



# 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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## Greetings from Clarendon

Dear Brethren,

I hope that reading this issue of the ANU inspires you to see how blessed God’s people are in the Living Church of God. We are blessed with many faithful members and families who are dedicated to the work of God. We are also blessed with faithful ministry who serve God’s people, often in difficult and challenging circumstances, many giving of themselves at the expense of their family, personal health and personal finances.

But we are a church moving forward on its knees. We are not rich as the world sees riches, but I believe we are rich in FAITH. We strive to do God’s work with the faith that Jesus Christ is leading, guiding, protecting and providing the resources for us to open doors He sets before us.

Thank you for your continued support and for remembering God’s ministry in your prayers as we face an ever dangerous and challenging world.

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Members of the Adelaide congregation took a breathtaking walk along the St Vincent Gulf coastline at Hallett Cove. Read the article on page 7.

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May 24

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This issue of the ANU is a little larger than usual. We have attempted to highlight some of the wonderful activities enjoyed by brethren around the Asia Pacific region. It has been a busy time with many social activities, leadership conferences, youth camps and Holy Days, all bringing members of Christ's body together in a spirit of unity and togetherness. Yet, the sobering reality is we are also living in a fracturing world – Satan knows he has a short time, and I think we all see the increase of spiritual battles, not just around the globe, but even in our own lives. Without question, it is becoming more important for God's people to come together as one body. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

With the Feast of Unleavened Bread behind us we should now look forward to the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is unique in that God determined that we are to count 50 days or 7 weeks from when the wave sheaf was offered, which happened the day after the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:15-16). Whenever you have to count down to something, it usually creates a sense of anticipation. When my children were young, we would make paper chains with each link in the chain representing one day. Each new day, excitement grew as the girls removed another link bringing us closer to the Feast. Counting down to the Feast of Pentecost not only points us to the exciting time of the firstfruit harvest, picturing the first resurrection, but also to the promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples that He would send the comforter which would be a GUIDE, provide COMFORT, a source of POWER and will lead us into TRUTH, something the Church and God's people still need today.

However, that was only the beginning. Eventually God will pour out His Spirit over the whole world. Just as the disciples eagerly anticipated Pentecost, we should also be anxiously anticipating, not only a small outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as on the day of Pentecost in 31AD, but something even greater - the prophet declares: "And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on My menservants and maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days" (Joel 2:28-29). This was a prophecy of the coming Kingdom of God when Jesus Christ and the saints will rule for 1000 years on this earth.

Can you picture a time where God's Spirit will be poured out on all people around the world? Imagine when nations will no longer be at war with each other, but all nations will work together. Isn't it just another exciting reason to pray, "Thy kingdom come" (Matthew 6:10)?

Have a truly wonderful and inspiring Feast of Pentecost wherever you are.

In Christian love,

Robert Tyler  
Regional Director



## **Pentecost**

As the Day of Pentecost approaches, we are reminded of a wonderful, hope-giving truth. Yes, by God's mercy we have a significant role to play in our salvation, as we celebrated during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Paul tells us to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). But why fear and trembling? Because "it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (v. 13).

(Power, Love, and a Sound Mind, Wallace G. Smith, Living Church News, May-June 2026)



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# ADELAIDE: Advanced Leadership Training Workshop

Five men from around Australia had the opportunity to take part in the Advanced Leadership Training Workshop. The workshop held at the Clarendon office, run by Mr Rob Tyler and Mr Martin Montgomery, was spread over three separate weekends during the second half of last year. It provided an invaluable opportunity for the men in attendance to deepen their understanding of the Church, ministerial responsibilities, and the principles of Church government. The workshop was designed to give practical insight into the work of the ministry while encouraging spiritual growth and enabling the men to be of greater service within their families, their own congregation and the Church as a whole. Throughout the workshops participants engaged in a variety of learning activities including lectures from Dr Douglas Winnail, mock GOTOs, question and answer sessions, and preparing and delivering a split sermon during Sabbath services. The workshop proved to be both spiritually beneficial and practically enriching, helping us better understand the work of serving God and His people. *-Troy Kearns*



