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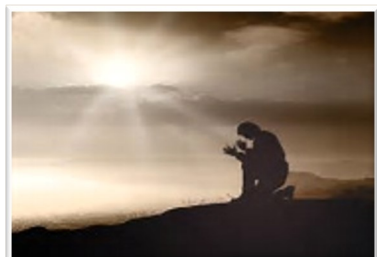


From the Principal's Desk

Academic year 2017 has indeed moved so fast! It's not that time has moved faster but that God has moved so awesomely steadfastly at BCWA. It has certainly been an enjoyable and fulfilling ministry year. Our students working towards the attainment of ministry qualifications have done well. Those who attended and participated in seminars and workshops have been equipped to serve God holistically. This year, I've had the privilege of seeing what God is doing in our overseas ministry centres in South Africa and Indonesia. I ministered to our eighteen students at Global Reach Bible College in October 2017 and gave professional development training to the forty teachers and staff at our partner school in Balikpapan as well as teach Christian Values and Culture to the Senior High students. Furthermore, and we thank God, that we have also been able to have finally established the foundations for ministry training in the Philippines in November 2017. Here, we conducted Discipleship training with twelve students receiving the Certificate in Discipleship Studies. A total of thirty-three participants received some form of Discipleship training, which included Pastors' from across Laguna Province, Philippines. A theological forum was also held addressing Ecclesiology, Pastoral/Spiritual Leadership and Women in Ministry. Two of our Aussie Theology students came along for on-the-job training and have indeed been equipped further. They delivered preliminary submissions as part of their assessment trajectory. Earlier on in the year, four of our Global Mission students accompanied me to the Philippines as part of their assessment trajectory. We praise God for the fruitful ministry at BCWA! There is so much more to report but why not book me in for a coffee [early bookings are essential] so that we may chat further. I look forward to 2018 especially as we celebrate our 40th anniversary.

"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen" –Jude 24-25 (NIV).

Spiritual Formation Class Retreat



On Friday, 20th of October 2017, Students and lecturer of Spiritual Formation class had a retreat at BCWA Campus.

Here are the excerpts taken from one of the student's Journal Record of this Retreat:

"It was quite a wonderful experience in the presence of the Holy Spirit for me. We started the retreat with an opening prayer, committing the program into God's hand to bless and reach out to us. We had a sacred silence in the presence of God to meditate on His Words and making a reflection over it. As the retreat was roundup with

Holy Communion, I felt like a burden has been lifted off from me after I had taken the bread and the wine. My take home lesson from this is to slow down from the pursuit of issues of life and seek God in sacred silence like this."





News from Balikpapan, Indonesia.



Harapan Bangsa International School

The Principal conducted Training and consultative services in Balikpapan, Indonesia during August 2017. It is encouraging to see the school growing and our partnership flourishing.



News from South Africa Global Reach Bible College



The Principal visited Global Reach Bible College in late October 2017 and held an evening session with the students



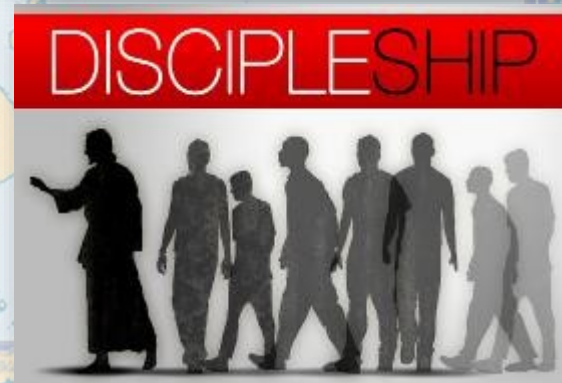


Philippines Mission Trip Update

14 - 24 Nov 2017



The Principal together with Mrs Ros Smith conducted Discipleship Training, Theological Forum and Revival Meetings at **Faith Christian Fellowship** in Laguna Province, Philippines. Students came from around the province with thirty three Pastors and Leaders attending. Pastors and Leaders will continue their training with BCWA through distance education and the Principal will be conducting further visits as and when the need arises. Please keep the Church in prayer as they look for a Pastor.



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)



BCWA New Campus

29 Third Avenue, Kelmscott, WA 6111.



College Library and Admin Office

In September 2017, BCWA has moved its campus to Kelmscott Baptist Church, 29 Third Avenue, Kelmscott, WA 6111.

Thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for meeting our needs through KBC. Thanks to our students, family, friends and all at Kelmscott Baptist Church for your help in moving and getting set for operations.

