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Kingdom Aviation, based in Derby, flies small aircrafts into remote indigenous communities and cattle stations in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. It was founded to continue the spread of the gospel of Christ Jesus while using aviation as a tool for gaining person to person time.

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WA retreat inspires

The All Together Pastoral Retreat for Baptist pastors and chaplains from across Western Australia filled the auditorium at Mandurah Baptist Church with vibrant worship, challenging and inspiring teaching and conversations for three days last month.

Dale Stephenson, Senior Pastor at Crossway Baptist Church in Victoria, was the key speaker at the event. His insightful talks challenged and inspired the 170 people who attended the event.

Addressing some issues of leadership in churches, Dale highlighted how Crossway's leadership has embraced the complexities of processes including church membership, baptism and finding a suitable small group to join.

"We want to make things as easy as possible for our people to

demonstrate their commitment to Jesus," Dale said. "We're employing technology for registrations, choosing a small group and so on. The response is amazing."

Crossway has developed a phone application to share notes and other information for their people. He invited pastors to connect and use the application too.

On the second morning of the conference, Mark Wilson, Baptist Churches Western Australia Director of Ministries,

spoke candidly of the high cost to and lessons learned by pastoral workers and their families during times of intense suffering.

Mark invited people to come forward to be prayed for at the conclusion of his talk. About three-quarters of the audience spent an extended time praying in small groups and twos and threes around the auditorium, asking God for healing, protection, comfort, wisdom and other personal needs.

Dale and his wife, Edi, were impressed with the calibre of young leaders at the retreat.

"They're inspiring," Dale said. "They're full of hope and energy as they're just starting out."

"The whole group has great heart. I clearly sense a warmth of affection here and an eagerness to see the Kingdom advance."

"You can see the relationships that have been built over time,"

Edi said. "And the young ones coming through are so capable and sold out. Someone has spotted them early and trained them well."

Representatives from Baptistcare, Baptist Financial Services and Baptist World Aid Australia joined the pastoral workers at the event.

"It was such a great time to catch up with many I'd met last year and to meet some new young guys who are involved in youth ministry," said Dushan Jeyabalan, Baptist World Aid Australia's Churches Coordinator WA.

Mark Edwards, Senior Pastor at Inglewood Community Church was one of the organising committee for the retreat.

"The Retreat was an inspiring and full on time," Mark said. "Most of us love it and look forward to it every year."

“We are stronger when we work together.”

BAPTIST CHURCHES WESTERN AUSTRALIA





Graham Mabury

Graham Mabury is a broadcaster and Pastor at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. You can hear Graham on Radio 6PR (882AM) every weeknight from 8pm to midnight.

On air with Graham Mabury

A young mother fled an abusive relationship taking her six and ten year old daughters. She found work and moved in with a friend to share expenses. One night she discovered her 'friend' had absconded with everything. She had just eleven dollars and pay day was three days away. Having just moved in, she knew very few people, "the tears took control," she said.

The next morning, her work supervisor asked management to release her wages early. Sitting on a city park bench, awaiting their decision, she explained the situation to her girls. As she did so, "a street person with a shopping cart" was "sort of lingering nearby. I was used to seeing these people without really seeing them," she said.

When she heard that she could collect her wages, she noticed he was with a small group of others like him. As she prepared a picnic breakfast she heard his voice. "Ma'am, please excuse the intrusion but I couldn't help but overhear your situation and well, me and the others took up a collection for you and your little girls. It's not much, but maybe it'll help a

little," he said. "I looked up at this man," said the mother, "dirty, needing a shave and smelling a bit 'ripe', and I saw the face of an angel. I started crying. Bawling, to be truthful."

He held out about thirty dollars, a small fortune to him and his friends. She hugged him, convinced him that they were fine and later, wages collected and accommodation secured,

took a barbeque back to the park. Her family and those 'homeless gentlemen' had a wonderful evening eating, singing and hearing "some of the most entertaining stories I've ever listened to. They shared the dreams they once had ... from the heart," she said.

"[That day] God showed me that love comes from the most unexpected places, in the most unlikely way. Those men had love to share with a mother and her two daughters who would never have given them the time of day. I saw the face of an angel and it forever changed the way I view other people," she said.



Dr Brian Harris

Dr Brian Harris is the Principal of Vose Seminary and Senior Pastor of Carey Community Baptist Church.

On barking like a cat ...

Browsing the Amazon website I came across a book that promises to stop you 'barking like a cat'. I have absolutely no idea what the book is about and my intrigue didn't extend to hitting the purchase button, but the title set me thinking. What does it mean to bark like a cat?

Let me quickly throw in a disclaimer – the most important thing I know about cats is that they give me hay fever. Consequently, while some ooh and aaah over Misty and Coco, I keep a sensible distance. Perhaps that's why I've never heard a cat bark – though an example on YouTube attracted four million hits. I have yet to make it four million and one.

It must sound pretty strange to be barked at by a cat. You

would hear the yapping and turn around expecting to be greeted by a delighted Fido. Instead a sleepy ginger treats you with disdain. It certainly catches your attention when you expect one thing and end up with something quite different.

Like the Pharisees in Jesus' time. Anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Messiah, their radar was finely tuned for someone who obsessed over the Jewish

law and hated the Romans, just as they did – perhaps even more so. Instead they were introduced to a Messiah who mixed with tax collectors and prostitutes, and who insisted on performing bonus miracles on the Sabbath, no doubt to irritate them. Was that their experience of the cat barking? The Messiah was supposed to be removed and righteous, not rushing to the defence of adulterers, nor

proclaiming children as role models for genuine faith. They were not amused. A crucifixion underlines the depth of their annoyance.

Fast forward 2,000 years. We've got used to a purring church. Smug and predictable, its instinct is often to exclude – usually for offences worth meowing about. Perhaps it's time for a change. While today's Pharisees would hate it, could now be the time for the surprise of a barking cat?

letters to the editor

send us your letters

The Advocate welcomes your letters to the editor on topics of concern to you and the community. Send your letters of no more than 100 words to editor@theadvocate.tv by the 10th of each month.

The May edition of *The Advocate* reported the death of Rev. Sulen Bosumatari, General Secretary of the Boro Baptist Church Association in India. Sulen was a significant leader of Baptist work in Assam for many years and his ministry has been a blessing to many. Sulen has a strong link in the lives of many WA Baptists. At the instigation of Rev. Peter Ewing a number of young Baptist men joined together in the Young Men's Missionary league to provide the financial support to enable Sulen to do theological training. Significantly many of those young WA men went on to become significant Christian leaders. Garth Manning and the late Newland Hutchinson were two from that committed group. Noel Harding Bayswater

Ambiguous grief

There was a strong response on Facebook to our feature, Ambiguous Grief (page 8 and 9) written by Jill Birt in the May edition of *The Advocate*.

