



From the Principal...

Over the past few months I have come across a number of strong evangelical ministries which came into existence as the result of an answer to prayer. Faithful men and women, trusting God but not sure what would eventuate or when, prayed that God would provide a faithful gospel-centred ministry in some place or other — prayed for years in some cases — and then against all odds God had raised it up.

I ought not to have been surprised. God has chosen to work in answer to the prayers of his people. That simple truth stands behind Jesus' exhortation to 'pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest' (Matt 9:38). God involves us in his mission, first and foremost, by leading us to pray.

God has answered the prayers of his people for Moore College in just the last few weeks. After a few years when the number of full-time residential students had been decreasing, the downward turn seems to have been arrested and this year we have a modest increase in our full-time intake. Alongside that, our part-time and online student numbers continue to grow. God is clearly putting it in the hearts of people to consider theological study and ministry training, and to do that at Moore College. There may well be a number of things which have contributed to this result, humanly speaking, but fundamentally and primarily it is the result of prayer.

As one year begins, already we start to pray for next year's intake. I have recently been told again of the urgent need for full-time ordained gospel workers in the churches of our Diocese. Our churches need pastors who will shepherd God's people, reach out to those who are lost in the surrounding community, and maintain a focus on global mission. Across Australia that need is also keenly felt. The mission field is full of opportunity as well. Will you pray that God would raise up people to meet this need and that a great number of them will come and train full-time at Moore College?

We are very grateful for your prayers. They are the lifeblood of this work. Please keep praying: by yourself, with others, and perhaps consider joining us for the meetings of the Prayer Support Group (women) and the Men Praying for Moore breakfast.

Mark Thompson

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MARCH 2020

Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS 2019.

Focus for March:

- John Chapman Preaching Conference 9 March
- Moore College Graduation 9 March
- College Missions 29 March 5 April (see back page for list of locations & chaplains)

Week 1: Sunday, 1 March - Sunday, 8 March

- Give great thanks to God for the **new full-time and part-time students** in first year this year. Pray that they will come to know God better as a result of all that they learn during their time at College.
- Pray for the **Registrar's Department** in this extra busy time for them as they prepare for the students' graduation (Monday next week).
- **Angus & Olivia Martin (2**nd **year, p12)** Give thanks for the safe arrival of Annabel. Pray that God's word would saturate our household and that we will adjust well to being a family of four.
- Pray for those **students** whose studies have been disrupted due to the **coronavirus outbreak**. Give thanks that lectures could be recorded for them and pray that they might all soon be able to rejoin the College community. Please pray for an end to the spread of the virus.



Week 2: Monday, 9 March - Sunday, 15 March

- **John Chapman Preaching Conference (Monday 9 March, 2 5pm)** Pray for Nigel Styles (Director of Cornhill, London) as he speaks on 'Preaching Old Testament Narrative'. Pray that those who attend will be challenged and inspired.
- **Graduation (Monday 9 March, 7.30 9.30pm, City Recital Hall, Angel Place)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the graduates going out into the Lord's harvest and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray particularly for John Woodhouse as he gives the occasional address. Pray that this will be an encouraging night as the word of God is clearly proclaimed. Give thanks for the wide variety of ministries our graduates have taken up and pray that they might effectively and lovingly serve God's people, to his glory.
- **Lionel & Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p46)** Please pray that Lionel will have wisdom, energy and love for the students as the year begins (teaching Greek I, New Testament I, New Testament 3 and Atonement) and as we welcome chaplaincy group students into our home. Praise God that our daughter Adelaide has finished school well and been accepted into UTS to study Primary Education in 2021; pray for her as she is about to head off at the end of March to spend time serving with our church family in Durham, UK this year.
- **James & Sarah Righetti (2**nd **year, p12)** Praise God for the chance to preach the gospel at James' brother's wedding over the summer vacation. Please pray for God to work powerfully, and for Sarah and I as we witness to them during our time in Sydney.



