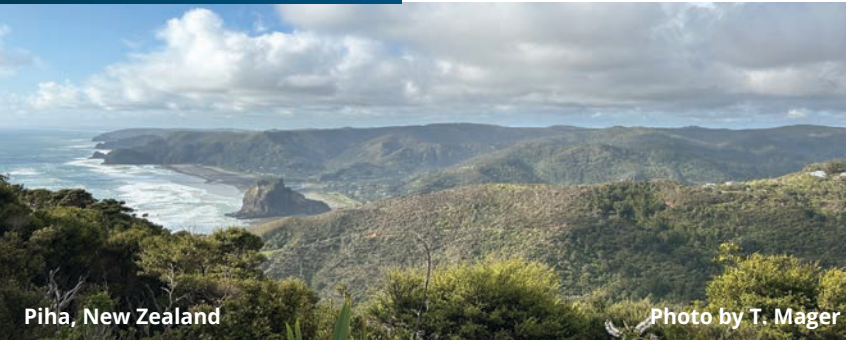




*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..." (Eph. 2:10)*



Piha, New Zealand

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### The Inspiring Master Plan of God will benefit all!



One fact is certain: The beauty of those imbued with God's Holy Spirit knows no bounds. God loves all people, and He will give special blessings to all. He will remove the great destroyer who has held the world captive and institute in his stead a government that truly administers righteousness and justice. The Holy Days and Festivals reveal to us God's master plan for all humanity. When the last trumpet sounds, the promised restoration of all things will begin (Acts 3:19-21). No matter where we are assigned by our Savior and King, it is going to be exciting! (*Tomorrow's Israel, Gerald Weston, LCN, Mar-Apr 2024*)

## Greetings from Clarendon

After the Council of Elders (COE) in May, I travelled directly to the Philippines to visit with our members in the furthestmost northern parts of the Island of Luzon in Isabella. They are a beautiful people and despite their challenges, are zealous for God's Work and for the soon-coming return of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Recently I read a disturbing article in *The Epoch Times* that really highlighted the terrible state our world is in, and especially the challenges our young people are facing. The article was about a young teenage girl from New Zealand with so called "gender dysphoria". Apparently, she watched a YouTube video explaining how to perform a self-mastectomy at home. I cannot imagine what must have been going on in her mind, but she ended up going to the hospital after mutilating her body. Now, advocates are using this incident to suggest the need for greater access to gender reassignment surgery for our children. How did we come so far, when only a decade ago, someone who would attempt to self-harm, would have been hospitalized as suffering from an active psychiatric disorder? She would have received a different kind of help.

Despite this girl being given a clean bill of health, research shows that children with gender dysphoria often experience a range of underlying mental health issues, including self-harm, suicidality, mood and anxiety disorders, depression, trauma, eating disorders, and autism spectrum conditions. How does this affect us? God's people are identified as sighing and crying for the state of the world. "And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof" (Ezekiel 9:4).

Yet, seeing these things has sadly become all too common. Our challenge is to make sure we do not become indifferent like Mr Lot in Sodom who was

like the frog in the pot, slowly spiritually cooking and not even realizing how compromised his own spiritual state had become. We too, can spiritually lose sight of just how sick this world has become. Some even in God's Church have attempted to defend these types of behaviour. But let's be clear, brethren, these things are an abomination to God. Yet, if it were not for the grace, love and mercy of our Father in Heaven, no flesh would be saved. What a blessing it is to keep the Passover to remind us of Christ's sacrifice; "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

We have a job to do! We have been called to do a great and important work in this end-time – to do as Isaiah said "cry out and tell my people their sins", to give the Ezekiel warning that we are in dangerous times and finally, to preach the Gospel... which is the only good news this world has.

During the COE, Mr Weston mentioned a number of times that we are at the precipice of something awesome which could propel God's Work forward in ways we have not seen before. With this in mind, please continue to pray for the growth of God's Work and that through His inspiration, Mr Weston and the dedicated team in Charlotte can spearhead the way forward.

