

Church Matters

Keeping a link with the Sydney congregation



Living and Sharing the Gospel

February 2016

On January 31st at the home of **Jeff and Helen Callaghan, Rod Matthews, John McLean, David Jordison, Mark Latham and Rod Dean** discussed our support for the PNG membership.

PNG Meeting

A PowerPoint review of the last trip was shared with discussions of various needs and plans for the next visit, probably some time in late July.

A major item on the agenda, which will require further discussion with the Australian board, is the legal relationship between the PNG church and the GCI Australia. Various options were reviewed.

A major focus in the future will be the education and contribution of the young people in Mt Wilhelm.

The budget is sustainable and we all deeply appreciate the faithfulness of the area to the church in PNG. Shortly we will be purchasing the materials needed for the orphanage shower and toilets and materials for development of the church centre in Mt Wilhelm.

A big thank-you to Mark for providing continuity for these visits.



Patricia Joan Chiles 6-11-1934 to 28-11-2015

On 3rd December Rod Dean officiated at the funeral of **Patricia Joan Chiles**, wife of long term member **Peter Chiles**. They had been married over 58 years with 5 children, 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. After a long period of illness Patricia died on 28th November 2015.

Patricia was born in Birmingham UK. Peter met Patricia on leave from Malaysia and married 10 months later. They emigrated to Australia in 1962.

Peter described her:

Pat was good at multitasking and she never got flustered —gifts I never had. She was a great wife and mother. All who knew her were given tender love. Pat loved dancing and used to compete in ballroom dancing and won some medals.

In reality only God knows the sacrifices a mother makes for a large family. But he does know, he does care and he does not forget our labours of love for others.

Jesus entered fully into our humanity to bring life to us. It is in the revelation of the love of the Father for all of us we anticipate the new life together of love undiminished, a way of life utterly sinless and pure, work and responsibility without fatigue, deep emotions without tears of mourning, worship without restraint, genuine and united.

We send our condolences to Peter and his family.

From **Joseph** in Kenya to **Kalengule**:



"Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity and time and effort that you put into making the school construction such a huge success. Words cannot express how we feel.

If it would be possible, kindly tell the donors and your supporters we really appreciate their willingness to support the children's project. Whoever will reward you brethren is God."

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Kenyan School





On the 11th December 2015, a fine sunny Canberra day shrouded by smoke from a nearby bush fire, **Tamarah Kevill** and **Troy Barden** were happily united in marriage at Gold Creek, Canberra, by Pastor **Randall Bouchier**. Friends and family wish Tamarah and Troy all the best for their future together.

Wedding

Update from Buduburam

We finally got the \$4,100 through to Ghana for the payment of the new term's educational fees and grain. The original amount for no reason had bounced back.

The latest pictures of the construction of the children's church building are shown opposite.

Over the holidays a large thank you card was sent in appreciation for all the support the local congregations have given to the Buduburam congregation.

Theo Okai:

"We appreciate your dedicated commitment to us in GCI Buduburam, Ghana. Thank you and God bless our Australian brothers and sisters."

Emmanuel Okai:

"We want to express our heartfelt thanks to he members of the Sydney and Bathurst congregations of Australia. For your kindness, thoughtfulness and real, practical expression of love to your brethren here at Buduburam Ghana. May God continue to bless you all in everything you do. Thanks again in Jesus' name."

The card was filled with many, many thanks from different members of the congregation.



Update on the Kenyan School

We recently received heart-warming news about the developments in the construction of the school in Migoli Kenya for the 350 orphans and vulnerable children.

The photographs show that the roofs have been put on seven classrooms.

The immediate need is to do the floor slab, fittings (doors, windows and electrification) before they proceed to another level e.g. wall plastering, painting, fencing and construction of a road right from the main road direct to the school and connecting the electricity to the school.

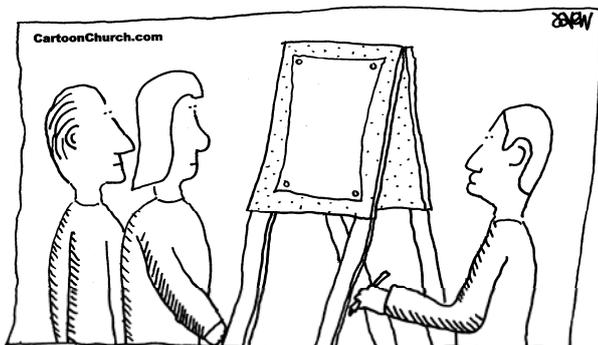
Kalengule wrote :

"I have some funds left over from the precious transfers. What is on hand should cover some of the outstanding jobs. I have sent a request to Joseph to send me a list of outstanding jobs and their costs. When this is done, I will forward funds to the construction team. If the available funds will not

be sufficient, I will let you know.

Widows and orphans general feedback are feelings of deep appreciation to God through you, your team, and sponsors whose hearts have been moved to contribute to the welfare of these needy brethren.

I guess that the future will tell when these young children (orphans) will look back and see God's hand in their lives. God's generous hand is seen in you all. Keep up the good work."



"OK... we've got 5 minutes to depict the fulness of the Trinity on this sheet of paper"

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