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"If self-motivation is such a valuable trait, then: where does self-motivation come from?"

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Chaplain the unsung hero

Princess Margaret Hospital is benefiting from the services of a YouthCARE School Chaplain, Narelle Clark, who started work with the hospital's school students in Term 2 of this year.

Narelle works with students for whom a normal school routine is interrupted by their hospital stay.

"If they are well, they are in the classroom working with a teacher, if they are unwell they may work from their beds, or if they're having a bad day, I may get teacher direction to go and talk to them," Narelle said.

"The difference is that you aren't in playgrounds and going into classrooms or running programs, it is purely pastoral care, which is what I love."

Narelle mainly works with teenagers, helping them when they are homesick, talking to doctors about what she has been doing and starting work on transitioning students.

"If they have been in (hospital) for a while, I will help transition them into a normal school, walk them to class and help them get set up there," Narelle said.

Like any school environment, there are challenges and rewards, although being at PMH makes these unique. "I have to be careful not to cross any boundaries and to make sure health care plans are followed," Narelle said.

"You also can't ask what patients are in for ... There is a different protocol."

"It is a warm, caring environment – the kids are already here and ... you can be a

friend when they are unwell and uncertain ... I also help teachers; it can be hard for them so I listen to them," Narelle said.

“If they have been in (hospital) for a while, I will help transition them into a normal school, walk them to class and help them get set up there.”

Staff and parents have expressed their appreciation for Narelle as she assists patients and their families, who appreciate that there is someone with the time to stop and say 'Hi'. "I met a mum who was happy to see a chaplain there, because, she said, 'kids have spiritual needs as well,'" Narelle said.

"A hospital is very clinical, I hope I can bring a piece of God, His love and warmth, into that environment and have a laugh with kids."



Photo: Kathryn Eaves

Narelle Clark at her unique work environment as a YouthCARE School Chaplain.



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“We are stronger when we work together.”

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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

Prayer seems to run deep in us. For over 30 years people have called *Nightline*, uninvited, to ask for prayer. Most have no church association. Phillip Yancey reports surveys showing more Americans pray than believe in God. Google returned 240 million results on 'prayer', 107 million for 'books on prayer'.

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray, rising early, staying all night. There's no sense of doing His duty, or achieving a goal in the gospel accounts. He's drawn by love of His Father to be with Him. Love of my children and grandchildren in America draws me to be awake at any hour to Skype them. Prayer for Jesus was 'skyping' His Father, getting a taste of home. This became evident to all at His baptism.

'Jesus was baptized ... And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."' [Luke 3:21-22]

In a 2012 Stanford study of pain control, Dr Sean Mackey examined how love works. He discovered that 'Love engaged very deep-seated

brain and brainstem systems that are involved with our basic hungers, drives and cravings (nucleus accumbens and ventral tegmentum ... rich in dopamine neurotransmitters ... love actually does work as an analgesic ... a painkilling drug.' Is this linked to the healing power of prayer? Is the urge to pray so widespread because God's call of love is wired so deep within us?

When Adam chose his own way, God's immediate response was not, "Be gone!" but "Where are you?" Prayer still calls us to this deep encounter with the One who knows us more than we know ourselves yet chooses to love us more deeply than we can comprehend. In Jesus own words, "Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." [Matthew 11:28-30]



Dr Brian Harris

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

On being a chapter, not a book ...

I don't know if you are fortunate enough to move in Vose Seminary circles, but if you are, you will be aware that we have just celebrated our 50th anniversary. And what celebrations they have been!

International guests at a well attended conference on preaching, a wonderful book launch, a very encouraging service of praise, and donations now starting to flow into the building fund at a rate that makes the construction of much needed additional facilities look possible. So lots of good news stories.

The Seminary has had only three principals during its 50 year history, yours truly the third. The celebratory

50th service was structured around each of these three eras. We dived into Noel Vose's pioneering years and delighted in the many accomplishments of that remarkable period. As we remembered John Olley's time at the helm, we marvelled at the rock solid academic reputation he helped build. We explored the present era, and noted the many changes tackled as the Seminary positions itself for the next half century.

It strikes me that institutions, like individuals, pass through different seasons. Each chapter has its particular joys and heartbreaks. The best chapters build on the earlier ones and set a positive stage for those that lie ahead. Vose has been fortunate in having chapters that lead somewhere.

Sadly, some leaders treat the present moment as though they are a book and not a chapter. The past is ignored, its lessons lost,

and any future secured bears no resemblance to what the founders had in mind. When we act as though we are the book, and not a chapter, current relevance often trumps faithfulness to timeless principles. Ironically, we might sacrifice both the past and the future in a desperate bid for a comfortable now.

A wise person once advised me to look to the past with gratitude and to the future with hope. On this 50th anniversary, I am so grateful for those who wrote the Seminary's earlier chapters, and I am even more grateful to the God who makes future chapters possible.

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.

Dear Editor

I was profoundly affected by Jim Gibbon's story (August 2013) and so very thankful that he was able to share it. Jim's story is a clarion call of assurance that there is hope for those who are experiencing depression. I sense the honest portrayal of his experience will encourage individuals to be frank about their struggles and contribute toward them finding healing; and it will also help others to better understand what it is like to be

shadowed by that 'black dog'.

Thank you for your honesty, Jim. May God bless both you and the people who read your story.

Ian Hill
Stoneville

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Book seals 50th celebration

The last week in August was hectic at Vose Seminary with the Vose Conference and 50th Anniversary thanksgiving service, with Professor Michael Quicke the keynote speaker at both events, and the launch of a new book *Vose Seminary at Fifty – From 'Preach the Word' to 'Come, Grow'*.

The book explores and reflects on the contribution of the Seminary to the church over the past 50 years and exploring potential issues facing the church and seminary education in the future.

Editors John Olley, Nathan Hobby and Michael O'Neil worked with 25 contributors to the book.

At the launch in the Vose Seminary Library, writer Karen Siggins read part of the chapter she contributed to the book, highlighting the ministry of Ruth Sampson (Snell) and the challenges she faced in becoming Australia's first female Senior Pastor of a Baptist Church.



Editors Michael O'Neil, Nathan Hobby and John Olley (seated left to right) with contributors to *Vose Seminary at Fifty – From 'Preach the Word' to 'Come, Grow'*, the book launched to mark 50 years of training through Vose Seminary.

Photo: Jill Birt

About 60 guests at the book launch drove to Riverton Baptist to attend the 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service.

A talented worship team coaxed the congregation of

around 180 people to connect with modern settings of some old songs before the three Principals of the Seminary, Dr Noel Vose (1963-1990), Dr John Olley (1991-2003) and current Principal, Dr Brian Harris (2004 to present day) reminisced through the generations.

Dr Vose spoke first on the need for history. "It helps us understand the speed of change," Dr Vose said. "We can't actually measure cultural change when we're in it."

Dr Olley spoke of the season when Vose Seminary was academically connected with Murdoch University, highlighting how this season prepared the Seminary for where it is today with academic staff professionally

equipped to teach under the Australian College of Theology.

“It helps us understand the speed of change”

Dr Brian Harris reflected on some of the recent changes at the Seminary – Vose Mission with 14 local mission sending agencies supporting Vose as their preferred local training centre for cross-cultural workers. Vose Research provides opportunities for post

graduate degrees, fostering a growing list of writers whose work is being published. Changes in the VET (Vocational Education and Training) sector saw the development of Vose Equip for high school graduates and Vose College is now offering its first courses in management.

A panel of past students Neil Anderson, Paul Quick, Karen Siggins and Lynn White spoke of how they expect church ministry to change in the future.

Professor Michael Quicke preached on how Christ's love compels Christians to act. He believes when Christians as Jesus's ambassadors are motivated by love, they are the strongest motivating force in the universe.

Out of Africa



Photo: Garry McCrehan

Alan McCrehan with his language tutor, Januari.

In August 2011, Alan McCrehan from Parkerville Baptist Church boarded a plane for the long flight to Mozambique for a two year position with Global Interaction. Since his recent return home, Alan has reflected on the journey.