Finally, Nicole and I will be in Perth, WA for Pentecost and then Mr Martin Montgomery and I will be heading to New Zealand in June to conduct an Advanced Leadership Training Program with a number of our leaders there. Thank you all for your continued support for God's Work. The body of Christ is not independent of each other and we are all in this together. Let's strive to keep the unity of the faith as we go forward in faith towards the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

### Upcoming Events

June 7-10

Melbourne Fellowship Weekend

June 16

Pentecost

October 3

Feast of Trumpets

## ADELAIDE: Tomorrow's World Presentation

Two very powerfully delivered *Tomorrow's World* Presentations were conducted at the Glenelg North Community Centre, Adelaide during the month of April. The first, on April 6, titled "Signs Announcing Christ's Return" was presented by Australasian Regional Director and Evangelist, Mr Robert Tyler. It was attentively received by 49 guests and 32 Church



members. Many guests stayed back after the presentation to enjoy refreshments and the members eagerly mingled to make them feel welcome and answer any questions they may have had. A few guests remained to attend afternoon Sabbath Services.

The second presentation titled "Who or What is the Antichrist?" was given the following Sabbath on April 13 by Adelaide Assistant Pastor, Mr Martin Montgomery to 33 guests. Twenty-four were returning from the first presentation and nine first-time attendees. Once again, the audience was "all ears" as God's truth

was delivered with boldness, authority and clarity. It was obvious from the comments given by the guests afterwards, that prophecy is certainly being revealed in the Scriptures and is plainly seen through the unfolding of world events. Six guests attended Sabbath services again that week, which was greatly encouraging for us all.

The *Tomorrow's World* Presentations have proven to be a very tangible way in which the members of God's Church can participate firsthand in the Work of God and to see the impact that it is having in the lives of our subscribers. - Warren Burnett



## TASMANIA: Tomorrow's World Presentation



The *Tomorrow's World* Presentation held in Devonport, Tasmania on February 24, 2024, was quite successful. Mr Martin Montgomery presented the topic "Prophetic Signs of Christ's Return", and reported that 45 guests

attended the presentation from 262 invitations sent out. That was an excellent response rate of 17.2

percent! Some people travelled as much as two and a half hours to attend. One guest attended because she had previously read the *Tomorrow's World* magazine in a waiting room and happened to recognize the banner outside the presentation room.

The follow-up presentation by Mr Zig Svalbe, which was titled, "The Beast Power is Rising", drew 29 repeat guests and two new guests. As a result, a strong witness was given to many people living in Tasmania. - Zig Svalbe

## MELBOURNE: Church BBQ Activity

It was a cool Monday morning described as "a sad and sorry day that was supposed to be summer"; but this miserable weather did not deter 25 members of the Melbourne congregation. Gathering at the home of our minister, Mr Adam Jennings, for a relaxing, warm,



bonding lunch and afternoon together, we were removed from societies' festivities on December 25, 2023.

Mr Jennings cooked the meat on his barbecue in the covered outdoor patio where some men 'supervised' the cook, while the youth were inside talking and playing together. The women prepared and dished up the potluck meal while most of us sat and chatted in the open dining/rumpus room. We all greatly appreciated the abundance of food, drinks and the bonding fellowship of the whole afternoon. Thanks to the Jennings for opening their house and hosting a fine afternoon. - Michael Alter

## SYDNEY/CANBERRA: Combined Services

March 2, 2024, was a much-anticipated combined service between the Sydney and Canberra congregations. Mittagong Community Centre was the chosen venue which had been a great success on previous occasions. Mittagong also has the advantage of being approximately midway between Sydney and Canberra. The venue opened at 9:30am with all of the Sydney congregation in attendance. Considering some had travelled over three hours, it was a very positive start.

Sydney Elder Ed Lever started services at 11am with a Bible Study discussing "the Power of The Holy Spirit and the Godhead". We then paused for a sumptuous cold dish lunch that had been prepared by our hardworking and dedicated ladies, overseen by Corry Watt.

