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EDITORIAL

CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE

Having accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour we become a new person. The Holy Spirit now dwelling within us is changing us into the person God wants us to be and starting us off in the good works He prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 2 : 10)

Part of the Christian walk is for us to testify of these good works to strengthen and encourage one another.

We at the Good Newsletter would like to hear of your worship and outreach. How you uphold and proclaim the Gospel where you live. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth ..." However simple, you must be doing something to savour the district where you live and it will no doubt be an inspiration to many of us.

Please write or fax us at our Tweed Heads office. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Roger Jones

How it all came about...

Some three years ago the GNU Board decided to obtain its own premises. For the previous ten years GNU had operated from various homes and it was felt time to establish a more permanent address.

Our first attempt to establish an office at Tugun on the Gold Coast was unsuccessful. However, the exercise proved to be financially beneficial for VU.

GNU next obtained a building at South Tweed heads near the NSW/ Queensland border. This building is a modified factory, consisting of a main office, packing room, storeroom/ spare office, and toilet area. A large open area is presently leased out and provides a regular income.

Now, thanks to many willing helpers and many generous donations we are occupying our own premises... debt free!

A large number of people have been involved in the project. We are particularly grateful to Bruce Tulloch, John Benner and Glen Hanna for their extraordinary contributions. Also, to GNU supporters who have donated funds for this project - some regularly over a number of years.

Donations towards the project include builder's labour and materials, plumber's labour and plumbing materials, painter's labour and paint,

lighting, refrigerator & microwave oven, sign writing, carpet, air-conditioning and tiles. A number of local tradesmen have also provided dis-

counted goods and services.

It is our prayer that these premises will allow GNU to reach more people with the good news about Jesus.



From left to right...

John Benner (Project Manager), Dennis Tedman (Treasurer), Bruce Tulloch (Board Director), Beverley Tulloch (Fellowship Host), Don Beck (Member of Parliament), Lynn Beck (Tweed Shire councillor), Pat Tedman (Office Manager), Ron Allen (Pastoral Director), Joyce Hanna (Secretary).

More from the Editor

One of the problems we all become aware of as we go through our Christian life, is the small amount of time we spend in prayer. We all seem to want to be on the go for the Lord, doing things for Him, forgetting those beautiful words of Psalm 46 : 10 'Be still and know that I am God.' It is when we come apart from the world and are still, that we realise the peace and strength that God provides for us.

At GNU we seek your prayers for strength and guidance in our work.

We would ask you to pray for our Pastoral

Director Ron Allen as he prepares sermons and other devotional material, as well as editing our magazine.

For our Secretary and Treasurer, Pat and Dennis Tedman, who manage our office keeping the administration running smoothly.

For Bill Sinclair our printer in Perth, who together with his team of volunteers; print, pack and post our magazine.

For David Martin our chairman and Brian Patterson, also a Director, who leads the band 'Unlimited' in presenting the Gospel in song to a wide audience.

For the members of the GNU Board who direct the course of GNU, so that they make the organisation as God would want.

We would like to hear from you about your activities in sharing the Gospel, so that we can also support you in our prayers.

WILL YOU WILL?

Every year, nearly two million people die in USA without leaving a will. Approximately 600,000 of these are evangelical Christians, in the majority of cases, they were good Christian stewards in life. But they made no provision for continuing their stewardship after death. They left their lifetime savings to be distributed by the court. While alive, they would never have sanctioned the court's decisions on distribution.

None of us will die all the sooner for making legal provision for the final allocation of our goods. These goods God has loaned us. Legal provision should not be delayed for even a day, especially now, when the making of a will can be both simple and inexpensive.

