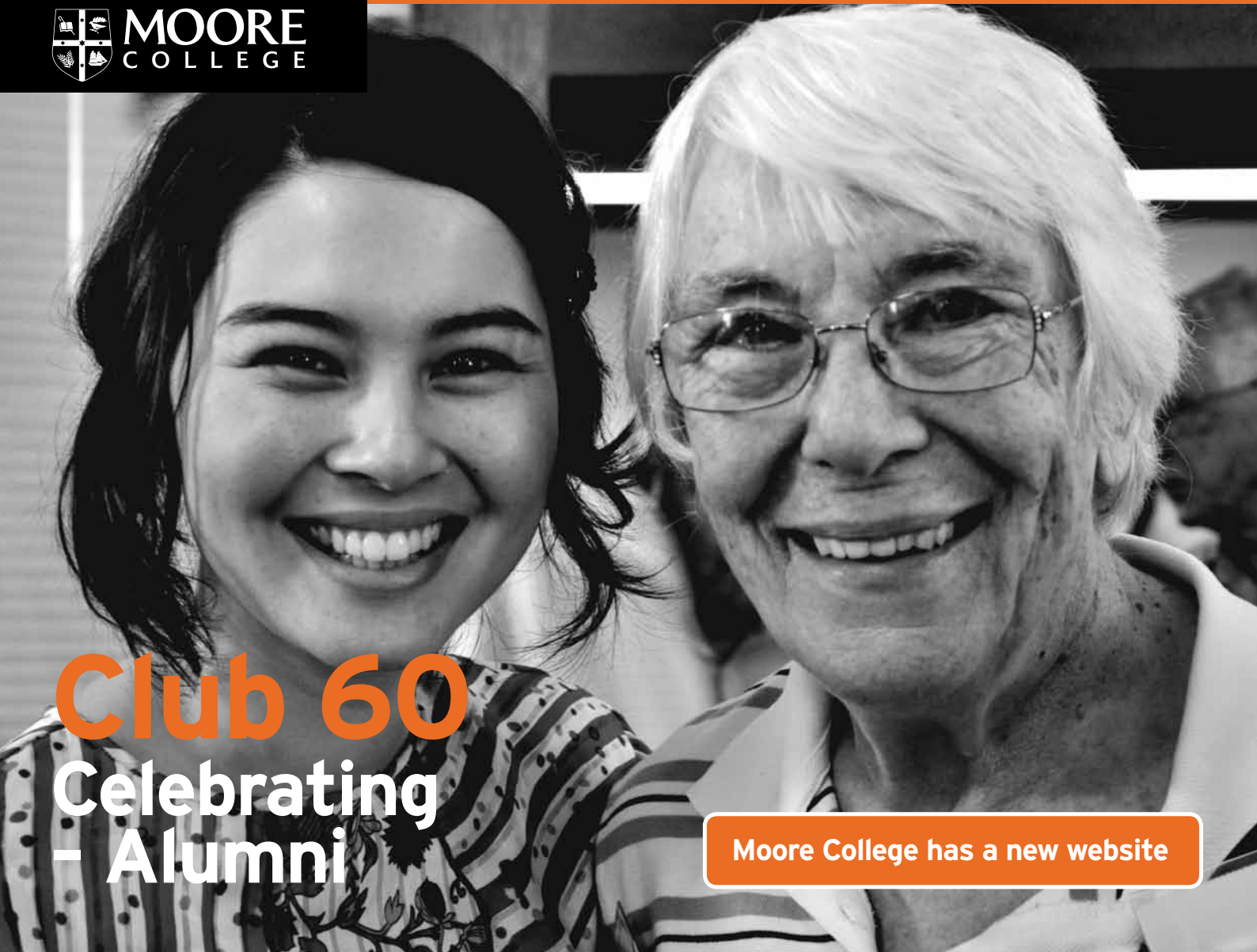


MooreMatters

AUTUMN 2010

www.moore.edu.au



Club 60
Celebrating
- Alumni

Moore College has a new website



THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

2010 is the greatest year in the history of Moore College - if our measure is the sending out of well-trained ministers of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into all the world.