Afternoon services followed with Mr Michael Gill, Pastor of the Canberra congregation, giving the sermonette on the importance of "Praying for Our



Leaders". Mr Graeme Hemphill, Pastor of the Sydney congregation, gave the sermon explaining the "Mystery of the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God". Most brethren continued to fellowship until hall closure at 5pm. However, many also met up afterwards for a restaurant meal with more fellowship.

On Sunday morning, a number of brethren met in the southern highlands for breakfast in the millennial surroundings at Peppers Hotel. This was organised by Mr Doug Stapleton and was a fitting end to what had been a truly remarkable weekend. Everyone is keen to repeat the experience, with many asking "when are we going to do this again?". - *Graeme Hemphill*

## ADELAIDE: Maritime Museum Activity



Sunday, March 17, 2024, saw 22 landlubbers from the Adelaide congregation embarking on a historical voyage at the Maritime Museum situated in Port Adelaide. Interesting facts of the Port's history were brought to life with a guided tour, displays of ships, berths, galleys, artifacts, written and video accounts of real-life experiences on the sea. The salt air induced a hearty appetite which was satisfied at the nearby Lighthouse Wharf Hotel. Thank you to everyone for participating with courtesy, lively conversation and laughter for the enjoyment of all. - *Mary Burnett*

## ADELAIDE: Indian Dinner Evening

On the evening of April 28, 2024, several Adelaide brethren enjoyed a delicious meal at the Raj on Taj Indian restaurant. While the restaurant was very busy, we were able to book our tables ahead of time, giving us a private room, allowing privacy from the other diners. We had two visitors



- one from Brisbane and one from the United States - who we were excited to catch up with and get to know. Coming together for a meal and fellowship, was a wonderful way to end God's Sabbath day. - *Joshua Jamieson*

## FIJI: Mr Kearns Visits

After holding a successful series of TWPs in November, Regional Director, Mr Robert Tyler, asked me to return to Fiji to solidify the contacts we had made with *Tomorrow's World* subscribers and other interested people who had a connection back to the *Worldwide Church of God* (WCG).



Mr Wise Navuruvuru

I arrived in Nadi on Thursday, January 18, and was able to meet with the Navuruvuru family over the next couple of days, which included a Bible Study at the family home on Friday night and our first ever LCG Sabbath Service in Fiji. We had 17 people in attendance. Mr Wise Navuruvuru led songs and became quite emotional as he introduced the first LCG service

on Fijian soil. He and his family have been relieved to find God's Church and the Truth once more after the demise of WCG, where they once attended. It was very encouraging to be a part of this special service and I was able to give both the sermonette and sermon.

On Sunday, January 21, I flew to Suva where Mr Vula Shaw picked me up and was kind enough to drive me around during my time in the nation's capital. We viewed several potential Feast of Tabernacles sites over the next couple of days. On the following Monday and Tuesday nights, I conducted Bible Studies in my hotel room where we had seven people attend.



The attendees were very attentive and eager to learn more about God's Word.

My last stop was Labasa, which is located in the northern island of Vanua Levu. At the time, we had one family from the area who had joined LCG - the Tokalau family - who also have roots back to WCG. They were kind enough to drive a couple of hours to get to my hotel in order to have lunch with me on Wednesday, January 24, and also to hear a Bible Study, which I gave from my hotel room. We had seven in attendance for the study, all members of the Tokalau family.



I mentioned above that we had one family with us "at the time," yet, as of writing this article a couple of months later, we now have another family attending in Labasa, as well as two other families in Suva and the island of Tavenui. Things are already growing after we have established a presence in Fiji, which is incredibly exciting! We now have about 30 members who are tuning into the Auckland Sabbath Services livestream each week, which we are very grateful for.