If you have not already done so, will you pray and act on this matter of a will? Will you remember the work of the Gospel, that others may come to share the eternal life in which you now rejoice? It is within your power to make provision, that some find the treasure to which our Lord referred (Matthew 13:44). That Gospel treasure illuminates the shadows of death, points to the everlasting gates of pearl, and reveals a welcoming Saviour (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

- DES FORD -

PRAISE HIM

*'Praise Him the Everlasting Lord
Praise Him the Saviour of the
World*

*Praise Him praise the King of
Kings.*

*I believe Jesus is the Son of God
And God our Father raised Him
from the Dead*

He alone is Lord He alone is Lord'

WORDS & MUSIC BY
BRIAN PATTERSON

A Board Meeting and
Annual General
Meeting for GNU is
planned on the Gold
Coast over the weekend
14-15 October 1995.

Quotable Quotes . . .

During March Dr. Desmond Ford conducted his annual series of speaking engagements in our capital cities. As always his talks were very uplifting, giving his audience a deeper appreciation of the Gospel. The tapes are available from the office.

In Sydney there were several good comments worth mentioning. When asked to explain the actions of Pilate, Des said, 'Pilate was trying to save himself.'

About denominations? 'The New Testament is not against denominations, it just ignores them.'

About ourselves? 'Whatever gets our at-

tention, gets us. We should be, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.'

About revival in Sydney? 'In the UK there has been a strong development of home or cottage churches, where people can study the Bible and discuss it. Maybe this will happen here.'

About John Wimber and his Vineyard Churches and their Signs and Wonders ministry? '90% of Westerners are bored stiff and Pentecostalism offers them an exciting new experience. The problem is that it lacks the rudder of reason. The Cross is paramount and Signs and Wonders secondary.'

READERS QUESTIONS

IS GNU A CHURCH?

Many of our supporters have asked us this question over the years. Usually it comes from Christians who have had a bad experience with their particular denomination, have left it and are now looking for another spiritual home where the Gospel reigns supreme.

These good folk want to have GNU for their church.

In this regard it is difficult for us to help as we are not a Church, but a parachurch organisation specialising in the promotion of the Gospel.

If you stand back and look at any reasonable sized Church you will find a host of activities taking place. Although worship is the prime purpose of the Church, there is also sure to be a social fellowship program catering for all ages, local missionary and evangelistic outreach; the church administrative committee and probably many other groups. This dynamic community, which is the modern church, involves the gifts of its members in a whole range of functions, the overriding and most pressing one usually being fundraising to keep it all going.

Frequently, you will find that the Gospel is a lone voice competing with all this clamour and activity.

GNU puts the Gospel first and by its various publications and products, brings it in its detail and beauty to you. Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned?... ' Matt 5:13a. The Gospel is the flavour. We want you to be able to go into your fellowship or your church being very flavoursome or salty, keeping the Gospel to the front of all your church's work and outreach. This is vital for your personal spiritual health, as well as that of your church.

Otherwise, as Jesus went on to say, 'It is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.' Mat 5: 13b.

The purpose of GNU is to help all to **savour the flavour.**

Dear Friend

The Pharisees never appear more disgusting than they do in the story of the woman taken in adultery, John 8:2-12. They seem not to be all that offended by the sin of adultery itself. Their prior concern was a desire to get at Jesus. To expose his disrespect for the Law of Moses and thereby pull him down in the estimate of the people. Their discovery of the woman in the very act, was therefore a piece of luck.

Both the circumstances of the woman's arrest and the fact that the Pharisees wanted to stone her, suggests that she was naked, or nearly so. It was customary to stone women naked. One can only imagine the terror and shame that was being endured by this poor creature. But Jesus was so kind, he lowered his gaze and wrote on the ground. The eyes of the callous were on her and he did not wish to add to her embarrassment. 'Woman', he said. This is the most re-

spectable form of address for any woman to receive. Jesus used it on his mother when he was dying on the cross.

Jesus' assessment of sin is enlightening. He spoke not accusingly to her, but to her tormentors. This cannot mean that Jesus condoned adultery. It probably means that he thought pride and mental cruelty were far worse. Jesus only ever had kind words for sexual sinners. But his most searing verbal blasts were kept for more respectable offenders. If sin was punished in our day, according to Jesus' measure, most pious folk would be in prison and the harlots etc would go free.