This year the largest number of people in the 154-year history of the College graduate and go to serve Christ in many places and situations far and wide.

It is important to remember what they go to do. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest story ever told. The story (which of course is a TRUE story) has become known as the gospel: the good news that all people everywhere need to hear. In the version of the story told by Matthew in the New Testament, the story concludes with the words spoken by the risen Jesus to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee. He said, 'All authority has been given to me'.

The one who died on the cross was raised from the dead and now reigns over all things. He is the King over all creation. He spelled out the necessary consequence of his all-encompassing authority:

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

The story known as the gospel is the means by which disciples are made from all nations. Hear and understand this story, and you know the news that must be made known to all people everywhere. Hear and understand this story and you know that Jesus has saved his people from their sins, that evil and death have been defeated, that the new age of God's eternal kingdom has begun. The resurrection of Jesus, to whom all authority has now been given, means that all peoples are now to be immersed into the knowledge of the true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. That will happen as they are taught to live under the comprehensive authority that has been given to Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ

has promised to be with his disciples until the end of the age in the great task of proclaiming this gospel.

It is the greatest story ever told.

How thrilling it is to see hundreds of men and women, having studied this gospel deeply, themselves knowing God profoundly, going to the four corners of the earth with this gospel on their lips. Pray for them. Pray for those to whom they go. And pray that the Lord will send more disciple-makers into the nations of the world.

Find John's talks on
[www.moore.edu.au/
resources](http://www.moore.edu.au/resources) go to audio archive

CLUB 60 CELEBRATING - ALUMNI



Who would want to celebrate the first week or year at College?

Answer: Club 60!

They started at Moore College in February 1960. This group of distinguished Moore College Alumni wanted to praise the Lord for the 50 years since they began College. The day of Thursday 4th February coincided with the Orientation Day of the new 2010 cohort and the two groups met and had lunch together.

What an encouragement that was to everyone present! New, enthusiastic faces

all wondering what College held for them together with the saints who have carried the banner of Christ over the decades to all parts of the world in so many ministry areas. Some of their names have become well known and others less so, but for all of them there was faithful service and a certainty of the faith begun in them. They are pushing on to complete the ministries God has given them. They will tell you they are not retired, they are still in the service of the Lord!

Richard Gibson (a member of faculty) welcomed the Club 60 group and Lloyd Bennett (minister/ headmaster) gave return thanks and encouraged the new group to keep on keeping on in the Lord Jesus Christ.

They toured the College and enjoyed reminiscing - '...the Book Shop, that was the old pub when we were here!' 'We lived and studied on the northern side of Carillion Ave, not the King Street side.' 'Do you remember...?' was often on their lips.

The chapel service had strong trained voices leading and singing, voices not trained to speak with a microphone but rather trained to reach every person in a church building,

voices that resonated with depth and quality, voices lifted up to praise the Lord! What a joy it was to be part of it!

The people taking part in the reunion were looking back and valuing all the teaching they received at Moore College, particularly that of Bishop Donald Robinson, who attended the day and was interviewed. They enjoyed the friendships they had made in the past but they were also looking forward and were encouraged by what God is doing now in the College. All were looking forward to the coming of the Lord and being with him for eternity.

Club 60 members Peter Tasker, Lloyd Bennett and Bill Wheeler chat about ministry and life online

www.moore.edu.au/news

MISSION

Greg Anderson (faculty)

Email: greg.anderson@moore.edu.au

Is Moore College a missionary college? Judging by the number of students who have previous mission experience, the graduates who go into cross-cultural ministry in Australia or overseas and the proportion of time given to the study of God's Word - which is God's revelation of his world rescue plan through Jesus Christ - the answer must be yes. One expression of the College's mission commitment is the annual Mission Week.



