

# The Narrow Way

## News 2005

The year of 2005 is nearly ended. Christ's return is a year closer than ever before. World events have been fulfilling the prophecies with an amazing rapidity. But there is another front that is even more important and thrilling. The work of spreading the gospel is also going forward. This year has been rich in gospel labors and mightily blessed by the Lord.

## QLD Camp

A small flyer with a lighthouse and the text, "Get ready! get ready! get ready!" advertised a June camp to be held at Inglewood, near Stanthorpe.

### **Speakers**

American David Sims was the guest speaker. Other speakers included Nader Mansour from Sydney, Alex Paap, missionary to China and Michael Lawrence from Melbourne. The messages and fellowship were unforgettable. Without exaggeration, I can say that we enjoyed a foretaste of heaven.

### **Campfire Stories**

Many will never forget the cozy Sunday evening worship session. We sat around a campfire and took turns thanking God for the blessings gained from the camp. The testimonies were touching and sincere. One young uni student told how much she had looked forward to the camp. "Usually when you really look forward to an event, it doesn't live up to your expectations," she told us, "But this has exceeded them." There was a man from Broken Hill, who was new to us all. He told of how when he'd arrived late Friday night he got lost and was accosted by

the police in a nearby town. When he told them he was lost, they offered him an escort and just as they left him at the entrance to Apex Camp Greenup, they asked him, "So you have friends here?" "No, but I believe I will soon," he responded. He, too, had become as family to us.

### **Surprise Visitors**

We were surprised and delighted to have three young people join us from Melbourne, Sydney and Townsville. Most of us had never met them before, but in the short time we spent together we joyed to see their intense love for God, the truth and spreading the gospel. We came to regard them also as close and loved family. They say that 'blood is thicker than water', but the bonds of love in the family of God go beyond that.

### **Camp Food**

Food at the camp was provided free on freewill offering basis. And we were well provided for with healthy and delicious food, which included the gift of our camp cook: truckie Adrian White from New Zealand. In answer to prayer, one of the brethren from Melbourne offered to pay to cover the airfare to bring him out. And Adrian said yes. Not only that, but David told me when giving a New Zealand report, that Adrian is still talking about how much he enjoyed his time at Inglewood.

### **God be praised alone**

It was wonderful for me, the inexperienced organizer to see how God blessed my meager efforts and made up for my lack. When people commented to me, "The camp has been wonderful. You did a fantastic job," I could only give the glory to

God. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us."

### **God's Providences:**

- ▼ The dates for the QLD camp seemed impractical, but as they had been prayed about, we went ahead with them. We later discovered that they were the first dates of the year David was available.
- ▼ Inglewood is known to average -8<sup>0</sup> in June. So a number of people stayed away for fear of the cold. The rest of us prayed. One sister encouraged me by saying, "God will cover us with a cloud like He did for the Israelites during their desert march." Sure enough, the weather was mild and sunny. A number of campers wore summer clothes. Some (like me) who brought their winter woolies cooked!

## Papua New Guinea

At 5:30 Monday morning, David was whisked from us and rushed to the airport for a flight to Papua New Guinea.

**He writes:** "During my flight, I sat beside a business man. God had been leading Him to think about God's rest day; the memorial of creation and of

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Dear Friends,

This mini newsletter comes with greetings from Benjamin, Bethany, David and Timothy! The memories of how so many of you (some whom we had just met for the first time) lovingly opened your homes and hearts to us warms us still. We praise God for the blessing of the times shared and thank you again. You have all become dear to us, as family. Though we do wish we could have had more time with you! Even though it was physically exhausting, we felt sad the trip had to end. We didn't want the contact and the friendships to die out because of time and distance. So we exchanged email and home addresses with many of you. But keeping up personal contact isn't always easy or even possible. It was with these thoughts that this newsletter was born. That is why this simple newsletter was formed. We hope that you will be encouraged by its pages and would love to hear back your comments and thoughts. We have included some special highlights from the Inglewood camp and our tour for your enjoyment. Some of these stories will no doubt be familiar to you. Also, we are starting with a relatively limited database. If you have friends or a part of a group that you think would like to be on the mailing list, just let us know.

