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**Celebrate with us over
the coming year....**

***It is most likely that at
some time or other you have
been on the Bible School
property, 'Wongabri', at
Burradoo, NSW.***

If so, then a very special invitation is offered to you. Next year, 2012, is the 40th Anniversary of the Capernwray Bible School in Australia. In 1972 a handful of students enrolled at the beginning of a ministry which continues today and which the Lord has used in a mighty way to bring others to Himself and grow others in Him.

This could not pass unnoticed and so we have planned to celebrate with three significant Reunions. The first will be mainly for students and staff of the 1970's and 1980's, the second for those of the 1990's and the third for the 2000's. If you are a former student, staff member,

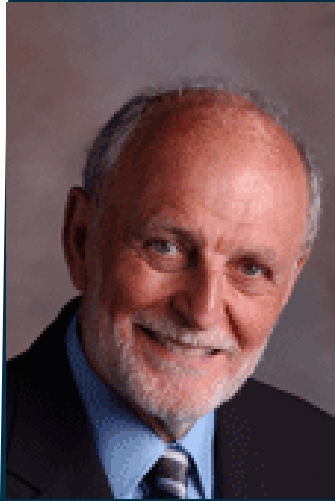
lecturer, guest or visitor I am certain you would love to meet those with whom you became such good friends and who perhaps, you may have lost contact with. Three amazing speakers: Stuart Briscoe, Satish John and Charles Price are excited to be part of the celebrations and so will be coming to Wongabri in 2012.

More details are included inside this Newsletter. We would love you to join with us as we thank the Lord for 40 amazing years of ministry at Wongabri and His plans for the years ahead.

Neil Bernard



40th Year Guest Speakers....



Stuart Briscoe



Satish John



Charles Price

40th Anniversary 2012

40th Anniversary Celebration

2012 is the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the ministry of Capernwray Torchbearers Australia at 'Wongabri', Burradoo, NSW.

During that time, this magnificent property has been the place where thousands of lives have been transformed. The majority have been Bible School students, who having attended for three, six or twelve months, have left knowing the reality of the Christ who indwells them by His Holy Spirit and His sufficiency in their life.

Others have attended Conferences, Retreats and Camps. Still others have been on staff or visitors and the Lord has ministered in and through them to extend His kingdom. The stories and testimonies of the Lord's

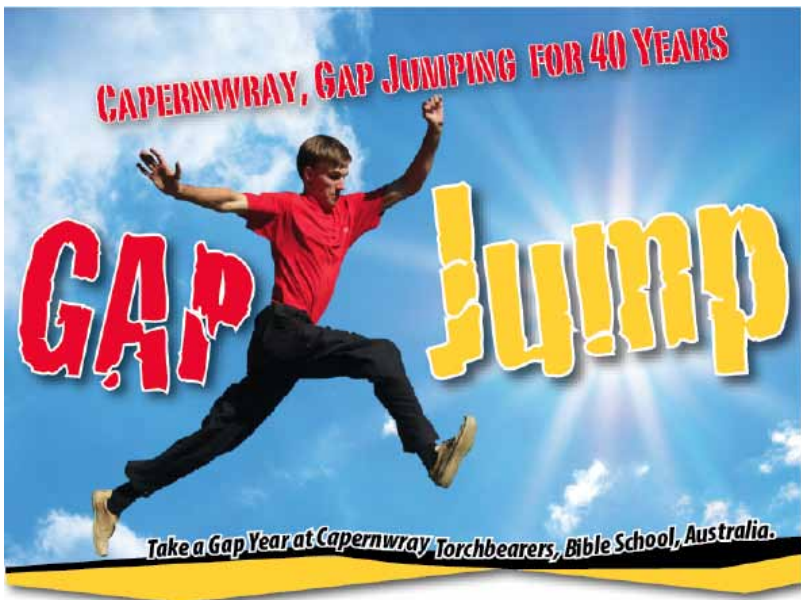
goodness are countless and should not be kept hidden, but shared so that others may be encouraged and thanks be given to our Lord.

To celebrate this 40th Anniversary we have approached three speakers who have been greatly admired and appreciated over the years and who have gladly offered to return to Wongabri for this very special time. Reunions have been planned according to decades. In this way former students and staff of the same decade will be able to join together to remember, reflect and rejoice.

The first Reunion will be for former students and staff of the 1970's and 1980's. Stuart Briscoe will be the keynote speaker in late March. The second Reunion will be for former students and staff of the 1990's with Satish John in late April. The third Reunion will be for former students and staff of the 2000's with Charles Price, September 30 – October 3. Look out for more guest speakers. If the reunion for the decade that you were a student or staff member is not suitable, you are still most welcome to come to a Reunion at another time.