The willingness and ability to share, combined with the gift of expression can sometimes produce something very blessed and precious. Thanks Jill. Angelo Giovas Queensland

Gut wrenching, Jill. Tears flowing from Singapore. Love and prayers. Glenda Paterson Singapore

Your courage ... even just in writing this ... will bless many Jill. Janine Daniels Lakeside

Oh Jill. I cried as I read for several reasons. For your journey of love, for your journey of loss and for your ability to write in such a way that we were caught up into your journey as invited companions. An honour to read, a treasure to keep. Monica O'Neil East Perth

Jill, you continue to teach us and lead us to trust and follow Jesus. Thanks for sharing your journey so deeply. Keith Brown North Beach

So painful and beautiful – thank you for sharing your experience. April Yamasaki Canada



LEAD PASTOR REQUIRED

The **Austral-Asian Community Church (AACC)** is a young interdenominational and intergenerational Christian Church based in the Eastern suburbs of Adelaide, South Australia. We are a contemporary family church with a focus on life groups, missions and community outreach. Our Sunday morning attendance is around 250 to 300 adults with a Children's Church running concurrently.

We are seeking a **Lead Pastor** who is called and experienced in working with a congregation comprised largely of migrants from Asia, many of whom have either been long term residents of Australia, or were born and have grown up in Australia.

The Lead Pastor will be responsible for spiritual leadership and pastoral care of the church along with the Leadership Team.

A Position Description, Church Profile and Application Form is available from the church office: 08 8364 0070 or via email at aacc@aacc.net.au

Applicants are requested to submit their applications by **21st June 2013** to aacc@aacc.net.au

Further information can be derived from the website www.aacc.com.au

Friends of GIA get together

More than 90 people from 20 Baptist churches around WA gathered at Riverton Baptist Church in April to hear the latest news about Global Interaction's (GIA) work around the globe during morning tea.

'Friends of GIA' is an annual event for supporters to meet together and hear up-to-date details of the ministries GIA is involved with.

GIA Director, Heather Coleman, spoke passionately about GIA's vision and mission, highlighting aspects of the work the GIA teams in Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malawi, Mozambique, Central Australia and Central Asia are involved in.

"We have a deep commitment to work in teams, with strong support and pastoral care a hallmark of our work," Heather said.

GIA currently has 99 adult team members with 21 candidates at varying stages of preparation to work cross-culturally. There are 26 national staff working in state offices around Australia.

GIA's annual budget is approximately \$6.5 million.

"We're very dependent on the sacrificial gifts of God's people to meet our budget and allow us to grow," she said.

Growth continues across all the teams GIA has. Plans to launch a team to work with the final people group in South East Asia that GIA committed to work with more than a decade ago are coming clearer.

"The possibilities are looking very positive," Heather said. "I know there are people here in WA who have prayed for these people for many years. We're very aware of your faithfulness."

Advances in technology are changing how teams communicate with supporters and friends.

Skype, blogs, emails and social media are making news from distant places so much more immediate for many people, but there are still people who are not connected in those ways so publications remain important to inform people in Australia of what is happening in the various areas where GIA is working.

GIA continues to look for new team workers who are committed to learning culture and language to work cross-culturally.

Robyn Christie reported to the meeting on Mount Pleasant Baptist Church's teams that visited Africa and Newman recently.

Glen and Liz Black, told the group about their family visit to Mozambique to meet up with family members Kath and Cam Beeck and their children who are working in Lichinga.

Heather asked the group to continue to pray for visa extensions for the whole of the GIA Mozambique team. The Beecks will be the first family to be impacted if the extensions are not granted.

Since writing the story the Beecks have received a three month extension on their visa.



Photo: Jill Birt

Heather Coleman spoke passionately about Global Interaction's work at the Friends of Global Interaction (GIA) morning tea at Riverton Baptist Church in April.

Burmese history highlight

The Baptist Historical Society of Western Australia met with many Karen Baptist people at Bentley Baptist Church on 22 April to celebrate the arrival of God's Word in Burma, 200 years ago through Adoniram Judson.

More than 150 people attended the meeting where Dr Richard Moore presented a paper on Judson's life and ministry during more than 20 years of ministry in Burma. Judson completed translating

the Bible into the Burmese language in 1834.

Groups of Karen young people performed traditional dances and sang at the event.

Ellen Broerse from Claremont Baptist Church

spoke about the Thai Prison Ministry she leads in Bangkok and areas of the Thai/Burma border where she has worked with Thai and Burmese Christian leaders over the past 20 years.

A service of the combined Burmese churches in Perth to celebrate the 200 anniversary of Adoniram Judson arriving in Burma is planned for 13 July. More details of the event will be in the July edition of *The Advocate*.

Employment Opportunity

Fusion Australia is seeking a FEMALE CASEWORKER for the Fusion Student Household Service (FSHS). This is a paid part-time casework position of 10 hrs/week. Must have casework/youth work training and experience. FSHS is a Christian ministry supporting young people unable to live at home to finish school.

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Camps learn to manage risk

Managers from Baptist campsites around Australia converged on Camp Wilkin at Anglesea, Victoria last month for the inaugural Baptist Camping insurance workshop.

More than 20 camp managers from camps in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia met for the first time to learn more about assessing and managing the risks connected with camping activities.

Ross Daniels, Director of Camping with Baptist Churches Western Australia (BCWA), Andrew Collins, Manager of the Busselton Camping Centre and Bert Winning, Manager of Camp Kennedy near Albany, along with Jill Birt, Insurance Officer with BCWA, travelled from WA.

The Australian Baptist Insurance Scheme (ABIS) hosted the training event, flying the camping personnel, along with ABIS state representatives, to Victoria.

Risk management is a serious matter for church ministries.

"Youth leaders and camps plan fun, challenging and energetic activities all the time and we're keen to help them do things in a safe manner," David Berry, Chairman of the ABIS board said.

Camp Wilkin won Vero Insurance's national award for risk management in 2012. The campsite can house 161 people and offers activities including bikes, high ropes, low ropes, archery, flying fox, climbing wall, surfing and canoes.

The workshop toured the campsite with Geoff Caldwell, Director of Camping at Baptist Camping Victoria, hearing stories of how risk assessments of various activities were developed and ongoing risk management happens.

After 24 hours at the campsite the insurance training group

moved to Werribee Mansion Hotel 45 minutes closer to Melbourne because a school group had booked out the campsite.

ABIS and Vero Insurance sent a team, including their underwriter, a risk engineer and a lawyer who specialises in liability claims, to meet with the workshop group on the final day of the conference. Ian Hopley from Cacet, the South Australian group specialising in child protection, also spoke at the event.

"It was a great opportunity to talk face to face with people who specialise in the risk areas of insurance and to ask questions," Ross said.

"The responses we have received from this first Baptist Camping workshop have been incredibly positive," Kym Bennetts, ABIS National Insurance Manager said.

ABIS in WA expects to run a trial training event in risk assessment for youth group leaders and camp directors later this year.



Photo: Jill Birt

Bert Winning (Camp Kennedy), Andrew Collins (Busselton Camping) and Ross Daniels, Director of Camping for BCWA, check out the low ropes activity at Camp Wilkin, Victoria during the inaugural National Baptist Camping Insurance workshop.

Banker with big heart joins BFS



Photo: Jill Birt

Mark Wilson, Director of Ministries at BCWA, welcomed Anina Findling when she joined the team in mid-May.

Anina Findling is the new Western Australian Relationship Manager for Baptist Financial Services (BFS).

With 15 years experience in the finance sector, culminating in managing a branch of the Commonwealth Bank, Anina is looking forward to a change of culture as she joins the not-for-profit community.

"I see BFS has many opportunities to partner with people and add value to church ministries," Anina said.

"I've been on the board of BFS for the last two years. The group is really well run with great integrity and solid governance processes."

