



# UAM Ministries

## October - December 2000

# Messenger

## Prayer Meetings

### VICTORIA

**First Monday:**  
LADIES AUXILIARY 1.30pm  
To be advised

**Third Sunday:**  
Federal Prayer Meeting  
Bimonthly 3.00 pm  
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2.00 pm  
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**Second Thursday:**  
7.45 pm  
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**Second Saturday:**  
Bimonthly 2.30 pm  
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### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Second Thursday:**  
2.30 pm

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# President's Comments

One of the outcomes from our recent conference was a renewed commitment to engage in prayer for the work of the mission in general, and to pray for one another in our various ministries in particular.

We heard reports of the unseen powers of darkness at work in opposition to the work of the gospel. Sometimes these encounters can be frightening. We heard how the issue of drugs touches nearly every Aboriginal family in one particular town. We heard how one child of only eight years of age were making statements that they wanted to end their life because it was meaningless and miserable.

Our workers face a battle as they seek to make Christ and His love known to these people. We sometimes feel helpless and unable to do much to help them. Our feelings at such times are not a good indication of the real situation.

It is precisely at such times that we are able to do much to help our brothers and sisters on the field. We can pray. Indeed, the most powerful and effective thing we can do at any time is pray.

I want to encourage you to make it your business to join the battle if you haven't already done so. Become a prayer partner with us in this battle for the souls of Aboriginal men and women and boys and girls.

Christopher Jones  
President

# Such a Great Honour

As the Olympic Torch was carried on its journey around the Australian countryside, many people in country towns had the privilege to be chosen to participate. This story is based on an article which appeared in the Macleay Argus on Friday 26 May this year.

One of those selected to carry the torch in Kempsey NSW was an Aboriginal man named Billy Morris, who at the lighting of the cauldron in Kempsey, gave testimony to his faith in Christ. Here is his story:

First of all I'd like to thank everyone who had a part in my selection, it's a great honour," said Billy with pride.

When the nominations to be a community torchbearer came around, it was Billy's friends in his church that encouraged him to be a part of the event. He said he was overwhelmed when told that he was to carry the flame through his home town, where he has profound connections with the people and the land.

Billy comes from a long line of Macleay descendants.

"I have a deep connection with this area. When we were young fellas we used to go to the Commandant Hill and swim, dive and look for Aboriginal food. The river was something to me. My mother and her family were born at South West Rocks."

Billy spent a few years as a child living in Armidale with his family, as his sister had asthma and doctors recommended the New England environment for her health.

On his return to Kempsey Billy took up boxing with the Richie family. They trained at the dance hall at Burnt Bridge.

Travelling shows passed through the area and the professional boxers would encourage members of the audience to test their fighting skills. Billy was invited to travel as a boxer.

His boxing took him to the professional level and to what he said was his greatest fight, in the early 1960s against the NSW Light Weight Champion in a feature before a world title match, at this time Billy was ranked fifth in the state.

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"I made some good money out of it," said the quietly spoken Billy.

"It was a pretty good fight and we got a bit of a shower out of it. When people liked a fight, they'd throw money into the ring."

Before long the Macleay Valley called Billy back home.

"I was a bit homesick."

He hung up his gloves, settled down and became a family man.

During his Olympic run Billy, who is a dedicated Christian, said he will be thanking his Saviour for the opportunity to carry the flame through Kempsey.

Our thanks are extended to Bob Shanney, former UAM missionary, for sending us this article.

# Till we meet again

On the 8 November the funeral for **Mrs Vera Kingsmoore** was held in Nowra NSW. At 95 years of age, Mrs Kingsmoore had served her Lord and saviour for many years. She began her missionary service with UAM in the early 1930's and worked at the Bomaderry Children's Home. She met her husband while serving at Bomaderry and together they served as UAM missionaries at Kempsey and Gulagambone and later again at Bomaderry. After their second stint at Bomaderry Children's Home they settled in Nowra and from the mid 50's conducted ministry in Nowra, Rosby Park, Worrigea and Bomaderry among the Aboriginal people.

Alicia Adams pays tribute to Mrs Kingsmoore as during this period of their ministry they encouraged Alicia to accompany them and take an active part in the ministry.

On the 26th October **Mrs Kay Cook** died suddenly after suffering a heart attack at home. Kay and her husband David served as UAM missionaries at the Bomaderry Children's Home for over 16 years where they raised their two daughters Susanne and Katherine. The funeral was held at the Pt Kembla Baptist Church on 31<sup>st</sup> October and a large number of people gathered. Many Aboriginal people who had been through the Bomaderry Home and who had known Kay travelled up for the funeral.

