



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

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Philippines

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### Where Will You Be Next Feast?



“Passover will be here before we know it, and I encourage you to consider that coming time as the evaluation period of your goal or goals. Now is the time to plant the seeds so that we can check for actual growth when that time comes, to see if the trials in our lives are producing fruit. God has given us a natural timeframe for this. Where **each of us will be spiritually** is what we must focus on now, with the **help of God the Father and Jesus Christ**, during the days that have already begun.” *(Where Will You Be Next Feast?, Wallace Smith, LCN, Jan-Feb 2025)*

## Greetings from Clarendon

The Work in the Asia-Pacific Region continues to see positive growth in all areas. In 2024, we were blessed with an overall increase in income, church attendance and *Tomorrow's World* subscriptions across the region. We deeply appreciate everyone's prayers and support of God's Work.

It is exciting to have Dr Winnail visit the Asia-Pacific Region in just a few weeks. Dr Winnail's first stop will be in the Philippines where we plan to hold a ministerial conference in Manila from February 20-21. Mr Rajan Moses from Malaysia, Mr Htoowah Laybeh from Thailand and Mr Firman Bramantyo from Indonesia will also attend. Dr Winnail and I will be in Manila for the Sabbath and enjoy a social dinner that evening with the congregation. We will then travel to Brisbane and meet with members and the ministry before heading to Adelaide for a Trans-Tasman conference. Pastors from around Australia will attend, with Mr Paul Kearns and Mr Tony Leman joining us from New Zealand. Dr Winnail will conduct a short two-day conference in Adelaide before heading to Perth, Western Australia, and then on to South Africa and the UK. It is a great blessing to have Dr Winnail visit the Asia-Pacific Region and we certainly appreciate your prayers for a safe and profitable visit.

In March, Mr Kearns and I will travel to Vanuatu to visit the ministry and brethren. Our Elder, Mr Jerry Sam and his wife Colette have been faithfully serving 153 members scattered in various islands around the country. While in Vanuatu, we plan to hold a small public lecture in Port Vila and visit members in Port Vila and Orap. Members are still recovering from the recent earthquake - thankfully God has protected everyone and their properties. From Vanuatu, we will fly to Fiji to visit members and begin preliminary planning for the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr Kearns will stay in Fiji to observe the Passover, Night to be Much Observed and First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. I will travel to New Zealand to keep the Holy Days with the Brethren in Christchurch.

I gave a sermon recently titled, “What is God's Will?” It is important that we never lose sight of the very purpose for our calling and the commission Christ gave to His Church. Feeding the flock is vital; the bride must be ready for her wedding with Christ (Revelation 19:7-8). However, we as a church, must also be zealous to fulfill our commission to preach the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God to all nations. I also asked, “What is God's Will for us individually?” There is a profound statement by the Apostle Paul that has really struck me deeply. We read in 1 Thessalonians 4:3, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification”. Perhaps sanctification is not something we think a lot about, but to be sanctified means to be separate or to be holy. To be holy refers to being set apart; to reflect Christ's character. It involves adherence to His laws, statutes and judgements and involves a transformation; not just externally, but also an internal transformation – conversion! Brethren, as members of the Living Church of God and indeed, the body of Christ, each of us have a privileged opportunity to be true representatives and ambassadors for Christ and for the Kingdom of God. Let's make sure that we keep our lamps full and let our light shine in all that we say, think and do! Let's continue to be surrendered to Christ and build a culture of faith and love in the church.

Finally, please continue to pray for all your brethren around the world, pray that God will open more doors for us to do the Work, pray for the HQ staff and especially for Mr and Mrs Weston as they continue to serve us.

With sincere love and affection,

### Upcoming Events

April 12

Passover

*(Observed Evening Before)*

April 12

Night to Be Much Observed

April 13-19

Feast of Unleavened Bread

June 1

Pentecost



# INDONESIA: Ministerial Visit

On November 21, 2024, I welcomed Mr and Mrs Rajan Moses at Juanda Airport in Surabaya. The following day, we visited Hananiel's residence to discuss the preparations for the baptism of his son, Evan. The meeting fostered warm and intimate fellowship. Later that day, we visited Mrs Tuti, a member of our congregation. We also met her husband, Mr Pono, who is not a church member. On previous visits, Mr Pono observed from a distance, but this time he warmly shook hands and engaged in a brief conversation. Mrs Tuti is the only member of her family who has joined our congregation.

In the evening, just before the Sabbath, Mr and Mrs Moses dined at my home with my extended family. We discussed my sibling's readiness for baptism, and Mr Moses provided them with encouragement.