"I spent two years in the town of Lichinga after experiencing what it is like to not have the purpose that comes from a close relationship with God. I want all people to know God and his son Jesus. Many unreached people groups around the world including the Yao don't have that chance," Alan said.

"Daily I learned the language

and culture with language helpers. Chiyao is the Yao 'heart language' and Portuguese is the trade language. There were challenges with illness, visas, cultural difference and loneliness at times. The privilege of two years with these amazing people far outweighs the challenges – the Yao have given me more than I could give back!"

Fresh inspires



Photo: Jill Birt

Women from Lakeside Baptist Church enjoyed the Fresh Conference last month.

Perth's Fresh Conference for women attracted people from Pakistan, Singapore, Queensland, the Northern Territory and from more than 120 Western Australia churches on 13 and 14 September.

Event organisers refreshed the program for this event, the seventh annual gathering, with a public meeting on Friday night after a day of speakers and networking opportunities for the almost 300 women who attended Fresh Leadership. This was followed with a full day of speakers on the Saturday.

Pastor Mark Wilson, Director of Ministries Baptist Churches Western Australia, was the first speaker at Fresh Leadership. Mark traced the role of women in God's Kingdom through the scriptures, highlighting how Jesus honoured and valued women among His disciples.

Lesley Taylor from Busselton inspired Fresh Leadership with the story of how she stepped out of her comfort zone and started a conference for women in the south-west.

"I sensed God say 'yes, this is what I want you to do'. I believed God had prepared me, given me

the vision and leadership, so for the first year I worked with Karen Wilson. Later our team in Busselton did the whole thing," Lesley said.

Last year 220 women from the great southern and south-west of WA spent the day learning together at Abbey Beach resort in Busselton.

There was a full house for the Friday night meeting at Riverview Church, where all the meetings were held, when Nicole Conner, a Pastor from CityLife Church, Melbourne, was the guest speaker.

Wind and rain lashed Perth on Saturday but for more than 700 women, the weather was no deterrent as they arrived in groups from churches across the city and country regions, including a group of 11 that drove overnight in a bus from Newman. Others arrived from Kalgoorlie and Busselton.

Keynote speaker Nicole Conner, spoke compellingly on the phases of a person's

spiritual journey, highlighting the transition from the 'awesome, amazing' sense of excitement a person often experiences early in their relationship with Jesus to the deeper confidence in God's goodness and faithfulness after a season of suffering, struggle or opposition.

"Suffering means life will never be the same again," Nicole said. "It brings perspective and you can live with uncertainty, even if it is uncomfortable."

Nicole quoted Jean Vanier in summarising God's scandalous love: "We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love."

Karen Wilson, Director of Fresh organising team, was the final speaker for the event. She reminded the women that God is committed to using 'cracked pots', ordinary people with flaws.

During the event, women gave more than \$65,000 to conduct a training program in Bangladesh to help more than 6,000 women understand their human rights. The area where the Baptist World Aid program will run is a key area where women who are trafficked into the sex trade in India come from.

Leadership crisis?



Photo: City Bible Forum

Director of City Bible Forum Paul Whitfield with panellists Leigh Warnick, Sue Ash and John Kobelke discuss whether there is a leadership crisis.

Just days before the federal election, 30 city workers gathered at Wesley Church to consider the question 'Is there a leadership crisis?'

City Bible Forum hosted the panel discussion on the topic. The panel consisted of three distinguished Perth leaders, Leigh Warnick, a barrister at Francis Burt Chambers, Sue Ash, Uniting Care West CEO and John Kobelke, former Western Australian Member of Parliament. Director Paul Whitfield moderated the event.

Questions from the floor included the place of charisma in leadership, the growing disrespect of political leaders and how we can foster collaboration through leadership. The panel spoke about the need for authenticity and integrity alongside charisma, noting that effective leaders are only as good as the direction in which they take us.

Leigh, Sue and John all spoke about their personal inspiration in leadership. Each of these

leaders see themselves as owing allegiance to God, their maker and judge. Leigh recognised Jesus's example of servant leadership as a key insight.

The home, workplace, churches, sporting clubs as well as political parties are all places where the next generation of leaders will be trained, and individuals can be leaders as they exert influence in these places.

City Bible Forum's next panel will be held on 17 October. The topic is the 'Bible's ongoing influence on Australian culture'.

For more information, visit www.citybibleforum.org/perth.

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04/09/2013

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"If you're not madly in love with the gospel, go visit her again and again until you hear her beautiful song with new ears."

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"Ministry is less about your ability and more about your availability."

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"The truth will set you free, but it will probably make you miserable first. Embracing short term misery sets you up for lasting freedom."

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"Failure is only final when we decide to give up!! What has defeated you does not have to define you!"

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Rick Warrentwitter.com/rickwarren

"The only way to always be relevant is to focus on what's eternal. Everything in style will soon be out of style."

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Public meeting

The Baptist Historical Society's AGM is planned for 2.30pm 10 November at Como Baptist Church. Pastor Karen Siggins will present a paper titled, *Women in Pastoral Ministry in Baptist Churches in Western Australia*. All are welcome to attend. For more information, phone Rhoda on 9384 5460.

Baptism

Daniel Chieng was baptised at Albany Baptist Church on 25 August.

Centenary

Maylands Baptist Church celebrates its centenary this year. The fellowship began in 1912 and moved into the present building in 1913. A special service is planned for 17 November. For more information, phone Pastor Bruce Miller on 9247 4414.

Easter designs

The women at Narrogin Baptist Church are looking for design ideas (patterns or photos) for a series of wall patchwork/applique hangings for Easter. For more information, phone Di on 9887 5020.

And the winner is ...



Photo: Andrew MacFarlane

The Advocate team celebrates recognition of writing at the 2012 ARPA awards during an editorial team meeting at imageseven's office in East Perth.

The Advocate newspaper won two awards at the Australasian Religious Press Association's (ARPA) annual awards of excellence in Melbourne last month. The paper is produced for Baptist Churches Western Australia by two writers and the production team at imageseven, a marketing communications firm.

Sub-editor Jill Birt, a member of ARPA, received the awards for stories she wrote that were published in 2012, at a dinner at the close of ARPA's annual conference.

"This was the first time we've attended the conference and awards night," Jill said. "I was surprised when they announced we'd won the bronze award for a news story."

Conference organiser Penny Mulvey read the citation while outgoing ARPA President, Erol Pike, presented the certificate.

The story, about Perth woman Emma Kelly who had been left for dead after being attacked in Argentina, was published in the February 2012 edition of *The Advocate*.

"I thought back to the interview I'd done with Emma and

her parents shortly after she had returned to Perth. I'm honoured that she trusted us to tell her story," Jill said.

Silver and gold awards were presented for the best news story, then the prestigious category of Best Feature Story Single Author was announced.

"I knew we had an entry in this category. Our story about how the fly-in-fly-out life style impacts families and churches ran in March 2012," Jill said. "There were more than 60 publications competing for awards."

Bronze and silver awards were presented, then a short pause.

"The winner of the Gold Award for Best Feature Story Single Author goes to Jill Birt, *The Advocate*, Perth."

A collective short intake of breath around several tables

confirmed Jill's surprise was not unique. The new kids on the block had pulled off a coup. Two awards in their first foray into the big league.

"I couldn't wipe the smile from my face. The teams from Catholic and Lutheran publications at our table were so gracious and encouraging with their praise. I was humbled," Jill said.

The judges comments for the story read: "Great topic largely untapped in this way, perfectly illustrated, combination of the key qualities specified for entrants, with general data, personal stories, quotes — but not in great chunks — and links. The human touch pulled this over the line ahead of strong competition."

"It's such a privilege to write for *The Advocate*, to be trusted with the stories of people and

churches, encouraging and inspiring followers of Jesus," Jill said.

As *The Advocate* team worked towards the deadline for copy for the October edition, Editor Terry Hicks, Jill Birt together with Fiona Hood, Vanessa Klomp and Andrew Sculthorpe from marketing communications firm imageseven and writer Ali Amos celebrated at a working lunch.

