Upon reflection of my looking up into the nighttime sky and in awe viewing the Southern Cross star constellation, I realized it was symbolic not just in the SCEE logo but also of the 5 nations visited on the Christian Educators’ Conference tour back in March. The constellation is awesome but the conferences were equally out-of-this-world in their inspiring a reverential awe. Here’s why. . .

First, Fiji, although considered a vacationer’s “destination location” with a casual atmosphere, gave every evidence of serious academic assessment in the schools, glorious musical presentations by the students, and challenged cultural hindrances by the educators.

Second, Australia, although known for its unique mammals, demonstrated that unity with diversity is not just important for survival in the animal kingdom but is also significant for the unique individualized philosophy/methodology of the A.C.E. program in God’s Kingdom. Educational unity with national requirements could be achieved while preserving the uniquenesses of a biblical “species” of schooling. How awesome is that?

Third, Indonesia, although a country consisting of 17,500 (plus) islands, showed to the CEC team that cultural differences can be celebrated in music and drama while maintaining a spirit of educational harmony. Tough questions were entertained by transparent leaders, followed by acknowledgements of compassion for the children and companionship for the A.C.E. ministry. Folks can be islands apart physically but educationally a continent of solid camaraderie. I witnessed a confidence about the future.

Fourth, New Zealand, although a land of disappearing birds, has no shortage of believers home schooling. Passionate parents and engaged school educators fellowshipped among themselves, thanked the countries faithful A.C.E. leaders, and rejoiced in their graduates’ acceptance into tertiary schools because of a working relationship with a university chancellor’s committee. Praise the Lord.

Fifth, Papua New Guinea, although a diverse nation of 800 languages and entrenched poverty, came out to educators’ conference with the force of a 230 soldier army which enthusiastically soaked in the rich regimen of Christ-centered curriculum that recruits could master with the socialization of godly character. The heat and humidity was met with participant spiritual humility and a politician’s promised assistance.

I strained to gaze upon the Southern Cross trying to count the 5 stars before they disappeared behind the encroaching clouds. But there was no such challenge visiting the 5 nations. God’s creative work in the heavens was matched by this spiritual work on earth: five stars, five nations, and five awesome stories of God’s wonder-working grace among servants whose personal agendas are set aside for the advance of an individualized educational ministry whose quality is equal to the majesty of the Southern Cross.

Dell G. Johnson
Ministry Relations Representative, A.C.E.
We were also blessed to attend the ACE Schools Music and Drama Performance, where students from tiny tots to teenagers encouraged us through songs, instrumental music and dramas.

After a few brief days at home, resting and preparing for the next leg of the tour, we travelled to New Zealand, where 51 people attended Conference, representing 10 different school or home school providers. Many of the attendees at this Conference were home schooling parents, whose enthusiasm was a real encouragement to us. New Zealand was the quickest travel turnaround for us, not allowing for guests from the US, Dr Johnson and Mr Howard any sight-seeing time (and very little shopping time), but it was a lovely break from the heat of the other Conference venues.

We were blessed by the warm and friendly hospitality of the folk from the schools in Jakarta, particularly the SCED Representatives Ianto and Ester Djaja, also Roi Sundoro from Wesley Pelita Bangsa Sekolah, who hosted the conference in their school and church, and Anthony Santoso from Raising Stars, who joined together to provide transport and shopping tours, and dinners and ……

The Conference was attended by approximately 185 people representing 21 different schools (most of them using the ACE program). A special thanks too, to the wonderful ladies who were our interpreters for the Conference, they did an amazing job.

For me this Conference was a wonderful experience, finally meeting the people that I talk with via phone and email!

The last leg of our trip was PNG, where we were accorded a presidential style welcome on the tarmac at Lae Airport. The staff and students from AOG Christian Academy, who were our hosts for the Conference, met us at the airport with a welcome speech, songs and gifts.

At the PNG Conference we had at least 230 attendees representing 43 different schools. Some had come very long distances with considerable difficulties to get to Conference, including 2 days on the deck of a boat from some of the Island schools, and for those coming from the Highlands, having to climb down a ravine, cross a river and climb up the other side, as a truck accident had taken out one of the bridges. What a joy it was to see these people soaking up the Word of God and the educational presentations with such an earnest desire to ‘do it better’.

