

National Director's Report

As the new National Director, one of my roles has been to understand the overall financial system in Campus Crusade for Christ Australia. Last year, our income was slightly over five million dollars. About 75% of this was money raised by and for our missionaries. We have almost 100 individuals or couples who raise financial support. Another 10% was raised for field ministries and also 10% was conference income. Our expenses reflect a similar pattern. Thank you so much for your contribution. Whether it was \$10 a month, \$1,000 a month or a one-off gift, it really counts.

1,644 people have indicated decisions through our work and the gospel has been shared with 12,774 people during first six months of this year.

We have seven field ministries operating in five states and four locations internationally. These are Student Life (university students), Youth Ministries Australia (school students), FamilyLife Australia (focusing on relationships and families), Global Aid Network or GAIN (aid and relief in church planting efforts in south-east Asia), Life Saving Chaplaincy (surf clubs), Global Church Movements (new faith communities) and Children of the World (primary schools). While some ministries are just beginning, others are well developed and they are seeing God work in amazing ways.

Over the past seven years, we have

been conducting exit interviews with missionaries who leave CCCA. Finances (personal or ministry related) were the equal top reason given during these interviews for what contributed their leaving. Over the years, CCCA has continued to learn how to help our missionaries in the development of systems that enable them to have a career in the organisation. We also actively encourage our missionaries in a variety of ways. For several reasons we can sometimes struggle with finances. Unfortunately, there is a false Christian belief that thinking about and planning in the area of finances is sinful. Our almost fifty-year history in Australia shows that twenty-year olds can live on the smell of an oily rag. But finances and financial planning is required to have a career and raise a family in CCCA. Similarly, there is great frustration if the team has personal finances but no money for ministry. I would like to encourage you to hearten the missionaries you know by praying for and supporting them and their teams to be financially sustainable. Pray for and introduce new ministry partners to your missionaries so they can raise additional funds.

I am extremely hopeful of what God is doing in and through CCCA. Australia is undergoing tremendous social change and this is impacting our methods and sometimes the results of our evangelism. The changes are challenging how we



Allan Gibson - National Director

engage Australians. God is working in and through us. There is tremendous determination and experimentation in innovative outreach. We are convinced that we exist for such a time as this.

Thank you again for the part you play in making a difference in the lives of Australians.

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Allan Gibson
National Director

We have one purpose – To help fulfil the Great Commission in Australia and beyond.

We have one process – connect, build and send multiplying disciples.

We have four major priorities – students, churches, leaders and digital.

Arthur Wilson Has An Amazing Testimony

By Geoffrey Johnstone



Arthur speaking at Life Support about how he became a follower of Jesus through Student Life at Macquarie University in Sydney.

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"This is why we go into ministry," Gareth Watkins, the Student Life team leader at Macquarie University, shared with me over the phone. "And when it happens it makes everything worthwhile."

Each week between 12 and 3pm Student Life at Macquarie University hold Thursday Festival. It's a time when Christians can connect with students through a game of soccer or enjoy lunch while watching others play.

On May 22nd this year Arthur shared his testimony at Life Support, an annual vision evening run by Student Life at Macquarie University.

"Not in a million years did I ever think I would be up here sharing my story about how I came to know Jesus," he began.

Arthur's story started three years ago. The first year student was sitting by the 'grass bowl' smoking a joint when he was approached by Gareth and invited to join a social game of soccer.

"I was in a really dark place at that time in my life," Arthur recalls. "I was looking for short-term solutions to long term problems."

Arthur was not a Christian. In fact, he saw no merit in a faith he had already dismissed. However, the young man was battling with trust issues. He didn't like

the life he was living and he didn't like himself.

"I read somewhere that a lack of trust comes from guilt," Arthur confided. "That may not be true for some people but it was certainly true of me."