From March 21 to 28, all students and faculty will be on teams that will partner with local churches in evangelistic outreach. This year the team that is travelling furthest will partner with Leipzig English Church in Germany - an international evangelical church where a Moore College graduate, Rob Horne, has just begun as the assistant minister. LEC focuses on expatriates, but also has strong links with German student work on the Leipzig university campuses. The College Mission team to Leipzig includes a native German, an Australian who studied piano in Germany, and a couple who are hoping to return to Europe in ministry with European Christian Mission.

Fourteen other mission teams will be going to churches closer to home, from Wee Waa in the north to Kiama in the south. Teams going to multicultural areas of Sydney are

well-represented, including Parramatta, Merrylands and Sadlier. Again this year, there will be a specialist team targeting part of Sydney with a high Muslim population. The College is grateful for the opportunity of being able to support churches in their outreach programs, providing an input of labour and energy. But students and faculty are also aware of how much they learn from the experience of Mission Week, sometimes in struggling churches, sometimes in numerically strong ones, as they work with local Christians who are committed to their neighbourhoods and networks hearing the saving news of Jesus' death for our sin and of new life in him. Please pray that again this year, students and faculty will be faithful in proclaiming the gospel, and that God will achieve his purposes.

PART-TIME STUDY

David Höhne (faculty)
 Email: david.hohne@moore.edu.au



The College is pleased and excited to be entering into the new venture of part-time study this year. At the time of writing more than 80 men and women had enrolled in either

part-time study during the day at the Newtown campus and/or the (really new) evening lectures to be run at St. Andrew's Cathedral School. Due to the flexibility of the part-time program some students

have opted to attend lectures both during the day at Newtown and in the evening as a way of maximising their availability for study. The evening lectures will begin with John Woodhouse's Doctrine 1 course on a Tuesday night (23/03/10) and Peter Bolt teaching New Testament 1A on a Thursday night (25/03/10). One of the great advantages in the evening option for part-time study is the possibility of laypeople, whose time is otherwise governed by paid-work commitments, to receive the same teaching available to those headed for full-time ministry. A further advantage of the part-time option is a mid-year intake. Prospective students who may have been unable to start studies in the beginning of the year can enrol in any subject provided the pre-requisites have been met.

For more information go to the Moore College web site (www.moore.edu.au) or phone the Dean of Part-time studies, David Höhne (9577-9813).

RESOURCE, EQUIP & INSPIRE.



Broad range of Christian books

SHOP WITH US ONLINE
 (moorebooks.com.au)



LIBRARY NEWS

Moore College Library has been awarded a \$4,000 Federal Community Heritage Grant to fund a significance assessment of its Samuel Marsden Archives.

The grant was announced at the National Library of Australia, Canberra, on Wednesday, 11 November.

In 2009, grants worth \$383,852 were distributed to 75 community groups from around Australia to assist in the identification and preservation of community owned but nationally significant heritage collections. In addition, Julie Olston, Library Manager, attended a three-day intensive preservation and collection management workshop held at the National Library, the National Archives of Australia, the National Museum of Australia and the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra.

www.library.moore.edu.au

PREACHING

Archie Poulos (faculty)
 Email: archie.poulos@moore.edu.au



In 2010 two new subjects, one in second year and one in third year, have been added to the College course, aimed directly at improving preaching. Moore College graduates are known around the world for their careful study of the text of Scripture from a biblical theology perspective. The College also knows it has to keep working at helping students to move from the text of the Scripture to the sermon they deliver. And so we are excited that John Chapman will return to the preaching team, and alongside him Ray Galea, the College faculty and invited experts will facilitate the delivery of these subjects.

In the words of Archie Poulos, head of the Ministry Department, 'you could ask for no one better than these teachers to be involved with our students. The College has also developed a model for our students to use to assist them in the preparation of sermons as they move from the text to the pulpit. I am thrilled that the model builds upon our biblical and theological strengths, while being focused on the delivery of better sermons.' The Faculty is looking forward to seeing good preachers become great preachers this year, and to seeing how God will use these proclaimers of the Word around the world for decades to come.