The team is planning to submit articles in next year's awards in Canberra.

Celebrations mark 50 years for MBC

Morley Baptist Church (MBC) had a weekend full of events in late August to mark 50 years of service to the Lord and the local community. The events catered for all ages including a prayer brunch, car rally, and coffee and games afternoon.

A highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night 'Party through the decades', people came dressed up as the decade of their choice.

A hamburger dinner was provided, along with entertainment and memories from years gone by. A special feature being a photo, DVD and memorabilia walk.

On Sunday morning 25 August, a special worship service was held. Former Pastors shared stories and vignettes from their time at Morley Baptist Church. There was also an opportunity to contribute to the future of MBC with a special offering taken up for future projects.



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Bringing the news home

More than 100 people met at Warnbro Church of Christ to hear news of Afghan people who are responding to the good news about Jesus Christ.

Operation Mobilisation's Lloyd and Katherine Porter hosted the event which was shaped around a winter supper. The event could have been re-located from an Afghan home: thick, rich tapestry carpets layered on the floor with cushions for comfort; original artworks of magnificent Afghan mountain scenes and masses of Afghan food and hot drinks.

"There's a lot happening and this meeting is a great opportunity for people in Western Australia to hear up to date news," Lloyd said.

After the initial gourmet delicacies, people won prizes for answering questions about Afghanistan and Afghan culture correctly and were then entertained by an Afghan woman and her daughter who sang a haunting song about God's faithfulness.

The Afghan Diaspora continues to grow around the world as a steady flow of desperate people leave the country seeking a more secure future. Many of those living in Western Australia have found the refuge they've been searching for.

A representative from Pamir Productions, an Afghan Christian Media group, explained how the group which started in 1992 is intentionally and patiently bringing the good news about Jesus to the Afghan people. Most of the group's team members in Canada, Australia and Germany are Afghan believers. Their cultural experience and



Photo: Jill Birt

Recording good news for the Afghans at Pamir Productions in Perth.

knowledge enables the ministry to stay close to the homeland culture. They use radio, television and printed materials to engage Afghan people.

The *Church in the Home* radio series (also available on CD) models 'church' for Afghan believers. In radio drama format, a small group of believers meet to study the Word, sing, share personal needs and pray. This group experiences the joys and pains of church life, gradually drawing in others. One program enacts a baptismal service; others

talk about marriage, persecution, disunity, hurt feelings, the need for humility and more. Sixty half-hour programs have been broadcast.

With 75 percent of Afghans listening regularly to radio, program production is a high priority to fulfil the need for more than nine hours of Christian programs every week. Many of these programs are written and recorded in Perth.

As more Afghans become literate, books such as novels, discipleship materials and

testimonies feed the hearts and minds of people who are growing closer to God. Literature is easily preserved, passed around and discussed. Twenty-five titles have been published to date.

Pamir is working in partnership with UBS to prepare the whole Bible in Dari, as well as

selections such as the Psalms and the Gospels.

Afghan people are quickly embracing television and the potential of this as a tool for disseminating God's truth is limited only by Pamir's resources.

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Breakfast club

Fusion runs a breakfast club at Kent Street High School. After four weeks the numbers have increased to around 100 young people showing up for breakfast and to connect with the team. The team and school are excited by the response from the students. Fusion's team, led by Rose Braun, is already making some positive connections with the kids. There are opportunities for people to join the team, either helping with cooking pancakes or connecting with the students. For more information or to volunteer, email Rosemary at rosemary.braun@fusion.org.au.

Pastor abducted

A Pastor was taken hostage and several Christian were among the many injured in an attack by the rebel group Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) on 9 September in Zamboanga, Mindanao province, Philippines. Radio station DXAS 116 Zamboanga 'Your Community Radio' has been influential in building harmony in the local community close to where the attack happened. The radio station hosted a day of prayer for the community on 12 September. The rebels want an independent Islamic state.

Crowd funding

With just under two weeks to go, Australian Christian Multimedia's funding project for their Channel Seven Christmas Day program for 2013 has passed the 50 percent mark. They were commissioned by Christian Television Australia (CTA) to produce the program. "They have come up with a great concept called 'A Wise Man?' which explores the events of the first Christmas from the perspective of one of the Wise Men. It will be in the style of *Australian Story*. It will be as if these events happened relatively recently with people in modern clothes and modern settings," CEO of CTA Martin Johnson said.

Vital prayer

People from suburban churches across Perth gathered at Como Baptist Church on the first Saturday morning in September, the day of the Federal Election, to pray together.

Director of Ministries Baptist Churches Western Australia, Mark Wilson, along with other church leaders led the group of more than 30 people through a program of reflections on passages from the Bible and guided prayer for the nation, leaders, groups of people in leadership, the church and those in need.

"Prayer is vital for us as Christians," Mark said. "We need to communicate with God and rely on His power at work for transformation in our lives and world."

Michael O'Neil (Vose Seminary) led the section on Thanksgiving and Praise and Adoration. Jackie Smoker (Como Baptist Church) guided the group through Confession.

Anina Findling from Mount Hawthorn Baptist Church led a section of intercessory prayer where the group prayed for prayer requests that churches across the state had submitted.

A special version of the prayer program was created and sent to churches in country and remote areas of the state.

WAHOC meets with Premier



Photo: Jill Birt

The Western Australia Heads of Churches group recently met with Western Australia Premier Colin Barnett.

Back left to right: Bishop Don Sproxton, Matt Chapman, The Hon. Tony Simpson, Father Abraam AbdelMalek, Rev. Mark Wilson, Rev. Peter Abetz, Major Wayne Pittaway, Pastor Joel Chelliah. Front left to right: Pastor Tania Watson, Pastor Terry Johnson, Bishop Kay Goldsworthy, Rev. Gabin Nzoyihera, The Hon. Colin Barnett, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Bishop Greg Pfeiffer.

Leaders from the Christian churches in Western Australia recently met with Western Australia Premier, the Honorable Colin Barnett at the Office of the Premier, Hale House in West Perth.

The group which makes up Western Australia Heads of Churches (WAHOC) included Bishop Kay Goldsworthy (Anglican Diocese of Perth), Pastor Joel Chelliah (Australian Christian Churches), Rev. Mark Wilson (Baptist Churches

Western Australia/WAHOC Chairman), Archbishop Timothy Costelloe (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth), Bishop Don Sproxton (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth), Rev. Peter Abetz (Christian Reformed Churches of Australia), Pastor Tania

Watson (Churches of Christ in Western Australia), Rev. Gabin Nzoyihera (Church of the Nazarene Western Australia), Father Abraam AbdelMalek (Coptic Orthodox Church), Bishop Greg Pfeiffer (Lutheran Church), Major Wayne Pittaway (The Salvation Army Western Australia Division) and Pastor Terry Johnson (Seventh-Day Adventist Church Western Australian Conference). Matt Chapman (Baptist Churches Western Australia) attended in his role as Secretary of the

Western Australia Heads of Churches and local politician the Hon. Tony Simpson also attended the meeting.

Mark Wilson, Director of Ministries Baptist Churches Western Australia, is the Chairman of Western Australia Heads of Churches.

The church leaders discussed several topics with the Premier including the development of a central city 24 hour homeless shelter the State Government has committed to building on Beaufort Street,

Perth. The accommodation will provide emergency shelter for 15 people.

The leaders also discussed how churches in Western Australia can better partner with mental health and associated services in responding to the high rate of alcohol dependence and number of suicides among young Aboriginal and Indigenous people in WA.

The church leaders prayed for Premier Barnett at the close of the hour long meeting.

Global Interaction 100 years on



Photo: Sally Pim

Global Interaction worker Keith Gallagher addresses the group's Centenary Celebration at Riverton Baptist Community Church.

Director of Ministries Baptist Churches Western Australia, Pastor Mark Wilson, challenged a group of 80 people at the Centenary celebrations for Global Interaction to continue the task that is still unfinished. He said society is focused on 'myself and now' but churches are to focus on 'others and the future'.