The soccer match led to meetings with Student Life and soon Arthur was attending a Wednesday night community church Bible study. He discovered that Christians are genuine. He also felt confident about sharing his struggles without the fear of being judged or rejected.

"In the last three weeks I have really committed myself to God," Arthur shared with his new found family. "And I really want to share it with as many people as possible."

The change in Arthur's life has been quite visible and dramatic.

"In the past if a negative thought came into my head I would have absorbed all that energy," he concluded. "Now I have a positive perspective. I have people who watch my back."

Gareth Watkins felt very encouraged.

"We see a great response in our work with international students," he said. But like many Christian leaders Gareth prays that God will also move in the lives of Australians. "Arthur's testimony is just the encouragement we needed."

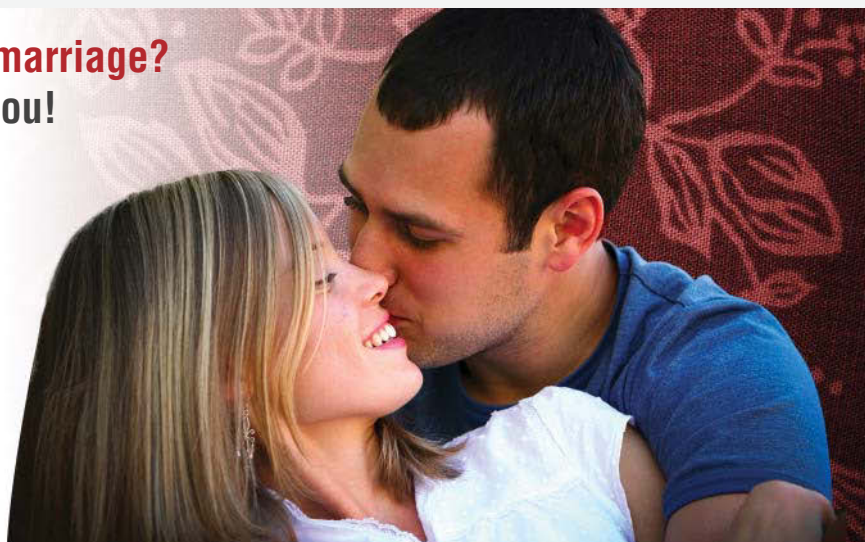
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Children of The World

By Geoffrey Johnstone

Brady Williams is a member of "Children of the World," a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ Australia.

"There are a quarter of a million children in Western Australia and only 30% of them receive Christian religious education," he shared with me at our February conference.

"Twenty five thousand Australians teach scripture," he continued. "But only 5% of them are full time. That's about 1,200 people."

Despite opposition from some parts of the community Scripture teachers usually find themselves very welcome.

"I want my students to know the Bible," my local principal disclosed. "Our culture is built on its stories. The good Samaritan, the prodigal son and David and Goliath are a part of our language."

In the early nineties Campus Crusade's national director, Earl Roberts saw the need and reached out to several people working in child evangelism. Graham McDonald joined us in 1994. Today the 75 year old veteran calls himself a National Children's Advocate.

"The Christian faith is slowly being airbrushed from history," he explained. "The work with indigenous people, welfare, education, the Trade Union Movement, even the Labor Party were all started or heavily impacted by Christians."

Graham has joined a growing number of Christians seeking to make an impact at the national level.

"We plan to build a Christian Museum in Canberra," he said. "We want Australians



Brady Williams, Pauline Pang, Graham and Margaret McDonald from Children of the World.

to know that this nation was built on Christian principles. We need to make sure that our Christian history is included in the education curriculums."

Pauline Pang, from Sydney, is the third member of Children of the World.

"I teach 8 classes a week," she disclosed. "However, my major focus is on training."

Pauline's primary goal is to recruit and train volunteers.



"I could teach more classes," she admitted. "However, the secret is not to work harder but rather to multiply my efforts by making disciples."

Unfortunately the New South Wales government now provides ethics as an alternative to Scripture. Some teachers have lost up to 60% of their students.