On November 23, Mr Moses conducted services with the congregations of Goa, Imphal, and Khammam, who participated via Zoom. I delivered a sermonette titled "Obedience to God's Law", followed by Mr Moses' sermon titled "Perfect Government and Perfect Law". After lunch, we held a Q&A session where Mr Moses addressed all the congregation's questions, leaving many members feeling strengthened.

The morning of November 24 began with a visit to Mrs Pandora, who suffered a recent stroke. Before offering a prayer and anointing her with oil, Mr Moses read several Bible verses to provide comfort. Following this visit, we went to my sister Loura's house to pray for her son, Kenny, who has autism. In the afternoon, Mr and Mrs Moses returned to their hotel to rest.

On November 25, we visited Coban Rondo Waterfall in the morning, spending about an hour there. Afterwards, we surveyed the site used for the Feast of



Tabernacles 2024, as Mr Moses plans to hold a youth camp for six Indonesian teenagers. Afterwards, we visited Mrs Erna Nusantara's home, where Mr Moses provided spiritual encouragement, particularly to Mrs Dina, who is recovering from a recent illness.

On the morning of November 26, we headed to Juanda Airport for Mr and Mrs Moses' flight back to Malaysia. - *Firman Bramantyo*



*Asia Regional Pastor Mr Rajan Moses preaching to the Indonesian Brethren*



*A visit to Coban Rondo Waterfall*



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# MALAYSIA: KL Church Anniversary

The Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Congregation celebrated their 32 years in the Global/Living Church of God Church during the Family weekend at a beach bungalow located in Port Dickson Beach. Thirty cheerful brethren got together on December 6 for the Friday evening Sabbath meal where the ladies prepared a large dinner with a variety of food to enjoy. The night ended with good fellowship.

On Saturday morning, the brethren enjoyed breakfast made by the teenage girls who volunteered to serve the meal. After breakfast, we had a Bible Quiz session themed Men Vs Women. We had fun answering many questions which tested our memories of God's Word and stories from the Bible. After a fine luncheon, we prepared ourselves to have the Sabbath service in the bungalow where there was a large upper room with a roof above and open air just beside a jungle. The sermonette titled, "Together, We Are Better" was given by Mr Jerry John followed by the main message on "Our Commitment" given by Pastor Mr Rajan Moses. It was a very different environment with the sound of nature throughout the service.

After a spiritual meal, we had some afternoon tea. Right after sunset, everyone was ready to enjoy a BBQ dinner. We enjoyed good fellowship through the oneness of God's Spirit. Some interesting games were also introduced to make the evening fun and exciting.



After a tasty dinner and enjoyable activities, some headed for a night swim in the indoor swimming pool - another highlight of the bungalow. After swimming for a while, they headed to their beds for a much needed rest.

On Sunday morning, after breakfast, as the sun rose in its heat, a few again enjoyed the pool just before checking out of the bungalow at 1pm. Some drove back home and some spent a little time relaxing by the beach before departing. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the weekend and the fellowship of the Kuala Lumpur congregation and look forward to having another gathering weekend in a couple of months time. As Psalms 133:1 says, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity!" - *Jerry John*

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## NZ: Post-Feast Service in Christchurch



Following the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day in Hanmer Springs, 24 enthusiastic members held Sabbath services on October 26, 2024, in the small North Canterbury town of Waikuku. Local members were enthused to have more members staying after the Feast. Brethren received uplifting messages from Mr Peter Goodwin and visiting minister Mr Shannon Christal. - *Sean Harris*

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## NZ: Christchurch Fellowship Activity

A few of the North Canterbury Church brethren were able to meet for fellowship, croquet and a barbecue on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at the Groyne Recreation Park. A pleasantly warm day and lovely venue made for a great day out for all. - *Grant Holmes*



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# Wagga Wagga Sabbath Services

After a successful TW Bible Study in November, our first Sabbath Service took place in Wagga Wagga in regional NSW on December 14, 2024, with a total of 10 people in attendance. There was a real sense of anticipation and a joyful atmosphere as our minister, Mr Graeme Hemphill, three new people, two local members and four Church members from other congregations met in the CWA Hall to observe God's Sabbath together.



During the service, Mr Hemphill drew our attention to page 43 of Dr Meredith's autobiography where he wrote about how he established a new congregation in San Diego in the early 1950s. The first Sabbath Service there took place with 12 attendees

which included himself, seven locals and four Ambassador College students. A very encouraging sermonette was given by Mr Ashley Stapleton. He spoke about the metamorphosis of a butterfly, and how God uses the struggles in our lives to build our spiritual strength so that we may learn to fully trust in Him and be transformed. Mr Hemphill's sermon titled "Do You See Your Calling?" admonished us to be prepared to deny the self, to take up our cross daily and to follow Christ, allowing Him to lead us. He concluded by inspiring the brethren to be dedicated to their calling and the Work, to maintain a sense of urgency and to look forward to the magnificent future ahead of us.