Married to Harry and with two teenage children, Anina will work part-time (Monday to Thursday) from the Baptist Churches Western Australia office in Rivervale.

"Churches using BFS for banking are like people buying

free trade coffee," Anina said. "You not only enjoy a quality product but also know that your money is supporting a worthwhile cause. We have a ministry of caring for and partnering with the church and their affiliated organisations as we resource the Kingdom."

"I expect to be on the road quite a bit, getting out to meet people in our churches and see the projects they're developing," she said.

Anina's family worships at Mount Hawthorn Baptist Church. They came to Australia 11 years ago from Canada.

digital church

15/04/2013
Tim Peters
timpeters.org

"If you communicate the vision so often that at some point, you become sick and tired of hearing about the vision. But when you are sick and tired of hearing it, keep in mind that some people in your church still don't get it."

02/05/2013
Kristen Tarsiuk
ministrytodaymag.com

"What people experience in your church has the power to propel them toward Christ or push them away. What we do matters, and doing it well is essential."

08/05/2013
Andrew T. Le Peau
andyunedited.ivpress.com

"Dallas Willard went to be with his Lord this morning ... in particular I remember his talking about practicing the disciplines of solitude and silence. I asked him what he meant by that. 'And do you pray?' I asked. 'No.' 'Or meditate or read the Scriptures?' 'No.' 'Then what?' 'Nothing. I just sit. In the presence of Christ.'

08/05/2013
Ron Edmondson
ronedmondson.com

"Leading people effectively means helping people with different

skills, talents and interests, even ideas and temperaments in a way that makes them feel valued and yet accomplishes the established vision and goals."

08/05/2013
Eric Dye
churchm.ag

"There is a misconception that the only way to fully live for Christ, to fully live a God ordained life, it must involve some kind of full time ministry."

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Aid budget

The Australia Federal Budget will increase the overseas aid budget from 0.35 to 0.37 percent of Australia's national income and cap the amount diverted to domestic programs. Although the aid budget will increase, the government is delaying its promise to lift aid to 0.5 percent of national income by another year and diverting more money from the aid budget to fund other domestic asylum seeker costs. World Vision said this is the second year in a row the aid budget target has been delayed, meaning the world's poor will pay the price again.

Refugee graduation

A graduation ceremony of the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College in the Mae La Refugee Camp in Thailand, which was destroyed by fire last year, was held recently. The school was gutted on 28 April 2012, but was partially rebuilt in time for the start of the new school year in July 2012. The Baptist World Alliance donated half the funds toward the rebuilding of the school. "The building is completed, the students also completed their school and yesterday we celebrated the dedication of the building to God," Saw Simon, founder and principal of the school, wrote on 15 April.

Warm welcome for pastor



Photo: Terry Hicks

Victor and Mary Owour recently joined the pastoral team at Girrawheen Baptist Church.

Victor and Mary Owour, the newest members of the pastoral team at Girrawheen Baptist Church, had no idea a friend's visit to Perth in 2010 would change their lives so dramatically.

"Our friend shared with us the needs and joys at Girrawheen Baptist Church and that challenged us both," Victor said. "He didn't say, 'you need to go', but God was telling that to us both."

In September 2012, Victor and Mary arrived in Perth for two

weeks to meet the Girrawheen people and consider with them if God was calling the Owours to Perth.

"By the end of the first week, we had agreed together and were very convinced that God wanted this," Victor said. "At formal interviews during the second

week, the church indicated that they wanted us to come back to work at Girrawheen."

After a prolonged process, their visas were granted and with their son Jessie (14) and daughter Joy (10), they arrived in Perth in January to join the pastoral team at Girrawheen.

Victor had been teaching at George Whitefield College in Cape Town since 2007 with responsibilities for Biblical studies.

"Our home was often full of students on Friday nights," Mary said. "Hospitality is our natural

way to get to know and care for people."

Both Victor and Mary are Kenyans by birth, but come from different people groups. They met at Bible college and were married in 1997 after they graduated. For the next three years they worked in a small Kenyan church adding practical experience of 'simply living the Gospel in reality' in their community.

After some further theological training at Pietermaritzburg in South Africa, and more years back in Kenya, the family moved to Cape Town in 2004 so that

Victor could complete his post graduate studies.

"We are enjoying Perth," Victor said. "People are so friendly. We're building friendships with the pastoral team at Girrawheen. Already our colleagues are becoming our friends."

"Please ask your readers to pray for us as we settle in and find the people in our community that God directs us to," Victor said.

Sacred Space Retreat assists women

On 13 April, 75 women from Baptist churches attended the Sacred Space Retreat to deliberately become aware of God and to listen to Him speaking through His written word.

Stormy weather and the large number of women caused a last minute change of venue

from the Baptist Ministry Centre to Riverview Church, who graciously hosted the venue.

Event organiser, Kathleen Bryant, prepared a number of environments: candlelit rooms, silent rooms, rooms with comfy couches and others with uplifting music for participants. Others moved outside with their picnic lunches to follow guided Bible passages from Isaiah and John to hear God speaking to them.

The retreat finished with a combined reflective worship time of music, old hymns and contemporary songs, prayers, responsive readings and communion.

"I was pleased with how people engaged during the event," Kathleen said.

'God has used this time to remind me of His love and

compassion,' one woman wrote after the retreat. 'The fact He died for me – I have heard for 40 years that Jesus died for the world. Yesterday I finally got it in my heart and spirit – the total love that this act meant for me.'

Chaplain bridging distance

Each week Baptistcare Community Chaplain, Rick Birch, drives an average of 1,000 kilometres visiting clients in their homes in the south west.

"I work with our Aged Care Division which operates under the name of Hand in Hand," Rick said. "Primarily we assist people to continue living independently as long as it is safe to do so. I also work with our Disability Services, providing a wide range of services to people living with a disability."

If you draw a line on a map between South Perth and Walpole, the entire region to the west of that line is Rick's work area.

“It works both ways. I get to know them and they get to know me. I'm pretty clear that I am there for their wellbeing, not mine.”

"Every week is different, but normally I spend three days a week in the south metro area and two days in the south west. I started working part-time more than three years ago and began working full-time in July 2012."

Rick currently visits 150 people, the majority are aged,

but an increasing number have disabilities.

"Some people I visit weekly," Rick said. "Others I visit more regularly if their needs are greater. I visit one man with a mental disability every week and have lunch with him."

The clients Rick works with come from different cultures and hold differing belief systems.

"Our intent is to 'transform and enrich' lives in ways that are meaningful to them. We care by reaching out with the love of Jesus, working with individuals, families and communities to achieve their spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing."

For Rick this always begins with building a mutually trusting relationship with the client and himself as he learns what the client needs.

"It works both ways. I get to know them and they get to know me. I'm pretty clear that I am there for their wellbeing, not mine. I discuss spiritual things on invitation, which is a normal progression of our growing relationship."

Some of Rick's work is with families who often struggle with the changes that occur with aging parents, or difficult personality traits of people who are disadvantaged in many ways.

"Often when their loved one passes away, people want someone they have grown to know and trust to either conduct or assist them with the funeral process," Rick said. "It's a privilege and honour when they turn to me to help them through this next transition of their lives. There's real benefit for people when they are associated with Baptistcare."

Baptistcare has a team of 14 chaplains working with their clients across the state.



Photo: Terry Hicks

Rick Birch works as a chaplain with Baptistcare visiting families across a large area of the south-west.