Jesus' failure to condemn the woman, did not mean that he approved of her sin. It meant, rather, that he understood that she had already acknowledged to herself the wrongness of her life. She had already condemned herself. Jesus' more violent language to the contented pious, il-

lustrates only the thickness of their hides. They had made themselves impervious to condemnation. They acknowledged no guilt. But the woman did, and Jesus would not add to the crushing weight of it. We too ought to be slow to accuse, for the same reason.

Condemnation never liberates. We are the oppressors and not the friends of those we condemn.

Jesus asked the woman to look to the future. The past was finished and done with. 'I do not condemn.' He called her forward into a new existence in which sin was no longer her master. His words revealed his belief in her worth and his confidence in her. 'Go and leave your life of sin.'

Such are the ways of Christ with guilty men and women. They are beautiful ways. May God help you and me too, to emulate his Christ and thus bring healing to many a hurting people.

Yours in service
RON J ALLEN

1996 GOSPEL SEMINARS . . .

'THE CHRIST OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS'

ROCKHAMPTON
February 26

BRISBANE
March 2

SYDNEY
March 9

PERTH
March 16

MELBOURNE
March 23

P R O F I L E

ROGER AND PAT JONES

'Through GNU, God has given us a greater appreciation of the Gospel than from any other source. It has been His prime witness to us through the magazine and the tape of the month, of the saving grace of Jesus Christ', said Roger and Pat Jones of Bemboka NSW.

They both came to an understanding of the Gospel in 1978. It made a great impact on their lives to have the assurance that they were already saved! All they needed to do was accept what Jesus Christ had done for them and they have been rejoicing in this 'good news' ever since.

Roger is a Director on the Board of GNU and believes, that it has a mission of giving the Gospel pride of place in the life of every Christian. 'The sound teaching we have received over the past 12 years has helped us "grow in the knowledge of God." (Co. 1:10), he said.

At a recent Board Meeting Roger was ap-

pointed co-Editor of this newsletter, and through it, looks forward to making personal contact with other GNU supporters throughout Australia.

He and his wife Pat, attend the Presbyterian Church at Bega, on the Far South Coast of NSW where they are both lay preachers on a regular basis. Roger preaches once at Bega and once at Eden each month, while Pat speaks at Bega once every 2 months. Midweek, they are both involved in taking 6 Scripture classes in 2 State Schools in the area, Pat, having taught for the last 10 years. 'We have come to realise what an important mission Scripture in Schools is,'

said Pat and thoroughly agrees with an article in the magazine a few years ago entitled 'State Schools are Gods schools too.'

They are also involved in a Christian writers group who write articles for the local paper on a weekly basis, the column being called 'Just a Minute'.

Pat and Roger are very grateful for the work of GNU, their Christian walk as they believe it, has thoroughly equipped them for the work God had called them to do.



'UNLIMITED'

Following the successful launch of our first CD 'UNLIMITED', David, Brian, Kathy and Steve then went into preparation mode to get the Gospel Roadshow on the road. Their first live concert was at Avondale College at Cooranbong NSW. Over 300 young people attended to hear the music live, but also to hear the testimonies of our four musicians on how the Gospel has affected their lives.

A Christian bookshop in Albury is stocking the CD and the cassette. In news just to hand, Koorong Books, Australia's leading religious bookseller, is stocking 'UNLIMITED' among its huge range of recorded music.

This level of acceptance from the retail market shows the quality of our product. It will pave the way for the easier marketing of any new CD's our four talented musicians may care to create.

1995 GOSPEL ROADSHOW

Bookings . . .

SDA Church
Kellyville (Sydney area)
August 26 (Sat) 2.30pm

SDA Church
Charlestown (Newcastle area)
November 3 (Fri) 7.30pm

Planned for later this year
Gold Coast - October 95
Adelaide - December 95

For bookings

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SMUTS VAN ROOYEN

GNU has an extensive range of Smuts van Rooyen audio cassettes available. These are recent productions and cover a variety of Gospel themes.

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