PRAYER NOTES

- **Praise God for the Graduates** - that God will bless their ministries
- **Praise God** for the 2010 1st year full-time and part-time students
- **Pray for John Woodhouse** as he leads the college and for the faculty, students and staff as they seek to serve the Lord.



PARTNERSHIP IN FAITH

The distinctive aspects of Moore College work together in the preparation of gospel servants for mission and ministry throughout the world.

So wrote Principal John Woodhouse in the College's Annual Report of 2009. The 'distinctive aspects' he referred to are the teachers, the teaching, the stance and the seriousness. The *teachers* are the men and women of the Faculty. The *teaching* is how the whole Bible and all of its parts bear witness to Christ. The *stance* is defending the evangelical and reformed Christian faith. And the *seriousness* is about learning well and thoroughly so that servants of the gospel will have their thinking (about everything!) comprehensively renewed by God's word.

This renewal of thinking results in graduates going throughout the world for mission. However, the teachers do not only send gospel servants into all the world (which of course is really the work

of God's Holy Spirit!). Increasingly, Faculty members are responding to invitations by going themselves to teach in cross-cultural settings in other parts of the world.

Last year Peter Bolt spent time in Egypt, Bill Salier in the Philippines and George Athas in South Africa. This year was kicked off by Robert Doyle spending five weeks teaching in St. John's University Tanzania (SJUT). Later in the year Mark Thompson and Barry Webb plan to spend time in Egypt to help the work of preparing future lecturers for the New Alexandria School of Theology. Every one of these visits by Faculty members is part of 'entrusting the deposit of faith to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others' (2 Tim 2:2). It is a privilege that is particularly pressing in our generation as others seek to spread a different gospel.

More and more invitations for Faculty to go and teach are coming through the interlinking networks of CMS, the Diocese of Sydney and the College - mostly resulting from the missionary

service of College graduates over past decades. This was particularly the case with the invitation to which Robert Doyle responded. Recently the SJUT Dean of Theology wrote: *You may remember very well that back in the 1920s CMS Australia opened the mission station here at St. John's University, and today we are proud that the seed planted by faithful men and women from Australia fell on good soil and this continues to bear fruits for the glory of God.* Many of those 'faithful men and women from Australia' have been College graduates.

The Dean's letter arose out of an earlier visit to the College by the Vice Chancellor of SJUT. The Vice Chancellor asked for new forms of partnership to be explored to build further on the fruits to which his Dean refers. SJUT is offering degree courses in theology to both those who will become church pastors and those who already are. Partnership with them offers our Faculty and our graduates the opportunity to share on 'entrusting the deposit of faith' to many who in varying ways have benefitted from past ministry of College graduates. The need for such partnership is more than usually urgent at this time. Others, who do not share the distinctives of which John Woodhouse wrote, will gladly partner with SJUT and others like them if we do not. Please pray for wisdom for those charged with responding to a growing number of such invitations to the College.

Photo: Prof. Manoris V. Meshack, Vice Chancellor of St John's University Tanzania (SJUT) with faculty members while visiting Moore College earlier this year.

SJUT is the Christian University begun just three years ago by the (Anglican) Church of Tanzania. Already 1700 students are enrolled studying Theology, Teaching, Nursing and Business Development.

Resources from many scholars may be found on www.moore.edu.au/resources

Meet some of our 1st Year Students



MOORE COLLEGE HAS A NEW WEBSITE www.moore.edu.au



After months of research a team from within the College began close collaboration with web designers Paul Knight and Kelly Parker, to develop a site which would effectively support students and staff and engage the wider community while reflecting a modern, cutting-edge Christian tertiary institution within the heart of Sydney.

The new website was launched in November 2009. Its modern 'urban' look seeks to relate both to our location (Newtown) and to the current and next generation of Moore College students.

Visitors to the website can now learn all about the College and the courses we offer as well as meet by video the faculty and some of the students, follow the blogs and podcasts of some of the faculty, gain access to Library,

Bookshop and External Studies websites, be informed of news and events, and support the College through secure online giving.

