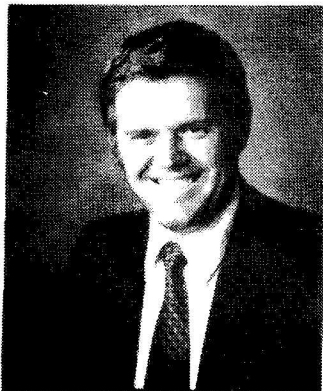


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Ron Allen has been the Pastoral Director of Good News Unlimited in Australia for the past 11 years. In this role he has served many small fellowship groups from the north coast of NSW to SE Queensland. He is also a regular and appreciated part of the annual Seminar series run in major centres throughout Australia featuring Dr Des Ford.

"You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in you,"
Isaiah 26:3

When Christian, in Pilgrims Progress, came to the house Beautiful, he was shown to his room and the name of the room was Peace. There are not many people today, who live in a room with that name. Since men and women have dispensed with God their minds are no longer steadfast. "Their thinking has become futile," Romans 1:21. They have lost the secret of tranquility.

The symbol of the age is the Valium capsule.

The mind cast adrift from God is all at sea. It has no safe anchorage. It cannot rest. But Scripture promises perfect peace for those who trust in God. This peace is grounded in his faithfulness. When Moses was alone and afraid in the desert he was met by God who introduced Himself as the I AM. In that revelation Moses glimpsed God's faithfulness; His dependability. With God there is no variableness; no turning. In Christ He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We sing our hymns: "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," and "Abide with me fast falls the eventide." In a world of change and decay God is unchanged. Amid the flux of time and tide we can rest in God's sameness. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13. There is peace in the notion of

God's love. In modern life many who acknowledge God cannot think that He loves them. This unbelief has its consequence. We all crave love. If we do not feel that we are in the embrace of someone's thought we wither within. A visit to any nursing home will illustrate this. Many of the aged have no one who loves them; no one who comes to visit them. A sense of unwantedness envelopes them and their spirit shrivels, even as do their bodies. On the other hand, old souls that live deep in the affections of their kin, remain contentedly aglow.

There are those whose personalities are shrunk because they do not know how much God loves. They know not that He is kind even to the unthankful and the evil. They have not been won by the evidence of the cross.

Peace is born also through confidence in God's power.

A teen-age girl whose mother died, complained bitterly about the influence of her step mother upon her father. "He has no power even in his own house!" People speak about God in the same vein. They are disappointed to find that He appears to have no power in His own house.

The Gospel reveals a God who does work with infinite power to bring evil to an end. For

reasons obscure to us he works slowly and with extreme delicacy. In the first century the Roman Empire brought its might to bear on the church in an effort to crush it. Evil seemed certain to triumph. But a disciple of Jesus took up his pen and wrote that Rome was the Beast and that the Beast would be destroyed. In the end a horseman would come riding all gallant and victorious whose name was King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We do not yet see everything subject to Him but we see Jesus crowned with glory and honour.

By trusting Him we will let our lives down on the faithfulness, love and power of God. And we will know peace.

may it be so for you in 1995.

Ron J Allen.

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NEW GNU OFFICE

At last we see the day fast approaching when we will be moving in to our new building. We had what seemed interminable delays with the local council over planning matters but building permits and approvals have finally been obtained.

The building is located in a commercial / retail area in South Tweed Heads and will have separate office, storage and dispatch areas. Everyone involved is looking forward to us having a permanent home.

Renovation of the new building is expected to commence around the 19 January 1995. We will be constructing partitions for offices, a packing/sorting room, storeroom and amenities area. As well as this there will be computer and work benches/shelving to be fitted.

The Board wish to thank you for your faith in GNU, your prayers and your donations that has made this all possible.

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DR DES FORD

1995 AUSTRALIAN LECTURE TOUR

All those who receive the Good News Australia magazine will by now be aware of the tour details for this popular series of meetings.

As an insert to your Christmas issue of the Good News magazine you will have found a colourful poster advertising visit to Australia in February and March. You are asked to help promote the visit by displaying the poster on your Church notice board or other appropriate place where it is possible.

All those interested in attending are invited to PRE-REGISTER with GNU for the venue nearest them. As well as securing a seat Dr D Ford has also expressed interest in meeting with this group personally a half hour prior to the meetings commencing.

This will be LIMITED to those who have PRE-REGISTERED. Phone GNU on 066 742271 to arrange your registration.

