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"Grandad, Grandad, I saw Jesus today!"

Recently, when I arrived at our daughter's place in Sydney I was greeted by our excited granddaughter and was stunned with her greeting: "Grandad, Grandad, I saw Jesus today!"

I took a few seconds to figure out my response. No, she hadn't seen a vision like the Apostle Paul! Perhaps a dream?

Our little lady who is 4 ½ had seen a Nativity Scene in a shop window and was so excited to tell me. I hope we too are just as excited as we contemplate Christmas and plan to celebrate the wonder of The Baby born in the Middle east

all those years ago. The Almighty Creator becoming one of His Creation so that He, through His daily surrender to the Father every day, would be the perfect sacrifice: To meet God's demands, and at the same time, to bring total salvation to a desperately sad, broken world.



As we approach the Christmas Season, it is such a joy to recognise every day the wonderful privilege we have in Christ, to bring His liberating message to everyone we meet, knowing from the Bible and personally, the wonder of His Resurrection and the Life that makes our lives complete.

This truth is so vivid at this time, as we in the Bible School have just spent a week in Sydney with people who minister

among "the lost, least and last" in our community (their label!). It is a real privilege to introduce the message of the Indwelling Life of Christ to people here at Wongabri and also to have the opportunity to minister in various churches. To see people's faces light up as they realise the truth and promise of His Life in them is exciting. It is such a joyous ministry to share the Living Christ with another who is seeking answers.

Our prayer for you all who know His Life is that you will grow deeper into Him every day so the world will see and understand, Jesus is the true and only Saviour of all people. Have a wonderful Christmas !

Your sister and brother
in Christ.

*Haldane and
Thelma.*



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40th Year Guest Speakers....



Stuart Briscoe
March

40th
Anniversary
2012

We have been praying and pondering as to the best way to celebrate next year's 40th Anniversary.

I keep coming back to how God's people celebrated in Biblical times. In the Old Testament we have the record of the various feasts throughout the year as times of celebration, worship and joyous thanksgiving.

They were times to remember God's faithfulness through the highs and lows.... and the people brought their offerings. As this is the 40th Anniversary, I would like us all to pray and ponder about what we could bring to the celebration. Here is what is on my heart to share. As it is the 40th year, consider a commitment to the LORD to bring an offering to Him, to be partners in the future direction where HE is leading.

Think of \$40; or \$400; or \$4,000 or even \$40,000! Gifts to assist towards the next 40 years of His Ministry: as we contribute in the community encouraging and strengthening the local churches, and as we invest in the lives of future Christian leaders in Australia and around the world. And, most of all, as we see young people coming into a strong, robust trust in the Living Christ, knowing the wonderful Resurrection Life of their Saviour.... And also, there is the small matter of more functional buildings and facilities needed! Hope to have plans in the next newsletter of the new facilities.

Brochures for these celebrations will be available in early 2012. While specifically planned for particular decades to maximise the opportunity of being with those of the same semester or year, of course you are most welcome to come to any other of the celebrations, or all three! If you were a student here please let your fellow classmates of your term/semester know of these Celebrations. It will be a reunion filled with precious memories, laughter and great times. Contact the Bible School office for more information (02) 4868 1516, office@torchbearers.com.au or check our website regularly for all the events of Capernwray's 40th Anniversary next year. Its going to be a great time of celebration.

Staff Update 2011...

*I'm excited to announce that we have a new family joining staff at the end of the year - **Garth and Cassandra Sabben and their 4 children**. Both Garth and Cassandra have been students here for 12 months: Cassandra in 2010 and Garth in 2011. Their role will be Ministry Co-ordinators for the Bible School, reaching out to all the local schools and churches. Their responsibilities will be growing and maintaining a strong link between the students of the Bible School and the churches and schools, and monitoring the progress of the students in their various ministry opportunities.*

I believe many different ministries in this area of reaching out into the community, will grow under the Sabben's leadership. Also, we thank God for the growing number of volunteers joining the team, to assist in the areas of need we have. More details in the next newsletter.

Our Volunteers...

*My name is **John Dunning**, from B.C. Canada. I attended Torchbearers Rio Vida, Spain, in 2011. It was a real life changing experience. I later decided to get a ticket to Australia. Here I found myself within Capernwray Australia helping out with the property. I enjoy the simple things in life, like following the changing of the shades on leaves and colorful balloons.*

*My name is **Frida Ögren**, from south central Sweden. I've been in Australia since last February where I was the caterer at the Swedish Church in Melbourne. In 2008-2010 I worked at Holsby Torchbearers as the accountant and program coordinator. I feel blessed to be back in the TB family*



Charles Price
September



and thoroughly enjoy my time here helping out with what I can.

My name is **Zach Willoughby**, from Colorado USA. When I was here as a student in 2010 my life was changed for sure. I rediscovered God and He showed me my identity in Christ. I fell in love with this place and its people. After returning home for 7 months I took a 2h walk with Jesus and I knew he was telling me to come back, and I didn't mind the idea. God's grace has been more than enough and I love being back at Capers.

Capernwray Queensland...

Capernwray Torchbearers Queensland are pleased to announce that **Satish John**, Director of Himalayan Torchbearers will be in Brisbane from Friday 27th - Sunday 29th of April for a series of inspiring messages. Satish has a truly amazing testimony and shares with passion and conviction of life with Christ. His life reflects the boundless love and faithfulness of God regardless of circumstances. Satish is involved with many other ministries within India and travels regularly around the world to preach. Satish and his wife Rajni have a daughter Zara. Satish will be speaking at Brisbane Schools on Friday and a number of local Churches on Saturday and Sunday. Stay tuned for more details.