BCWA, Grace Community Church & Kelmscott Baptist Church Combined Sunday Service

On Sunday, 10th of September 2017, BCWA, Grace Community Church and Kelmscott Baptist Church had combined Sunday service where our Principal introduced BCWA and also preached. Students also gave their testimonies to the congregation. It was a welcoming, joyous and exciting gathering recognizing our oneness in Christ as we labour together in His vineyard. There were prospective students showing their interests to enroll at BCWA. What a joy for us to see a perfect example of Kingdom culture and mentality of supporting, loving and accepting one another while recognizing each one as Christ's body member.



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

(Psalm 133:1) NKJV



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Many years ago, seasoned missionary campaigner Leslie Newbigin wrote: "From whence comes the voice that can challenge this culture on its own terms, a voice that speaks its own language and yet confronts it with the authentic figure of the crucified and living Christ so that it is stopped in its tracks and turned back from the way of death?"

Back in the year of 1521 a young Roman Catholic monk, Martin Luther who had undergone a conversion encounter with the resurrected Jesus stood on trial for his challenge to Catholicism at the Diet of Worms.

Fearless and full of conviction He stated: *"Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason – I do not accept the authority of Popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other – my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."*

Sounds like a voice challenging his culture in a language the people could understand.

In the early to mid 1700's in America, a young theologian was growing in Christ-likeness and fervour for God's glory. His name was Jonathan Edwards and he became a main preacher in the American Great awakening. In his writing "A Divine and Supernatural Light" Edwards writes: *"There is a twofold understanding or knowledge of good, that God has made the mind of man capable of. The first, that which is merely speculative or notional....The other is that which consists in the sense of the heart: as when there is a sense of the beauty, amiableness, or sweetness of a thing....Thus there is a difference between having an opinion that God is holy and gracious, and having a sense of the loveliness and beauty of that holiness and grace. There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness....When the heart is sensible of the beauty and amiableness of a thing, it necessarily feels pleasure in the apprehension... which is a far different thing from having a rational opinion that it is excellent."*

I think you would agree that a statement such as that flies in the face of cultural relevancy, and instead presents a

God who alone is worthy of all honour from His creation.

Then there was Eva Price. She was from America's Midwest and in 1889 she agreed to accompany her husband Charles in his venture of missionary service to China's interior region.

The Price's and their two young sons set up home on an isolated mission station in Shansi. There the winters were brutally cold and the summers brutally hot. Shansi boasted open sewerage and street garbage, and was renowned for its typhoid and smallpox, which would steal in death both Price boys.

Their mission to China proved unsuccessful and in 1897 the Price's returned to the United States. After much soul searching and seasons of severe depression the Price's returned to China with a fresh vibrancy and expectation of experiencing the Spirit work.

Because of her experiences Eva could write: "My capacity for loving has enlarged in all the discipline of sorrow....."

Eva's spiritual renewal came just in time for herself and Charles to lose their lives in the Boxer Rebellion soon after their return to China.

The sensibility of a western culture might have cried out, "Don't go back there, you have already lost your two sons." But for Charles and Eva it actually made sense to return to that harsh alien culture with the hope of sharing the Gospel, even at the cost of their own lives also.

Alan Walker was an Australian evangelist and theologian in the latter part of the last century. In 1987 Walker was named as one of the one hundred people considered as an Australian Living Treasure.

He would preach throughout Australia and New Zealand during the 1950's and it is estimated that he preached to more than half the populations of each country.

Walker later became known for his stance against the "White Australia" policy. His views and opinions caused him to be expelled from South Africa on two separate occasions due to his anti-apartheid stance. He was knighted by the Queen; befriended by Martin Luther King Jr.; and he was nicknamed "The conscience of a nation" by the Governor General.

However, with all that Alan Walker's greatest statement was his heartfelt cry of love for Christ: "Let it never be forgotten that it is Christ we offer."

How true a thought that is for our modern and post-modern church fellowships. That means that like Alan Walker I realize that church is not about "me". And like Alan Walker I get that church is not about the music of my cultural era. Also, like Alan Walker I begin to appreciate that "my faith" "is all about God----- and all about others."

Well, then of course, there was Jesus. He is the supreme example to every believer as to how we should live.....and even die.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you Lord! This shall never happen to you." Basically, Peter is telling the Creator of the universe; "That's not going to happen because I've got your back".

In ignorance Peter is attempting to dissuade the Lord from accomplishing the will of God the Father which meant the offer of salvation for you and me.

The way of Jesus may not have seemed either reasonable or logical to the bold Peter, but then "God's ways are not our ways".

It seems that by willingly going to Calvary as an innocent, sin-free Saviour, Jesus went against every cultural expectation anticipated by his own close colleagues, called "disciples".

Well, that's just a few of the tales of some of God's great followers who challenged "the culture they found themselves in", so that through their lives God would be glorified.