Waratah church celebrates hall opening



Photo: Jill Birt

Gavin and Danni Woolhead were honoured for their hard work and leadership during the two years of building a new youth and community hall and extension to the church auditorium at Waratah Christian Community Church.

Members of community groups, local politicians and the people of Waratah Christian Community Church celebrated the opening of the new youth and community hall and extensions at the Wannanup church on 19 May.

Senior Pastor Gavin Woolhead reported that the entire building process was built debt free with assistance from Lotterywest, Royalties for Regions funding and the Australian Tax Office refunding a significant amount of Goods and Services Tax.

Community groups including Weight Watchers,

Foodbank, Lions and Waratah Village regularly use the facilities as well as four children's and youth ministries of the church.

The church has installed a full commercial kitchen in the extensions to cater for community functions.

"The building morphed

around us as walls and entire rooms changed from week to week," Gavin said. "There's been a huge sacrifice from so many people. What a church!"

"I don't see any place for owning property and self-indulgently leaving it empty for most of the week."

Mark Wilson, Baptist Churches Western Australia Director of Ministries, unveiled a plaque to officially open the building.

Youth Pastor Peter Randell said the quality of the individual disciples that go out from the church will show how well the youth work is impacting the community.

Kevin is inspired

1Church flooded



Photo: Baptist World Aid Australia

Kevin Black was inspired by what he saw of Baptist World Aid's work in Nepal.

Kevin Black from Lakeside Baptist Church joined Baptist World Aid Australia's Church Relationships Coordinator WA, Dushan Jeyabalan, in April to see some of the life transforming work happening in Nepal.

"I was amazed to see the impact International Nepal Fellowship's (INF) work was having within these communities," Kevin said. "We visited two very remote villages, met some wonderful people and I was able to see first-hand how much their lives had changed."

"Previously their children were mostly uneducated. Now, INF has ensured they have access to schooling, health care and medicine."

"What came through was the Nepalese have a very real concern for their own. In each village it was local Christian people who were taking charge of the programs for INF."

Local people don't have language or cultural barriers to overcome so they can go straight in and have immediate impact.

"It was inspiring to see the impact they had as Christians within their own community," Kevin said. "As lives were transformed economically, people asked questions. Why were they doing this? What was their motivation? When they find out about God's love for them and that His heart is for every person to live in a world where poverty has ended, many come to faith. It's exciting to see."

"What I took away from my time in Nepal is that simply giving hand-outs doesn't work," Kevin said. "The best way to get behind the end of poverty is to put structures in place that build resilience so that the community can manage on its own once INF leaves."

"The trip for me was also a good reminder of how much difference our giving can make."

Dushan explained that Nepal benefits from 'Matching Grant' money. "The Australian government will contribute millions of dollars to Baptist World Aid Australia projects, like the ones we visited. But to access this money, \$1 in supporter donations must be raised for every \$5 of government money before 30 June - making now a great time to give!"

“The best way to get behind the end of poverty is to put structures in place that build resilience ...”

"I encourage you to pray for Nepal and also to support Baptist World Aid as they work to be loved and get behind the end of poverty," Kevin said.

For more information, visit www.belowe.org.

Earlier this year, the pastoral team of 1Church in Mandurah decided to teach a short series of sermons on whole-heartedly following Jesus. These sermons took place at their three campuses - Mandurah Baptist Church, Lakelands Community Church and Austin Cove Community Church. At the end of the series people were invited to show their allegiance to Jesus Christ publicly by being baptised.

Senior Pastor, Hans Van Asselt, said he was very pleased to see a strong response from the people in all three congregations.

On Easter Sunday, 20 people were baptised at Lakelands Community Church - four from Mandurah Baptist Church and two from the young congregation at Austin Cove.

Those from Lakelands Community Church who were baptised were Zac Bensley, Claire Bouwer, Maree Bryant, Nihaal Buldaho, Rina Buldaho, Tivrata Shivani Buldaho, Jade Docking, Tammy Docking, Aela Klassen, Caleb Pandian, Janice Pandian,

Chelsie Rowlands, Dean Rowlands, Kayla Rowlands, Rebecca Rowlands, Nadia Steenkamp, Lauren Waldeck, Naomi Weickhardt, Amy Woitasek and Paula Woods.

Alanis Appathurai, Roy Brockman, Joe Vakadranu and Lusiana Vakadranu from Mandurah Baptist Church were also baptised, and so too was Dylan Baggaley and Brock Cathro from Austin Cove Community Church.

More baptisms are planned in the near future.

EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Situated just 35 minutes south of Perth positioned in the natural forest on the scarp in Jarrahdale. Serpentine Camping Centre provides a unique and high level of service to its guests. *Creating excellent camping experiences that help build changing relationships and memories through short term community.* The Baptist Churches of WA are seeking suitably qualified persons in the following positions:

Operations Coordinator (Full Time)

This role oversees the coordination of the operation of the services and grounds, communicating with our guests and attending to the physical requirements at Serpentine Camping Centre. This role would be well suited to a practically gifted person with excellent interpersonal skills. Accommodation will be on-site, and the position is for an initial three year term.

Duty Coordinators (Casual)

We are seeking well motivated support staff to assist in welcoming our guests and ensuring the facility and grounds are always presented to the highest standard. This role is a support role to the Operations Coordinator and would require similar qualities.

House Keeping (Casual)

We are seeking motivated cleaning and/or catering staff to join our team.

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Photo: Kingdom Aviation

Kingdom Aviation, based in Derby, flies small aircrafts into remote indigenous communities and cattle stations in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

"We want to build relationships in these communities and the only way is with regular, consistent visits – and the only way to do that in the Kimberley is with small aircraft," Paul White, Director of Kingdom Aviation and Pastor of Derby Baptist Church, said. "It could take six hours to drive to some communities from the nearest town, but with a plane we can be there in 45 minutes."

The Kingdom Aviation team are now flying into nine communities every week: One

Arm Point, Ngalapita, Milligidee, Mowanjum, Noonkanbah, Looma, Yakanarrah, Jugarari and Mount Barnett.

"What gets me up in the morning is having a heart for people who don't know the Lord," Paul said. "Generally people think the biggest mission fields are in Africa or Asia, but in fact it is right here in their own backyards."

The statistics are startling. Australia is ranked second behind Norway in the 2013 Human Development Report by the United Nations Development Program which looks at public

health, social wealth, education and happiness.

If indigenous Australians were a standalone population, they would be 122nd in the ranking behind South Africa who are ranked 121st. Australia has the lowest suicide rates of the top 10 nations, but indigenous Australians have the world's highest youth suicide rate. Indigenous Kimberley children are killing themselves in higher numbers than anywhere else in the country.

The indigenous youth suicide rate in New South Wales

is 1:100,000; in the Northern Territory, 30: 100,000 and in the Kimberley 1:1,200 or 83:100,000.

"We see what appears to be a hopeless situation, but when you come into each individual community we see a glimmer of light, a real hope," Paul said. "We're bringing them messages where they can naturally relate to God and His message of hope – that they can be free from drug related problems, from peer pressure and sometimes from problematic families. After we have played games and shared stories a little one will sometimes

come up and share what's going on in their hearts and when that happens the joy and peace it gives you ... it is very difficult to explain!"