We're praying and planning that these Reunions in 2012 will be great occasions. Brochures and more details will be available soon, but plan now to celebrate 40 wonderful years of ministry with us at Wongabri.





GAP JUMP is a great opportunity for Aussie students who are finishing High school or taking a break from Uni for a year to be grounded in the Word of God here at Capernwray. Please can you promote this in your Churches and to your friends who have young people of this age. We have flyers that you can pass on to them with all the information. Please contact the Office and we will send a pack to you to distribute. Thanks for playing a part in getting the word out there.

We have just received our Annual Report from the Auditor and its contents reinforce our financial position.

My main reason for writing is to ask for your help:

- a. To pray for the Board and me, that we will know God's direction as to the way ahead.
- b. To ask the LORD about speaking to a person concerning attending Bible School; maybe even investing in their life by helping to sponsor them. Our vision for the future here is to have 40 students (mainly from Australia) per Semester. I am constantly being reminded of the ignorance of many Christians who have never heard of, or discovered for themselves the Living Lord Jesus. This is so incredibly sad.
- c. We have had a wonderful year for gifts and that is the only way we have been able to maintain the ministry financially. We praise the LORD and thank His generous people. We pray this may continue to provide for future development, but we need full schools: not just financially, but very much for ministering into young lives.
Australia needs to be introduced to a Living Saviour, who is seen in Christians, who every day enjoy all they have in Christ.
- d. To pray for all the staff, as they can so easily be affected by what is happening at this time.

e. At present we are putting the 'finishing touches' to a pdf file designed for a "Gap Year" programme, which will go to all Christian Schools in Australia. So please be praying for wisdom that the contents will clearly 'connect' with the students who read it and many will respond and attend Bible School here.

In the last month we had two Church groups here. One was from an Arab Baptist Church in Sydney. They had a wonderful time, just raved about the place, and didn't want to go home.

The second group were from Albion Park, down towards the coast. It was a group of teenage leaders in training from the Anglican Church. They were full of enthusiasm and it was a real joy to have them. Again, they were so thrilled with the Centre, its facilities and the variety of experiences they could have.

This is wonderfully encouraging and is part of what we are all about. However, we are first and foremost a Bible School and this is what we are asking you to pray for and support us in.

Haldane



Director's report

**Very warmest greetings to you!
You will be surprised to receive another newsletter from us here at Wongabri so soon.**

But knowing our situation here, I believe I ought to share with you the latest news.

In our Spring School we have only 11 students after we had late cancellations. However, they are a wonderful group from five different countries (Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany and USA) and we are all excited to have the opportunity to walk with them through this semester in Bible School, as they discover more of the Living Christ and that HE came to live in them.

Economically the work here cannot sustain its momentum with such low numbers. We live at a time when the world is in a very serious financial crisis and we are feeling its impact. The value of the Australian dollar is also a factor that influences choices. We are certainly challenged where we find ourselves but I have a wonderful peace as we contemplate the future.



Students Past...

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Prayer and Praise....

PRAISE THE LORD FOR

The wonderful group of 11 students this semester.

The privilege to 'journey with' the students every day as they grow in Christ.

The way the preparations are going for the students' Prac Week in October.

The fact that He is still today, 'The LORD who will PROVIDE.' as Abraham discovered long ago.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Many more students for next year.

A good response to the 'Gap Year' material that went out to all the Christian Schools Co-ordinators in Australia.

Real wisdom as we face a difficult financial situation.

The staff that they will have a real sense of His sufficiency every day.

The Women's Conference in September. It is not too late to register to come.

Upcoming Events.....



Womens Refresh 2011 Sept 23-25th Guest speakers will be Elizabeth Thomas from NZ and Zara Pennicook. This will be a great opportunity for a refreshing weekend in the Word and with other women. For Information go to www.torchbearers.com.au and download the application form.



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.



Capernway Australia 40 Years in Ministry..

Next year is going to be a year of celebration and thanks-giving as we share memories together and are reminded of the privilege and joy of being part of God's activity in the lives changed during the last 40 years. So we need your urgent help to grow our data base so past students, guests, staff and lecturers do not miss out on knowing about the celebrations. Please log on to our website and register. www.torchbearers.com.au.

Important Notice... Please Read

Having been associated with Capernway Missionary Fellowship for many years, it has been on our hearts to see the work of CMF grow in Victoria.

To this end we contemplate having a monthly prayer meeting for those interested in the work of Capernway Torchbearers.

We would meet to pray specifically for the needs of Capernway and to encourage each other in the Lord. We would also pray for the expansion of the work in Victoria and Australia wide. If you would be interested in joining us in the prayer group in Victoria, please contact us either by telephone or by email.

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