It was truly a blessing to be on the tour with Mr Duane Howard, and Dr Dell Johnson and I praise God for the wonderful opportunity we had to meet with so many of you through this Conference tour, for me it was a real honour to be a part of the Conference team, and I cherish the things I learned and the new friends that I made along the way, as well as the time spent with old friends at each location.

Kathy Fisher
Convention Coordinator

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

• Praise the Lord for a successful National ACE Educators’ Conference Tour. Many blessings resulted from this time of ministry and fellowship
• Pray for PNG Student Convention only about five weeks away
• Pray for the schools and students across the South Pacific.
• Praise the Lord - Jaksone Wallbank from NZ has gone to Vanuatu to serve the Lord. Pray for his safety and good health while he works with schools in Vanuatu
• Pray for wisdom for the staff in the schools as they minister to the students each day.
• Praise the Lord that we are a part of this great ministry - reaching the world for Christ, one child at a time.
The following song by Joseph Nomoru from Institute of Christian Education, Lae PNG, was written and performed especially for the National Educators Conference that was held in March 2010. It was a real blessing to all conference attendees in Lae and we wanted to share the words with you all.

**Be Grafted in the Lord**

Now our days you see students roaming around, doing somethings they shouldn’t do  
They look to you teachers as an example  
They look at how you talk, and how you act  
But you have a responsibility to show them the way  
So be grafted in Lord Jesus and He’ll lead you through these days.

**Chorus**  
Be grafted into the vine of the Lord  
So that the students around you can see Jesus in your life  
Hold Him close to your heart and never let Him go  
You can change Papua New Guinea  
When you’re grafted in His Word  
So be grafted into the vine of the Lord  

The future of this nation is in your hands  
Will you show them the right way, or lead them to destruction?  
So abide in the Lord and He will abide in you  
And He’ll give you peace and patience in time of need  
But you have a responsibility to show them the way  
So be grafted in Lord Jesus and He’ll lead you through these days.

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**Interview with Phil Chapman**

**Principal - Olivet Christian College Victoria**

How long has Olivet been going? We are in central Victoria in Campbells Creek near Castlemaine and celebrated our 30th anniversary last year.

How many students did you start with, and how many do you have now? We started with about 15 students. This year we have about 70 which was a 20% enrollment increase this year and we have also put on several new staff this year. Adrian Steel, a home grown teacher who completed his Year 12 certificate at Olivet and has now returned as a trained teacher, and Geoff Treloar our Early Learning Centre teacher.

What grade levels does your school cover? That’s a tough question! Currently in Victoria we are unable to have Year 11 & 12 students so we are missing the impact of the senior secondary students with their leadership and godliness. We currently have students to Year 9 but are seeking to go to Year 10 next year but the Victorian regulations state that we need 40 students across secondary in order to have Year 10 so that is a prayer point.

What challenges are there for Olivet this year? When students come in fresh to Olivet, particularly at secondary level, they lack the biblical understanding compared to having come through the primary years so our challenge is to give them the necessary foundation on which to build their lives and to grow them into Christian men and women who really want to serve the Lord.

**Prayer Points**

- for students to capture the vision of living for Christ, particularly the secondary students  
- we need to appoint a new LOTE teacher  
- VRQA challenge - we are confident that ACE schools will be able to cope with the National Curriculum but the VRQA aren’t!!

**BIBLE BOWL BOOK FOR 2010 Regionals and South Pacific**

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***Interview from Conference***

*JOSHUA Chapters 1-11,22-24*
With Conferences over, it was time to gear up for Conventions. Our first Convention for 2010 was held in New Zealand during the last week of April. As usual the New Zealanders had a very high standard, and the rest of the South Pacific will need to perform well to take home any medals at South Pacific Student Convention 2010 in December! We had an increase in numbers at NZ Convention and quite a number of new faces.

Roy and I head to ISC next week, with 1 Australian student, David Poole (Australian Christian Home Schooling VIC), attending and his sister Leticia being the 24/7 Squad Aussie. You might like to try and catch some of the pre-rally fun and then listen to the Rally on webstream or from the archived files at www.aceministries.com. Next year’s South Pacific ISC Team will be quite a crowd, with groups from Fiji, New Zealand and Australia already making plans to attend. We are hoping to bring home the first athletics record, with Julian Baker from HSNZ running in the 800m. It is one of my dreams to have a basketball team from the South Pacific bring home the gold from the USA!

The next Convention will be in PNG during the first week of July. We are looking forward to this Convention as we have seen great improvements in the standard of events in PNG over the past few years.

