

# AEF

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**PORT AUGUSTA  
CONVENTION  
2020**

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# WELCOME!



## Heavens gain!

Since our last newsletter there have been many of our dear family and friends pass away. Two of our AEF leading Pastors have also gone to meet their Saviour and enter their rewards.

Pastor Max Wright who was in Ceduna. Max was a true leader who set his course with the Lord and kept going. Max and Naomi have been inspirational leaders in the church and community for decades, working faithfully in challenging places and with little recognition. Max was a Bible teacher who loved to see people come to Christ and grow in grace. He always enjoyed fellowship and now he is with the Lord.

Pastor Denzil Humphries of Perth has gone to be with the Lord surrounded by family on 6th June. Denzil and his wife, Shirley, were great AEF leaders and pioneers and among the founders of the AEF in Australia. In his faithful service for the Lord he

Pastored and planted Aboriginal Churches, established Ebenezer Homes, trained people for ministry, and was honoured as the Nyongar Elder of the Year which was a testament to the high regard his people held him in.

We have lost a true visionary who has now entered the joy set before him with his Saviour and his many friends and children in the faith.



Our love and prayers go out to his beloved wife Shirley and their children, Peter, Leticia, Steven and Janeena, their spouses, children and the extended family.

Winston Hubert was a well known and well loved Injabundi man. Following a time of illness at home, he passed on to be with the Lord on 6th July, with his loving family around him. Winston was a child of the mission era who grew to be a great sportsman, artist, musician and singer. He was best known for his love for his family and leaves behind wife Naradine, kids, and grandkids.

- *Max Conlon*

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\*\*Please be aware this newsletter may contain other images of Indigenous people who have passed on to be with the Lord\*\*

# AEF Fellowship

## Kimberley Christian Fellowship (KCF) Broome, WA

KCF CONVENTION Broome WA Fri. 12th - Sun. 14th July

The Kimberley Christian Fellowship has a partnership with the AEF. The locals run an annual convention and this year their speaker was AEF Chairman, Max Conlon. It is a great move forward as we unite to bring the message of hope in Christ. The KCF involves a number of churches from a variety of denominational connections throughout an area the size of Victoria. Some of their leaders and Pastors have recently gone to be with the Lord so pray for the emerging leaders to be raised up and strengthened in their roles.



*Above: KCF Convention, Kununurra, WA*

## Exciting NSW development!

A group of our committed Christians met to reinstate the NSW AEF State Group. They have plans for meetings and outreach throughout central NSW in particular. Fifty people met to move the work forward. There is a number of great Gospel ministries happening in the area and it is great to have them co-ordinated through a central program. They will open their own accounts for those who would like to support this work directly.





*Above: One Arm Point kids at Bardi Christian Fellowship Church, WA.*

## AEF TRAINING with Lott Carey team, USA

With the support of Lott Carey from America, the AEF ran a training for the Pastors, Council and Chaplains and their wives in February in Sydney. People came from all over the country to participate. It was a great time of fellowship. The Lott Carey team went on to share at Cherbourg and Cairns. It was a big task organising this but it was an encouragement to help upskill the servants of the Lord.



# COVER STORY...



## He's a walking miracle!

Amazingly Pastor Gerald Eades has recovered from being run over by a car. When he was walking home in Perth one morning he was followed slowly by someone in a car. Realising it was not safe he soon crossed the road to where it seemed safer, however the driver decided to attack him with the car and he left the road to hit him on the footpath, leaving him unconscious.

An ambulance arrived sometime later and Gerald found himself recovering from head injuries and broken ribs. It didn't make national news. The driver was eventually caught and charged. This photo was taken after the event and we can thank God for raising him up to continue in the Lord's service as a Volunteer Chaplain with his wife Jacqueline.

### **JOHN 16:33**

**I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."**

# LOVE...TRIBULATIONS ...DEATH...VICTORY!

It amazes me the resilience of our Aboriginal Christian people. Right across the country people suffer all kinds of trauma, experiencing waves of grief, loss, death - even by suicide and murder; and yet these Christian people are called on to hold their families and communities together with all of this weighing heavy on the heart.

How do these saints hold up under the heavy loads they experience? There are many suffering with drugs, alcohol, and violence in or around their family. Who do they call on? There are not enough Pastors or Christian leaders to go around and the leaders themselves are hit with these same problems.

How do you keep your head above water, keep your joy and your testimony? 4 Things are important to do -

**1- TALK TO GOD ABOUT IT...** ALL of it... "Whatever you ask in my Name I will do it", Jesus said John 14:13 also - Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24, John 15:7.

**2- PHONE A FRIEND** - Like on the TV game show. You might not get answers but you will have eased the burden a little. You will have a chance to offload and to pray. A wise friend might help you see things differently. Proverbs 18:24, Colossians 3:12-14, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 1 Corinthians 15:33 Proverbs 10:11a.

**3 - BRING THE NEED TO OTHERS FOR PRAYER** - This needs wisdom. Don't open up every detail to the church and NEVER put it on facebook! Get with faithful praying people who care and wait for the Lord to answer. Matthew 18:19-20.