"The Kimberley area has many small communities with no viable witness to Christ. The progressive withdrawal of missionaries over the last 25 years has left a whole generation that has never heard the gospel. When the missionaries left – they essentially took Jesus with them."

"Living in Derby we sometimes think we are pretty remote, but spare a thought for

those living in a community like Ngalapita (Koorabye), one of the places Kingdom Aviation visits every Tuesday during term time.

The community has 11 houses, an office, a small store, a power plant and a reverse osmosis water treatment plant. The community occupies one square kilometre of Kalyeeda Station. The school grounds, teacher's dongas and school buildings are situated 200 metres to the east of the community. A 900 metre airstrip is available all year round. There are no other support services available to the community and members travel to Fitzroy Crossing 190 kilometres to the north east, Derby 260 kilometres to the north west or Broome 400 kilometres to the west to access essentials such as medical, policing, commercial and retail services.

Kingdom Aviation has been visiting the Ngalapita community since 2010, running the Student Focus program before school and visiting members of the community offering friendship and Christian input.

After working for a Christian missionary radio station in Kununurra, Greg and Linda Wilson were about to leave the Kimberley when a two day stopover in Derby changed their minds.

After hearing about Kingdom Aviation and their vision to reach out to indigenous families, one year later, Greg had gained his pilot's license and their family moved to Derby to work with Kingdom Aviation.

"It is exciting for us to be involved in the ground-breaking work of reaching new communities and planning for an indigenous parenting ministry," Linda said.

Pilot Dave Powell joined Kingdom Aviation in May 2012. "My journey into mission kick-started after visiting Zimbabwe and the blessing 'May the peace of God disturb you' was given to me. I had a God-inspired restlessness to be more effective and make a difference for those less privileged than myself. Our involvement in Kimberley communities demonstrates the faith I have in attempting to impact remote places for Christ's Kingdom. We never really know from one day to the next what we will see, learn or participate in as a result of simply being available in these places," Dave said.

Kingdom Aviation recently welcomed experienced pilot, Kate Appleby. Kate, who previously worked in the Kimberley as a commercial pilot, brought established relationships with station owners to the team.

"Kingdom Aviation allows me to use my pilot training and my love for youth to bring the gospel to these children and hopefully their families – what a privilege," Kate said.

Adopt a community



The blue dots on this map show the nine remote WA communities Kingdom Aviation visits weekly.

Kingdom Aviation are praying for churches and individuals to adopt these communities through prayer, giving to the cost of flying, taking a special interest in the people or possibly sending an outreach team to help.

If you would like to adopt a community or give to Kingdom Aviation to help cover fuel costs, contact Paul White at plbapderby@bigpond.com or find Kingdom Aviation on Facebook.

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FIFO chaplain



Photo: Terry Hicks

YouthCARE chaplain Paul McKeich flies to the Pilbara region for two weeks during school terms to visit and encourage school chaplains.

Western Australia has a large Fly In Fly Out (FIFO) workforce but Paul McKeich is one of a very small group of FIFO chaplains.

Each month the YouthCARE chaplain flies to the Pilbara region for two weeks during school terms to visit and encourage school chaplains.

"My regular travel schedule takes me to Port Hedland, Karratha, Tom Price, Exmouth, Onslow, Newman and Carnarvon in the Gascoyne region," Paul said. "There are also a number of remote indigenous schools but unfortunately I'm not able to service them."

Paul provides pastoral care and support to the chaplains at Hedland, Tom Price and Exmouth. There are no in-school chaplains at Karratha, Newman and Carnarvon, so Paul works closely with the principals, deputy principals, school psychologists and other staff.

He also works with the ministers, pastors and church leaders in the towns he visits,

building relationships across denominations.

"I feel really blessed to have the opportunity to encourage the local churches to take ownership of chaplaincy and support their chaplain," Paul said.

Another aspect of Paul's work is to develop new chaplaincies in primary schools which have never had a chaplain.

"There is a high demand and great opportunities for part-time chaplaincy in primary schools, so I do the groundwork and start off with casual chaplaincy once a month, with a view to finding a local person to take over and be in those schools on a weekly basis."

In recent months, Paul has started as the chaplain in primary schools at Port Hedland, South Hedland, Peg's Creek in Karratha and Onslow.

"YouthCARE can only go into a school at the invitation of the school, so the opening up

of new opportunities to put in a Christian chaplain is a wonderful God-given blessing," Paul said.

Paul believes the mining boom is having a huge impact on family life in the region.

"Students are typically facing broken home life, isolation being away from home, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm, attempted suicide and suicide rates are high, and bullying, both physical and cyber. All of this can be very distressing for a chaplain and their school to deal with, so prayer is much-needed here."

The boom also affects Paul's work with hire cars and accommodation often completely booked out by mining staff.

"My travel has to be planned and booked quite a way in advance," Paul said. "Mining companies tend to book everything in some places, forcing prices higher and limiting the options."

"My greatest joy is seeing the amazing work the chaplains are doing in their schools. Each chaplain has unique gifts and each school community is different," Paul said.

New Vose books



Photo: Jill Birt

Dr Michael O'Neil, Dr David Cohen and Dr Brian Harris with their recently published books during the book launch at Vose Seminary.

More than 50 people celebrated the launch of three new books written by members of Vose Seminary staff at the seminary on 15 May.

Head of Vose Research, Dr Michael O'Neil, said publication of works was a strong aspect of Vose Research.

Vose Seminary Principal, Dr Brian Harris's book, *The Tortoise Usually Wins – Biblical Reflections on Quiet Leadership for Reluctant Leaders* is already being used as a learning and development tool by leadership groups of some Baptist churches in Perth.

Dr David Cohen, Head of Biblical Studies at Vose Seminary, presented his book *Why O Lord – Praying our Sorrows* which explores the psalms of lament.

"Many of our churches have lost the usage of these Psalms and I believe we are poorer for that," David said.

Dr O'Neil's first book, *Church as Moral Community – Karl*

Barth's *Vision of Christian Life 1915-1922* arrived earlier than scheduled from the publisher just 48 hours before the planned book launch.

Dr O'Neil described Barth, a German pastor who stood for the truth of the gospel against the Nazi regime as inspiring in his intellect and depth, a giant of theology.

"We're delighted to present these new works today," Dr Harris said. "There are more works coming including Vose 50 which will be launched in August."

The books are available from Vose Seminary or through online bookstores.



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Wayne trains Italian team

Wayne Field, International Training Coordinator with Operation Mobilisation (OM), spent five days working with OM team members from Greece, Hungary, Bosnia, Spain and Italy recently at OM's Italian home base in the Piedmont Region.

"I taught biblical leadership at OM's FLIGHT course," Wayne said. "I was able to teach in English. Several participants spoke English as a second or even third language."

FLIGHT (FLT) stands for Foundational Leadership Training and is an entry level course for missionaries who are leading a team for the first time and those who aspire to team leadership in the near future. The course covers topics including characteristics of a godly leader, team building, communication, biblical leadership, motivating your team, managing conflict, mentoring and coaching, as well as leading multi-cultural teams.

OM Area Trainers, Janice Taylor (UK) and Andre Van der Bergh (Italy), led the training and Wayne taught each day on leadership lessons from the life of David.

Eleven participants came from five European nations and represented a variety of ministries including sports outreach in Italy;



Photo: Operation Mobilisation

Former Western Australian Baptist Pastor Wayne Field spent five days training OM workers in the Italian Alps recently.

street work with prostitutes in Athens, Greece; mercy ministries in Bosnia and among refugees in Hungary; and outreach to the Muslim community in Barcelona, Spain.