I returned home on Friday, January 26, and am now looking forward to the next trip to Fiji, which will be over the Days of Unleavened Bread. Your prayers for God's Work to continue to grow in the beautiful country of Fiji would be much appreciated. - Paul Kearns

## NZ: North Canterbury Walk

On Sunday, March 24, 2024, members of the Christchurch congregation, including visiting minister and New Zealand office manager, Mr Tony Leman, and one small dog, enjoyed a walk around "Taylor's Mistake," which is one of Banks Peninsula's famous bays. We were blessed with a fine, sunny day for the occasion with a fresh nor-easterly blowing off the sea. A few hardy souls were out swimming and surfing in one of North Canterbury's top surfing locations. - Grant Holmes



# Southeast Asia Ministerial Conference

Ministers from the Southeast Asia Region gathered together at Malaybalay, Bukidnon to attend the Annual Ministerial Conference. Participants started arriving in the afternoon of March 24, 2024. With "Unity" as the theme of this conference, Mr Gerald Weston urged us to support one another and love one another (via video message). Ministers are shepherds who will account for their flocks when the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, comes again.



Pastor Rajan Moses

During the course of the conference, we heard lectures from Regional Director, Mr Robert Tyler, Philippines Regional

Pastor Mr Joseph Gonzales, Asia Regional Pastor, Mr Rajan Moses, visiting Pastor Mr Martin Montgomery and Davao Pastor, Mr Felipe Casing.

In his opening message, Mr Gonzales told us to strengthen the unity and continue to maintain the truth, while Mr Tyler reminded us all to speak the same thing, have the same mind and yield ourselves to God. In order to have unity, we should remember that we need each other

and have a shared vision. There were two ordinations. One was Mr Firman Bramantyo from Indonesia, ordained as Elder, and the other was Mr Gonzales from the Philippines, ordained to the rank of Pastor.

Mr Tyler gave the closing remarks and exhorted the ministers to hold fast to the truth. He reminded us to be ready in season and out of season and to search the Scriptures daily, as well as pouring out our hearts to God through prayers and fasting. In the evening, we wrapped up the conference with a sing-a-long and fellowship. - Myrna Cuares



## PHILIPPINES: Ministerial Visit



On March 25, 2024, Davao City brethren were pleased to be visited by two ministers from Australia; Mr Robert Tyler, Asia-Pacific Regional Director and Mr Martin Montgomery, Head of the Australasian Media Department. The brethren enthusiastically welcomed them. During the fellowshiping before services, some brethren successfully taught Mr Montgomery some Cebuano dialect which he was grateful for and used in his greetings. The Sabbath service ended with afternoon tea and fellowship followed by a ministerial dinner. - Myrna Cuares

## PHILIPPINES: Visit to Davao De Oro

On the morning of January 13, 2024, Mr Amancio Cuares Jr, myself, and Mr and Mrs Robert Mallen Jr drove to Monkayo, Davao De Oro to conduct a morning Sabbath Service. Some were not able to attend due to heavy rains and mud on the road. We held the service at 9am, with the songleading and sermonette by Mr Mallen titled, "Christian Growth" and the sermon by Mr Amancio P. Cuares Jr titled "The Judgment of the Lord". After the service, we had a hearty lunch and fellowship. We then went to Spardos Cateel Davao De Oro for the afternoon service. We were not able to pick up Nancy Ligasan and her family in Compostela as their area was flooded.

The service in Spardos began at 2pm. Attendance was down due to heavy rains and we were quite distracted when the wind with rain entered the hall as the building has no walls, windows and doors yet. After the service, we had fellowship and snacks. Then we hurriedly travelled back to Davao City. - Myrna Cuares



## PHILIPPINES: Living Youth Camp 2023

Last year in December 2023, five teens and one staff member from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia congregation had the opportunity to attend the Living Youth Programme (LYP) in the Philippines. The camp was held at Mt. Moriah, Bukidnon, Philippines. We travelled from Kuala Lumpur to Manila and then took a domestic flight to Cagayan, before completing a three hour journey to the camp site surrounded by beautiful cool mountains. We were unable to join the orientation due to flight delays. However, we joined the 'Bonfire Night'.

The theme of the camp was 'Choose Life'. Camp director Mr Joseph Gonzales along with a few other ministers started each morning with Christian Living classes that included 'Choose your Hard', 'Choose to be a Young Christian', 'Choose Your Goal for a Successful Life', 'Choose Friends Wisely', 'Choose to Be Diligent', 'Choose to Learn Wisely' and 'Choosing to be a Light and Example'.