Love and Greetings

from David and Benjamin and Bethany

His creative power. I answered his questions about the Sabbath and shared the Gospel about the love of the Father in giving His only begotten Son, John 3:16, and the necessity of knowing God, John 17:3. I shared about the "image of jealousy", (Ezekiel 8) that has been placed in many of the churches. He was very interested to hear the simple Bible truth. *I knew God had arranged this flight, and this seat for me in the plane!*

"My time in PNG was such a blessing I can't put it into words. Over a hundred people came out each evening, many having to walk 30 to 45 minutes each way. Some evenings the presence of God was so powerful that there was absolute silence and awe. The people filed out with an uncharacteristic silent solemnity. Another evening I announced that I had some literature to share. I barely made it to the first pew on the way out before I was surrounded and could not go farther until I had emptied my bag. "On my return trip I met someone at the airport during a long lay-over. This lady had been praying that she would meet someone nice to spend the time with, for protection from the rough and dangerous crowd milling about the airport. In our conversation she said that someone from her own church and mission had told her a few weeks prior, that they were keeping the wrong day. That the bible Sabbath was really Saturday, the 7th day, and God had never authorized a change. After studying she had found that to be true, but she had been wondering if it was really important. That is when God brought us together and sent her the

answer to her question. I also shared the precious Gospel of John 3:16; and John 17:3. We had a truly wonderful sharing time. Praise God for His providential guidance!"

#### God's Providences:

▼ Even though the original contact for PNG fell through, because of strong conviction the dates were reserved. We felt directed that it must be immediately after the camp. We later found out that the minister in PNG who arranged the meetings and translated for David had been involved in ministry elsewhere for 10 weeks prior, and had only that one week free. The day after David left, he began holding meetings in the bush that were to last for the next several months.

▼ We applied for David's visa to go to PNG on Friday. He was to fly Monday (which was a public holiday). Arriving at the consulates office, we were greeted by a sign stating that it took 2-4 business days to obtain a visa. We had a prayer and filled out the application. While we were filling it out, we heard several trying for visas get turned down. When we finished, and submitted the application, it was just on noon. We were told to be back in

two hours. We got the visa that day!

### Australia Tour

It was Friday afternoon and we were hours behind schedule. But when we saw the car, sitting on the side of the road, we stopped to help. Three young fellows jumped out, and though we soon realized they didn't need our help, they thanked us for stopping and wanted to talk.

We soon discovered that Daniel, Shea and Tom were Christians. When Ben told them that David was a pastor, they started firing questions.

"Is Genesis literal or allegorical?"

"Can non-Christians be saved, if they lead good lives?"

It so happened that they had spent the last hour discussing these questions, but no-one had answers.

As David explained that Jehovah is a personal God, who loves and cares about us individually and it only makes sense that He would intend for us to understand His messages to us, they listened intently.

It was obvious that their questions were not intended for argument or even simply discussion, but because they wanted to know.



# The Mind Connection

Bethany Turner (transcript from a talk)

It was a glorious morning. One of those days when everything has gone right – you got up at the perfect early hour needed to spend plenty of quality time in the Word, worship and breakfast had been happy family experiences, and on schedule.

As I was washing the breakfast dishes, the words from a psalm that I had memorized filled my mind and a sense of amazing peace flooded me. I was interrupted when Ben called me to see an email forward that had just come in. The pictures were of a huge dead bear and they were almost gruesome.

When I got back to the dishes I soon noticed that my mind was now filled with thoughts of the bear and hunter, rather than the Word of God and the peaceful atmosphere had broken.

With an effort to train my mind back to the Word I prepared to make our bed. On the covers there sat a little tract on the evils of Harry Potter. Being the reader that I am, I picked it up and read two paragraphs. I didn't read much but next thing I knew the words from the Psalm that I was meditating on were being mixed with words such as 'Voldemort' and 'Hogwarts.'

This started me thinking about the role of the mind in the life of the Christian.

We have confessed our sins and given our hearts to Jesus. It is the daily walk that concerns us now – how to grow into mature men and women in Christ. We want victory in our lives and freedom from sin. How? “Abide in me” Jesus said. “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not:...” 1 John 3:6 But how do we abide in Him and how does He abide in us?

Does the person Christ Jesus, come down from heaven to us and physically take up residence in our bodies? Does He 'posses' us in the way that demons did in the New Testament times? speaking through our mouths and taking us where we don't want to go? Certainly not!

