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“Light Your World”



17-21 April 2014 – Waratah Bay, Vic

Camp Waratah Bay was chosen for the Victoria/Tasmania Conference Camp this year, which was held on 17-21 April 2014. “Light Your World” was the theme discussed during this weekend.

A small number gathered together on Thursday evening, 17 April 2014, for the start of the camp. The NSW Missionary students were able to share the message of lighting the world before Christ’s Second Coming. Leonardo Rodriguez opened the camp with a study outlining “The Great Commission”.

Friday the 18th April, numbers in the camp started to swell, making fellowship more enjoyable. Rise and Shine at 6am every morning was difficult for some but enjoyable for others whilst walking along the beach across the road from the camp grounds. Other studies and workshops

for the day included: "The Light of the World" by David Dumaguit, "Being A Missionary in our Sabbath Schools" by Paul Chapman and "Your Evangelistic Potential" by Nathan Tyler.

Sabbath, 19th April, about 70 family, friends, visitors and members gathered together again for a full program. "A Place for You" worship by Denise Gutierrez outlined the importance of being involved in lightening the world. The Sabbath School review on Gideon was discussed by Sam Batger. *"All who would be soldiers of the cross of Christ, must gird on the armor and prepare for conflict. They should not be intimidated by threats; or terrified by dangers. They must be cautious in peril, yet firm and brave in facing the foe and doing battle for God."* The Signs of the Times, June 30, 1881. After the review, classes were divided into five different groups to study the new lesson on Samson. *"Our first work is to put away sin; but in order to do this, we must come so close to God that we can understand His character and requirements, and thus measure our sinfulness and our need of a Saviour."* The Review and Herald, March 4, 1884.



The bread of life was shared during the Divine Service by Paul Chapman on "Light Your World", how God will enlighten the world through us. A message of His character needs to be made known. If we have Christ within, we can exhibit Christ and not be ashamed of the gospel. God is calling us to wake up. *"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."* Ephesians 5:14. After a delicious lunch we all came together again for the afternoon Young People's Meeting led out by Peter Szabo, and the theme covered the subject "We Are His Light". Items of praise in song and instruments from all represented states of Australia were presented as we gave thanks to our Heavenly Father.

After the Young People's Meeting, some went for a leisurely walk along the beach and closed the Sabbath under a spectacular pink sky, while others stayed at the camp. Dinner was next on the menu, and it was enjoyed by all. Fresh fruits, bread and spreads, cakes, and not to mention the pumpkin seeds, which were a hot item, kept us going for the evening. The young people and children spent time together playing games, running around and enjoying one another's company, while the not so young enjoyed catch up chat time.



On Sunday, 20th April, studies on the topic of “Earthen Vessels” by Melissa Mota, “How Jesus Worked” by Nathan Tyler, and “Why Are We Here” by Geoff McCucheon, were presented and discussion workshops were included, which were enjoyed by all participants.

Sunday afternoon we all headed to Wilson’s Promontory at the southernmost tip of mainland Australia. It offers spectacular scenery of huge granite mountains, open forest, rainforest, sweeping beaches and coastlines. We all went to the camping site known as “Tidal River” for a beautiful 3.4km walk/hike up to Mount Oberon Summit.

Monday morning, 21st April, worship by Ryan Belu was very captivating on the topic “Peters’ Challenge”. Then Nathan Tyler closed the camp. Everybody said their goodbyes and each headed their own ways. Many young people joined in playing games on the beach for the last time before leaving.

I pray that everybody was blessed by all the messages shared and that we all have a closer relationship with our heavenly Father. I look forward to the next spiritual gathering.

~ Reported by Veronica and Kiara-Shaye Hake

Highlights of each study and more photos are available online at <http://www.sdarm.org.au/?p=5373>

Coleambally Baptism

We thank God for giving us the opportunity to share in a very memorable day as Nathan, Jane and Hannah committed their lives to God. The day was cool, but the sun shone warm and our hearts rejoiced.

On Sabbath afternoon we had the Profession of Faith where Br Alasdair spoke to the youth about their decision to join the army of God. “In God, we can turn our weakness into strength.” As they meet temptation in the coming years, He will be there to guide and strengthen them. They in turn confirmed their commitment and their desire to give their hearts and lives to God in baptism.

We assembled on the banks of the channel beside Farm 95 and sang the beautiful words “Oh Happy Day that fixed my choice, on Thee my Saviour and my God”.



The water was cold, but it was an emotional moment watching as Nathan, then Jane, then Hannah were baptised. I feel so privileged to have been present during this very special event and pray that others will be prompted to follow their example.