A WOUNDED GOD

Words and Music by Brian Patterson

**Our faith is the only faith
That has a wounded God
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That has a wounded God**

He lived a life that He gave us
He died a death then to save us
He rose to life then to show us
He is our Lord forever

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

BURLEIGH HEADS FELLOWSHIP

As our newsletter develops we hope to bring you news from the Good News Fellowships around Australia. Today we are introducing the Fellowship at Burleigh Heads on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Between 15 and 30 people meet at the home of Bruce and Beverley Tulloch each fortnight to hear, discuss and enjoy the wonder of the Gospel.

The worship is usually led by Pastor Ron Allen and the messages he presents are taped and often used in the 'Tapes of the Month' program that many of our supporters subscribe to. After worship and during the fellowship lunch that follows there is much discussion of the sermon and other things biblical. Themes are often followed, and last year Ron Allen presented a series of 3 sermons on The Holy Spirit. These sermons are now available as a set of six studies.

Also each Wednesday evening a more informal Bible Study is held at various members homes.

Like all dynamic Christian groups, the Fellowship has its community involvement and outreach. Several of its members are volunteer workers at a nearby Womens Refuge and others have been involved with the activities of Scripture Union.

If you are passing through or holidaying on the Gold Coast and would like to join this group for a Gospel infusion contact Bruce or Beverley on 075 355329 for details.

A NEW CHAIRMAN FOR GOOD NEWS UNLIMITED AUSTRALIA

"I have a big vision for the future of GNU as I believe it has an important part to play in the lives of Australian Christians,"

So said David Martin on being elected by the Board as chairman at its meeting in early December.

David, his wife Joanne and their 2 children live in Sydney where David is a businessman involved in sales and marketing.

He came to an understanding of the Gospel when he was 16 and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. Since then by the leading and teaching of Godly men he has developed a deep appreciation of the Christian faith and is keen for others to have that appreciation also.

Joanne, his wife, also shares David's love of Jesus and the grace of the salvation He gives. By profession she is a



graphic artist and generously assisted GNU by designing our new logo (see front page) and stationery, as well as creating the art work for the Christmas issue of Good News Australia.

Another of David's great loves is music and together with his good friend Brian Patterson, he is in the process of making GNU's first music album to be titled "Good News Unlimited". (see article 'Good News takes to the studio'.)

Another of David's projects is the forming of the Gospel Roadshow which is to provide the music and singing backing to the 1995 Dr Des Ford seminars.

The Board is looking forward to working with David as his vision for the future of GNU takes shape. The glory will be the Lords.

Mid Week Bible Studies

Many of us attend a mid week Bible study. The nourishment found in God's Word is vital for our spiritual growth. Often when a group finish a particular course of study there is some discussion as to what to study next. Well, this is where GNU comes in. We can supply Gospel centred material which will uplift Christ to your group.

Last year Pastor Ron Allen prepared 2 sets of studies. One on the Holy Spirit and also a series on the Book of Acts.

There is no need to wonder where your next supply of study material will come from. GNU has the resources, write or phone the office for details of study materials available.

NEWSMAKER

GOOD NEWS TAKES TO THE STUDIO

Four of Australia's most committed musicians have combined their talents with one of the world's leading record producers to come up with a CD Album, "Good News Unlimited", aimed at sharing the Gospel with people everywhere.

Producer, Leon Gaer is behind some of music's most famous names, having worked in Hollywood with Jose Feliciano, Maria Muldaur, Barry Manilow, Demis Roussos and many more. In Australia Leon has worked with Col Joy, Tommy Emmanuel and others.

Now, vocalist Kathy Campbell and vocalist/musicians Steve Passfield, David Martin and Brian Patterson are working with Leon to produce "Good News Unlimited".

"Our album will have wide appeal, not only because of the high level of production and musicianship behind it, but most importantly because of the message it brings", said guitarist and song writer Brian Patterson.

Brian, who was lead guitarist with the number one Australian band of the 60's, The Executives, has written much of the material for the album. Brian is a Board member of GNU.

The music will be used to support a Gospel Roadshow the musicians are producing. The Roadshow will feature the Musicians in live performance and a video sequence featuring the leading theologian, author and teacher, Dr Desmond Ford.

"We're very excited about the project. It gives us the opportunity to go into the studio for something really worthwhile. And with a dynamic speaker like Dr Ford being part of our Roadshow and Leon putting the music together we will really have something people will want to see." Brian Patterson said.

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