Week 3: Monday, 16 March - Sunday, 22 March

- This year **Moore College Missions** are being held in Sydney, regional NSW and overseas. Give thanks that College students and Faculty can partner with churches to engage in mission and ministry to their communities, to the glory of God. Pray especially for those involved in the **planning and preparation of mission events and activities**. Pray for boldness on the part of church members as they invite friends to the many events that are being organised, and for good relationships within the teams.
- **Archie & Ainsley Poulos (Faculty, p46)** Join with us in thanking God for his great kindness in preserving us and the year starting well. Please pray for perseverance and the ability to prioritise for both Archie and Ainsley as they are confronted with so many good things to do.
- **Russell Denten (2nd year, p11)** Give thanks for a good holiday catching up with family, particularly my sister and step-brother. Pray that starting at a new church in student ministry (MBM Rooty Hill) would be fruitful for growing in Christ's likeness.
- Please pray for the **Library and Information Services Department** as they seek to serve the College community with the provision of information services and technology. Please pray particularly for the new members of this department, one on the IT team as the Help Desk and AV support person, and one on the library team. Please pray for the team members that they would use their gifts in the service of the College, and also for the leaders, William Hood as manager and Darin Russell and Erin Mollenhauer as team leaders, that they would lead their teams well.

Week 4: Monday, 23 March - Sunday, 29 March

- **Day of Prayer for Missions (26 March)** Give thanks for the opportunity for students to focus on prayer. Please join with them in praying that God will use Moore College Missions to bring many people to himself.
- **Mission week (Sunday 29 March Sunday 5 April)** Give thanks for the opportunity to hold College missions in many churches. Pray that the gospel will be presented clearly in the various events and that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those who attend. Pray for energy and stamina for all those involved. Pray for good rest and eagerness to work hard for the sake of the gospel.
- Please pray for the College **mission teams** and particularly for students finalising sermons and talks for mission. Please pray for safety in travel and for joyful fellowship in the gospel.
- **Jason Ling (2nd year, p12)** Thank God for deepening friendships at College. Pray that I would keep growing in godliness and in my love for Jesus. Pray also for College Mission, especially as I lead a (huge!) Primary Scripture assembly for the first time.

Focus for April:

- Mission follow-up
- Research and writing

Week 1: Monday, 30 March - Sunday, 5 April

- Pray that **College mission team members** will be servant-hearted as they get to know their host churches and learn from the ministers, team leaders and parishioners during the week. Pray that they would be an encouragement to the saints in each church.
- Pray for **safety** for families while students are on mission. Pray that families will care for one another during mission week.
- Pray that God will use mission week to deepen the **unity** of students and Faculty at College as they share in reaching out to others with the good news of Jesus.
- **Peter & Emma Orr (Faculty, p46)** Please thank God with us for the blessing it is to serve God here at College. Please pray that we would be faithful in the different ministries we are involved in and especially for a number of external speaking engagements that Peter has coming.
- Matthew & Chloe Hearne (2nd year, p12) Thank God for the way he has brought us through our first year at College and for the safe arrival of our daughter Elise. Pray that Matt will be faithful in study and manage his time well both in study and loving the family.

Week 2: Monday, 6 April - Sunday, 12 April

- Pray for all the **mission churches** as they follow up contacts this week. Give thanks for all those who attended events and pray that they will continue to reflect on all they heard and that many might respond in repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Easter Break (10 13 April)** Praise the Lord for the wonderful salvation won for us on the cross. Thank God for the opportunity to stop and remember all that Jesus has done for us, and to celebrate his resurrection!
- Pray for **Paul Williamson (Faculty, p46)** on study leave this semester. Pray that he might use this break from teaching responsibilities well and make good progress on the book he is writing.
- **Joey & Mary Cheng (3**rd **year, p19)** Thank God for quality time spent with our baby Joshua over the holidays. Pray that God would increasingly teach us how the gospel shapes our marriage and being parents as we work out new rhythms of College, caring for Joshua and ministry.