~Reported by Ruth Rodionoff

More photos online at: <http://www.sdarm.org.au/?p=5453>

Life Ethics Seminar – NSW Youth Department

30 March 2014 – Schofields Centre - Presented by: NSW Youth Department

The purpose of the “Life Ethics Seminar” was to equip young people with the knowledge they will need to successfully pass through the different phases of life ahead of them. The topics presented related to awareness of the expectations they will be facing as they embrace adult life and how best they can relate to situations in the home, with peers, at work, in their social world and at church.

Planning this seminar was a challenge for the leaders, as there are so many directions we could take and so much that could be covered; for the youth it was a speculating time wondering what was it all about?



Finally the day arrived, when around thirty people, a mixture of youth and slightly more experienced ‘youth’ turned up for the event. The youth are to be commended for their efforts in arriving on time as the seminar started at 9:00am on Sunday morning!

What does the word “ethics” mean? Ethics are principles, morals or values that we embrace in our day-to-day life. The basis of good ethics is built in the home, and this sets a solid foundation for others to be built upon.

It was a one day only seminar and was divided into five sessions. Each session was taken by a different speaker. The topics addressed were:

- Session 1 “*Home Ethics*” - Lidia Voncina
- Session 2 “*Job and Workplace Ethics*” - Harold Kraus
- Session 3 “*Lifelong Ethics*” - Dot Illice
- Session 4 “*Networking Ethics*” - Matthias Thiel
- Session 5 “*Ethics in the Presence of God*” - Joe Voncina

A couple of illustrations were presented by a number of people joining to create two families. One family portrayed true ethics within their home, having wonderful values displayed in their dealings with each other making it a very content and respectful Christian environment for all the occupants to live in; it was a place where many would delight to reside. In contrast, the other family had no respect towards each other or towards the things in their house. This family was very loud and boisterous, rude and disrespectful; this was a house where there were no rules and the members in return lived a very unhappy, selfish and unfulfilled life.

At the end of the demonstration the question was asked: Do you feel



etiquette in the home plays an important part in one's life? The answer was an obvious yes!

To the question: How can you make a difference in the world around you? Here are some of the thoughts expressed:

- *With your character and your manners that you use in your life. But to have good manners, you also need the Holy Spirit.*
- *To do to others what you would have them do to you. Ensure the first impression is good as it will reflect upon ongoing manners.*
- *Small things, small courtesies, appreciation, kindness makes the world's supply of happiness.*
- *By having Christian etiquette in the home first.*
- *I need to change myself and my attitude; then things will change around me*
- *Do my part first. If I can show love, keeping things orderly, it can start the rest of the family off.*

After completion of the first two sessions, it was decided that a lunch break would be very welcome, so a Mexican lunch was enjoyed by all. Then the other three sessions followed in the afternoon.

A quick list of some of the points brought out during the presentations:

- ❖ Our goal is to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.
- ❖ We are to have a vision of what success is like and make all efforts to reach it.
- ❖ Don't be ashamed of who you are. Be honest with yourself; be positive and elevating.
- ❖ Christianity is not a shirt that we put on and take off; it's a heart that wants to do God's will.
- ❖ There must be a drive within to do right.
- ❖ True courtesy must be motivated by love.
- ❖ Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot.
- ❖ For complete happiness it is vital to apply the 'Golden Rule'.
- ❖ Give God your heart. *"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he".* Proverbs 23:7
- ❖ "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life" – Steve Jobs.
- ❖ "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou.
- ❖ In order to be successful, there needs to be a balanced life (spiritual, family, social, work, study, recreation).
- ❖ Take personal responsibility for your own life.
- ❖ Look in the mirror and ask, "What message am I sending?"
- ❖ Keep focused and determined.
- ❖ Commonsense guidelines while using mobile phones or networking:
 - Avoid calls while engaged in face-to-face conversation – if a must then ask permission of people with you.
 - Do not take calls in middle of conversation, business/church meetings.
 - When networking, never engage in bullying, teasing or arguing via social media.
 - Never spread gossip or unkind things via web.
 - Ask yourself: is there anyone that I would rather not see this post? If anyone comes to mind, then don't post it on social media.
 - Be careful not to overshare.
 - Never use foul language, racial slurs or other offensive language on social networking sites.
- ❖ It is good to understand different personality traits. There are four major groups that people can be divided into. "DISC" which stands for Dominance (goal-driven, direct, competitive, *"Just Do It"* people);

Influence (people person, talkative, spontaneous, “*Have fun Doing It*” people); Steadiness (stable, dependable, conservative, loyal, “*Do It Together*” people); and Compliance (careful, logical, organised, diplomatic, “*Do It Right*” people). Knowing about these categories helps to understand why certain people behave in a certain manner and how to be able to get along with them or work with them etc...