In John fifteen, where Jesus drew the illustration of the vine and told His



disciples the importance of abiding, He also gives a practical application.

“If ye abide in me, and **my words abide** in you...” John 15:7

It's all about the mind! And what kind of mind are we to have? Is it not “this mind which was also in Christ Jesus?”

The mind is the intangible part of the body – you can't touch it, see it or handle it. What is it that dwells in the mind? Is it not the thoughts? And in words we have an expression of the thoughts. For, “out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.”

So we can say,

(produces) (expressed by)  
Heart/Mind ⇨ Thoughts ⇨ Words

Let's look at a couple texts to see this connection.

“That **Christ may dwell in your hearts** by faith.” Ephesians 3:16

“Let this **mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5

“Let the **word of Christ** dwell in you richly.” Colossians 3:16

How can we have the mind of Christ? As we read His word (the Bible) and meditate on it, then His thoughts become ours.

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious

promises: **that by these** ye might be partakers of the divine nature,” 2 Peter 3:4

So we see that it is by God's promises (His words) we become partakers of the divine nature. It is in having the mind of Christ, by having his thoughts that he dwells in us.

The Bible speaks of our being in-dwelt by God's Spirit.

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost **which is in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” 1 Corinthians 6:19

“Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ **which was in them** did signify,” 1 Peter 1:11

Let us examine this concept.

## In-dwelt by the Spirit

Man is made up of two parts. We call these the body and mind, the tangible and intangible or the *flesh* and the *spirit*. The Bible gives illustration for this fact in speaking of Moses' experience.

“They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.” Psalm 106: 32, 33

The children of Israel did not hurt

Moses' physical body, but his spirit or mind. It goes without saying however, that it was Moses' himself that they provoked and not someone other than Moses.

Man was made in the image of God, after His likeness. And in writing to the Corinthians, Paul likens God's Spirit to our spirit.

“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:11

Two parallel Bible verses also witness to this connection.

By the prophet Isaiah the question is asked,

“Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?” Isaiah 40:13

In quoting this Old Testament passage, Paul wrote,

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?” Romans 11:34

So when inspiration speaks of God's Spirit, it is speaking of His innermost person – His mind and emotions.

How does God pour His spirit upon us?

“Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.” Proverbs 1:23

It is by making known (or giving us understanding of) His thoughts, and as we mediate on them and fill our minds with them and they become our thoughts, we become partakers of His Spirit.

This conversion is not immediate. Our heart is naturally evil and at variance to God. It is desperately wicked. Our thoughts also are naturally so different to Jehovah's that He tells us,

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:7

We need a new heart; a new mind; a new spirit. This, God has promised us. But we also have a part to play.

When Jesus was explaining this truth to a crowd at Capernaum, they were

offended and many of his disciples left him. Let us examine this message of Christ's in John chapter six that brought so much opposition.

### **We must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have life**

53 “Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.”

### **By this Christ is speaking of the 'abiding'**

56 “He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”

What did Jesus mean when he spoke of eating his flesh and drinking his blood? We know he was not speaking of a

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& they are life.”

literal cannibalistic meal. A little further on in the chapter He explains His meaning.

### **We abide in him and he in us, by having his word in us and living by it.**

63 “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

I would like you to notice something here – God's word is a power and life that ours is not. It is called here, "spirit". When God speaks, things happen. There is creative power in His word. Just so, when we partake of His word and it becomes a part of us, it changes us. Christ's words taken into the heart have a power to recreate our carnal minds and stamp on us the impress of the divine.

The lapse of time has wrought no change in Christ's parting promise to send the Holy Spirit as His representative. It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. But we have our part to play in cooperation – choosing

to go where His word is being spoken, reading His word and pleading for the guidance of His Spirit.

There are two ways of reading the Bible. We can read words on paper, we can look for proof to support our ideas and beliefs or through the Spirit we can hear God's voice speaking to us, making known to us His thoughts. We can then choose to ingest them by taking them into our minds through memorization and meditation.

### **The other Side**

However, as illustrated by the experiences I shared in the beginning, there is another side to the story. We have not only to put the Word of God into our minds, but also to watch what other input we are receiving. We are to painstakingly protect our minds.

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” Matthew 26:41

How is it that God communicates with us? It is through our minds. But how will we ever hear that “still small voice” if our mind is always occupied?

