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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We are undergoing a slow but deliberate renovation of our school facilities. The current facility has served us well for several decades. But age and wear and tear are catching up with us.

Our first step has been to start getting the Electrical up to date. As with any older building, this project has taken on a life of its own. But the good news is that as I type, the first stage of this is being put into

motion. Our old single phase 35 AMP service is being replaced with a three phase system.

In addition we will have 8 new power points in the class room for Laptops and other technology needs. The wiring will be in place for an overhead video projector and a new heating/cooling system for the class room.

The Hope is to get funding to replace lighting and update the actual class room in-

cluding new floor and wall covering.



Old breaker board that will be replaced this next week!

So stay tuned for updates ... or better yet ... bless us and future generations of students by getting involved!



Dan Bray and Graham Wall

A Graduate and a New Student

Most people ask how things are going at school. This is usually followed up by a question about our student body.

As most of you know, after three years of study and training, Graham Wall gradu-

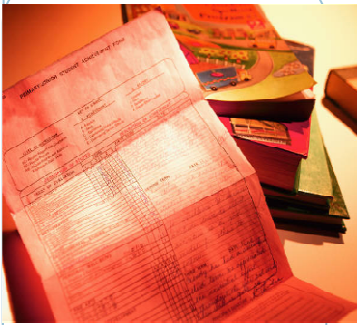
ated from MSOBS in early February. Most of you enjoyed his contributions in your congregation's activities while he was attending school.

Many of you also know Dan Bray. Dan was with us last year for most of the year

... funding his own way through school. He is back now as a full time student supported by the vision and generosity of many of you.

Both, we feel will make wonderful contributions to the church!

MSOBS Report Card



Thank you for your help

Recently you should have received a packet from Macquarie. The item was entitled “MSOBS Grade Card”. As it states in the packet, we are simply looking for your evaluation of how we are doing. We evaluate our students work all the time and it is only right that we have our

work evaluated as well.

We are simply a tool for the churches of Christ in Australia ... and we believe even our region of the world. Of course there are ways for us to be more effective as that tool. Your experience and insight will help us to stay the course in

things vital and blaze trails to a future of fruitful service of our Lord and His church.

If you have not received a “Report Card” please let me know. If you have not completed yours yet, please do so. If you have completed yours already ... Thank you!

An exciting year unfolding ... *Craig Peters*

This is our first start to finish year with the school. It was a bit different starting a school year in February ... but whereas that’s Winter where I come from ... it is Summer BBQ and Beach time down here.

Since then, we have had Graham Wall graduate and Dan Bray return to the school. Our two third year students are mapping out their next couple of years of Ministry and at least one couple (The Andrew Giles family) are planning on enrolling part-time later this year.

We finished our Monday night series “Renewal with Romans” a few weeks ago and have plans to start a new series in August. We enjoyed an average of 20 in each of these past lessons. It makes us feel good that we offer something that seems helpful.

In addition to their studies each week, each of our students is deeply involved in their home congregation. They often teach and preach and help with evangelistic efforts. You’ll notice on the facing page that they are often quite busy when school is not in session as well.

Each of our third year students is working on ministry plan that include

both local work and missions. In order to help equip them, a great portion of their studies is intended to help them be prepared for the obstacles they may face. They are also creating lesson plans for each scenario. This creates a great deal of work for them, but each is bright and very resourceful.

Our annual Lectureship will be July 22-26. We are always excited about hosting that. It is so good to see brethren from all over the country. We also enjoy being a resource of encouragement to so many who work so hard for the Lord.

We also plan to do a Mission week where our students serve a congregation in Australia. We haven’t formally declared where that will be this year. Last year they spent 2 weeks in Coffs Harbour.

This past Sunday all of our students served the Eastside congregation. Sam preached, Dan served at the Lord’s Supper and satish led singing. If you would like a team of MSOBS students and staff help at your congregation on a Sunday please contact me.

Thank you for your support of the school.

Students wanted ... Service opportunities wanted ...



Getting outside of our four walls

Satish Samuel (3rd Year Student)— Time Spent in India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Greetings to you all, here is my small ministry report which I did in India last month (April 2009).

On the 10th of April I arrived at Chennai. On Sunday the 12th of April I worshiped at my home congregation and preached there. The worship started at 5.30 A.M.. Then I went to preach at another congregation which is 30 kilometres away from my place at which is called Maduma Nagar Church of Christ, where Bro. G. David Illankumaran is working as a full time preacher. This is the same congregation I spoke among the

youth. The worship started at 8:00 A.M., and the youth meeting at 10:30A.M.