Camp activities included basketball, volleyball, frisbee, music, dance, a nature trip, kickball and hymn singing. Arts and crafts included flower arrangement and first-aid basics. The Evening Reflection encouraged each camper to focus on what have we learned each day. The highlight of the camp was the dance and talent night. Five of us as a group sang a few Tamil and English songs which everyone seemed to enjoy.



Learning the Philippines culture was also a great experience, especially for me personally. Although we are Asian, there is so much difference in culture, foods and many other things. The best thing which happened to me was making and getting to know new friends. The campers were so friendly in welcoming us even though we were from another congregation. Being a camper for the first time, I was able to gain experience and help to become a better Christian woman.

I certainly thank God for giving me the opportunity to attend the camp and thank the campers, staff, counsellors and ministers who made this a wonderful camp. Also, on behalf of our Malaysian campers, I would like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all members who contributed to the Morgan Montgomery Memorial Fund (MMF), LYP President, Mr Robert Tyler, Mr Martin Montgomery, Mr Rajan Moses as well as our parents who encouraged and assisted us in many ways to attend the camp. - *Priscilla Jason*

## MALAYSIA: Church Picnic and Sports Activity



On Sunday, March 31, 2024, a group of 35 members including children had a wonderful picnic by the beach at Port Dickson. The brethren came together ready to play beach games. The weather was very pleasing and we were able to rent a canopy, table and chairs. The ladies prepared a potluck buffet breakfast. We had Nasi Lemak (coconut rice with anchovies), nuggets, noodles, curry puff, sausage and on the spot tosai/dosa (Indian pancake) with chicken curry.

The games were much enjoyed and included baseball, frisbee, football and sand castle building. Our Pastor, Mr Rajan Moses and our Elder, Mr David Isaac had great fellowship with all the brethren. Some had fun with the donut boat and banana boat. It was an enjoyable day and the Church picnic gave us additional time to fellowship with one another. - *Ronald Moses*

# BAPTISMS

On the chilly Friday morning of December 1, 2023, **Mr Christopher Pinili** was baptized. Mr Pinili is a second generation in the Church of God. He was born during the Worldwide Church of God and had many years of memories growing up attending Church programs such as the SEP. After years of attending and observing, he has fully committed to what he had come to understand many years ago. He was baptised by Mr Joseph Gonzales and Mr Daniel Osillos.



Mr Christopher Pinili with Mr Daniel Osillos and Mr Joseph Gonzales



Mr Jun Cuares and Mr Felipe Casing baptising Mr and Mrs Arniel and Zenaida Gasparen

In the afternoon of January 15, 2024, **Mr and Mrs Arniel and Zenaida Gasparen** were baptised at Kingford Resort by Messrs Jun Cuares and Felipe Casing. The couple are both happy that they are now baptised and enjoy serving in the Philippines.

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, **Ms Sonia Lange** of the Adelaide congregation was baptized at Gawler. Assistant Pastor Mr Martin Montgomery officiated over the baptism and the laying on of hands. Afterwards a small group of brethren enjoyed an afternoon of warm fellowship at Dexter and Amy Javate's home to welcome Sonia into the family of God.

On the morning of March 6, 2024, **Mrs Marita Arendain-Dagatan** from the Monkayo, Philippines congregation was baptised in the Agusan River. The baptism was conducted by Mr Felipe Casing and Mr Amancio Cuares Jr.

In a beautifully warm country setting, on Monday March 11, 2024, **Mr Thomas Hammond** of the Melbourne congregation was baptised by Elder Mr Zig Svalbe. Proceeding the baptism, hands were laid on Mr Hammond by Melbourne Pastor Mr Adam Jennings and Mr Svalbe. A small number of friends and family witnessed this joyful occasion and after this, we celebrated his commitment by enjoying a hearty lunch and meaningful fellowship. We welcome Thomas into the thriving family of God!