- ❖ It is important to be aware of God’s presence in His house.
- ❖ Be punctual.
- ❖ While in the presence of God, avoid anything that is disrespectful towards God such as whispering, drinking (even water), chewing, walking out during meetings, using electronic media inappropriately, sleeping, etc...
- ❖ Be clean - Do not leave rubbish behind (inside and outside).
- ❖ God may be calling you, but probably not on your cell phone – turn off your phones during worship.
- ❖ It’s time to let God do the talking; God is in His temple; no wi-fi, 4G or roaming needed.

I would like to share some of the thoughts expressed by attendees:

“This was a very good program. Personally I really enjoyed it. I think it was a great idea to talk about modern-day ethics, especially discussion about cell phones and how to use them properly. Many do not realise what they are doing is socially unacceptable and rude. We are always being watched especially in the presence of our God. Having proper manners in church is extremely important and everyone can always use a reminder on what is right and wrong.”

~ Ryan Belu

“The seminar was a great blessing. It made me think about some points in my life and plan some strategies that will help me and those around me be happier. Helped me understand some things from a different angle, in a different light.” ~ Unknown

“Very interesting, I really enjoyed it.” ~ Cameron Thiel

“The workshop was impressive. If possible next time include ethics involved between young people and relationships.” ~ Unknown

“What a wonderful day! I am training for my long hikes and was supposed to do my 30km hike today but came here instead. What a blessing! May the Lord be praised for all the people who put an effort in this program. We dealt with so many issues that are current and are a problem today amongst us. I just pray that we can all learn from it and take it to heart and through His strength change for the better. It was truly a blessing to be here today!” ~ Szabi

“The seminar of today was really nice and useful. Good ethics at all times and in all places are important. I learned a lot in this seminar, so I want to say congratulations to all the teachers😊” ~ Unknown

“This seminar was quite engaging and fun and very easy to pay attention to. I really enjoyed the talks and really did learn a whole lot of new information. Thoroughly enjoyed it overall.” ~ Kiara-Shaye Hake



"I enjoyed the seminar because it was fun and interesting. I liked the practical demonstrations, which help me to relate in a better way ☺" ~ Alyssia Thiel

"The seminar was really wonderful. It gave us lessons on how to have a proper decorum as Christians in our home, in the church, in the society or community where we live. But only few young people were present – this must be presented in a spiritual congress, because this is a matter of refining or polishing our characters." ~ Unknown

"Overall, the experience was a long one, however the message was great. The meetings were well organised and appropriate. The message was truly needed and it was an enjoyable day. Thanking all the organisation team. Oh, lunch was extremely Yummy!!!" ~ Amy Gules

At the end of a very full-packed day there was a lot to take home, to think about and to chew on.

The NSW Youth Department firstly thank the youth and the 'young at heart' for coming and supporting this event and pray that you all have been blessed by the experience, and not only blessed today, but that it will make a difference in each of your lives. Matthias, Chris and I would like to especially thank Harold Kraus, Dot Illlicw and Joe Voncina for the hours they put into their workshops, for the help and support they gave us in this seminar. Thanks to all others who helped with lunch, the family illustrations and in different ways to make this seminar a success.

For all that are interested, the next seminar to be held will be the "Communication Seminar" which will be held on the Sunday 26th October, 2014. This will be a MUST to attend, so mark your diaries now and hope to see you then!!!

God bless,

Lidia Voncina on behalf of the NSW Youth Department

Neville Stuart Brittain – Eulogy compiled by Cathy Hall

Neville Brittain was born on the 26th of May 1928. His parents lived in one of the shops, just below the railway line in Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick, Victoria. There was some doubt about his birth date as the birth certificate showed the 28th May. When a copy was shown to his Mum, she looked at it and shook her head. After a moment she said, "Yes it says 28th, but it was definitely 26th and I ought to know because I was there." His parents had a shop there and later moved up to 282 Glenhuntly Road. His father worked for Sanitarium Health Foods and had one side of the shop selling health foods, while his Mother had the other side in which she sold bread, cakes and lollies.

He began school at six years of age at Caulfield South Primary School in Glenhuntly Road. In accordance with the custom of the times, he was made to change from left hand to right hand for writing. He was in a percussion band in about second class and clearly his love for music grew from there.