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” 2 Corinthians 10:5

It is our duty to bring all of our thoughts into captivity to the knowledge of God; to train ourselves to think on heavenly things. Have you ever tried to do that but found it hard?

This is because the battle does not begin with the thought life. It is partially won or lost in our choice of input.

Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to have quiet time with God immediately after watching a movie? Or to meditate on Scripture while the news is on?

I feel that movies are great criminals in this arena. Why? 1) They are evil. 2) They fill the mind, leaving no room for the word.

You may wish to argue with my first point. Some movies are evil, you may say. But that is not true of all. Well, I'm not one for argument, and it may be true that not all are messengers from hell. But I will share my own experience with you here and I assure you that

more of them are evil than you imagined.

Many of you who we met on the Australia trip know that my husband and I were blessed for three and a half months with a baby boy. Some of you will also remember this story, as I shared it in my talk on homeschooling. But let me tell it again.

Samuel was about two months old and seventeen year old aunty Cherith was staying for the week. Well, we watched a movie. I say it like that, because that wasn't usual. The movie was a "good" movie, mind you. It was a sweet, G rated old fashioned romance. There was no swearing, no immorality, nothing that would have made you think, "That is evil." But Samuel, precious child, was unusually unhappy right the way through. And that was odd, for my sweet, contented baby who hardly ever fussed. It was evening and it was soon time to put Samuel to bed. But he was so unhappy. He screamed and screamed. I couldn't think what was wrong. Until I prayed. I don't know why, as this is not something I usually pray about, but I asked God to remove any evil influence from our home. Samuel calmed, and very soon after that, went to sleep. I doubt if you can imagine how that impacted on me. I could hardly believe that I had been responsible with giving the evil one access to my child and I determined that day that I was not going to watch movies ever again.

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:" Psalm 101:3

"Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." Ezekial 20:7

But it may be true that not all movies are evil. What about these? Can we safely enjoy them?

There was a time when, in the company of some other Christian girls I watched a sweet romance movie. I can't say

whether it was evil or not, but the one thing I did notice was the effect it had on my mind. I tried to pray, but I couldn't get away from the flashing images that filled my mind. I asked forgiveness and cleansing for my sin, and I believed and knew God heard and answered me, but I was still prevented from sensing His presence and hearing His voice because my mind was too full to give Him room.

In order to abide in Christ, and hear His voice, we need to keep the channel of communication clear. The problem with so much of what is out there – music, billboards, novels, newspapers and of course movies, is that they clog that channel of communication. In spite of this, we may still hear God's voice speaking to us occasionally.

But we have been told to abide. It is not an occasional connection, but a **continual** one that we need. If the clinging tendrils are grafted into the vine today, but broken off tomorrow, regrafted the next day and broken again the day after that will it produce much fruit? Definitely not!

With this kind of connection will we ever be changed and produce fruit? Will we be saved and have a place in God's kingdom? No, never.

We need to carefully choose what we put into our mind. Think before you look. We are here on probation. We are preparing for immigration to a better land. In everything you put before your eyes, everything you do, or choose, ask yourself, "Is this preparing me for heaven?" If it is not, be prepared to give it up or give up your place in that better land.

Do you still have a question such as, "Is this ok?" The apostle Paul gives some awesome counsel:

"...Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely,

whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."Philippians 4:8

I picked out a promise for memorization the other day and by chance went back a bit later to read it in context. From the context it is easy to see who it is about – those who are alive when Jesus comes and live through the time of trouble. In other words, if we are to be saved, this must be our experience.

"He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, **that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;** He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Isa: 33:15, 16

Through this verse, God spoke to my heart and said, "If you will be mine, you won't listen to gossip." Note: It may be true, but is it a good report? When I shared it with some friends, they felt it was speaking against watching the news.

Lest you feel discouraged, let me encourage you with this promise:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12

Do not fear, God has promised the power to enable you to meet His high and holy standard. But don't forget that you do have a duty to cooperate with Him.