2013 marks the centenary of federation since Baptist churches across Australia combined their cross cultural endeavours. In February 1913, the Australian Baptist Foreign Mission (ABFM) commenced. India was the first country where Australians worked.

Ros Gooden, a former

Global Interaction worker from Adelaide, gave some fascinating historical background of the Australian Baptist missionary endeavours over the years. She then launched the book, *From Five Barley Loaves*, which she had co-edited. The book explores the century of work Australian Baptists have

contributed to around the world.

During the program held at Riverton Baptist Community Church on Saturday 7 September, staff in their field locations around the globe sent messages via video.

Past and present Global Interaction staff who attended each received a potted plant to acknowledge their amazing contributions over the years.

Friends from Mt Pleasant Baptist Church prepared delicious desserts for the celebration.

ABFM later became the Australian Baptist Missionary Society (ABMS) and more recently Global Interaction.

Living and learning with ASD

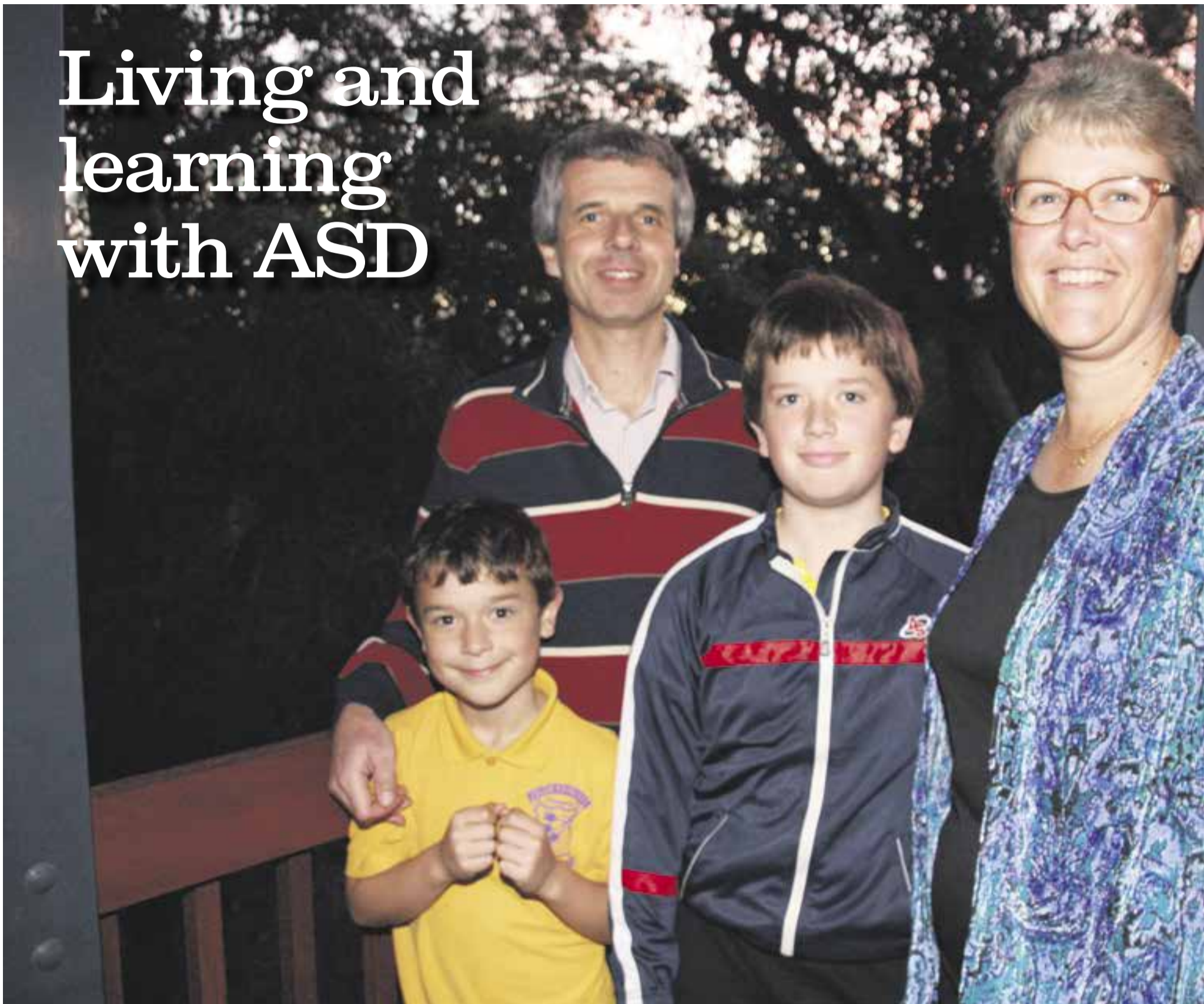


Photo: Jill Birt

Ian and Kerry Duncan and their sons Bryce (13) and Reuben (8) are learning about living with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



Photo: Jill Birt

Kerry Duncan gets a memorable hug from her son Bryce.

Bryce Duncan walked at ten months and achieved many milestones well ahead of time but would only say 'mum', 'dad' and 'bye' until he was two and a half years old. His way of communicating as an 18 month old was to point or gesture. If his parents didn't catch on really fast, he would bang his head on the floor.

Just before he turned three he started speaking in full rehearsed sentences. He would mouth the words first and then say them out loud. He has always been a person of few but well-articulated words.

As a young child he would hit and lash out mostly towards his Mum, Kerry, but sometimes it was towards his Dad, Ian.

At the age of eight, Bryce was diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"Children with autism can lash out and it is usually in frustration as they don't understand what they are feeling or can't express their feelings," Kerry Duncan said.

When he was young, Bryce would not have foods together on his plate, rather there would be small piles of individual foods: spaghetti, cooked mince meat (no sauce), raw carrot, steamed cauliflower and corn. On his tenth birthday he made pizza with sauce and cheese on the base and happily ate it.

He was fascinated by electricity and how it worked. Days after a visit to the zoo or a concert, Bryce would talk about how many lights or cameras there were at the event.

If he's watching an exciting movie or cartoon, Bryce would jump out of his chair, jump up



Bryce for three hours each day. Without this extra help, he struggled at times in the classroom.

"Because of the added help we got, I sometimes wish we had had Bryce assessed earlier," Kerry said.

Understanding autism has developed through medical research over the past 70 years. In 1943 American psychiatrist Leo Kanner wrote a paper on 11 children he had seen over a period of five years. He saw these children as having 'fascinating peculiarities' which included an apparent lack of awareness of other people's existence or feelings; a lack of an ability to play imaginatively; failure to use speech to communicate; and repetitive behaviour and routines.

Dr Kanner noted these children gave the impression of normal intelligence, and demonstrated good rote memory and visuospatial skills. He coined the term 'early infantile autism' to describe this group of children.

During the 1960s, medical teams thought children with autism had missed out on learning some skills required for 'normal' behaviour and with the right teaching they could learn all their 'missing skills' and become normal.

'Research continued and in the 1970s Hermelin and O'Connor published their landmark research findings which examined how children with autism think. In the 1990s research examined how children with autism understand the perspective of other people. This work was crucial as all competent social behaviour rests on being able to predict how people, other than ourselves think. The importance of discerning how others will react to what we do and say; and being able to determine what might influence the reaction of others, in different circumstances. Being able to confidently predict those things is crucial' (www.autism.org.au).

Today researchers and clinicians refer to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as a life long developmental disability characterised by marked difficulties in social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interest and behaviours, and sensory sensitivities.

The word 'spectrum' is used because the range and severity of the difficulties people experience with an ASD can vary widely.

ASDs include autistic disorder, Asperger's Syndrome and pervasive developmental disorder.

Research shows about one in 100 children, almost 230,000 Australians have an ASD. It's more prevalent in boys than girls. The condition is considered familial.