Pauline included the following story in her

recent newsletter to supporters.

About 3.5 years ago, a kid from my very first scripture class that I taught 10 years earlier contacted me. Her name is Anne. It was very timely as I was at a low point in my ministry. Anne shared with me how coming from a non-churched home she first heard about Jesus and His love in my class. Anne was 18 years old when she contacted me and she was actively witnessing and discipling many through her university christian student group, running crusaders camp for kids, as well as her local church. Today Anne is 22 years old, just finished Uni and we still meet up regularly for mutual prayer and encouragement. I feel so superbly blessed the Lord enables me to meet and fellowship with kids' I used to teach and I don't have to wait till I'm in heaven to see which of them 'made it'!

The 3 members of Children of the World represent only 2% of Campus Crusade's membership. However, their impact is far reaching.

Brady Williams has his own take on their place in the scheme of things. "I like to think that the seeds we sow in Primary School will come to fruition in the Universities as we work together in ministry."

Praying for CCCA

- We are currently in process of changing our name. Pray for God's wisdom and leading as there is much involved in this endeavour.
- Pray that we would see much multiplying fruit in each of our field ministries.



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Creativity for Effectiveness

By Susan Lee Campbell



Richard and Cora from YMA.

What has a bowl of cereal, guns and Duke of Edinburgh's Award got to do with one of CCCA's core values: Creativity for Effectiveness – we explore the best ways forward? Richard and Cora from Youth Ministry Australia (YMA) found new ways of reaching kids in country NSW.

Sam at fifteen is a daggy farm kid who walks around in boots, flanos and lives in the country town of Nyngan in NSW. He comes from a tough, hard working family who argues incessantly. Sam works for his father on the farm, lamb marking and other hard yakka farm work, which include shooting and trapping feral animals, pest and the occasional straying Victorian! Sam, although a typical farm boy, has recently found a new dimension in his life; through the ministry of Richard and Cora he became a follower of Jesus earlier this year.

Shayne Hamilton, National Ministry Leader of YMA who encouraged Richard to share his experience said, 'our role in mentoring Sam is important. Young people like Sam is the 'bread and butter' of what our Youth Workers and chaplains do.'

Richard's first contact with Sam was over a bowl of cereal in the '8:03 Brekkie' club which he ran for students before school. A mentoring friendship began from that day about two years ago with him and his brother. Through the boys, Richard got to know the rest of their family. Their grandparents were founding members of the church that Richard is pastoring. Sam's parents are unbelievers but tolerant toward Christian input. Richard has gone shooting with the boys and their dad for kangaroos and feral animals. Both boys have been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which Richard runs.

Sam has been attending Soul, a weekly Bible study for not-yet believers at a local café led by Richard. They have explored subjects like 'Stories of hope', and questions such as 'Who does God accept?' and 'What is the cost of discipleship?'

It is his prayer that the youths may treasure Christ above everything else and accept Him as their Lord & Saviour. This year, Richard and his team organised a

one-day Bible seminar called Word of Life Kick-Off for the local youths. They had been praying for the youths in Nyngan and especially for Sam. At the response time, it was what Richard had hoped and prayed for. Sam bravely and publicly put his arm up to admit that he believed in Jesus.



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Richard reflected on the truth of the verse, I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor. John 3:18

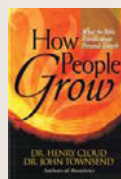
He believes that he is reaping the benefits of others' ministry in the past in Nyngan. He also acknowledges the vital role of visiting speakers in evangelism; they can get through to the youths in a short meeting where he had not yet been able. Although the message of Christ is the same, hearing it from a different voice can make all the difference.

Learn more about Youth Ministries Australia at www.yma.com.au

* Sam is a pseudonym

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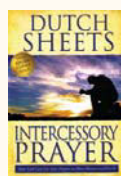


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