At six years old Neville was left fatherless when his father had a heart attack at the age of 64.





He didn't get to go to grammar school so continued in primary until grade eight. In grade seven he had an introduction to carpentry and during this time also became a bit of a bookworm.

His mother was unwell for a while and Neville would attend church with his sister. It was during this time that they decided to stop attending the SDA church and soon after became introduced to the Reform Movement.

Neville's family had been given an old radio from some family friends and one special night his mum went to the

Melbourne Town Hall to hear Handel's Messiah. It was broadcast over the ABC. As he had inherited something of his father's love of good music, he thought it extremely special when he was given permission to stay up to listen to the first half of the concert.

At the beginning of 1945 Neville left home to go to Hebron Missionary Training College. He was 16 years old. The Hebron school was on a large property of approximately 120 acres of which about eighty acres was old citrus orchards. The first year was taken up with studies and outdoor work on the property. It was here that he met and made friends with Harry Weymark who would become a good friend. They were blessed to cross paths many times during their lives.

For his first holiday he hitchhiked home to see his mother. During this holiday, he managed to visit the Southwell Family in Greig's Flat. This was the first time he met Elizabeth Southwell. She was only 12 years old then, and he certainly had no interest in her.

He was baptised in July 1945, in the middle of winter. The river water was very cold, but he survived.



In 1949 he joined the Elim Health Centre clinic at Summerhill which meant leaving Hebron to live in Sydney. He did further training in Medical Missionary work, which included learning massage. He looked after the men's massages, working mostly in the evenings, and did washing for the clinic during the day. Coincidentally, Elizabeth Southwell, by now a young lady, also worked at the clinic. After work, she and Neville began their walk home together as they lived in the same direction. Some times when they were waiting downstairs in the hydrotherapy section for the next patient, he would read dietetic notes to her while she knitted. They got on very well, and one day he asked her father if he could take her out to the city. Obviously he said, "Yes", and so it slowly came to be recognised that they were 'going together'. Neville then moved to Western Australia to assist with church work. He corresponded weekly with 'Bet'.

About a year later in 1953, He returned to Sydney for another Union Conference Session and of course there were greetings all round when he arrived. As Neville says in his story, "Kisses and cuddles were the order of the day" when he got to see Bet that day. From then

they made short work, getting engaged and then married three weeks later on April 12th 1953. Neville

returned to WA with Bet to work for the church. His new in-laws, “Mum and Dad” and their sons, Gordon and Clyde, went with them on the long Nullarbor trip in an old Hudson car with a trailer.

Though engaged in church work, he continued being involved with the natural health work. While in WA, Keith was born on 13th April 1955, the day after their 2nd wedding anniversary. He returned to Sydney NSW again for next conference session, after which he was placed in charge of Elim Health Centre—having a big responsibility for both clients and staff. Neville applied for and became a member with the “Australian Naturopathic Physicians Association”. While living in Sydney they had three more children—Barry in January 1957, Roy in April 1959 and Julie in June 1961. Due to lack of work and low finances he did some truck driving and also worked in a sawmill for a short time to help support the family. He had an accident on one trip while driving a truck across Mooney Mooney Bridge. The steering wheel of the truck came off in his hands due to a nut not being in place, resulting in the truck veering down the embankment, his face hitting the dash, and an arm going through the windscreen as the truck hit a tree. He grew a moustache following this as he couldn’t shave due to the stitches he had to have, and to this day he has never shaved it off.

His love for natural health continued and he took a job at Hopewood Health Centre at Wallacia as the second practitioner. Shortly after the family moved to the home in Wallacia, a house that has been lived in by each member of the Brittain family at some time or another. Nev’s mother also lived with them at Wallacia, and it was here that Geoffrey was born in July of 1966. After about fourteen years at Hopewood working in Naturopathy, Neville answered the call to return to church work, and again WA was the place he was to go. The family left for Perth in July of 1975. Just as before, while working for the church he also continued with his interest in health. His love for music, and organs in particular, had brought him far enough to help teach a little. Neville helped with building a house in Stoneville and here is where their youngest child, Cathy was born in May of 1977.



He worked in WA until the family was called to go to South Africa; although from the initial idea it took another two years to eventuate, he finally went with Bet and three of their children. Prior to leaving, Nev was ordained by Br Sas as a Minister. He had only been ordained as an Elder until then.