It was my privilege to have some of the senior Aboriginal ladies from Nowra travel with me up to Pt Kembla for Kay's funeral. As the ladies spoke together in the car I realised the depth of appreciation these ladies had for the ministry of the staff who worked at the Bomaderry Children's Home, and particularly for the dedicated service of David and Kay Cook.

At the funeral David spoke of his wife's life and how from their first meeting they were both keen to serve the Lord. David went on to outline how God had brought them together in marriage and how they embarked on a life of service together.

One of the church ladies who had worked extensively with Kay in the work of the church testified that Kay was a Godly woman who worked tirelessly. She always seemed to know if someone was in need. She was a great encouragement to all the ladies both in the church and outside the church. Kay loved young people and children, and also started effective outreaches to Women in trouble and to the over 50's.

Kay was always ready to ask the young people, "do you know Jesus as your special friend?" As David said, "She always sought to reach people for Christ. Christ was her life."

Those of us who knew her know this to be true.

Kay will be sadly missed by her many friends and family.

# Till we meet again .../contd

## **Judith Anne Hippett - Walgett**

Born 2. 8. 1942. Died 3. 11. 2000. Remembered by her mum, 4 daughters and 2 sons, their partners and children ;remembered by her brothers and sisters and extended family; remembered by her friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

John 4:10 "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, "give me a drink " you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

Judy knew the gift of God - she believed Jesus is her saviour and her life showed it. She had tasted the living water and lived her life accordingly. In her sickness and inability to do things she trusted God, she prayed much and we prayed with her. She listened to the word of God and tried to live by it.

Judy said it was not easy, but it was the only way. Judy said she failed lots of times too, but she asked God's forgiveness and received it and more because the Holy Spirit strengthened her and helped her to do what pleased God. Judy tried to love as Christ loved and so her life touched others.

From this Judy would want people to know God through Jesus and to know what God's gift is, and taste the living water, then they would have the same joy and peace which filled her life even in pain and finally death. Do we know the gift God? Do we know what God offers?

Have we accepted the gift and tasted the living water? Do we share the joy and peace that Judy knew?

Jan Mitchell  
Walgett

**Ern Faulkner**, another of the veteran UAM missionaries passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and was buried in Fitzroy Crossing. In his 90's, Ern and his wife Alice returned to live in the Kimberley two and half years ago, to live close to the Aboriginal people they loved.

Ern attended Melbourne Bible Institute in 1933-34, and in 1935 he went to work with the United Aborigines mission at Watjulum in the Kimberley region of North Western Australia. Married to Alice Cole in 1936, they worked together in the ministry to Aboriginal people for over 42 years before retiring. They had faithfully served together at Watjulum, Derby, Mt Barnett, Fitzroy Crossing, Kununurra and Halls Creek.

We pay tribute to the lives of these Saints and our thoughts are with those grieving their loss.

# Literature Ministry

Ministry through literature has long been an important part of the work of UAM and as we look to fulfil our calling in ministry we are always open to new avenues to achieve this in the most effective way. With the wide availability of good quality Christian books suitable to a wide range of readership, we have felt for some time that the dissemination of good books to Aboriginal church leaders and our own mission workers is an important aspect of our ministries.

With this in mind, we were very interested when we were approached some months ago by Don Bell, Editor of the Evangelical Action magazine, concerning a book project which has been operating out of the UK for a number of years.

This project has involved placing good quality books in the hands of African Christians for a nominal charge. One key criteria for receiving these books is that the workers are on a low income. The books are obtained in the UK from sympathetic publishers at very low prices and the remainder of the cost of distribution is covered by financial donations.

We have been able to purchase 30 of these packs for distribution to Aboriginal workers in Australia. The cost of each pack delivered to us here in Australia is \$50.00, yet the value of the books in each pack is valued at over \$200. Even with our distribution costs added to this it is still extremely good value.

Currently we are compiling a list of suitable recipients. They will all be Aboriginal people involved in Christian ministry.

As a part of our overall literature ministry we also seek to keep our own workers up to date with suitable resources & books for their own library.

If you would like to assist us in this vital literature ministry we would welcome your support. We anticipate that this will be an ongoing ministry, even though the book packs are a one off purchase.

Fuller details of the "Books for Christian Workers" project, through which we have been able to obtain these packs, can be found in the September-October issue of Evangelical Action. CJ

# Conference Report

Delegates and visitors gathered together for a few days in October last at the Mission centre in Doncaster East, Victoria. Delegates came from the Halls Creek, Kununurra and Geraldton in the West, and from Nowra, Orient Point, Walgett and Collarenebri in NSW. It was to be a time of real blessing as we engaged in discussions about the various aspects of ministry the delegates were involved in.