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# PHILIPPINES: Advanced Leadership Training Workshop



We are all a product of the harvest of the labourers who came before us in the Church of God. Jesus Christ plainly instructed His disciples that the harvest is always ready to be harvested but there is a lack of labourers. Building leaders, teaching truths, maintaining standards and traditions, and preserving them are the objectives that launched the ALTW (Advanced Leadership Training Workshop) in the Philippines. Spearheaded by Mr Tyler and Mr Montgomery, a three-day workshop was held in Manila from February 13-15 involving six men. This was followed by another three-day workshop held in Davao from February 20-22 also involving six men. Dr Winnail, connecting online, spoke to the men about leadership traits that are vital in any service role in God's Church. Mr Tyler



and Mr Montgomery each gave lectures that helped the men understand the workings of the ministry and the Church based on principles that God's word provides. Near the end of the workshops the men participated in a series of role plays that helped them understand the importance of being founded in the doctrines and teachings of God's Church. This is just the beginning of a series of workshops. More work is necessary to ensure that the foundations of leadership are established and maintained. Truly the harvest is great, and greater work is yet to be done. Please continue to pray for these efforts and that our Lord of the harvest will build faithful labourers in the years to come. *-Joseph Gonzales*



**Adelaide**

**“The evening was more than just a meal—it was about the deep bonds we share and our calling. A highlight was the special display made by the children picturing the Israelites leaving Egypt. The Brisbane Night to Be Much Observed was marked by warmth, laughter, and a cherished sense of togetherness among the brethren.”**

*-Nicole Tyler*



**Brisbane**



**Papua New Guinea**



**Fiji**



**Philippines**

**“The Night to Be Much Observed and the First Day of Unleavened Bread were celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy by 56 brethren from three congregations—Bahau, Johor Bahru, and Kuala Lumpur.”** *-Rajan Moses*



**Canberra**

**“Our combined service was a real blessing filled with warm fellowship and encouraging conversations. We were so grateful to share not only spiritual food, but also a delicious physical meal, making it a truly enjoyable and uplifting occasion for all the scattered members in far North Queensland.”**

*-Nalize Fourie*



**Cairns/Townsville**



Indonesia

**“Throughout the evening the atmosphere remained uplifting and reflective. Conversations centered on gratitude, spiritual growth, and the blessings God has given. It was truly a night to be much observed—one that reminded us not only of the past deliverance of Israel, but also of our personal journey toward righteousness and obedience.”**

*-Firman Bramantyo*



Sydney



New Zealand



**“Following the message and meal brethren enjoyed warm and uplifting fellowship. Conversations flowed easily as many shared personal reflections on their own journeys—how God has called them, guided them, and brought them out of spiritual darkness into His truth. These heartfelt stories not only encouraged one another but also strengthened the bonds of unity within the whole congregation.”**

*-Lisa Kearns*



Malaysia



Melbourne



Philippines



## We asked brethren around the region: “If you could go back in time, who would you meet from the Bible and why?”



**Amelia Liben**  
**Suva, Fiji**

I would feel honoured to meet David because his life shows that it is possible to be strong and faithful while still being human and imperfect. What inspires me most about David is his courage, like when he faced Goliath, and his honesty in expressing his feelings to God, even in his weakest moments.



**Samson Carroll**  
**Perth, WA**

I have chosen King David because I truly admire how he expressed his love for God. King David sought God at every opportunity. What I love most about him is his unwavering faith and trust in God. His example inspires me, reminding me of the importance of maintaining faith during both the triumphs and challenges that life may present.