In South Africa he began by working with Mission Health Foods, an enterprise which was to supply funding for further mission work there. He and Bet attended night school in an attempt to learn Afrikaans as it was spoken along with English. However, they struggled to get the hang of it. While Neville worked for the church in Africa he managed to travel within the continent to countries like Zambia and Kenya just to name a couple. He saw many areas of a beautiful continent that forever after would have a special place in his heart. From South Africa he travelled further afield for the church to General Conference Sessions. The first of many General Conference Sessions he attended was held in Canada. While there he learned how to work a printer and did some printing of the church Sabbath School lessons. At the next General Conference Session, held in 1987, Neville was again asked to move, this time back to Australia to work in the Asian Pacific Region. After 9 ½ years abroad, Australia would once more be their home.

However this was not to last long. In 1991 he was “called” to the office of General Conference President, a call that required him to move to Virginia, USA, to work at the General Conference Headquarters. This time though, Bet would stay in Australia to be with her mother and the rest of the family. So they spent the next six years keeping their relationship going with the occasional international phone call, lots of letters (once again), faxes, and as many visits home as he could manage! While he was working as the General Conference President, his grandchildren would affectionately refer to him as “the Pope”. During all this time he managed to visit many countries he never would have thought possible—countries like Hong Kong, Japan, India, Pakistan, Brazil, countries in the Caribbean and in Europe, and many more—all to work for the God he loved so much, and for the people of these countries who had chosen to follow the same Creator.

Finally, worn and weary, the call to retirement was strong, and he came home to be with the woman he had chosen to love 'till death do us part'. It was an adjustment for them both, but their love for each other grew stronger each day. He got to spend time with family, watch his grandchildren grow and see many great-grandchildren added to his family. During retirement he was still very active, helping and supporting the church he had worked for for most of his life. He revelled in his love of music again and enjoyed creating music for a small orchestra that he conducted called "The King's Minstrels".

Neville and Elizabeth Brittain celebrated first their 50th wedding anniversary in 2003, and then, just last April 12th, 2013, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with pride as on the same day they watched their granddaughter walk down the aisle to marry her soul-mate. It was at the end of the day's celebrations that Neville shared with his family the news that he was suffering from a disease the majority of us fear most and one that eventually took away his life—cancer. Today we celebrate a life well lived, a fight of faith well fought, and a life that will not be forgotten by any of us.

Compiled by Cathy Hall (Daughter) from the book "Nev's Story" written by Neville Stuart Brittain



Neville and Elizabeth Brittain with children; from left to right: Cathy, Geoffrey, Barry, Roy, Julie, Keith

Jervis Bay NSW Youth Camp

Bristol Point, NSW - 4th to 6th April, 2014



Bristol Point is one of the campgrounds by a beautiful coastal cove situated in Jervis Bay NSW, approximately three hours' drive south of Sydney. Catering especially for groups, Bristol Point is a very clean and well-kept camp, offering hot showers, BBQ areas and even an outdoor amphitheater which could be used for meetings.



For weeks many were preparing and looking forward to this event. As we were driving on the motorway Friday afternoon, the rain was bucketing down to the point where we could hardly see the road. Since a number of people were concerned about the weekend being a very wet one, I must admit that on the way down, I also started to worry a little; so I quietly sent a prayer to God asking if He could help us, at least to hold back the rain until we put up our tents and tarps. But God must have been smiling as my prayers went up because He had already worked everything out. As we were getting closer to camp, the weather was clearing up more and more until we could even see some blue sky. How grateful we were to God for His goodness and for answering our prayers.

As we were looking around for a place to set up camp, we were greeted by friendly, beautifully coloured parakeets and other birds, which put a smile on everyone's faces. The boys had a number of them landing on their arms, heads and shoulders.

One by one the cars started pulling up, and tents were being erected, soon looking like a tent city!!! A couple of large tarps were put up in the middle of camp to be used for meals etc. and they were the best investment the Youth Department made. After setting up camp, some of us took a walk down by the

seaside, and it was just gorgeous. Such white sand, lovely aqua-green and blue water, sun glittering between the clouds, brown and cream rocks and later the evening glow with stripes of soft purple, pink, orange and blue made us feel immediately relaxed. I couldn't help think what a Master Designer our God is. The boys were also very excited to spot a stingray which was captured by Harrison with his underwater camera.

We opened Sabbath together, and as we were quite hungry, dinner was extremely appetizing. There were a couple of very special people who turned a year wiser within two days apart: Nathan from Melbourne on the second, and Denise from USA on the fourth, the day the camp started. So we shared a cake together and wished them God's blessings for the years to come. At night, some youth went for a walk on the beach and witnessed the very interesting sparkles of the plankton as they kicked the water and sand.