We are also excited to announce that our favourite Dutchman, **Johan Schep** will be back in Queensland for over 2 weeks, from the 2nd - 18th of October 2012. Johan's love for Jesus is infectious and

CAPERNWRAY, GAP JUMPING FOR 40 YEARS

GAP JUMP

Take a Gap Year at Capernwray Torchbearers, Bible School, Australia.

THE LATEST NEWS: The 'GAP YEAR' initiative is gradually gathering momentum as we reach out into the local Christian School and 47 other Christian Schools in NSW. As soon as we have the resources we will be moving into the other States of Australia. The initial response has been very encouraging. Have a look on the website.

he shares his joy of knowing Christ with whomever, and whenever he can. Johan has shared the gospel all over the world in regions such as Israel, Britain, Europe and most recently in Ghana. Johan, accompanied by his wife Linda will be spending the first weekend of his time in Queensland sharing in a series of messages on the Gold Coast with Ken Legg. You won't want to miss this, and other opportunities to hear Johan while he is in Queensland. Details of all upcoming events will be updated on our website regularly so we look forward to you visiting us there. www.ctq.co

Ken Legg, a speaker at Capernwray conferences and regular lecturer at Wongabri, leads a Bible study group each week in South Brisbane. This group meets each Sunday at 5.00pm at Chatswood Room, Kimberley Park Community Centre, Cnr Roselea & Lyndale Streets, SHAILER PARK. You are most welcome to attend. For more information phone **Ken on 0407 571 938**.



Praise and Prayer...

- PRAISE the Lord... The wonderful opportunities to work along the Salvation Army for Prac Week.*
- The Sabben family joining the team.*
- The continuing opportunities to share Christ in the Churches.*
- The clearer picture, as plans are drawn up.... very exciting.*
- The continuing number of volunteers.*

- PRAY More students for the School in the New Year. (22 at the moment.)*
- Those young people who are wondering what to do in their Gap Year.*
- The ongoing strategy to make sure we reach the students in the Christian Schools.*
- The students here at the moment, that they will know God's plans for their futures.*



Prac week in Sydney with the Salvos

We have been serving with the Salvation Army in Sydney once or twice a year for the past six years. Their work in serving the homeless teenagers and street people is cutting edge. It is a privilege to serve with them and build upon the strong relationships that we have in their community.

Our responsibilities involved a small team working with the Oasis teenagers and larger team supporting the Street Level community. Our role was to serve and let people see Jesus working in and through us.

After our preparation back at school we headed for Sydney. We had a great welcome from Major Robin Pullen and after settling in had lunch with the community. Much to our surprise some of us sang a song to the crowd - karaoke style. Our work had begun and Jesus was already stretching us!

Our week continued with a blend of learning, from walks and talks and serving to sorting clothes in the Op Shop, listening to people's stories, practical helps and hosting a knock-out Talent Show. A challenging but fulfilling time!



CAPERNWRAY TORCHBEARERS AUSTRALIA celebrates 40 years of ministry with 'LIFE', a new CD of praise and worship songs written by its Music Director, Steve Woods.

The album, appropriately titled 'LIFE', is inspired and written in response to all the tragedies and disasters Australia and many parts of the world have experienced this year. It expresses the truth in Colossians 1:27 'Christ in you, the hope of glory', because

the only life worth living is the life that Jesus gives us by His grace and lived out in faith. This is Steve's second album for Capernwray. It includes three of the most popular songs from the first album plus ten new songs – some of which already feature on various compilation CDs with Kingsway UK and EMI.

The CD is on sale for \$20 p&p extra. All proceeds go to the Capernwray 40th Anniversary Appeal. You can order the CD by **calling 02-4868 1516 today!**

or order from the website www.torchbearers.com.au

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS!

STEVE WOODS



Upcoming Events / Announcements



*** Summer Refresh 2012 Dec 31st - 7th Jan.** Mark it in your diary. This year our team of guest speakers, is Graeme Smith, Haldane Rowan and Neil Bernard who will be in the Word to inspire you to be "refreshed in Christ" for the new year ahead. This is an excellent opportunity to leave the pressures and routine of everyday life and rest in the Word enjoying time with Christ and with others. Please call for a brochure or book online. There is limited space, so book early! 02 48681516 www.torchbearers.com.au

* 40th Anniversary Celebrations

To celebrate 40 years of ministry of Capernwray Torchbearers Australia, three special events are planned in 2012 to bring together students, staff and guests of the last four decades.

March 23 – 25, 2012.....Stuart Briscoe is guest speaker at a weekend especially for those who are former students, staff and guests at Wongabri during the 1970's and 1980's. Stuart has had a long association with Capernwray beginning as a teenager at Capernwray Hall, England. A well-known author and speaker he shares with enthusiasm and humour.

April 20 – 22, 2012.....Satish John is National Director of the Torchbearer ministry in India. Satish was a student at Wongabri in the early 1990's and then became Dean of Students for a year. If you were a student, staff member or guest during the 1990's make sure you come to this weekend and hear Satish as he teaches from some of his favourite scriptures, illustrated with his own spiritual journey with Christ.

September 30 – October 4, 2012.....Charles Price was formerly Principal of Capernwray Hall, England and is now Senior Pastor at the People's Church, Toronto, Canada. Charles is a frequent visitor to Australia and is always greatly appreciated by all who hear him. Many comment afterwards of how he makes spiritual truth so clear and applies it to everyday life. If you were a student, staff member or guest in the 2000's until now, this time is just for you.



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