Mr Zig Svalbe and Mr Adam Jennings with Mr Thomas Hammond

**Miss Airice Francisco Ledesma** from Kiara Congregation, Philippines was baptised on March 17, 2024. Prior to this, two other brethren from Don Carlos Congregation – **Miss Sharyl Jane Arendain Ermac** and **Miss Excel Emmerybelle Arendain Sumalo** were both baptised on January 7, 2024 at Edlemar Spring Resort, Maramag. The laying on of hands and baptisms were done by Mr Jose Arendain, one of the ministers in Mindanao, Philippines. This big step in their Christian lives of following the will and instructions of our living God shows their commitment to keeping the faith and without doubt brings joy to the rest of us.

Three baptisms took place in New Zealand in the two weeks leading up to Passover. **Mrs Vivienne Heurea** (Bay of Plenty) was baptised on April 10, **Mr Shane Singh** (Auckland) on April 14, and **Mrs Caitlin Cobham** (Auckland) on April 19. The baptisms were conducted by Messrs Paul Kearns and Tony Leman. We congratulate these members on their baptisms and welcome them to God's family!



From left: NZ Pastor Paul Kearns and Elder Tony Leman with Mrs Vivienne Heurea, Mr Shane Singh and the Cobham family

# IN LOVING MEMORY

Longtime member, **Mrs Herminia Laconsay (92)** of Puzorrubio, Pangasinan died peacefully in her sleep on March 8, 2024. She attended the Baguio, Philippines congregation and served as a deaconess for many years. She came to the truth during the early years of the *Worldwide Church of God*. Since then, she loved serving and entertaining the brethren at Church and Church gatherings. She was well respected and loved by the brethren.

**Mr Siegfredo Borromeo (88)** of Palawan, Philippines, died on April 14, 2024. An engineer and teacher by profession, Mr. Borromeo was a wide reader. He loved reading the Bible and loved searching the scriptures for answers. He discovered the Plain Truth but remained a subscriber until 2014. Then he saw one of our members in the *Living Church of God* holding a *Tomorrow's World* magazine and upon reading it, became interested and began attending in 2015. He was baptized in 2016 by Mr Basilio Osillos. Although becoming part of the Church in his latter years, he loved the truth and remained in it.

# BIRTHS

After a long labour, Ared and Rebecca Woskanian are thrilled to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, **Abigail**. With a beautiful head of hair, Abigail was born at 10pm, January 23, 2024, weighing a healthy 3.62kg and measuring 54cm. While there were a couple of complications during the labour, everything was rectified quickly. Mother and baby returned home safely after a few nights in hospital.



Abigail Woskanian



Jay and Elyse Christensen welcomed their firstborn son, **Jonah William Christensen**, into the world on Wednesday morning, March 6, 2024. He was born at 5:11am, weighing 3.2kg and measuring 50.5cm. Mother and son are doing well.

Jonah Christensen



Jasmine Mew

Very early Thursday morning, March 14, 2024, Stephen and Rebecca Mew welcomed their fourth child, **Jasmine Anne Mew**, into the world. She was born at 2:58am, weighing 2.91kg and measuring 51.5cm. Congratulations to the whole family.

# LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS

**Dear Friend,**

Warm greetings in God's most precious name.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for being one of the fortunate recipients of your Tomorrow's World Magazine and still desire to receive copies in the future.

Your magazine teaches me a lot about what is happening in different parts of the world. It really makes me feel knowledgeable - thanks a lot.

God bless you all out there.

*N.I.  
Mercedes, Philippines*

**Dear Sir,**

I received today my Bible Study Course from the Australian office. Thanks! Very soon I will study and fill the exercise and send it back to you.

*S.R.  
Punjab, Pakistan*

**Shalom!**

I would like to extend my appreciation for allowing me to study your Bible Study Course program. I would like to inform you that i have received my first lesson parcel today. Thank you Tomorrow's World!

God bless you!

*A.T.  
Las Pinas, Philippines*

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I am very excited to write you all. I am a senior manager of Oriental Tour-Travel Group. I am writing to say your publication is great and innovative - most interesting. The reason for contacting you is that I would like to subscribe to your magazine.

Please put my name and postal address on your mailing list for subscriptions.

*S.H.  
Pemangkat, Indonesia*

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