After a good nights rest, the morning daylight got us out of bed feeling refreshed and ready to enjoy God's day in nature. Brother Joe and I went for a morning walk to Green Patch before breakfast and saw kangaroos quietly grazing on the lush green grass, so tame that they could be patted. As we came around the corner at Bristol Point rocks, we met Kayli who was enjoying looking at sea anemones, gathering shells etc. Self-catered breakfast was next.



Brother Matthias let us know that the Sabbath Bible Lesson study would be taking place down by the rocks. A number of people carried their chairs, drinking water and books to where we met, a place not short of the beauty of God's wonderful creation. Many favourite hymns of praise went up to our Heavenly Father, and Sister Denise took us through the lesson for the day. We felt so blessed, as again the weather was gorgeous even to the point that some got a little sunburnt. Lunchtime came far too quickly for some, while others seem always hungry... and so together we shared a delightful combined lunch.

After lunch, most of us enjoyed a walk in the Botanical Gardens, which was only a short drive from camp.

Upon arriving back at camp, a special activity for the youth took place at the beach. Brother Matthias asked them to divide themselves into groups of no more than four or five and they had to depict a Bible story on the sand. The adults and those who remained were to guess what the story was. They were quite creative.

The displays were well done as you can see by the pictures; some of scenes were very detailed. It was lovely to see the youth participate in this activity. The stories portrayed were:

- Daniel in the lion's den
- Conversion and baptism of the Ethiopian
- Jonah in the whale
- Feeding of the multitude with five loaves and two fishes
- The demoniac made whole and pigs running down the cliff
- Three different portrayals of the walls of Jericho

While there, we sighted a large stingray swimming gracefully across the beach. On a couple of different occasions, dolphins were also spotted by various people.



Just before sunset, we gathered together around the BBQ fire to sing some more favourite choruses and David led out for closing of Sabbath. All brought something to add to the combined BBQ dinner; and so we enjoyed another delicious meal of burgers, sausages, onion, eggplant, mushrooms, super sweet corn on the cob, salad and bread rolls (and that's just some of the yummy foods enjoyed). After tea, a number of people went down to the beach again to see some more plankton.

Daylight saving finished on Sunday morning giving us an extra hour in bed, but unfortunately the rain started pelting down around two o'clock in the morning and didn't give up until about an hour and a half before we had to leave. God again held back the rain at the time we needed most, so we were able to pack the tents and the tarps without getting drenched. Even though it was a wet Sunday morning, it never deterred some keen water lovers from taking a dip early in the morning finishing the camp on a high note. The hot showers were very much appreciated after the cool experience.

Morning worship was led by Melissa, and all were in good spirits and thankful to God that we were able to spend time enjoying such beautiful nature and each other's company. We are looking forward to our next camp which will be held during the October long weekend.

I would like to share some thoughts expressed by some of the youth:

"Breath-taking weekend. The white sandy beaches surrounding the campsite were just so beautiful. It was such a blessing to spend a weekend out in nature. From the ginormous stingrays and fluoro plankton in the beach to the wallabies and birds surrounding the camp God's name was written in everything. Thanks to everyone for making the weekend so memorable... and to the leaders who made it possible."

~ Veronica & Kiara-Shaye Hake

"The best camp. The place was awesome; however, the people even better! Great people I have met here down under. The fourth was the best...lol! Thank you for remembering young Boje and my birthday. Cake was great. Thanks Sister Lidia! It was great to enjoy Sabbath by the beach. Phenomenal! Would definitely do this again. God bless everyone!!!"

~ Denise Gutierrez

"On Friday, 4 April, a group of about 40 youth and young at heart gathered at the Jervis Bay Campgrounds for a weekend of camping. Despite the rain, everyone had a wonderful time. Some of the highlights of the camp were illustrating Bible stories in the sand, climbing the rocks on the beach, seeing how dry you can be after running between the tents and the covered tarp area, and seeing the little glowing plankton in the water on the beach at night. Everyone is looking forward to the next campout!"

~ Alyssia Thiel

"I really enjoyed the camp, especially the bioluminescent plankton in the water" .

~ Cameron Thiel

"The decision had been reached. We were going to be attending the youth campout at Jervis Bay. The dates were locked in, and as the days drew nearer, the weather forecast was not being very agreeable with a camping weekend.

"Still we decided to attend, and it was amazing.

"The beautiful scenes in nature, having the Sabbath School lesson taken by the ocean, and enjoying each other's company in such a serene location made the nine-hour drive, each way, seem trivial.



