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40Years Of Ministry...Still Going Strong!

Warmest greetings to you in Christ. Delighted to share with you the latest news from Wongabri....

The Bible School is staying in the Southern Highlands. For those in the Highlands there have been two responses: relief and applause. As a result of a phone conference with the Australian Board and the International Director of Torchbearers, Chris Thomas, a unanimous decision was agreed to take the property off the market.

Part of Chris Thomas' public announcement states, *"It became obvious that Wongabri would continue to be the location where Torchbearing would raise its flag and have the privilege of making Christ known, as the Name of Jesus is lifted high.*

Back after 24 years....

It's great to welcome Haldane and Thelma Rowan back after 24 years who have taken up the mantle of National Director. They say that the Lords servants never retire, but get "retreaded"! Both Haldane and Thelma's children live in Australia; Ruth in Sydney and Danny in Wollongong. It will be good for the family to spend time together and for Haldane and Thelma to spend time with their grandchildren. Please pray for them in this new adventure.

After this long and difficult period of uncertainty, THE LORD HAS SPOKEN and we have listened!"

This brings certainty to the staff, and a new future of Life and Ministry in the Southern Highlands and worldwide. It is going to be a wonderful challenge to see what God is going to do and HOW He is going to do it.

I'm conscious of words right now that I believe were spoken by Hudson Taylor, the founder of China Inland Mission, (OMF).

"God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply."

What a challenge! My prayer is, that we will look to the LORD together, and see what HE will do.

The Bible School 2010.....

We currently have 33 students for this first Semester.

They come from Canada, Germany, USA, South Korea, and Australia. Most are young Christians and all have a desire to grow into a genuine knowledge of His Grace in the LORD JESUS.

They certainly are a lively group who keep us all on our toes, and keep us young!!!!

With work days and the additional labour, we have begun to tackle some major projects on the property and these, with ongoing maintenance, will constantly call on our financial resources.

Please be in pray with us as we seek the Lord's priorities and prepare to build new facilities for our guests.



Our Staff...Thanks!

We are thankful to God for the faithfulness of the staff who have been so steadfast during this long time of possible transition. For **Neil**, who has given sound leadership to the Bible School and who does so much behind the scenes.



For **Debbie** in her role as Domestic Manager.

For **'Woodsey'** and his expertise and enthusiasm for life and his ministry with the students.



Also for **Christie** who has done a good job in the kitchen at such a young age, and for **Katie** in the office, but, we are saying farewell to her as she moves on to a new phase in her life.



New staff who have joined the team



Kim Kime Office Manager / Director's PA.



Robyn Bailey back in her role as Secretary/Registrar.

Glen and Natasha Brown and their twin girls, Cassidy and Hayley with Glen as Property Manager and Natasha Catering Manager.



John and Wendy Clarke have joined the team with Wendy as Accounts Manager while John is a carpenter.



Doug and Dell McPherson. Doug's main responsibility is to look after all the painting on the property, and there is plenty to do with in excess



of \$4000 worth of paint we discovered hidden in a shed!

Phil and Julie Giddings lead a 'family group' in the Bible School and Phil works at the School one day a week plumbing.



Our volunteers

Wendell and Denyse Merchant. Wendell has been Property Manager over the last couple of years and now



will focus mainly on the lawns and gardens. Denyse's expertise is as a librarian.

Jan Brown works with the female students as Lady Dean.



Peter Ebeling works on maintenance one day a week.

Jade Barr mentors the female students.



Dennis Arkapaw is mentoring a number of students and is involved on Work Day .

Josh Millar, a local pastor and horticulturalist, will work alongside Wendell and will be mentoring male students.



Andrew & Yvonne Redwood

Andrew will be involved in IT and publicity.

God has brought together a wonderful team. Please be pray-

ing for us in all the challenges of the Ministry.

Finally...

I want to say a huge thank you to Dave and Dianne Sharman for the very smooth transition in leadership. They are to Pastor at Bairnsdale Baptist Church in Victoria. I have enjoyed getting to know David and Dianne and they have become close friends in a very short time.

Be in prayer for the Board and the team here at Wongabri, the

team in Queensland, Representatives in other States, and all those who have for over 40 years been part of Torchbearing in Australia,

that together we will do what Paul asked "We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." Powerful means for the future!!!

**"40 Years of
being part of
Torchbearing"**

Blessings

Haldane

Recently two Local Council representatives walked with Thelma and me over the property.

My desire is to bring the facilities up to a high quality for students and guests.

These include a student lounge adjacent to the Conference Hall, en suites in all bedrooms in the Conference Hall wing, a new Main Office and Dining Room and Kitchen facility

looking over the Wingecarribee River, a larger library, alterations to the Lecture Hall to cater for larger numbers, and sealing existing buildings.... and we got the 'green light' on

all of them. PRAISE THE LORD!!! The only proposal which received an 'orange light' was a new Sports Centre to be sited on the existing car park. The Council's main concern was the size of the

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expected increase in traffic and the possibility there would need to be a four lane road outside the gate!!!

Please be praying with us as we move forward together into this new adventure, trusting in Him who said, "faithful is HE who calls you and will do it.

"1 Thess 5 v24.

Praise & Prayer

- * **Praise for the growth & deeper understanding of the students.**
- * **Praise for on going ministry of "SN@C" (Sunday nights at Capernwray)**
- * **Praise for the money given for the Hong Kong Mission trip. Praise for Woodsey and 10 students as they ministered.**
- * **Pray for students for the up and coming semesters.**
- * **Pray for the new plans to build new facilities.**
- * **Prayer for Prac Week and the Leaders, Haldane (Nowra), Neil (Port Macquarie) and Woodsey (Moree), for unity in the teams and for the message to go out.**

Hong Kong Report

Who would find raising \$20,000 for a mission trip in five weeks daunting? Yes, I think we all would.

But not surprisingly, when God asks us to do it, He always provides, (and usually with a little more besides!). By organising such trips we all grow in our faith and trust in God, and that includes our friends and our local community too!

This Easter break ten of us were called to go to Hong Kong to serve the poor and spread His word in China. Two weeks later ten returned slightly tired but completely satisfied in fulfilling His call.





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Personal Development

Workday at Capers is a great time to contribute practically in ministry. These guys are laying computer lines up to the Hillton on top of the hill. Every week Students work along side us, it's great to get to know them and spend time with them other than the classroom !

We were equipped and we delivered, totally trusting God every inch of the way. All our stories stress the same point – we could not have done it without Him and whenever we cried for help He was always there.

Lives were changed and seeds were sown. We physically saw blessings and others we simply saw through eyes of faith. Thank you very much for supporting us to raise almost \$23,000 and for paving the way through prayer, we are all very grateful and blessed.

Steve Woods



Upcoming Events.....

*** SN@C...** Capernway students invite you to come on a Sunday night for the Word, Music and hang out here at Capernway. Dates: Apr 25th, May 2nd, May 9th, 16th, 21st, June 13th & 20th

*** Womens Refresh 2010....Sept 24-26th** This year we are privileged to have Jill Briscoe with us, renowned author and international women's speaker, this will be a great opportunity for a refreshing weekend in the Word and with other women.

*** Stuart Briscoe....** Will be ministering around the Southern Highlands. We will keep you informed of where and when.

*** Creation Science Conference ...** will be announced shortly, this will be a great chance to challenge your heart and mind. More details to come.

*** Summer Refresh 2011... 1st to 15th Jan.** Next year we will have 2 weeks of ministry. The first will be a family week & the second will be aimed at older teens and twenties. We will keep you up to date with more details later.