The group stayed at OM's training facility Forterocca right in the valleys where the Waldensian Christians lived in the 12th century.

"The history of the Waldensian Christians is fascinating," Wayne said. "They are considered to be the forerunners of the Protestant Reformation, predating Luther by a couple of centuries. Many thousands were martyred here – thrown from the cliffs which surround OM's base (Forterocca), burned or simply torn apart.

OM Italy's vision is to see the area once again become a place from where the gospel is spread throughout the world."

Majestic snow-capped mountains, alpine rivers, charming mediaeval villages and lush farm land inspired the team on an afternoon trek to see some of the places the Waldensians lived and hid.

"I was personally very moved by the Waldensian story; their hunger for the true gospel, their commitment to simple living and to their community, and their sacrifice."

Wayne returned to OM's main base in Carlisle, UK, after the FLIGHT course. He moved to the UK with his family from Western Australia earlier this year.

Shannon illustrates tales of persistence



Shannon Melville at her drawing board.

In May, Perth-based Artist and Illustrator, Shannon Melville, celebrated the release of her new Australian picture book, *Boondaburra*, with a book signing at Albany Christian Book Centre.

With several illustrating jobs currently in progress, Shannon feels blessed to be working with her God given gifts. "I ask

God to bring work and people into my life that He wants me to be involved with, professionally and relationally," Shannon said.

"Give me paper and colouring pencils as a child and I was happy and content. I was encouraged by teachers in primary school and won competitions. In high school I chose art as my optional subject. I knew my future career would involve art in some way," Shannon said.

After studying at TAFE and completing a Bachelor of Visual Arts degree and a Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education at Edith Cowan University, Shannon spent two years as a high school art, media and digital photography teacher. Shannon then returned to study graphic design majoring in illustration.

Shannon now works as a children's book illustrator, graphic designer and disability support worker.

"On Wednesday mornings I facilitate a small art class for disabled adults, it's a highlight

of my week. I am very hands off – I want the clients to learn the skills themselves and see their confidence grow. Every year there is a public exhibition where their artwork is presented professionally, giving our clients real dignity and respect."

“My gifts are given to me by God, the creator, the most amazing artist!”

Shannon reflects on the difficulty of breaking into the competitive book illustrating industry.

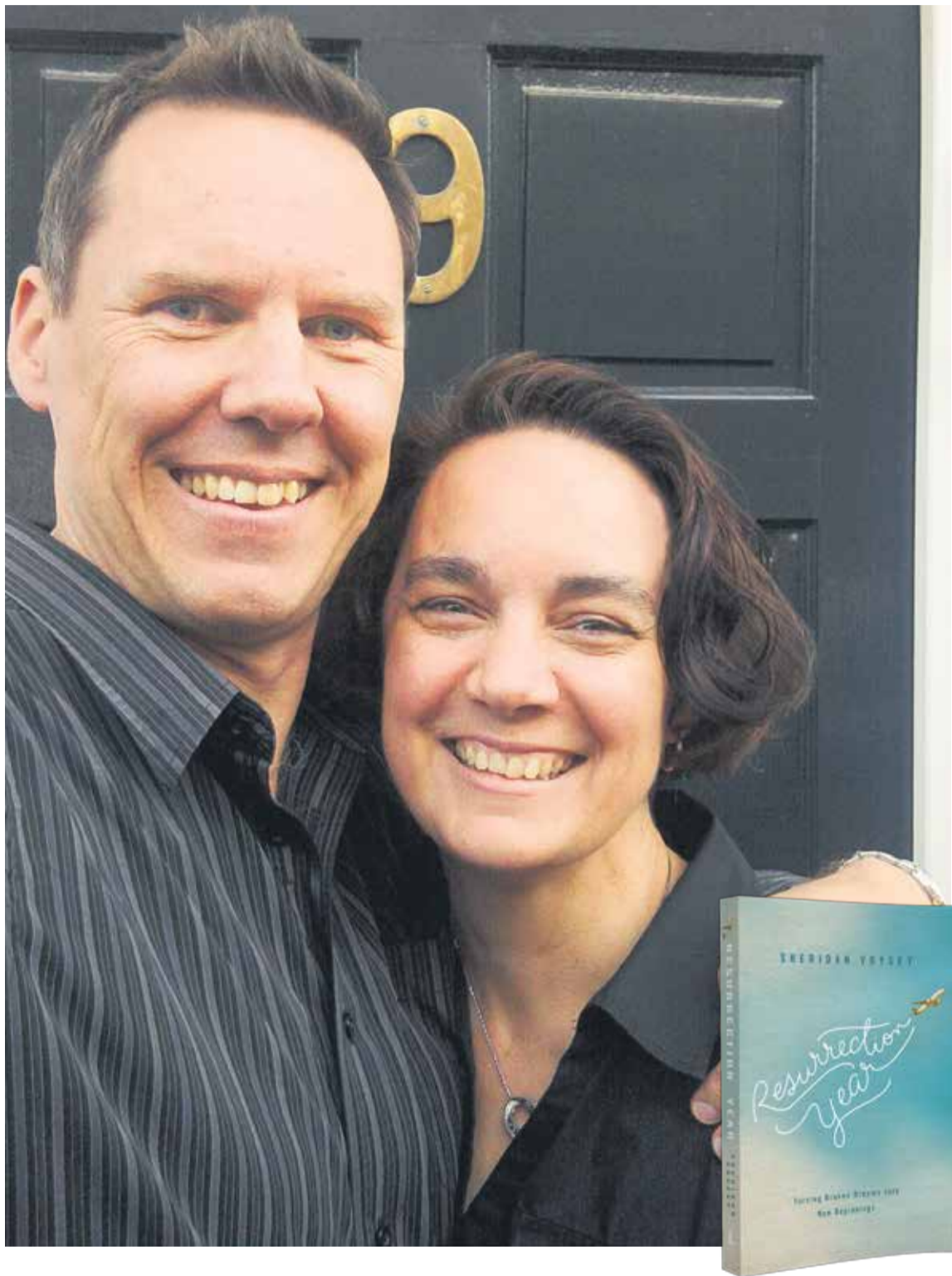
"I spent a lot of time and money on professional memberships, printing and

mailing samples of work to publishers. There were a lot of rejections. A colleague encouraged me with the saying 'rejection letters are badges of courage!' Two years in a row I entered work to be showcased on a professional illustrators' website and my work was rejected both times. On my third attempt my work was finally accepted. I was so glad I persisted!"

In setting up her own business, Lemon Zest Design, Shannon found the importance of networking. Feedback from peers is important, it also opens up opportunities for work, as well as a breaking the isolation of working from home.

"My gifts are given to me by God, the creator, the most amazing artist! He gives me the ability to see the world through artist's eyes."

New Book: Resurrection Year



The Advocate writer, Jill Birt recently spoke with writer, speaker and broadcaster Sheridan Voysey about his new book *Resurrection Year: Turning Broken Dreams into New Beginnings*.

Sheridan, your new book is entitled *Resurrection Year: Turning Broken Dreams into New Beginnings*. What is a 'Resurrection Year'?