**Melissa Jamieson**  
**Wynyard, Tasmania**

I would like to talk to Job’s wife. I always wondered how the tragic events of losing their 10 children, their possessions and their financial security must have affected her as a wife and mother. Not only was she grieving for her children but also sharing the pain and agony of her husband. I would appreciate seeing and understanding the lessons through her eyes and heart.



**George Chapman**  
**Wagga Wagga, NSW**

I would like to meet Jesus when He was teaching the people. Especially when He went up on the mountain as written in Matthew chapters 5 to 7. I would like see Jesus’ face, hear His voice and listen to how He taught.



**Liz Hillary-To’omata**  
**Rotorua, NZ**

I would have to say King David. His verses in the Psalms have got me through a lot of tough times and I could feel God speaking through him.



**Greg Watt**  
**Sydney, NSW**

One person I would love to go back in time to meet is Tirzah, because I deeply admire the courage she displayed in an attitude of obedience and humility which she demonstrated by coming before Moses and Eleazer to petition them for justice.

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# ADELAIDE: Hallett Cove Walk

Sunday, February 1, was a cool summer morning in Adelaide as fourteen brethren gathered along the coastal cliffs of Hallett Cove to enjoy a scenic trail walk. As we journeyed along the boardwalk, we were treated to a number of geological glacial features and beautiful flora lining the path. Near the end of the walk we ventured over two suspension bridges that had just been opened a few years prior, which spanned extensive gaping gullies. Many of us marvelled at the ingenuity of man to build such incredible boardwalks and bridges, which is only possible through the spirit which God has given to mankind. However, mankind's creation could not compare to the beauty which God inspired in the picturesque views of the coastline and the vast wildlife He designed to thrive in these areas. At the conclusion of the walk, more brethren joined us for a delectable lunch at a local café, which proved to be a fitting end to a most joyous morning together in God's creation. *-Lucy Mager*



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# ADELAIDE: Picnic



After Sabbath services on February 7, brethren gathered for a picnic at the Patawalonga Frontage, Glenelg North. Picnic rugs and chairs were laid out as we sat by the canal enjoying fellowship and breaking bread together. The children played near the canal looking for crabs and fish much to the joy of the adults. Brethren were still talking as the sun was setting enjoying God's creation together. *-Andrew Crouch*



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# ADELAIDE: Beach Day

The beautiful white sands of Maslin Beach just 35 minutes south of Adelaide was the setting for an enjoyable family beach day on Sunday, March 22. A volleyball net was set up for those interested in participating. Those who preferred to spectate still got involved with great encouragement from the sidelines. The volleyball match involved rotating teams to keep the players fresh and there was a slight hint of competitiveness in a relaxed way.

The first round concluded without an official score, yet both sides claimed the win. After enjoying a BYO lunch there was another session of volleyball enjoyed with much enthusiasm and willingness to keep the fun going although the vitality of most did start to wane. It was a great day of fellowship for the Church. *-Reuben Zalups*



# YOUTH PAGE



## Warren Burnett

Recently while I was scrolling through my daily news feeds I came across a general interest story that caught my attention.

The story was about a social trend that is most noticeable in Generation Z youth (those born between 1997 and 2012). The story was about the “Gen Z Stare.” The reason this story piqued my interest, was because I have been on the receiving end of this recent “trend” many times. I’ve received this stare while making small talk in shop queues from shop assistants and in airports.

That blank, detached look screams, “I’m here physically, but mentally? Nah, I’m not interested.” It’s becoming a kind of social trademark among young people today. Just think vacant eyes, passive expression, and minimal reaction—it’s the opposite of being emotionally present.

But here’s the thing - connection matters! And while the “Gen Z stare” might feel like a coping mechanism or default vibe in uncomfortable situations, it is hurting relationships, confidence and

even your walk with God. While it might be a relatable reaction to the pressures of modern life, it creates a wall between people. And over time, it chips away at the sense of connection. God created us to have meaningful connections!