David Reid, Pastor of the Vermont South Evangelical Church, and who is also our Accountant, led Bible studies each morning on the theme, "Biblical Leadership." Our first conference session began on the Wednesday morning and was led by Matt Mitchell of Walgett, speaking on the theme "Moving Forward Together". This proved to be an inspirational time that included a workshop and report back session. This set the tone and direction for the rest of the conference.

Other sessions covered the following areas: Aboriginal Leadership, Cults and false doctrines, resources in ministry and reports from each of the areas of work and discussion of the particular issues raised for each ministry.

Neville Lillee of the AEF was able to share with us something of the work of AEF and their vision for the ongoing growth of the Aboriginal church throughout Australia.

David Maindonald and Dennis Adams of the HCJB also shared with us as we reviewed the situation in the Kimberley region and gave us an update on the progress being made in obtaining a broadcast license for the Kununurra site.

A feature of the conference was a visit to the HCJB studios in Kilsyth where we saw first hand radio programs being prepared for future broadcast. We were impressed with the potential of radio in Aboriginal ministry here in Australia and were encouraged to continue to pray for the work of HCJB here in Australia.

Glyne Cranwell reported on his progress in re-establishing the tape ministry in Geraldton and we were all encouraged by the way things are developing with this new venture for the Cranwell family.

We were privileged to have with us Sisa Tikoimakohai who is a pastor from Fiji. Together with his wife he is living and working in Collarenebri among the Aboriginal people. Sisa shared with us throughout the conference and brought an encouraging message one evening on Suffering. Keith Ferguson, also of Collarenebri, shared with us on the work of the north-western part of NSW and of the co operative nature of the ministry in this part of the country. Keith also shared something of the outreach they undertake to places as far away as Doomagee up in the gulf country where they have experienced real blessing in recent months.

Our time together finished on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October with a day of prayer. All who attended the conference went away encouraged and with a renewed sense of commitment to the work of the gospel. CJ

# Day of Prayer

Psalm 91:1 "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the almighty."

We wish to thank all who prayed for the UAM Biennial conference and prayer day which was held from the 11 October to 15<sup>th</sup> October. It was very evident to us that people were praying as there was a real spirit of oneness and encouragement amongst the delegates and visitors during this time.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October we held our Prayer day and UAM Missionaries and visitors from the Kimberley and North West NSW shared in our "prayer information" time in the morning and told of what God is doing in their areas.

There is a great need for workers to disciple new Christians and teach those who desire to go on to maturity in their Christian walk.

A special time of prayer took place in the afternoon and it was a real blessing to see the folk travel many kilometres from as far away as Williamstown to pray for the mission. We praise and thank God for all who faithfully uphold in prayer the work of UAM.

Ron Smith  
Prayer Convenor

# Visiting the West

In July my wife Lorna and I decided to get away from Melbourne's winter, and go to Perth to visit our son Joel, his wife Karen, and their little family. Four weeks away from home would be long enough for a holiday, so we decided, as we would be in Western Australia to also visit some of our UAM missionaries.

The first Sunday there, it was our wedding anniversary. Our son Joel and his family took us for worship at the AEF church in Armidale. Some grand old hymns were sung with gusto, and our hearts were blessed by the word of God spoken by Brother Bruce Smoker. What better way to celebrate our wedding anniversary than to be together with the Lords people, lifted up our hearts in praise to him. It did us good to be there.

A few days later we were on our way to Geraldton which was 420 kilometres north of Perth, to visit Glyne and Pam Cranwell, and their children Timothy, Alicia and Jonathan.

Since their arrival in Geraldton, the Cranwell family have lived in the small UAM studio. We had the pleasure of sleeping in their lovely new home which was not quite finished. A few minor things had to be done and I was able to help Glyne with some of the wall and floor tiling.

Fellowship at the AEF church the following Lords day was a blessing and after church we had a picnic on the beach. The weather for this was perfect, and it was a happy time of fellowship.

Soon it was time to leave and once again make our way back to our little family in Perth. Then it was off again, this time to visit Laurie and Eris Way in Gnowangerup 350 kilometres south of Perth, and much colder than Geraldton.

We were amazed that distance seems to mean nothing to the folk living in Western Australia, and when making inquiries as to whether we were on the right turn in the road for Gnowangerup, we were told, 'yes, it's just down the Street, and you will see the sign that says Gnowangerup'. We were not told that the sign was 70 kilometres away.

Laurie and I attended the Bible study and prayer meeting which was a blessing. It was 45 kilometres away, and of course, 45 kilometres home again. Laurie led the meeting and spoke on the book of the Hebrews.