The Autism Association of Western Australia's Early Intervention Program aims at 'developing the child's

independent functioning, increasing family resilience by strengthening and empowering families and facilitating participation of the child with autism' (www.autismspectrum.org.au).

It is now known that autism is a developmental disability with specific impact on social, communication and cognitive development. Children with autism need to be taught skills, which will help them to make sense of, and fit into, the social world.

"There is stuff we can do to help Bryce," Ian Duncan said. "We can see there are still things that Bryce doesn't get."

Bryce recently turned 13 and started high school this year. He walks to school each day and is progressing well. He's more independent and self-confident.

"I've been learning new things too," Kerry said. "I've been learning not to worry. It's like God has been teaching me in new ways that I can trust Him as we give Bryce more freedom and responsibility. Some days I find myself getting anxious while I'm at work and I just have to get things clear in my head and consciously give them to God.

He's helping me learn to trust Him more."

At Kerry and Ian's church many people had no experience of ASD and not many people knew Bryce had been diagnosed with an ASD. They did tell the children's ministry team and the team came to Kerry for help to understand the best way to work with Bryce.

Bryce's friend, Tristan Gibson has also been diagnosed with ASD. While Tristan was part of the church's children's ministry, the children's pastor at the Gibson's church talked regularly with Tristan's mum, Kris Gibson, to ask for her help and learn more about what Kris was learning about helping Tristan learn. As appropriate, this information was shared with the children's ministry team. Things like getting Tristan's full attention when a teacher wanted to give him instructions for a specific task and to hold his shoulders firmly so he could feel the pressure of a teacher's touch – a glancing touch would communicate nothing and could send Tristan into a distracted and agitated state.

The learning is ongoing just as Bryce and Tristan's

development is ongoing.

"The important thing is getting to know your child," Kerry said. "You've got to learn your child."

For Kerry an unexpected development emerged earlier this year. She leads her church's Toddler Jam group where up to 30 families from the community attend the fun early childhood music program each week.

"One of our mums told me her little son, just two and a half, had been diagnosed with an ASD," Kerry said. "We talked about what that might mean, and I was able to tell her about our journey with Bryce. I'll be able to be there for her over the years to come."

The Advocate thanks the Duncan and Gibson families for sharing their story with our readers.

For more information on Autism Spectrum Disorder, visit: www.autismspectrum.org.au www.autism.org.au

and down on the spot, waving and flapping his arms up and down.

"I know how many times Bryce has hugged me and I know those times are special because they don't happen very often," Kerry said. "I can ask for a hug and Bryce will oblige with a post like [rigid] response to my hugging him."

Ian and Kerry remember the time before being given a diagnosis for Bryce's situation as being quite stressful for their marriage, their younger son Reuben, and the wider family.

"The initial suggestion of Bryce having a problem like autism was stressful on the family and our marriage as we didn't want our son being labelled," Kerry said.

Once they had done some research on autism and had a definitive diagnosis, when Bryce was eight, the pressures were not so great.

One of the biggest changes was at school where an education assistant was provided to help



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Teaching to transform nation

Adam and Felicity Martin from 1Church (Lakelands) are planning to move to Indonesia early in 2014 to work with TransformNation, an education option for students keen to become teachers.

TransformNation seeks graduating students from remote areas of Indonesia who have a heart for teaching. It brings these students to Malang, East Java where they go to university, live in community, and are equipped with leadership and life skills.

Adam spent two weeks in Indonesia in September, meeting future colleagues, looking at accommodation options for next year and spending time with the 17 current students involved in the program.

"It's so different from life in Mandurah," Adam said. "So much of what we take for granted is far more complicated. There's going to be lots of opportunities to learn about ourselves as we learn about the culture. I can already see that knowing strongly that God has called us to join with Him where He is working in this exciting country is very important."

Meeting the young people currently studying to become teachers confirmed for Adam that TransformNation has changed the future for the group.

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reality," Adam said. "Now they're going to be part of the solution for their village communities."

TransformNation's goal is to assist newly graduated teachers return to their village communities and open schools that will bring quality education to children in remote areas. One current problem across many remote areas of Indonesia is a lack of well trained teachers.

Students will be away from their home communities for about four years. To help the trainee teachers stay connected with their villages, TransformNation plans to send



Adam Martin with the current trainee teachers studying through TransformNation in Malang, Indonesia.

Photo: TransformNation

the students back to their villages for some of the long holiday period between school years.

"When the students come to Malang, they live in community, have to do all their own laundry and cooking," Adam said. "It's not easy for them. They all want to go home to familiar places and people, but they're committed

to staying and getting a quality education."

TransformNation began when a team tried to answer the question, 'What would the world look like if the poor were educated?' It will be at least another generation before that question has an answer in Indonesia. A similar program has

been running for several years in India.

"To me, TransformNation is helping teachers in villages literally have the opportunity to transform this country (Indonesia) from the inside out," Adam said. "And the great thing is Felicity and I have the opportunity to be a part of this."

The love boat

Volunteer surgeons onboard the world's largest non-governmental hospital ship, Africa Mercy, began surgeries in the first week of September during the inaugural visit of a Mercy Ship to the Republic of the Congo, Central Africa.

"It was the charity's largest screening in more than 20 years in Africa. More than 7,350 people were lined up in early morning at this year's selection day," Africa Mercy's Managing Director Donovan Palmer said.

"During the Africa Mercy's ten month stay in the port of Pointe Noire, Mercy Ships plans to provide over 3,300 surgeries for adult and child patients onboard, treat more than 20,000 at land-based dental and eye clinics and provide holistic health care education to over 240 Congolese health care

professionals and 830 community leaders," Mercy Ships President/Founder Don Stephens said.

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"There are 450 crew members from 30 nations, with 24 Australian volunteers currently serving onboard."

Mercy Ships' education programs aim to impart knowledge and skills, while modelling and encouraging compassion and a professional work ethic. These efforts promote transformational development in the Congolese health sector. Methods of instruction include one-on-one mentoring opportunities, internationally recognised courses for groups, and structured observation in the Africa Mercy hospital.



Photo: Mercy Ships

Mercy Ship selection day at Pointe Noire, Republic of the Congo.

Leading Koreans to Jesus

Pastor Looda Lee leads a vibrant congregation of first and second generation Korean Australians in central Melbourne. More than 150 people gather in a basement convention centre each Sunday afternoon to be inspired and nurtured.

"I tried to run from God a couple of times," Looda said. "My father was a Pastor in Korea. He planted five churches and we were always poor. I didn't want to do that."

After arriving in Australia in 1994 with a plan to study archaeology, Looda changed direction and enrolled in media studies. He ran a business for a season, all the time living a life that wasn't fulfilling. He returned to Korea to work in his father's church and nine years ago began a personal relationship with Jesus.

"It was a very humbling experience, realising how much God loves me for the first time and beginning to understand how He wanted to use me," Looda said.

Within months he was preaching on national Korean television and had spoken at KOSTA (Korean Students Abroad), an international Korean student movement, in Shanghai, China.

With his wife and son, Looda returned to Australia in 2006, completed his theological studies and was ordained as a Baptist Pastor in Melbourne in 2010.

"We started G4R, Generation for Reconciliation, a Korean Christian youth network on



Photo: Jill Birt

Pastor Looda Lee works with Korean students and migrants in Melbourne's cosmopolitan city community.

university campuses to help students live their faith every day of the week, not just Sundays," Looda said.

G4R currently has groups at The University of Melbourne, RMIT University and Monash University in Melbourne. There is also a group in Queensland and South Australia.

Looda travelled to Kenya to speak at KOSTA's African conference. A Kenyan and

two Korean colleagues were tragically killed in a traffic accident just prior to the conference and Looda carried 'survivor's guilt' for some time.

"I refused to go back to Africa," he said. "I finally returned earlier this year and God taught me more about how much He loves me."

The confidence Looda has in God's love and care permeates his life. Unafraid to

bring change, Looda has helped his congregation, City Baptist Church, emerge from a tight Korean culture flavoured group to a community of followers of Jesus.