I'd describe a 'Resurrection Year' as a year of new life following the death of a dream. I'd love to take credit for the phrase but it was the British author Adrian Plass who suggested it to me. I was talking to Adrian off-air one day after interviewing him on my former radio show, *Open House*. We'd gotten to know each other a little over the years and so I told him about the difficult journey my wife Merryn and I had been on, and how we were thinking of starting the new year afresh. He listened intently and then said, 'In the Christian scheme of things, new beginnings come after the death of something, just as Jesus' resurrection

followed his crucifixion. After what you've just told me, I think a resurrection year is just what you need.'

For your resurrection year, you and your wife Merryn left Australia, travelled in Europe and resettled in Oxford, England. What broken dream were you moving on from?

Our broken dream was not being able to start a family. We had pursued that dream for ten years — through special diets, healing prayer, numerous rounds of IVF and a two-year wait on the local adoption list. By the end of those ten years Merryn was in a mess. She needed a new beginning. Apart from longing to become a mum, Merryn's only other dream was to live and work overseas. When she was offered a job at Oxford University, we saw it as God's

way for that secondary dream to become a reality.

How did you finally decide to stop trying to have a child?

In short, we stopped because we simply couldn't continue on anymore. Proverbs 13:12 states that hope deferred makes the heart sick. Well, Merryn's heart was sick. The constant waiting picks away at the fabric of your being — waiting each month when you're first trying for a child; waiting for blood test results when you're doing IVF; waiting for the phone call when you're waiting to adopt. Your emotions get a battering during this wait, as your hopes are constantly raised then dashed. As we approached our tenth year of waiting, we decided to try one last round of IVF before bringing the journey to an end. As readers of *Resurrection Year* will discover,

that final round was eventful for all the wrong reasons.

It's well known how difficult infertility can be on a marriage. How did you prevent that in your story?

Our infertility journey began when we were still living in Perth. I'll never forget Merryn and I talking with an IVF counsellor in Subiaco, back in 2003. "In-vitro fertilisation can strain a relationship. You'll have many decisions to make, like how many rounds of IVF you'll attempt and what you'll do if you don't succeed. Some couples find this the most difficult part. It can lead to many disagreements," the counsellor said. Merryn said to the counsellor, "Sheridan and I have talked about that, and we've decided we won't let IVF come between us. Our marriage is more important than having a child." The counsellor slumped with relief and said, "I'm so glad to hear you say that. Only last week a woman told me in front of her husband that if she didn't have a baby their marriage was over." The pressure of infertility on a couple can be immense, whatever route the couple takes to rectify it. But that commitment to put our marriage first made all the difference in surviving those pressures.

It is very moving in the book when you make the commitment to Merryn to leave Australia and follow her dream of living abroad. You had a significant platform in Australia — a national radio show, best-selling books and a speaking engagement schedule. How often did you second guess that decision?

Having watched Merryn miss out on one dream I couldn't watch her miss out on another. So, I've never really second-guessed our decision to come to the UK. But I won't lie — leaving my life and ministry in Australia was hard. I didn't leave it with the joy of a saint who delights in sacrifice. In the book I describe our experience of infertility as a 'wilderness' journey. To some degree, leaving Australia and coming to the UK plunged me into a second wilderness experience, not knowing who I was or what my purpose was to be. But God has been up to something all along, and this unexpected book is part of it. A whole new season of ministry is beginning — a very surprising one.

Did you or Merryn have any reservations about sharing your personal story in *Resurrection Year*?

Oh yes. Writing this book was not my idea at all (again, Adrian Plass played a part here).

Professionally speaking, I didn't want to become known as the 'infertility guy'. And from a personal perspective, this was an immensely private event for Merryn and I and by sharing it we would be vulnerable to the judgements of others. As readers will discover, some very raw emotions are shared in *Resurrection Year*, and some deep questions about God's goodness and providence. But it's that rawness that people are thanking us most for as it has given voice to their own feelings and questions, yet shown a pathway through them to a place of hope, faith and new life.

How do you hope your story will help people?

Resurrection Year is not a book about infertility, it's a book about recovering from broken dreams. It's a book for the girl who longs to be married but is single, the guy whose career dreams haven't worked out, the friend who has lost a loved one — for anyone who has experienced a broken dream or for anyone who knows someone who has. I hope *Resurrection Year* will breathe new life and hope into these and other readers, helping them to see, through our story, that a broken dream doesn't have to define one's life, and that while God is sometimes silent, He is never absent.

In your book Merryn said, 'What can you really trust God for when you ask with all your heart and you're ignored?' How could your book help people deal with unanswered prayer?

As the CS Lewis character says at the end of *Shadowlands*, 'We read to know we're not alone.' So, firstly, I hope people who read *Resurrection Year* will feel they're not alone in the experience of having God say no to, or simply remain silent about some things in their lives. Secondly, I hope that by the end of the book they're able to see that while not every Christian story ends with a miracle, quite a few end with a surprise. God has a way of redeeming our suffering in ways we wouldn't imagine.

You're now settled and established in Oxford. What's happened with your unfulfilled dreams? Faded or displaced? Have they changed?

There's a time for finding a dream — most books, songs and sermons on dreams focus on this aspect. But Merryn and I have come to learn that there is also a time for letting a dream die so you can grieve, adjust, and move on to the next thing God has for you. Some new dreams are in incubation for Merryn and I. Watch this space.

Leading through a crisis



an emergency. Companies with an emergency plan in place are far better positioned to handle a sudden crisis than those in which the leaders must operate on the fly.

4) Simplify the situation

In times of crisis emotions run high and circumstances appear overwhelming. To make clear-headed decisions, a leader has to step back from events to determine the aspects of a situation that are beyond repair, and to identify the main issues at stake moving forward. During a crisis, I make a point to withdraw from everything momentarily to list out my top concerns. I then assemble my core leadership team, gather their input and amend the list accordingly. Putting the main issues on paper helps me to wrap my mind around the crisis and to stay focused amid chaos.

5) Enlist support of influencers

In every organisation, a small group of people holds the majority of influence. During a crisis, devote extra attention to making sure key influencers are on board with your plan to handle the crisis.

6) Decide to take action one step at a time

In a crisis, conditions are in a state of flux. For this reason, plans extending too far into the future are doomed to failure. When confronting a rapidly changing situation, it's wise to concentrate on the near-term. Focus on making the next step, let the dust settle and then re-evaluate the situation.

7) Do what is right and not what is easiest

Difficult problems seldom have simple solutions. Refuse to cut corners or to lower your ethical standards to make the situation easier. Instead, hold to your convictions and put the needs of your people ahead of your personal comfort and convenience.

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Recent events in Boston, Massachusetts and West, Texas have reminded us of a stark reality: we cannot escape crisis situations. Although unable to avoid them, we can learn to lead people through them. In fact, dark, difficult times may be the moments when leadership is needed the most.

While very few of us will ever be responsible to lead in the aftermath of a large-scale catastrophe, we all encounter

times of intense difficulty within our organisations. By nature, a crisis urgently demands attention and yet it can be difficult to

know how to respond to sudden adversity. My hope is that this lesson equips you to lead others with poise and confidence through the storms of life.

Seven principles for handling a crisis:

1) Discover and define the real problem

As Max De Pree said, "the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality." Leaders must wade into the mire in order to learn precisely what has happened and to make sense of current conditions.