"Praise God that 50 people attended, and even though the weather should have been miserable, it wasn't until Sunday morning that the clouds released their payload, and the showers came pouring down. That made it a memorable challenge, and we still played ball on the beach, and went for a swim; after all, once you're in the water, you cannot get any more wet.

"I'd like to thank the leaders for organising this weekend, and everyone who attended by making it special. The way everyone got along; the fact that there were only two 'official' combined meals, yet I ate all my meals together with the group. Everyone was happy to share, help each other out, and spend quality time in nature"

~Matthew Boje

More Photos online at: <http://www.sdarm.org.au/?p=5326>

Queensland Youth Campout

“Are You Connected”

Boreen Point, Qld – 24th to 26th May, 2014



On Thursday, 24 April, many of those attending the Camp, “Are You Connected?” travelled from all parts of Queensland to the lovely setting in God’s creation at Boreen Point, QLD. The campground was set amongst trees, next to a large, shallow inland lake. Some of the more adventurous boys “walked” across the entire lake which was 3.8km and canoed back as some towed a canoe across. The weather forecast was for storms, but we were grateful that the predicted storms came late Sunday after the camp was all finished and everyone had left. The weather was glorious for the entire long weekend. After setting up tents and a quick dinner, we had our first meeting, “From End to End”, taken by Jylan Wynne. Then after helping others set up camp and visiting with friends, we all settled in for the night.

The next morning, we began our day with a study by Daniela Balarezo entitled, “The Connection.” After a quick breakfast, we met along the side of the lake for our first workshop by Elisabeth Balarezo entitled, “Interference.” We had a practical example of interference in our connection as four young men were told to build a pyramid surrounded by a wall. As they worked, others were secretly told to distract them and give them other suggestions. We discussed how to deal with interference in our spiritual lives. Following on, we had another workshop called, “From Disconnection to Reconnection” by Jonathan Brown. When the plug is connected to the power source the switch is either on or off. So it is with us; we are either connected or disconnected. If we are disconnected, we need to seek to be reconnected. We had an interesting discussion on the topic again along the lake shore. After lunch and some outside activities, we began Sabbath preparations. Jordan Chapman opened the Sabbath with a meeting on “Dual Connection.” After dinner, we had a short Youth4Christ Question and Answer session which we had begun as a monthly Friday night activity earlier this year as part of the QLD Youth Activities.

After another sleep under beautiful, bright stars, we had morning worship by Benji Fuenzalida called, “Transmitting.” We had breakfast and Sabbath School and then Br. Csongor Matyas took our Divine Service

entitled, “Are you Connected?” Brother Csongor first recapped the studies previously given, and then went into an interesting study using the parable of the 10 virgins as an illustration. Following divine service was lunch. Afterwards we had our Youth Meeting, with some lovely testimonies from some of our visitors. When our youth meeting was finished most of the young people enjoyed a lovely walk along the edges of the lake and through the surrounding bush. Jamie Squires then closed Sabbath with a study called “Eternal Connection” and afterwards we all enjoyed the evening barbeque.

Most went to bed early because a large group were planning to rise at 4:45 am the next morning while it was still dark to watch the sunrise from the top of a nearby small mountain. Those attending said it was well worth the early start. Then back at camp Jeremy Gordon took worship entitled, “Face to Face”. After breakfast we packed up and enjoyed the free afternoon of fellowship before the trek home.

I pray that everyone who attended gained a blessing from this camp and may strive to have a stronger and closer connection with our Heavenly Father.

~Reported by Melissa and Deborah Chapman



More Photos Online at: <http://www.sdarm.org.au/?p=5461>

Youth Department Fly-n-Build – Elim Heights, NSW

The AUC Youth Department is organising a fly and build project at our youth campground at Elim Heights. The purpose of this plan is to make the campground more attractive and more youth friendly. The project involves two weeks of labour and building two major projects—an outdoor amphitheatre and youth recreational facility. So we need your help by volunteering one or even two weeks.

Registration closes on the 31 May 2014

You can register online at <http://www.youthchallenger.org.au/fly-build/>

Or contact via phone or SMS: +61-430505935 or email: youth@sdarm.org.au

Invitation to the NSW Spiritual Conference – 6-9 June 2014

A Thief in the Night

NSW Conference invites you to attend our 2014 Spiritual Conference, 6-9 June, 2014. The title of our conference is “A Thief in the Night”.