"I saw how our people were so tired during the service because they had been up early cooking for the whole church, so I said that had to stop. Now we buy great muffins and quality drinks and that's what

we have after the service," Looda said. "Now everyone can enjoy time together."

"We call it Church Without Walls," he said. "It's very open for people to find Jesus."

Moronene Bible launched

The Moronene Bible translation was recently dedicated at weekend celebrations in the town of Taubonto, South East Sulawesi in Indonesia. Harley Beck, acting CEO of Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia, attended the dedication.

Celebrations included a singing competition and a Bible reading competition where teams read passages from the Gospel of Matthew which had been translated several years ago.

The book dedicated during the church Sunday service, attended by more than 800

people, consists of Genesis, the New Testament and some songs in the Moronene language. It has been 20 years in the making, although it has a long history before that with various attempts by others. David and Suree Andersen of Wycliffe Australia worked with

a small team of local people plus outside checkers and advisors to complete the publication.

At the church the translators handed over a pile of manuscripts of the translation, and in turn were given the completed publication. This was dedicated to the Lord and then copies were carried to the site of the official launch, accompanied by young people playing bamboo instruments while police stopped traffic on the highway.

The Head of Police, a Christian from another part of Indonesia, encouraged everyone from whatever religion

to read the scriptures and also challenged the translators to complete the Bible.

A local government official, not a Christian, spoke of how important this publication was in the history of the 37,000 Moronene people, a persecuted minority.

Reading glasses were offered to people who needed them when they bought a copy of the Bible. When news of the publication went live on Facebook, phone orders came in from around Indonesia. Three hundred copies of the publication were sent to libraries in Sulawesi.



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Quicke way to preach

British author and educator Professor Michael Quicke was the keynote speaker at the Vose Conference in August on the topic *Beyond Three Points: Preaching at the Crossroads*. Professor Quicke spoke with *The Advocate* before heading to Northern Seminary in Chicago for the new academic year.

Is there a place for preaching in the future?

I strongly believe, 'yes'. When Jesus came, He came preaching. It's foolish. Paul says that. But Jesus trusted His message to words. He didn't write it down. Is preaching going to change? Almost certainly as we are aware, listening patterns do change. Great preachers are rooted in their own culture. They're aware and adjust.

How do you see preaching in this multimedia and social media choked world?

It's interesting how people have said something significant when they've just been relating God's truth expressed in their lives. He doesn't have to use the clever and wise. God can use the witness of anyone. It's the Holy Spirit who brings conviction. It's undeniable. I can't conceive of a way God would work other than how He did with Jesus: ordinary people telling what they've seen and heard. Whatever happens with videos and podcasts, I believe there is no substitute for the human voice.

What do you see are some of the pressures on preaching in the social media age?

God loves the average preacher. That's why there are so many of us. There are few that are exceptional. You know, very gifted, five star types. Most are two star or one star preachers. They are just as valuable. Preaching is to community. It's best done by those rooted in the community. Podcasts can be inspirational, but local preachers who give their best in their community are where they're supposed to be. That's great. In Romans 10 we read about the feet of the messenger being in the right place. Location is important.

From your perspective, what are some of the biggest changes in preaching over your preaching life?

Preaching is strongly connected with how we worship. I began when a service was a 'hymn sandwich' – you know

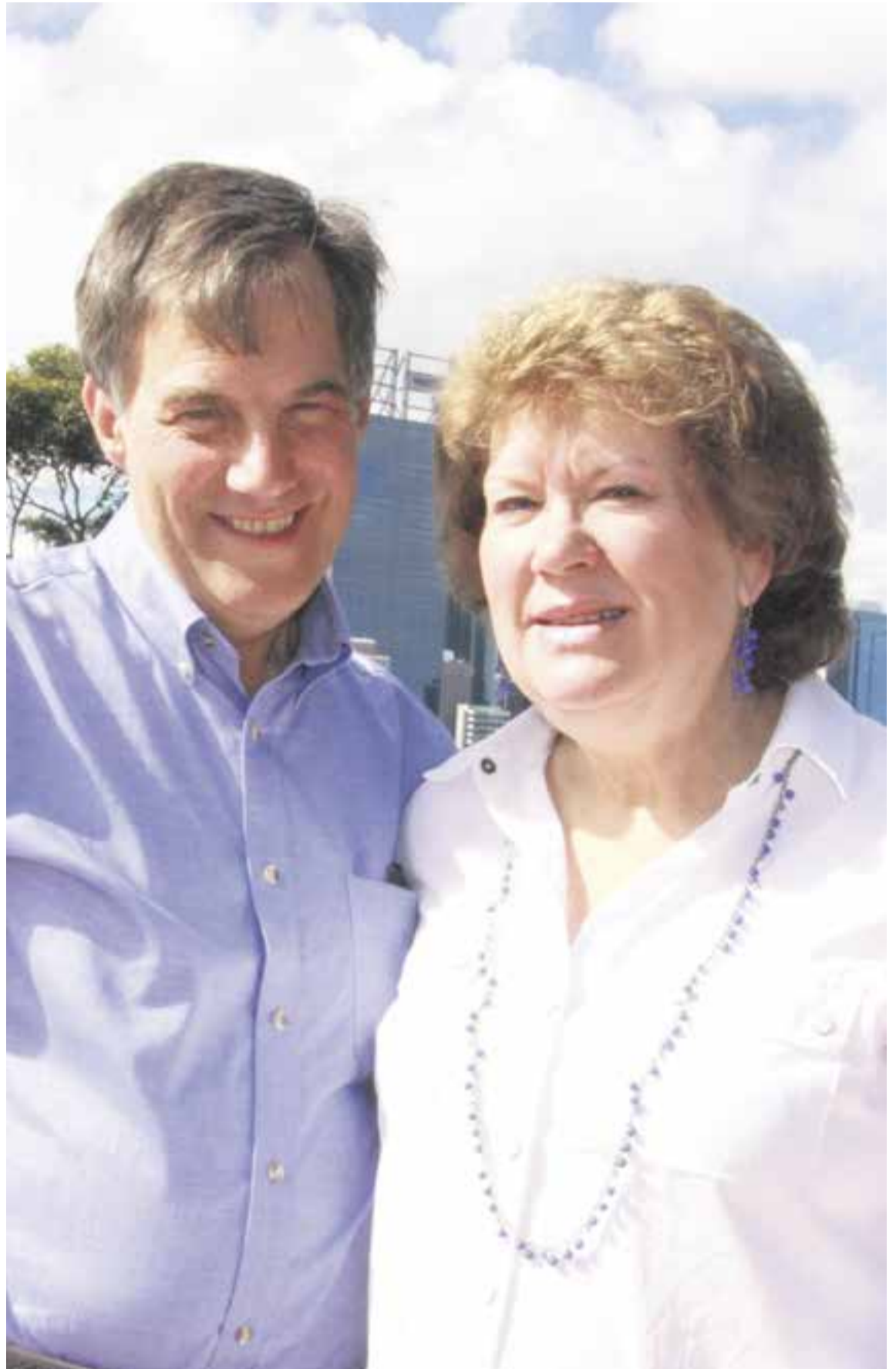
what it was like – a song or two wrapped around the preaching that had three points and they often started with the same letter! We'd turn up to church with one hymn book, one Bible and one expectation of the pattern of worship. There was a strong expectation that people knew the Bible content. Now we have no expectation of what worship will be like; people often don't read the Bible so there is far less basic understanding, so we have to work harder to take people with us when we preach. It gets pretty 'messy' sometimes.

What are the best type of stories/anecdotes/illustrations for preaching today?

There's so much stuff available today – books of illustrations and stories. But much of it doesn't relate to a local situation. There is no substitute for stories that come out of your own context. Use metaphor, analogies, humour by all means. But stories that you've harvested from your people, used with permission, are very powerful. At this conference we've been talking about missional preaching. We've been saying that we need to encourage the church to live as missionaries, to encourage them to see God at work and, most importantly, to tell their stories. I remember sitting next to a guy in church and he didn't know who I was, but we got talking and he told me he was a Christian and how that was going. I told that story during my preaching. People actually sat up taller and listened more intently. When you do that it releases other stories, people catch on that their story is valuable too. Bill Hybels has a term, something like 'live Christian stories'. There's power and energy in them. Be alert, watch what is happening, keep up with people's stories, then use them.