Week 3: Monday, 13 April - Sunday, 19 April

- The College timetable for this term includes a **Research Week (13 17 April)**. Pray that our students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching week.
- **Autumn Break (18 -26 April)** Pray that students and Faculty will have a refreshing break.
- Pray for those amongst the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **writing commitments** to fulfill. Pray for discipline, energy and faithfulness.
- **Jeremy & Felicity Smith (2**nd **year, p13)** Thank God for the gift of marriage as we begin the year as newlyweds. Pray that we would continue to grow in love for the Lord and each other, even as we juggle various ministries (College, Church and Uni Ministry).
- **Netane Siuhengalu (2nd year, p13)** Thank God for the privilege of studying at College and training at St George North Anglican. Please pray that I might cling tightly to the gospel of grace in the ups and downs of study and ministry.
- **David & Amelia Höhne (Faculty, p45)** Give thanks for a new year of ministry amongst the Moore College community. We are thankful for Amelia's new ministry opportunities with Anglicare (training & equipping ESL teachers in the Northern Region of the Sydney Diocese) this year. We are thankful for the cross-cultural opportunities our daughter and eldest son will have through their University studies this year. Please pray for grace and wisdom for David as he serves Moore College as Academic Dean.

Week 4: Monday, 20 April - Sunday, 26 April

- Praise God for the opportunity that College students have to teach **SRE Scripture** in two local primary schools, Newtown North Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray for good relationships with the schools; that parents will encourage their children to attend Scripture and that the children will delight in learning about Jesus and his love for them. Pray too for the witness of College families with children in our local schools.
- Please pray for the **Finance team** as they manage the College's financial resources and records. Pray that they may be given wisdom and discernment as they relate to students about tuition fees and accommodation charges that need to be paid. Pray that they would continue to pursue their work with diligence and enthusiasm as they play their part in the College's mission.
- **Peter & Paula Ryan (PhD, p22)** Give thanks for the opportunity to continue looking intently into Mark's Gospel. Please pray for our family's health after a difficult year last year and for us as we witness to our neighbours and our local school community.

Week 5: Monday, 27 April - Sunday, 3 May

- **Term 2 commences (27 April)**. Pray that students start the new term refreshed, rested and prepared for the challenges ahead.
- **First Year Weekend Away (1 3 May)** Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the first year students and their families. Pray that the time away together will help students to develop good relationships with their fellow students.
- Andrew & Jean Shead (Faculty, p46) Pray that Andrew would make good progress in his writing, and keep learning in his teaching and pastoral roles. Pray for Jean as she takes on a new role teaching postgraduate students, that she would settle in to the role and build good relationships. Pray for our children as they move into adulthood, that they would grow in wisdom as they meet new situations and relationships, and in knowledge and love for the Lord Jesus.
- **Bryn & Kate Weightman (2**nd **year, p13)** We're so thankful to be back for another year. We'd love prayer that we'd carve out time this year to better reflect on what we're learning, and that we'd do this with our classmates and so spur each other on.



MAY 2020

Focus for May:

- Open events for prospective students 11-15 May
- Priscilla & Aquila Centre Evening Seminar 18 May
- Distance Graduation 29 May

Week 1: Monday, 4 May - Sunday, 10 May

- Please pray for students enrolled in the **Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry** course, that God's Spirit will continue to work in them so that they will grow in their love and knowledge of God; that they will delight in God's word; and that they will grow to be more like Jesus. Please pray that as a result of doing this Advanced Diploma, the students will be stronger and more faithful teachers of God's word; that they will desire to seek the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ; and that they will be better equipped to train others in ministry.
- Pray that God would be pleased to use the efforts and resources of the Centre for Global Mission (CGM) to grow men and women around the world to maturity in Christ and prepare them for works of service.
- **Ned & Beth Teuben (2nd year, p13)** Give thanks for God's provision and care and how he has provided for all our needs. Please pray for us, that we can be dependent on his strength as Ned continues College and Beth works full-time.