I am sure you can think of many more such God-followers. As you think, why not take a look in the mirror and see if there's one you might just have overlooked.

Keith Henderson

BCWA Academic Dean



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Kaleidoscope - 2017



..Mission Trip to "Laguna, Philippines"

21 APRIL — 26 APRIL 2017



Women's Seminar SATURDAY, 06 MAY 2017

Christian women of different backgrounds had participated in the women's Seminar with emphasis in the area of healing: "Restoring yourself after the storm."





Kaleidoscope - 2017

END OF SEMESTER 1 - **BARBECUE - FELLOWSHIP** - (04 June 2017)



Lecturers briefing & Fellowship - Semester 2, 2017



THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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The doctrine
of
Entire
Sanctification

Editor's Note

The launch of this International Journal of Christian Education, **Sýnchroni Theología [Contemporary Theology]** is in keeping with the vision of the Bible College of Western Australia Inc. [Established 1978]. Together with the founding Principal, the Rev. Dr. David Shalley, DBS, we found it about time to publish a contemporary International Journal of Christian Education that will echo the voice of Christ. This voice is a Biblical one, a theological one, a practical one and a pneumatological [Spirit] one.

The contributors will be those academically trained in the field of Christian education and whose academia links with the Christ-outcome of practicality, *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth"* – 2 Timothy 2:15 RSV.

Submissions of articles are welcome for publication in Sýnchroni Theología. There is a screening and reviewing process and the authors will be informed accordingly. There will be an application fee (\$30) for the review of your article and an added publication fee (\$20) when your article is considered ready for publication. You may send your articles to admin@bcwa.wa.edu.au together with your resume'.

Sýnchroni Theología will be published twice a year (September and March).

Take time to reflect on these things...

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Dawson Elliott, PhD

Principal Bible College of Western Australia Inc.



Prayer Points

Prospective Students for Semester 1, 2018 (20 Students), Theological Forum, BCWA 40th Anniversary and Graduation Ceremony (March 2018), Worship Seminar in May 2018, Worship Experience Night (June, 2018), BCWA Board Members, Principal, Staff, Lecturers, Students, Leaders of Kelmscott Baptist Church. Also, thanks for His blessings throughout the year 2017 and upcoming year 2018.



BCWA 40th Anniversary & Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, 10 March 2018, BCWA Campus @ 4.00 pm



BCWA - Semester 1, 2018 Timetable

SEMESTER One/Term One: 20 February—13 April 2018 (8 weeks/Lectures)
**** Student's Orientation day:** Thursday, 15 Feb 2018 @ 10.00 am—BCWA Campus**
**** THEOLOGICAL FORUM:** 17 March 2018 – Campus @ 10am -14.00pm (Two Sessions w/ Lunch Break)
Study Break: 14 April 2018—30 April 2018
Semester ONE/Term Two: 01 May—15 June 2018 (7 weeks/Lectures)
 19 June—22 June 2018 (Week 16/ Finalize Assessment)

Time/ Day	9:00 – 11:00 AM	11:00 – 11:20 AM	11:20 – 1:20 PM	1:20 – 2:00 PM	19.00-21.00 PM
Tues	THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY (DE/RS)	Morning Tea	CHRISTIAN ETHICS (DE)	Lunch	
Wed	NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION (DE/KH)	Morning Tea	INTRO TO THEOLOGY (DE)	Lunch	
Thurs	BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (DE/KH)	Morning Tea	EPHESIANS (DE)	Lunch	MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP (TS)
DE - Dawson Elliott RS – Ros Smith KH – Keith Henderson TS - Theo Sim					

Senior Lecturer/Supervisor & Assessor:
Rev. Dr. Dawson Elliott (DE)

Sessional Lecturers/Facilitators:
Mrs. Ros Smith (RS)
Ps. Keith Henderson (KH)
Ps. Theo Sim (TS)

SEMESTER TWO/TERM ONE

18 July – 22 Sept 2018 (10 weeks/Lectures)

STUDY BREAK

23 September – 9 October 2018

SEMESTER TWO/TERM TWO

10 Oct – 10 Nov (5 weeks/Lectures-6th week Finalize Assessments)

**** All students are required to attend.**

TIMETABLE FOR SEMESTER TWO, TO BE FINALIZED BY WEEK 9 OF SEMESTER ONE

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The financial accounting and auditing of the College meet the requirements of the ATO and BCWA is pleased to inform you that in matters of financial stewardship, integrity is our key, Christ-honoring feature. JAYBEZ Accounting and Management Services serves the College in this regard. Furthermore, as the Bible College of Western Australia is also an incorporated entity, it does meet the regulatory standards for charities through The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission.

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