# Visiting the West .../contd

The next day we all went down to Albany to do some shopping, which was 100 kilometres away, passing through the Stirling Ranges. The scenery was breathtaking, and when we saw the cloud on top of a huge Mountain, we spoke about Moses and how he must have felt when he beheld the cloud on top of Mt Sinai. (Exodus 19)

When the sun set, the cold night came, and meals and fellowship around the Word of God was spent in front of a warm open fire. Our hearts were blessed.

All too soon the time came when we had to return to Perth, and of course, later onto Melbourne. The time spent with all our dear missionary friends, plus our family was a wonderful holiday and never to be forgotten. The Lord is God.

Bill Hammen  
Executive

# Kimberley Christian Fellowship Convention

On Thursday 6 July I left a cold dark Melbourne morning. By mid afternoon I was enjoying the tropical heat of Kununurra, in the Kimberley region of WA. Along the way I had met up with Matt and Jan Mitchell, and together with Jonathon and Kathleen Bates we formed the UAM representation for the KCF convention to be held in this beautiful town over the next three days.

This was my first KCF convention, as well as being my first visit to the region. I was greatly impressed by both!

The Kimberley is magnificent. Everything is on a grand scale: Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River scheme, currently carries 21 times the water volume of Sydney harbour, and has a capacity of 54 times this volume. Fruits abound, and vast tracts of land are under cultivation. Truly it is a land "ripe for harvest".

The convention is an evidence of the harvest that has been reaped by the Lord. On the Friday night, the first meeting, I estimated about 200 people in attendance. This was the best-attended meeting of the 3 days, but there were about 100 at each of the other meetings. And how they had traveled! From Wyndham, from Halls Creek, from Fitzroy Crossing, and from communities in between, the Lord's people came together to worship him, to be encouraged from his word, and to be challenged to go back to the work of being the Lord's representatives in their communities. They were not disappointed!

Jonathon Bates spoke (at short notice, because of travel problems for another speaker) at the first meeting, on the conference theme of following Jesus. It was the right note with which to begin, and built the sense of anticipation for what was to follow.

What followed on Saturday morning was a stirring message from Denzil Humphries (of AEF) from Hebrews 12: keep on! It was a straightforward, well-illustrated and well-received message.

Ted Birch (pastor of the Wyndham church) spoke at the evening meeting: looking back, looking at difficulties, looking at Christ. The progression was right, and left the believers looking in the right direction! It was the perfect opportunity for a response of praise and thanksgiving in testimony, and there followed a long musical session, interspersed with personal testimonies. Some people had written their own songs. I was a little distracted during the early part of the meeting by a grass fire which, to me, seemed to be about to engulf the meeting hall. I think my concern was a source of amusement to the locals who knew better!

# Kimberley Christian Fellowship Convention

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Sunday morning, and Denzil Humphries spoke again from Hebrews 12 on the theme of "throw off everything that hinders". There were some wide ranging and searching applications of this biblical directive.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was off limits ladies only! However, Jan Mitchell was the deputized reporter. I have it on good authority that Pauline Manning brought an encouraging message, Julie Darling spoke from the heart on local issues and this led into an extended time of prayer, in spite of the heat of the day.

In the evening Merv Topp, former national secretary of UAM, spoke with passion from Jeremiah 8: the summer is over, the harvest is ended, and we are not saved.

Monday was the last day of the conference. In the morning Denzil spoke at length on the subject of "forgetting what is behind". It was a convicting and encouraging note with which to finish the convention. Jonathon took the opportunity at the conclusion of the message to thank Shirley Cox for 32 years of service to KCF. There followed a song about "Jesus our friend", and then an old man (whose name I did not get) brought a simple and moving testimony about his experience of losing his wife: "I have no friend but Jesus. I had a friend, but my loved one has gone home to heaven. But Jesus is the best friend." I am sure he had many friends at the convention, but the emphasis was right.

Most people left during the day, but there was a final meeting that night for the few who remained, led by David Darling (pastor of the Kununurra Peoples Church).

As well as meetings, the convention was an ideal opportunity for fellowship. Together with Matt and Jan, I visited the HCJB property, and met Mike and Sheryl Moore, and a large work-party of young people from Perth. We visited Don and Meg Shedley, and with them spent some time visiting the settlement near their home. We met with many of the Lord's people, and were encouraged by their commitment to serve him, and their rejoicing in this service.

The value of a convention is seen in what follows. Pray for the people of KCF, that they may faithfully represent the Lord of lords in their towns and communities. Then the theme of the convention will be remembered long after the meetings have been forgotten follow Jesus! DR