Week 2: Monday, 11 May - Sunday, 17 May

- Open Week (11 -15 May, 9am-2pm) and Open Night (11 May, 6pm 9pm) Give thanks for the opportunity for people to come along and find out more about the College. Pray that many will be guided to pursue ministry training with us.
- **Prayer Support Group (11 May)** Give thanks for this women's prayer group that has been meeting for many decades to pray for the needs of the College, its Faculty, students and staff. Pray that as these women gather to thank God and bring requests to our heavenly Father, they will be an encouragement to one another and to the faculty wives and student wives who meet with them.
- Pray for the team of **chaplains** who assist in the pastoral care of our students. Pray for good relationships with the students they serve and that the chaplains will balance their College ministry and other responsibilities well.
- Colin & Gillian Bale (Faculty, p45) Give thanks that Gillian coped with being the Acting Principal at her school last year and for all the things she learned in that leadership position. She is thankful for the prayerful support of Christian friends. Give thanks for the great wonder of belonging to the Lord Jesus and having access to the Father through Him. Pray for our adult children (Robert, Elizabeth and Edmund) that in pursuing their careers they would not give up on Christ. Pray for our extended families. Most of them live away from Sydney and not one of them is a Christian. Pray that God would be merciful to them and bring them into contact with Christian people who would share the gospel with them.

Week 3: Monday, 18 May - Sunday, 24 May

- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Evening Seminar (18 May)** Pray for Don Carson as he speaks on the subject of Evangelical Complementarianism and that those who attend will be challenged and encouraged by what the Bible teaches on this subject.
- Give thanks for the dedicated **staff of the College** and all they do to support the students and Faculty. Please ask God to keep them in good health, particularly as the winter months approach.
- Pray for those undertaking **postgraduate studies** at College, either full-time or part-time. Pray that they will be wise in time management and that their learning will be a blessing to God's people.
- Alex & Rebecca Hitchcock (2nd year, p12) Please pray that what Alex learns at College would make him more like Jesus and not just fill his head with knowledge, so that he might be equipped for God's service.

Week 4: Monday, 25 May - Sunday, 31 May

- **CCL Event (27 May)** Please pray for the new director of the Centre for Christian Living (CCL), Dr Chase Kuhn, and the team he works with as they prepare for the first event of the year on May 27. Pray for wisdom in working out how the Centre might continue to serve Christians around the globe by providing faithful and relevant resources.
- **Distance Graduation (29 May)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the graduates who have completed the Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) study and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray that this will be an encouraging night as the word of God is clearly proclaimed.
- Pray for **students and spouses struggling** with infertility. Pray that they would have a deep trust in God and his goodness toward them and that they might be granted the gift of children. Pray too for those students struggling with depression, anxiety and other issues. Pray for strength, patience and perseverance and that they would be well supported and make good progress in their studies.
- **Dan Gillis (3rd year, p19)** Thank God for continuing to grow our family up in the faith. Pray that God's love for us in Christ would enable us to love others and share the gospel with boldness and commitment.
- **Kate & Steve Bradford (MTh, p22)** Kate is so very thankful for the opportunity to research pastoral care in-depth and grateful for the fellowship of the post-grad community. We would value prayer to put into practice what Kate has been learning as she returns to hospital chaplaincy this year, and for our family that we might serve Christ in everything we do, as we all juggle study, work, church and family commitments.



Personal Prayer Notes

MOORE COLLEGE MISSIONS 2020

LOCATION	FACULTY & CHAPLAINS
Malaita, Solomon Islands	Peter Orr & Jane Tooher
Bathurst Presbyterian	Dan Wu & Julia Williams
St Peter's Cathedral, Armidale	David Höhne & Alison Blake
Maitland Evangelical Church	Chase Kuhn & Ruth Sheath
St George North	Michael Blake & Wendy Swanton
Hurstville	Archie Poulos & Anna Hu
Bayside (Arncliffe)	Philip Kern & Sarah Balogh
Beverley Hills	George Athas & Joan Young
Hurstville Grove	Lionel Windsor & Louise Cunningham
Penshurst	Simon Gillham & Isobel Lin
Riverwood	Andrew Shead & Caroline Spencer
Yagoona	Andrew Leslie & Lesley Ramsay
Fairfield/Bossley Park	Chris Thomson & Caroline Clark
Moorebank	Mark Earngey & Cate Hong