South Pac News

Registration Kits have been included in this mailout, or you can download the kit from our website www.scee.edu.au. If you have any questions just email me at kathyfisher@scee.edu.au.

The Penguins, Pete and Penelope, are already having fun planning their very own special ‘Penguin Events’. Don’t forget to check them out in your Kit. We will be arranging buses for airport transfers and athletics day. Be sure to fill in your transport form and send it back with your Registration as we may not be able to accept late requests for buses.

South Pacific ACE Student Convention Guidelines

We are currently doing an overhaul of the Guidelines. Thanks to those few people who have emailed their ideas for updates to the Guidelines. If you wish to have input into the updated Guidelines, please send written ideas via email to kathyfisher@scee.edu.au before 30th June 2010. New Guidelines will be uploaded to the web at www.scee.edu.au after South Pac in December. They will remain current for two years.

Student Convention Tech Tips #2

Posters (Art)

We are in the age of digital photography… no longer do we need to sparingly use film, or have to wait a week for that film to be developed. Because of the ease of digital photos, it takes very little effort to take a hundred photos for a poster, or download images from the internet for your project. However, oft times, you will see a great photo, but when you put it into your poster or PowerPoint, it looks blurred or blocky when you have it at full size. This is called ‘pixilation’.

Digital photos are made up of thousands (or millions) of tiny little dots of colour, called pixels. These colours blend together so that to the eye, you have smooth lines and graduated colour. Pixilation occurs when the photo is enlarged so that the small dots become visible to the naked eye. To avoid this, you need to make sure that the photo you have selected can be enlarged to the size you need. The ‘bigger’ the photo, the less likely this is to occur. A background picture for an A3 poster for example, would need to be at least 2 megapixels in size, preferably bigger. A hint is to get a picture bigger than you need and then scale it down.

I hope this helps! God bless, and I look forward to seeing more of your work this year!
PNG National Educators’ Conference

Mrs Joanne Kilembe
AOG Christian Academy

PNG Educators’ Conference held in Lae was delightful! It was such a blessing to see about 230 Christian Educators from all over PNG in attendance. Delegates came from the New Guinea Islands, as far as East and West New Britain, New Ireland and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, who travelled three nights by ship, and from the Highlands and around the mainland. Participants travelling by ship faced the challenge of battling strong winds and rough seas whilst those coming from the highlands battled land slips and broken bridges in order to attend conference and receive the timely Word from the Lord through His servants.

As delegates arrived, there was a sense of thirst for knowledge to better understand our calling to this unique ministry and to better serve the children entrusted to our care. Along with this sense of thirst was an expectancy that something good and great was about to happen in our midst.

There was never a dull moment in Dr. Johnson’s sessions. The enthusiasm and passionate way in his delivery sharpens the seriousness of the message that the education of an individual is a Divine verdict. Mr. Howard’s sessions were in-depth, and demonstrated a sincere heart of a true servant.

This is what two course participants summarized about the PNG Conference:

Ms. Jessie Ringui:
“Conference was like a light in the tunnel bringing understanding about the value of the ministry, touching and changing our hearts and perspective. The sessions were well set and very relevant.”

Mr. Philip Bisaun:
“National Conference brought like-minded men and women that purposed to be positive change advocates, changing tomorrow for the kingdom of God. We appreciated the presentations and were blessed with Dr. Johnson and Mr. Howard. The materials were superb. Especially understanding that in our haste to train children, administrators and educators may dig pits in a child’s learning and growth. “Avoiding Pitfalls” charts the way to educate children who will not deviate from God’s love. Kathy Fisher’s “Move to Learn” session enlightened us to correctly diagnose a child’s disability through corrective exercises to enhance learning.”

For the “old hands” of ACE or those of us who had been in ACE for sometime, the presentations had mildly rebuked, renewed, refreshed and set us alight with a new passion to pursue individualized learning whilst the “rookies” or those who are new in ministry were enlightened to the reason that if the next age we step into is the wisdom age, then ACE is on the cutting edge as the curriculum for tomorrow!

We once again applaud and appreciate the gesture to expose such high quality speakers to us, in our locality. This has fostered a brotherly bond between the Management Team of SCEE Australia, the South Pacific ACE Family and ACE Ministries, USA. We are a big family after all!