2) Act quickly

3) Provide reassurance

The place to handle a crisis is not from behind a desk but in front of the people. A leader's visible presence during times of a crisis inspires confidence and gives others a sense of security. Certainly, the ability of leaders to control their own emotions is paramount during a crisis. In addition, preparation is key. Obviously, some crises are completely unforeseeable. Still, organisations can draw up strategy plans in anticipation of

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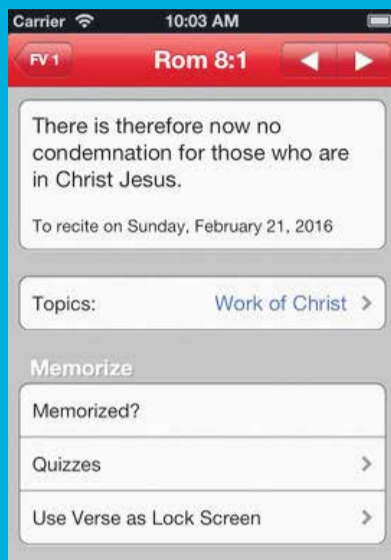
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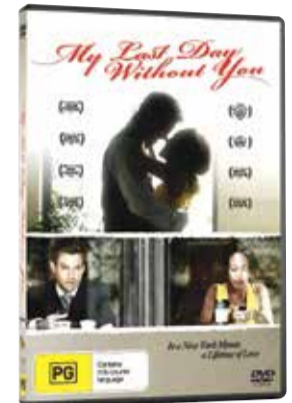
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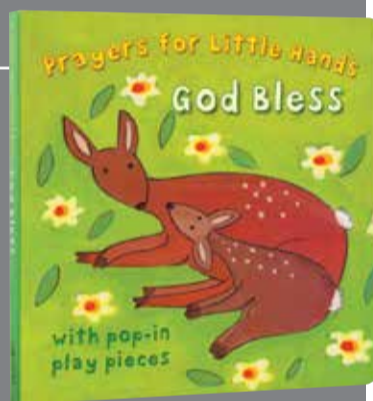
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Niklas is a German businessman who is solely focused on his career and Leticia is an African American preacher's daughter who is making steps to forward her music career. Niklas is sent by his company to New York to shut down Leticia's work division, meaning her music career and new apartment are dreams she will need to let go of. Niklas and Leticia continue to run into each other during the visit and as time goes on, they find a greater appreciation for one another.

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Prayers for Little Hands: God bless

By Lois Rock and Kay Widdowson *God bless* is part of the *Prayers for Little Hands* series which each feature a single prayer on a simple theme. Each spread features a large pop-in jigsaw piece with a touch-and-feel textured panel, which reflects the words of the prayer to help children learn to pray through play. Author, Lois Rock, is a highly respected and trusted author, acclaimed in many different countries for her books of prayers and Bible stories. Her books have sold over 4 million copies worldwide. Kay Widdowson is a freelance illustrator of children's books as well as greetings cards and gift wraps. Kay's style is bold and bursting with luscious colours and unexpected shapes which fit together into her playful animal compositions – full of movement and energy.



The Advocate in conjunction with Word Bookstore is giving you an opportunity to win *Prayers for Little Hands: God bless*. To be in the draw, simply answer the following question:

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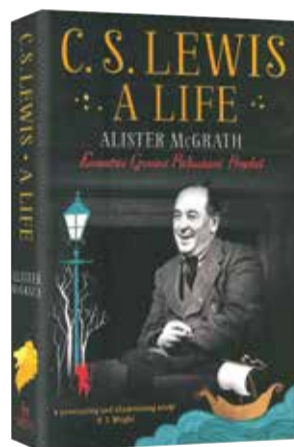
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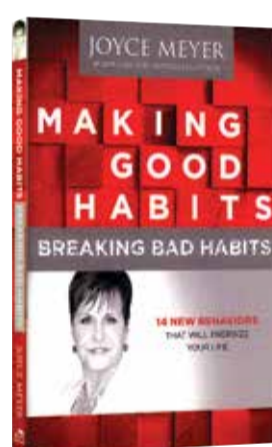
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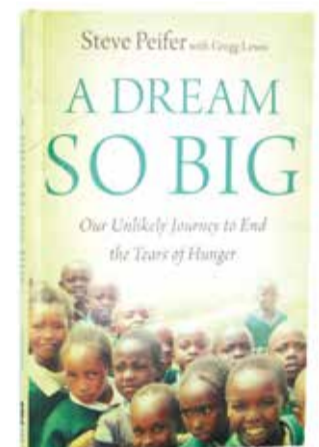
C.S. Lewis: A Life

By Alister McGrath
The Chronicles of Narnia films have inspired a resurgence of interest in C. S. Lewis, the Oxford academic, popular theologian and, most famously, creator of the magical world of Narnia. This authoritative new biography, published to mark the 50th anniversary of Lewis's death, sets out to introduce him to a new generation. Completely up-to-date with scholarly studies of Lewis, it also focuses on how Lewis came to write *The Chronicles of Narnia* series and why they have proved so consistently engaging.



Making Good Habits, Breaking Bad Habits

By Joyce Meyer
From nail biting to cell phone addiction, bad habits seem to outnumber the good ones. Unfortunately, we pay a price for bad habits which outweigh the immediate gratification that they bring. By making it a habit to start your day by reading the Bible and communing with God, asking for His help in your efforts and His strength and sustenance, the stage is set for overcoming the habits you want to break and establishing new ones in their place.



A Dream So Big

By Steve Peifer
A Dream So Big is the story of Steve Peifer, a corporate manager who once oversaw 9,000 computer software consultants, who today helps provide daily lunches for over 20,000 Kenyan school children in 35 national public schools and maintains solar-powered computer labs at 20 rural African schools. When tragedy struck their family, Steve and his wife Nancy began a pilgrimage that thrust them into a third-world setting where daily life was often found in poverty, hunger and death. This story will inspire you to pursue similar lives of service.

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Asylum seekers arrive in WA

On 9 April, locals were stunned to see a vessel float into Geraldton harbour filled with Tamil people from Sri Lanka seeking asylum. People began asking what makes someone desperate enough to put their life into the hands of a people smuggler and sail half way around the world to start a new life.

Sri Lanka has been torn apart by war, oppression and poverty and there is a generation now who have never known political or economic security.

“When the government assured them they could go back to their village it was like a jungle as we lived in clay huts.”

“My family were displaced in 1990,” Sri Priya, a young Tamil from a village in Sri Lanka, said. “They spent years depending on host communities as they left with only their lives and their children. When the government assured them they could go back to their village it was like a jungle as we lived in clay huts. The government school was in another village and there was no money for uniforms or for the



A boat carrying 66 asylum seeker arrives at the port of Geraldton on 9 April.

bus so I stopped my schooling.”

Sri's story is just one of many echoed across Sri Lanka. Fortunately, her village was selected to take part in a Baptist World Aid LEADS community development program.

“LEADS conducted education and health workshops and gave livelihood assistance which has helped our people to develop,” Sri said. “Now, the dependence mentality is decreasing, self-confidence has increased and

health practices have improved. We also conduct a free school.”

Baptist World Aid believes God's heart is for a world where poverty has ended and every person has access to education, nutritious food, clean water,

health care and sustainable incomes. A world where people are empowered to lift themselves out of poverty so they no longer need to leave both their dignity and their homes in order to seek asylum on foreign shores.

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