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EDITORIAL

THE CHRISTIAN WALK

We all from time to time, feel a bit scared to tell the Gospel when we go into unfamiliar places and meet new people. As a Christian who is ready to speak the Gospel and testify of what Christ has done for you always remember -

'Everywhere you go, God has been there before.

Everyone you meet, God has met them before,

Whatever opposition you meet, God knows the extent of it and will give you the courage to meet it.'

Recently I was talking to a minister who is a full time chaplain in a NSW prison.

It is a very stressful job and he does not know what each day will bring. Some of the prisoners are genuinely repentant whilst others use him to try and get themselves extra privileges, and then there is always the possibil-

ity he may be assaulted.

When asked how he coped with all this he said, "Every morning my wife and I have prayer together before I leave for the prison and we go through the process of putting on the 'Whole armour of God'."

"We open the Bible at Ephesians 6 and in prayer, put on the armour piece by piece. In this process God gives us the strength and courage to go through the day.

If you are having to cope with very stressful situations in the course of your day you may care to follow the same course.

This month Pastor Allen writes concerning the mundane aspects of the Christian's walk.

May God bless you as you live for him.

Roger Jones.

HELP FOR A SMALL UGANDAN GIRL

Melissa Nakagius is a five year old Ugandan girl with a very serious heart problem. She will not live if it is not treated. Melissa is the same age as my daughter Zoe and I know I could not bare to lose Zoe.

But in Uganda things are very different to Australia. Girls are not valued. Melissa would have perished had it not been for the love of her mother. She agreed to work for nothing for her employer for the rest of her life in exchange for the money needed to get her child to Australia for an operation. It was during this trip that we

met Melissa and her mother who visited our church at Epping. Some of my Christian friends took up her cause. They found that Melissa's mother had been 'ripped-off' by a doctor on her case - and that she would need another operation to survive. That operation is due this year.

One of the objects for which GNU was established was 'to make do-

nations for ... charitable purposes' During a recent 'Gospel Roadshow', at Kellyville NSW we passed around the hat for Melissa. Over \$1,000 was raised. That money, added to the thousands already raised by her friends here in Australia, means that Melissa will have the operation she needs. This is good news for Melissa.

D. Martin/Chairman GNU

Dear Friend

'I am torn between the two. I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.' Philip 1:23-24

Paul was in prison. There, his forceful and restive spirit, was kept from doing many things he would otherwise have been busy about. Before him lay the prospect of execution. He was not afraid of death, instead, he thought it somewhat desirable. It would mean a swift transit to consummate fellowship with Jesus. He did not crave death itself, but what lay beyond it.

Other things crowded Paul's thinking. He thought of his young churches; their fragile faith and their many enemies. He believed that Christ wanted

him to continue on, strengthening the brethren.

Often, the hardest moral dilemmas are not when we must choose between an evil and a good thing, rather, when we have to choose between two good things. Right, often versus right, in this complex world of ours. It is one thing to conquer our baser longings, by choosing well, it is quite another; to renounce a beautiful thing that we have set our hearts on because another one has strongly commended itself.

Think of the young woman, who has talent and desire aplenty to serve as a community health worker, but she cannot; must not, because she has two little children who need to be mothered by her. A young businessman aches to leave his business and become a full-time preacher, yet he does not, because do-

ing so would mean he could not care for his invalid mother. We are frequently asked to relinquish a perfectly legitimate spiritual ambition, in order to heed the summons to a simple duty of love close to home.

The central aspiration of Paul was to be with Christ. He wanted to see his Saviour. Who can condemn him for that? But Christ had more routine things for him. Even so, we must not think that Paul was disappointed. 'For me, to live is Christ ...' (Verse 22).

So, it will be for us. Mundane assignments will also draw us into the circle of Christ's fellowship.

May God bind you to Himself in whatever duty may call.

Yours in service
RON J ALLEN
(Pastoral Director)

PROFILE

ROLF KEMPF

'My first encounter with the Lord was when I was nine years old. My sister told me when I was naughty that God had seen the whole episode. I thought about that for a long time and it finally prompted me, at the age of fourteen, to be confirmed in the Lutheran Church. I took communion with tears in my eyes but did not understand fully what salvation really meant,' said Rolf Kempf of Raymond Terrace NSW.

'At the age of seventeen, I was miraculously saved from the bottom of a river. My friends and I had been clowning around on a weir when I fell in. I was sucked down by the current and was drowning, but the quick action of my friends saved me. I have experienced close encounters with death and under no circumstances would I not have survived. But I believe

Rolf is a Director on the Board of GNU and represents that part of the country between Taree and Bourke, i.e. almost the northern half of NSW.

God intervened directly on each occasion.'

Rolf went on, 'In my mid thirties I was challenged by the Lord when working in the real estate business. It culminated at a meeting of the New World Singers at Blacktown Town Hall (an outer suburb of Sydney) in 1968. An appeal was made and I was convinced to go forward and really hand over my life to God. Later, I attended the Reformed Church at Tanilba Bay,

NSW in 1973, where I received very sound Bible teaching. Then I commenced a ministry of lay preaching. In 1985, I attended the inter-denominational "Tahlee Bible College". There I trained for the ministry and obtained a Diploma of Ministry with the Australian College of Theology.'

Rolf describes himself as an 'Impatient German and a Lutheran Reformed Baptist'. In other words, he is a Christian first and foremost with no particular tag, majoring in the Gospel. He is a very happy person, who is very much on fire for the Lord Jesus and a keen worker for GNU. He told the writer his desire is to train people to be enthusiastic about the Word of God with a view to sharing it with others; and was keen to add Hosea 4 : 6 'My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge'.



This month we received some critical comments from Melbourne, regarding the GNU Seminar held there during March this year. There was disappointment that two of Pastor Ron Allen's addresses were dropped, that there was too much music from 'Unlimited' and there was no congregational singing.

One letter received earlier this year took our fancy:

'I work for the following person who receives a GNU magazine, but never opens it. I retrieve it from the garbage. So perhaps – you could delete his name off your subscription list and add my name'.

The Board always welcomes valid criticisms like these, and will be discussing the format of future Seminars in detail at its October meeting. There is always room for innovation and improvement and we want your suggestions. So write, phone or fax us at the office, we want to hear your comments and ideas.
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Word is getting around and are starting to get more and more advance bookings for the 'Gospel Roadshow'.

We received a thank-you card from Bruce Evans, coordinator, Kellyville SDA Church.

'You guys were absolutely amazing. Man, I haven't had such a great afternoon for a long, long time. Sabbath afternoons were meant to be enjoyable and

that one certainly was. When the 'Gospel Roadshow' comes to town, amazing things happen. It was pleasing to have every available chair, about 340, with a bottom on it. Once again thanks, and all the best with the 'Gospel Roadshow'. I have heard nothing but praise about the afternoon. I will never forget everybody needs the Lord. God bless.'

Bruce

FUTURE BOOKINGS INCLUDE

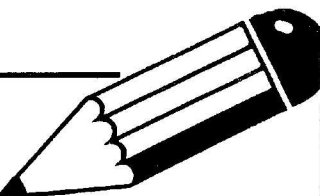
1995	Fri	Nov 3	7.30pm
Charlestown NSW SDA Church			
1995	Sat	Dec 9	TBA
Adelaide	Venue	TBA	
1996	Sat	Feb 17	TBA
Christian Life Centre, Coffs Harbour			
1996	March	TBA	
Avondale College, Cooranbong NSW			
1996	April	TBA	
Warburton, Victoria			

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March 2

SYDNEY

March 9

PERTH

March 16

MELBOURNE

March 23

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