And while the new website is very much geared to the future in its design and focus, we are acutely aware of our heritage. To this end there is a special page dedicated to our Alumni where upcoming events as well as news items are posted.

One of the most outstanding aspects of the website is the development of the new Resources page. We believe this will bring enormous benefit to the Christian community as it is now possible to download, free of charge, sermons and talks (over 1600 to date) by faculty and acclaimed names in evangelical theology spanning over 30 years and previously only available to students and faculty. These are easily accessed by visiting www.moore.edu.au/resources/featured-resources. It is now possible to register online for resource and information updates or to receive this information by becoming a fan of Moore Theological College on Facebook.

As Moore College strives to serve the Christian community, we hope that this new website will provide a means to enable us to do that effectively.

Do visit us at www.moore.edu.au

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Fundraising Dinner** @ Bishopscourt
Wednesday 19 May - to book email sue.bennett@moore.edu.au or call Sue 9577 9797
- **Library Lecture speaker Bishop Tom Frame.** Bishop Frame will speak on The Apologist's Anguish: *Losing my Religion: unbelief in Australia*
Saturday 22 May, 1:30 for 2pm at College.
Save with the special deal (valid until May 1st) - copy of book and registration for \$38
Registration (includes two addresses and afternoon tea) \$10
Please register at www.library.moore.edu.au/lecture or telephone Julie on 9577 9897
- **External Studies Graduation**
Friday 28th May @ College
- **Mission Day Erina Fair**
Saturday 5 June - Come and see us!
- **Annual Moore College Lectures**
Thursday 5 & Friday 6 August
- **School of Theology**
Lectures on Corinthians
Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 September
- **Moore College Sunday** 15th August
- **Information Night** 23rd August
- **Open Day / Spring Carnival** 25th September

EXTERNAL STUDIES

Gary Nelson (Manager of External Studies)



Let me introduce Raj. Raj is involved with the Nepalese ministry at his church in Malaysia. He has been studying the PTC course for a number of years. He says the course has been 'a life-changing experience'.

The course notes have been very helpful in enabling him to grow in his faith and equipping him for his ministry.

Raj's experience is not unique. Many others find working through the course gives them a solid grounding in their faith and helps them in sharing their faith with many people including students and teachers.

One recent development has been to enhance the learning process with online learning courses. This provides students with resources such as moderated discussion forums, quizzes, e-readings and interactive maps. This development is being well received. The materials are interesting and they can be accessed anywhere by internet. The discussion forum supports further learning.

An important part of the ministry of External Studies is the training of pastors, evangelists and lay preachers in countries with few resources. Would you consider sharing in this work? We are seeking sponsors for our overseas students in countries such as Nigeria, Uganda, Malawi, India, Cuba and Fiji.

\$50 will help to sponsor one student for one subject, \$300 will help sponsor a student through stage 1 of the course (equivalent to the PTC).

If you care to sponsor a student then send your gift to Sue Bennett, 1 King Street, Newtown 2042 or ring Sue 02 9577 9797.

For more info on External Studies go to www.external.moore.edu.au

Will you support us?

Moore College is facing significant financial challenges in 2010 (see John Woodhouse's comments on the web, <http://moore.edu.au/changes-in-2010/>). Will you please support us financially as we try to meet these challenges?

Yes, I would like to give \$ _____ to support the following tax deductible funds:

Development Fund
(General work of the College)

Building Fund
(Repairs & Maintenance)

Library Fund
(Library purchases)

Principal's Discretionary Fund
(Financial assistance for local students)

Marco Garlato Scholarship
(Financial assistance for overseas students)

External Studies Fund
(Expansion of the gospel to developing countries)

I would like to make a once only gift and enclose my cheque
(payable to Moore Theological College)

I would like to make a gift by Visa or Mastercard (details below)

Once Only Monthly Quarterly Twice Yearly Annually

Card No _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____

Signature _____

Title _____ Christian Names _____ Surname _____

Address _____

No. Street

Suburb State Postcode

Telephone Mobile

PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETED FORM TO

Sue Bennett, Moore College, 1 King Street, Newtown NSW 2042

OTHER OPTIONS FOR GIVING:

Secure online financial giving - go to <http://moore.edu.au/support-us/secure-online-financial-giving/>

BPay or Direct Debit - phone Vicki King on (02) 9577 9798 or email victoria.king@moore.edu.au

For further information - phone Sue Bennett on (02) 9577 9797 or email sue.bennett@moore.edu.au



Graduating students

Bachelor of Divinity

Michael Allen (Hons 1)
Akos Balogh
John Bartik
Ben Bathgate (Hons 2A)
Anthony Benn
Ben Boardman (Hons 2A)
Pete Boyd
Tim Bradford (Hons 2A)
Peter Bramhall (Hons 2A)
Clive Buultjens (Hons 2A)
Carlson Chan
Jonathan Chen
Chew Chern (Hons 1)
Steven Christoforidis (Hons 2A)
Dan Cole (Hons 1)
Blair Courtney-O'Connor
Stephen Denness (Hons 2B)
Mike Doyle
Rebekah Earnshaw (Hons 1)
David Esdale
David Fowler
Sam Freney (Hons 1)
Stephen George (Hons 1)
Scott Goode
Brian Hall (Hons 2B)
Rick Hall (Hons 2A)
Paul Hallam

Ivan Harris
Rowan Hilsden (Hons 2B)
Luke Hubbard
David Huynh (Hons 2A)
Michael Hyam
Jenny Ihn
Tim Iles (Hons 2A)
Anthony King (Hons 2B)
Alex Koch (Hons 2A)
Alby Lam
Honorita Lau
Michael Lee
Ben Lim (Hons 2A)
Dianne Lovell
Nathan Lovell (Hons 1)
Warwick Lyne
Tho Luu (Hons 2B)
Nathan Manwaring (Hons 2A)
Robert Martin (Hons 2A)
Rick Mason (Hons 2B)
Glen McDonald
Rhys Old
Brad Pasley (Hons 2B)
Scott Pasley (Hons 2B)
Jonathan Peart
David Piper
Ian Reid (Hons 2B)
Adam Richards
Nathan Sandon

Natasha Small
Hayden Smith (Hons 2B)
Tim St Quintin (Hons 2A)
Matt Stedman
Trent Sutcliffe
Chris Swann (Hons 1)
Josh Taylor (Hons 2A)
Geoff Thompson (Hons 2A)
Lisa Thompson
David Whittingham (Hons 2B)
Kylie Wilson
Tim Woo (Hons 2B)
Alan Wood (Hons 2A)
Luke Woodhouse (Hons 2A)
Alex Zunica

Bachelor of Theology

Kez Ashby
Claire Boyd (Merit)
Nick Bultman (Merit)
Bernard Cane (Merit)
Gemma Cardew
Leo Chen
Nathan Clapham
Garry Dibley
Aidan Febery (Merit)

Ed Frost
Kym Fuhrmann
Emily Furse-Roberts
Julie Guyer
Fanny Lau
Di Lucas
Greg Masters (Merit)
Kate Nicol (Merit)
Rowan Paterson
Rene Pfitzner (Merit)
Stewart Playsted (Merit)
Andrew Poyser (Merit)
Matt Purnell (Merit)
Natalie Ray
Anne-Sophie Rowcroft (Merit)
Lisa Vassallo
James Vimpany
Alison Wiltshire
Stew Witt

For student information at
Moore College go to -
[http://moore.edu.au/
teaching-learning/courses/](http://moore.edu.au/teaching-learning/courses/)

Diploma of Bible and Ministry

Erin Crawford
Vikki Napier
Angelo Porcu
Sharon Porcu

Diploma of Bible and Missions

Karen Baines
Nathan Barden
Laura Blyth
David Crowe
Christina Dodd
Sheridan Evans
Mel Fung
Amelia Hohne
Katrina Lee