"Keep the heart with all diligence – for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23

Keep the channel of communication clear between your soul and heaven. Choose to fill your mind with the word of God and He will do His part and pour upon you of His Spirit. ✍

*To keep your heart in heaven will give vigor to all your graces and put life into all your duties. To discipline the mind to dwell upon heavenly things will put life and earnestness into all our endeavors. ~ White, Our High Calling, chapter 155*

*Diligent heart-keeping is essential to a healthy growth in grace. The heart in its natural state is a habitation for unholy thoughts and sinful passions. When brought into subjection to Christ, it must be cleansed by the Spirit from all defilement.*

*When the soul has been cleansed, it is the duty of the Christian to keep it undefiled.*

*~ White, God's Amazing Grace, chapter 287*



# The *Joy* of the Christian

*Rest yourself wholly in the hands of Jesus. Contemplate His great love, and while you meditate upon His self-denial, His infinite sacrifice made in our behalf.., your heart will be filled with holy joy, calm peace and indescribable love.*

*As we talk of Jesus, as we call upon Him in prayer, our confidence that He is our personal, loving Saviour will strengthen and His character will appear more and lovely.... We may enjoy rich feasts of love, and as we fully believe that we are His by adoption, **we may have a foretaste of heaven.** Wait upon the Lord in faith. The Lord draws out the soul in prayer, and gives us to feel His precious love. We have a nearness to Him, and can hold sweet communion with Him. We obtain distinct views of His tenderness and compassion, and our hearts are broken and melted with contemplation of the love that is given to us.*

*We feel indeed an abiding Christ in the soul. We abide in Him, and feel at home with Jesus. The promises flow into the soul. Our peace is like a river, wave after wave of glory rolls in the heart, and indeed we sup with Jesus and He with us. We have a realizing sense of the love of God, and we rest in His love. No language can describe it, it is beyond knowledge. **We are one with Christ, our life is hid with Christ in God.** We have the assurance that when He who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory. With strong confidence we can call God our Father. - Ellen White, Letter 52, 1894*

Two of their number had hitch-hiked to the nearest town to pick up the car parts they needed and just at the point where we had satisfactorily answered every question, they returned. The repair job took ten minutes. We had prayer together.

Shea started off by thanking God for a broken fan belt. And then, every one of them prayed, many of the others also, thanking God for the providence that had brought us together.

**Three Sheets of Paper**  
God blessed Australia in sending David; and we, Bethany and Benjamin and Timothy, were blessed in having a part in the work and seeing God's providential leading. On our last Friday night together we took down some short hand notes of God's providences in our 'round Australia trip. It filled three A4 sheet's of paper and that was not exhaustive!

We experienced one providence after another. In fact, some of the first of these included God's work of convincing each one of us that He wanted the trip to happen and for us to be a part of it!

### Here I am; send me

Even bringing David over was marked by the clear workings of the Almighty. One this side of the globe it included a late night phone call and unexpected financial help, while with David it was timing. If the request had come a week earlier, he would not have seen his way clear to come.

When David invited Tim to join us, he wanted confirmation from God to back his "yes". So he asked for a sign. Tim lives in Tamworth, where the yearly rainfall averages about 12 inches a year. It had been particularly dry in the recent weeks, so Tim asked God to sent 6 inches of rain in the following week. Well, Tamworth was blessed with the rain, and we got to enjoy Tim's company!

Ben and Bethany's involvement was not originally planned, either. It was on a late night drive where the trip was being discussed, that Bethany found herself earnestly wishing they could be a part of it – like a support crew.



Flying was the main planned mode of transport, though, so it was out of the question. Then the thought struck, "Why not do a road trip – you and Ben can drive it."

The idea seemed too much like fantasy to be serious. But then God provided a car. The car we were driving was economical, but cramped and uncomfortable: out of the question for such a big trip. God provided us with a Ford LTD – sun roof, padded velor seats and plenty of room. It is seventeen years old and the head was blown, so the owner only wanted five hundred. Then someone gave us a reconditioned head. Even the roadworthy was free. What an amazing God we serve! Truly, there is nothing too hard for Him.

And the only breakdown we had on the trip, was easily fixed and turned out to be an awesome sharing opportunity. Tim and Ben love to tell it. Cruise control had stopped working, and the wipers were super slow, so we knew the alternator wasn't charging the battery anymore. Finally, stopped at a red light in a tiny coastal town, the LTD conked and wouldn't start. We pushed it off the road and then discovered that there was a mechanical shop just across the street. The mechanic and his offsider were incredibly friendly and helpful – they had the parts we

needed, at an unheard of price, and installed them free. When Tim and Ben offered them books, they were thrilled to accept and promised to read them.