Genesis 2:18 reminds us, “It is not good for man to be alone.” God designed us for face-to-face, heart-to-heart relationships—not just digital connections or detached coexistence. The way Jesus Christ interacted with people was direct, intentional, and full of presence. He saw people; truly saw them. Think of Zacchaeus in the tree (Luke 19:1-10) or the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:7-26) Jesus made eye contact, spoke directly to them, and drew people in. What about the bleeding woman who reached out in a crowd (Luke 8:43-48)? Jesus stopped, saw, listened and responded.

Avoiding eye contact or retreating behind an emotionless expression might be comfortable in the moment, but it blocks the depth God wants us to have in our friendships, family, employment and church congregations. Proverbs 20:12 says, “The hearing ear and the seeing eye—the Lord has made them both.” Your eyes are powerful! They can show empathy, interest, kindness or concern. When you meet someone’s gaze, you say, “I see you. You matter.”

Avoiding eye contact might feel safer, but it can unintentionally come off as indifference or even disrespect.



And in a world starving for genuine interaction, reclaiming your presence—even when it feels awkward—is a way to love others boldly. Remember what Paul said to Timothy, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Tim 1:7). We were created for far more than just a timid retreat!

Here are some steps to help you shift from “staring through people” to actually seeing them. **First**, pray for boldness. Ask God to help you be more present and courageous in social situations. He loves it when we lean on Him for help. **Second**, start small. Hold eye contact for just a few seconds longer in conversations. But be patient, it’s a skill—it takes time! **Third**, be curious. Ask questions, show interest. Practice being engaging even when it’s not your comfort zone.

Being intentional with how you engage with people, even in the simplest ways, can set you apart. It’s not about being an extrovert or being overly expressive, it’s about choosing presence over apathy. Eye contact, active listening and genuine interest make you a powerful force for change, love and connection with all those you come in contact with.

Your generation can be deeply intuitive, emotionally intelligent, and socially aware. Don’t let culture rob you of your authenticity and uniqueness. The “Gen Z Stare” might feel trendy or protective, but it’s not your identity. You’re created for joy, depth, and impact!

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## BIBLE QUIZ

1. If someone is considered Gen Z what years are they born between?
2. What generation comes after Gen Z?
3. What generation comes before Gen Z?
4. What is the other name this generation is known by?
5. How many of the generation names from 1900 can you list? (Hint: There are eight)
6. What is the Gen Z stare?

## ANSWERS

1. 1997-2012 2. Generation Alpha 3. Gen Y 4. Millennials 5. Greatest Generation, Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Gen X, Gen Y, Gen Z, Generation Alpha, Generation Beta 6. A look of disinterest

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# Q&A With An LCG Minister: Mr David Edwards



## **When were you baptized into God's Church?**

May 28, 1986

## **On what date were you ordained?**

October 3, 2009

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

I first came across The Plain Truth magazine and Mr Armstrong's book "The United States and Britain in Prophecy" in the early 1970s, but didn't realise there was a Church behind it. In 1979 my wife came across a small advert in a community paper in Scotland advertising the Worldwide Church of God booklet, "Why Were You Born?"

## **What is your favourite scripture? Why?**

I don't have a favourite but Ps 24:9-10 comes to mind. "Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory." I relate this to Rev 21:22 and 25, where the gates of the New Jerusalem are always open and the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb, the LORD of hosts, the King of glory shall come in and They are its temple.

## **What is your favourite Holy Day? Why?**

The Feast of Tabernacles stands out for what it pictures, a time when Christ rules, there is no Satan, and people will want to know God and His ways. And the Firstfruits get to teach them and see people and nations change.

## **Which has been your most memorable Feast of Tabernacles? Why?**

FOT 2000. My wife and I had a Feast in Jordan (half at the Dead Sea and half at Petra). A tour of Israel after the Feast was cancelled due to the second Intifada, which had begun a few weeks prior to the Feast. It was considered too dangerous for two busloads of tourists to be driving around Israel at that time. Nevertheless, this was our most memorable Feast, not only for where it was, but it was the first one we experienced with everyone staying in the same place.

