler, Mr Taylor, Mr Edwards, Mr Penman

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I sincerely thank you and give all the praise and glory to God.

Beverly Griffiths, New South Wales

Dear Tomorrow's World,

Thank you for the materials you sent me. I received both of them and I am starting to read and study them. You mentioned that I can now request the continuation of the Bible Study Course, so I am writing you to please send me Lessons 5 to 8.

Once again thank you very much and appreciate your response for the above request.

Kind regards,

Marlene Montes, Philippines

Greetings in the name of our Lord Christ Jesus. I am grateful for your wonderful fellowship and blessings. I received your wonderful and valuable information about the Holy Bible. Your blessings and wonderful messages from God's word always inspire me. I am praying for the ministry of the Church.

Best regards,

Jonathon Azad Rajib, Bangladesh

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