Sam McCorkindale
Paulette Pang
Joanne Piper
Jodie Salagaras
Melinda Sandon
Richard Smith
Adele Southerton
Deanna Sweeting
Jennifer Young

Master of Arts in Theology

Helen Bell (Merit)
Terry Bowers
Philip Colgan
James Harricks
Andrew Hong
Kanishka Raffel
Malcolm Reid

Simon Roberts (Merit)
Grahame Smith
Scott Warner

Master of Theology

Kerry Nagel
David Shead

Acknowledging the Successful Completion of Doctor of Philosophy

Ma'afu Palu (UWS)
Claire Smith (UWS)
David Starling (USyd)



KEEPING IN TOUCH FACULTY BLOGS

Blogging is a relatively new phenomenon, but it has already made its mark on the world of Christian theology.

Michael Jensen (faculty) Email: michael.jensen@moore.edu.au

The immediacy and availability of blogging as a medium for communication has a down side of course - anybody can start a blog and promulgate their ideas, however bizarre. However, some of the most vigorous and interesting discussion of theological ideas is happening on the web, on blogs. Increasingly, more teachers and scholars are seeing the value in having a blog.

A number of Moore faculty members have started blogging. It is a great way to keep in touch with the College and its teachers. Con Campbell's blog is called

'Read better, preach better' (<http://readbetterpreachbetter.com/>). A particular highlight of his work on this blog has been the samples of a project he has been working on called 'Keep your Greek', designed to help pastors maintain their competence and confidence in using Greek day to day.

David Hohne's blog 'Mind of the Spirit' (http://www.mindofthespirit.org/Mindset_of_the_Spirit/Blog/Blog.html) provides some of the more profound theological thinking on the web. David's interests are in the areas of apologetics and philosophy and how they relate to theology - although he spends time mulling over scriptural texts, too.

Head of Christian Thought Mark Thompson's blog 'Theological Theology' (<http://markdthompson.blogspot.com/>) has attracted notice from overseas readers who especially like his interaction with major theological thinkers and his responses to new movements. Nothing much gets past Mark, and he writes with vigour.

My own blog has been going for a while now: 'The Blogging Parson' (<http://www.mpjensen.blogspot.com/>). My interests lie mainly in the areas of Doctrine, Ethics and Literature. I see the blog as a sounding board for ideas—the discussions and comments are where much of the action happens.

Pay us a visit!

Was It Worth It?

Richard Mason (Bachelor of Divinity)

Before I came to College I was involved in two years of full-time MTS ministry. Four years and \$53,000 worth of study later, I am back doing full-time ministry. What difference has the time and money made?

I'm conscious of a far greater awareness of and confidence in God's sovereignty and his way of working out his plans. I better understand my role to partner with him in his work - which he will succeed in rather than me. This in turn has made me more prayerful (a good thing) and humble (a very good thing). It's also resulted in my

having far greater confidence in what I already knew: that reading and teaching the Bible with people is God's way of bringing people to maturity in him. I'm aware too that I'm more deliberate in how I've gone about structuring teaching programs, and a hundred-fold more theologically precise in what I'm teaching.

While I entered College well taught and doctrinally 'correct', I soon realised that people can argue convincingly for opposing views, and that I couldn't work out who was wrong and why—which left me unsettled. So I now have a greater drive to keep reading and thinking, and I feel far better equipped to do so. I trust the next 50 years will clearly show the value of this.

I think the underlying force behind my being in ministry is more secure. I'm sure I'll cope with disappointments better, with disagreements better. Rather than just

doing ministry out of youthful enthusiasm and a desire to 'get on and serve God', I feel grounded in something much less ephemeral and less likely to wane.

Was it worth it - my gut says 'Yes'. A month and a half of work says 'Yes'. I expect after a lifetime for that 'Yes' to be even more resounding.



LIVING THE DREAM



David Esdale (Bachelor of Divinity)

Leaving college I have begun to serve our great God with the wonderful people of Corrimal Anglican. I am, 'living the dream'. I could not think of a better way to spend my days than declaring the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

It's interesting when people ask me my favourite passage it is always the latest one that I have spent a bit of time in. Right now it is 1 Peter 2. I love what I have been freed up to do. And while at times things can get difficult (and I start dreaming of working on

a fishing trawler up the north coast), in reality I don't want to do anything else.