**4- LIFT UP YOUR EYES** - There is still beauty and joy and life in this world. God has still blessed you. You are still needed by your family, friends and community so keep your joy. Let your light shine. Luke 21:28

Also - Look up to His coming! It is nearer now than ever. It will be worth it all when we get there! (Romans 8:18) In the words of Ps. Ronnie and Ps. Denzil - "You might be the only Bible some people read". - *Tony Riches*

# AEF National Convention

Port Augusta, SA

4th-10th Jan 2020

'The Grace of God in the Year of Jubilee' is the theme for our National Convention in Port Augusta, SA. This will be our Jubilee year so we are excited about making it the best yet. Imagine that! Here we are 50 years on from our first major gathering and people still come from all over Australia to come together to worship, fellowship and learn. This year we have the very gifted Phil Wheeler as our main speaker. Phil is the Director of Evangelism and New Churches and is based in Sydney. Remember to book your accommodation early!

## SOLID CHAPLAINCY INDIGENOUS YOUTH PROGRAM

### **SPEAKING 4 WAYS**

**SUPPORTING ABORIGINAL FAMILIES THROUGH SUICIDAL TRAUMA**

The work of SCIYP continues to focus on the great pain of Youth Suicide that has spread across the country. There were almost 80 Aboriginal suicides in this first half of 2019! Small teams have gone through the Kimberley where stats are the worst. Francine and Tony Riches are delivering the SPEAKING 4 WAYS program and are looking to raise support to expand the program and save more lives. We are losing loved ones as they lose hope. Please pray for this important ministry.





# Community Chaplains News!

Lorraine and Neville Lilley

There are husband and wife Chaplain teams across the country ministering in the community through visits to hospitals, taking funerals, supporting people through grief and loss and bringing the light and love of Christ into the dark realities of life.

*From Lorraine and Neville Lilley. Pt. Stephens NSW.*

Relationship breakdowns in the local Aboriginal families continues to be a concern. Our hearts go out to the lovely little children who are affected by this trauma. Despite the stress that the children are under most of the local Aboriginal children are still doing very well at school, despite their unstable home life.

It is amazing that they can rise above these distractions! We have another funeral this week. Statistics tell us that the average lifespan of an Aboriginal person in NSW is 60. The man who died was in his late 60's. Liz, the young woman who commenced training in the Air Force earlier this year, is now continuing her studies in Adelaide. Our grandson, Jaylin, who is 20 years old has also been successfully recruited into the Air Force.



# AEF Eastern Area Womens

## 48th Annual Convention

Despite the heavy snow close by it wasn't that cold through the day, but some nights got down to minus 4! There were almost 50 women in attendance and a number were there for the very first time. There were 6 or 7 school girls at the convention, the older ladies enjoyed their company as well, and made a fuss of them. There were just four women in attendance at Bimbadeen who were at the inaugural Eastern Area Women's Convention in 1972.



## AEF Family and Youth Services Inc.

The AEF Ladies have been running a very successful Grief and Loss program with an Art therapy aspect for women across the country; mostly in the Eastern States. The ladies program has been supported by the Anglican Deaconess Ministries and soon will evaluate the program and explore the potential to expand it to reach into new areas or directions. - *Thanks to Karen Masters, Francine Riches, and Larissa Minniecon .*



# FROM THE OLD DAYS!



# PRAYER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please be in prayer for the work of the AEF and it's many members as we seek to honour the Lord throughout the Aboriginal world.</li><li>• The health of our leaders, especially those who are getting on in age. Ps. Denis and Aunty Maureen Atkinson have had their health troubles.</li><li>• The families of Christian leaders are under constant attack from the problems the world faces. Eg. conflict, relationship breakdowns, unemployment, drugs and alcohol. Etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the many, many families experiencing the death of their loved ones. Praying especially for those suffering from the suicide of young ones.</li><li>• For the training of new Christians to move from hearers, to believers, to disciples and to leaders.</li><li>• Opening a new Bible training opportunity providing a Diploma in Ministry in 2020.</li><li>• For hearts of the nation to turn to God. For wisdom and faith for new disciples.</li><li>• For a full recovery for Ps. Gerald Eades from the hit and run injuries.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chaplains as they move through the community caring for people. Pray for the ones appointed by AEF – Neville and Lorraine Lilley, John and Dot Caton, Ossie and Robyn Cruse, Denis and Maureen Atkinson, Dennis and Wilma Jetta, Albert and Maxine Knapp and Gerald and Jacquie Eades.</li><li>• Finances for the ministry. The AEF could do so much more with regular support from praying people and partner organisations.</li></ul>



# POINTS

## THURSDAY

- Deliverance for those oppressed by the devil through Drugs and Alcohol throughout the nation.
- Families to become all they can be in Christ. Especially when there are new believers.
- Pastors who are under heavy workloads and their wives also. Pray for the Lord of Harvest to send labourers... not spectators, not short term visitors, Workers!
- For our Prime Minister that he might have wisdom and grace particularly in regard to Aboriginal people and issues. For Ken Wyatt in the role of Aboriginal Affairs Minister.