We shared and experienced so much blessing and joy that it is impossible to properly convey it. We travelled together by car as far north as Rockhampton and as far west as Perth. We often drove till late and started early. We ate many meals in the car, stopping sometimes by the side of the road to get some exercise. We prayed together often and earnestly for blessing and guidance. And how God blessed!

### Meetings

**David:** "At my first stop back in Australia I held meetings for three days, going into much depth about the subject of John 17. An independent minister that attended each evening exclaimed, "I had been wondering about this subject, but had many questions. I praise God! you have answered all my questions!" He later ordered cases of literature to take back to his own country in Africa."

We held home school meetings, and spiritual meetings."

Bethany: "Ben and I got to hear the messages David was sharing over and over, but incredibly, instead of getting boring, we found that it just got more tangible and personal for us with every hearing. When we prayed together at the start of meetings, we could sense God's presence very near. It was thrilling seeing God moving on hearts, though the messages were simple and purely Biblical.

Home school meetings were usually arranged with the home school associations in the different localities. They were held in Wesleyan Churches, Baptist Churches, public halls, and homes. We stayed in private homes of any



who invited us, one night even staying in an Anglican church. The accommodations were very nicely arranged there. In one state, we were a bit nervous and prayed much when we found out that the home school association was run by the government. We let them know the spiritual context and emphasis of our



presentations, and were overjoyed when they let us know that would be fine as long as it was advertised that way. They proceeded to advertise it in their newsletter, fund the hall, and insurance. They sent a representative from their office to take notes and report back. The representative was very happy with our approach, and said she was taking back a good report. The meetings there lasted for several hours on one day and over a 6 hour period on the next interspersed with breaks.

David showed how we can train our children to think for themselves and become happy, useful members of society, using examples of God's teaching methods from the model school in Eden. These methods are radically simple, but proven successful.

Bethany shared highlights from her own experiences in the home school, including precious lessons learned from her own days of mothering, why she chose to say a final "No!" to movies and how one vital element from her schooling years meant everything when, at three and a half months, her baby died in his sleep. We have DVDs we are happy to share from these sessions that will be ready soon. They are free – ask and you will receive!

We have been amazed to realise the

extent to which God's involvement in every part of the tour was demonstrated. It seems that at every turn God was working marvelously, while at the same time, mark this, 'everything' was going wrong. I was impressed over and over again by the fact that when human resources fail, then God opens the way. And it is not always necessarily the 'way' we might have expected or hoped for. But because it is so obviously His providence, we can delight in it.

## New Zealand Tour

David writes, "My flight to New Zealand began with some sadness, because of the friends I was leaving in Australia. My first visit was with a family on the south island, where I met a sincere person who had been wavering on the truth. She had determined not to discuss the subject of the Gospel with me at all, but simply homeschooling. When we began to share, she could not contain



the questions, and we ended up studying long hours, hardly taking time to sleep or eat. We were so engrossed, I barely made my next flight.

"The rest of my trip around New Zealand was made by car with a dear brother and his little boy. We had precious experiences, where the people did not want us to stop sharing, asking questions and soaking in the answers till the early hours of the morning. We also had the opposite experience. We faced ridicule, mockery, and accusations. I was told I was

committing the unpardonable sin and would soon suffer the judgment of God, as Annanias and Saphira.

"One very special e-mail I received from New Zealand said

*"David, as a result of your meeting with us a couple of weeks ago I spent some time reading the information on your website which you shared with us. Afterwards an overwhelming sense of peace came over me... This has never happened to me before when I have read quote after quote and numerous bible texts on any other subject.*

*"I am continuing to prayerfully study the word as I also consider your explanations based on your interpretation of all of the texts. The truth hangs in the balance of rightly dividing the word and allowing every text to interpret the matter. I am beginning to realise that I could be lost if I do not first understand this.*

*"Thank you for giving yourself to this work. And thank you for coming by faith to meet with a group of strangers."*

As I consider my trip to the South Pacific, I just have to praise God! What a precious privilege we have to enter into the joy of our Lord. The gardener after preparing the soil, working diligently for months taking care of the little plants has a wonderful joy when he has the opportunity to harvest the precious fruit. Likewise, when we take part in the work of our Saviour, the joy that we experience in seeing souls come into fellowship or closer fellowship with Christ, is precious. May God grant each of you my friends that same opportunity.

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