After services, we all enjoyed light refreshments and truly wonderful fellowship. What a blessing it was to meet new people and to see this hope of establishing a new congregation becoming a reality! - *Lisa Ogle*

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# SYDNEY: Feast Memories Evening

On Saturday evening, November 30, 2024, the Sydney brethren enjoyed extended Sabbath fellowship over dinner and an evening of sharing our feast experiences. This activity has become an annual event within the Sydney congregation. We had videos and photos from four Feast sites in Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Malaysia and Australia. The speakers performed a great job of enthusiastically relating their Feast experiences. It was also educational in sharing the cultural aspects of the different countries where the Feast was held. Mr Watt did a great job of preparing the presentation via his computer. We now look forward to Feast 2025 and the opportunity to once again share our festival experiences. - *Graeme Hemphill*



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# PERTH: Feast Memories Evening



After services on December 7, 2024, the Perth congregation enjoyed a meal and an evening of fellowship. The meal was followed by a presentation of photos from four Feast sites - Busselton, WA, Glenelg, SA, Forster, NSW and Prince Albert Park in Canada. The photos covered a variety of activities and even a variety of animals from elk to kangaroos and whales. This activity gave us all an opportunity to appreciate the different Feast sites. - *Jenny Edwards*



# Feast of Tabernacles 2024

## Forster, Australia



## Glenelg, Australia



## Hanmer Springs, New Zealand





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# VANUATU: Youth Camp

The Living Church of God Youth Camp took place in Orap Village, from December 16-20, 2024. The camp was opened by the local Pastor, Mr Jerry Sam and closed by Deacon, Mr Willy Naguy.

On Monday, December 16th, around 5:30 pm, 42 campers and five staff gathered around a large campfire singing hymns to praise the living God and rejoicing to meet once again at the end of the year for camp. The entire morning was reserved for the bible studies on the theme “Humility”. The weather was good because God abundantly blessed the camp with a fine rain from time to time to ease the heat of the day before the sun reappeared. Despite the disaster caused by the earthquake on Tuesday, December 17, leaving several dead and injured, mainly in the capital Port Vila, the camp ran its activities smoothly. The earthquake shook Vanuatu with a power of 7.3 magnitude, upsetting several hundred buildings.

Within the camp, the campers were safe and sound and very happy hoping to meet again if God wills it at the next camp in 2025. - *Jeannott Verlili*



*Vanuatu youth campers enjoying fellowship together*

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## New Zealand Media Report

As we have noted in previous media updates, television isn't the main stay for gaining subscribers, as it once was. Increased cost, decreased TV viewership, less available airtime for religious programming and the increased relevance of digital marketing alternatives, have made TV less viable today. As such, we have had to rationalise our TV spend in New Zealand and did not renew our contract with TVNZ for 2025. Other stations have been approached - Hope, Shine, Sky and Eden, but with no positive response or “open door”, thus far.

The money that has been saved by not renewing our contract with TVNZ has been added to the digital marketing budget for NZ, increasing it by just over 100%. Although it is too early to gain worthwhile statistics at the time of writing, we are seeing promising increase. We have also begun a very regular retargeting strategy (advertising to those who have previously ordered), in order to reduce the number of non-renewed subscribers. These are subscribers that are removed when they don't reorder within 24 months. We hope that this will also help to build an ongoing relationship with these subscribers. The changes are exciting to us and we look forward to seeing fruit from these changes in 2025. - *AsiaPacific Media*



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## AUS Mail Processing Department Report

In 2024, the Living Church of God Australasian Office experienced a significant increase in the Work of God being spread around the region. This increase stretched from “down under” in Australia all the way to the snowy region of Kathmandu, Nepal and the tiny island nation, Nauru. While literature requests from Facebook Ads reached an all-time high in 2024 with a 50% increase, TV responses from our two Australian channels, 7TWO and 9GEM, gave a 14.6% increase compared to 2023. We also had an encouraging 34% increase in new subscribers from TV in 2024 compared to 2023. The number of responses received through the *Tomorrow's World* website has also seen an encouraging trend upwards. We had a 26% increase in internet responses to our literature in 2024.