What about the preacher's family – how does their story fit in?

There's clearly a tension – you're a pastor and a preacher. There are strong expectations to



Michael and Carol Quicke in Perth last month.

do the shepherding role well. The expectations to 'feed my sheep' are continuing to grow.

Caring for the church family and caring for your own family. I have got it wrong. I made it hard for Carol and our boys. I remember Carol saying in a loving way to our sons, "that stranger is your father". It is manifesting the fruit of the spirit to put others first, but when your family is always 'not first', something is wrong. I had it wrong.

We can't avoid the tension. And I know leaders of churches are encouraging balance but it seems there is more and more expectation put on Pastors. The idea of pastoral care through small groups or home groups, whatever you call them, has been liberating.

When things go wrong in the family, it's always good to be able to use it for illustrations and stories. I'd check first with Carol and the boys. I'd try to be honest. Not to exaggerate. You know

there's a danger in always using stories that come out of your family. They can alienate singles and people with a different kind of family.

Talk with us about the place of inspired revelation in the moment versus carefully crafted messages.

I always teach people to preach without notes. Prepare with a disciplined ear, listening to God's Spirit. Internalise your message, creating a natural flow. I believe strongly in the freedom that comes in the Spirit, but that's often after the tight discipline of preparing well. As we prepare we have to be open to the prompting of the Spirit. Once the foundation is firmly in place, then you have freedom to add or subtract, to make it longer or shorter. Flow and connection that is important. I think you can be so bound up with paper it can limit how you communicate. But on the other hand, someone like Jonathan Edwards spoke from

highly scripted notes and he was inspirational. If it's inside you, it comes across well and you have flexibility.

Who are the people who have influenced you?

I haven't had any real [role] models. When I started out, I had a very strong feeling of being called. At first I was very average but one day as I was preparing to preach on John 10 it was like I heard a voice confirming that I was to preach. That set a seal on my life. Of course I've met people on the journey who have helped; and my mother was a strong influence in my life.

What are you reading?

Several things at the moment: FW Boreham's essays; *Missional God Missional Church* by Ross Hastings; Leonora Tisdale's *Prophetic Preaching*; Henry Drummond – *The Greatest Thing in the World*; and sometimes a Lee Child or Michael Connelly novel.

The best motivation is self-motivation. In fact, not many people succeed in life without self-generated drive. If you rely on others to energise you, or hesitate until the right mood hits, or delay until circumstances are ideal, then you'll spend most of your life waiting. Leaders motivate themselves internally rather than depending on external incentives.

There's a world of difference between unmotivated and self-motivated people. Unmotivated people give required effort. Motivated people give inspired effort. The first group looks to do the minimum; the latter group seeks every opportunity to add value to the team.

If self-motivation is such a valuable trait, then the question is: where does self-motivation come from?

1) Clarifying your vision

A vision is an inspiring picture of the future that energises your mind, will, and emotions to do everything in your power to achieve it. Andy Stanley writes, 'Vision gives you reason to get up in the morning.' A vision leads the leader. It provides the spark that propels a leader forward. Vision activates your sense of purpose, connecting your daily work to your understanding of why you were placed on this earth. The clarity of your vision relates directly to your level of motivation.

2) Taking 100 percent responsibility for your life

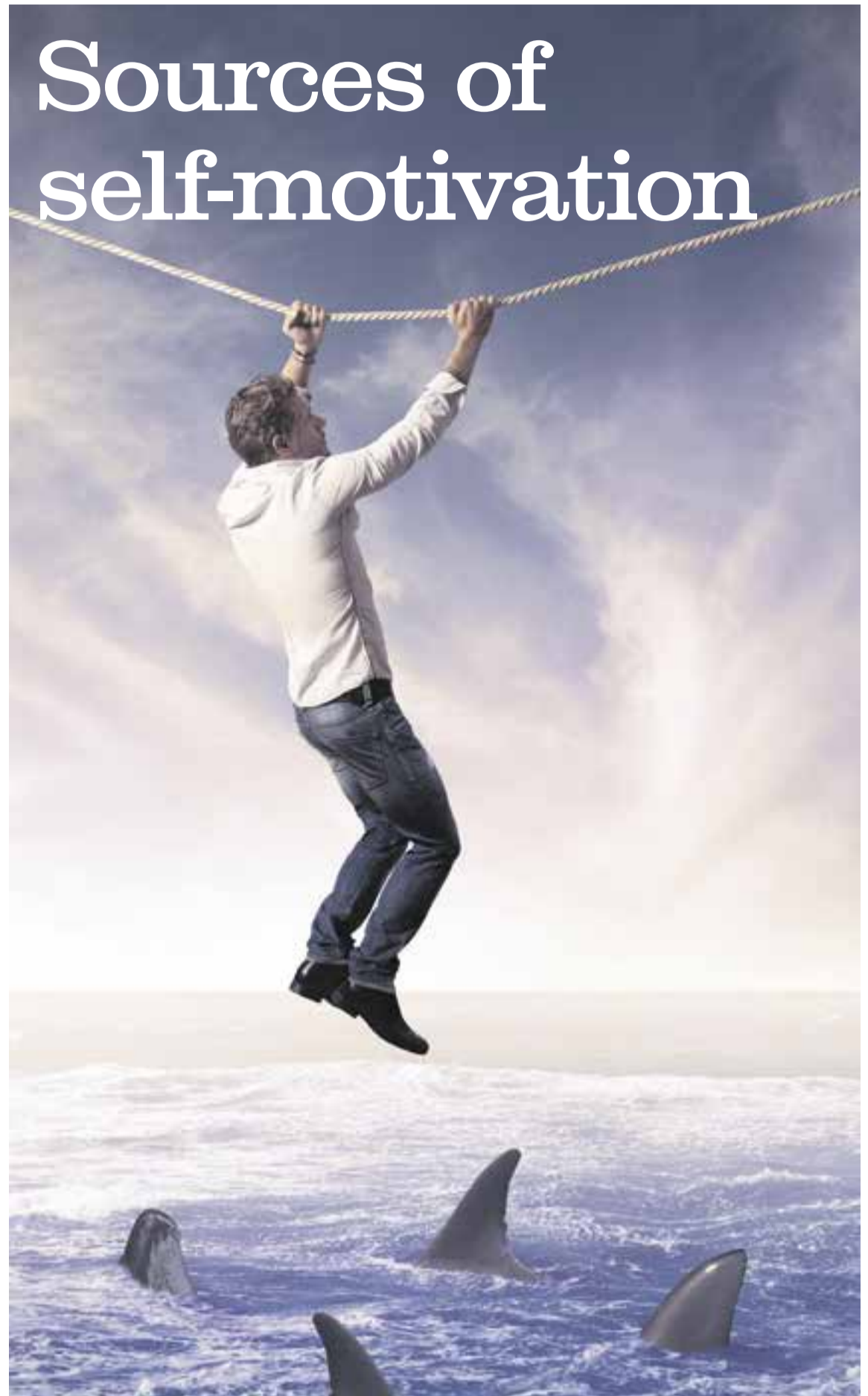
The expectations of others can dissuade us from living out our purpose in life. Operating according to someone else's dream for us – instead of following our own dream – is a recipe for eventual burnout. Thankfully, to paraphrase Les Brown, someone else's opinion of you does not have to become your reality.

Negative emotions can also serve as tremendous demotivators. Yet our emotions do not have to dictate what we do. As Harvard Psychologist Jerome Bruner says, "You're more likely to act yourself into feeling; than feel yourself into action." When we take the steps we know to be right, even when they run contrary to our emotions, eventually our feelings come into alignment with our deeds.