## FRIDAY

- Churches to have strength as the leadership is often aging and some are even closing. Pray for fresh vision, energy and commitment to the task as the day draws near.
- Bimbadeen as Christian Camps are being held there each year. For them to have resources to maintain the large property and to have guidance for their work.
- Thanksgiving for the growing sense of fellowship and unity across the country as we get on with the work of the Gospel.

## SATURDAY

- For the Chairman Max Conlon and his wife Tracey as they minister across the country and in Cherbourg.
- For the Council men and the Ladies Council. For the CEO and his wife, Tony and Francine Riches.
- Pastors service across the country. Many are overburdened with funerals.
- Pray for workers for youth programs and kids programs to happen in local churches.

# Leading The Way

## FEATURE ARTICLE

Belonging to Christ is a great privilege. As members of the Body of Christ here on earth, we are His people, and together we have a new identity. In 1 Peter 2:4-11, Peter illustrates six aspects of our collective identity in Christ.

**“BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, GOD’S SPECIAL POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT” (1 PETER 2:9).**

The Lord shapes us so that we fit into our unique and perfect place within the body of Christ.

**FIRST, WE ARE LIVING STONES (V. 5)** Like physical stones, each of us has our own unique set of qualities. Through these unique spiritual gifts and purposes, the Lord shapes us so that we fit into the perfect place within the body of Christ—a place that no one else can fill.

**SECOND, WE ARE MEMBERS OF A CHOSEN RACE (V. 9).** We, the elect of God from every nation and every generation, are now God’s chosen race regardless of our ancestry. We are those who have been adopted by grace.

**THIRD, WE ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD (V. 9).** As children of the King, we are commissioned to be His messengers to the world. As we

offer a sacrifice of praise, worship, and adoration to God, we intercede on behalf of others.

**FOURTH, WE ARE A HOLY NATION, MADE UP OF PEOPLE FROM EVERY TRIBE AND TONGUE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH (V. 9).**

As citizens of this heavenly nation, we are to be holy as God is holy.

**FIFTH, WE ARE GOD'S OWN TREASURED POSSESSION (V. 9).**

Consider your own most treasured possessions and how much love, time, and care you pour into them. Now, allow yourself to wonder at the fact that this is how God feels about us.

**FINALLY, WE ARE WANDERERS AND TRAVELLERS IN THIS WORLD (V. 11).**

For those of us who love Jesus, a great home awaits us once our earthly tour is complete: eternity with our gracious heavenly Father.

Before we come to Christ, we are dead in our sins. We have a false or broken spiritual identity. But now we are “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that [we] may declare the praises of Him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9). Hallelujah! We are the people of God. Therefore, let us love Him with all our hearts, worship Him with all our strength, and serve Him with all that we are.

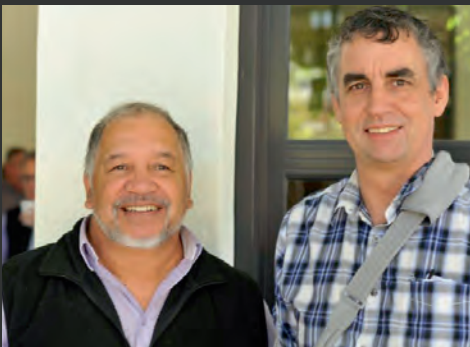
*Prayer: Lord, thank You for the body of believers who together represent Your Kingdom on earth. Thank You for these friends in the faith. Unify us in Your Truth, that we may shine Your light to a world in darkness. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

*“This excerpt has been adapted with permission. Leading The Way with Dr Michael Youssef “*

# AEF happy snaps!







# New Bible College 2020

We are planning to open a Bible College in Melbourne in mid 2020 by God's grace. It is anticipated that this will be done in partnership with Stirling College and it will be a Vocational Education Course with a Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology being offered. We need to identify people and resources for this vital program. The AEF has provided Bible training for people interested in discipleship and leadership over the years and would like to continue to make this available in the future. There is a lot of work to do to get it ready so please pass the news of this wonderful venture on to praying people.



# PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE AEF

## Bimbadeen Christian Training and Conference Centre

For information contact:

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**Please help donate to the College**

AEF Bimbadeen College

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## David F Kirk Memorial Scholarship Fund

Aboriginal people in training need your support. Would you be willing to help a student through this training period? Your gift would be most appreciated. PO Box 118, Tanilba Bay NSW 2319  
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## \*Bequests\*

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It's not for the rich only. Every little and every large gift all make a difference. If you are looking for a well run, Christ centred, community based ministry that reaches Aboriginal People across Australia with a message of Hope, well, that is what we are. If you would like to know more please contact us or talk to your own people about continuing to support and impact people long after you have gone. If it's not in writing it won't happen. May God bless you as you prayerfully consider this.



## ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIA INC.

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2. David Kirk Scholarship Fund
3. Community Chaplaincy Program
4. SCIYP Youth Program
5. Jigamy Farm Youth Camp, Eden
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