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

Compromising with the truth, letting down on standards, taking on society's concepts and ideas.

## **Who is your favourite Bible hero? Why?**

I don't have a favourite, but I marvel at the resilience and perseverance of the likes of Jacob, Joseph, and the apostles Peter and Paul. King David stands out as a warrior for God, a wonderful musician and a man of captivating eloquence as revealed in his Psalms.

## **What are you looking forward to being different in the Millennium?**

As it says in Zechariah 8:23 (Good News Bible) "In those days ten foreigners will come to one Jew and say, 'We want to share in your destiny, because we have heard that God is with you.'" I am looking forward to the change in people from not wanting anything to do with God, to seeking Him out and being someone who can be of help in that seeking.

## **What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

What spare time? Fishing.

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## BRISBANE: Trivia Night

On the evening of Saturday, March 14, a lively and engaging social trivia night brought together a group of 37 attendees for a night of food, fun and friendly competition. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming with guests quickly settling in and enjoying the opportunity to connect with others in a relaxed setting. The evening began with a delicious spread of homemade pasta dishes followed by an indulgent selection of Italian desserts. Once everyone had enjoyed their meal, the focus shifted to the main event: a challenging round of general knowledge trivia. The questions spanned a wide range of topics, from geography and history to animals and Italian cuisine prompting plenty of discussion, head scratching, laughter and friendly debate. A dedicated children's trivia section ensured our younger minds were also included in the evening's activities allowing them to participate enthusiastically and even outshine the adults on occasion. The evening was a great success, combining delicious food, stimulating trivia and a strong sense of community. It was a memorable night that brought people together through shared enjoyment, learning and a touch of friendly competition. *-Anthony Mew*



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## CANBERRA/SYDNEY: Combined Services



Thirty-six members of the Canberra and Sydney congregations gathered at the Mittagong Community Centre on March 14 for a combined Sabbath Service. Mittagong, nestled midway between the two cities, made for a natural meeting point for our two congregations. The cool autumn air and blooming hydrangeas provided a gracious backdrop to the Southern Highlands. Fittingly, a lovely meal and fellowship around a warmly laid table preceded the Service that yielded “meat in due season.” With Passover approaching, Mr Ed Lever opened with a sermonette on Philippians 2:12 and Mr Martin Montgomery gave the sermon about the healing wrought through Christ's sacrifice. *-Regina Starr Abelardo*

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## PERTH: Titanic Exhibition

On Monday, January 26, a group of Perth brethren visited the Titanic exhibition. The exhibition covered the building of the ship, stories of the passengers and crew and the events leading to the sinking. An interesting aspect was the geo-political state of the world prior to WW1 and the large migration of people from Europe to America. Afterward we walked to a nearby restaurant where we enjoyed lunch and fellowship together. *-Sam Carroll*



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## NEW ZEALAND: Ladies' Lunch

On a lovely Sunday morning in January a group of ladies from the Auckland congregation met for an early lunch at Divine Patisserie, Flat Bush.

The venue was a perfect location for our group of eight ladies to meet. Sitting in the semi-privacy of a couple of floral pink booths we enjoyed scrumptious food and delectable desserts, accompanied by interesting flavours of juices and coffees. Conversations flowed easily across diverse topics of importance and interest from personal goals for the year ahead to child rearing questions and suggestions. With ladies from all walks and stages of life, it created an interesting and stimulating environment to talk about these topics while knowing we all have the same spirit and mind of Christ guiding us, yet with different personalities and cultures to navigate through to achieve the same goal. *-Lucia Laubscher*



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## NEW ZEALAND: Mr Tyler's Visit



On an overcast, yet pleasant and still Sabbath evening, 45 joyful brethren gathered in the lush Cornwall Park in Auckland to enjoy some ongoing fellowship. Among those in attendance were the men of the New Zealand ministry, along with visiting Australasian Regional Director and Evangelist Mr Robert Tyler.