3) Charting a course for the future

Lack of direction leads either to paralysis or misspent energy – each of which undercuts motivation. Successful people research the road to the top in order to identify 'waypoints' along the journey. These 'waypoints' allow them to develop a mix of short-term and long-range goals that guide their day to day activities. They not only have a vision in mind; they also have a practical plan to move toward it.

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Sources of self-motivation

On stopping speeding

by Dan McGrechan

Recently, I heard a presenter on talkback radio ask the question "What will it take to stop you from speeding?" I touched the brake and tuned in. After the predictable suggestions of tougher penalties and better policing, a truck driver named Pharisee called in with a suggestion.

As a professional driver, Pharisee's vehicle was speed-limited to 100 kilometres per hour. It was also fitted with a satellite device to keep him accountable; tracking and recording his speed and location. Every Friday, the

device sent an email to his boss listing every occasion he had exceeded the speed limit throughout the week. I bet that, by Friday, the boss also has a long list of emails with elaborate excuses!

Pharisee suggested a similar arrangement be made for all drivers. His logic was simple: if people can't speed, they won't speed. The idea has potential, but certainly not public appeal.

When it comes to living obediently in God's Kingdom, God could have established a similar arrangement. He could have used external controls to eliminate temptation and the possibility of human wrongdoing. Righteousness would seemingly prevail.

But is that a picture of true righteousness, the mere absence of sinful action in one's life?

Jesus declares 'unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees ... you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven'. [Matthew 5:20] The Pharisees, of course, had constructed the perfect system of 'dos' and 'don'ts' to prohibit them from breaking any aspect of the law. They were, by their definition, righteous.

It is revealing of the human condition that none of the radio callers suggested remedying the source of our frequent speeding: our hurried hearts and way of life; our sense of individual importance; our thrill-seeking tilt.

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Yet this is the dream of Jesus. He desires to make us into the kind of people who naturally do what is right, pure, and admirable, because of what is in, and flows out of, our hearts. Indeed 'A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart.' [Luke 5:45] This is Pharisee-surpassing righteousness. It goes beyond restriction, although it may include restriction and leads to the fullness of life that Jesus promises.

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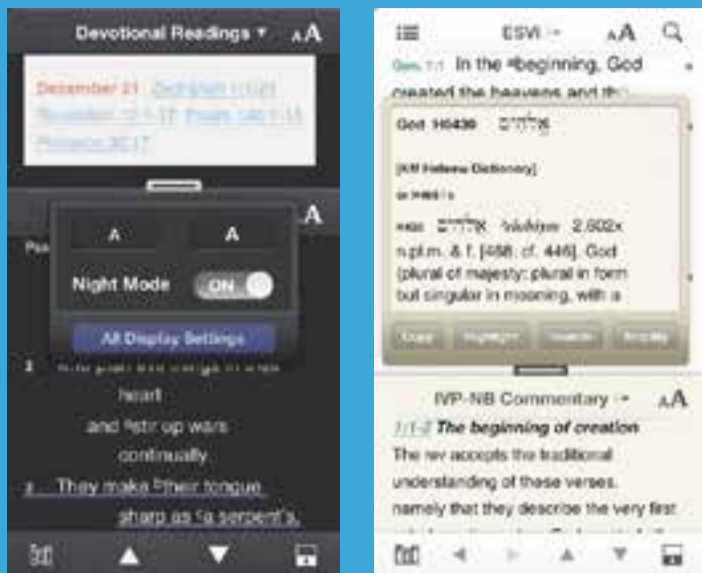


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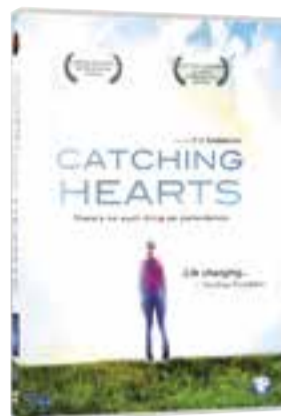


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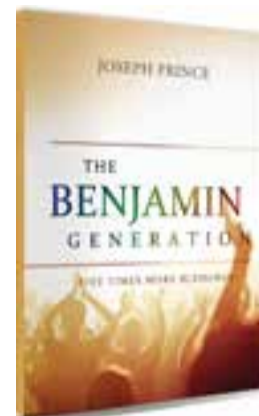
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Joseph Prince

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Becoming Myself

Stasi Eldredge

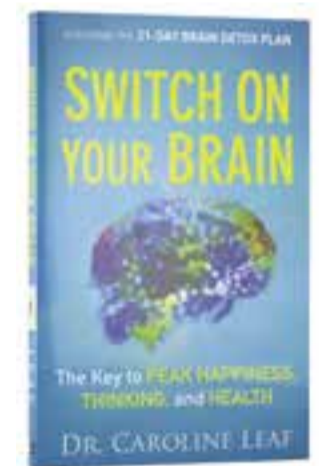
Stasi Eldredge writes frankly about her own struggles with self-worth, weight, and her past to show readers that change in their lives is possible. *Becoming Myself* is for anyone who wonders if her life will ever change. Eldredge teaches readers that God wants them to participate in their transformation as He completes His good work in them. She invites women to look at their pasts, struggles and wounds with honesty and mercy, and to look toward their future with hope. The intention is to help women to understand their identity and learn more about the God who beckons them to come closer.



When God Makes Lemonade

Don Jacobson

Do you know someone who needs encouragement? Perhaps that someone is you. *When God Makes Lemonade* is a collection of real-life stories about everyday folks discovering unexpected sweetness in the midst of sour circumstances. But these true stories all have one thing in common: hope. There's no question that life gives us 'lemons', like health, employment, and relationship issues. But when those lemons become lemonade, it's as refreshing as a cold drink on a hot summer day. 'Stuff' happens in life, but as you'll see in these stories, 'lemonade' happens too!



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Beating drums, open doors

Iain Robbie's classical training in percussion has opened some doors he hardly dared to knock on.

In 1996 Iain and Neville Talbot co-founded Tetrafide Percussion along with two friends who were also classically trained in percussion at what is now the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Catherine Hall and Joshua Webster are the other members of the group.

"Back then Tetrafide was considered to be a purely classical music ensemble, but has since evolved over the years into what would be considered, a more contemporary or even, world music ensemble," Iain said.

Although Iain has a Bachelor of Music Performance (WAAPA), studied Masters in Music in The Hague, Netherlands, and holds a Bachelor of Education (Primary Classroom Music) from The University of Western Australia he says that on the job and practical industry experience has been the source of most of his training.

"We have been fortunate to travel extensively around the country and the world. The group has performed at two world expos (Nagoya and Shanghai), international festivals in London, Dublin, New Delhi, Montreal (Canada), Indianapolis, Vietnam, Manila, and Singapore."

"We've just returned from performing at schools and community groups on Christmas Island," Iain said.

"Why I love Tetrafide is a combination of the music and the people within the group. The music we play is extremely diverse and consequently difficult to categorise, which I love. The people within



Iain Robbie (second from left) beating a message around the world with Neville Talbot, Catherine Hall, Joshua Webster (left to right).

the group are very special to me, just like another family member, with the bond of music connecting us all. Travel has also been a large part of why I love the group."

As a committed follower of Jesus, Iain sees his musical abilities as a gift from God.

"I have no doubts that the wonderful opportunities to perform live to people all over

the world, has been God's will for me," Iain said. "I've been lucky enough to hear some very positive and heartfelt feedback from audience members over the years. In Montreal, Canada, recently a woman followed the group back to the tour bus after our show to tell us (with tears in her eyes) how touched she was by our music. This to me is a very special part of what it

means to be a musician."

Iain believes a musician is both an influencer and an entertainer.

"The music is, and always should be the primary concern of the musician, but coming out from behind your instrument and engaging with the audience I think, lifts a musician's performance to a whole other level," Iain said.

During their time in Montreal, Tetrafide spent two hours pitching new ideas for possible future collaborations to the main creative team of Cirque du Soleil.

Iain and his wife Rebecca have three young children.

"I expect it won't be too long before we're buying more music stands for home as the children start to engage with music more formally," Iain said.

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