On the same day, I travelled back to my home place because they had the Gospel meetings for 3 days all at 6:30 P.M.

On 16th and 17th I preached at another congregation called Choolai Church of Christ, where Bro.M.Ezhilan is working as a full time worker.

On 18th morning myself and Bro. Madhan Raj travelled to Trichy which is 5-6 hours travel by train. From there we caught a bus trav-

elled another 2 hours to reach Puddukkotai, where Bro.M.Silessbee is working as a full time preacher. We preached at Puddukkotai Church of Christ on Saturday evening 18th of April and worshiped with them on 19th. After worship we travelled another 3 hours by bus to reach Madurai, where Bro. Manickam, is working part time for a church. We preached there and then travelled to Chennai.

On 26th of April and on 3rd of May I preached at my home congregation.

On 5th of May I preached at the family meeting at Kodaikannal.

Academic Dean Report— Ted Paull

FAMILY...

This year Pam is teaching Primary School three days a week and babysitting Jasmine (now 1 year old) for two days a week. Our daughter Marilyn has finally finished exams (after 28 years!) and is doing advanced training in her Pediatrics specialty based at Westmead children's hospital, but currently working at Bathurst. Timothy has moved from fuel components to survival gear at Qantas and is enjoying the challenge of learning new skills and getting to know new work-mates. His wife Karyn is doing three days worth of work in incident reporting and safety training at the same hospital as Marilyn.

SCHOOL ...

Again this year we have been blessed by teaching help from Sunset International Bible Institute (operated by the Sunset church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, USA). Last year we had Ed Wharton and John Massie visiting and this year Jerry & Connie Tallman visited. Jerry spends about 3 months each year teaching at Sunset and then the rest of the year visiting churches for evangelistic training. The Tallmans sold their home and bought a mobile home in order to be able to do this work with minimum cost to these churches.

The classes taught on evangelism here at the school were certainly worthwhile. The Tallmans also visited and taught in Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane before going on to New Zealand.

At the beginning of April I had the privilege of teaching five lessons for just over 50 people at the 50-n-Over retreat at Meroo near Kurrajong. They had asked me to teach on the Pattern for the Church and Post-modernism and we enjoyed being challenged to consider Biblical teaching and current views about salvation, worship and relationships with denominations. I've also had the opportunity to preach at the Hunter Valley and Bankstown congregations, as well as helping with preaching and teaching for the Macquarie church. The full-time students get in-class opportunities to teach and preach and they are also involved in evangelism as part of one class and often teaching 2-3 times per month for churches and camps throughout NSW as well as in Victoria and Queensland. Occasionally they go together to assist a congregation in preaching teaching and worship leading on Sunday. They did this recently for the Eastside church in Sydney on May 17. These activities contribute greatly to their training.

*Another year has come—a new year!!
We are very grateful that God has given us another year and continues to bless us in His work.*



Four Generations of Paulls

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MSOBS Lectureship 2009 July 22-26

“God’s Community in our Community”

Guest Speakers include:

Dale & Sheila Hartman
Randy and Carol Bullock

More Details to come

**I need your congregation’s
contact email address.**

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Student Scholarship Fund Started and other opportunities for you to Participate

One of the ways so many of you have blessed the school has been with your support of students over the years. 53 Students over 39 years ... is a testimony to your dedication to the present and the future of the church.

We have started a new Student support account. This began out of the generosity of a woman in Texas. Her gift is helping our newest student: Dan Bray. The hope is to build on this so that we have support on hand for current student emergencies and to help incoming students. Currently the fund has just over \$15,000. Although it draws some interest, we are using the principal directly in the support of as many students as possible. One incoming student has already received a pledge from this.

If you would like to contrib-

ute to this fund, please contact me at: craigp888@gmail.com.

Having funds on hand, I believe will help eliminate the number one concern student prospects have: the securing of funds for their 3 years of study.

ALSO ... as mentioned earlier in this issue, we have started some renovations on the school. With the completion of the electrical work, we now hope to update the classroom. We are in need of a Inverter air con/heater and someone licensed to install it. We also plan to spruce up the room with new wall and floor covering. Plans also include a Video Projector as a tool for our teachers.

Again ... if you would like to help ... please contact me at craigp888@gmail.com.

Thank you for being our Partners these many years!



*Serving beside
you for over 39
years*