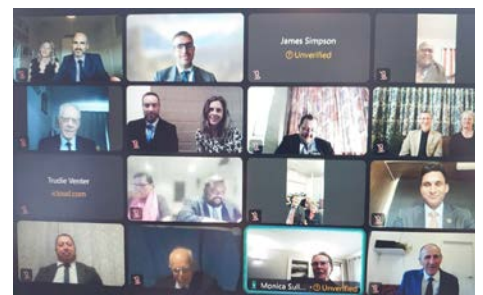
Mr Paul Kearns whipped up a fantastic BBQ dinner of pork-free sausages and gourmet bread, followed

by a serving of delectable chocolate dessert. Both the physical and spiritual food that day, along with hearty, warm fellowship, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. *-Riley Cobham*

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## NEW ZEALAND: Online Spokesman Club

On Sunday evening, November 2, the New Zealand Spokesman Club hosted a Ladies' Night event. This Club had been run online during 2025 via Webex in order to include Club members from the North and South Islands of New Zealand as well as a member from Fiji. Club season was a huge success and the Ladies' Night was no exception. The evening commenced with Club President, Mr James Simpson, giving a summary of how Club was run online this year. This was followed by two table topics sessions – each going for 20 minutes – which saw good participation from both men and women. A highlight of these sessions was when the men were asked to share an admirable quality about their wife or date. All the men were eager to participate in this question! Three speeches were given on the subjects of: Advice for being a best man, Discerning different types of conversationalists and How to stay healthy. To conclude the event, I gave a lecture on how a man can provide more effectively for the needs of his wife. We signed the evening off with friendly waves and then logged out of the meeting, capping off Spokesman Club in New Zealand for 2025. *-Paul Kearns*



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## VANUATU: Family Camp

A camp for more than 20 youngsters and their families in Vanuatu was held from December 15-18, 2025. The camp began with a prayer from Mr Paul Kearns before an official welcome given by the local Pastor, Mr Jerry Sam.

Sitting around the camp fire the youth gave thanks to God for the great opportunity of bringing them together to learn and to hear God's words in such a wonderful environment.

The mornings were spent in Bible study. One of the topics was "Prayer" while the afternoons were mainly spent in recreational and outdoor activities, learning about agriculture and health. There were also fun ball games and treasure hunts enjoyed by all.

The campers who attended had a wonderful and memorable time over the four-day period. Most of the time was spent under a hot sun, interrupted every so often by some cool rain which was much appreciated.

Camp ended with feelings of joy and thankfulness by all participants. A closing prayer was given by Mr Sam for everyone's safe return home and for the hope to reunite again at a future camp. *-Jeannot Verlili*



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## MALAYSIA: Mr Moses Visits



On March 13, my family and I, a group of 11 people, travelled to Johor Bahru, Malaysia's second largest city, to meet with our congregation there. The journey took us over four hours. On Friday evening we had dinner with Mr Victor James, who serves as a deacon for the congregation. It was a pleasant time of fellowship and getting to know one another. The following day we attended the Sabbath service. Mr James gave a sermonette on the meaning of Passover while I had the opportunity to deliver a sermon on Passover preparation. Later that evening we gathered for a tea break followed by dinner. The meal was delicious and we truly enjoyed the warm fellowship. The brethren were incredibly kind, welcoming, and filled with a wonderful spirit.