Venue

The conference is being held at:

Elim Heights Youth Camp and Convention Centre, 5760B-5760D Putty Road, Colo Heights, NSW, 2756

For more details contact Alasdair Pow – mobile: 0433 408 145 or apow@sdarm.org.au

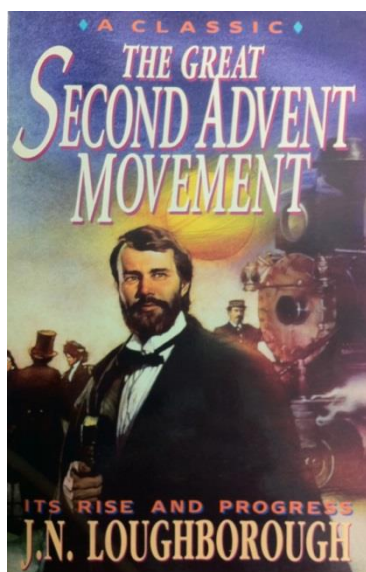
Invitation to the WA Spiritual Conference - September 2014

Jesus Knocks - Christ's Message to Laodicea

WA Field invites you to our 2014 Field Spiritual Conference, 26-29 September, 2014. The title of our conference is “When Jesus Knocks – Christ’s Message to Laodicea”. The counsel of the True Witness to Laodicea is more relevant to God’s people today than at any other time in the history of the Christian church. We will consider the most important elements of this message found in Revelation Chapter 3 and how they apply to us today. We hope you will be able to come and join us at this important and refreshing time together.

Venue

The conference is being held at a beautiful Christian campsite named Camp Logue Brook located just 1½ hours’ drive south of Perth (between Yarloop and Harvey). The address is: Logue Brook Dam Road, HARVEY WA 6220.



The Great Second Advent Movement – Its Rise and Progress – J N Loughborough

“...The experience of William Miller, and his associates, of Captain Joseph Bates, and other pioneers in the advent message, should be kept before our people. Elder Loughborough’s book should receive attention.” – Ellen White, Letter 105, 1903 (CWE 145)

An excerpt from the book – p 251, 252

“The First Book on the Sabbath

Elder Bates at once began to preach this truth from State to State. He soon saw that a book, or even a tract on the Sabbath question would be a great help to him in his work, and his soul was moved by the Spirit of God to write and publish something on this subject. But how it could be done without money, was the question, as all that he had was a York shilling (twelve and a half cents). It may be of interest to the reader to relate his experience in this matter just as he told it to me in 1855.

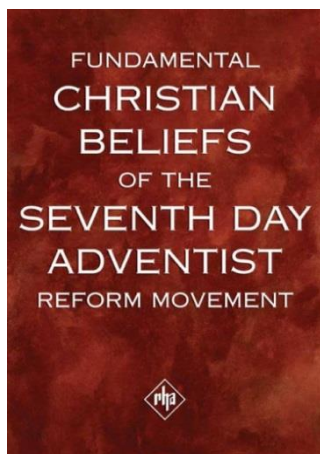
Four Pounds of Flour

He said that while in prayer before God, he decided to write the book, and felt assured that the way would open to publish it. He therefore seated himself at his desk, with Bible and concordance to begin his work. In the course of an hour, Mrs. Bates came into the room and said, ‘Joseph, I haven’t flour enough to make out the baking,’ and at the same time mentioned some other little articles that she needed. ‘How much flour do you lack?’ asked Captain Bates. ‘About four pounds,’ was her reply. ‘Very well,’ replied he. After she had left the room, he went to a store near by, purchased the four pounds of flour and the other articles, brought them home, and again seated himself at his writing desk. Presently Mrs. Bates came in and saw the articles on the table and exclaimed, ‘Where did this flour come from?’ ‘Why,’ said the captain, ‘isn’t there enough? You said you wanted four pounds.’ ‘Yes,’ said she, ‘but where did you get it?’ ‘I bought it,’ said he; ‘is not that the amount you wanted to complete the baking?’ ‘Yes,’ continued Mrs. Bates, ‘but have you, Captain Bates, a man who has sailed vessels out of New Bedford to all parts of the world, been out and bought *four* pounds of flour?’ ‘Yes, was not that the amount you needed to complete the baking?’ ‘Yes,’ said Mrs. Bates, ‘but have you bought *four pounds (!)* of flour?’

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6-20 July, 2014

Youth Department Fly-n-Build 2014

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15-17 August, 2014

Queensland Conference Camp 2014

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26-29 September, 2014

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Location: Camp Logue Brook, Harvey
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Download Invitation Here: www.sdarm.org.au/wa2014

3-6 October, 2014

NSW Youth Camp

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26 October, 2014

NSW Youth Department Seminar - Communication

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