The Clarendon Office and other Australasian mailing offices mailed out 114,308 individual pieces of our church literature in 2024. This included sending Lessons 1-4 of the *Tomorrow's World* Bible Study Course to 1,739 new recipients in Australia. We have also mailed out 1,300 Semi-Annual responses for the new booklet, *The Truth About the Rapture*, in Australia - a 13% response to the offer from our Presiding Evangelist Mr Gerald Weston. We thank God for the growth of His Work in the Australasian Region and continue to work towards an even greater increase in 2025. - *Timothy Mager*



*Australasian Regional Office Mailroom*

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# ORDINATIONS

On September 21, 2024, Mr Montgomery and I had the pleasure of ordaining **Mr Warren Burnett** into the ministry. Warren and Mary Burnett moved to Adelaide in January 2024 to begin training. They have both been a wonderful addition and a great blessing to the Adelaide congregation. The Burnetts will remain in Adelaide and serve under Mr Montgomery and myself. - *Robert Tyler*

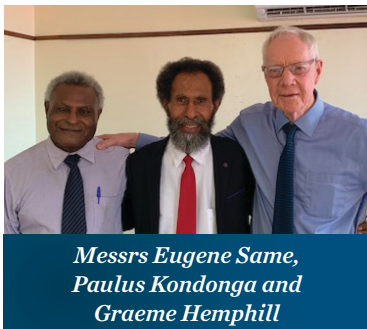


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The Sabbath of September 28, 2024, was a special time for the Sydney congregation. **Mrs Corry Watt** was ordained to the role of deaconess and will join our Deacon, her husband Greg, in implementing the duties of a deaconess. We wish Corry all the best in her new role within God's Church - *Graeme Hemphill*

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# BAPTISMS



The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles this year in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, was a day of extra rejoicing. This was due to the baptism of **Mr Paulus Kondonga** at the Crown Hotel where our Feast was held. Paulus is from the Highlands and as such is our second member to be baptised from that culturally rich region of New Guinea. We welcome Paulus into the body of Christ as a potential son of God and wish him well in his walk with Christ.

**Miss Quennie Sybyl Gem A. Sumalo** from Don Carlos Congregation in Bukidnon, Philippines, was baptised on December 15, 2024 at the serene San Isidro Beach in Tubigan, Initao, Misamis Oriental. The laying on of hands and baptism was performed by Mr Jose Arendain. As we welcome her in the body of Christ, we reflect on the growing family of God and the joy of being able to commit to His will and keep the faith alive.



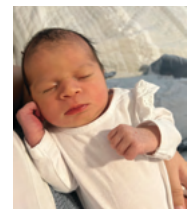
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# BIRTHS



On Wednesday morning, September 18, 2024, at 1:55am, **Charlotte Louise Mew** came into the world at a slightly slower pace than her elder sister. Anthony and Melanie made it to the hospital with a couple of hours to spare and all went very well. Charlotte was welcomed home by her three older sisters.

Mr and Mrs Timothy and Lucy Mager are excited to announce that their beautiful baby girl, **Anya Elena Mager**, was born at 11:41pm on Sunday, November 17, 2024, weighing 3.53kgs (7.7lbs) and measuring 51cm. After a long labour, Mum and baby are doing very well.



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# MELBOURNE: Digital Media Design Award



On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Mr Joseph Susi graduated from RMIT University after completing the Bachelor of Design (Digital Media) with Distinction. Joseph's degree was over a duration of three years which included various courses that helped him develop his skills within the area, as well as his internship which took place during his final year of study. Joseph and his parents are all excited about the next step in his journey with opportunities to work in his chosen career. We are grateful to God for Joseph's accomplishments as this demonstrates the importance of hard work, along with Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". - *Jeremiah Susi*

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## LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS

**Hello,**

God bless you all at Tomorrow's World. I am requesting your three study booklets.

Twelve Keys to Answered Prayer  
Law or Grace: Which Is It?  
John 3:16: Hidden Truths of the Golden Verse

I so much look forward to my books and magazines arriving. It brings me much joy and peace of mind about the future. I pray for you all for the wonderful work you do about the truth of God's Word. Thank you. Take care.

*P.M.*  
*Queensland, Australia*

**Dear Tomorrow's World,**

Reading your magazine has provided me an insight on the underlying causes of today's chaotic world and what is going to happen in the future.

I hope to receive a copy of the above cited subject and further hoping some more enlightening copies of issues in conjunction with what has been stated in the Bible.

Truly yours,

*V.D.*  
*Bukidnon, Philippines*

**Dear Sir,**

Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Thank you very much for sending me your TW booklet free of costs. Your kind generosity is appreciated. I have received your booklet titled HD.

The booklets are awesome and make reading interesting based on Biblical Holy Scriptures and contain the Truth - the Word of God and encouraging people to know the true Living God and His Commandments.

As a sign of gratitude in return I send you Indian postage stamps worth rs.20 / - (twenty only) as postage charges paid by you for sending me the booklet. God bless you all.

Yours faithfully,

*J.D.*  
*Kerala, India*

**Hello!**

I'm grateful to receive the mail you sent. Thank you for the magazine and all the study courses. I really appreciate it.

*A.K.*  
*Lorengau, Papua New Guinea*

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