It was a meaningful and memorable trip, and we are grateful for the opportunity to spend such blessed time together. *-Rajan Moses*

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## PHILIPPINES: Wedding

On Thursday, February 12, Mr Joey Bayotas of the Polomolok congregation in South Cotabato, and Ms Michal Cuares of the Quezon City congregation in Metro Manila, were joined in marriage at Dolores Farm Resort, Polomolok, South Cotabato. Local Pastor Amancio Cuares Jr who is also the father of the bride performed the ceremony. Sixty friends, family, and brethren witnessed the beautiful ceremony. The couple live in Pandi Bulacan. *-Mr Jun Cuares*



# BAPTISMS



**L-R: Adele Taupua, Graeme Hemphill, Rob Tyler**

On a beautiful Tahitian morning, March 16, **Mrs Adele Taupua** was baptised in the flowing waters of the Fauoro River. The baptism was conducted by Evangelist Mr Rob Tyler and Mr Graeme Hemphill, French Polynesia Pastor. Adele felt privileged at being the first baptised member of the Living Church of God in Tahiti. Adele's brother, Pierre, now deceased, was a leading light for LCG in Tahiti, after viewing our TW programs on the internet. Adele has remained faithful to the truth for a number of years leading up to her baptism. We rejoice along with the angels and wish Adele all the best in her walk with God.

**Miss Anna Blazina** of the Melbourne congregation was baptised on Friday, March 27 at Melbourne Pastor Adam Jennings' residence on a rather cold, but exciting day. Mr Jennings and Elder Mr Zig Svalbe laid hands on Anna after her baptism. Following this we were able to fellowship over some food and share stories of God's incredible truth and the wonderful future He has prepared for her.



**L-R: Adam Jennings, Anna Blazina, Zig Svalbe**



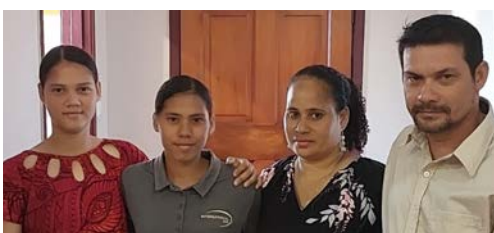
**L-R: Harinakshi Helen D'Almeida, Marc Casey**

On the Tuesday morning of March 31, **Miss Harinakshi Helen D'Almeida** from Mangalore was baptized in Goa by Elder Marc Casey in a hotel swimming pool, marking an important step in her commitment to God. Following her baptism she observed the Passover with five other baptized members, who came from Kerela, Kolkata and Mangalore, making the occasion especially meaningful. This milestone reflects her dedication to a new way of life grounded in faith and obedience and serves as an encouraging reminder of God's ongoing work in calling individuals to His truth.

On the clear morning of February 8, **Mr Evan Grace Agis Pratama** was baptised by Elder Mr Firman Bramantyo at Villa Omah Londo in Batu, Indonesia. Evan, 24, was baptised with his parents present as witnesses, along with his younger sister and a couple of other guests. They were deeply moved and joyful to witness this meaningful occasion. We are thankful that the baptism proceeded smoothly, with clear weather and a safe journey to and from Malang-Batu. We wish Evan God's blessings as he continues in his commitment to God's way of life and his walk with Christ.



**L-R: Firman Bramantyo, Evan Grace Agis Pratama**



**Keith Covert (far right) with his family**

**Mr Keith Covert** from Taveuni Island, Fiji, was baptised by Regional Pastor Mr Paul Kearns late on Tuesday afternoon, March 31, in the swimming pool at the Grand Eastern Hotel in Labasa. The original plan was to do the baptism on Monday, however, due to the ferry from Taveuni Island to Labasa being cancelled that morning, "Plan B" had to be deployed! Thankfully, the baptism was done approximately one hour prior to the Passover commencing. Keith's wife, Rosie, and two of his daughters were there to witness his baptism.

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# BAPTISMS

On the afternoon of March 29 at the Montgomery's home, three new members were begotten into the family of God. **Gary Penny, Pamela Bloomfield** and **Joshua Jamieson** were baptised by Adelaide Pastor Mr Martin Montgomery and Assistant Pastor Mr Warren Burnett. Although the pool was cold it was not enough to dampen the joy and warm embraces shared by family and friends. Following the laying on of hands, afternoon tea was enjoyed by all present. We wish Gary, Pamela and Joshua a future guided and directed by God as they continue to embrace the truth, walk according to all God has commanded and be encouraged to know that the Holy Spirit now dwells in them.