It is hard for me to separate knowing Jesus from serving Jesus. To know Jesus is to know him as my LORD. It seems obvious that the best thing to do in life is serve him.

People talk about what it costs them to serve or enter ministry, but for me it would have cost me not to. I'm not trying to sound pious, but serving God is how I have come to know and trust him more.

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD GO TO COLLEGE



Vikki Napier (Diploma of Bible and Ministry)

Knowing Jesus means everything to me! I know it might sound a little clichéd, but to think that the one who created all things came down to earth to rescue me from my sin, and he did this not because I'm special, but because He is full of grace and love ... Wow! He met my incredible need long before I recognised I had that need. That's a love like no other!

I am convinced that we are all called to serve Jesus wherever we are. If you're in full-time paid ministry, then praise God! It's an incredible privilege to be freed up to serve Jesus day in and day out. If you're not in full-time ministry, then think again: we are all in full-time ministry! For me, that currently means serving Jesus

four days a week in a secular workplace filled with opportunities. I also get to spend a day during the week working at my church, which is a great privilege. I never know from one day to the next how God will work through me.

My experience at College covered the spectrum of emotions. It was hard and uncomfortable at times, because it was unfamiliar. It was also amazing and the best time of my life - church every other day, too many 'oh, I see' moments to mention. I would send several 'did you know' texts to friends daily in order to share the things I was learning. (That must have been annoying for them now that I think about it!) I think every Christian should go to College for at least a year. It's a great way to learn more about our wonderful Creator, and the lecturers are full of knowledge and patience. My favourite passage of Scripture is Ephesians 2:8-10. Sums it up really!

Placing Our Lord and Saviour FIRST

Angelo and Sharon Porcu (Diploma of Bible & Ministry)

Placing our Lord and Saviour first in all things has a human cost, a worldly cost, and it won't get easier this side of heaven. It hurt when my Grandfather (who was like a Dad to me) refused to walk me down the aisle when I got married. It hurts when you are excluded from things or spoken ill of because of your faith, but this is nothing in comparison to how many of our brothers and sisters in Christ suffer daily throughout the world.

Angelo and I will probably never have our own home. We have been married 13 years now, and we have three children (twins Matthew and Chiara, aged 12, and Jonathan, 10), and we do not know where we will be in ministry after 2010. But it's not been about putting down roots here on earth. Our home is in the heavenly kingdom with our God. When I am tempted back I remember Jeremiah 29:11 and Proverbs 3:5-6 and my resolve to follow Jesus is strengthened once more. Angelo and I have benefitted greatly from being at Moore College. We were impressed by the incredible quality of the lecturers and how wonderfully approachable they all were. We miss being there, but are grateful for the time, the learning and equipping for the future.



A New Family

Chew Chern (Bachelor of Divinity)

2010 marks my 14th year as a Christian!

Looking back, I'm amazed at the place to which God has brought me. He showered upon me a new family who love to a depth I had never seen before, rooted me in a deep security I had never had, and gave me a new direction I never knew one could have.

In all the ups and downs of following Jesus, God just keeps confirming how good he is. The hardest thing for me in following Jesus is that his message is truly a 'sword of division' in my non-Christian family: they cannot fathom my weird decision to become a Christian. They are always on the top of my prayer list and they are also why I treasure all the more the beloved new 'family' given to me, many of whom I found at Moore. I will miss them (you!), my Aussie brothers and sisters, when I am back home in Singapore (where I have just started serving in a University ministry).



I find great comfort in remembering that we are all in the great harvest phase now, labouring till the sweet rest and reunion that is to come. Waiting always for that Day!



Graduation

2010

www.moore.edu.au
'into all the world'

The Greatest Story
Ever Told

Living the Dream

Keeping in Touch -
Faculty Blogs