The initiative to bring international speakers such as Dr. Dell Johnson ACE Ministry Relations Representative, ACE Vice President Mr. Duane Howard and SCEE Managing Director Mr. Bob Gregory right to the PNG door step, was an act of God. We thank you for your obedience to Him as we were all wonderfully uplifted and inspired by all the presentations.

Phil 3:14
I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
challenging messages. I am certain that all who attended were truly encouraged, enriched and indeed blessed!

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The theme of the conference, “Our Heritage, our Hope” was a reminder of the conviction behind the establishment of our schools. As we look to the future, we are challenged to protect this “sacred trust” as it is our hope for future generations.

On a more practical level, it was exciting to hear what services are being provided by SCEE to assist schools in the South Pacific:

* Audits – template development
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* School support – networking,

All the presenters were an inspiration to us and how we wished we could have listened to more of Dr. Dell and his fascinating “articles” of what people “said!!”

Engrossed we all were and more than pleased with all the information we were seemingly bombarded with. There were striking messages that provoked thought and a refocus on “where am I headed?”

We felt honoured to have been in the presence of Mr. Duane Howard, and to have been inspired with his message and input. The thought that ACE is just forty years young and still growing is a great testimony to the Great Commission and how God’s hand is on the work that is being done and in some situations, against all odds and through trying circumstances.

While we were enthused by the speakers we were equally challenged by the messages that inspired purposeful thinking, pricked the conscience of most and rekindled enthusiasm. The information was timely and encouraging. Our days were filled with challenges that tested our faith and the truths about our walk with the Lord.

Of immense value were the group sessions. These gave opportunity for participants to interact yet it seemed too short a time for delving deeply into the invaluable subjects. We had hoped for more but as always we are mindful that extended hours give rise to increases in costs for hire, resources, food, and time out from the work place.

Of course there is always the idea of using the latter part of the long Christmas holidays for our conference, as was done in 2009 for the coverage of Certificate Renewal and updated Licensing for Eligible Service Agreements.

We soldier on with increased enthusiasm and deeper convictions of the enormity of the task we have at hand.

Our sincere thanks is extended to Bob Gregory and Roy Savage and the team at SCEE for always being mindful of our needs and especially the time that they spend away from their own families to inspire our own ministries.

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATOR’S CONFERENCE

Mrs. Lexie Bachmann

In March I had the opportunity to attend the 2010 ACE National Educators’ Conference in Sydney. Mr Duane Howard and Dr Dell Johnson from ACE Ministries USA, along with our local guest speakers, namely Bob Gregory, Kathleen Carins, Dr George Sears, Roy Savage and Kathy Fisher provided a ‘smorgasbord’ of inspirational, informative and challenging messages. I am certain that all who attended were truly encouraged, enriched and indeed blessed!

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Praise God! We thank Him for the provision of a Godly curriculum founded upon the Word of God. “Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever…upon which thou hast caused me to hope.” Psalm 119:111 & 49

The following information was also shared by Kathleen Carins in one of her workshops:

“Don’t go there. You already have a high quality curriculum. Why would you want to replace it? We suggest you bring in the minimum requirements to satisfy Non-State Schools Accreditation Board but do not discard any of your current material.” Kathleen also shared that “ACE material is now viewed as a contextualized curriculum. It is in line with the majority of the ‘new’ educational philosophy of the day. Hence, QSA’s positive response to our material. An ACE classroom achieves what QSA want other schools to implement.

- Self instructional learning
- Individualized learning – at student’s achievement level
- Individualized learning – at student’s pace of learning
- Personal values instruction
- One-on-one teacher assistance

The National Educators’ Conference held in Sydney in early March was very inspirational. It is always good to get together with fellow workers in the field of Christian Education, and encourage each other. I personally was encouraged to keep on ‘running the race’ of presenting our students with a Biblically-based education, ie. A.C.E., because they face so many ungodly influences in society, on T.V., undertaking further education, etc. Mr. Duane Howard and the other speakers challenged us with the importance of keeping our vision bright, and not becoming ‘weary in well-doing’. Thank you, SCEE team, for arranging such an encouraging conference.
Elizabeth Gielink - I would like to enquire if there are any vacancies for Monitors in Australia or New Zealand, as I have been involved in ACE in South Africa as a Monitor for a number of years and have acted as Supervisor on many occasions for extended periods. I have also done a Supervisor’s course. We are looking to immigrate to Australia or New Zealand and I would really like to stay in the ACE system.

If your school has any vacancies for monitors please contact Elizabeth Gielink directly via email - mark@geecko.co.za

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