**L-R: Warren Burnett, Gary Penny, Pam Bloomfield, Joshua Jamieson, Martin Montgomery**

The Brisbane Congregation of the Living Church of God rejoiced and welcomed three saints into the body of Christ. On Sunday, March 22, **Mr Patrick Sullivan** and **Mr Jay Christensen** were baptized at the home of Mr and Mrs Norm Crouch. In the presence of 20 witnesses, Mr Robert Tyler and Mr Anthony Mew performed the baptisms and the laying on of hands ceremony. Following the baptisms, a delicious morning tea provided the perfect atmosphere for fellowship. The third baptism was performed the following day at the home of Mrs Madonna Gibson. **Miss Sarah Berardo** (Mrs Gibson's daughter) was baptized in the late evening on Monday, March 23, by Mr Tyler. Mrs Nicole Tyler and Mrs Gibson were also present to share this wonderful moment with Sarah. We are continually thankful to God for His plan of salvation for all mankind. We welcome our new brothers and sister into God's Family.



**L-R: Anthony Mew, Jay Christensen, Rob Tyler**



**L-R: Rob Tyler, Sarah Berardo**



**L-R: Anthony Mew, Patrick Sullivan, Rob Tyler**

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

We are sad to announce that **Mrs Kathy Nelson**, 62, of the Brisbane congregation died on Friday, January 9, after what was a challenging battle with cancer. Kathy was a positive person who left a lasting memory on everyone she knew. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Kathy remained incredibly positive right up to her final moments and now awaits the resurrection. The funeral was conducted by Brisbane Elder, Mr Anthony Mew.



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# Letters to the Editor

Dear brother/sister in Christ,

I hope your week is going well with our Lord Jesus Christ's love, blessing and support. I am also well. I am from Bangladesh. Thank you for your letter that you sent me. I am happy for this letter. I believe our Christ opens new ways for Bangladesh people to receive the gospel. People need to know more about our Saviour, stop sinning and accept Christ in their heart through true baptism. I will wait for your free DVD offer. God bless. I send my love and support to you and your family members. I am praying.

*Subscriber in Bangladesh*

I am so pleased you are doing God's Work throughout the world. I think it is wonderful that you share God's Word with us in such tough times. There are many like-minded people starving for truth through God's Holy Word, so thank you so much for your programs on Sunday mornings and this wonderful DVD you have sent me. I am touched by your kindness to reach out to those of us in the south-west.

*Subscriber in New South Wales*

Respected sir,

As I have been baptized converted into Christian religion since last year, please send me any old literature, samples copies, magazines, books, booklets regarding Jesus Christ Lord.

Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Glory to God. God bless you brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Subscriber in India*

Greetings with heavenly peace!

I am broadening my knowledge about God, Gospel and other Biblical artefacts. I enjoyed and loved the Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course Lesson 1-4. Can I get the next lessons?

Also, I am interested on the other publications you suggested at the back of the one you sent me.

- Fourteen Signs Announcing Christ's Return
- Armageddon and Beyond
- The Beast of Revelation
- The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?

I am really hoping that I can get a copy of these to strengthen the knowledge I have gained. May the good Lord bless you with your mission.

*Subscriber in Philippines*

Thank you Tomorrow's World for bringing me into the journey of your church and sending me the books of the Bible. I am very grateful and I have never been any happier than I have now being closer to our Father, our God and the Son of Man Christ Jesus our Saviour. In the books are some very entertaining stories and I really enjoy reading them because it makes me understand how God wants us to live and what He has for us in the future. Thank you so much!

*Subscriber in New Zealand*

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